

Evidence For Ancestry of David Hartzell (1805-1865)

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Direct proof of David Hartzell's ancestry has apparently been lost to history. However, we can still prove it indirectly. I think this web page provides sufficient evidence that my ancestor David Hartzell was the son of Adam and Christina (Sink) Hartzell of Franklin County Virginia. This means we have our Hartsell ancestry back to 1580 Switzerland (via [Paul Swan's Hartzell Chapter](#)).

In Oct. 2006, I came across "The Virginia Settlement or The Four Mile Church of the Brethren" by Rev. Merle C. Rummel (see References below). It shed new light on the 1815 migration of the Hartzells from Virginia to Ohio and Indiana, and prompted a major rewrite of this web page.

For my detailed "Life of David Hartzell (1805-1865)", go to www.jdhartsell.com/DavidHartzell, or <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jdhartsell/DavidHartzell>.

This analysis supplies evidence for the following:

- That David Hartzell was the son of Adam and Christina (Sink) Hartzell.
 - That George Hartzell of 1830 Union County Indiana was Adam's cousin.
 - That Leonard Hartzell of 1832 Rush County Indiana was Adam's son.
 - That David Hartzell met Barbara Nipp in Rush County, Indiana ~1835 (via Leonard?).
 - That Adam's wife Christina Sink was the daughter of Micheal Zink/Sink.
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SOLID FACTS: My ancestor David Hartzell

- was born in Virginia according to the 1850 and 1860 Fayette County Indiana Census.
- was born Nov. 20, 1805 according to his gravestone (died March 5, 1865, age 59 years, 3 months, and 13 days).
- married Barbara Nipp May 15, 1836 in Connersville, Fayette County, Indiana according to marriage records at the courthouse.
- was a shoemaker, according to the 1850 Indiana Census.
- named his firstborn son James Alexander Hartzell.
- according to family stories, was son of Ferdinand or Daniel Hartzell, and had a brother Frederick.

Since Johann Philip Hartzell (1743-1815) moved to Franklin County, Virginia in 1792,
one or

more of his brothers could have accompanied him. Except for Philip's descendants, this chart accounts for the MALES in Philip's generation and later, because we are looking for Hartzells and where they went. Big time gaps in birth dates are because certain daughters are skipped.

generation	Philip's generation	Adam's generation	David's
cousins	Philip's bro/cousins	Adam's bro/cousins	David's bro/
	Adam's uncles	David's uncles	
Jacob Hertzell			
-----+			
b.1716 Ger.	Jonas Hartzell		
m.~1740 PA to	+-----+		
Barbel Ritter	b.1741 PA	Isaac Hartzell	
d.1781 PA	m.1763 PA to	+-----+	
	Catharina Sendi/Santee	b.1764 PA	Thomas Hartzell
	wrote 1816 letter to	moved to Lucerne Co. PA	
+-----+			
	brother Philip		b.1792 PA
	prominent public figure		moved to
Lucerne Co. PA			
	d.1824 PA	Jonas Hartzell	
		+-----+	
		killed in War of 1812	
		Jacob Hartzell	
		+-----+	
		b.1764-1786	
	PHILIP HARTZELL		
+-----+			
	b.1743 PA	ADAM HARTZELL	
	m.1765 PA to	+-----+	
	Christina Barbara	b.~1768 PA	Philip Hartzell
	Kreiling	m.~1786 PA	
+-----+			
	moved: 1792 to Franklin	to Christina Sink	b.~1787 PA
	County, VA	moved ~17xx to Franklin	m.~1809 VA
	d. after 1815 VA	County, VA	to Mary
Elizabeth Miller			
		moved 1815 to Montgomery	moved to Miami
Co. OH			
		County, OH	may have been
in Darke Co.			
		d.after 1830 OH	OH when son
Philip born			
			d.1855 OH
			Catherine

"Kate" Hartzell

+-----+

___ Bulacher

about 1812

sister Betsy

+-----+

Capper

+-----+

Susannah Heck

Susannah in Wabash

son John?

+-----+

"Betsy" Hartzell

+-----+

Rentfrow

Kosciusko Co. IN

|b.
|m. ___ VA to

|moved to OH

|d. ___ IN
|buried near

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|Jacob Hartzell

|b.1790 PA
|m.1816 VA
| to Hannah

|remained in VA
|d. VA
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|John Hartzell

|b.1793 PA
|m.1819 OH to

|In 1850,
| Co. IN with

|d.1868 OH
|
|unknown son

|b.1794-1800
|
|Elizabeth

|b.~1798
|m.1818 OH to
| Moses

|moved to

|d.1881 IN
|
|Leonard

	d.1842 Ellerton, OH	
	Maria Margaret Hartzell	
	+-----+	
	b.1773 PA	
	m. David Penrose	
	or cousin Isaac Hartzsell	
	Elizabeth	
Hartzell		
	+-----+	
	b.1778 PA	
	Frederick Hartzell	
	+-----+	
	b.~1785 PA	Peter Hartzell
	m.~1810 OH	
+-----+		
(1860 census)	to Sarah Houghman	b.1811 OH
bef. 1860	moved to IN ~1828	moved to Iowa
	dau. Delilah b. 1828 OH	
Hartzell?	bought land IN 1828	George
	in Marion Co. IN, 1850	
+?-----+		
	d.1855 Iowa	b.1812 OH
		m.1834 OH
Yaughey		to Margaret
		Squire L.
+-----+		
		b.1823 OH
	Jacob Hartzell	
	+-----+	
	b.1745 PA	Jonas Hartzell
	m. 1770 PA to	+-----+
	Maria Catherine Klein	
	d.1818 PA	
+-----+		
	John Hartzell	
	+-----+	

	b.1762 PA	Jacob Hartzell
	m. 1781 to	+-----
	Catherine Schneider	
	1816 in Allentown,PA	
	d. 1847 PA	John Hartzell
		+-----
		Jonas Hartzell
		+-----
		Isaac Hartzell
		+-----
		George Hartzell
		+?-----+
Hartzell)	b.~1785 PA	(Catherine
	m.1809 VA to	
+-----+		
	Susannah Toney	b.1811 VA
Alexander	moved to IN bef. 1820	m. James

There is strong evidence of a connection between my ancestor David Hartzell and George Hartzell of 1820's Union County, Indiana (bottom of chart), through David's use of the name "James Alexander" for his first son, through shoemaking, etc. This chart shows how George was connected to the William Toney family (close neighbor of Philip & Adam Hartzell in Virginia), connected to the Sink family in Virginia, and most likely a cousin of Adam Hartzell.

PHILIP HARTZELL

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-----+
1743-aft.1820 | ADAM HARTZELL
               +-----+
               |~1765--~1835 | LEONARD HARTZELL (of Rush Co. IN)
               | m. 1786      +-----+
               | York Co. PA |
               |             | DAVID HARTZELL
               |             +-----+
               |             |1805-1865 | JAMES ALEXANDER HARTSELL

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               |b.Franklin Co.VA+-----+
MICHEAL SINK   |m. 1836, Fayette|1837-1910
-----+      | Co. Indiana |b. Fayette Co, IN
1724-         |CHRISTINA SINK |

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innkeeper +?-----+
 |~1766- Barbara Nipp |
 |-----+ Adam Hartzell and Abraham Sink
 |ABRAHAM SINK 1815-1880 were both born in Northampton Co
 +-----+ PA at about the same time.
 |1762- Philip Hartzell and Abraham Sink
 | both moved in 1792 to Franklin Co
 |STEPHEN SINK VA and settled near each other.
 +-----+

|1759-1835 |FRONY "FANNY" SINK
 +-----+
 Stephen Sink lived |~1780- |Susannah Toney
 12 miles SE of Philip | m. 12/16/1806, +-----+
 Hartzell. | Franklin Co.VA |
 |-----+
 | Joseph Neff

WILLIAM TONEY
 -----+
 1727-1804 |JESSE TONEY |
 +-----+ NOTE: There is much erroneous
 information on the internet
 about the Toney family.

