Introduction James Bigger (1813-1868)

My name is Judy Ross, my mother, Emily Jane Bigger, was born to Leonard Kelly-Bigger and Marie DeJoice. Emily married Donald Ross.

* *(See Kelly Family Research Paper).*
* *(See DeJoice Family Research Paper).*
* *(See Ross Family Research Paper).*

Leonard’s adopted father was Henry Ward Bigger (1875-1935) and his biological mother was Emma Rachel Smith (1870-1929). Henry Ward Bigger (1875-1935) was born to Abraham Reese [[1]](#footnote-1) Bigger (1841-1912) and Mary Stackhouse.

* *(See Abraham Bigger (1841-1912) Research Paper)*
* *(See Smith Family Research Paper)*
* *(See Stacksouse Family Research Paper)*

Abraham was born July 30th 1841 to James Bigger (1813-1868) and Kathryne Reese. This research paper is intended to accurately document James and Kathryne, their family, and their ancestors.

Prior to 1820 this particular branch of the Bigger family arrived from Yates County New York, and settled 110 miles south in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Much of what is being written on James Bigger and Katherine Reese comes from an 1898 biography on one of their sons, General George Washington Bigger, written by General George in his own words. [[2]](#endnote-1)

Yates County New York to Lycoming County Pennsylvania

James Bigger was born 1813 in the Dundee area of Yates County, New York. Around the later part of 1810s, James’s father, William Bigger, moved the family about 110 miles south of Dundee New York to the Muncy Valley area of Shrewsbury Township in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Today the area is located in Shrewsbury, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania.

Muncy Valley was a virgin forested area of Colonial Pennsylvania’s Cumberland, Berks, and Bedford counties. The name Muncy comes from the Munsee Indians who once lived in the area. Muncy Valley area takes its name from the beautiful valley of Muncy Creek, in which the town of Muncy is located.

Each of these early Pennsylvania counties shared in the 1772 formation of Northumberland County. By 1795, the Muncy Valley region became part of Franklin and Jordon Townships of Lycoming County, and later in 1847 the valley became part of Shrewsbury Township, Sullivan County.

* Lycoming County was formed from Northumberland County on April 13th 1795
* Montour County was formed from Columbia County on May 3rd 1850
* Sullivan County was formed from Lycoming County on March 15th 1847

The Muncy area grew slowly, and was nothing but a village for many years. The original town was known as Pennsborough, in honor of the William Penn, and incorporated on March 15th 1826. Then on January 19th 1827, with a population of less than 600, the name was changed from Pennsborough to Muncy.

William Bigger

William Bigger [[3]](#footnote-2) was reared by his uncle, James Bigger, and was in his early manhood engaged in teaching district schools for a living. Not being satisfied to devote his life to educational purposes alone, he learned the glass-blower's trade. [[4]](#endnote-2)

William married Margaret, and in 1813 their son, James Bigger was born in Dundee, Yates County, New York.

Around the later part of 1810s William moved the family about 110 miles south of Dundee New York to Eagle's Mere, [[5]](#footnote-3) Shrewsbury, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.[[6]](#footnote-4) The family were among the early settlers of the Muncy Creek Valley region. [[7]](#endnote-3)

It was in Eagle Mere William worked at his glass blowing trade for several years. [[8]](#endnote-4) By 1820 William and his family were living in Muncy Creek, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. The 1820 census records show the following:

* William, born between 1776 and 1794, age 44 to 26 years old. Head of Household
* Female, born prior to 1775, age 45 years old or older. William’s wife Margaret.
* Female, born between 1795 and 1804, age 15 to 16 years old. Daughter - Hester
* Male child born between 1805 and 1810, age 10 to 15 years old. Son -James

7 miles West of Muncy was James Bigger living in Moreland Lycoming County. The 1820 census records show the following:

* James, born prior to 1775, age 45 years old. Head of Household
* Female, born between 1776 and 1894, age 44 to 26 years old. James’s wife
* Male child born between 1810 and 1820, age 0 to 10 years old.

