

The Higgs Family

The Higgs family, like the Hacks, were not Catholic, but deserve some mention in this book.

In will book #1, page 49, Edmonson County, we found the will of Isaac Higgs. The will listed his children, but no wife:

Alexander
Betsy (Elizabeth)
Eliza
Abram
Nancy
Sally (Sarah)
William

Witnesses to the will were Nancy Lastley, Betsy Willis and Alexander Higgs.

I assume this Isaac was the progenitor of the Higgs family of Edmonson and Grayson Counties.

Alexander, son of Isaac Higgs and an unknown wife, was married to a Jane Blanton, parentage unknown, December 13, 1841.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1850:

Alexander Higgs	30
Jane	25
George	7
William	5
Rosanna	4
Isaac	1
Malinda Osbourne	21
Rebecca Higgs	56
Gemima	36
Sarah	19

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On the census of Edmonson County, 1860:

Alexander Higgs	42
Jane	38
George W.	18
William H.	16
Rosanah	13
Isaac	10
John M.	7
Mandy E.	6
Malinda F.	5
Lewis B.	3
Anna F. Blanton	17

On the census of Edmonson County, 1870:

Alexander Higgs	53
Jane	49
Rolly Ann	30
Isaac	20
John M.	18
Mandy	16
Malinda	15
Lewis	11

Alexander was not on the census for 1880.

George W., son of Alexander Higgs and Jane Blanton, was married to Mary Jane

Duvall, parentage unknown, June 14, 1864.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1880:

G.W. Higgs	37
Mary J.	34
Patsy J.	14
William	12
Margaret	10
Thomas	8
Senate	6
Ann B.	3
Ida E.	7/12
Lewis	21, brother

George W. was married second to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of George A. Durbin and Mary Lucy Whobrey, October 27, 1892.

William, son of George W. Higgs and Mary Jane Duvall, was married to Hannah J., daughter of _____ and _____.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

William W. Higgs	Jan. 1868
Hannah J.	Mar. 1869
Masha E.	Apr. 1890
Leedie B.	May 1891
Olliva	July 1894
Thomas	Feb. 1897

Thomas, son of George W. Higgs and Mary Jane Duvall, was married to Eliza E. Hayes (her second marriage), daughter of J.W. Duvall and Elizabeth Cann, December 30, 1892.

Senate, son of George W. Higgs and Mary Jane Duvall, was married to Lucy, daughter of George A. Durbin and Mary Lucy Whobrey, January 22, 1903.

This marriage was found in McLean County. Father and son had married sisters.

Children of Senate Higgs and Lucy Durbin

Raymond
Joseph
Roscoe
"Tiny"
Stella Mae

Stella Mae, daughter of Senate Higgs and Lucy Durbin, was married to Orion, son of George Washington Hayes and Susan Ellen Durbin, May 15, 1920. (This line will be carried in the Hayes Family Section.)

I have no other information on this Higgs family.

William H., son of Alexander Higgs and Jane Blanton, was married to Nancy, daughter of Buford Tomes and Rebecca Baker, April 5, 1866.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

William H. Higgs	June 1844
Nancy	Apr. 1845
Singleton	Apr. 1883
Ollie D.	July 1884
Tinus C.	June 1887
Gillis	July 1889

No other information on this line.

Isaac, son of Alexander Higgs and Jane Blanton, was married to Elizabeth Duvall, parentage unknown, January 2, 1873.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1880:

Isaac Higgs	29
Elizabeth	29
Palestine	5
Thomas	3
Nancy C.	1

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

Isaac Higgs	Sept. 1848
Elizabeth	Apr. 1850
Nancy C.	May 1879
Willie	June 1883
Laura	June 1886
Malinda	Feb. 1855, sister

Children of Isaac Higgs and Elizabeth Duvall

Palestine, son of Isaac Higgs and Elizabeth Duvall, was married to Mary A., daughter of R.B. Basham and July A. Johnson, October 13, 1892.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

Palestine Higgs	Feb. 1871
Mary A.	Oct. 1876
Albert	Sept. 1893
Everett	Dec. 1895
Rosa	May 1898

Rosa, daughter of Palestine Higgs and Mary A. Basham, was married to James Orion, son of Andrew J. Tomes and Mary Belle Bush, April 5, 1915. (This line will be carried in the Tomes Family Section.)

Thomas M., son of Isaac Higgs and Elizabeth Duvall, was married to Paradine, daughter of _____ Hayes and _____, December 3, 1896.

Nothing further is known of this line.

Laura E., daughter of Isaac Higgs and Elizabeth Duvall, was married to Martin Robert, son of John S. Durbin and Sarah Ann Durbin, September 11, 1902. (This line will be carried in the John N. Durbin Family Section.)

On the census of Edmonson County, 1860:

Jemima Higgs	46
Sarah	28
Sarah Elizabeth	10
James I.	5

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Jemima and Sarah are sisters of Alexander Higgs. They apparently never married.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1870:

Jemima Higgs	54
Martha J.	67
James I.	15

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

William M. Higgs	Apr. 1835
Polly	Feb. 1845
Mary	Aug. 1883
John	Apr. 1885
Frank	Mar. 1890
Lillie	June 1891

Joseph A. Higgs	Nov. 1862
Elizabeth	June 1878
Mamie	May 1890
Maggie	Oct. 1894
William	Nov. 1886

Samuel Higgs	June 1877
Louise (Lindsey)	Jan. 1879
John	July 1896
Arvy	Oct. 1899
Martha Suddith	

Alexander Higgs	Feb. 1867
Minnie L.	Apr. 1873
Simeon C.	May 1889
Calvina	Mar. 1891
Noah A.	Mar. 1894
Eliza J.	Apr. 1896
Perry	July 1899

This Alexander Higgs was married to Minnie Lee Wilson, parentage unknown, November 12, 1887.

Isaac, son of Isaac Higgs, Sr. and an unknown wife, was married to Charlotte Farris, parentage unknown, December 31, 1845.

One marriage list at Brownsville listed the maiden name of Charlotte as Hayes.

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I have followed the Higgs families of Edmonson County only. There were others who resided in Grayson County and McLean County, and I am sure there were others in other counties. They, like many other families who once resided in Sunfish, seem to have moved out to other States, and other Counties in this State.