

# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

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## Introduction

Sam Loy (b.1859 in OH) is a great grandfather of mine. His father, John Loy, came to the USA (OH) in 1853 from Baden. John already had a family, but it appears that his wife, Sophia, did not survive long after arrival. John remarried in the late 1850s to a lady named Susannah Snyder, whose family originated in PA. Susannah is Sam's mother.

This is an attempt to weave a story, consistent with known facts, to explain events associated with the families of John Loy. Along the way I will also explain some potentially confusing or not currently understood facts and some apparent transcription errors.

My goal is to provide a framework that can be built on and revised to arrive at the most accurate history possible, given the nature of the known facts. Future research is also suggested.

Others have written documents that have been helpful. See for example, . . .

Coming Together: Portrait of a Family, by Winona Garmhausen. c.2004, ISBN 978-1-4140-4400-2 (ebook), ISBN 1-4140-4401-1 (paperback). - Winona Garmhausen's book provides a hint that John Loy was married some time before 1846 to a lady whose surname was "Hydaker". Once it occurred to me that this was a corruption of the surname name Heidegger, I was able to build a trail of plausible "evidence" pertaining to their lives in Baden.

Germans To Marion County, Ohio and Their Ancestors, Allen, L. Potts, 2010, ISBN 0788406035. - The book by A. Potts provides a likely hint as to the immigration of John and first family.

Other references will be cited as their information is presented.

Please direct comments and questions to me (Craig Rhombs) at [genealogist@rhombs.us](mailto:genealogist@rhombs.us) .

## Revision Record

- Rev. 5, 10/7/2020: Changes based on analysis of information in the Ortssippnebuch for Göbrichen, Baden.
- Rev. 4, 8/3/2020: Added some information about earlier ancestry in Baden and Württemberg based on data collected by "Tereni" at geneanet.com. Added information about a cousin that settled in OH as well (found through a genetic match). Added newly discovered emigration information.
- Rev. 3, 5/13/2019: Added information regarding another Loy family cluster in Crawford Co., OH, to the last section on Future Research.

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- Rev. 2, 7/11/2018: Corrected confusion between Andrew and Anthony Louth (brothers) in the section about a possible marriage of John to Catherine Klinger. Thanks to B.G. for pointing this out as well providing discussion regarding how tentative this section is.
- Rev. 1, 7/8/2018: Added information from Allen Co., IN, Library regarding possible third marriage for John.

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## Birth Family

I believe that John's name in Baden was actually Johann Georg Lay. Unfortunately, this appears to have been a common name so tracing his records is a little difficult. The location of Göbrichen is a common thread that makes the trace somewhat easier. Current day Göbrichen is just north of Pforzheim as shown on this contemporary map by the red arrow near Neulingen.

A quick summary is that John's father (another Johan Georg Lay) and mother (Christine Klauss) were married in Göbrichen in 1819. John was born in the subsequent year (8/15/1820).

(Another key location later in his life is Würm, indicated by a red pin south of Pforzheim. )



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A map of the area from the Meyers Gazetteer also follows to show a map that is more contemporary with the times being described. Göbrichen is indicated by the red teardrop. Würm is near the bottom center. See <https://www.meyersgaz.org/place/10584049>.



# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

According to the following marriage record provided by familysearch.org, John was the son of Johann Georg Lay and Christine Klauss. It shows that he was born on 8/15/1820.

Reference ID:

Name: Johann Georg Lay

Birth Date: 15 Aug 1820

Birthplace:

Age:

Spouse's Name: Sophia Kaelber

Spouse's Birth Date: 01 Nov 1820

Spouse's Birthplace:

Spouse's Age:

Event Date: 20 Feb 1848

Event Place: Würm, Baden, Germany

Father's Name: Johann Georg Lay

Mother's Name: Christine Klauss

Spouse's Father's Name:

Spouse's Mother's Name:

Race:

Marital Status:

Previous Wife's Name:

Spouse's Race:

Spouse's Marital Status:

Spouse's Previous Husband's Name:

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"Deutschland Heiraten, 1558-1929," database, FamilySearch

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NZM5-92D> : 9 March 2018), Johann Georg Lay and Sophia Kaelber, 20 Feb 1848; citing Würm, Baden, Germany; FHL microfilm 1,238,352.

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Following these clues actually leads to the following marriage record (1819) for John's parents, which shows more information about them.

Reference ID:

Name: Johann Georg Lay

Birth Date: 30 Apr 1792

Birthplace:

Age:

Spouse's Name: Christina Clauss

Spouse's Birth Date: 01 Oct 1797

Spouse's Birthplace:

Spouse's Age:

Event Date: 09 Dec 1819

Event Place: Göbrichen, Baden, Germany

Father's Name: Jacob Lay

Mother's Name: Margaretha Leopold

Spouse's Father's Name: Jacob Clauss

Spouse's Mother's Name: Susanna Bauer

Race:

Marital Status:

Previous Wife's Name:

Spouse's Race:

Spouse's Marital Status:

Spouse's Previous Husband's Name:

Indexing Project (Batch) Number: M93737-2

System Origin: Germany-EASy

GS Film number: 1238171

Digital Folder Number:

Image Number:

Citing this Record:

"Deutschland Heiraten, 1558-1929," database, FamilySearch

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N855-PPG> : 11 February 2018), Johann Georg Lay and Christina Clauss, 09 Dec 1819; citing Göbrichen, Baden, Germany; FHL microfilm 1,238,171.



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Here is christening information for John's father.

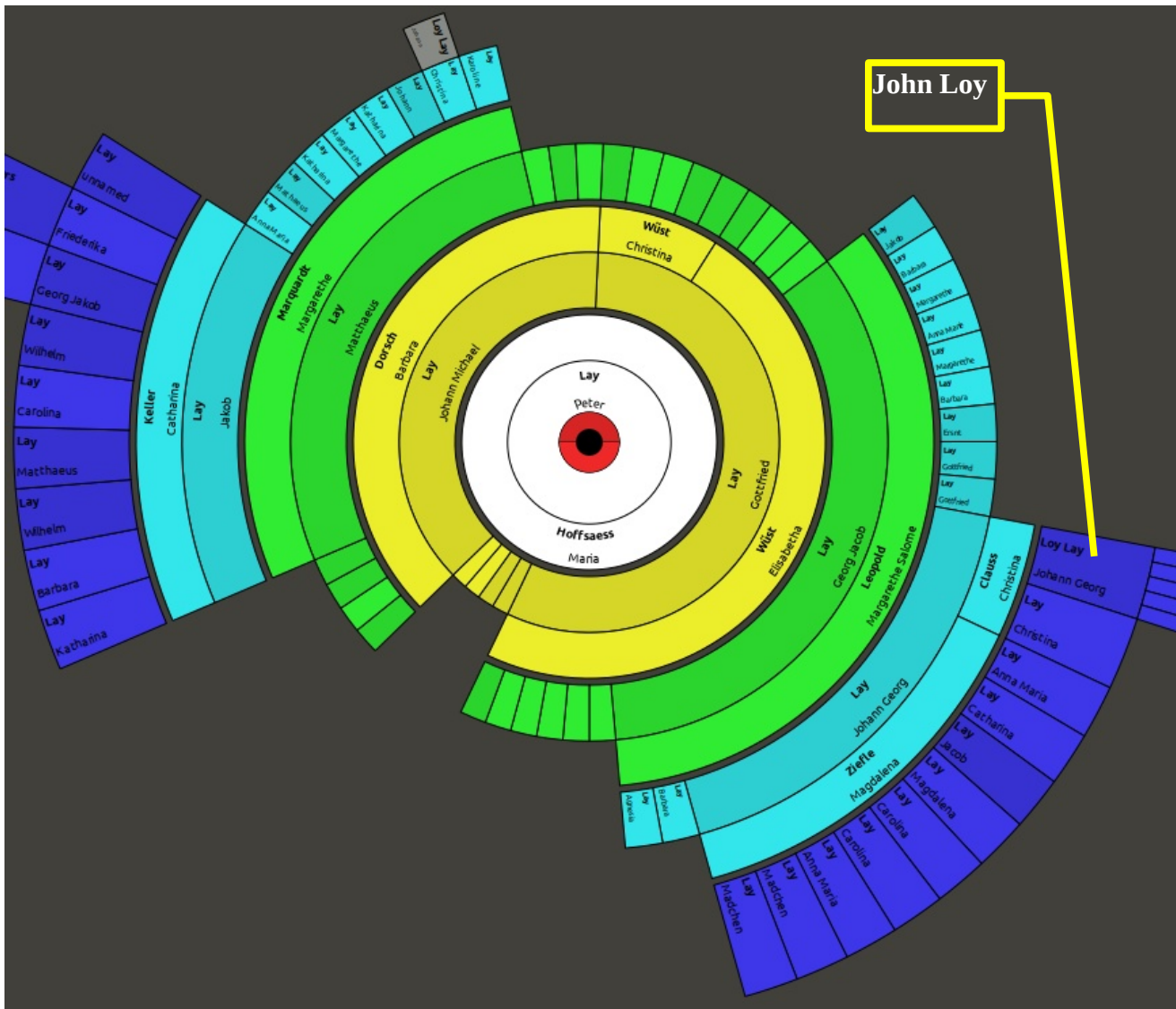
Name: Johann Georg Lay  
Name Note:  
Titles and Terms:  
Event Date:  
Event Date: 1792  
Gender: Male  
Age:  
Race: White  
Birth Date: 30 Apr 1792  
Birth Year: 1792  
Birthplace:  
Christening Date: 01 May 1792  
Christening Place: Göbrichen, Baden, Germany  
Christening Age:  
Death Date: 18 Sep 1865  
Father's Name: Jacob Lay  
Father's Titles and Terms:  
Father's Birthplace:  
Father's Age:  
Mother's Name: Margarethe Leopold  
Mother's Titles and Terms:  
Mother's Birthplace:  
Mother's Age:  
Paternal Grandfather's Name:  
Paternal Grandmother's Name:  
Maternal Grandfather's Name:  
Maternal Grandmother's Name:  
Note:  
Reference ID:  
System Origin: Germany-EASy  
GS Film Number: 1238171  
Indexing Project (Batch) Number: C93737-2  
Citing this Record:  
"Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898," database, FamilySearch  
(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NNNN-QX1 : 10 February 2018>), Johann Georg Lay,  
01 May 1792; citing ; FHL microfilm 1,238,171.

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## Deeper Ancestry

I have received copies of the Ortssippenbuch for Gobrichen, and I have used the information to construct John’s family tree. A researcher with the ID of “tereni” on geneanet.org has compiled quite a bit of information along with source citations as well. (See <https://gw.geneanet.org/tereni?lang=en&m=N&v=LAYH> .) Following is a summary of some this information in the form of a sketch of descendants of Peter Lay., who is the great great grandfather of Johann George Lay (b.1820 - a.k.a. John Loy).

Here is a sketch of some of the descendants of Peter Lay, leading to John Loy (Johann Georg Lay).