It is assumed William and James are either brothers or cousins. If they are cousins, James may have been the son of the James; the uncle who raised William.

On March 16th 1827, in the borough of Muncy, Lycoming County, at the “Town House”, the town council meet for local elections. William Bigger was elected as constable, and he voted for other council officers. William was also one of the first taxable people for the borough of Muncy. [[9]](#endnote-5)

At some point prior to 1840, William desired for a change, and having been economical and saved some money, he purchased a farm, now owned in 1899 by Jacob Dubler. [[10]](#footnote-5) There he lived and died, leaving two children, Margaret, Hester and James. To the latter he bequeathed his farm. [[11]](#endnote-6)

Neither William or James Bigger could be found in 1830. However, when Davidson Township was established in 1833 from Shrewsbury Township, there were 59 taxable residents. William was not one of the taxable residents, but his cousin, James Bigger, was one of the taxable residents.

By 1840 William still could not be found, but his son, James, and his family were living in Davidson Township, Lycoming County. William’s cousin, James Bigger Sr. was living with his wife in Penn Township, Lycoming County.

* In 1849, Davidson Township becomes part of newly formed Sullivan County, and borders Penn Township, which remained part of Lycoming County.

William Bigger children were:

1. Hester Bigger
2. James Bigger (1813-1868)

James Bigger (1813-1868)

James Bigger [[12]](#footnote-6) was born May 10th 1813 [[13]](#endnote-7) to William Bigger in the Dundee area of Yates County, New York. [[14]](#endnote-8)

* According to a son, Abraham Bigger, his father was born in Ireland, and his mother in Pennsylvania. [[15]](#endnote-9)

When his father, William, died, James inherited the family farm located in Eagle’s Mere, Davidson Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. Like his father, James taught school when a young man, afterwards turning his attention to agricultural pursuits on the farm he inherited. [[16]](#endnote-10)

James lived with his parents up until he married Kathryne Reese [[17]](#footnote-7) about 1838. Catherine was born July 26th 1815 to Abraham Reese of Franklin Township, [[18]](#footnote-8)Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[19]](#endnote-11)

By 1840 William could not be found, but James and his family were living in Davidson Township, Lycoming County.

In 1850 37-year-old James and 32-year-old Catherine Bigger were living in the Davidson Township area of Sullivan County. James was a farmer, and living with them were:

* Babent (Robert) Biggers, 10 years old, born 1840
* Abraham W. Biggers, 7 years old, born 1843
* James Biggers, 5 years old, born 1845
* Gerver (Garret) Biggers, 3 years old, born 1847
* Margaret H. Biggers, 1 year old, born 1849
* George Sybert, 8 years old, born 1842

By 1860 48-year-old James and 44-year-old Catherine were living in the post office area Eldredsville in Davidson Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania.

* Robert Biggers, 20 years old, born 1840
* Abraham Biggers, 18 years old, born 1842
* George W Biggers, 17 years old, born 1842
* James Biggers, 16 years old, born 1844
* Lafayette Biggers, 12 years old, born 1848
* Marion Biggers, 9 years old, born 1852
* Henrietta C S Biggers, 6 years old, born 1854

After their marraige, Catherine persuaded James to sell the homestead, which he did, removing to Lycoming County. There They lived for a number of years, where James was highly esteemed and respected farmer. [[20]](#endnote-12)

James was 54 years old when he died March 22nd 1868 in Davidson, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest in the Franklin Stone Heap Cemetery, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. FAG#: 82928855  [[21]](#footnote-9)

* Headstone Inscription:
	+ Born May 10, 1813
	+ Died March 22, 1868
	+ Aged 54 years, 10 months, 12 days
* James died while yet in the prime of life and in the vigor of his manhood, at the age of fifty-two years. He left his wife and ten children to mourn his demise. The children are, respectively: Robert, George W., James, Lafayette, Garrett, Margaret, Marion, Henrietta, and Cynthia. [[22]](#endnote-13)
* PA Orphan's Court Records 1:165, petition of R. M. Bigger, heir of James Bigger (dec'd) late of Davidson Twp., to sell 100 acres of real estate - dated 24 Feb. 1864.

