

Final Project

Two Livengood families of Ohio and Indiana

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[Assignment: Write a report using the research elements we have covered in the course: pre-1850 census records (or tax records if census records were not available); personal property tax records (if necessary because census records were not available); probate (testate or intestate) records; newspapers, periodicals, or other compiled sources; land grants, land records of the original colonies, and land records of the federal and public domain states; military records, pre-service (draft), service, benefits (pensions, bounty land warrants, etc.); and cemetery records. Attach to your submission a family group record as a GEDCOM, .pdf file, or Word/.rtf file.]

Document Overview

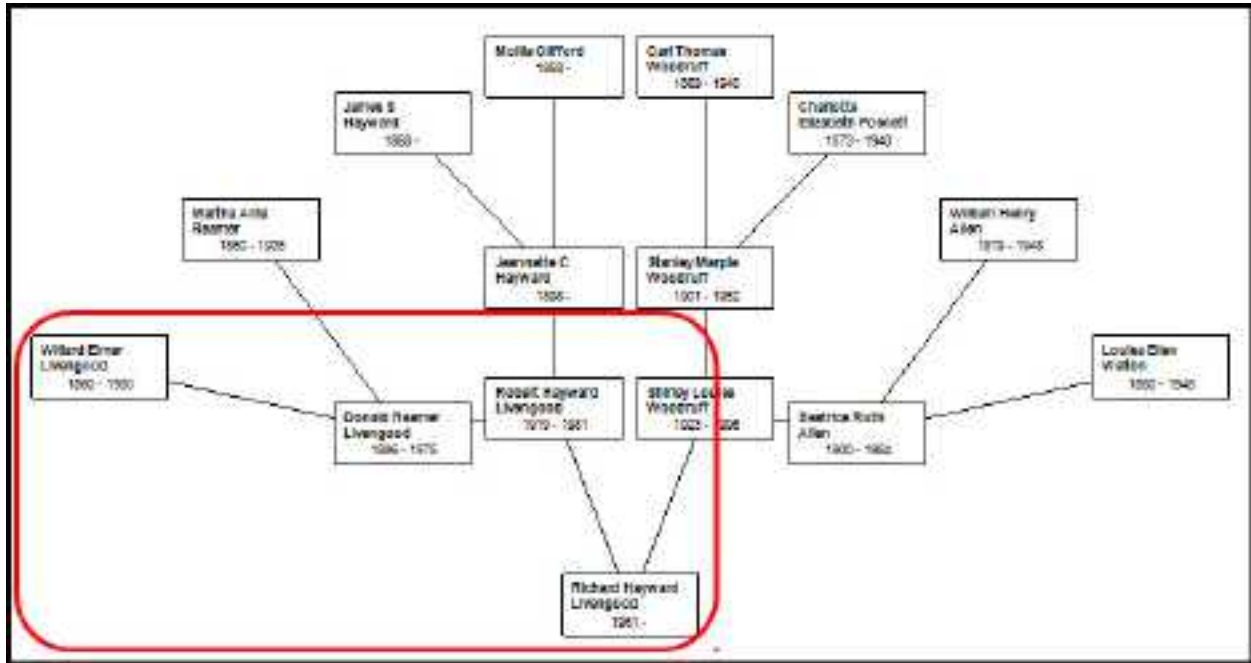
This document consists of the following parts:

1. Overview of the two Livengood families that are the focus of this report
2. Current research object (for these results)
3. Short history of the genealogical research to date
4. Analysis and conclusion
5. Suggested future research objectives
6. Several genealogical reports out of Family Tree Maker (separate documents), included as evidence and for more detailed information

