

**Individual Narrative of William⁷ Burroughs [196]
 Son of Susannah⁶ Leverich [69] and Thomas Burroughs
 Husband of Ann Labuise
 Husband of Jane Kershaw
 Husband of Cynthia Schooling, widow Eli Wolf**

William Burroughs was born circa 1793 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the son of Susannah Leverich and Thomas Burroughs, as per James Riker Jr.'s *Annals of Newtown*. The approximate birth year is supported by the 1850 U.S. Census of the town of Ohio, Spencer County Indiana, as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution application of Rebecca Mae Laird Fee.^{1,2,3,4}

Riker's *Annals of Newtown* states that William Burroughs lived in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co, Ohio. The 1850 U.S. Census of Bethel, Miami Co, Ohio records a William Burroughs, saddler, born about 1793 in New York State. William died in Miami, Ohio 15 November 1851. Family Search Pedigree Resource Files state that this William Burroughs was the son of James Burroughs and Sarah Watson. Based upon DAR files, as well as Family Search Records, it would appear that the William Burroughs of Spencer County, Indiana is more likely the son of Susannah Leverich and Thomas Burroughs.^{5,6,7}



**A: Cincinnati, Hamilton Co, Ohio
 B: Miami Co, Ohio
 C: Spencer Co, Indiana**

As per DAR records and the birth years of his children, William Burroughs married for the first time Ann LaBuise circa 1815, probably in New York State.⁸

A William Burroughs is recorded in the 1820 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies are not consistent with the known family members of William Burroughs and Ann Labuise.⁹

William Burroughs is recorded in the 1830 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies include 2 free white males ages 5 to 9 (son William E. and unidentified); 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (son John J.); 1 free white male age 30 to 39 (William Burroughs Sr.); 1 free white female age 5 to 9 (daughter Elizabeth); 1 free white female age 10 to 14 (daughter Adeline); 1 free white female age 30 to 39 (either wife number one Ann LaBuise or wife number 2 Jane Kershaw).¹⁰

No William Burroughs is found in the 1840 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. William Burroughs likely migrated to Spencer County, Indiana between 1830 and 1840. A William Burroughs is recorded in the 1840 U.S. Census of Spencer County, Indiana. The census tallies include 1 free white male under the age of 5 (unidentified); 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (son William E); 1 free white male age 20 to 29 (son John J.); 1 free white male age 50 to 59 (William Burroughs Sr); 1 free white female under age 5 (unidentified); 1 free white female age 5 to 9 (unidentified); 1 free white female age 15 to 19 (daughter Adeline or daughter Elizabeth); 1 free white female age 50 to 59 (either wife number one Ann LaBuisse or wife number 2 Jane Kershaw, more likely Jane who was 60 years old in 1850).¹¹

William married for a second time widow Jane Kershaw before 1850, as per DAR Records. The marriage likely took place in New York or Indiana.^{12,13,14}

William Burroughs, age 52, farmer, is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of the Town of Ohio, Spencer Co, Indiana. The household includes his second wife Jane Kershaw Burroughs, age 60, born in New York; son William Burroughs age 26 born New York; grandson William E. Burroughs, age 4, born Ohio; Elizabeth Kershaw, age 66; and Tunis Kershaw, age 45.¹⁵

William Burroughs, age 66, farmer, is recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Ohio, Spencer Co, Indiana. The household includes wife Jane, age 70; son William, age 34; grandson William, age 13; Elizabeth Kershaw, age 75; Fanie Kershaw, age 55.¹⁶

Jane Kershaw Burroughs died 18 May 1862 in Spencer Co, Indiana, and was buried at the Mount Zion Cemetery in the city of Richland.¹⁷

William married for a third time widow Cynthia Wolf about 1862-1865, as per DAR Records. Cynthia's maiden name was Schooling. She married first Benjamin Carter; she married second Eli Wolf; she married third William Burroughs Sr; she married fourth Thomas Mills.¹⁸

William Burroughs died on 3 Sep 1865 at Spencer County, Indiana. He was buried at Mount Zion Cemetery in Richland City.¹⁹

On 15 October 1867, the probate file for William Burroughs Sr included a petition to sell lands. The petition identifies the following heirs: Cynthia Burroughs, William Burroughs Jr, Eliza Snyder, Adaline Black, George Burroughs (minor), Henry C. Burroughs (minor), and Benjamin F. Burroughs minor. Robert M. Richards was the administrator of William's estate. A Mr. Blount was the guardian for the minor grandchildren, the children of William Burroughs Jr.²⁰s