William Toney lived roughly |~1780-1839
 WNW of Philip Hartzell. His |
 will gave his land to daughter |SUSANNAH TONEY
 Susannah, and sons James & |-----+
 Jesse. He also named grand- |~1762-1821
 daughter Susannah. |

|JAMES TONEY (surety for marriage of Susannah
 to George Hartzell)
 +-----+
 |1776-1861 |
 | SUSANNAH TONEY
 +-----+ JOHN HARTZELL
 |~1792- +-----+
 | m. 3/28/1809 |
 | Franklin Co.VA |CATHERINE HARTZELL
 +-----+

|~1811-1879 |
 |b.Franklin Co.VA| James
 |-----+

&
 John Hartzell | m. 7/26/1827 |
 Catherine |
 -----+ | Union Co. IN, | named

two
 1762-1847 | GEORGE HARTZELL | next to Fayette| sons
 David |
 +?-----+ Co. IN. | and

Adam.
 m. 1781 | ~1785-1830 |
 Catherine Schneider | d. Union Co. IN |
 -----+ JAMES ALEXANDER |

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 Since George Hartzell married ~1810-1867
 Susannah in Franklin Co VA,
 it puts him near or in

the

household of Adam Hartzell.

In 1810, George is listed 8 households from

Adam.

George named 3 children John, Catherine, and Adam.

The following logic is greatly revised from my previous document.

OBJECTIVES:

Link 1836 David Hartzell of Fayette County, Indiana

- to Adam and Christina (Sink) Hartzell of 1810 Franklin County, VA
- to the early 1800's Franklin County Virginia migration to Indiana/Ohio
- to 1820-1830 Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio
- to George and Susannah (Toney) Hartzell of 1830 Union County, IN
- to Leonard and Delilah (Weiss) Hartzell of 1832 Rush County, IN
- to a Ferdinand and Frederick Hartzell (family notes)
- to someone named Daniel who could have given him the leather-bound Bible
- to the unknown son of Adam Hartzell born 1800-1802

Here is roughly the orientation of the Indiana-Illinois counties in which we will be interested; left is West:

Rush County	Fayette County	Union County	Preble County	Montgomery County
Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Ohio	Ohio

IN A NUTSHELL:

David Hartzell married Barbara Nipp in Connersville, Indiana, on May 15, 1836. This is our stake in the ground, our line in the sand. **May 15, 1836 is the earliest known record of the whereabouts of David Hartzell (beside being born in Virginia).** At this time, David was surrounded in neighboring counties by Adam Hartzell's brothers, sisters, cousins, children, and people from Franklin County, Virginia. We have not been able to fit David Hartzell into any other family.

David and Barbara were married by George Harlan, M.G. (regularly ordained minister of the gospel in the Church of Christ). Rev. Harlan lived in Connersville Township, so the marriage was probably at the Christian Church at what is now 5th and Water, in Connersville. David and Barbara named their first son James Alexander Hartzell, which is significant. By occupation, David was a shoemaker.

A big question is where & when they met, to be married in Connersville.

I don't know how long couples usually courted back then, but in the summer of 1834, Barbara Nipp was 18 years old, and David was 28. I would say this is about the earliest that David would take a shine to Barbara, considering their age difference and enough time to get acquainted. Barbara had arrived in Indiana in 1831, age 15, and surely lived with her uncle George Nipp. Barbara's father Phillip remained in Virginia, because records show he was under county welfare, and apparently too poor to care for her. Uncle George Nipp was living in Rushville Township, Rush County, just northeast of the town of Rushville. George Nipp was a shoemaker in the winter, and a farmer in the summer.

So now we have David somehow being in Rush County to find Barbara. What could have brought him here?

In 1828, Adam Hartzell's brother Frederick settled in Marion County, Indiana (Indianapolis area).

Fifteen miles east of Connersville, Adam Hartzell's cousin George Hartzell was living in Harrison Township, Union County, Indiana, just east of the town of Kitchell. George was apparently a shoemaker because of "lots of" shoemaking tools in his estate when he died in late 1830. Could George be David's second cousin? George's daughter Catherine, lo and behold, married a man named James Alexander. James and Catherine named two of their sons David and Adam.

In 1830, Adam Hartzell and his sons John & Leonard were living near each other in Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio. In Adam's household were 2 males 20-29 years old (see census taker's presumed error below). One could be David, plus another unknown male who shows up in 1810 and 1820, still at home with their aging parents (60-69 years old).

In 1832, Leonard moved to Rush County, Indiana. Something must have happened in Ohio, like his parents dying, to trigger this move. Leonard's daughter Susanna was born in 1831 in Ohio. In Sept. 1832, Leonard bought land in the northern part of Rush County, Center Township, 2.5 miles east of Carthage, Indiana, and about 9 miles north of the town of Rushville. Why did he move at this time? Had his parents died? Maybe in the cholera epidemic? Did he inherit some money? Why 65 miles from "home" in Ohio? Had to go that far to find affordable land?

With Leonard about 9 miles from George Nipp, could Leonard be David's brother? Is this how David came to be in Rush County? Could the Hartzell's and Nipp's be attending the same church? Is this how David met Barbara?

So how about a connection to Franklin County, Virginia?

In 1809, George Hartzell married Susannah Toney in Franklin County, Virginia. The Toney's lived in the Blackwater River Valley of Franklin County, in the east foothills of Cahas Mountain and 5 miles east of Boone's Mill, Virginia. So did Adam Hartzell, close to cousin George in 1810. It is likely that George lived with Adam before his marriage. George was young enough to be considered more of a son than a cousin, and like an older brother to Adam's children. In fact, George named his second son Adam (after naming his first son after his father John). This is a significant clue. Around that time, there was a migration of members of the Church of the Brethren from the Blackwater River Valley of Virginia mostly to the Miami River Valley near Dayton, Ohio (Montgomery County). Some went to Preble County, Ohio, and Union County, Indiana. In Union County they formed The Four Mile Church. It was on the southwest corner of George Hartzell's land. The Toney's first arrived before 1810, and George had arrived between 1810 and 1820.

Could George Hartzell be the reason Leonard (and David) headed west into Fayette and Union Counties? By 1832 they had to go farther west for affordable land.

There is one more pulling influence on Leonard Hartzell. Adam Hartzell's brother Frederick had arrived in Butler County, Ohio before 1810. In 1828, Frederick bought land in Marion County, Indiana, near Indianapolis. He was an uncle to Leonard.

Adam's unknown son could very well be D. A. Hartzell, born 1802 in Virginia. In 1860 he was keeper of a boarding house in Storrs Township, now Lower Price Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio. The "D" most likely was for "Daniel", and "A" could have been for "Adam" or "Abraham". No wife is listed, and by not appearing in any other census years, he had not been head of a household. Having no heirs, he may have been the Daniel Hartsell who gave David the old leather-bound Bible.

For more on David Hartzell's life, and after 1836, see my "Life of David Hartzell 1805-1865".

OVERVIEW OF WHAT WE HAVE SO FAR:

(Refer to the genealogy chart above to keep the names straight, plus the map of early Franklin County Virginia farther down this web page.) Notice the large interaction of Franklin County, Virginia families and the same families that migrated to the same general area in Ohio and Indiana, west of Dayton, Ohio.