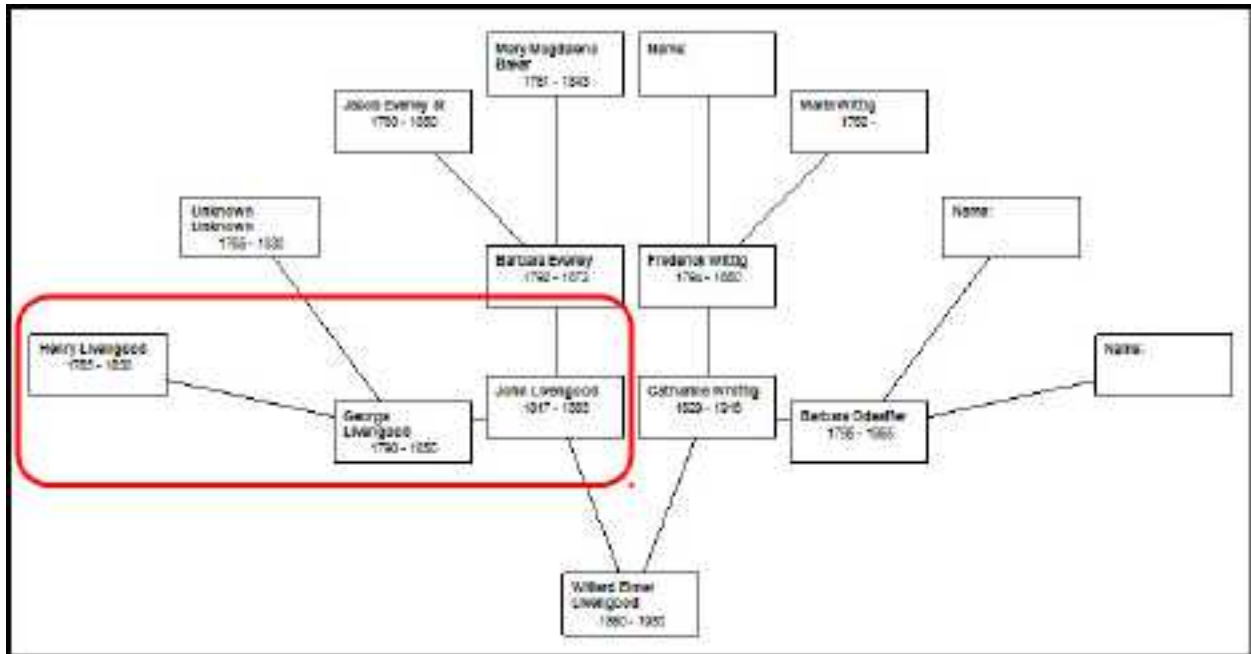
1. Overview of the two Livengood families

One of my sons-in-law is Richard Hayward (Rick) Livengood (1961-).

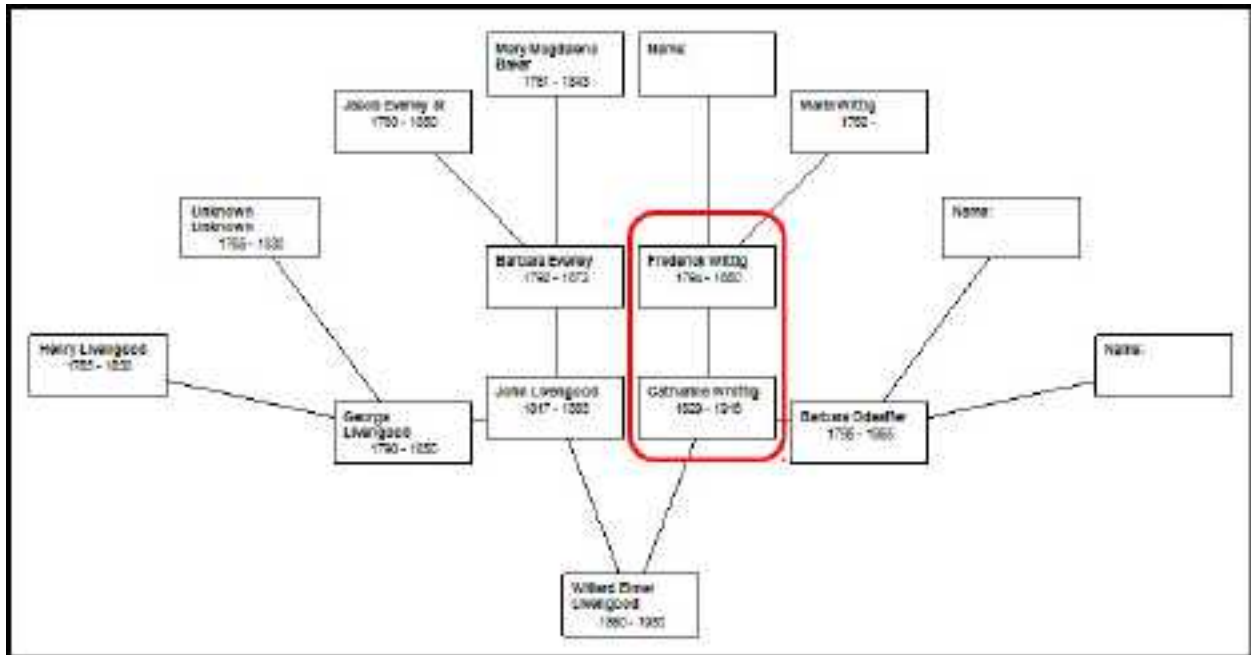
Rick's paternal ancestors were early settlers of Elkhart County, Indiana. All of the ancestors shown in the following chart were born in Elkhart County.