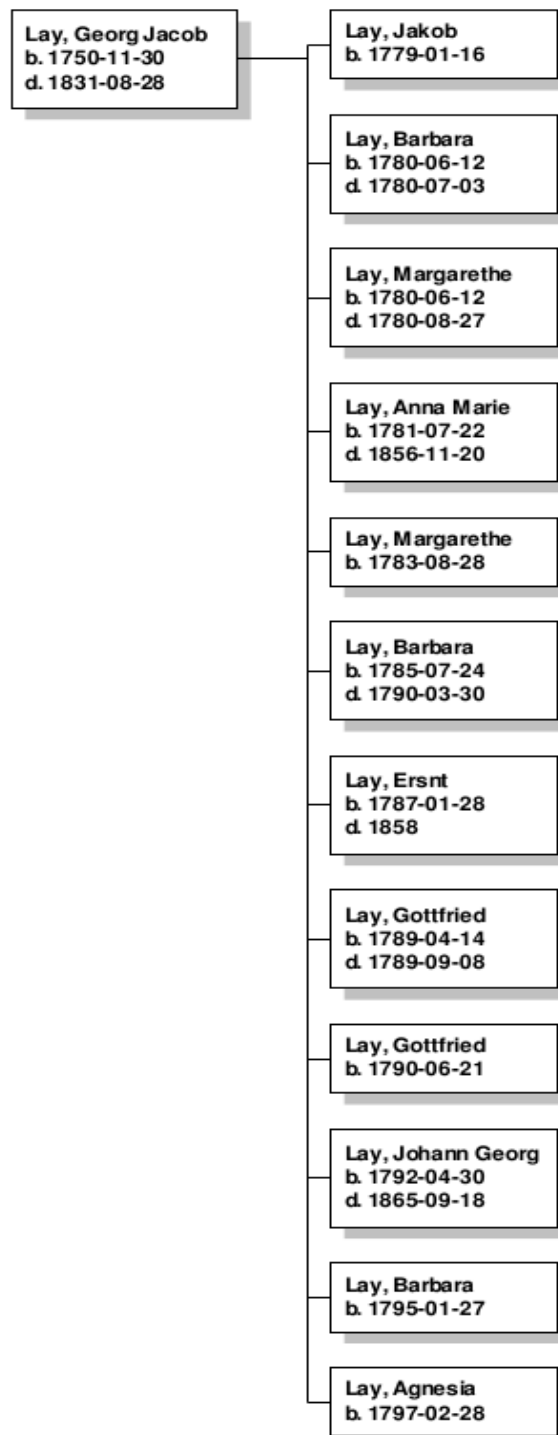
# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

Here are the immediate descendants of John's grandfather, Georg Jacob Lay.

John's father is Johann Georg (b.1792).

Many children and grandchildren of Ernst (b.1787), John's uncle, emigrated to the USA. In fact, it appears to me that all children that were living in 1850, except the eldest son Ernst (b.1814), moved from Göbrichen. Some emigrated to America or they had children that emigrated to America. It could be that as eldest son, Ernst took over his father's carpentry business. - The Elder Ernst's unmarried son Gottfried (b.1834) and unmarried daughter Rosina (b.1827) likely traveled to the USA in 1853. They could have traveled with John and his family for all I know. Also contributing to travel to the USA were the families of Barbara (b.1812), Catharina (b.1816), Jacob (b.1821), Georg Adam (b.1825).

The point is that John had cousins from this line in America, as well as possible traveling companions. This may be fertile ground for future research.



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Here are the descendants of John's cousin, Mattheaus. [Lay, Mattheaus is the first cousin twice removed (up) of John Loy. Their common ancestors are Lay, Peter and Hoffsaess, Maria.]

There are a number of reasons why offspring of Mattheaus and his wife Margaretha Marquardt are significant to John.

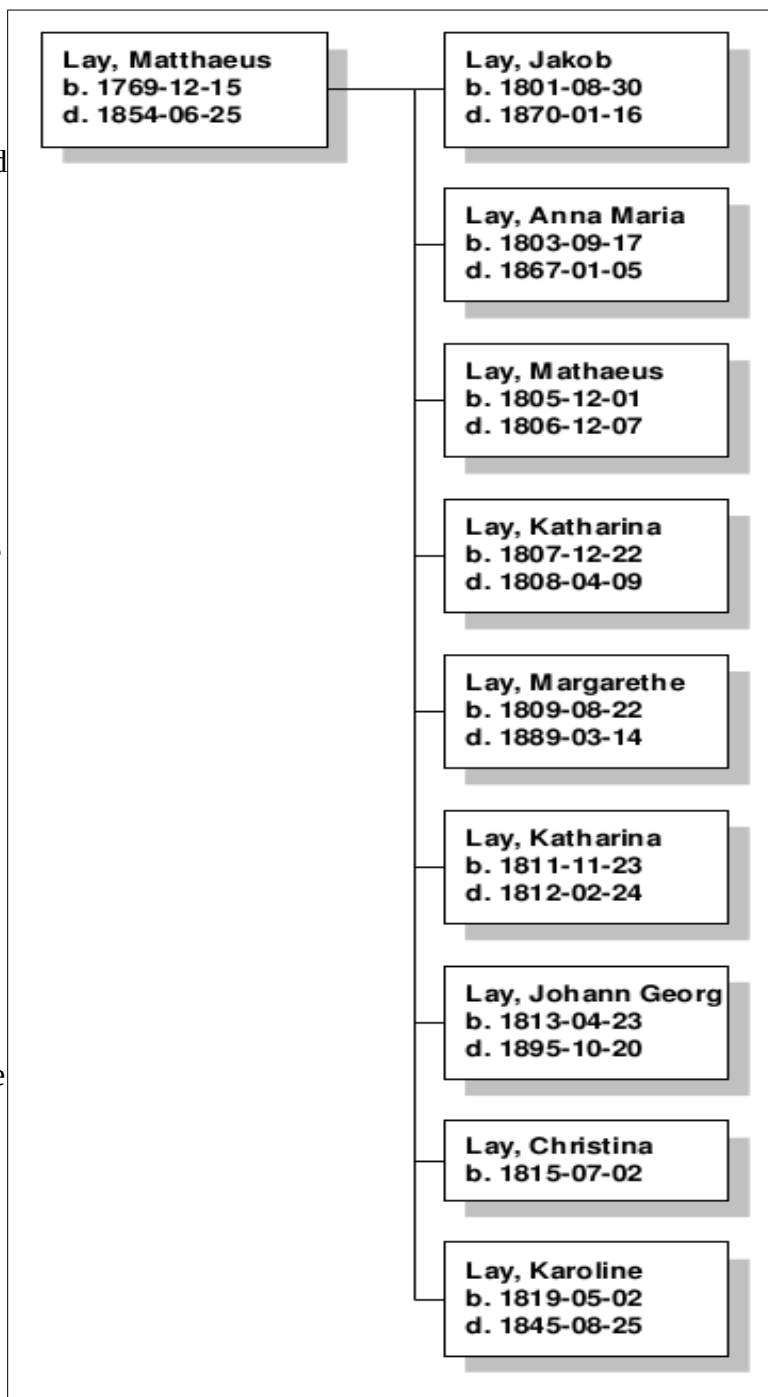
First, John married Mattheaus' daughter Christina (b.1815) in 1843. They had a child that survived less than a year, and the marriage ended in divorce.

Next, it is clear from genetic matching with some of my contemporaries and from various records that Mattheaus' son Jakob (b.1801) immigrated to Crawford County, OH. Various offspring of Jakob have left their mark in the Crawford area. Sister Christina also immigrated with Jacob in 1854.

Jakob's daughter Carolina (b.1838) married Gottlieb Ott (b.1837) and their line leads to a person whose DNA matching with me is consistent with the genealogy presented here.

Jakob's daughter Friederika (b.1843) married Martin Suhn and then James Myers and lived in OH.

I wonder if John knew of their presence so close to where he lived.



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## Early Marriages

John's first marriage was in 1843 to his second cousin, Christina, as mentioned above.

Then, the geneanet.org site also indicates that he may have been married to one Barbara Maier (b.1825), but I have not looked for supporting evidence of this. The Ortssippnebuch does not mention this marriage.

Then, there is the marriage to Sophia Kaelber.

## John's Marriage to Christina Lay

Following is a record of the younger Johann's marriage to Christina Lai in 1843. This means that Johann was married once prior to his marriage with Sophia Kaelber. Also, because of Christina's last name, I wonder if Johann was marrying a cousin.

Name: Johann Georg Lai  
Birth Date: 15 Aug 1820  
Birthplace:  
Age:  
Spouse's Name: Christina Lai  
Spouse's Birth Date: 02 Jul 1815  
Spouse's Birthplace:  
Spouse's Age:  
Event Date: 21 Feb 1843  
Event Place: Evangelisch, Goebriichen, Karlsruhe, Baden  
Father's Name: Johann Georg Lai  
Mother's Name: Christine Klaussin  
Spouse's Father's Name: Matthaues Lai  
Spouse's Mother's Name: Margaretha Marquardt  
Race:  
Marital Status:  
Previous Wife's Name:  
Spouse's Race:  
Spouse's Marital Status:  
Spouse's Previous Husband's Name:  
Indexing Project (Batch) Number: M93737-1  
System Origin: Germany-VR  
GS Film number: 1238252  
Reference ID: 2:SL7F1Q

# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

Citing this Record:

"Deutschland Heiraten, 1558-1929," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VCB6-GXG> : accessed 7 June 2016), Johann Georg Lai and Christina Lai, 21 Feb 1843; citing Evangelisch, Goebrichen, Karlsruhe, Baden; FHL microfilm 1,238,252.

## First Child (with Christina Lay)

Here is a record of the first child. Unfortunately, the child did not survive very long – death on 2/6/1844.

Name: Christine Lai

Name Note:

Titles and Terms:

Event Date:

Event Date: 1843

Gender: Female

Age:

Race:

Birth Date: 29 Nov 1843

Birth Year: 1843

Birthplace: Göbrichen, Baden, Germany

Christening Date: 02 Dec 1843

Christening Place: Göbrichen, Baden, Germany

Christening Age:

Death Date: 06 Feb 1844

Father's Name: Johann Georg Lai

Father's Titles and Terms:

Father's Birthplace:

Father's Age:

Mother's Name: Christine Lai

Mother's Titles and Terms:

Mother's Birthplace:

Mother's Age:

Paternal Grandfather's Name:

Paternal Grandmother's Name:

Maternal Grandfather's Name:

Maternal Grandmother's Name:

Note:

Reference ID: 2:SL6B02

System Origin: Germany-EASy

GS Film Number: 1238252

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Citing this Record:

"Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NC8G-RB6> : accessed 7 June 2016), Johann Georg Lai in entry for Christine Lai, 02 Dec 1843; citing Göbrichen, Baden, Germany; FHL microfilm 1,238,252.

The Ortssippnebuch indicates that John and Christina were divorced in 1847.

## John's Marriage to Sophia Kaelber

As noted above, John was married to Sophia Kaelber on 2/20/1848 in Würm. ("Deutschland Heiraten, 1558-1929," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NZM5-92D> : 9 March 2018), Johann Georg Lay and Sophia Kaelber, 20 Feb 1848; citing Würm, Baden, Germany; FHL microfilm 1,238,352.) This is slightly later than Winona Garmhausen had estimated in her book, but it seems to fit many facts.