- The name Ferdinand as David Hartzell's father (family legend) now seems to be a childhood memory of "Philip 'n Adam" said together, or "Abraham".
- In 1792, Adam Hartzell's father Philip moved his family from Pennsylvania to Franklin County, Virginia. Phillip knew Abraham Sink in Pennsylvania. They settled near each other just southwest of Boone's Mill. Philip's 150 acres touched or crossed both Little Creek and Mill Creek, so it was in between the creeks where they were from about a half mile to a mile apart.
- Adam Hartzell's wife, Christina Sink, was most likely a younger sister of Abraham Sink.
- In 1793, a Margaret Hartzell (Adam's sister?) married Andrew Roland in Franklin County, Virginia. Surety was Philip Hartzell.
- In 1796, an Abraham Hartzell (Adam's brother?) married Eve Houtz in Franklin County, Virginia.
- In 1801, a Charles Sinks "entered" land in Hamilton County, Ohio.
- In 1802, a D. A. Hartzell was born in Virginia, probably "Daniel".
- In 1802, Adam's brother-in-law Jacob Mullendore (m. Katarina Hartzell) settled on present site of Ellerton, Ohio, in Jefferson Township, Montgomery County.
- In 1804 & 1805, a George Sink "entered" land in Montgomery County, Ohio, 20 miles north of Germantown. He may have been Christina Sink's uncle.
- In 1805, David Hartzell was born in Virginia.
- In 1805, Adam Hartzell's brother Abraham purchased land just north of Germantown, Montgomery County, Ohio.
- In 1806, Jesse Toney married Frony Sink in Franklin County, Virginia.
- In 1806, John Lybrook married Fanny Toney in Franklin County, Virginia, then joined his father Philip Lybrook near the Indiana state line in Preble County, Ohio (adjacent to Union County, Indiana). Thus began the migration of the Toneys. This area was settled by members of the Four Mile Church of the Brethren, people from the area where Adam Hartzell lived in Virginia.
- Before 1809, it is likely that George Hartzell lived with his cousin Adam in Franklin County, Virginia. George was the son of Adam's uncle John Hartzell. See [The Other George Hartzells](#).
- In 1809, George Hartzell married Susannah Toney in Franklin County, Virginia.
- Before 1810, Adam Hartzell's brother Frederick was in Butler County, Ohio, next to Montgomery County, where he married Sarah Houghman about 1810. In 1811, Frederick's son Peter was born in Ohio.
- In the 1810 Census, the only family in Virginia with a male David's age (4) was that of Adam Hartzell. Adam's wife was Christina Sink. See also [The Other Adam Hartzells](#) and [The Other David Hartzell](#).
- In 1810, Adam Hartzell lived in the Blackwater River Valley, about five miles west of Boones Mill, Virginia. Nearby were the Lybrook, Toney, Webster, Moss, Miller, Kingery and Henderson families. See Franklin County Settlement Map below.
- In 1810, newly married George Hartzell lived near Adam Hartzell in Franklin County.
- George Hartzell was related by marriage to Stephen and Abraham Sink.
- In 1810-11, Adam Hartzell's brother Frederick married Sarah Houghman in Bulter County, Ohio (just south of Montgomery County).
- In 1811, George Hartzell's daughter Catherine was born.
- In 1812, a George Hartzell was born in Ohio, presumably Montgomery County. In 1834 he married Margaret Yaughey, same county. He was most likely the son of Adam's brother Frederick Hartzell, or possible brother Abraham Hartzell.
- In 1815, most of Adam Hartzell's family moved from Virginia to Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio, near Ellerton. They arrived on Christmas day. David was 10 years old. Other family members and Virginia neighbors were already in the area.
- In 1818, Adam Hartzell's daughter Elizabeth married Moses Rentfrow, grandson of Moses Rentfrow, of Franklin County, Virginia, in Montgomery County, Ohio.
- Before 1820, George Hartzell's family moved to Wayne (now Union) County, Indiana, where in the 1820 census he is surrounded by Lybrook, Kingery, and Moss families from Franklin County, Virginia. He could very well have come with the Adam Hartzell family.
- In 1820, living near Adam Hartzell in Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio were John Noffsinger, Adam's son-in-law Moses Rentfro (next door), John Mason, Jacob Neff/Naff, Robert Troup, all from Adam

Hartzell's area in Franklin County, Virginia.

- In 1820, in Preble, Butler and Miami counties adjacent to Montgomery County, Ohio, there were Lybrook, Moss, Toney, Webster, Kingery, Miller and Henderson families from Adam Hartzell's area in Franklin County, Virginia.
- In 1820, James Toney married Sarah Lybrook (both of Franklin Co. VA) in Union County, Indiana. Sarah's father Phillip Lybrook lived west of William Toney in Franklin County, Virginia. James was most likely a brother or cousin of Susannah Toney.
- In 1820, George Nipp, presumably an uncle of Barbara Nipp (David's future wife), bought land in Rush County, Indiana.
- In 1821, Union County, Indiana formed out of Franklin, Wayne, and Fayette Counties.
- About 1825, Leonard Hartzell married Delilah Weiss in Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio.
- By 1826, George Hartzell lived in Harrison Township, Union County, Indiana, among people from the Blackwater River Valley in Franklin County, Virginia. George was about 30 miles west of Ellerton, Montgomery County, Ohio.
- George Hartzell named his first two children Catherine and John, apparently after his parents, and named his second son Adam.
- In 1827, George Hartzell's daughter Catherine married James Alexander in Union County, Indiana. They named their 4th and 5th sons David and Adam.
- In 1828, Adam Hartzell's brother Frederick bought land in Marion County, Indiana, near the site of Indianapolis.
- In 1830, David Hartzell, age 24, appears to have been at home in Montgomery County, Ohio, along with his next older brother (D.A. Hartzell?). It is believed Adam and Christina died between 1830 and 1840, possibly in the 1833 cholera epidemic.
- In 1830, Adam and his sons Leonard & John Hartzell were separate households near each other in Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio.
- In 1830, James Alexander was living next to George Hartzell in Harrison Township, Union County, Indiana.
- In 1830, George Hartzell's neighbors in Harrison Township, Union County, Indiana, were Toney, Lybrook, Kingery, and Moss families from Franklin County, Virginia. Also Jacob Alexander, age 60-69, probable father of James Alexander.
- In 1830, George Nipp, age 50-59, was living in Rush County, Indiana. His children were age 5-19.
- In late 1830, George Hartzell died. In his estate was listed "a lot of shoemaking tools".
- In 1831, Barbara Nipp, age 15, arrived in Indiana from Wythe County, Virginia. Her father Phillip Nipp, poor and/or of ill health, remained in Virginia,
- In 1832, Leonard Hartzell moved to Rush County, Indiana.
- During 1832-1835, David must have been in Indiana, he may have been living with George Hartzell or James Alexander, and may have learned shoemaking at this time.
- In 1834, a George Hartzell, possibly a son of Frederick, married Margaret Yaughey in Montgomery County, Ohio.
- By 1835, David met Barbara Nipp in Rush County, Indiana.
- In May, 1836, David Hartzell married Barbara Nipp in Connersville, Indiana.
- In 1837, David named his first son James Alexander Hartzell.
- In 1840, a Christian Hertsel bought land in Rush County, Indiana, but was born in Germany in 1812.
- In 1840, George's widow Susannah (Toney) Hartzell was still living in Harrison Township, Union County, Ohio.
- In 1840, George Nipp was living in Rushville Township, Rush County, Indiana. Son John Nipp was living in Union Township, same county.
- By 1850, David was living half a mile from Daniel Fiant, an early settler and member of the Four Mile Church.
- David was a shoemaker, as was George Hartzell and George Nipp.
- In 1850, Adam's son John's widow Susanna (Heck) Hartzell was living in Noble Township, Wabash County, Indiana (with son John), as was Adam's son Leonard & family.

THE DETAILS:

Spelling:

All variations were searched: Hartzel, Hertzell, Hirtzel, Heartzel, with "z" or "s" and one or two "l's". In the records, David's name has been spelled Hartzell, Hartzel, Hartsell, and Hartsel. Always "Hart...". In the 1816 letter from Adam's uncle Jonas to Adam's father Philip, spelling was clearly "Hartzell".

Wrong information on the internet:

No reliable record has been found naming David as a son of Adam Hartzell. There is wrong information out there that does, and it traces to "The Hartzell Ancestral Line" (See References), author unknown. A long time ago, the author misread an 1830 Montgomery County, Ohio marriage record for David Hetzel and Margaret Nieval. (See "Margaret Nieval near the end of this web page.) He assumed this David must have been a son of Adam. Wrong! This wrong information has been propagated on the internet, including familysearch.org IGI and Pedigree Resource Files.

The same author also misread the marriage of Adam Hetzel to Mary Spiekard in 1821 in Montgomery County, Ohio, calling this the second marriage of Adam Hartzell. Wrong! Thirdly, the author said the George who married Margaret Yaughey in Montgomery County, Ohio in 1834 was Adam's son. Wrong!

The Quest:

Since at least 1970 I have been off-and-on searching specifically for David Hartzell's parents. This has been my central focus while searching everything around David hoping for clues. My 2nd cousin Thelma and my dad's cousin Don also did a lot of searching, and Don being of my dad's generation had access to earlier generations. In 1973 I found the 1810 Franklin County, Virginia family of Adam Hartzell with three sons under five years old, but we were looking for a Ferdenand Hartzell, thanks to misleading family folklore (see below). In the years following, I learned so much about David's life after his 1836 marriage that I even knew the names of the kids that his kids played with in 1850, and where he lived in 1840 before he owned land. Thirty years later, in 2001, I came across that wrong information mentioned above on David Hartzell. Two or three years later I found out it was David Hetzel, but in the meantime many things fell into place to make me feel, in spite of that wrong information, I had finally found David's parents. I will keep looking for absolute proof the rest of my life, but it feels right to me that we finally have David's correct ancestry.

"Ferdenand" = "Philip 'n Adam"? "Abraham"?

