

## The Heisey, Ingle, Stutsman and Hocker Families

An original 1922 drawing that relates to the Heisey family of Randolph Township was discovered at a local auction. The folk-art drawing memorializes the lives of several generations of Randolph Township's past residents. The artwork consists of a bouquet of forget-me-nots positioned above five tree stumps (a half-tree in the center). The stumps are connected by dark blue ribbons to a large chain, some with broken links. The chain is divided into sections via arrows that look like anchors. The names HEISEY FAMILY, INGLE, STUTSMAN FAMILY, HOCKER, JOHN HEISEY FAMILY, AND DAVID HEISEY are hand printed on the paper. Two hand printed sentiments appear: "IN-MEMORY-OF-THE-MISSING-ONES" and "BLEST-BE-THE-TIE-THAT-BINDS."

Background: Martin E. Heisey and his wife Elizabeth Engle had eleven children, five of whom lived into adulthood. In 1850 Martin and his family emigrated from Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania to Miami Co. and then Montgomery Co., Ohio. In later years, Martin owned a farm east of the Stillwater River near Union, Ohio. Martin and Elizabeth are buried in Fairview Cemetery in Englewood.

Trees: The five trees (stumps) represent five married couples, all adult children of Martin and Elizabeth: Left to right: [1] John E. Heisey, [2] Barbara Heisey Ingle, [3] Martha E. Heisey Stutsman, [4] Susanna E. Heisey Hocker, and [5] David E. Heisey. By August 1922, all five children and four of the spouses had died. Only Jesse Stutsman, husband of [3] Martha E. Heisey, still lived. The half-tree in the middle of the drawing represents Jesse Stutsman still standing. All the others had been "cut down." Details for these siblings below:

[1] John E. Heisey (November 28, 1827 - Feb 1907, buried in Fairview Cemetery, Englewood), married September 14, 1852 to Elizabeth Herr (May 19, 1833 – December 06, 1921, buried in Fairview Cemetery), nine of their ten children lived into adulthood.

[2] Barbara Heisey (October 06 1829 – February 21, 1921, buried in Louisa Co., VA), married in 1852 to David M. Ingle (died April 29, 1913, in Montgomery Co., OH), four children.

[3] Martha E. Heisey (February 17, 1832 – November 09, 1898, buried in Pitsburg, OH Cemetery), married November 07, 1857 to Jesse Stutsman (died January 05, 1926, buried Pitsburg Cemetery), seven children.

[4] Susanna E. Heisey (December 14, 1833 – December 09, 1901), married February 15, 1857 to John Hocker, five children.

[5] David E. Heisey (12 August 12, 1835 – May 01, 1918, buried in Holp Cemetery. (U.B.), Farmersville, OH), married March 19, 1868 to Anna M. Livingood (November 20, 1842 – December 14, 1921), three of their five children lived into adulthood.

Chains: Each link in various swags of the large black chain represents a couple (grandchild and spouse) of Martin and Elizabeth Heisey. A broken link indicates one individual in the couple has died. The John Heisey genealogy supplied by Larry Heisey, was extremely helpful in decoding the drawing. A copy of the Heisey genealogy is in the RTHS archives.