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Dear Dr. Kern,

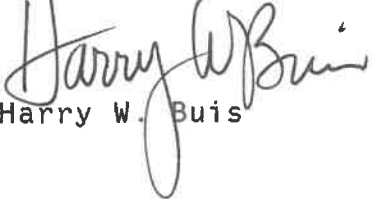
Enclosed with the letters from Israel Wise is a short history with relationships to Helen Huffman and myself.

At times I think that half the county is related. Some of the surnames related to me are BUIS, BRIGHT, ARNOLD, EGNER, BUCKINGHAM, COLE, EGBERT, JAQUA, JENKINS, McCREA, NICEWANNER, OPP, WEBSTER, WELDON, WISE & WISELY. This is just in Hancock County.

As this is all the information I have, might I suggest that you contact Mrs. Helen Wise Huffman for any additional information if needed. She has been most helpful to me in my studies of related families in Hancock County, and the source of all this information. As I have only copies I do not know where the originals are.

Thank You for your interest in these papers.

Sincerely,


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A short bio about the person we are tracing.

Israel Wise was born 10 Feb¹⁸⁴² to Benjamin and Lydia (Opp) Wise and died 10 August 1863 at Vicksburg, Mississippi of disease while serving his country during the Civil War.

He was the 6th of 11 children and never married. He was 21½ years old the day he died. He was in the 57th Regiment O.V.I., Co. H, 1st Brigade 5th Division, made up of Hancock Volunteers. Recruiting commenced 16th September 1861.

" Regiment left Findlay, Ohio for Camp Chase 22 January, 1862.

January 19th & 20th, Union troops under General George H. Thomas defeated Confederates at the Battle of Mill Springs, Kentucky.

A flanking movement by Union forces began in February when General Ulyses S. Grant in conjunction with gunboat flotilla under Commander A.H. Foote, moved against Confederate positions on the Mississippi, Tennessee and Cumberland. A joint attack captured Ft. Henry on the Tennessee 6th of February, but most of its garrison retreated to Ft. Donelson on the Cumberland, regarded by Confederate General Albert S. Johnston (b.1803-- d1862) as the major defense of Nashville. Another large Confederate force at Bowling Green, Ky., menaced by General Don Carlos Buell from the north and by General Grant from the south, retreated toward Tennessee to join the defense of Nashville and Fort Donelson.

After 4 days of siege, Ft. Donelson surrendered to Gen. Grant on 16th February with some 14,000 men. Johnston was forced to retreat from Kentucky and to evacuate Nashville, which fell 25 Feb. 1862.

Grant was prevented from striking a decisive blow against the main Confederate army of the east when his superior General Henry W. Halleck, given command of the Armies in the West on 11th March 1862, diverted part of the Union army under Pope, to the task of expelling the enemy from the upper Mississippi. Pope, supported by Foote's fleet, besieged Island No. 10 in the Mississippi from 16 March to 7 April.

The Confederates surrendered, giving Johnston time to draw up his forces at Corinth, Mississippi together with Beauregard's and Polk's.

Grant marched to Pittsburg Landing, just over the Tennessee border from Corinth, where he planned his attack without preparing suitable defenses..

The Confederates struck 6th April 1862 and after a day of ~~confused~~ confused fighting in which Gen. A. S. Johnston was killed, the Union forces were close to defeat.

During the night of April 6-7 reinforcements from Gen. Buell's Army of the Ohio as well as Gen. Lew Wallace's division arrived. With the resumption of battle at dawn the tide turned. By evening the Confederates withdrew to Corinth, with the Union army too exhausted for pursuit. Heavy losses were sustained on both sides; 13,000 out of 63,000 Union troops, 11,000 out of 40,000 Confederates.

Failure had marked attempts to take Vicksburg by naval assault from May to June 1862 and by land Dec 1862 and early 1863. The river city, held by Gen. John C. Pemberton, was strongly fortified and protected by natural defenses. Most vulnerable were the approaches from south and east, remote from Grant's supply base at Memphis. On 29 March, Grant cut loose from his base and crossed the Mississippi above Vicksburg, and marched down along the Louisiana shore of the River to a point south of the city where the fleet, which ran the Vicksburg batteries on the night of April 16 -17, ferried him across the river on April 30th.