After James died, by 1870, 54-year-old Catherine, and her 17-year-old son, Marion, were living with her other son and his wife and child, George and Ida Bigger, in the post office area of Sonestown in Davidson Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania.

By 1880 Catherine was living with her other son, Robert, and his family in Jordon Township, Sullivan County. According to George Bigger’s biography, Catherine contracted a second matrimonial alliance with Mr. Henry Converse, and after his death, a third, with F. P. Meyers, also now deceased. Catherine died August 23rd 1897, aged eighty-two years, one month and twenty-eight days. [[23]](#endnote-14)

Catherine’s other marriages, her death, and burial cannot be verified.

James Bigger and Kathryne Reese children were.

1. Robert McCoy Bigger (1840–1885). He married Jane Worthington.
2. Abraham Reese Bigger (1841-1912). He married Mary Stackhouse.
* *(See Abraham Bigger (1841-1912) Research Paper)*
1. George Washington Bigger (1843–1918). He married Ida Ann Worthington.
2. James B. Bigger (1844-1905)
3. Marion Bigger was born December 3rd 1851. He was 26 years, 8 months, and 28 days old when he died September 1st 1878. He was laid to rest in the Franklin Stone Heap Cemetery, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania FAG#: 82928951 [[24]](#footnote-10)
4. Henrietta Bigger (1855–1915). She married William R. Stackhouse.

Robert McCoy Biggar (1840–1885)

Robert McCoy Biggar [[25]](#footnote-11) was born January 1st 1840 to James Bigger and Kathryne Reese in Davidson Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Robert married Jane D. Worthington. She was born in 1841. By 1873 Robert owned his own business, and lived in Lairdsville, Jordon Township, Lycoming County.

* Ida is the sister of Ida Ann Worthington, who married Robert’s brother, George Washington Bigger. Ida was born July 16th 1846 to Henry Worthington and Margaret Barbour [[26]](#endnote-15) in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[27]](#endnote-16)

By 1880 Robert and his family, along with Robert’s mother Catherine, still lived in Jordan Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Robert was 45 years old when he died April 13th 1885. He was laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Plot 196A, Hughesville, Wolf Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[28]](#endnote-17) FAG#: 43399435 [[29]](#footnote-12)

* His headstone inscription reads: PA Mil. 11th Div.; 2 Lieut – Civil War

In 1900 Jane and her family, except for Harry and Hester, lived in Auburn, Cayuga County, New York. Her 26-year-old son Leroy was a machinist.

Jane was 82 years old when she died in 1924 in Oneida, Madison County, New York. She was laid to rest in the Glenwood Cemetery, Oneida, Madison County, New York. [[30]](#endnote-18) FAG#: 65255656 [[31]](#footnote-13)

Robert and Jane children

1. Harry N. Bigger was born 1864
2. Leroy A. Bigger was born 1867
3. Bertha Ida Biggar (1870–1948)
4. Hester A. Bigger was born 1874
5. Rutherford Hayes Biggar (1878–1945)
6. Ella Mae Biggar (1880–1964)

George Washington Bigger (1843–1918)

George Washington Bigger was born in February 7th 1843 to James Bigger and Catherine Reese [[32]](#endnote-19) in the North Mountain area of Franklin Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[33]](#endnote-20)

The Biggers family being among the early settlers of the Muncy Creek Valley. He came to Sullivan County in 1849 with his father who settled in Davidson near where Hon. M.J. Philips now resides.

G. W. Bigger spent the days of his boyhood attending both public and private schools, leading the life most genial to a lad full of youthful spirits. George learned the blacksmith trade and was a sawyer for 23 years in a saw-mill where he learned the art of manufacturing lumber. He soon became a contractor. [[34]](#endnote-21)

In 1863, George enlisted in Company H. of the 43rd Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment. He then re-enlisted as a private on August 27th 1864 with Company E of the Army’s 209th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. After nine months and four days of service, he was discharged on May 31st 1865. [[35]](#endnote-22)- [[36]](#endnote-23)

* The following biography information was supplied by George W. Bigger. A type-set copy of the biography was sent to the subject to be proof-read, but the subject did not edit and return the copy, so this biography may contain typographical errors. [[37]](#endnote-24)

George married Ida Ann Worthington about 1867. Ida was born July 16th 1846 to Henry Worthington and Margaret Barbour [[38]](#endnote-25) in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[39]](#endnote-26) Ida was an affable and accomplished daughter of Henry B. Worthing, of Lycoming County, Pa.