For this course I have been mostly researching ancestors earlier than Willard Elmer Livengood (Rick's great-grandfather). Some of them are shown in the chart below.



In the course of researching the Livengoods I found out a lot about John Livengood as well as his wife Catherine Whittig [Wittig], whose father Frederick received a land grant of 160 acres in Elkhart County in 1837.



Catharine Whittig's sister Mary also married a Livengood (Abraham), who was considered one of the pioneers of Elkhart County. He also received a land grant of 160 acres (in 1831). A lot has been written about Abraham and his family, including a long piece in one of the Elkhart County histories.

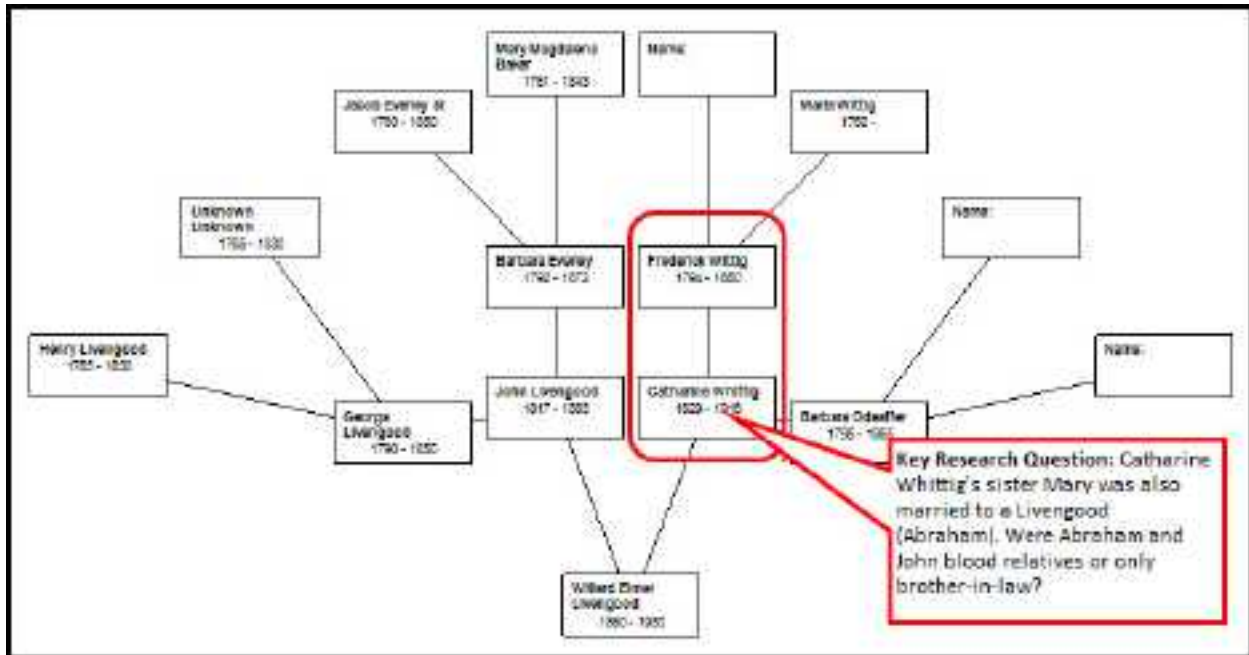
This report focuses mostly on the following family groups:

- John Livengood (1817-1863)
- Abraham Livengood (1806-1879)

2. Research objectives

I got curious about the relationship between Abraham and John: they were brothers-in-law, but was there also a blood relationship? They both lived in Darke County, Ohio. They also both lived in Elkhart County, Indiana.

The question about their possible blood relationship became the main focus of my more recent research. Two additional (and certainly related) objectives were to extend both Livengood branches back at least one generation, and to learn more about their domestic migrations.



3. Research history

As mentioned above, the key question of a possible blood relationship between John Livengood (Rick's 2nd great-grandfather) and Abraham Livengood (the husband of Rick's 3rd great aunt) has driven my most recent research into the Livengood family.

I have found a number of records in all the record groups we have studied in this course. Some examples appear below.

Pre-1850 census records

I have found, copied, and added to the media collection for this family tree dozens of pre-1850 census records. The oldest was from the 1790 census. An example appears below. This record is from the 1830 census and contains both George Livengood and his father Henry.

Darke County, Ohio Common Pleas Court Records,
1817-1860

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d, Abraham Livengood, Joel Lust
cob Livengood, Joanna Livengood
esidents of Ohio. (205)

TITLE: Darke County, Ohio Common Pleas
Court Records, 1817-1860

CHAPTER: Minute Book 4

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DARKE COUNTY, OHIO - COMMON PLEAS COURT RECORDS

- 9-1-1835 - John SWISHER appointed guardian of Samuel, Caroline, Mary Jane, Hiram, Charles and Edward SHAEFFER, minor heirs of Edward SHAEFFER, dec'd. (63)
- 9-2-1835 - Silas C. BYRAM, guardian of David C. BYRAM. Petition to sell land. (65)
- 9-2-1835 - Will of Samuel BAKER presented. Executors, Abraham SCRIBNER and Abraham STUBAKER. Witnesses, William M. WILSON and Josiah Shaw. (67)
- 11-23-1835 - Will of William LITTLE presented. Executors, David Little and Rebecca Little. Witnesses, David G. Little and Abraham Little. (70)
- 11-23-1835 - Adam MILLER, a minister of the M. S. Church granted license to solemnize marriages. (72)
- 11-23-1835 - Will of Martha THOMPSON presented. Executor, John PURVIANCE. Witnesses, Rufus GILLPATRICK and Phebe CHAMBERS. (72)
- 11-24-1835 - William WILEY and Francis SPENCER adms. of Daniel PALMOR vs. Andrew PALMOR, John PALMOR and others. Petition to execute real contract. Land described as SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3, Darke County, Ohio Common Pleas Court Records, 1817-1860; Chapter: Minute Book 4; Page: 15
Accessed on and downloaded from Ancestry.com 2 May 2014.
- 11-25-1835 - Augustus BEHNER, 43 become citizen. (79) - Andrew M Europe makes declaration of intention
- 11-26-1835 - Bird HAWKINS appointed Guardianship and probate records for Peter Livengood Jr. and family.
- 1-15-1836 - John COLVILLE appointed (not named) relinquishes her right
- 3-14-1836 - John Henry PETERSON, aged 26 yrs., a native of Prussia makes his declaration of intention to become a citizen. (100)
- 3-15-1836 - Isabella Livengood appointed guardian of William LIVENWOOD aged 12 yrs. on 2 May 1835, Mary Livengood aged 9 yrs. on 10 Aug. 1835 and Angeline Livengood aged 4 yrs. on 5 Apr. 1835. Bond \$1000. (103)
- 3-15-1836 - Jacob LIVENWOOD and John S. HILLER appointed adms. of Peter LIVENWOOD, dec'd. Bond \$400. (103)
- 3-15-1836 - Wm. M. WILSON adms. de bonis non of Edward SHAEFFER, dec'd vs. minor heirs. Land described as part of Section 30, Township 12, Range 2. (106)
- 2-16-1836 - Mary Ann OSWALT aged 17 yrs., chose Benjamin MURPHY as her guardian. Bond \$100. (117)
- 3-17-1836 - Josiah D. Farrar and Elisa his wife vs. Iowa(?) Morris, Eastin MORRIS, Walter S. Morris and Granville R. Morris. In Chancery. (120)
- 3-17-1836 - Catharine ZUMBRUN adms. of Jacob ZUMBRUN, dec'd vs. Samuel CANNON, Nancy CANNON and Rebecca ZUMBRUN. Petition to sell Equitable Interest. (123)