According to the 1860 Federal Census, John's family consisted of five children – two that were born in Baden. (see "United States Census, 1860," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCGN-LRG> : accessed 12 December 2015), Samuel Loy in household of John Loy, Prospect Township, Marion, Ohio, United States; from "1860 U.S. Federal Census - Population," database, Fold3.com (<http://www.fold3.com> : n.d.); citing p. 165, household ID 1226, NARA microfilm publication M653 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 805,006.)

These foreign born children were . . .

John Loy	M	age 12	born in Baden
Catharine Loy	F	age 9	born in Baden

In fact, I have found some European records to support this. They follow.

Sophia Kaelber - mentioned in the record of Johann Georg Lay and Sophia Kaelber

Name

Johann Georg Lay

Birth Date

15 Aug 1820

Spouse's Name

Sophia Kaelber

Spouse's Birth Date

01 Nov 1820

Event Date

20 Feb 1848

Event Place

# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

Würm, Baden, Germany

Father's Name

Johann Georg Lay

Mother's Name

Christine Klauss

Citing this Record

"Deutschland Heiraten, 1558-1929," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NZM5-928> : accessed 18 May 2016), Johann Georg Lay and Sophia Kaelber, 20 Feb 1848; citing Würm, Baden, Germany; FHL microfilm 1,238,352

## Children with Sophia: Katharina (9/26/1851) and Johann Georg (12/29/1848) and Mary (9/26/1853)

### Birth of Johann Georg Lay (i.e., John in the 1860 US census) on 12/29/1848 in Würm

Name: Johann Georg Lay

Name Note:

Titles and Terms:

Event Date:

Event Date: 1848

Gender: Male

Age:

Race:

Birth Date: 29 Dec 1848

Birth Year: 1848

Birthplace: Würm, Baden, Germany

Christening Date: 01 Jan 1849

Christening Place:

Christening Age:

Death Date:

Father's Name: Johann Georg Lay

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Mother's Name: Sophia Kaelber

...

Note:

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## **Birth of Katharina (i.e., Catherine in the 1860 US Census) on 9/26/1851 also in Würm**

Name: Katharina Lay

Name Note:

Titles and Terms:

Event Date:

Event Date: 1851

Gender: Female

Age:

Race:

Birth Date: 26 Sep 1851

Birth Year: 1851

Birthplace: Würm, Baden, Germany

Christening Date: 05 Oct 1851

Christening Place:

Christening Age:

Death Date:

Father's Name: Johann Georg Lay

...

Mother's Name: Sophia Kaelber

Mother's Titles and Terms:

Mother's Birthplace:

Mother's Age:

...

Note:

Reference ID:

System Origin: Germany-EASy

GS Film Number: 1238352

Indexing Project (Batch) Number: C93741-2

Citing this Record:

"Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N527-LX7> : 9 March 2018), Johann Georg Lay in entry for Katharina Lay, 05 Oct 1851; citing Würm, Baden, Germany; FHL microfilm 1,238,352.

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## Birth of Mary in OH on 9/26/1853

Some evidence indicates that John's third child, named Mary, age 7, in the 1860 Federal census, was in fact a child of John and Sophia. This reasoning is based on a death record for Mary that follows. It indicates that she was born in OH and that her mother's name was "Sophia Calver", which could be corruption of Sophia Kaelber. Immigration in 1853 supports this. See the Gobrichen Ortssippenbuch.

Name: Mary Kopp  
Titles and Terms (Original):  
Event Date: 09 Feb 1918  
Event Place: Chicago, Cook, Illinois  
Gender: Female  
Marital Status:  
Race:  
Age: 64  
Birth Year (Estimated): 1854  
Birth Date: 26 Sep 1853  
Birthplace: Ohio  
Father's Name: John Loy  
Father's Titles and Terms:  
Father's Birthplace: Germany  
Mother's Name: Sophia Calver  
Mother's Titles and Terms:  
Mother's Birthplace: Germany  
Occupation:  
Residence Place: 11446 State  
Address:  
Spouse's Name:  
Spouse's Titles and Terms (Original):  
Spouse's Birthplace:  
Burial Date: 12 Feb 1918  
Burial Place:  
Cemetery: Mt. Olivet  
Informant's Name:  
Additional Relatives:  
Digital Folder Number: 4030819  
Image Number: 1420  
GS Film number: 1852587  
Reference ID: rn 3864

# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

Citing this Record:

"Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947," database, FamilySearch  
(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N3WS-SLG> : accessed 14 December  
2015), John Loy in entry for Mary Kopp, 09 Feb 1918; Public Board of  
Health, Archives, Springfield; FHL microfilm 1,852,587.

This leads to the conclusion that Sophia must have made it to the USA, where she gave birth to Mary. It also implies that immigration of the family took place some time prior to 1853 (Mary's birth in OH) and after 1851 (Catherine's birth in Baden). Also, because Sophia does not appear in US records in the 1850s, it is tempting to speculate based on this that she died some time between 1853 and 1857 (when John remarries). More will be said about this later.

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## Family Group Chart

A corresponding family group chart for this family follows.

Family Group Report		
<b>Husband: Loy, John</b>		
Birth	wurm, baden,germany - according to marriage record with Sophia Kaelber	
	1820-08-15	Baden, Germany
Death	4/17/1892 actual death; maybe 4/21/1892 is the burial date	
	1892-04-17	Delphos, Allen, Ohio
Father	Lay, Johann Georg	
Mother	Clauss, Christina	
<b>Wife: Kaelber, Sophia</b>		
Birth	eutingen (near Pforzheim)	
	1820-11-01	Eutingen, Karlsruhe, Baden, Baden, Germany
Death	see note	
	1853-05-16	Baden, Germany
Father	Kaelber, Friedrich	
Mother	Deiss, Sophia	
<b>Children</b>		
<b>1M</b>	<b>Loy, John Edwin</b>	
	Birth	1848-12-29 Baden, Germany
	Death	1902 Auglaize, Ohio
	Spouse	Parker, Catherine A.
	Marriage	1872-07-27 Auglaize, Ohio, USA
<b>2F</b>	<b>Loy, Catherine L.</b>	
	Birth	1851-09-26 Baden, Germany
	Death	1930-05-14 Delphos, Allen, Ohio
	Spouse	Stopher, William
	Marriage	1868-02-01 Auglaize, Ohio
<b>3F</b>	<b>Loy, Mary</b>	
	Birth	1853-09-26 Ohio
	Death	1918-02-09 Chicago, Cook, Illinois
	Spouse	Kopp, Francis
	Marriage	1878-02-12 Allen, Ohio

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## Sophia Kaelber and Her First Marriage

### Birth and Death

Below are records that describe Sophia's birth and death. They indicate that she was born on 11/1/1820 in Eutingen and that she died on 5/16/1853. The location of her death is not given.

The date of death, however, needs to be considered in light of the birth of the daughter, Mary, who definitely seems to be hers and was born in OH. Here are the key dates that need to be resolved as well as their sources.

- Sophia dies May, 1853, according to the German records that follow
- Mary is born in 1853 +/-, according to the 1860 Federal Census
- Mary is born in March, 1854, according to the 1900 Federal Census
- Mary is born in September, 1853, according to her death certificate

So, it would not be unreasonable to assume for now that Sophia died in 1853 and that Mary was born in the same year. Perhaps the birth was associated with the death. This all should be validated through other independent sources, if they exist.

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The German records follow.

Deutschland Geburten und Taufen  
Name Sophia Kaelber  
Event Date 1820  
Gender Female  
Birth Date 01 Nov 1820  
Birth Year 1820  
Birthplace Evangelisch, Eutingen, Karlsruhe, Baden  
Christening Date 01 Nov 1820  
Christening Place Eutingen, Baden, Germany  
Death Date 16 May 1853  
Father's Name [Friedrich Kaelber](#)  
Mother's Name [Sophia Daissinn](#)  
Citing this Record

"Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898," database, *FamilySearch*  
(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NCD3-LNL> : accessed 18 May 2016), Sophia Kaelber, 01 Nov 1820; citing Evangelisch, Eutingen, Karlsruhe, Baden; FHL microfilm 1,238,344

Deutschland Geburten und Taufen  
Name Sophia Kaelber  
Gender Female  
Birthplace Evangelisch, Eutingen, Karlsruhe, Baden  
Christening Date 01 Nov 1820  
Christening Place Eutingen, Karlsruhe, Baden  
Death Date 16 May 1853  
Father's Name [Friedrich Kaelber](#)  
Mother's Name [Sophia Daissinn](#)  
Citing this Record

"Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898," database, *FamilySearch*  
(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N8HK-ZZF> : accessed 18 May 2016), Sophia Kaelber, 01 Nov 1820; citing Evangelisch, Eutingen, Karlsruhe, Baden; FHL microfilm 1,238,344

The location of Eutingen is shown on the following current map by the red pin – just NE of Pfozheim. A period map is also presented.

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## Sophia's First Marriage

To resolve the assertion in W. Garmhausen's book that John's first wife was named "Hydaker", I explored the German records for Sophia in more detail. I did in fact discover that she had been married to one Jakob Friedrich Heidegger in 1842. I have not found a record of Jakob's death, but I suppose that it must have happened after the birth of their son, Wilhelm, in 1846.

Together Sophia and Jakob had four children as follows. (All were born in Würm in Baden.)

- unnamed (b. 1/30/1844, died a few days later)
- Sophia (4/9/1845)
- Friedrich (4/9/1845, survived for nearly one year)
- Wilhelm Martin (11/12/1846)

Here is a record of the marriage.

Reference ID:  
Name: Jacob Friedrich Heidegger  
Birth Date: 20 Sep 1804  
Birthplace:  
Age:  
Spouse's Name: Sophia Kaelber  
Spouse's Birth Date: 01 Nov 1820  
Spouse's Birthplace:  
Spouse's Age:  
Event Date: 18 Dec 1842  
Event Place: Würm, Baden, Germany  
Father's Name:  
Mother's Name:  
Spouse's Father's Name: Friedrich Kaelber  
Spouse's Mother's Name: Sophia Deiss  
...  
Spouse's Previous Husband's Name:  
Indexing Project (Batch) Number: M93741-2  
System Origin: Germany-EASy  
GS Film number: 1238352  
Digital Folder Number: 4038836  
Image Number:  
Citing this Record:  
"Deutschland Heiraten, 1558-1929," database, FamilySearch  
(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NZMP-BW6> : 9 March 2018), Jacob Friedrich Heidegger and Sophia Kaelber, 18 Dec 1842; citing Würm, Baden, Germany; FHL microfilm 1,238,352.

Here are records of their children in Baden. (Later I will present evidence that two of the children emigrated to the USA.)



# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

## unnamed child (b.1844, d.1844)

Name: Heidegger

Name Note:

Titles and Terms:

Event Date:

Event Date: 1844

Gender: Male

...

Birth Date: 30 Jan 1844

Birth Year: 1844

Birthplace: Würm, Baden, Germany

Christening Date:

Christening Place:

Christening Age:

Death Date: 02 Feb 1844

Father's Name: Jakob Friedrich Heidegger

Father's Titles and Terms:

Father's Birthplace:

Father's Age:

Mother's Name: Sophia Kaelber

Mother's Titles and Terms:

Mother's Birthplace:

Mother's Age:

...