Since the war, George has been engaged in lumbering, and is now (1899) conducting a blacksmith shop at Muncy Valley. He has been school director and held other minor offices and in 1902 was elected County Commissioner of Sullivan County.

George and his brother, Robert, took lumbering jobs in Columbia County for John Wygett, in Lycoming County for E. Lyons, and others. Reared on a farm, the freedom of farm life had such a fascination for our subject that he quit the lumbering business and began farming, which occupation he followed uninterruptedly for twelve years; although he found farming profitable, he realized that more money could be made in the lumber business, so he erected a saw-mill of his own at Eagle's Mere where he carried on an extensive lumbering business for four years, and reaped handsome profits. [[40]](#endnote-27)

Wishing to invest his earnings safely where George could net good returns without the labor connected with the saw-mill he removed to Muncy Valley, bought a comfortable home, formerly the D. C. Stephen's property, and became a dealer in agricultural implements.

Soon after locating there, he was offered the foremanship of the blacksmith department of the Union Tannery Trust Company, which position he accepted and has retained for the past four years, a fitting compliment to his proficiency in filling it. Gen. Bigger finds this position not only lucrative but it interferes in no way with his former business, that of dealing in implements, which he still continues.[[41]](#endnote-28)

George deserves to be called a self-made man, and is held in high esteem by all who have business relations with him. He and his wife lived in the Muncy Valley area of Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. [[42]](#endnote-29)

In 1870 George and Ida Bigger, and child Nellie, were living with his mother 54-year-old Catherine and her 17-year-old son, Marion, in the post office area of Sonestown in Davidson Township, Sullivan County. By June 1890, George lived in Edelman, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. [[43]](#endnote-30)

George took a great interest in educational matters, and has been school director for three years. He is a Republican, and is training his boys in the same political belief. Both he and his estimable wife are willing workers in the Methodist Church.

George was 75 years old when he died May 12th 1918 while living in the Muncy Valley area of Davidson Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest May 15th in Plot A-822 of the Muncy Cemetery, Muncy, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. A. W. Bender of Muncy Valley was the informant on George’s death certificate. [[44]](#endnote-31) FAG#: 78672883 [[45]](#footnote-14)

Ida was 79 years old when she died February 11th 1926 while living in the Muncy Valley area of Davidson Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. She was laid to rest February 14th in Plot A-822 of the Muncy Cemetery, Muncy, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Ida’s son, Edward Bigger, of Muncy Valley was the informant on Ida’s death certificate. [[46]](#endnote-32) FAG#: 77264883 [[47]](#footnote-15)

George and Ida Bigger had seven children.

1. Nellie E. Bigger was born about 1868. She married T. J. Schug, and thye lived in the Muncy Valley area. They had two children, Leon and Paul Schug.
2. Elinor Bigger, who married David Kassinger, who occupies a position in a planing mill at Gaines, Tioga County, Pa., —their home is also blessed with two bright-eyed little ones, Pearl and a baby;
3. Charles E. (Edmond) Bigger
4. Ulysses Edward Bigger (1873–1937)
5. James Brady (Bradley) Bigger (1876–1935)
6. Hurley D. Bigger
7. Harold Percival Bigger (1884–1944)
8. Oliver R. Bigger (Ransom D.).

