

Robert F. Ross (1824-1878)

Robert F. Ross was born about 1824 in Pennsylvania.

- Where Robert is buried, there is one older Ross couple; John and Ellen Ross. These could be his parents.

Robert married Mary Ann (Rolston) McCreight in Pennsylvania. Mary Rolston “Polly” McCreight was born February 28th 1828 to Andrew McCreight and Annie Sharp. ¹

- The name McCreight is identified on her children’s death certificates
- The name Rolston can cannot be verified.

In 1870 the Robert and Mary Ross family lived in East Mahoning, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

Robert made out his will on November 1st 1878 in Indiana. Indiana County, Pennsylvania. His 44-acre farm was located in East Mahoning Township, Indianan County. Mentioned in his will were: His wife Mary, son Thomas, daughter Annie who married James McCall, child John, child Adie, and child Ebey (might be a misspelling for Edgar). James McCreight of Plum Creek Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania was named sole executor. ²

Robert F. Ross was about 62 years old when he died November 12th 1878. ³ FAG#:160692666 ⁱ
He was laid to rest, next to his wife, at Oakland Cemetery and Mausoleum, Indiana, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

After Abram died, in 1880, 52-year-old Mary continued lived in South Mahoning Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. She was a widower working at the home as a house keeper. Living with her were three of her children: 20-year-old John Ross. 17-year-old Ada B. Ross, and 14-year-old Abraham Ross.

Mary was 78 years old when she died December 26th 1906. She was laid to rest at the Oakland Cemetery and Mausoleum, Indiana, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. ⁴ FAG#:160687220 ⁱⁱ

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Robert and Mary Ross children included:

- i. Thomas Ross was born 1855
- ii. Annie Ross was born in 1859
- iii. John Ross was born in 1861. Lived with mother in 1880
- iv. Ada B. Ross was born in 1864 Lived with mother in 1880
- v. Abraham Edgar Ross (1865-1949). He married Ida C. Lewis.

Abraham Edgar Ross (1865-1949)

Abraham Edgar Ross was born September 25th 1865 to Robert Ross and Mary Ann McCreight in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. ⁵ Many records refer to him as Abram.

When Ida C. Lewis married Abram Ross, Ida lived in Rochester Mills, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, which is 6 miles north of East Mahoning, and 10 miles from Ambrose. East Mahoning is where Abram lived in 1970, and when he married Ida he lived in Ambrose.

On August 15th 1894, 28-year-old Abram E. Ross married 17-year-old Ida C. Lewis in Indiana, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. At the time Abram lived in Ambrose, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and Ida in Rochester Mills, Indiana County, Pennsylvania

Ida C. Lewis was born February 22nd 1875 to Samuel Lewis and Anna (Lizzie) Johnson in Virginia. ⁶

Abram was a carpenter, and Ida was a seamstress for Ladies ready to wear clothing. He and Ida lived at rural Route Rochester Mills, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

In 1900 Abram and Ida lived in Winslow, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.

Abraham was 83 years old when he died April 23rd 1949 of an acute heart attack on Olive Avenue at Knarr Street in Dubois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest April 25th at the Rumbarger Cemetery, DuBois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. His son, Lester E. Ross of 362 Curtain Street South Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. ⁷ FAG#: 46415390 ⁱⁱⁱ

After Abram died, Ida lived with her daughter, Grace Noel, at 315 Shaffer Avenue, Dubois. ⁸

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Ida was 78 years old when she died August 14th 1953 from a fall while she was weak and dizzy, resulting in a contusion on her forehead. She died at the Maple Avenue Hospital in Dubois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. She was laid to rest August 17th at the Rumbarger Cemetery, DuBois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. He daughter, Grace Noel, who lived with Ida, was the informant on Ida's death certificate. ⁹ FAG#:46415391 ^{iv}

Abram and Ida had the following children. In 1900 Ida indicated she had two children, and two children were still living. By 1910 Ida indicated she had three children, but only two were still living.

- i. Blanch Ross was born September 1896 in Virginia. She died prior to 1910.
- ii. Lester Earl Ross (1898-1951). He married Lillian Winifred States.
- iii. Grace Ross was born in November 1909.

Lester Earl Ross (1898-1951)

Lester Earl Ross August 18th 1898 in Winchester, Fredrick County, Virginia. ¹⁰

Lester married Lillian Winifred States, Lillian was born November 9th 1898 to Andrew Jackson Sates and Sarah Belle Mauk in Rochester Mills, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. ¹¹

- *See States and Mauk Research Papers.*

Lester worked as a welder. He and Winifred were residents of DuBois until 1932 when they moved to Williamsport. There they lived at 333 West Central Avenue, South Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. ¹² They were members of the South Williamsport United Methodist Church. Winifred was a member of WSCS and OOFC Class of the South Williamsport Methodist Church. ¹³

Lester was 56 years old when he died September 29th 1951 from a spontaneous rupture of his ascending aorta at the Williamsport Hospital, Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest October 4th at the Morningside Cemetery in DuBois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. ¹⁴ FAG#: 173289756 ^v

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After Lester died, at some point, Lillian moved to her daughter's home, Martha Snyder, in Solon, Ohio.