Newspapers, periodicals or other compiled sources

The following involve the same people and events as above, except the information is in a compilation called "Gateway to the West, Vol. 1" that describes the history of Darke County, Indiana.

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son (Robeson) dated 8-28-1827 stating he has intermarried with Mary late Mary Byram who is the adms. of Ebenezer Byram, dec'd and that deceased at the time of his death had two children who survived him being James and Susan Byram, and that said children resided with their mother and were supported by her until their death. - Deposition dated 8-27-1827 by Mary Robeson stating that at the time of his death, Ebenezer Byram was indebted to Wm. Byram for \$5.50. (Editor's note: Montgomery County, Ohio marriages, Mary Byram to Samuel Robertson - 4-21-1824.)

BYRAM, Nath'l L. dec'd - Silas C. Byram, adms. - Bond dated 9-20-1841 of \$400. by Silas C. Byram with Ebenezer Byram and Thomas Barns as sureties. Widow, Mary Byram. - Receipt dated 3-28-1846 signed by Nancy Ann Byram, widow of Silas Byram, dec'd.

BYRAM, H. J. M. dec'd - Ebenezer Byram, adms. - Bond dated 2-10-1849 of \$200. by Ebenezer Byram with Ralph A. Cooper and Richard Chensoweth as sureties. One acre of land near or in Hill Grove sold at public sale for \$50.00, 6-2-1849.

CARNAHAN, John dec'd - Norman Sumner and William T. Carnahan, adms. - Bond dated 3-8-1847 of \$2000. by Norman Sumner and William T. Carnahan with Harry Arnold and Abraham Scribner as sureties. Inventory 3-23-1847 by Joseph Cole, Nathan W. Perry and John Chensoweth with allowance to widow Sarah Carnahan and children (not named).

FLEMING, Alexander dec'd - Christopher Martin, adms. - Bond dated 9-2-1831 of \$600. by Christopher Martin with Aaron Appraisement 9-7-1831 by Henry D. Hill - Note of Alexander Fleming to Martha (M)

Gateway to The West, Vol 1; Chapter: Darke Co., Estates; Page: 365. Accessed on and downloaded from Ancestry.com 2 May 2014.

GRANDSTAFF, Thomas of Wayne Twp. - Joseph \$100. by Lucinda Grandstaff and Joseph Ward as sureties. - Allowance for support of children (not named). - Note dated 12-6-1834 J. Rice signed by Thomas (his mark) Grandstaff, - Note dated May 1835 to John Unstatte Herford Twp. signed by Thomas (mark) Grandstaff.

Probate records for Isabella Livengood, 1842 and Peter Livengood Jr, 1836.

