

The Deposition of Josiak (Josiah) Drake
Of the Township of Gaines, County of Kent, Michigan

17 Aug 1889

This record concerns the descendants of Josiah Drake (1750-1833 of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York) descending through Gilbert Drake (1781-1867), son of Josiah Drake (Sr.) to the deposer: Josiak (Josiah) Drake (1812-1896).

According to Bev Jones, they found the deposition in a locked wooden box after a fire. The box had been in the midst of the fire. So they were quite surprised when they finally got the box open, and found the deposition in it, and that it hadn't been damaged by the fire.

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State of Michigan }
and County of Kent }

Josiah Drake of the Township of
Gains Kent County and state of Michigan
Being duly sworn deposes and says that
He is the grand son of Josiah Drake
Who lived in the town of new paltz
Ulster County new York and he was
Born in new paltz new York about the
year (A D) 1750. and Died about the year
(A D) 1837 I was well acquainted with
him during the later part of his life
time my father Gilbert Drake was
his son and he was born in new paltz
New York february third (A D) 1781 and
Died in Catsburg Steuben County new
York July the 7th (A D) 1867 and I was born
In the town of new paltz New York
July 21st (A D) 1812 and was well acquainted
With the children of Josiah Drake
My grand father and their names is as
follows to wit

William John Gilbert Isaacs
Elizabeth Catherine and Sally Drake

The names of the children of Gilbert
Drake my father is as follows to wit
Cornelius Josiah Isaacs Henry Eliza
Aaron Francis Betsey Maryann Catherine
Phoebe ^{and} Alysina Diana Drake

The names

of the children of William Drake my
uncle is as follows to wit

John Cornelius Maria Levi and Polly
Drake and she was married to Thomas Wilson

John Drake my uncle his family as
follows to wit

Caty Lydia Maryann and William
Drake

The names of the children of Isaac Drake
my uncle is as follows to wit

Josiah Drake

Elizabeth Drake my aunt married Jacob
Devoe and the names of their
children is as follows to wit

Anna Betsey Michael Sally Catherine
and Jacob A Devoe

Catherine Drake my aunt married
Jacob Bush their childrens names

is Eliza Lainery Martha

John and Jacob Bush

Sally Drake my aunt married John
Crose their childrens names is
Barnus and Betsey Crose

Anna Devoe Daughter of Elizabeth
Devoe by marriage to Jacob Devoe

Grand Daughter of Josiah Drake
my grand father married Richard C
Palmer

Their Childrens names were Jacob
Isaac Peter Sylvanus Lydia and
George H Polmantee Richard
Polmantee died March 30th (A.D) 1840
Anna Polmantee married one Stephen
Hammond October 30th (A.D) 1841 and
she had one son by Stephen Hammond
And his name is James R Hammond
And was born on the 28th day of August
(A.D) 1842 the said Anna Devoe was
Born April 25th (A.D) 1800 and died
May 14th (A.D) 1881 the widow of
Stephen Hammond

Betsy Devoe Daughter of Elizabeth
Devoe and grand Daughter of
Josiah Drake married one Peter
Britton Their Childrens names were
Elizabeth Edward Sally Ann Mary
Michael Hannah Jacob Mary Jane
And Joel P. Britton Betsy Britton
Formally Devoe Died July 28th (A.D) 1888

Michael Devoe son of Elizabeth
Devoe grand son of Josiah Drake
Sally Devoe Daughter of Elizabeth Devoe
Wife of Gilbert Drake one grand daughter
of Josiah Drake married one Josiah
Drake son of Gilbert Drake and
grand son of Josiah Drake

And our Children were Philander
Permelia Jane Marthama and
Isaac Drake

Marthama Drake married James R
Hammond July 25th A D 1862

Permelia Jane Drake married
Richard Bailey February 22nd 1874
Sally Drake (nee) Devoe my wife was
Born in the town of New Paltz, Ulster
County New York April 15th A D 1813
and died at Suttons Point County
Michigan October the 7th A D 1885

Catherine Devoe Daughter of
Elizabeth Devoe and grand Daughter
of ~~Dr~~ Josiah Drake and married one
Isa Jewett and their Children were
Laura Ann Cyrenus A and Charney
Jewett Catherine Jewett (nee) Devoe
Died October the 9th A D 1846

Laura Ann Jewett ^{her daughter} married Austin Justice

Jacob A Devoe son of Elizabeth
Devoe and grandson of Josiah Drake

And this Deponent further saith not

Josiah T Drake

This mark

Subscribed and sworn to before
Me this 17th day of August (A D) 1889

William M. Croten
Notary Public

W. M. Croten