A single family note says that a Ferdenand Hartzell was David's father. Decades were wasted searching for a Ferdenand. I now regard the name as additional evidence that we have David Hartzell's ancestry. The name "Ferdenand" came from Sarah (Hartzell) Walden, daughter of David Hartzell, in the 1920's, when Sarah was around 70 years old. Adam Hartzell died about 20 years before Sarah was born. Sarah was 10 when her father David Hartzell died in 1865. For someone with probably only a vague recollection of something she heard as a child, saying "Philip 'n Adam" sounds a little like "Ferdenand". Like "Philip 'n Adam moved to Virginia". Sarah also said David had a brother named Frederick, who we've never found, but there was an uncle Frederick (a brother of Adam) near Indianapolis in 1850. There is a section on Frederick below.

"Ferdenand" could also have been a childhood memory of "Abraham". Adam Hartzell's brother Abraham would have been an uncle to David.

Online access to census records:

Finally, in 2006, I had internet access to all the census record images, complete with search, through ancestry.com and the Heritage Quest Online Database. I did in months what used to take years. It was an internet blitz trying to prove/disprove Adam Hartzell as being David's father.

The Sink family connection:

Members of the Sink family were also early arrivals in the Montgomery County, Ohio area. For information on them, see www.jdhartsell.com/Sink.

James Hartzell, 1840 Wythe County, Virginia:

Interesting having a James in Wythe County, since David Hartzell named his first son James, and his wife Barbara was from Wythe County. But, I can't make a connection.

In 1840, James was 40-49 years old, thus born 1791-1800. He could have been a brother to David. James' wife was 30-39 years old. In the household was one male 5-9 (b. 1831-1835), one female 5-9, and one female 20-29 years old. James was not there in 1850.

Not found anywhere in 1830; probably not married yet if the female 20-29 was not his daughter. Not found anywhere in 1850; would be 50-59 years old.

Any Hartzell born in Virginia around 1805:

In the 1810 Virginia Census, the only family found with a male child David's age (4) was in Franklin County, Virginia, in the **household of Adam Heartsell**. There were 3 males under 10 years old. This is the family described in Paul Swan's Hartzell Chapter (see References at the bottom). For the males under 10, one must be Leonard, one is unknown, and one could be David.

There is always the possibility that a Hartzell family settled in Virginia after the 1810 Census, and left before the 1820 Census.

In 2006, through an ancestry.com subscription, I could finally scan all of the pertinent U.S. census records on the internet. If my ancestor David Hartzell belonged to some other family, there could be a brother born in Virginia 1790-1820. Or, he could be an unknown son of Adam Hartzell. Assuming a brother was still alive in 1850-60 (which shows place of birth), I searched those years for any Hartzell (all spellings) born in Virginia.

This could very well be David's next older brother. We have a candidate born the right time, born the right state, spelled right, and in the right area as an adult. Very intriguing. In the 1860 Ohio Census, there is **D. A. Hartzell**, born 1802 in Virginia. By ages of Adam Hartzell's unknown son in the 1810, 1820, 1830 census, he would have been born from 1800 to 1802. His birth, in Virginia, is just right. The "D" could be for "Daniel", especially since all the Hartzell's I've found with their first name starting with "D" have been either David or Daniel. Maybe even "Daniel Adam". In 1860 he was in Storrs Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (Cincinnati area, southwest of Dayton), age 58. That township no longer exists. It is now known as Lower Price Hill, in southwest Cincinnati, on the Ohio River. He was keeper of a boarding house, and no wife was listed. Could be the Daniel Hartzell named in the old leather-bound Bible (from Daniel Hartzell to David Hartzell to James Hartzell ...). He was only 40 miles south of Adam Hartzell's location of Ellerton, Montgomery County, Ohio. Even after many Google searches in the internet, nothing else has been found on him, but worth pursuing. In the 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, and 1870 Census there is no D. Hartzell or Daniel Hartzell born anywhere 1801-1803. In those years, he must not have been married and/or head of a household.

In the 1850 Tennessee Census, there is **Hiram Hartsell**, born 1807 in Virginia. In 1850 he was in Blount County, Tennessee (Knoxville area). Questionable familysearch.org shows "Hiram Heartsill" born Mar. 2, 1807 in Saltville, Smyth County, Virginia; died Nov. 19, 1892 in Murray, Georgia; parents Abraham and Mary (Norton) Heartsill. A family entry insists the spelling has always been "Heartsill". Using ancestry.com, the George Heartsill in the 1810 Virginia Census index, Franklin County, is also indexed as George Heartsell.

The Adam Hartzell family:

Most or all of the Philip & Adam Hartzell families moved from York (now Adams) County, Pennsylvania to Franklin County, Virginia in or after 1792. Philip bought land in 1792 (see References for "Hartzell Land in Virginia"). Adam may have waited until after 1799, because his son Leonard was born in Pennsylvania in 1799. But, 1810 is five years after David's birth, and some other Hartzell family could have come & gone anywhere in Virginia during this time. The only Hartzell families in the 1820 Virginia census were Philip (Adam's father) and Jacob (Philip's son, who married Hannah Capper).

The 1810 Virginia Census shows a Philip Heartsell, Adam Heartsell, and George Heartsell, all in Franklin County, Virginia. All misspelled the same, suggesting the same Census taker (Philip's has an "a" as a correction, changing it from Hertsell to Heartsell). Philip was Adam's father. George is described separately below.

In Adam's household there are 3 sons under 10 years old. David would have been 4 years old in the summer.

1 male 26-45	Adam	b. 1765-1784 (abt. 1765)
1 female 26-45	Christina	b. 1765-1784 (abt. 1766)
1 male 16-25	Jacob?	b. 1785-1794 (1790)
1 male 16-25	John?	b. 1785-1794 (1793)
1 male 10-16	?	b. 1794-1800 (1796) not Jonas (s/o Adam & Sara Hartzell)
1 female 10-16	Elizabeth?	b. 1794-1800 (bef. 1800)
1 male under 10	Leonard?	b. 1800-1809 (1799)
1 male under 10	?	b. 1800-1809 (abt. 1802? D.A. Hartzell?)
1 male under 10	David?	b. 1800-1809 (1805)

Son Phillip was now married.

Daughter Catherine must have married.

If George of Union Co. Indiana had been in the household, he had married in 1809.

"The Hartzell Ancestral Line" says Adam had a son named David. This is major, but it has many errors. It says Adam had a son named George who married Margaret Yaughey in 1834 in Montgomery County Ohio. This detail is an error because the George who married Margaret was born in 1812 in Ohio, 3 years before the Adam Hartzell family arrived.

In 1815, the Adam Hartzell family moved to the area of Ellerton, Ohio, in Montgomery County, most likely part of the migration from Franklin County Virginia to this area.

Adam Hartzell's brother Frederick:

A family note indicates David Hartzell may have had a brother named Frederick. Adam Hartzell had a brother named Frederick, who would have been an uncle to David. According to the 1850 Census, Frederick was born about 1785 in Pennsylvania. Frederick was in Butler County, Ohio before 1810, where he married Sarah Houghman November 10, 1810 (IGI records). Butler County is next to Montgomery County. This means Frederick arrived in the area before his cousin George Hartzell, and probably about the time of his brother Abraham. Frederick's oldest son Peter was born in Ohio, presumably Butler County, about 1811 (1860 Iowa Census, Keokuk County). Frederick was still in Butler County, Wayne Township, Ohio, in 1820 (Census). In 1830, Frederick was in Marion County, Perry Township, Indiana, near Indianapolis. He would have passed through Union, Fayette, and Rush counties to get there. Still there in 1840, as was Frederick's son Peter, nearby. Peter married a woman named Felista about 1842. The family moved to Keokuk County, Iowa between 1850-55, because Frederick died there in 1855, and Peter is in the 1860 Census for Keokuk County.

Frederick could have been another influence on Leonard & David Hartzell's migration to Fayette and Rush Counties, Indiana. He may have made visits to Ellerton, Ohio to see his parents. Perhaps David was there, too. Frederick could also have been the father of the George Hartzell, born 1812 Ohio, who married Margaret Yaughey in 1834 in Montgomery County, Ohio.

Adam Hartzell's son John:

John married Susannah Heck in 1819 in Montgomery County, Ohio. David Hartzell would be a brother of John. John named three of his sons David, Leonard, and George. This may or may not be a major clue, that John's son was named after his brother David. It seems John stayed in Ohio, because in later years, John's uncle Abraham lived with him (Hartzell Ancestral Line).