William Burroughs and his first wife Ann LaBuisse had four children, as per DAR records.²¹

William Burroughs and his third wife, Cynthia, the widow of Eli Wolf, probably had one child. That child could also have been a grandchild, the child of William E. Burroughs and his wife Cynthia Tinsley, widow of Andrew Wolf.²²

- i. Adeline S. Burroughs was born in Newtown, Queens Co, New York about 1817. The birth year is a calculated date based upon census records. Adeline Burroughs married Mahlon Black 11 July 1847 in Hamilton County, Ohio. Widow Adeline Black is listed in the Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio City Directory in 1914. Adeline died 1 March 1915 in Hamilton County, Ohio. Adeline and Mahlon were recorded in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census in the Town of Columbia, Hamilton Co, Ohio. Widow Adeline Black was recorded in the 1870, 1880, and 1910 U.S. Census in the Town of Columbia and 1900 in the Town of Madisonville in Hamilton Co, Ohio.^{23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31}
- ii. John James Burroughs was born in Newtown, Queens Co, New York 12 April 1819. John James Burroughs was apparently not married. John is not found in the 1850 U.S. Census. He died at the age of 34 on 23 January 1853 in Spencer County, Indiana. He was buried at Mount Zion Cemetery, Richland City, Spencer Co, Indiana.³²

- iii. Ann Eliza Burroughs was born in Newtown, Queens County, New York about 1822. The birth year is a calculated date based upon U.S. Census Records and Ann's death record. Ann Eliza married George Washington Snyder 30 June 1842 in Spencer County, Indiana. She died 1 January 1901 at Rockport, Spencer Co, Indiana. Ann Eliza and George W. Snyder were recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Rockport, Spencer Co, Indiana. Widow Ann Eliza Snyder was recorded in the 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 U.S. Census in the Town of Ohio, Spencer County, Indiana, Rockport Post Office.^{33,34,35,36,37,38,39}
- iv. William E. Burroughs was born in Newtown, Queens Co, New York about 1825. The birth year is a calculated date based upon U.S. Census Records. William E. Burroughs married for the first time about 1845 but the name of his first wife has not been identified. William's first marriage is projected based upon the presence of William Burroughs age 4 in the 1850 U.S. Census, Spencer Co, Indiana. William married for the second time Cynthia Tinsley, widow of Andrew Wolf, 20 December 1863, in Spencer County, Indiana. William died in 1873 in Rockport, Spencer Co, Indiana and was buried in the Sunset Hill Cemetery. William is recorded in the U.S. Census in his father's household in 1850 and 1860, Town of Ohio, Spencer Co, Indiana. William was a civil war veteran, enlisting 17 November 1862 at Owensboro, Kentucky, Co H 12 Kentucky Cavalry. He was mustered out 23 August 1865 at Louisville, Kentucky. William was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census as a farmer in the Town of Ohio, Spencer Co, Indiana.^{40,41,42,43,44,45}
- v. Susan Burroughs was the daughter of William Burroughs and his third wife, Cynthia, widow of Eli Wolf, according to the DAR application of Rebecca Mae Laird Fee. However, two Ancestry.com public trees, i.e. "Marshall Family Tree" (jsauter45) and "Burroughs Extended Family" (lfb128) make Susan Burroughs the daughter of William E. Burroughs (son of William Burroughs and his first wife Ann Labuise) and his second wife Cynthia Tinsley, widow of Andrew Wolf. Susan Burroughs was born 4 January 1865 in Spencer County, Indiana. Susan Burroughs age 15, servant of Henry Partridge, is recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Grass Township, Spencer Co, Indiana. Susan married James L. Marshall 23 December 1891 in Warrick County, Indiana. Susan Marshall is recorded in the 1900 and 1910 (widow) U.S. Census of Grass Township, Spencer Co, Indiana. Susan died 3 July 1917 in Grandview, Spencer County, Indiana. Susan's death certificate identifies her father as William Burroughs and her mother as "Sinty Tanely". Susan was buried in Grandview Cemetery. The 1880 and 1910 U.S. Census records indicate that Susan's father was born in New York. This is consistent with William Burroughs Sr. and William E. Burroughs. The same census records indicate that Susan's mother was born in Kentucky. This is consistent with the fact that both Cynthia, widow Eli Wolf (see 1850 U.S. Census Jasper Co, Missouri), and Cynthia, widow Andrew Wolf (see marriage record to William E. Burroughs), were born in Kentucky. Therefore, the parentage of Susan Burroughs is uncertain. She could have been the daughter of William Burroughs Sr. or William E. Burroughs.^{46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54}

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