With 20,000 men he advanced northeastward on the rear of Vicksburg, living off the country. His 5 victories inside 3 weeks - May 1, 1863 Port Gibson; Raymond, Jackson -May 16, Champion Hill and May 17, Big Black River- separated the armies of Johnston and Pemberton, ~~driving~~ driving the latter back into the Vicksburg perimeter.

22 May - 4 July- After 2 futile assaults (19th and 20th of May) Grant settled down to a siege on Vicksburg. After 6 weeks bombardment General Pemberton surrendered the city and over 30,000 troops on July 4, 1863.

... Union casualties of the Vicksburg campaign (Oct. '62 - July, 63) was ca. 9,000. Confederate losses 10,000, not counting prisoners.

On 8th July 1963, General Banks after a siege begun in mid-May, 1963, captured Port Hudson, Louisiana. The entire Mississippi was under Union control and the Confederacy split. \)

The 57th O.V.I. was largely recruited in Hancock Co. and also partially organized at Camp Vance, up the Blanchard River, on the Baker farm near Findlay.

William Mungen of Findlay was the first Colnel of the Regiment and largely instrumental in raising it; while Dr. William D. Carlin of Findlay was its second surgeon.

Recruiting commenced 16 September 1861 and was pushed forward rapidly. Companies F, G, and H were raised in Hancock Co. and also a porion of Co. B.

The officers of Company H were; Catain Patrick Kilkenny of Toledo; 1st. Lt. Hiram E. Henderson; 2nd Lt. Oliver Mungen.

The regiment left Findlay for Camp Chase on 22nd Jan. 1862, where its organization was completed 10th Feb. 1962. On 18th Feb, the Regiment was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee.

From Paducah, Ky., the 57th went to Ft. Henry, then to Savannah, Tenn.. and soon afterward arrived at Pittsburg Landing. It did duty in that vicinity on several reconnoisances, but its first appearance in battle was at Pittsburg Landing on April 6th and 7th, 1862, where its valor was fully tested and not found wanting.

On April 8th, the 57th was engaged with Forrest's Cavalry at Pea Ridge, and came out victorious. From this time up to January 1864, the Regiment was engaged in the following battles and skirmishes - Russell House, siege of Corinth, Morning Sun, Coldwater, Hernando, Wolf Creek Bridge, Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Clay Farm, Rolling Fork, Raymond, Black River, Haines Bluff, Snyder's Bluff, Champion Hill, Messenger's Ford, Mechanicsburg, Vicksburg, Jackson, Tuscombria and Mission Ridge.

1st Jan. 1864, 57th re-enlisted as veterans and around Feb. 1st, 1864 started for Ohio on furlough arriving home 13th Feb. 1864.

Officers of the 57th Regiment from Hancock Co. were -
William Mungen Lt. Col. Sept. 27, 1861, Col. Dec. 16, 1861; resigned April 16, 1863.

Dr. William Carlin Surgeon May 26th 1862; died 26 th Dec. 1862

James Wilson Captain Jan. 4th, 1862; honorably discharged 12th April 1865

John W. Wheeler 1st Lt. Jan. 4th, 1862; Captain 31st Dec. 1862; honorably discharged 28th March, 1864

John Adams 2nd Lt. Jan .10, 1862; resigned 27th April, 1864

John B. May Capt. 10th Jan, 1862; resigned 30th Jan. 1863

Daniel Gilbert 1st Lt. 10th Jan, 1862; Capt. 30th Jan. 1863; honorably discharged 18th Nov. 1863

Edmund W. Firmin 2nd Lt. 10th Jan. 1862; 1sr. Lt. 30th Jan. 1863; Capt. 16th Aug. 1864 (declined. Mustered out at expiration of service)

Hiram E. Henderson 1st. Lt. 17th Feb. 1862; Capt 22nd April 1862; honorably discharged 31st Aug. 1863