Adam's daughters Kate & Betsy:

Kate (m. ___ Bulachers) and Betsy (m. Moses Rentfrow) had moved to Kosciusko County, Indiana, between Fort Wayne and South Bend, near Knightstown. They are buried near each other in Syracuse Cemetery. These are more of the family members who moved from Ellerton, Ohio.

Adam, Adam, Adam:

Beside Adam Hartzell son of Philip, there are three related Adams of interest.

Adam Hartzell, son of George and Susannah (Toney) Hartzell:

This Adam was their second son, born Dec. 9, 1825 in Union County, Indiana. He was most likely named after George's cousin Adam Hartzell, with whom he probably lived before his marriage in 1809. George died in late 1830, and his son Adam was made the ward of John Alexander in 1833. John lived nearby in Wayne County, Indiana, just north of Union County.

Adam Hartzell, son of Leonard and Delilah (Weiss) Hartzell:

This Adam was born about 1830 in Montgomery County, Ohio. He is the only known grandson named after Leonard's father Adam Hartzell. In 1850, at age 20, he was in the household of his father, Leonard, in Wabash County, Indiana.

Adam Alexander, son of James and Catherine (Hartzell) Alexander:

This Adam was born about 1848, probably in Grant County, Indiana, where the family was living in 1850. What could be a major link, another son, born about 1845, was named David. These boys were grandsons of George & Susannah (Toney) Hartzell. David and Adam were listed as farm laborers in 1860, age 15 & 12 (Jefferson County, Kansas), and in 1870, age 27 & 23 (Jackson County, Kansas). In 1880, both were in the state insane asylum in Topeka, Kansas.

There is more on these Adams below.

The George Hartzell connection:

George provides the most important link of David Hartzell to the Adam Hartzell family. David, living in Fayette County, Indiana in 1837, named his first son James Alexander Hartzell. George, in neighboring Union County, Indiana had a son-in-law named James Alexander (last name Alexander). George also married into the Toney family, linking him to the Toney family vicinity in Franklin County, Virginia.

From "Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia", George Hartzell married Susannah Toney on March 28, 1809 in Franklin County, Virginia. James Toney was surety for Susannah's marriage. Usually it is the father, so James was presumably Susannah's father. This marriage date is consistent with daughter Catherine's birthdate of 1811.

In the 1810 Franklin County census, after his 1809 marriage, George Heartsell is listed 8 names from Adam Heartsell (p. 592). Depending on the census taker's route, Adam and George could have been next door neighbors. George appears to be a son of Philip Hartzell's brother John, and he was the George of 1830 Union County Indiana who's son-in-law was James Alexander. More on this below. In 1813, there was communication between Philip Hartzell and his brother John, where Philip in Virginia wrote a letter to John in Pennsylvania, as mentioned by their brother Jonas in his 1816 letter to Philip. George named his first two children Catherine and John, presumably after

his parents, John and Catherine (Schneider) Hartzell of Northampton County, PA, who married in 1781. George would have been the oldest son, thus getting first dibs at naming his children after the parents. George named **his second son Adam**, which is very significant. George probably lived in Adam's household before his marriage in 1809. Cousin George was about 20 years younger than Adam, and was probably like a son to Adam - and like a brother to David.

From "History of Pottawattamie County, Iowa (Chicago: O.L. Baskin, 1883)", p. 83, George's daughter Catherine was born in Virginia. She was born about 1811 according to our analysis. This verifies George Hartzell being in Virginia at that time.

George moved to what was to become Union County, Indiana before 1820. He is in the 1820 Indiana Census for Wayne County, apparently the part that became Union County later on. His last name is spelled "Harzell", but the ancestry.com index has it as "Harsell". Nearby is listed Paul, Philip, Philip, John, and Jacob Lybrook; Jacob Kingery, Edmund Moss, and Edmund Moss Jr., all from Franklin County, Virginia. In George's household were one male under 10, one male 26-45 (George), two females under 10, 1 female 10-16, and one female 26-45 (Susannah).

In Nov. 1826, George Hartzell of Union County, Indiana, was witness to the will of a John Stanley. The 1820 census shows John Stanley 3 names below George, then other Stanleys. Also witnessing was Abram/Abraham/Hiram Moss.

In 1828, George Hartzell bought 160 acres in NW 1/4 Section 24 of Harrison Township, Union County, Indiana. He bought it from Micheal Snider. On an 1820 map, at www.union-county.lib.in.us/GenwebVA4mile/1820%20Map.htm, it shows Micheal Snider there on the map, and James Toney nearby on the west. Later George must have purchased the SW 1/4 (probably from Jacob Lybrook or William Moss) because it was quitclaimed to Adam Hartsel (George's son) by George's heirs in 1850. The SW corner of his land was 1.5 miles east of Kitchell and 1/2 mile from the Ohio border. The Four Mile Church was at the southwest tip of George's land. He was most likely a member of the church.

George Hartzell died in late 1830. He was apparently a shoemaker because in his estate were a "lot of shoemaking tools". His will left half his estate to his wife Susannah, and the other half to son-in-law James Alexander. In 1834 Abram Moss is listed as an executor for George's will, and in 1839 a Hiram Moss is listed as guardian of three of George's minor heirs.

There is more on George Hartzell below.

The James Alexander connection:

Most people in those days named their children, especially their firstborn, after a relative or after someone special. David & Barbara Hartzell's choice of "James Alexander Hartzell" for their firstborn son is very curious, a double coincidence. There is no one named James or Alexander in the known ancestry of Adam Hartzell. There was a James Alexander who married Catherine Hartzell in Union County, Indiana in 1827. (From "Genealogical Sources Reprinted from the Genealogy Section, Indiana Magazine of History", page 26.) Union County is adjacent to Fayette County on the east. Catherine was the daughter of George and Susannah (Toney) Hartzell, who married in Franklin County, Virginia in 1809. Catherine was born in Franklin County, Virginia in 1811. Another double coincidence, **James & Catherine named their 4th and 5th sons David and Adam**. This sounds like our single most important clue linking David Hartzell to Adam Hartzell, BUT we have to be honest and wonder if they named Adam after "David's father" Adam, or George Hartzell's son Adam (Catherine's brother). They named their 1st son John, probably after Catherine's grandfather John Hartzell, and their 2nd son George, probably after Catherine's father George Hartzell. The 3rd son was named Thomas, connection unknown.

The Sink-Toney family connection:

Adam Hartzell's wife was Christina Sink. The Sink family had connections to the Toney family. Susannah Toney's (wife of George Hartzell) uncle Jesse Toney married Frony "Fanny" Sink, daughter of Stephen Sink. Stephen Sink

