

**Individual Narrative of Mary<sup>8</sup> Williamson [430]  
Daughter of Elizabeth<sup>7</sup> Leverich [210] and John Williamson, Sr.  
Wife of Samuel Likins  
Wife of Edward H. Harding**

Mary Williamson was born 12 April 1815 in Guernsey County, Ohio.<sup>1,2</sup>

About 1808, Benjamin Leverich, Mary Williamson's maternal grandfather, with extended family removed from Westchester County, New York and settled in Guernsey County, Ohio. John Williamson Sr's (father of Mary Williamson) 1873 obituary states that John and his family went to Guernsey County in 1805.<sup>3,4</sup>

By 1817, John Williamson Sr and much of the extended Leverich family had removed to Galion, Ohio where they were among the first settlers. Galion was then in Sandusky Township, Richland Co, now Polk Township, Crawford Co. At this time, John Leveredge (Leverich) was killed by a falling log while helping to raise the cabin of his brother-in-law John Williamson Sr. Subsequently, John Williamson Sr. selected the ground for, and held the deed for the Galion Cemetery (aka Union Green Cemetery). John and his wife Elizabeth Levereich (parents of Mary Williamson) were probably buried there, although a documentary record has not been found to support this.<sup>5</sup>

Mary Williamson married for the first time Samuel Likins on 25 January 1838 at Marion, Ohio.<sup>6</sup> Samuel Likins was born circa 1813 in Pennsylvania. Samuel's parents have not been identified.<sup>7</sup>

Samuel Likins was recorded in the 1840 U. S. Census of Tully, Marion County, Ohio. The census tallies reflect Samuel and his wife Mary, no children.<sup>8</sup>

Samuel Likins died of consumption (tuberculosis) in December 1849 in Marion County, Ohio.<sup>9</sup>

Mary Williamson Likins, age 35, and her daughter Euphana (Eupharna). age 6, were recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Tully, Marion County, Ohio. It is likely that Mary was pregnant at the time (enumeration in August 1850) by her now deceased husband. See daughter Ann, age 10, record in the 1860 U. S. Census.<sup>10</sup>

Mary Williamson Likins married for a second time Edward H. Harding 4 July 1856 in Marion County, Ohio.<sup>11</sup> Edward H. Harding was born 7 April 1818 in Harpers Ferry, then Loudon County, Virginia; now Jefferson County, West Virginia. Edward was the son of Thomas Edward Harding and Elizabeth Demory.<sup>12</sup>

Mary Harding, age 44, was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Tully, Marion County, Ohio. Mary's household included her husband Edward, age 40 farmer, and her daughters Euphana Harding, age 15, and Ann Harding, age 10. The census taker gave both daughters their step-father's surname (Harding) instead of their natural father's surname (Likins). The girls may well have taken the Harding surname since their father died before they could really get to know him. Ann is recorded as Eliza Harding, age 19, in the 1870 U. S. Census.<sup>13,14</sup>

Mary Harding, age 55, was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Tully, Marion County, Ohio. Mary's household included her husband Edward, age 52 farmer, and her daughter Anna E., age 19.<sup>15</sup>

Mary Harding, age 65, and her husband Edward Harding, age 62 farmer, were recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Galion, Crawford County, Ohio. Mary's two daughters are no longer living in the household.<sup>16</sup>

Mary Williamson (Likins) Harding died on 25 June 1892 in Galion. Galion occupied parts of three counties, i.e. Morrow, Richland, and Crawford. Mary was buried at the Union Green Cemetery in Galion.<sup>17,18,19</sup>

Edward Harding died 26 November 1908 aged 90 years at Galion, Morrow County, Ohio. Edward was buried at the Iberia Cemetery in Morrow County.<sup>20</sup>

Mary Williamson and Samuel Likins had two daughters, at least one of whom survived until adulthood, the other was age 19 in the 1870 Census, nothing thereafter.

- i. Euphana (Likins) Harding was born 1 August 1845 in Marion County, Ohio. Euphana married Samuel D. Harding 7 May 1867 in Crawford County, Ohio. Euphana died in 1875 probably in Clayton County, Iowa. Euphana's burial place is unknown. Euphana was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Marion County, Ohio; 1870 Clayton County, Iowa.<sup>21,22,23,24</sup>
- ii. Ann (Anna E.) (Likins) Harding was born circa September-October 1850. Ann's father died in December 1849, and Ann is missing from the 1850 U. S. Census which was enumerated in August 1850. Ann was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Marion County, Ohio, age 10; 1870 Clayton County, Iowa, age 19. Nothing further is found about Ann, so she may have died as a young adult.<sup>25,26,27</sup>

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