Oliver Mungen 2nd Lt. 17th Feb 1862; 1st Lt. 22nd April, 1862; resigned 9th Feb. 1863

Squire Johnson 2nd. Lt. 19th Aug. 1862; 1st Lt. 9th May 1864; Capt. 10th Feb., 1865; Major 16th Aug. 1865

John M. Jordan 2nd. Lt. 27th Nov. 1862; 1st. Lt. 9th May 1864; mustered out

Jacob K. Tussing 1st. Lt. 31st Dec. 1862; Capt. 9th May, 1864, declined and mustered out

W. Cramer Good 2nd Lt. 30th Jan. 1863; 1st Lt. 9th May 1864, declined and mustered out

57th Regiment mustered out at Little Rock, Arkansas 14, Aug. 1864. On Aug. 25, regiment was paid off and discharged at Tod Barracks, Columbus, Ohio

LOOKING BACK
A Family History & Genealogy of & by
HAZEL WISE HUFFMAN

Page viii & ix is the Ancestral Chart for ISRAEL WISE.

Benjamin Wise was born on the seventh [7] of May in 1809 and he grew up in Lynn Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Benjamin married Lydia Opp on the twenty-ninth [29] of July in 1829. Benjamin was a direct descendant of Johannes Weiss of Pennsylvania. By 1835 Benjamin and Lydia had three [3] children, Fannie {b 19 Nov 1830/d 1910/m William Binley}, Levina {b 7 Sept 1832/d 1906/m Amassa Buckingham, and Benjamin J. {b 19 Feb 1835/d 20 Apr 1920/m Anna Buckingham}.

Benjamin J. Wise was the older brother of Israel Wise,
the subject of the attached sheets. BENJAMIN J. IS THE
DIRECT LINE ANCESTOR OF HAZEL WISE HUFFMAN, THE AUTHOR
OF "LOOKING BACK".

By 1836 Benjamin Wise and his brother-in-law Daniel Opp were in Hancock County. Daniel Opp purchased land on the Blanchard River, Section 15 of Marion Township and erected a frame tavern. He was also granted a petition to operate a post office at the tavern, so he was the Postmaster of "Crow". This was the only Post Office that Marion Township ever had, and lasted until his death some three [3] years later. By the eighth [8] of August 1837 Benjamin had purchased one hundred and sixty [160] acres in Section 36 of Marion Township. He went back to Pennsylvania for a while before returning to Ohio. Before returning to Hancock County in 1842 Benjamin and Lydia had three [3] more children. Isabel {b 10 June 1838/d 22 June 1875/m David Shoe}, Mary { b 3 April 1840/d ?/m Martin Baker}, and ISRAEL WISE {BORN 20 FEB 1842-DIED 10 AUG 1863}. ISRAEL WISE ENLISTED 11 AUG 1861 - PVT CO. H, AND HE IS BURIED AT VICKSBURG.

This is the subject of the attached sheets.

By the summer of 1842 the Wise family was in Hancock County, Ohio on the farm they had bought in 1837. By 1854 they had five [5] more children; SARAH {BORN 28 MARCH 1844/DIED 1928/MARRIED 29 MARCH 1864 TO JOHN BRIGHT}. JOHN & SARAH BRIGHT WERE MY GREAT GRAND PARENTS. {My mother was a Bright}.

Lydia {b 16 Jan 1845/d ?/m Fremont Struble, Jane {b 21 Feb 1847/d 19 Sept 1878/m Homer Van Sant, A. Franklin {b 29 Feb 1851/d ?/m Harriet Van Horn, and Dixson {b 21 Feb 1854/d 27 Sept 1932/m Mary Ann Esterly.

Benjamin Wise died on September the 17th, 1890. He and Lydia were married 56 years, and she died first, in 1885. Both are buried in BRIGHT CEMETERY on the Carey Road, State Route 868. The cemetery is four [4] miles from the Bright Road intersection with 868 or three miles [3] from the Three Mile Bridge. This is the site of the original Bright Farm, and is two [2] miles north of the Wise Farm.

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