Reference ID:

System Origin: Germany-EASy

GS Film Number: 1238352

Indexing Project (Batch) Number: C93741-2

Citing this Record:

"Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898," database, FamilySearch

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NCDQ-9XG> : 9 March 2018), Sophia Kaelber in entry for Heidegger, ; citing Würm, Baden, Germany; FHL microfilm 1,238,352.

# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

## Sophia Heidegger (b.4/9/1845)

Name: Sophia Heidegger

Name Note:

Titles and Terms:

Event Date:

Event Date: 1845

Gender: Female

...

Birth Date: 09 Apr 1845

Birth Year: 1845

Birthplace: Würm, Baden, Germany

Christening Date: 13 Apr 1845

Christening Place:

Christening Age:

Death Date:

Father's Name: Jakob Friedrich Heidegger

Father's Titles and Terms:

Father's Birthplace:

Father's Age:

Mother's Name: Sophia Kaelber

...

Note:

Reference ID:

System Origin: Germany-EASy

GS Film Number: 1238352

Indexing Project (Batch) Number: C93741-2

Citing this Record:

"Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898," database, FamilySearch

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NCDQ-MBK> : 9 March 2018), Jakob Friedrich

Heidegger in entry for Sophia Heidegger, 13 Apr 1845; citing Würm, Baden, Germany; FHL microfilm 1,238,352.

# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

## Friedrich Heidegger (b.1845, d.1846)

Name: Friedrich Heidegger

Name Note:

Titles and Terms:

Event Date:

Event Date: 1845

Gender: Male

Age:

Race:

Birth Date: 09 Apr 1845

Birth Year: 1845

Birthplace: Würm, Baden, Germany

Christening Date: 13 Apr 1845

Christening Place:

Christening Age:

Death Date: 12 Mar 1846

Father's Name: Jakob Friedrich Heidegger

Father's Titles and Terms:

Father's Birthplace:

Father's Age:

Mother's Name: Sophia Kaelber

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Note:

Reference ID:

System Origin: Germany-EASy

GS Film Number: 1238352

Indexing Project (Batch) Number: C93741-2

Citing this Record:

"Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898," database, FamilySearch

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NCDQ-9YQ> : 9 March 2018), Jakob Friedrich Heidegger in entry for Friedrich Heidegger, 13 Apr 1845; citing Würm, Baden, Germany; FHL microfilm 1,238,352.

# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

## Wilhelm Martin Heidegger (b. 11/12/1846)

Name: Wilhelm Martin Heidegger

Name Note:

Titles and Terms:

Event Date:

Event Date: 1846

Gender: Male

Age:

Race:

Birth Date: 12 Nov 1846

Birth Year: 1846

Birthplace: Würm, Baden, Germany

Christening Date: 15 Nov 1846

Christening Place:

Christening Age:

Death Date:

Father's Name: Jakob Friedrich Heidegger

Father's Titles and Terms:

Father's Birthplace:

Father's Age:

Mother's Name: Sophia Kaelber

...

Note:

Reference ID:

System Origin: Germany-EASy

GS Film Number: 1238352

Indexing Project (Batch) Number: C93741-2

Citing this Record:

"Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898," database, FamilySearch

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NCDQ-SWG> : 9 March 2018), Jakob Friedrich Heidegger in entry for Wilhelm Martin Heidegger, 15 Nov 1846; citing Würm, Baden, Germany; FHL microfilm 1,238,352.

# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

## Evidence for Emigration of Children

I made a quick search of 1860 Federal Census records in Marion Co., OH, for people with the name Heidegger just to see what I would turn up. In fact I found two candidates that appear to match Sophia's surviving children, Sophia and Wilhelm. (This is the county where John Loy and his family appear in 1860.)

These records show what appear to be orphaned children, born in Baden, living in the house of other people from that part of the world.

I suspect that these children lived not too far from John Loy throughout their lives. It is interesting to speculate whether they actually interacted with each other and with John. (By the way, the 1900 Federal Census indicates that Sophia, child of Sophia and Jakob, immigrated in 1853.)

## Wilhelm/William in 1860

Name: William Hidaker

Titles and Terms:

Event Type: Census

Event Date: 1860

Event Place: Richland Township, Marion, Ohio, United States

Gender: Male

Age: 14

Race: White

Race (Original): [Blank]

Occupation:

Birth Year (Estimated): 1846

Birthplace: Baden

Page: 73

Household ID: 526

Affiliate Name: The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Affiliate Publication Number: M653

Affiliate Film Number: 1006

GS Film Number: 805006

Digital Folder Number: 005170602

Image Number: 00269

Household	Role	Sex	Age	Birthplace
Jacob Kebrer		M	38	Baden
Caroline Kebrer		F	33	Baden

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Caroline Kebrer	F	17	Baden
Catharine Kebrer	F	12	Baden
Christena Kebrer	F	9	Baden
Jacobina Kebrer	F	7	Ohio
Jacob Kebrer	M	4	Ohio
Christian Kebrer	M	2	Ohio
William Hidaker	M	14	Baden

Citing this Record:

"United States Census, 1860", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCGN-VZH> : 13 December 2017), William Hidaker in entry for Jacob Kebrer, 1860.

## Wilhelm's Burial in 1928

William M Hydaker

Birth: 1846

Death: 1928 (aged 81–82)

Burial: Spencerville Cemetery, Spencerville, Allen County, Ohio, USA

Plot: Row 14

Memorial #: 24981406

Family Members

Spouse

Mary Catherine Mack Hydaker 1858-1917

Children

Fairy Hydaker Barnett 1879-1968

Albert C Hydaker 1880-1946

Ralph Isaac Hydaker 1886-1972

Mabel C Hydaker Miller 1889-1986

George Mack Hydaker 1894-1976

Walter Lynn Hydaker 1897-1980

Vernon E Hydaker 1899-1985

Created by: DUVCW (46829351)

Added: 1 Mar 2008

URL: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24981406/william-hydaker>

Citation: Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 02 July 2018), memorial page for William M Hydaker (1846–1928), Find A Grave Memorial no. 24981406, citing Spencerville Cemetery, Spencerville, Allen County, Ohio, USA ; Maintained by DUVCW (contributor 46829351) .

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## Sophia in 1860

Name: Sophia Hidaker  
Titles and Terms:  
Event Type: Census  
Event Date: 1860  
Event Place: Richland Township, Marion, Ohio, United States  
Gender: Female  
Age: 14  
Race: White  
Race (Original): [Blank]  
Occupation:  
Birth Year (Estimated): 1846  
Birthplace: Baden  
Page: 67  
Household ID: 472  
Affiliate Name: The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)  
Affiliate Publication Number: M653  
Affiliate Film Number: 1006  
GS Film Number: 805006  
Digital Folder Number: 005170602  
Image Number: 00263

Household	Role	Sex	Age	Birthplace
Frederick Keller			M 70	Baden
Sophia Keller		F	68	Wurtemberg
Caleb Keller		M	22	Baden
Sophia Hidaker		F	14	Baden
Charles Shuler		M	13	Baden

### Citing this Record:

"United States Census, 1860", database with images, FamilySearch  
(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCGN-JR7> : 13 December 2017), Sophia Hidaker in entry for Frederick Keller, 1860.

## Sophia Seibert's Death

Name: Sophia Hydecker Seibert  
Titles and Terms:  
Event Type: Death

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Event Date: 10 Dec 1915  
Event Place: Spencerville, Allen, Ohio  
Residence Place:  
Address:  
Gender: Female  
Age: 70  
Marital Status: Widowed  
Race: W  
Occupation: Retired  
Birth Date: 09 Apr 1845  
Birthplace: Germany  
Birth Year (Estimated): 1845  
Burial Date: 13 Dec 1915  
Burial Place: Spencerville  
Cemetery:  
Father's Name: Jacob Hydecker  
Father's Titles and Terms:  
Father's Birthplace: Germany  
Mother's Name: Sophia Kelber  
Mother's Titles and Terms:  
Mother's Birthplace: Germany  
Spouse's Name:  
Spouse's Titles and Terms:  
File Number: fn 63922  
GS Film number: 1983550  
Digital Folder Number: 004025084  
Image Number: 00793

## Citing this Record:

"Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953," database with images, FamilySearch  
(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X8FJ-CQS> : 9 March 2018), Sophia Hydecker Seibert, 10 Dec 1915; citing Spencerville, Allen, Ohio, reference fn 63922; FHL microfilm 1,983,550.

## **Sophia Seibert's Burial**

Sophia Hydecker Seibert  
Birth: 9 Apr 1845 Germany  
Death: 10 Dec 1915 (aged 70) Spencerville, Allen County, Ohio, USA  
Burial: Spencerville Cemetery, Spencerville, Allen County, Ohio, USA



# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

Plot: Middle Old Section-Row 20

Memorial #: 22156749

Family Members

Spouse

Jacob Seibert 1851-1909

Children

Mary Elizabeth Seibert Miller 1876-1966

Created by: DUVCW (46829351)

Added: 13 Oct 2007

URL: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/22156749>

Citation: Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 02 July 2018), memorial page for Sophia Hydecker Seibert (9 Apr 1845–10 Dec 1915), Find A Grave Memorial no. 22156749, citing Spencerville Cemetery, Spencerville, Allen County, Ohio, USA ; Maintained by DUVCW (contributor 46829351) .

# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

## Emigration, Immigration, and Naturalization

### Emigration

I have discovered some Baden emigration records that likely have bearing on understanding the movements of John and other people with the Lay surname from the Pforzheim area.

The records can be found using <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/258733?availability=Family%20History%20Library> .

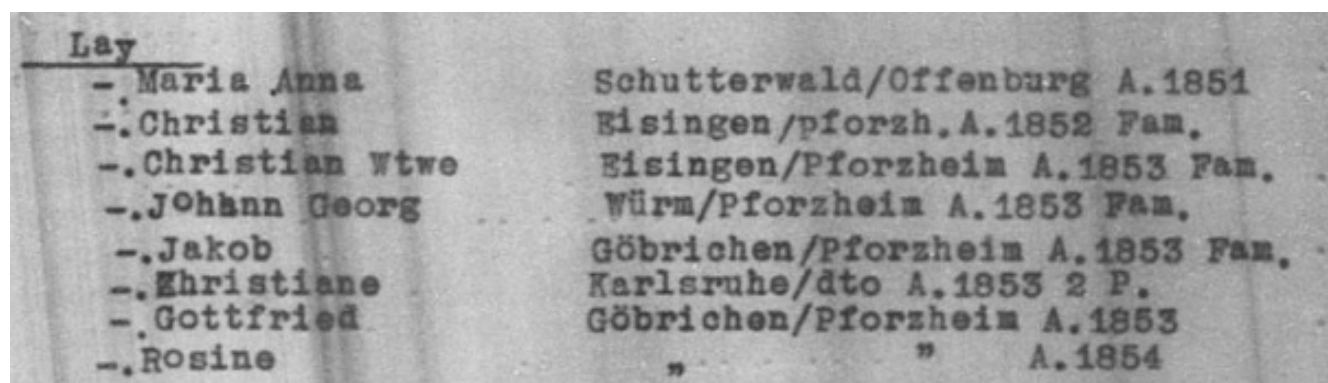
Specifically, see

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSVS-F3VC-M> (Jakob Lay emigration)

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSVS-F388-Q> (Johan Georg Lay emigration)

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSVS-F3X6-9> (summary of emigration by assorted people with the Lay surname)

The later is pictured below.