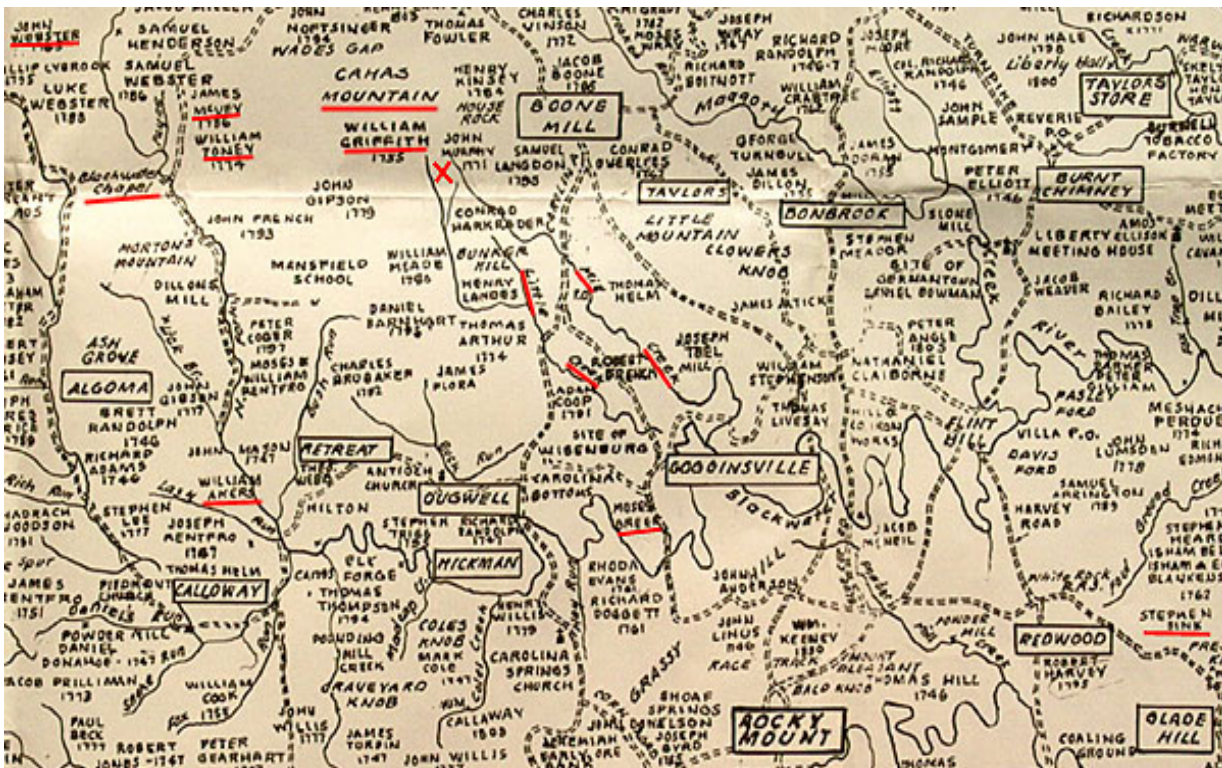
lived around 6 miles east of Rocky Mount, VA, and around 12 miles SE of Philip Hartzell. Adam Hartzell, and Stephen's brother Abraham Sink, were both born at about the same time in Northampton County PA (1762-65). Both Abraham Sink and Philip Hartzell settled near each other in Franklin County VA in 1792 (Abraham "on a branch of Mill Creek"). This makes it a strong possibility that Christina Sink was a younger sister of Stephen and Abraham. The known children of Micheal Sink span 10 years, so there must have been more. Micheal Sink's father was Henry Zinck, born 1698 in Germany, and immigrated to America in 1725. This would explain the broken English story in my family. This Sink family also had apparent connections with the Sinks family of North Carolina, and thus a possible connection with the North Carolina George Sinks who settled in Montgomery County Ohio in 1804, where the Adam Hartzell family settled in 1815. For more on the Sink connection, go to www.jdhartzell.com/Sink.

The other George Hartzell:

By 1818, in Franklin County, Virginia, a **George Hartzell had land next to the Toney's**, and next to land that Adam's son Jacob Hartzell bought in 1818. Jacob's land was also next to John Webster's and on the Blackwater River. This is from Jacob's 1818 deed. This George must be the one who married Nancy Goode in 1823 in Franklin County, VA. He could have been a son of Adam Hartzell.

Blackwater River Valley, Franklin County, Virginia:

In the 1810 Franklin County, Virginia census, names near the Hartzells were Luke Webster, Samuel Webster, John Webster, James McVey, Edmon Moss, William Acres, Gibson, Kingery, Fishburn, and Huston. (As we will see later, the Lybrooks, Toney's, and Millers had already left.) From the Settlement Map of Franklin County (below), these names indicate that they were located in the Blackwater River Valley just west of Cahas Mountain, and about five miles west of Boones Mill (top left corner of map). The Blackwater Chapel may have been their church.



Part of Franklin County, Virginia; Settlement Map (see References).

Width of map above is 18 miles.

Philip Hartzell's 1792 land was about at the red "X", SW of Boone Mill.

William Toney's land was west of Boone Mill (top left).

Phillip Lybrook's land was northwest of William Toney's, and south of John Webster (top left).

Stephen Sink's land was just north of Glade Hill (bottom right).

Abraham Sink settled on a branch of Mill Creek, presumably near Philip Hartzell.

Adam Hartzell's daughter Elizabeth married Moses Rentfro (map left center) in 1818 in Ohio. Adam's brother Abraham Hartzell lived near Googinsville near Moses Greer.

Franklin County, Virginia migration to Preble County, Ohio

"The Virginia Settlement or The Four Mile Church of the Brethren" by Rev. Merle C. Rummel tells how the people who lived around Adam & George Hartzell in Franklin County, Virginia migrated to the Four Mile Creek area of Preble County, Ohio area beginning in 1803. "This was the first settlement of the Virginia Colony, the migration from Franklin County, VA to the Four Mile. In 1806 a trail was run due west from Eaton, Ohio to the Indiana state line, it angled across Union County, Indiana to the river crossing town of Brownsville, and from there to Conner's Trading Post, Connersville."

As early as 1805, many Franklin County, VA neighbors of Adam Hartzell had migrated to Preble County, OH, and Union (then Wayne) County, IN. There was also movement between there and Montgomery County, Ohio.

Elder Jacob Miller, neighbor of William Toney in Franklin County, VA, arrived at the Miami River Valley (Dayton, Ohio area) in 1802. There is a Jacob Miller cemetery about three miles northwest of Ellerton, in Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio. In 1806, Phillip Lybrook, another neighbor of William Toney, was in Union County, Indiana. In 1820 Phillip's daughter Sarah married James Toney, also of Franklin County, VA, in Union County, Indiana. James Toney was a grandson of William and Margaret (Sutherland) Toney. There were marriages between the Lybrook, Kingery, Toney, Moss, Webster, McVey, Miller, Capper and Henderson families, all from the Blackwater River Valley area of Franklin County, Virginia.

This must be the reason that the Adam Hartzell and George Hartzell families migrated to this area.

By 1850, David Hartzell was living near or on the land he bought in 1853. A close neighbor was Daniel Fiant, of the Four Mile Church, who in 1802 settled in Indian territory in what was to become Union/Fayette County. Daniel was from Berks Co. PA. In 1820 Daniel was in Brownsville, Fayette County. In 1830 he was still in Fayette County. In 1840 Daniel was in Waterloo Township, Fayette County, near David's land. The 1853 plat map shows his name in SW 1/4, Section 16, Waterloo Township. In 1850, David Hartzell lived a half mile away. Also Daniel Gise was next door. In 1840, Daniel Fiant was 60-69 years old. Either of these Daniels could also be the one named in the old leather-bound Bible.

The Lybrook Indiana-Virginia connection:

There is another Harrison Township, Union County, Indiana connection to Franklin County, Virginia, earlier than our earliest record of George and Susannah (Toney) Hartzell being there.

On Oct. 25, 1820, in Union County Indiana, James Toney (b. 1798 in Franklin Co. VA) married Sarah Lybrook (b. 1803 in Franklin Co. VA). Sarah was the daughter of Phillip and Anna (Miller) Lybrook who lived just west of William Toney in Franklin County, VA. Phillip Lybrook first went to Union County, Indiana around 1805. James Toney was the son of Carey and Elizabeth (Doran) Toney (IGI record).

This goes on and on: Joseph Alexander, brother of James Alexander, married Catherine Kingery of Franklin County, Virginia. For an huge amount of information, see below in References the link to "The Virginia Settlement or The Four Mile Church of the Brethren".

The 1850 Indiana census shows James and Sarah (Lybrook) Toney in Harrison Township, Union County, IN. Next household is Poindexter (age 24) and Amanda (age 17) Toney.

The 1850 Indiana census shows the Lybrook family in Harrison Township, Union County, IN: Jacob, age 73, b. VA; Hannah, age 60, b. OH, Baltzar, age 37, b. IN.

There is a Lybrook Cemetery in Union County, Indiana.

David Hartzell in 1820, 1830:

David would have been the youngest son of Adam. The 1820 Montgomery County, Ohio census shows as the two youngest a male 18-25 years old, and a male 10-15 years old (David was 14). The 1830 Montgomery County, Ohio census shows two males 30-39 years old, too old to be David and his next older brother. After years of searching for David's 1830 whereabouts, it is my feeling that he was still at home in 1830 in Montgomery County, Ohio. While looking at the page of the census, I noticed the census taker had made many corrections. I now believe the wrong column was marked, and that it should have been age 20-29 (see census page below). David was 24 years old. The unknown male would have been born 1800-1802, going by his age in the 1810 and 1820 census. Being the youngest, David most likely was providing for his aging parents. Since no record has been found of Adam buying land, they were probably farm laborers. Quite often, the youngest is faced with taking care of the parents. This would explain why David married relatively late (age 30). Adam (and Christina?) seemed to have died early in the 1830's, possibly in the cholera epidemic. About this time, David moved west into Indiana.

