

GLASS COCHRAN

Glass Cochran came to America about 1734 from County Armagh in Northern Ireland. He was eighteen and of Scottish descent. He married Sarah Hamilton of Marblehead, Massachusetts. She was the daughter of Robert and Mary Hamilton. Glass and Sarah settled in Blandford, Massachusetts, in the northern part of the township, next to a large pond named in his honor, Cochran Pond. He died in 1795 and is buried there along with his wife and several family members in the old cemetery on Blandford Hill. He was the father of Robert, John, Susanna, Cornelius, Abner, Molly, Amos, and Glass. Amos, we assume, died before reaching adulthood, as we can find no further reference to him. The youngest son, Glass married Mehitable Fuller of Connecticut. Mehitable's family was the well established Fuller family of Massachusetts and Connecticut, descendants of Robert Fuller, who came to America in 1636. Glass and Mehitable "Hetty" were the parents of thirteen children, namely Nathaniel, Harper, Lydia, John, James, Juliet, Charles, William, Joseph Sidney, Henry, Harreson, Betsy, and Sarah. Only nine of these thirteen lived to marry and raise families of their own. Lydia, Juliet, Charles, and Harreson, all died as infants or young children. In 1803, Glass joined a group of Massachusetts and Connecticut Pioneers in forming the Scioto Land company and the family settled in Franklin County in the newly formed State of Ohio, near what is now *Worthington*. Here Glass was elected Justice of the Peace, as was his father and brothers back in Blandford. He served, along with his sons, Nathaniel, Harper, and John, in the War of 1812. About 1817, the family moved westward again and settled in Palmyra Township in Knox County, Indiana. Glass died there in 1822. About this time, several of his children moved over into the newly formed County of Greene. Here they operated a grist mill on Doane's Creek in Taylor Township. William married Mary "Polly" Bennington; Betsy married Rubin Bennington; James married Rosanna Manning; and Sarah married Obadiah Barker. Eventually, Nathaniel, William, Joseph Sidney, Henry, Betsy, and their respective families, along with their mother, Mehitable, traveled west by covered wagon to settle in Texas. Harper went to Arkansas, and John settled in Illinois. Only James and Sarah stayed behind in Greene County. There are now five and six generations of the Cochran and Barker families that have called Greene County home. Submitted by. Judie Cochran

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