

## **Johann Jacob “John” Saxe**

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Note: Various spellings for Saxe (Sachs, Sacks, Sax) were found during this research.

John Saxe was born on March 14, 1842 in Feudenheim, Manhelm, Badin Wurttemberg, Germany to Jacob Saxe, age 24, (1817-March 22, 1875) and Catharine Felt Saxe, age 27, (1815-May 28, 1887). They had 6 children in sixteen years. John’s siblings were:

Caspar Saxe (January 2, 1845-December 31, 1925)

William Saxe (October 10, 1850-1934)

Maria “Mary” Saxe ( July 2, 1853-October 14, 1870)

Barbara Saxe (January 14, 1856-September 2, 1883)

Jacob Saxe (December 15, 1858-1919)

The Jacob Saxe family emigrated from Germany and arrived in the United States in 1852. They were in the process of moving to Monroe, Michigan when their daughter, our subject’s sister, Maria was born in Ohio on July 2, 1853. Their first children were born in Germany, Maria in Ohio, and the rest of their children were born in Monroe, Michigan.

In 1860 John, age 18, was living in Frenchtown, Monroe, Michigan. At age 20, on June 2, 1862 he was confirmed in a special confirmation in Zion Lutheran Church in Monroe.

On April 22, 1869, John, age 27, was married to Anna Elizabeth Rodey (March 23, 1849-April 30, 1921) in Zion Lutheran Church by Pastor August Getz. Witnessing their marriage were August Sachs and Simon Knab.

John and Elizabeth Saxe had four children:

Maria Barbara “Mary” Saxe Shoup Aper (April 1, 18709-1947)

b. Monroe, Michigan

m. Herman Aper of Tippecanoe County

Charles John Saxe (April 19, 1874-1956)

b. Monroe, Michigan

Barbara Kathryn “Kate” Saxe Benefiet-McKinley (December 17, 1878-1919)

b. Monroe, Michigan

Jennie Alice Saxe Erb-Mallery (September 28, 1886-1953)

b. Battleground, Tippecanoe County, Indiana

m. November 26, 1904 Tippecanoe County, Indiana. Her husband was Fred Erb III and their son was Fred Erb IV.

In 1885 John Saxe, age 43, moved his family to Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana. There he freighted a canal boat on the Wabash & Erie Canal between Lafayette and Toledo, Ohio. He was an old time canal boat trader and accumulated a considerable fortune in the line before the

days of the railroads.

John's brother, Caspar Saxe, moved to Toledo, Ohio and also freighted on the Wabash and Erie Canal. Perhaps they worked together in this operation.

John Saxe, age 56, died June 2, 1898 and was laid to rest in Block AL, Row 5, Grave 5A in Battle Ground Cemetery, Battel Ground, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

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Marker in Battle Ground Cemetery, Battle Ground, Indiana for John, Elizabeth and Barbara Saxe.

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