235 SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to *Don*

FREE WHITE PERSONS, (INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.)

NAME HEADS OF FAMILIES.	MALES											FEMALES										
	Under 5 years of age	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 to 44	45 to 49	50 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64	65 to 69	70 to 74	75 to 79	80 to 84	85 to 89	90 to 94	95 to 99		
	Or under 16 years of age	Or 16 to 20	Or 21 to 24	Or 25 to 29	Or 30 to 34	Or 35 to 39	Or 40 to 44	Or 45 to 49	Or 50 to 54	Or 55 to 59	Or 60 to 64	Or 65 to 69	Or 70 to 74	Or 75 to 79	Or 80 to 84	Or 85 to 89	Or 90 to 94	Or 95 to 99	Or 100 to 104	Or 105 to 109		
George Patton	1	1	2	1	1	1																
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Jefferson Shuck	1	1	1	1	1	1																
Jacob Roman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1												
Christian Bloom	3	1	1	1	1	1																
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Jacob M. Barty	2	2			1																	
John Heck	3	1			1																	
William Nicholas	3	2	1	1																	1	
Jonathan Harmon	3	1	1	2	1																	
Alexander Thomas	1	1	1		1																	
Leonard Hartsell	3				1																	
John Hartsell	3	1	1		1																	
George Getten	2				1																	
David Hoyer					1																	
John Kaul	1				1																	

1830 Census, Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio, page 235.

Notice the corrections. Adam Hartsell, age 60-69, is halfway down the page.

Adam's sons Leonard Hartsell and John Hartsell are near the bottom.

A little above them is John Heck, possible brother of John Hartsell's wife Susanna Heck.

George Hartzell, continued:

In the 1830 Harrison Township, Union County, Indiana Census, George Hartzell is surrounded by neighbors with the surnames Toney, Lybrook, Kingery, Moss, and Miller. These are all people from the Blackwater River Valley in

Franklin County, Virginia, about 5 miles east of Boones Mill.

The following are listed in order of how they appear in the 1830 Census, according to the census taker's route:

James Toney, age 30-39, wife Sarah Lybrook
Balzer Lybrook, age 40-49
Abraham _____
Phillip Lybrook, age 70-79
John Lybrook, age 40-49, wife Fanny Toney
Barbara Kingery, age 50-59
Jacob Lybrook, age 40-49
Phillip Lybrook, Jr., age 30-39
William Moss, age 40-49
George Hartzell, age 40-49, wife Susannah Toney
James Alexander, age 20-29, wife Catherine Hartzell
Rachel White
Joseph Kingery

Now, this is amazing. For George Hartzell, the 1810 Virginia census shows his next door neighbor was Edmund Moss. In the 1830 Union County, Indiana census, his next door neighbor was the SON of Edmund - Elder William Moss. William was an elder in the Four Mile Church.

The Four Mile Church, at the southwest corner of George Hartsell's land, was the Church of the Brethren, mentioned heavily in Rev. Rummel's work.

The Leonard Hartzell - Rush County, Indiana connection:

Price and Glenn Hartzell (Paul Swan's Hartzell Chapter) say Adam had a son named Leonard. Various sources say he was born in 1799 in Pennsylvania.

The 1830 Montgomery County Ohio census shows for the Leonard Hartsell family:

male, age 30-40 (Leonard)
female, age 20-30 (wife Delilah)
male, age under 5 (Willis?)
male, age under 5 (Lewis?)
male, age under 5 (Adam?)

Leonard Hartzell doesn't appear in the 1840 Indiana census, but we have:

Leonard Hartzell:

bought land Sept. 17, 1832; Book E page 247, Center Twp.
sold land Oct. 29, 1835; Book G page 320,
bought land Mar. 9, 1840; Book K page 396, Ripley Twp.
(wife Delila and Leonard Hartzell signed)
sold land Mar. 13, 1844; Book O page 346, Ripley Twp.
(wife's name Delila; "William" Hartsell signed)

The 1850 Wabash County Indiana census shows:

Leonard, age 51 born in Pennsylvania (1799)
Lewis, age 21 born in Ohio
Adam, age 20 born in Ohio
Susanna, age 18 born in Ohio (Oct. 20, 1831)

Nancy, age 17 born in Indiana
Eliza, age 15 born in Indiana
John, age 12 born in Indiana
Edward, age 10 born in Indiana
Philip, age 8 born in Indiana
Mary, age 5 born in Indiana abt. 1845
Aaron, age 2 born in Indiana abt. 1848
Wife Delilah is not listed; died about 1848-49?
Son Willis was married; separate household in same Township

**Leonard moved to Rush County Indiana after daughter Susanna was born in 1831.
Daughter Nancy was born in 1832 in Indiana (presumably in Rush County).**

The Barbara Nipp - Rush County, Indiana connection:

To make a long story short, David's future wife Barbara Nipp was most likely living in Rush County, just west of Fayette County Indiana, with her presumed uncle George Nipp. She had come to Indiana in 1831 from Wythe County Virginia. As noted above, we have land records that show Leonard & wife Delilah were in Rush County in Sept. 1832. Leonard had to pass through Union and Fayette Counties, and it is likely he stopped at George Hartsell's place in Union County. To explain how David met Barbara in Rush County, David may have gone with Leonard at this time. They would have passed through Connorsville, probably the largest town in the three counties. George Nipp was a farmer in the summer and a shoemaker in the winter, giving him something in common with David. George and Leonard lived about 8 miles apart, and could have been going to the same church, which were few and far between in those days. Or, David could have met Barbara through her uncle George, having a common occupation, and maybe working in the same shop.

David's wife Barbara's obituary says David "made his way" to Indiana through/from Ohio.

Toney family website:

www.toneyweb.com/exchange/jack004.htm Dates are confusing and seemingly wrong, plus it shows Susannah born ~1762 marrying George Hartzell in 1809 (at age 47). William Toney did name his children in his will probated late 1804. These included Susannah, James and Jesse, in that order. These were in the 12 children by his third wife Margaret Sutherland. William had one son by his first wife, and two daughters by his second wife. Daughter Susannah was left part of his land, 2 feather beds, 1 cow and calf. William also named a granddaughter Susannah, leaving her 1 feather bed, 1 cow and calf, therefore she was born before 1804. After naming the land that went to his daughter Susannah, which makes it seem she was the oldest between her, James, and Jesse, the remainder was divided equally between James and Jesse. James and Jesse were executors. The Toney website shows the following birth & death dates: Susannah ~1762-????, James 1776-1861, Jesse ~1780-~1839. The 1830 Indiana census says Georges's Susannah was born 1791-1800. James was surety for Susannah Toney's marriage in 1809 to George Hartzell. If his daughter, she would have been born around 1792. The Toney website shows James married Mildred Doran 8 May 1806 in Franklin County. James Toney would have been 30 years old. Either the younger Susannah was James' daughter by a previous wife, or a niece whose parent heir had died.

This document assumes Susannah, wife of George Hartzell, was James Toney's daughter.

More on whereabouts of David Hartzell in 1830:

Earlier searches for David Hartzell, unmarried, probably living in someone else's household, were fruitless. Just for the record, the following households do not have a male 24 years old who could have been David Hartzell:

George Hartsell, Union County, IN
James Alexander, Union County, IN
Leonard Hartsell, Montgomery County, OH (brother)

John Hartzell, Montgomery County, OH (brother)
Fredrick Hartsell, Marion County, IN (uncle?)
George Nipp, Rush County, IN
William Walker, Fayette County, IN

Margaret Nieval:

Various sources have David Hartzell marrying Margaret Nieval in 1830 in Montgomery County, Ohio. This is an error.

In "Montgomery County, Ohio Marriage Journals 1803-1850", Vol. B, page 38 there is "on the 29th of April 1830 David Hetzel and Margaret Nievel". The handwritten "H" in Hetzel has a loop in all four ends, and could easily be taken as Hertzell, but other H's on the page are written the same.

From a Hillgrove Cemetery listing, Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio: Row 11 - David Hetzel, born 5/4/1806, died 2/2/1891, age 84 yrs, 10 mos, 6 days; Margaret Hetzel, wife of David Hetzel, born 1808, died 9/18/1878, age 70 yrs, 5 mos, 12 days.

From various sources, I have David Hetzel, born 4 May 1806 in Rehrersburg, Berks County, PA; son of John and Catharina (Thomas) Hetzel; died 2 Feb. 1891 in Montgomery County, Ohio.