LIVENGOOD, Isabella dec'd of Greenville Twp. - Aaron Hiller, adms. - Bond dated 3-12-1842 of \$300. by Aaron Hiller with John S. Hiller and Joseph Crowell as sureties. - Public sale held 3-31-1842 with G. W. Hamilton, Henry Miller, Oliver Janness, William Livengood and Jacob Wise purchasing all items.

LIVENGOOD, Peter dec'd of Greenville Twp. - Jacob Livengood and John S. Hiller, adms. - Bond dated 3-15-1836 of \$400. by Jacob Livengood and John S. Hiller with Archibald Bryson and James Devor as sureties. Appraisement 3-25-1836 by Benjamin Murphy, James Brady and Henry S. Juday with personal property set aside for support of widow and three children (not named). Public sale held 5-2-1836 with Isabella Livengood being among the purchasers.

McINTOSH, John J. dec'd - David Putman, adms. - appraisement sets off personal property for support of widow, Elizabeth McIntosh and minor children, Mrs, James M. and Malinda McIntosh.

I also enjoyed reading about Abraham Livengood in a history of Elkhart County, one page of which is shown below.

of his way over great difficulties and against disheartening odds. Abraham Livengood, deceased, was born in Somerset county, Pa., Jan. 14, 1800. He is a son of Peter and Barbara Livengood. At the age of nine years, he went with his parents to Darke county, O.; there he was reared to manhood; his education, which was limited, was attained in the common district schools. In 1828 he came to this county, settling near Elkhart; soon afterward he entered the homestead that his family now occupies, being a lover of fruit he planted apple seeds, and by and by he had a very admirable orchard, yielding abundant crops of fruit, which were exceeding great luxuries in those early days. Elkhart city was "nowhere;" then only one small, rude log cabin marked the place. To the widow it seems as if the city had sprung up by magic. Then the Indian light birch canoe shot down the river like a bird upon the wind. But few white settlers had effected settlements. Mr. Livengood married April 27, 1826, Catharine Noffsinger, and had 7 children, 5 of whom are living, viz: Isaac, Christopher, Ira, Ann and Joseph. Mrs. L. died Sept. 21, 1841, and Mr. L. again married Nov. 6, 1842 Mary Whitting, by whom he had 13 children; the following are the names of the living: Charles E., Wm. F., Ellen, Rebecca and Alma, Albert, Frederick, Martha, and Edith. Mr. Livengood was a man of serious convictions, and was a lover of society. He aided in organizing the U. B. Society, whose church is located near the old homestead. This church was built principally by himself. He endeavored to the utmost of his ability to establish a religious society that would re-

Entry for Abraham Livengood, page 842 of History of Elkhart County, Indiana. Published by Chas. C. Chapman & Co., 1881. Reproduction by Onigraphics, Inc., 1971. Accessed 2014.

Land grants, land records

Two of the land grants were fascinating. The one below is for Frederick Wittig [Whittig], father of both Mary (Abraham's second wife) and Catharine (John's wife).

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Executive
No. 260

The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas Frederick Wittig, of Eckhart County, Indiana, has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at La Porte, Indiana, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Frederick Wittig, according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 22d of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the purchase of a certain tract of land, to-wit: a certain tract of land, situate in Township 28, Range 10, East of the Second Meridian, in the District of lands subject to sale at La Porte, Indiana, containing one hundred and twenty acres, according to the official plat of the survey of the said lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said land has been purchased by the said Frederick Wittig.

NOW KNOW YE, That the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant, unto the said Frederick Wittig, and to his heirs, the said tract above described, to have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereto in anywise belonging, unto the said Frederick Wittig.

In testimony whereof, I, Abraham Van Buren,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made public, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Record for Frederick Wittig (abt 1794 - bef 1860), 1837. Ancestry.com, U.S. General Land Office Records, 1796-1907 (database online). Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2008. Accessed 24 May 2014

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and of the Independence of the United States the thirty first.

