

CANAWLERS AT REST

GEORGE WASHINGTON BOLINGER

FIND-A-GRAVE #46430763

b. December 21, 1828
d. February 17, 1882

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first steamboat that operated on the Wabash & Erie Canal.

In 1863 George and his family located in Jackson township, Huntington county, Indiana near Roanoke. He continued to build boats for use on the canal. The last sample of his work as a boat builder was the R. G. Ebersole, named in honor of his old friend, a druggist of Roanoke, Indiana.

As traffic on the canal began to decline, George soon found himself without a vocation. He then turned to farming. He bought a tract of land located on the prairie, which he lost due to a defective title. He then bought a farm in Jackson township, Huntington county, Indiana, which his son Lincoln later farmed.

George was a staunch Republican, but he seldom had anything to do with politics. He was an upright citizen.

George Washington Bolinger passed away on February 17, 1882. He was 52 years, 11 months and 24 days old. He was laid to rest in the Shank Cemetery in Roanoke, Indiana.

George's son, Lincoln, was about two years old when the family moved to Indiana. He attended the district school of Huntington county from the time he was six years old until he was about eighteen. It was built of logs. We assume George's other children had similar educations.

Lincoln Bolinger married Sarah M. Saunders, Jacob Saunders' daughter, when he was 19 years old. They had four children. Sarah died in 1888. Lincoln then married Martha M. Moses, of Allen county, Indiana. They had five children, Zelma, Lura, Arthur, Florence and Bertha.

Lincoln Bolinger owned and farmed one hundred sixty acres: 100 in Lafayette township of Allen county and 60 in Jackson township of Huntington county. His farm was regarded as one of the best in northeastern Huntington county. He raised high-grade Belgian horses, short horn cattle, Duroc hogs and Oxford sheep. He supported the Republican party and served on the advisory board for Jackson township, Huntington county, Indiana.

George Washington Bolinger (alt. Bollinger) was born to Johannes and Margaret Bolinger in Baltimore City, Maryland on December 21, 1828. His father, Johannes Mattias Bolinger, was born on October 21, 1794 in Manchester, Maryland and died on November 28, 1879 in Lafayette township, Allen county, Indiana. His mother, Margaret (Fair) Bolinger was born on March 5, 1798 in Baltimore, Maryland and died on November 20, 1880 in Lafayette township, Allen county, Indiana. They were married in Baltimore in 1815 and became the parents of 15 children giving George 14 brothers and sisters. His grandparents on his mother's side were Johannes George Fair (1760-1847) and Anna Margaret Schmidt (1762-?).

We know little about George's early life. In 1849, at the age 21, he married Lavinia Morris, age 22, in Somerset, Pennsylvania. Shortly thereafter George, Lavinia, George's parents and some of his siblings moved to Ohio. According to the Federal Census of 1850 Johannes and Margaret lived in Seneca township, Monroe county, Ohio. The same census shows George living in Lincoln township, Monroe county, Ohio. These townships abut one another. George was a builder of canal boats.

George and Lavinia became the parents of eight children, 5 boys and 3 girls. George Washington Jr., Edward, Joseph, Lydia, Lincoln, and Hannah. We do not know the names of two of their children. Most of them were born in Ohio. The family later moved to Indiana settling in Fort Wayne. It was probably there that George constructed the

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GEORGE WASHINGTON BOLINGER'S FAMILY

Name	Birth	Place	Death	Cemetery	Place	Marriage	Place
Bolinger, Johannes Mattias	10-21-1794	Manchester MD	11-28-1879		Allen Co IN	1815	Baltimore MD
m. Fair, Margaret	3-05-1798	Baltimore MD	11-20-1880		Allen Co IN	1815	Baltimore MD
Bolinger, Lucinda	1816						
Bolinger, Mary	1818		1910				
Bolinger, Susannah	1819		1910				
Bolinger, Catherine	1823		1910				
Bolinger, Joseph	1826		1905				
Bolinger, Belinda	1827		1914				
Bolinger, George Washington	2-21-1828	Baltimore MD	2-17-1882	Shank	Roanoke, IN	1849	Summerset PA
m. Morris, Lavinia	1827	Greene PA				1849	Summerset PA
<u>Bolinger, George Washington</u>	4-11-1852	OH	4-15-1932			4-11-1873	Huntington IN
m. Stump, Mary Ann	1852		4/7/1905			4-11-1873	Huntington IN
Bolinger, Cora	1876		5/4/1905				
Bolinger, Edith A.	1879						
<u>Bolinger, Edward</u>	1854	OH					
<u>Bolinger, Joseph</u>	9-?-1856	Defiance OH	12-22-1928		Allen Co IN		
<u>Bolinger, Lydia</u>	9-25-1858	Defiance OH	1915				
Bolinger, ?							
<u>Bolinger, Lincoln</u>	9-10-1861	Defiance OH	8-20-1937	Glenwood	Roanoke, IN		
m1 Saunders, Sarah M			1888				
Bolinger, Ervin							
Bolinger, Charles							
Bolinger, Rosa							
m. Carpenter, Elias							
Bolinger, ?							
m2 Moses Martha					Glenwood		Roanoke, IN
Bolinger, Zelma							
m. Morris, William							
Bolinger, Lura							
m. Hine, John							
Bolinger, Arthur							
m. Powel, June							
Bolinger, Florence							
Bolinger, Bertha							
Bolinger, ?							
<u>Bolinger, Hannah</u>	1864						

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Bolinger, Joseph	1830		1909				
Bolinger, Elizabeth	1831		1916				
Bolinger, Sarah	1833						
Bolinger, Maria Anne	1834		1925				
Bolinger, Barbara	1837						
Bolinger, Rachel	1838						
Bolinger, Jacob	1840		1908				
Bolinger, Lydia	1842		1925				