Lay	
- Maria Anna	Schutterwald/Offenburg A. 1851
- Christian	Eisingen/pforzh. A. 1852 Fam.
- Christian Wtwe	Eisingen/Pforzheim A. 1853 Fam.
- Johann Georg	Würrn/Pforzheim A. 1853 Fam.
- Jakob	Göbrichen/Pforzheim A. 1853 Fam.
- Christiane	Karlsruhe/dto A. 1853 2 P.
- Gottfried	Göbrichen/Pforzheim A. 1853
- Rosine	" " A. 1854

This is consistent with transit to the USA in 1853 by Johann Georg (John) Lay. And, this fits nicely with the information that follows regarding immigration and naturalization.

### Immigration

As mentioned above, the dates associated with the death of John's wife, Sophia, and the birth of their third child, Mary, indicate that travel between Baden and OH must have taken place some time around 1853. This is a period of time just after the 1848 Revolution in the German states. Much has been written about this, so I just mention it in passing here.

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The book noted above by Allen Potts (page 57) does have an intriguing entry for one John Loy, a son John, and daughter Catherine for 1852.

Lowmiller, Mrs Margaret	May 7, 1819	May 2, 1899	Germany	
Loy, Catharina		1851	Baden	Loy, John
Loy, John		1845	Baden	Loy, John
Loy, John		1821	Baden	carpenter
Loyer, Carl	May	1839	Baden	
Loyer, George		1831	Baden	

...

Germany			Tu	Lowmiller, Henry
Baden	Loy, John	1852	Pr	
Baden	Loy, John	1852	Pr	
Baden	carpenter	1852	Pr	
Baden		1840	MT	widower
Baden			Pr	, Catharina

Key pieces of information are the names, birth dates (close, but I believe inaccurate based on other sources), country of origin (Baden), residence in Prospect Township, and immigration in 1852 (for all).

Sophia is not mentioned. This further deepens the mystery surrounding her arrival in the US and the circumstances of the birth of her daughter, Mary.

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## Naturalization

The Delaware Co. (OH) Records Center provided me with a document from 1858 that may record the naturalization of John Loy. A copy of the document follows. It records the naturalization of seven people – 4 from Ireland and 3 from Germany.

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Tuesday September 28/58

- x John Keely
- x Michael O'Marra
- x Michael Calahan
- x Thomas Thute
- x Jacob Koch
- x William Koch
- x John G. Lay

Naturalized

This day personally appeared in open court John Keely, Michael O'Marra, Michael Calahan & Thomas Thute, free white males over the age of twenty one years, natives of Ireland, and Jacob Koch, William Koch, & John G. Lay free white males over the age of twenty one years, natives of Germany, each having produced

satisfactory evidence to the court that each one had in all respects complied with the laws regulating naturalization.

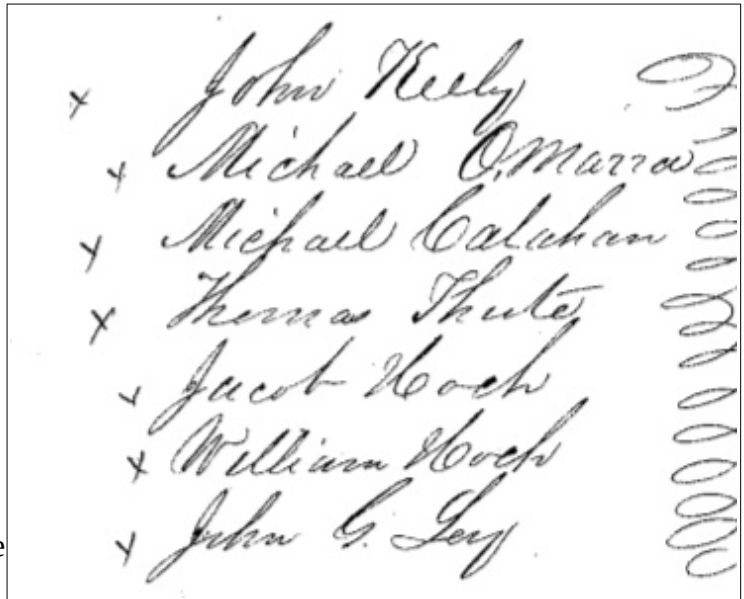
It is ordered that each one of them be admitted to all the rights and privileges of citizens of the United States, Whereupon the said John Keely, Michael O'Marra, Michael Calahan, Thomas Thute, Jacob Koch, William Koch, & John G. Lay each personally appeared in open court and made solemn oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and that they do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any and every foreign Prince, Potentate, State, King or sovereignty whatever, and especially all allegiance and fidelity to the Governments wherof they have hitherto been citizens and subjects.

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The document is dated 9/28/1858. The names of the seven men are shown in the enlarged insert here.

The three “Germans” are Jacob Koch, William Koch, and John G. Loy/Ley/Lay.

The date of this document would fit well within the time-line described so far. (I understand that during this era, a person would declare his intention to become a citizen and five years later could file final papers to achieve naturalized status.) In other words, arrival in 1852 would allow reasonable time to accomplish naturalization in 1858.



So, this is not definitely a record for John, but it easily could be based on the timing and the location of the court not far from John’s residence in Prospect Township.

By the way, a quick bit of research shows that the boundary between Marion and Delaware Counties, which is where John lived, had shifted some years before this. It is possible that Delaware was the preferred location to handle naturalization if you lived near the boundary between the counties, which is where John lived.

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## Marriage (to Susannah Snyder)

At this point, we have a pretty good case for the fact that John arrived in Prospect Township, Marion Co., OH, in about 1852. His Wife Sophia somehow arrived in the vicinity as well, and their third child (Mary) was born. Sophia dies in 1853. John works as a carpenter, perhaps a skill that he brought from Baden.

This, however, leaves him as single father, supporting three children (Mary, an infant, John, 5 years old, and Catherine, 2 years old). Somehow he made the situation work, but it is not surprising that he would have sought help and companionship. This he found in the person of one Susannah Snyder, who resided with her family in the nearby township of Waldo.

John and Susannah married in March, 1857. By the time of the 1860 Federal Census, their family consisted of John's original three children and two of their own. -

Name: Samuel Loy; Event Type: Census; Event Year: 1860  
Event Place: Prospect Township, Marion, Ohio, United States  
Gender: Male; Age: 1; Race: White  
Race (Original): [Blank]  
Birth Year (Estimated): 1859  
Birthplace: Ohio  
Page: 165  
Household ID: 1226  
Affiliate Name: The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)  
Affiliate Publication Number: M653  
GS Film Number: 805006  
Digital Folder Number: 004282830  
Image Number: 00362

Household	Role	Gender	Age	Birthplace
John Loy		M	39	Baden
Susana Loy		F	26	Pennsylvania
John Loy		M	12	Baden
Catharine Loy		F	9	Baden
Mary Loy		F	7	Ohio
Christena Loy		F	3	Ohio
Samuel Loy		M	1	Ohio

Citing this Record:

"United States Census, 1860," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCGN->

# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

LRG : accessed 12 December 2015), Samuel Loy in household of John Loy, Prospect Township, Marion, Ohio, United States; from "1860 U.S. Federal Census - Population," database, Fold3.com (<http://www.fold3.com> : n.d.); citing p. 165, household ID 1226, NARA microfilm publication M653 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 805,006.

In 1864 they had another daughter, Sarah Ann. - Her 1946 obituary shows her birth date as 2/2/1864.

So, by 1864, there is a family consisting of 6 children, ranging in age from newborn to 16. My great grandfather, Sam was about 5 years old.

At about this time, Susannah no longer appears in records that have been found so far. We will see that the 1870 Federal Census does not show her. Exactly what happens is not at all clear and deserves more research.

Following is a family group chart for the Loy/Snyder family. Note that, where birth locations are found in the historical record for the children, none explicitly show Marion Co., OH, as the place where they were born. Also, note that the family is clearly shown as being in Marion Co. in 1860, however. Perhaps John's work (carpentry) made them a mobile family, or possibly just as likely recorded birth locations reflect inaccurate information and an association with Delphos, OH, which spans Allen and Van Wert Counties.

Here is a summary of birth locations per "official" records.

- Christena – Van Wert County, OH
- Sam – just Ohio (I have never seen anything more specific than this.)
- Sarah – Allen County, OH

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## Family Group Report

<b>Husband: Loy, John</b>			
Birth	wurm, baden,germany - according to marriage record with Sophia Kaelber		
	1820-08-15	Baden, Germany	
Death	4/17/1892 actual death; maybe 4/21/1892 is the burial date		
	1892-04-17	Delphos, Allen, Ohio	
Father	Lay, Johann Georg		
Mother	Clauss, Christina		
<b>Wife: Snyder, Susannah</b>			
Birth	according to the 1850 fed census		
	1832	Pennsylvania	
Death			
Father	Snyder, John		
Mother	unknown, Catherine		
<b>Children</b>			
<b>1F</b>	<b>Loy, Christena Caroline</b>		
	Birth	1857-09-25	Van Wert, OH, USA
	Death	1936-10-23	Delphos, Allen, Ohio
	Spouse	Moreo, Andrew	
	Marriage	1877-08-23	Landeck, OH, USA
<b>2M</b>	<b>Loy, Samuel</b>		
	Birth	1859-01-06	Ohio
	Death	1920-10-28	Adams, North Dakota
	Spouse	Allen, Anna Louella	
	Marriage	1895-12-25	Mound City, South Dakota
	Spouse	Rower, Margaret	
Marriage	1882-08-03	Allen, Ohio, USA	
<b>3F</b>	<b>Loy, Sarah Ann</b>		
	Birth	1864-02-02	Allen, Ohio, USA
	Death	1946-01-07	
	Spouse	Morgan, Charlie Ross	
	Marriage	1921-02-02	Van Wert, OH, USA
	Spouse	Archer, Samuel Washburn	
Marriage	1882-12-19	Allen County Ohio, Allen County, Ohio	



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## An Aside about Susannah's Birth Family

Here is what we know from the 1850 census about Susannah's family.

Name: John Snyder  
Event Type: Census  
Event Year: 1850  
Event Place: Waldo, Marion, Ohio, United States  
Gender: Male  
Age: 46  
Race: White  
Race (Original):  
Birth Year (Estimated): 1804  
Birthplace: Pennsylvania  
Household ID: 7  
House Number: 7  
Line Number: 9  
Affiliate Name: The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)  
Affiliate Publication Number: M432  
Affiliate Film Number: 708  
GS Film Number: 444701  
Digital Folder Number: 004204493  
Image Number: 00008

Household	Role	Sex	Age	Birthplace
John Snyder		M	46	Pennsylvania
Catharine Snyder		F	55	Pennsylvania
Susanna Snyder		F	18	Pennsylvania
Elizabeth Snyder		F	16	Ohio
George Snyder		M	15	Ohio
Martha Snyder		F	9	Ohio

### Citing this Record:

"United States Census, 1850," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MXQL-MV2> : 12 April 2016), John Snyder, Waldo, Marion, Ohio, United States; citing family 7, NARA microfilm publication M432 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

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I have not found the family in 1860 or 1870. It is possible that Susannah's brother, George, became entangled in the Civil War. Her sisters, Martha and Elizabeth, could have married. This would have left parents, John and Catherine, alone and harder to trace. This is another potential future avenue of research that might accidentally reveal something about Susannah's life during the 1860s.