By the President

Abraham Van Buren

A. Van Buren

Hudson M. Garland, Recorder of the General Land Office.

Military records

I came across a few military records for these two family groups. The following index record is for a Civil War military record for Samuel Whittig, one of Mary and Catharine's brothers.

U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865 about Samuel Whittig

Name:	Samuel Whittig
Residence:	Indiana
Enlistment Date:	5 Sep 1861
Rank at enlistment:	Private
State Served:	Indiana
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Enlisted in Company C, Indiana 9th Infantry Regiment on 05 Sep 1861. Mustered out on 21 Oct 1861.
Sources:	Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana

Source Information:
Historical Data Systems, comp. *U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009.
Original data: Data compiled by Historical Data Systems of Kingston, MA from the following list of works:
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Historical Data Systems, Inc.
PO Box 35
Duxbury, MA 02331.





Description:
This database is a compilation of military records (including state rosters, pension records, and regimental histories) of individual soldiers who served in the United States Civil War. [Learn more...](#)

Cemetery records

I have a number of cemetery records for both family groups, many of which have been collected by Find A Grave. The following record is for Jacob Everley Sr., John Livengood's maternal grandfather.

Jacob Everley, Sr

[Learn about removing the ads from this memorial...](#)

<p>Birth: 1760 Somerset County Pennsylvania, USA</p> <p>Death: Feb., 1850 Shelby County Ohio, USA</p> <p>Family links: Spouse: Mary Magdalena Baker Everley (1761 - 1843)*</p> <p>Children: Jacob Everley (____ - 1841)* Christena Everley Black (1798 - 1853)*</p> <p>*Calculated relationship</p> <p>Note: 90y</p> <p>Burial: Lemoine Cemetery Shelby County Ohio, USA</p> <p>Edit Virtual Cemetery info [?]</p> <p>Maintained by: Matthew Patterson Originally Created by: Joan Shoffner Record added: Jan 25, 2007 Find A Grave Memorial# 17685871</p>	 <p>Added by: Jenny Brown</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Add a photo for this person  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Request A Photo  </div> </div> <p style="font-size: small;">Photos may be scaled. Click on image for full size.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>my fifth great grandfather - Matthew Patterson <small>Added: Mar. 31, 2015</small></p> </div> </div>
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4. Analysis and conclusion

I believe that the attached reports and the research behind them have high genealogical value for the following reasons:

- The work was done with great care and references key records of all major record types.
- I chose source records that appear to have the highest credibility and informational value (for example, census records and death records that have corroborating media).
- I found few discrepancies between records documenting the same facts.
- Where there were minor differences (for example, the spelling of a name or a date variant), I have chosen the one I consider the most likely but have noted the differences.

- In the research notes (also summarized below) are suggested future research projects on this family.
- Between this document and the two Family Tree Maker reports I believe it would be relatively easy for either a professional genealogist or another family member to understand the family history, the key facts about family members, and what information is still missing.

Unfortunately, I was unable to prove one way or the other that John Livengood and Abraham were blood relatives. Although most evidence suggests that they were not, their histories and patterns of migration still leads me to believe that they might be cousins. Additional research is required!

5. Suggested future research objectives

I believe the following areas of research are logical next steps for this family group:

- Fill in additional details about the family by adding U.S. census records for all “missing” years
- Search for more information about family members who lived in both Ohio and/or Pennsylvania
- Go back in time at least one more generation
- Go forward in time at least one more generation
- Research additional in-laws in this family group
- Continue to try to find out if John and Abraham are blood relatives

6. Reports from Family Tree Maker

Please see the attached reports out of Family Tree Maker:

- Family group sheet for John Livengood (with source citations)
- Family group sheet for Abraham Livengood (with source citations)
- Four-generation descendant report for Henry Livengood (John’s grandfather)
- Four-generation descendant report for Peter Livengut Sr. (Abraham’s grandfather)

[Please note that there are approximately 120 media items (all annotated) for these family groups, although I didn’t include an FTM media report.]