Lillian was 73 years old when she died August 8th 1972 in Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. She was laid to rest at the Morningside Cemetery in DuBois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.¹⁵ FAG#: 90501433 ^{vi}

- Family Oral History: From Judy Ross; My mother's handwritten notes made 10 or more years ago and a letter from her cousin, Louise, which has more information. Louise has a great memory for the chain of events. Winifred States Ross's correct date of death was 1972 and I noticed several references to 1973.

When Lillian dies in 1973 these were relatives that preceded her in death: ¹⁶

- Husband Lester Ross
- Brother Edward States
- Brother Bert States
- Brother Joseph Sates
- Sister Tina States
- Sister Dolly Fleming

When Lillian dies in 1973 these were her surviving children: ¹⁷

- Daughter Martha Snyder of Solon, Ohio
 - Son Ronald of Marina California
 - Son Donald of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
- i. Donald I. Ross of Camp Hill, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He married Emilie Jayne Bigger. Donald and Emilie had four children. Judith, Douglas, Michael and James.
 - See *Bigger Family Research Paper*
 - ii. Ronald Ross of Marina, California.
 - iii. Mrs. Ralph Snyder of Solon, Ohio.

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End Notes

- ¹ Mary Rolston “Polly” McCreight Name, Date of Birth, and Parent’s Names: The information came from her headstone located at the Oakland Cemetery and Mausoleum, Indiana, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and a brief obituary, Indiana Democrat Nov 21, 1878 page 7, Indiana County Historical Society, 621 Wayne Ave, Indiana, PA 15701.
- ² Robert Ross Name, and Details of His Will: The information came from his November 1st 1878 Will, Will Books, Vol 4-5, 1872-1885, Case Number: 3447, Pages 507 and 508, Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills, Clerk of Orphans' Court Office, Indiana County Courthouse, 825 Philadelphia St. Indiana, PA 15701-3973.
- ³ Robert F. Ross Name, Age and date of Death: The information came from his headstone located at the Oakland Cemetery and Mausoleum, Indiana, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and a brief obituary, Indiana Democrat Nov 21, 1878 page 7, Indiana County Historical Society, 621 Wayne Ave, Indiana, PA 15701.
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- ⁵ Abram Edgar Ross Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent’s Names: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 31346, 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.
- ⁶ Ida Lewis Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent’s Names: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 69363, 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.
- ⁷ Abram Edgar Ross Name, Residence, Date of Death, Place of Death, and Burial: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 31346, 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.
- ⁸ Ida Ross Name and Residence: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 69363, 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.

⁹ Ida Ross Name, Occupation, Residence, Date of Death, Place of Death, and Burial: The information came from her Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 69363, 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.

¹⁰ Lester E. Ross Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent's Names: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 78656, 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.

¹¹ Winifred Mauk Name, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, and Parent's Names: The information came from the Winifred States Ross Obituary: Obituaries, Page 28, Thursday, August 10th 1972, The Indiana Gazette, Indiana, Pennsylvania; Ancestry, Newspapers.com, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043.

¹² Lester E Ross Name, Occupation, Wife's Name, and Their Residence: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 78656, 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.

¹³ Winifred Ross Name, Residence in Dubois and Williamsport, and Life Events: The information came from the Winifred States Ross Obituary: Obituaries, Page 28, Thursday, August 10th 1972, The Indiana Gazette, Indiana, Pennsylvania; Ancestry, Newspapers.com, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043.

¹⁴ Lester E Ross Name, Date of Death, Place of Death, and Burial: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #: 78656, 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.

¹⁵ Winifred Ross Name, Date of Death, Place of Death, and Burial: The information came from the Winifred States Ross Obituary: Obituaries, Page 28, Thursday, August 10th 1972, The Indiana Gazette, Indiana, Pennsylvania; Ancestry, Newspapers.com, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043.

¹⁶ Winifred Ross Name and Relatives Preceding Death: The information came from the Winifred States Ross Obituary: Obituaries, Page 28, Thursday, August 10th 1972, The Indiana Gazette, Indiana, Pennsylvania; Ancestry, Newspapers.com, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043.

¹⁷ Winifred Ross Name and Surviving Relatives: The information came from the Winifred States Ross Obituary: Obituaries, Page 28, Thursday, August 10th 1972, The Indiana Gazette, Indiana, Pennsylvania; Ancestry, Newspapers.com, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043.