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## Activities From Mid-1860s Until Death

In this section I investigate some possible events in the life of John Loy. These are “stories” for now until additional corroborating evidence is uncovered.

What does seem certain is that the Loy family (minus Susannah?) moved from the Prospect (Marion County) area to Van Wert county (and Allen county). The cities of Van Wert and Delphos and Lima all seem to be significant in some ways.

Based on what follows, my current best guess is that the Loy/Snyder marriage ended some time between Feb, 1964 and Sept., 1965. This is the time period when I would expect to find death information or divorce information for Susannah. See what you think.

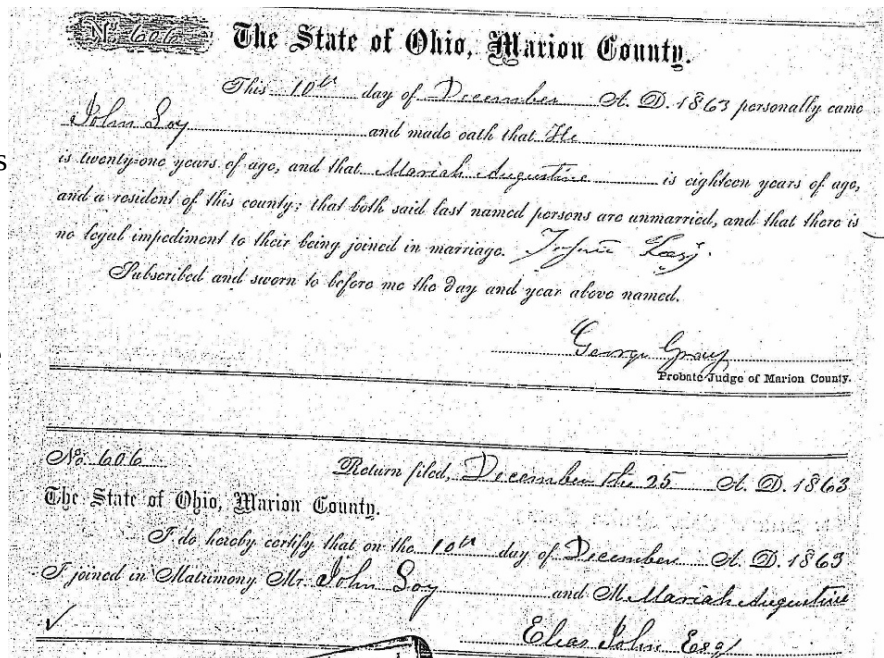
## Marriage to Mariah Augustine

Just to confuse the story of John’s life, a marriage record exists that might pertain to John. This is not proven, however, and if true the associated date would need to be reconciled with the birth date for Sarah Ann (Feb., 1864) and the fact that Sarah’s death certificate says that her mother’s name was Schneider (Snyder). Perhaps this marriage is for another John Loy in Marion Co. Many people have picked up on this marriage as fact for “our” John Loy, but I have seen no corroborating evidence.

For now, I choose to view this record as VERY suspicious and doubtful in terms of its applicability to our John Loy. This is another possible area of future research.

Here is the record of a marriage of one John Loy to Mariah Augustine on 12/10/1863 in Marion Co., OH.

Name: John Loy  
Titles and Terms:  
Event Type: Marriage  
Event Date: 10 Dec 1863  
Event Place: Marion, Ohio, United States  
Age: 21y or over



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Birth Date:

Birth Year (Estimated):

Birthplace:

Father's Name:

Father's Titles and Terms:

Mother's Name:

Mother's Titles and Terms:

Spouse's Name: Mariah Augustine

Spouse's Titles and Terms:

Spouse's Age: 18y or over

Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated):

Spouse's Birthplace:

Spouse's Father's Name:

Spouse's Father's Titles and Terms:

Spouse's Mother's Name:

Spouse's Mother's Titles and Terms:

Reference ID: V6, p302, no.606

GS Film Number: 384241

Digital Folder Number: 004257805

Image Number: 00195

Citing this Record:

"Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2013," database with images, FamilySearch

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XZCN-1YR : 10 February 2018>), John Loy and Mariah Augustine, 10 Dec 1863; citing Marion, Ohio, United States, reference V6, p302, no.606; county courthouses, Ohio; FHL microfilm 384,241.

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## Subsequent Marriage to Catherine Klinger Louth

In June, 2018, I contracted with researchers at the Allen Co. Public Library in Ft. Wayne, IN, to see if they could provide some clues regarding what might have happened to Susannah (Snyder) Loy. They were not able to answer that question directly, but they did turn up an interesting fresh twist to somethings that happened to John between the mid-1860s and the time of his death.

They turned up death and burial records for one Mrs. John Loy in Van Wert in 1887. Interestingly, they identified this person as Catherine Klinger, married to Andrew Louth in 1857, and John Lay in 1865. Assuming that this is correct, then John remarried to Catherine Klinger and they were subsequently separated or divorced. (She shows up divorced in the 1880 census.) The sequential evidence trail follows. (This is not a “clean” story and requires support from independent sources.)

# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

1857 marriage of Catherine Klinger to Andrew South (Louth) 3/21/1857.

“South” is probably a transcription error encouraged by the way the letter “L” was written in the original document.



Allen County, Ohio Marriages

SPOUSE # 1	SPOUSE #2	MONTH	DA	YEAR	OFFICIAL	BK	PG
Snyder Josiah	Reed Clarissa	July	06	1862	Webster B. A. - Mg	A	434
Snyder Levi	Mayers Lydia	December	07	1865	Mell John - JP	B	136
Snyder Levina	Moyers Thomas C	April	10	1866	Mell John - JP	B	170
Snyder Lucy S.	Everett Jonathan L.	July	24	1860	Shipley George - JP	A	328
Snyder Marilla	Reed Arthur	May	26	1863	Webster Barton A.	A	474
Snyder Peter	Edgecomb Clarinda	April	09	1840	Hartshorn Edward - JP	BK 1	119
Snyder Peter	Collar Ellen	September	08	1868	Maltbie H. - Mg	B	347
Snyder Susanna	Downhour Barney	September	05	1862	Miller John F. - JP	A	446
Snyder Susannah	Bodenbander Henry	February	03	1848	Rogers John - JP	BK 2	196
Snyder Susannah	Shockey Samuel A.	September	02	1852	Shockey John - Mg	A	017
Snyder Thomas	York Mary J	May	24	1866	Knott Wm - JP	B	177
Soloman Adam L	Michael Melinda	December	21	1865	Krebs A. R. - Mg	B	140
Soloman William	Jones Adaline	November	27	1865	No Return	B	132
Soloman William	Jones Adaline	November	27	1865	Probate Judge	B	132
Solomon George	Lloyd Catharine	April	24	1860	Sheply George - JP	A	319
Solomon Henry	Downing Sarah	April	03	1862	Faus William	A	422
Solomon Isaac	Close Ruth Jane	April	06	1858	Goble George W. - JP	A	228
Solomon Lydia C.	Driver Jacob	September	18	1859	Brower Daniel	A	288
Sonafrank Elizabeth	Shearer Isaac	June	06	1850	Hadsell Anson M. - JP	BK 3	020
Sonafrank John	Stuckmeyer Mary	March	09	1847	Hartshorn Edward - JP	BK 2	151
Sotell Charles	Dalla Louisa	March	15	1860	Shepley George - JP	A	312
Sours Jacob	Herring Harriet	February	01	1849	Herring Philip - JP	BK 2	141
South Andrew	Klinger Catharine	March	21	1857	Overmyer Geirge W. - JP	A	186
South Catharine	Oscs John	October	30	1857	Overmyer George W. - JP	A	209
South Charlotte	Crossley Samuel	July	31	1853	Hardesty Isaac - JP	A	050
South Elizabeth	Kleinhans Christopher	January	17	1857	Overmyer George W. - JP	A	182
South Emaline E.	Elliott Benjamin D.	June	06	1850	Darling D. P. - JP	BK 3	021
South Helena	Lux Louis	July	22	1862	Griffith O. E. - JP	A	435
South John	Trusdale Mary Samantha	May	22	1851	Darling D. P. - JP	BK 3	066
South Rebecca	Bowersox Valentine	April	03	1858	Westbay John - JP	A	231
South Washington	Bourts Sarah	July	08	1852	Darling D. P. - JP	A	012
Southworth Benjamin F.	Sakemiller Elizabeth	December	14	1849	Mormon Wm. - JP	BK 3	001
Southworth Benjamin P.	Moore Sarah	August	18	1856	Moorman Wm. - Elder	A	165
Sowers Daniel	Thompson Sarah J.	October	29	1868	Krebs A. R. - Mg	B	356
Sowers David	Michael Catharine	November	15	1868	Miller Daniel - VDM	B	360
Sowers George	Reese Elizabeth	March	22	1857	Krebs A. R. - Mg	A	188
Sowers John	Shrove Catharine	July	17	1854	No Return	A	084
Sowers Mary	Miller Henry	November	14	1863	Mell John - JP	B	016
Spalinger Barbara	Gammatter Jacob	September	03	1865	Grading Peter - Mg	B	105
Spalinger Ulrich	Geiger Barbary	June	23	1853	Steiner Ulrich - Mg	A	048
Spangenberg Charles	Haller Catharine	January	11	1847	Schemmel Conrad - JP	BK 2	144
Spangler Elizabeth	Baker Samuel	May	15	1849	Boyer Daniel - JP	BK 2	257
Spangler George	Hahn Dorothy	April	11	1843	Doner Abraham - Rev	BK 2	013
Spangler Lemech	Miller Sarah	January	05	1854	Herring Phillip - JP	A	066
Spangler Mabel	Stemen Samuel	September	07	1847	No Return	BK 2	177
Spangler Malinda	Miller Curtis	May	10	1860	Herring Lewis - JP	A	321
Spangler Maria	Roush Joseph	October	17	1861	Bell Freeman - JP	A	405
Spangler Rachel	Conrad Emanuel	December	08	1868	Bartholamew A. S.	B	363
Spangler Rebecca	Meyers Daniel	April	19	1849	Griffiths Joseph Jr. - JP	BK 2	253
Spangler Sarah	Fasnacht Wesley	May	24	1849	Boyer Daniel - JP	BK 2	258
Spangler Sophia	Tester George W.	June	19	1851	Ward George - JP	BK 3	069
Spangler Sophia	Keller Abraham	December	21	1862	Ditto Richard W. - JP	A	456
Spangler Susanna	Miller William	February	21	1858	Herring Lewis - JP	A	224
Spargo Sarah	VanHorn William	June	27	1845	McLean John - JP	BK 2	081
Spaulding Lee	Dickinson Marietta	May	09	1869	Young Isaac - Mg	B	389
Speaker William	Edgell Louise	September	07	1865	Krebs A. R. - Mg	B	107
Spear Susan	Mechling William L.	February	25	1869	Krebs A. R. - Mg	B	379

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Marriage of  
Catherine Lauth  
(Louth) to John  
Loy 9/28/1865.