Abraham Reese Bigger (1841-1912)

Abraham Reese [[48]](#footnote-16) Bigger was born July 30th 1841 to James Bigger and Kathryne Reece [[49]](#footnote-17) in Pennsylvania. His father was born in Ireland, and his mother in Pennsylvania. [[50]](#endnote-33)

Abraham married Mary Stackhouse. [[51]](#endnote-34) Mary was born June 16th 1843 to Abraham Stackhouse and Rebecca Kinney in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[52]](#endnote-35)

Abraham served in the Civil War with Company I of the 15th Pennsylvania Regiment. He was a farmer and lived with his family in Jordon Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

* *Abraham Bigger (1841-1912) Research Paper*

James Bigger (1844-1905)

James Bigger was born in September 23rd 1844 to James Bigger and Catherine Reese in the North Mountain area of Franklin Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

On August 25th 1864 18-year-old James enlisted into Civil War service. On August 31st he mustered into Company D of the 1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. James served 10 Months and 25 days when he was discharged on June 21st 1865. [[53]](#endnote-36)-[[54]](#endnote-37)

James was married about 1867 to Anna. Anna was born about 1848.

In June 1890 James was living in Franklin Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [[55]](#endnote-38)

By 1900 he was still living in Franklin Township.

James was 70 years old when he died March 27th 1905. He was laid to rest at the Franklin Stone Heap Cemetery, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. FAG#: 70203189 [[56]](#footnote-18)

* Headstone Inscription: Civil War Veteran CO D 1st Regiment PA LT Artillery

After James died, Anna applied for a Civil War Widows Pension on April 6th 1905. [[57]](#endnote-39)

James and Anna children included:

1. George H. Bigger was born 1869. In 1900 he was living with his parents.
2. Susan C. Bigger was born 1873. In 1900 he was living with his parents.
3. Ralph E. Bigger was born 1876. In 1900 he was living with his parents.
4. John E. Bigger was born 1877. In 1900 he was living with his parents.
5. Edward L. Bigger was born 1880. In 1900 he was living with his parents.
6. William E. Bigger was born 1883. In 1900 he was living with his parents.
7. Elva E. Bigger was born 1886. In 1900 he was living with his parents.
8. Ocy A. Bigger was born 1891. In 1900 he was living with his parents.

Henrietta Bigger (1855–1915)

Henrietta Bigger was born January 10th 1855 to James Bigger and Catherine Reese in the North Mountain area of Franklin Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Henrietta married William R. Stackhouse. William was born January 30th 1845.

Henrietta was 60 years old when she died November 16th 1915 while living in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. She was laid to rest at the Salem Cemetery, Unityville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. FAG#: 45101771 [[58]](#footnote-19)

William was 67 years old when he died October 12th 1912 while living in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest at the Salem Cemetery, Unityville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. FAG#: 45101840 [[59]](#footnote-20)

Henrietta and William Stackhouse had these children.

1. Grace C. Stackhouse (unknown–1885)
2. Melissa Jane Stackhouse (1873–1937). She married Mr. Neufer
3. Anna B. Stackhouse (1875–1887)
4. Harriet Catherine Stackhouse (1877–1961). She married Mr. Shaner
5. James Burrows Stackhouse (1880–1953)
6. Garrett Airs Stackhouse (1882–1959)
7. Maude Stackhouse (1891–1991)
8. Veda Alverta Stackhouse Reed (1893–1963)
9. William Edward Stackhouse (1896–1968)

Bibliography

1. Family Oral History: Emilie Jayne Bigger-Ross via her daughter, Judy Ross, of Camp Hill Pennsylvania. Emilie received a 12-page handwritten letter from her cousin, Louise Mattioli-Wertz (daughter of John and Christie Mattioli), on December 12th 2011. The letter contained numerous accounts of the Nicholas and Lucy DeJoice family.
2. 1900 to 1940 Federal Census Records on the Name DeJoice: National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.