Christian Hertsel:

This was a long time mystery for me until 2006. Christian Hertsel bought land in 1840 in Walker Township, Rush County, Indiana. He could provide a reason for David being in Rush County around 1835, a reason for the broken English story, and a connection to a James Alexander. The 1850 Walker Township, Rush County Census shows Christian **Hetsel**, born in Germany in 1812. His oldest child was born in 1844 in Indiana, which suggests he married after David. He could at best be a cousin since he was born in Germany after David's birth in Virginia. The 1860 Walker Township, Rush County Census shows Christian **Hartsel**, born in France in 1812, not Germany. The 1870 Walker Township, Rush County Census shows **Charles Hartsel**, born in France in 1817, with same wife & children as Christian's in 1860. It's difficult to imagine confusion between Germany and France as a birthplace. Since 1860 and 1870 show France, that must have been it. Could still have been German ancestry.

William Hartsell:

This is still a mystery to me as of 2006. In a land sale from Leonard Hartsell to William Addison in 1844, the land record shows a William Hartsell signing with Delila (Leonard's wife). Was this Leonard's legal name, middle name, or a power of attorney? Leonard had not yet died. Leonard's son Willis, born in 1827, was 17 years old in 1844. Also, there is a marriage record for William Hartzell and Catherine Vickey Jan. 1, 1862 in Rush County, Indiana. There is a gravestone in Washington Township, Rush County, Indiana for Nellie Hartzell, died at 7 months old, May 12, 1865, daughter of Wm. & M. Hartzell.

Other Alexanders in the area in Indiana:

On the 1830 Walker Township, Rush County James Alexander, he was 15-19 years old living by himself. A Thomas Alexander, age 20-29, had in his 1830 household a wife, another male age 20-29 (David was 24), and 5 sons under 10 years old. A William Alexander, age 30-39, had in his 1830 household a wife, a male age 20-29, a male 15-19, and 3 males under 10.

The 1840 Walker Township, Rush County Census shows a James Alexander, age 60-69 (probably 62), with children 10-19 years old. There is another James Alexander, age 60-69, with children 15-19. The census shows households for other Alexanders: Robert, John, Azel, Reuben, and William.

The 1850 Walker Township, Rush County Census shows a James Alexander, age 72, born in 1778 in Virginia. He was in the household of Smith G. Alexander, age 28 (age 18 in 1840, 8 in 1830).

What next:

Getting my cousin Thelma's "blessing" on this evidence would be great.

Finding that Micheal Sink had a daughter named Christina/Christine would be great.

Connect the Darke County, Ohio Hartzells to our branch of the Hartzell family.

Weird coincidences:

It is interesting with David Hartzell being my main challenge all my life, that he was born on my wife Connie's birthday, and died on mine. He died on a Sunday, March 5, and I was born **exactly** 888 months later, on Sunday, March 5. On the 888, there are 8 letters in "Hartzell". There are 3 "8's", representing the 3 intervening Hartzell generations (James A. Hartzell, James O. Hartzell, James Daniel Hartzell) until I came along and did this work.

The Ferdinand/Daniel Hartzell mystery:

FAMILY STORY 1:

In an old leather-bound Bible, someone unknown wrote, all in the same hand in ink, "From Daniel Hartzell to David Hartzell to James Hartzell to Minnie A. Hart". This was written after 1902 (!) when Minnie married. On the next page, in pencil, Minnie wrote "Property of Great Grand Father Hartzell" (if hers, it would be David's father). There is no date when the Bible was printed, and no other family writing in the Bible.

FAMILY STORY 2:

William Webster Hartzell and Sarah (Sade) Walden (d/o David Hartell) made a trip to Connersville, probably in the 1920's according to my dad's cousin Don Hartzell. William made notes about tombstones. On another sheet with the tombstone notes is "Ferdinand Hartzell (was father of David Hartzell and Grandfather of James A. Hartzell), born in Germany (E. Prussia), lived and died in Virginia. Frederick Hartzell, son of Ferdinand Hartzell".

FAMILY STORY 3:

David Hartzell or one of his parents spoke broken English.

ANALYSIS:

David Hartzell

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1805-1865  |James A. Hartzell
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           |1837-1910      |Minnie A. Hart
           |               +-----
           |               |1872-1924
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           |               |William W. Hartzell
           |               +-----
           |   Sophronia  |1875-1944
           |   -----+
           |   1849-1926
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           |Sarah Walden
           +-----
           |1855-1940
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Minnie got the Bible before 1924. When she wrote "Property of", she didn't say that Daniel was the great grandfather or who's great grandfather. Her brother William, a lawyer, most certainly knew about this Bible. When William made his "Ferdinand" notes, he must have doubted that Daniel was David's father. In a May 10, 1981 letter from Don Hartzell, Don said "Aunt Sade (David's daughter Sarah) once told me that she was born in either 1854 or 1855 but her mother had not written it in the family Bible" as she had for the other children. There is no such writing in this leather-bound Bible. Note that David had a cousin Daniel, and a

neighbor Daniel in Indiana. There was also a Daniel Walker who lived near the Hartzell's in Franklin County, VA. Minnie may have written "Property of" with respect to her children, which would make the great grandfather to be David Hartzell.

William apparently got "Ferdenand" from his aunt Sarah on that 1920's trip. If anything had been written down before this, Don Hartzell would have found it. Sarah was 10 when her father David died in 1865. In the 1920's she was the only living child of David Hartzell. I rank her interest and recollection higher than Sophronia's. Sophronia was 14 when David died, and married James A. Hartsell 3 years later. She most likely knew less about David's father and/or would have been less interested than Sarah. Therefore, I give the name "Ferdenand" more credibility than "Daniel".

So, where could the name "Ferdenand" and "East Prussia" have come from?

Adam Hartzell died about 20 years before granddaughter Sarah was born. Again, Sarah was 10 when her father David Hartzell died. For someone with probably only a vague recollection of things she heard as a child, saying "Philip 'n Adam" sounds a little like "Ferdenand". Like "Philip 'n Adam moved to Virginia". For East Prussia, it kind of stands out to remember something like that. This could be Christina Sink's father and/or grandfather. If her father was Micheal Zink/Sink, he came from Germany as a child with his father Henry Zinck, and could very well have spoken broken English. They could have come from East Prussia. The Zinck name does seem to have occurrences in East Prussia.

BACKGROUND OF MAJOR DISCOVERIES:

The most compelling evidence linking David Hartzell to the Adam Hartzell family is through GEORGE HARTZELL OF UNION COUNTY, INDIANA. Several big breaks came along to make this happen; things I would not otherwise have come across.

In 1981, at the Union County Records Office, I found an 1828 land purchase by a George Hartsell. At the time it was only a curiosity, but I jotted down the details.

Feb. 2000: I moved my website from AOL to the open internet so that people doing searches could find my info. Many people have found it and sent valuable information.

April 2000: My cousin Thelma Price-Papillo found an abstract of Union County George Hartzell's will, which named James Alexander as an executor, as an heir, and mentioned "lots of shoemaking tools". The name James Alexander was important in our case. The will also named George's wife Susannah and daughter Catherine. This opened the door to our old info about the George and Susannah who married in 1809 in Franklin County Virginia.

Feb. 2001: While searching the internet I found Paul Swan's Hartzell Chapter. This showed the family of Adam Hartzell with a son named David. It also had Adam's ancestry back to 1580 Switzerland.

March 2002: Donna Meszaros, searching the internet, found my website and sent a biographical sketch and obituary of James Alexander's son Thomas. It had James' and Catherine's marriage date, location, and that Catherine was born in Virginia about 1812. I later learned from Donna that James & Catherine named their children John, George, Thomas, Fanny, **David**, and **Adam**. Donna is descended from George Hartzell through James Alexander's son Thomas.

Sept. 2003: I rediscovered material sent to me back in May 1986 by my brother Bob Hartsell who had visited Rocky Mount, Virginia. He sent a copy of Philip Hartzell's 1792 land record and a Settlement Map of Franklin County. This showed us where people's land was in the county. Back then we were looking for "Ferdenand Hartzell", so it got filed in a different place because of the legal size paper.

Oct. 2006: I found that George Hartzell of 1830 Union County, Indiana was surrounded by Adam Hartzell's former

neighbors from Franklin County, Virginia - Toney, Lybrook, Kingery, Moss and others. They were also in Preble County, Ohio. This area had links to Montgomery County, Ohio. The find of a decade!

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