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SPOUSE # 1	SPOUSE #2	MONTH	DA	YEAR	OFFICIAL	BK	PG
Langshaw Mary	Vannatta J. D.	October	15	1866	Kennedy Oliver - Mg	B	206
Langstaff Ann M.	Maltbie Thomas A.	December	16	1869	Maltbie H. - Mg	B	425
Lanning Benjamin	Bobb Anna	July	03	1836	Spurrier Beal - JP	BK 1	054
Lantz G. E.	Lawrence Angeline	August	01	1861	Griffith O. E. - JP	A	391
Laohridge Margaret Jane	Bimel John	April	05	1853	Roberts J. B.	A	040
Larue William A	Helser Lucinda	July	22	1866	Corbett T W - Mg	B	187
Lathers Milly	Fair Jesse	October	22	1848	King Isaac - JP	BK 2	229
Lathrop Fanny Mrs.	Hover Ezekiel	December	23	1850	Wilcox Ralph	BK 3	046
Latimer Mary J	McKee Judson	April	27	1865	Tucker N. - JP	B	086
Laudich Elizabeth	Babb John	March	29	1839	Ide L. H. - JP	BK 1	101
Laudick Louis	Miller Clarissa Jane	September	23	1852	Shockey John - JP	A	019
Laughridge James	Weaver Eve	January	20	1850	Schooler Isaac - JP	BK 3	006
Laughridge Jane	Miller George	January	01	1852	Roberts Josiah B. - JP	BK 3	092
Laurence Hannah	Bowers Elijah D.	August	30	1846	Roberts J. B.	BK 2	127
Laurence Mary	Reece Alfred	April	25	1839	Wever Barnet - JP	BK 1	104
Laurence Ossa	Harrison Sarah J.	July	03	1867	White Eli - JP	B	259
Laurend Orange	Dering Clarinda	August	04	1856	Hall J. B. - JP	A	163
Lause Balz Henry	Moller Mary Elizabeth	March	24	1849	Bredeick J. O.	BK 2	248
Lause Catharine	Beckman Frank	May	24	1864	Stifenten Andrew - Min.	B	043
Lauth Catherine	Lay John	September	28	1865	Tucker A. - JP	B	113
Lauth Phillip	Moss Sarah Ann	February	18	1864	Hill John G. - JP	B	030
Lavato Mary	Kelly John	November	27	1865	Murphy E J - Mg	B	132
Lawberton William H	Nye Martha Ellen	October	05	1865	Ramsey Samuel - Rev	B	115
Lawlor P. H.	Keeth Johanna	February	13	1868	Kearney J. G. - Pastor	B	313
Lawrance Charlotta	Gilbert Jesse S.	November	18	1852	Griffith Thomas	A	028
Lawrance Christenay	Keith William D.	May	24	1853	Webster John - JP	A	044
Lawrence Angeline	Lantz G. E.	August	01	1861	Griffith O. E. - JP	A	391
Lawrence James	Shaver Matilda Jane	May	03	1868	Baker W. L. - JP	B	326
Lawrence John	Budd Asenath	March	19	1857	Wykes J. - Min.	A	187
Lawrence Levi	Crist Jemima Catharine	March	24	1861	DeLeal J. S. - Mg	A	375
Lawrence Lucy	Bailey Bradrick	August	30	1845	Watts James - JP	BK 2	084
Lawrence Mary A.	Crist John J.	August	08	1858	Miller John F. - JP	A	241
Lawrence Mary Jane	Eubanks Joseph	January	24	1864	Miller John F. - JP	B	025
Lawrence Moses	Walton Sarah Emily	February	19	1846	Reece William - JP	BK 2	101
Lawrence Patience	Hurlburt C. W.	June	26	1853	Webster John - JP	A	047
Lawrence Sarah	Brown Levi	July	19	1855	Griffith Thomas - Rev.	A	128
Lawrence Sarah Mariah	Gulliver Aaron Jackson	May	23	1844	Bresler Joseph - JP	BK 2	047
Lawrence Susan	Atkinson Evan G.	September	17	1848	Roberts J. B. - JP	BK 2	221
Lay John	Lauth Catherine	September	28	1865	Tucker A. - JP	B	113
Laycock David W.	Schofield Rebecca	October	28	1856	Shaffer John - JP	A	171
Laycock Mary E.	Ingledue Martin H.	February	12	1863	Bulle D. - Min	A	463
Laycock Rebecca	Berry John C.	November	27	1862	Winter W. W.	A	454
Laycock Sarah A	Worrill Jonathan	December	28	1865	Tucker A. - JP	B	142
Layfever William	Bird Sarah	July	24	1855	Delzell Thomas - JP	A	128
Layman Jacob	Hoover Jane	April	25	1865	Cunningham E. B. - JP	B	084
Layman Mary	Neiswander Abraham M	March	10	1866	Cunningham E. B. - JP	B	161
Layton Mary Jane	Copeland Amos	November	23	1839	Harvey Enoch - Mg	BK 1	110
Layton Robert C.	Corder Martha L.	March	25	1841	Metheany Richard - JP	BK 1	140
Layton William V. M.	Waggoner Rebecca	April	10	1846	Cheevers James S. - JP	BK 2	109
Leach Asa	Mull Mary Jane	August	16	1854	Hurd M. K. - Mg	A	086
Leach George W.	Sifert Mary Ann	June	04	1867	Kennedy Oliver - Mg	B	257
Leach John H.	McClure Elizabeth	November	11	1849	Craig Andrew - JP	BK 2	281
Leach William T.	Povenmoyer Lance	December	04	1851	Hering Philip - JP	BK 3	089
Leas Catharine	Donhaiser Adam	January	24	1858	Overmyer George - JP	A	222
Leas John	Hartlain Anna	April	28	1861	Alstatter Frederick - Evang.	A	376
Leasure Harriet	Harris Samuel	October	18	1866	Brice W. K. - Min.	B	204
Leasy David E	McCray Jennie	August	23	1866	Martz Michael - ECC	B	192



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Death / burial of "Mrs. Loy."

Under burials with no monuments in the document whose title page is shown at the right, Mrs. Loy is shown.

You will find the page that follows. Note the very first line.

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45	LUELLEN, James P	-	
53	LUMBARD, James	-	
26	LUSK, Infant	-	Inf of Russell
23	LUSK, Walter	-	
23	LUSK, Infant	-	Inf of Walter
26	LYNCH, Hugh V	-	
53	LYNCH, John	-	
34	LYTLE, Infant	-	Inf of WH
53	MADDEN, Barney	-	
26	MAGGIN, Patreca A	-	
21	MAGNER, Infant	-	
21	MAGNER, Children	-	
51	MAHAN, James A M	-	
V	MALICK, Elizabeth	-	
V	MALICK, Hugh	-	
V	MALICK, Infant	-	Inf of John
E	MALICK, Mattie	-	
20	MALIGHAN, Jennie	-	
44	MALLONEE, Daughter	-	d/o W E
20	MALOMEY, Mrs John	-	
22	MANSHIP, Mary	-	
24	MARBLE, Cordelia M	-	
27	MARCUM, Jessie	-	
43	MARKIS, Helen	-	
43	MARKIS, Helen	-	
44	MARKLEY, Belle MILLER	-	
43	MARKUS, Wm	-	
42	MARSH, Chester S	-	
36	MARSHALL, Blanch	-	
66	MARSHALL, Brunetta	-	
66	MARSHALL, Elizabeth Ellen	-	
66	MARSHALL, George W	-	
23	MARSHALL, James	-	
66	MARSHALL, James	-	
66	MARSHALL, Laura	-	
22	MARSHALL, Letty	-	
22	MARSHALL, May	-	
23	MARSHALL, Rehua	-	
22	MARSHALL, Thomas	-	
68	MARTIN, Cromwell Ada	-	
43	MARTIN, Byron F	-	
66	MARTIN, Catherine	-	
42	MARTIN, Dorothy	-	
13	MARTIN, Fearl	-	
45	MARTIN, Frances Emma	-	
36	MARTIN, Infant	-	Inf of Dale

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Here is a corresponding news article and some confirming evidence that we are tracking the right person. First an article from the 12/9/1887 "Van Wert Weekly Bulletin". Then a copy of the death certificate for Sophia Barlow, a daughter from the marriage of Catherine to Andrew Louth. Note that Sophia is born in 1859 in Jennings Twp in Van Wert Co. This becomes important later when we look at the 1870 Federal Census.

*Van Wert Weekly Bulletin  
Fri, 9 Dec 1887*

Deaths.

Mrs. John Loy died at her home on South Tyler street and was buried in Woodland on last Friday.

PROBATE COURT, VAN WERT COUNTY, OHIO.  
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION.

In the Matter of ) 1923 ✓  
W. M. Ralston )  
and )  
Sophia Barlow )

To the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court of said County.

The undersigned respectfully make application for a Marriage License for said parties, and upon oath state:

That said W. M. Ralston is 28 years of age on the 5 day of Feb 1923  
his residence is Rockford Ohio  
his place of birth is Van Wert County Ohio  
his occupation is Farmer  
his father's name is John A. Ralston  
his mother's maiden name was Mahala Pixler  
that he was never previously married  
and that he has no wife living.

That said Sophia Barlow is 66 years of age on the 17 day of February 1923  
her residence is Van Wert Van Wert County, Ohio,  
her place of birth is Jennings Twp. V.  
her occupation is Domestic  
her father's name is Andrew Louth  
her mother's maiden name was Catherine Kluges  
that she was never previously married  
and is never a widow or divorced woman, her married name  
being Barlow  
that she has no husband living.

That neither of said parties is an habitual drunkard, epileptic, imbecile or insane, or under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug.  
Said parties are not nearer of kin than second cousins, and there is no legal impediment to their marriage.  
It is expected that

The Probate Judge, being satisfied that there is no legal impediment to said marriage, a license therefore is hereby granted and issued to said parties this 11 day of December 1923

W. M. Ralston is to solemnize the marriage of said parties.  
Sophia Barlow attests.  
Sworn to before me, and signed in my presence.  
this 11 day of December 1923

Charles E. Lawhead Probate Judge. Harriet Jones Probate Judge—Deputy Clerk

THE STATE OF OHIO, VAN WERT COUNTY, SS.:  
of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby give consent to the marriage of the said \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, the said \_\_\_\_\_ being under the age of \_\_\_\_\_ years, to-wit: \_\_\_\_\_ years of age. Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Attesting Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.  
I Do Hereby Certify, That on the 12 day of December A. D. 1923, I solemnized the Marriage of Mr. W. M. Ralston with Mrs. Sophia Barlow  
Filed and Recorded 12 - 14 1923  
Charles E. Lawhead Probate Judge. Geo B. Brantner Secy. Van Wert

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## The 1870 Federal Census

By the time of the 1870 census, Loy family members would have had the following approximate ages.

