

3119 Vilura Pkwy.
Des Moines, Iowa 50310
October 14, 1965

Mrs. Gertrude S. Carey
515 Florey
Kilgore, Texas

Dear Mrs. Carey,

I noted your ad in the "Helper" and am interested in exchanging information on the SPENCER family.

The earliest Spencer ancestry record I have at present is James Spencer born about 1797 in Kentucky and his wife Sarah (?) born in 1798 in Ohio. They had eight sons born between 1825 and 1840 in Ohio--Michael, Joseph, Dana, Thomas W., Francis, James Whitley, David, and Martin (listed in order of age). Through information obtained from census records I strongly suspect that the parent of James is Michael who probably died about 1825 in Ohio and he had brothers named Joseph and Thomas. 1800 census records show a Michael and a Thomas living in Washington county, Kentucky, whom I believe to be ancestors of James.

I would appreciate exchanging information if we are interested in the same family.

Sincerely,

Loren S. Elliott

Loren Spencer Elliott

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Feb. 25, 1967

Mrs. Gertrude S. Carey
515 Florey
Kilgore, Texas

Dear Mrs. Carey,

I am including a copy of record just received from a Jonathan Spencer of Aurora, Mo.--thought it might tie into your line.

Also among my notes:

Spencer, Amasa--Revolutionary War Veteran buried in Jennings County, Indiana. Born 1760 in Albany, N. Y. Enlisted in service in Charlotte County, Virginia. Served under William Morton, Col. Jos^l Watkins, Capt. Thos. Williams, Col. Lucas, Col. Cock^s, Capt. John Fewkwey, Col. Lynch. In battles of Camden and Guilford Court House. Proof Pension Claim W. 2017. Died July 10, 1846. Buried on Moses Spencer farm, Spencer Twp. Married Priscilla Fitzgerald.

1860 tax list shows an Amasa Spencer lived in Mercer Co., Ky.

Hope you have had some success in your search. I have been unable to turn up with anything more in my Spencer line--ad in Helper brought a few inquiries but no help to me.

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3119 Vilura Pkwy.
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November 11, 1965

Mrs. Gertrude S. Carey,
515 Florey
Kilgore, Texas

Dear Mrs. Carey,

I appreciate receiving your reply. I don't think I have much information at present that will be of value but will be continuously searching on this line. We may get down through Kentucky, Virginia, and the Carolina's next summer on our vacation but am limited at present on time on trips spent on genealogy as it gets boring to my sons and wife but do sneak in some time.

It sounds like you have a good trip planned. The earliest confirmed records I have is of James Spencer living in Greene Co., Ohio, as early as 1820. (Ross Twp.)

James Spencer born 1796-7 in Kentucky
wife Sarah b. 1827-8 in Ohio

Children (all born in Ohio)

1. Michael b. 1824-5
2. Joseph b. 1826-7
3. Dana b. 1828-9
4. Thomas W. b. 1831 d. 1905 lived entire live in Greene Co., Ohio
5. Francis b. 1834-5
- *6. James Whitley b. 16 July 1835 m. Malinda Jane Franklin, Tippecanoe Co., Indiana b. 28 May 1838.
7. David b. 1837-8
8. Martin b. 1839-40

*My great grandfather, who left Greene Co. about 1857 but know that Thomas remained and probably several of the other brothers did also. The 1820 census of Ross Twp., Greene Co., Ohio, shows a Michael and wife over 45 years of age with several children and a Joseph that could be a younger brother but more likely a son (30-40). The 1830 census reveals that Joseph remains and a Thomas, Asa, and my James appears with a female 70-80 years old in his household and no Michael. My deduction was that this elderly lady was likely to have been the widow of Michael and the mother of my James, particularly after naming his first son Michael. If you have the opportunity to search, the most important information that you could come up with for me in Ohio would be confirmation that Michael is the father of James. Census records would indicate Michael died between 1820 and '30 and the elderly lady if his wife between 1830 and 1840.

Other information that would be of value to me, of course, would be marriage date of James and Sarah _____ which must have taken place between 1820 and 1824 and her maiden name and any information on James brother (possibly Joseph and Thomas) and his other sons.

I suppose you have discovered the Moses Spencer on the 1782-87 tax lists of Virginia in Buckingham County. If this is your ancestor, perhaps we are related. From information I have garnered, I feel like the Francis and Joseph Spencers on the same list and also of Buckingham county are likely to be ancestors of mine. In the "Virginians of the Rev." you probably noted Mose Spencer Henry Co. Pens. and Moses of Morgan's Riflemen. In this same list is Michael of Pittsylvania Co. which later became Henry Co. I tried getting information on Michael from the National Archives but no success. The 1790 census of the Ninety Sixth District of Pendleton in South Carolina also lists a Moses Spencer with 2 males over 16, 3 free white males under 16 and 5 white females.

Mrs. Hedges of Lexington whom you may have contacted gave me the following notes:

"James Harrison Spencer of Martinsvill, Va., born at Spencer, Henry Co., Va. March 8, 1858.
David Harrison Spencer w Mary Waller (Dillard)
Wm. Spencer---
James Spencer d 1783

Jas. Spencer English descent, born Westmoreland Co. moved to Loudon then Pittsylvania Co., now Henry Co., and his son James who died in Henry Co. 1783 was a soldier in Rev. and a man of considerable means owning 29 slaves."

I have a list of Spencers on the 1800 census of Kentucky compiled from tax lists but no Moses is on it.

I must close. Hope we can be of some help to each other.

Sincerely,

Loren S. Elliott
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Oct. 20-1965

Mrs. Loren S. Elliott
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Des Moines, Iowa
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Dear Mrs. Elliott

Thank you for the Spencer interest. It has been my problem child. I wish I knew more, but the immediate family had died - and my father just didn't go back too far in his conversation but now I believe he knew, we had left the native ground and he had more important things on his mind (the) my father John - b. 1859 Gallatin Co. Ill son of James Spencer b. DeKalb Co. Tenn. and Elizabeth Simpkins, Wilson Co. or Smith Co. Tenn. - James was son of Moses b. Va or N.C. and Barbara Stinson. Elizabeth, dau. of [?] Smith and James Simpkins son of John Simpkins Rev. W. Sp. buried Williams Co. Ill. - That is all I know.

Am sorry - Kentucky meant a lot to my father, and they may have lived there but he brought Ky. & the Ohio River into his conversation a lot. I do some family research for a fee, but right now I'm under the weather, but am making a trek to LeMans first of year, and will be gone for several weeks. Am having to break down and purchase a (portable) typewriter. Have always owned Royal & Remington-Rand Model 11 - but can't take them around. Sure hate to spend the money - when I make this trip, will look for your Spencers gladly (free) if you will send me enough to