End Notes

1. Reese has also been spelled Reece and Race. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. General George Washington Bigger Biography: The biography written by General George is translated from a type-set copy of the biography, which was sent to the subject (George W. Bigger) to be proof-read, but the subject did not edit and return the copy, so this biography may contain typographical errors; Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
3. The name Bigger has also been spelled Biggar. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
4. William Bigger Name, Life Events, Occupations, Residences, and Children’s Names: The information contained in this biography was supplied by the subject (George W. Bigger) of this sketch. A type-set copy of the biography was sent to the subject to be proof-read, but the subject did not edit and return the copy, so this biography may contain typographical errors; Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
5. Eagles Mere is in present day Shrewsbury Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
6. Shrewsbury was in Lycoming County, until March 15th 1847 when Sullivan County was created. Lycoming County was formed from Northumberland County on April 13th 1795, and Sullivan County was formed on [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
7. The Bigger family as Early Settlers of Muncy Creek Valley: The information came from Robert E. Sweeney and Contributors, sponsored through PAGenWeb Sullivan County Genealogy Project (<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~pasulliv>). [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
8. William Bigger Name, Life Events, Occupations, Residences, and Children’s Names: The information contained in this biography was supplied by the subject (George W. Bigger) of this sketch. A type-set copy of the biography was sent to the subject to be proof-read, but the subject did not edit and return the copy, so this biography may contain typographical errors; Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
9. William Bigger as Constable on March 16th 1827, and 1827 taxable person, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania: The information came from page 470, History of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, 1892, Including...Edited By John F. Meginness; Lycoming County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 3625, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
10. In 1900 Jacob Dubler lived in Davidson Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
11. William Bigger Name, Life Events, Occupations, Residences, and Children’s Names: The information contained in this biography was supplied by the subject (George W. Bigger) of this sketch. A type-set copy of the biography was sent to the subject to be proof-read, but the subject did not edit and return the copy, so this biography may contain typographical errors; Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
12. The name Bigger has also been spelled Biggar [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
13. James Bigger Name and Date of Birth: The information came from his grave site headstone, located at the Franklin Stone Heap Cemetery, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
14. James Bigger Name, Father’s Name, and Place of Birth: The information contained in this biography was supplied by the subject of this sketch. A type-set copy of the biography was sent to the subject (George W. Bigger) to be proof-read, but the subject did not edit and return the copy, so this biography may contain typographical errors; Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
15. James Bigger Birth Place: The information came from the Abraham R. Bigger Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 103374, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
16. James Bigger Name, Residence, Life Events, and Inheritances: The information contained in this biography was supplied by the subject (George W. Bigger) of this sketch. A type-set copy of the biography was sent to the subject to be proof-read, but the subject did not edit and return the copy, so this biography may contain typographical errors; Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-10)
17. Other spellings for Katherine is Catharine. Also, Reese was spelled as Reece and Race. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
18. Franklin Township is about 17 miles south of Eagle’s Mere, Davidson Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
19. Catherine Race (Reese) Name, Father’s Name and Residence, and James Bigger Marriage: The information contained in this biography was supplied by the subject (George W. Bigger) of this sketch. A type-set copy of the biography was sent to the subject to be proof-read, but the subject did not edit and return the copy, so this biography may contain typographical errors; Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-11)
20. James Bigger Name, Residence, and Life events: The information contained in this biography was supplied by the subject (George W. Bigger) of this sketch. A type-set copy of the biography was sent to the subject to be proof-read, but the subject did not edit and return the copy, so this biography may contain typographical errors; Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-12)
21. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
22. James Bigger Name, Details of Death, and Surviving Wife and Children: The information contained in this biography was supplied by the subject (George W. Bigger) of this sketch. A type-set copy of the biography was sent to the subject to be proof-read, but the subject did not edit and return the copy, so this biography may contain typographical errors; Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-13)
23. Catherine Race (Reese) Name, 2nd Marriage, 3rd marriage, and Date of Death: The information contained in this biography was supplied by the subject (George W. Bigger) of this sketch. A type-set copy of the biography was sent to the subject to be proof-read, but the subject did not edit and return the copy, so this biography may contain typographical errors; Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-14)
24. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
25. The name Biggar is how his name was spelled. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
26. Margaret Barbour Name: The name came from her headstone located at the Barbours Cemetery, Barbours, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. FAG#:36135370 [↑](#endnote-ref-15)
27. Ida Ann Worthington Name, Marriage to George W. Bigger, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent’s Names: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 19823, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-16)
28. Robert Mccoy Biggar Name, Birth Year, Military Service, Date of Death, and Place of Burial: The information came from his Pennsylvania Veterans Burial Cards, 1777–2012. Digital Images, 3–5. Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau of Archives and History. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. [↑](#endnote-ref-17)
29. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
30. Jane Biggar Name and Death Information: The information came from the NY State Death Index, Certificate Number: 45339, New York State Department of Health, Vital Records Certification Unit, P.O. Box 2602, Albany, NY 12220-2602. [↑](#endnote-ref-18)
31. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
32. George Washington Bigger Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent’s Names: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 55141, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-19)
33. George W. Bigger Name, Parent’s Names, and Place of Birth: The information contained in this biography was supplied by the subject (George W. Bigger) of this sketch. A type-set copy of the biography was sent to the subject to be proof-read, but the subject did not edit and return the copy, so this biography may contain typographical errors; Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-20)
34. George Bigger Life Events: The information came from Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-21)
35. George W. Bigger Civil War Service: The information came from the Pennsylvania (State). Civil War Muster Rolls and Related Records, 1861–1866. Records of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, Record Group 19, Series 19.11 (153 cartons). Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau of Archives and History. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102. [↑](#endnote-ref-22)
36. George W. Bigger Name, and Military Service: The information came from the George W. Bigger, Special Schedules of the Eleventh Census (1890) Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M123, 118 rolls); Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C. [↑](#endnote-ref-23)
37. The information came from Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-24)
38. Margaret Barbour Name: The name came from her headstone located at the Barbours Cemetery, Barbours, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. FAG#:36135370 [↑](#endnote-ref-25)
39. Ida Ann Worthington Name, Marriage to George W. Bigger, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent’s Names: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 19823, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-26)
40. George Bigger Life Events: The information came from Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-27)
41. George Bigger Life Events: The information came from Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-28)
42. George Bigger Life Events: The information came from Page 765 and 766, Seventeenth Congressional District, General George W. Bigger, Book of Biographies of the Seventeenth Congressional District, Consisting of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan Counties, Published by Biographical Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. and Buffalo, New York: 1899. [↑](#endnote-ref-29)
43. George W. Bigger Name, and Military Service: The information came from the George W. Bigger, Special Schedules of the Eleventh Census (1890) Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M123, 118 rolls); Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C. [↑](#endnote-ref-30)
44. George Washington Bigger Name, Date of Death, Place of Death, and Burial: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 55141, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-31)
45. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
46. Ida Ann Bigger Name, Residence, Date of Death, Place of Death, and Burial: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 19823, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-32)
47. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
48. The name Reece is assumed, and based on his mother’s maiden name identified on Abraham’s death certificate. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
49. Another spelling of Reece is Resse. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
50. Abraham R. Bigger Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent’s Names and Their Places of Birth: The information came from Abraham’s Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 103374, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-33)
51. Mary Stackhouse Name and Place of Birth: The information came from Henry W. Bigger Pennsylvania Death Certificate #:90497, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944 and 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. [↑](#endnote-ref-34)
52. Mary Stackhouse Name and Birth Date, and Parent’s Names: The information came from her grave site at the Salem Cemetery, Unityville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. [↑](#endnote-ref-35)
53. James Bigger Name, and Civil War Service: The information came from the James Bigger Civil War Record, Pennsylvania State Archives; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Civil War Veterans` Card File, 1861-1866; Series Number: 19.12, (153 cartons). Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau of Archives and History. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102. [↑](#endnote-ref-36)
54. James Bigger Name, and Civil War Service: The information came from the Special Schedules of the Eleventh Census (1890) Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M123, 118 rolls); Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C. [↑](#endnote-ref-37)
55. James Bigger Name, and 1890 Residence: The information came from the Special Schedules of the Eleventh Census (1890) Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M123, 118 rolls); Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C. [↑](#endnote-ref-38)
56. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
57. Anna Bigger Civil War Pension: The information came from the James Bigger Name: James Bigger Pension File, Roll number: 34, General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. T288, 546 rolls, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. [↑](#endnote-ref-39)
58. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
59. Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043. [↑](#footnote-ref-20)