- John: 50
- Susannah: 38 (?)
- John: 22 (about to be married to Catherine Parker)
- Catherine: 19 (already married to William Stopher)
- Mary: 17 (within 8 years of marriage to Francis Kopp)
- Christena: 13 (within 7 years of marriage to Andrew Moreo)
- Sam: 11 (within 12 years of marriage to Margaret Rower, 25 years from marriage to Anna Allen)
- Sarah: 6 (within 12 years of marriage to Samuel Archer)

There are two records of interest from the 1870 census. Both confirm that John and family have relocated farther west to the area of Van Wert County. One record from June shows John alone as a carpenter (the expected occupation), but the other may show him and some of his children with another family 2 months later. Here's the first (simple, indisputable) record for the Village of Van Wert.

Page No. 38 } Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as follows.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in The Village of Van Wert, in the County of Van Wert, State of Ohio, enumerated by me on the 9th day of June, 1870.

Post Office: Van Wert Ohio G. M. Schaffner, Ass't Marshal.

38		Loy John	50	m	w	Carpenter	1	290	Baden	1	1
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Next is the record for Jennings Township in Van Wert Co. Jennings Twp is southeast of the town of Van Wert and southwest of Delphos as shown on the map that follows.



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SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Jennings Township, in the County of Van Wert, State of Ohio, enumerated by me on the 10 day of August, 1870.

Post Office: Auglaize Ohio 287  
Geo. W. Alexander, Ass't Marshal.

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33	91	91	Loy John	30	M	W	Summer	1000	1835	Baden	1	1	1
34			Catharine	60	F	W	Wedding House			Kuse Darmstadt	1	1	
35			Mary	16	F	W				Ohio	1	1	
36			Jetta	13	F	W				Ohio	1	1	
37			Lizzie	12	F	W				Ohio	1	1	
38			Sophia	11	F	W				Ohio	1	1	
39			Samuel	11	M	W				Ohio	1	1	
40			Sarah	7	F	W				Ohio	1	1	

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1			Mary	6	F	W				Ohio			
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In this second record, there are some things that make you think that part of the Loy family is present in this household. Namely, . . .

- John Loy has the right age (50), but farming is shown as an occupation – not carpentry.
- Mary has about the right age (16 versus 17)
- Christena (Tena) is 13 as expected.
- Sam is the right age (11).
- Sarah is about the right age (7 versus 6).
- Other people are present that do not appear to be part of the original Loy family. Quite possibly this is the family of Catherine Louth (after her divorce/separation from her husband Andrew). This would fit quite nicely with the information proposed by the Allen Co. Library researchers. However, for this to be true, the age of Catherine would need to be wrong (60 versus other estimates that would put her age at about 50 in 1860).
  - Catherine, age 60, from Hesse Darmstadt
  - Lizzie, age 12, born in OH
  - Sophia, age 11, born in OH
  - Mary M, age 6, born in OH

If this second record represents a blending of the Loy family with another, then John's oldest children, John (22) and Catherine (19) are elsewhere. Catherine is married to William Stopher, but I have not found John, who is clearly old enough to be working on his own. This makes sense.

Susannah is not present in either record. Her whereabouts are a mystery. I am inclined to think that Susannah has died at this point, perhaps at the birth of Sarah Ann in about 1864. John has moved west from Marion Co., and, while he does carpentry in Van Wert, he also has property, perhaps through his wife, Catherine, in Jennings township. (There were many Louth families in Jennings Township at the time.)

Let's see whether or not this can play out reasonably with the 1860 and 1870 federal census enumerations for Jennings Twp.

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Here is a page from the 1860 census for the same township. It shows the Anthony Louth family. Anthony was a brother to Andrew. The purpose of this is just to demonstrate the presence of another Louth family in the area, near a Hance family.

1860 United States Federal Census for Richard Hance								
Ohio > Van Wert > Jennings								
Dwellin	Family	Name	Sex	Color	Occupation	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Birthplace
No.	No.							
		Richard Hance	49	M		800	295	Ky
		Mary	32	F				Ky
		John L.	22	M				Ky
		Vincint	17	M				"
		Marinda	13	F				"
		Thomas	11	M				"
		Columbus	5	M				"
		Benny Galif	13	M				"
		Adeline	11	F				"
		John	6	M				"
		Kellen	4	F				"
750	744	Christopher Diney	43	M		1100	175	"
		Marantha	29	F				"
		Sarah J.	8	F				"
		Amanda	7	F				"
		William S.	3	M				"
751	745	Anthony Louth	30	M		275	105	Keep Sanded
		Catharine	30	F				"
		John	8	M				"
		Catharine	4	F				"
		Christ	2	M				"
		Phillip B.	1/2	M				"

# Johann Georg Lay a.k.a. John Loy

In the 1870 census for this same part of Jennings Township, here is the image. Near another Hance family we find the previously mentioned record of the Loy household that I am proposing is actually a mix of two households.

1870 United States Federal Census for Richard Hance												
Ohio > Van Wert > Jennings												
16	Dwell	Famil	Name	Age	Sex	Race	Occupation	Real	Personal	Birthplace	Father Fc	Mother Fc
17	No.	No.						Estate	Estate			Birth
18												Mont
18			Benjamin	10	M	W				Ohio		
19			Barbara	5	F	W				Ohio		
20			Mary T	3	F	W				Ohio		
21	88	88	Houston Commod	32	M	W	Farmer	1300	624	Keese Darmstadt	1	1
22			Elizabeth	35	F	W	Keeping House			Keese Darmstadt	1	1
23	89	89	Baird James	37	M	W	Farmer	1000	120	Pennsylvania		
24			Elizabeth	36	F	W	Keeping House			Pennsylvania		
25			James W	18	M	W				Ohio		
26	90	90	Hance Richard	46	M	W	Farmer	3000	370	Kentucky		
27			Margaret	43	F	W	Keeping House			Kentucky		
28			Wilkinson	15	M	W				Ohio		
29			Ann A	13	F	W				Ohio		
30			Austin	9	M	W				Ohio		
31			Edward	6	M	W				Ohio		
32			John	4	M	W				Ohio		
33	91	91	Loy John	30	M	W	Farmer	1000	185	Baden	1	1
34			Catharine	60	F	W	Keeping House			Keese Darmstadt	1	1
35			Mary	16	F	W				Ohio	1	1
36			Jetta	13	F	W				Ohio	1	1
37			Lizzie	12	F	W				Ohio	1	1
38			Sophia	11	F	W				Ohio	1	1
39			Samuel	11	M	W				Ohio	1	1
40			Sarah	7	F	W				Ohio	1	1

Mary M. is on the next page.

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Page No. 14 } ~~and~~ Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Farmington Township, in the County of Van Wert of Ohio, enumerated by me on the 10 day of August, 1870.

Post Office: Spencer Ohio Geo W Alexander

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		10	PARENTAGE.		13	14	EDUCATION.		17	
			4	5	6	7	8		9	11			12	15		16
Dwellings-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.		The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Age at last birth-day. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, like 1/2.	Sex.—Male (M.), Female (F.)	Color.—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C), Indian (I).	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Attended school within the year. Cannot read. Cannot write.	When blind or	
		Mary M	6	F	W				Ohio							
92	92	Heance R L	60	M	W	Farmer	3000	220	Kentucky							

So, it certainly appears possible that some time after the birth of Mary M. Louth in 1864, the marriage of Andrew and Catherine (Klinger) Louth ended. Catherine then married John in 1865, and they moved in to the farm near other Louth families.



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## The 1880 Federal Census

As a tribute to John's mobility, I now find a John Loy alone in Lima, Allen Co., OH, as a carpenter. His birth information is wrong, but this may be him. He is a boarder at a hotel.

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Supervisor's Dist. No. *127*  
Enumeration Dist. No. *227*

Received July 30, 1880. A.

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.  
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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in *Second Ward Lima*, in the County of *Allen*, State of *Ohio*  
enumerated by me on the *12<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>* day of June, 1880.  
*E. M. Mackenzie*  
Enumerator.

<i>Loy John</i>	<i>WM 52</i>	<i>Boarder 1</i>	<i>carpenter 1</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>Ohio</i>
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(source: "United States Census, 1880," database with images, *FamilySearch*

(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MZ17-NBB> : 11 September 2017), John Loy in household of William Hohl, Lima, Allen, Ohio, United States; citing enumeration district ED 227, sheet 533A, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 0990; FHL microfilm 1,254,990. )

By this time it makes sense that he would be alone. All children except Sam and Sarah are married, and Sam and Sarah are fending for themselves – Sarah is working in Delphos for sure, but I have not found Sam. (Finding Sam in 1880 is another research goal.)

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But, what happened to Catherine? Here is a possible answer, also from the 1880 census. (She is divorced in Van Wert and with daughters Catherine Louth, Linda Louth and Sophia Louth, but she maintains the Loy surname.)

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 Supervisor's Dist. No. One  
 Enumeration Dist. No. 151

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.  
 Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.  
 Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Fourth Ward Van Wert, in the County of Van Wert, State of Ohio enumerated by me on the fifth day of June, 1880.  
*Charles W. Scripture*  
 Enumerator

In Ohio	Name of Person	Sex	Age	Color	Personal Description	Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Census Questions	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Is the person for the day of the Enumeration, male, female, or temporarily absent, as to his or her usual residence or abode? If so, what is the address of such place?	Health				Education		Native			
										15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1	<u>Loy Catherine</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Keeping House</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>
2	<u>Loy Catherine</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Keeping House</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>
3	<u>Loy Sophia</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Keeping House</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>
4	<u>Loy Linda</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Keeping House</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Ohio</u>
5	<u>Loy Johann</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Head of Family</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Wagon Manufacture</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>Germany</u>

("United States Census, 1880," database with images, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M83Q-Y35 : 15 July 2017), Catharine Loy, Van Wert, Van Wert, Ohio, United States; citing enumeration district ED 151, sheet 362B, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 1073; FHL microfilm 1,255,073. )

If this is the right person, then the birth date for the divorced Catherine is 1827, not 1810 as would be implied by the 1870 census (noted earlier). Also, the names of the children are not quite the same.

In 1880 we have . . .

- Catherine, age 21
- Sophia, age 20
- Linda, age 17

as opposed to the following in 1860 . . .

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- Lizzie, age 12
- Sophia, age 11
- Mary M. 6.

The age differences of the children are believable. Was Catherine (12) in 1860 also known as Lizzie? (I can't find any evidence of this.) Was Mary M. (6) in 1860 known as Linda? For this there are some opinions that she is the same person that married Elias Hinton in Van Wert in 1887 and moved to IN. These opinions list her as Linda Mary Louth or Mary Malinda Louth.

So, John Loy's life in the 1870s and 1880s might have been pretty complicated. Perhaps with patience and perseverance, reality will emerge.

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## Death



John died in 1892 at the home of his youngest daughter, Sarah, in Delphos. He is buried not far from there.

Here is the findagrave entry.

(<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 03 July 2018), memorial page for John Loy (1819–17 Apr 1892), Find A Grave Memorial no. 81576578, citing Walnut Grove Cemetery, Delphos, Allen County, Ohio, USA ; Maintained by Jim Baxter Jr (contributor 47172577) .

An obituary follows below.



...ned not more than \$2000.

John Loy died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. W. Archer, last Saturday aged 72 years. The remains were interred in the new Walnut Grove cemetery on Monday morning.

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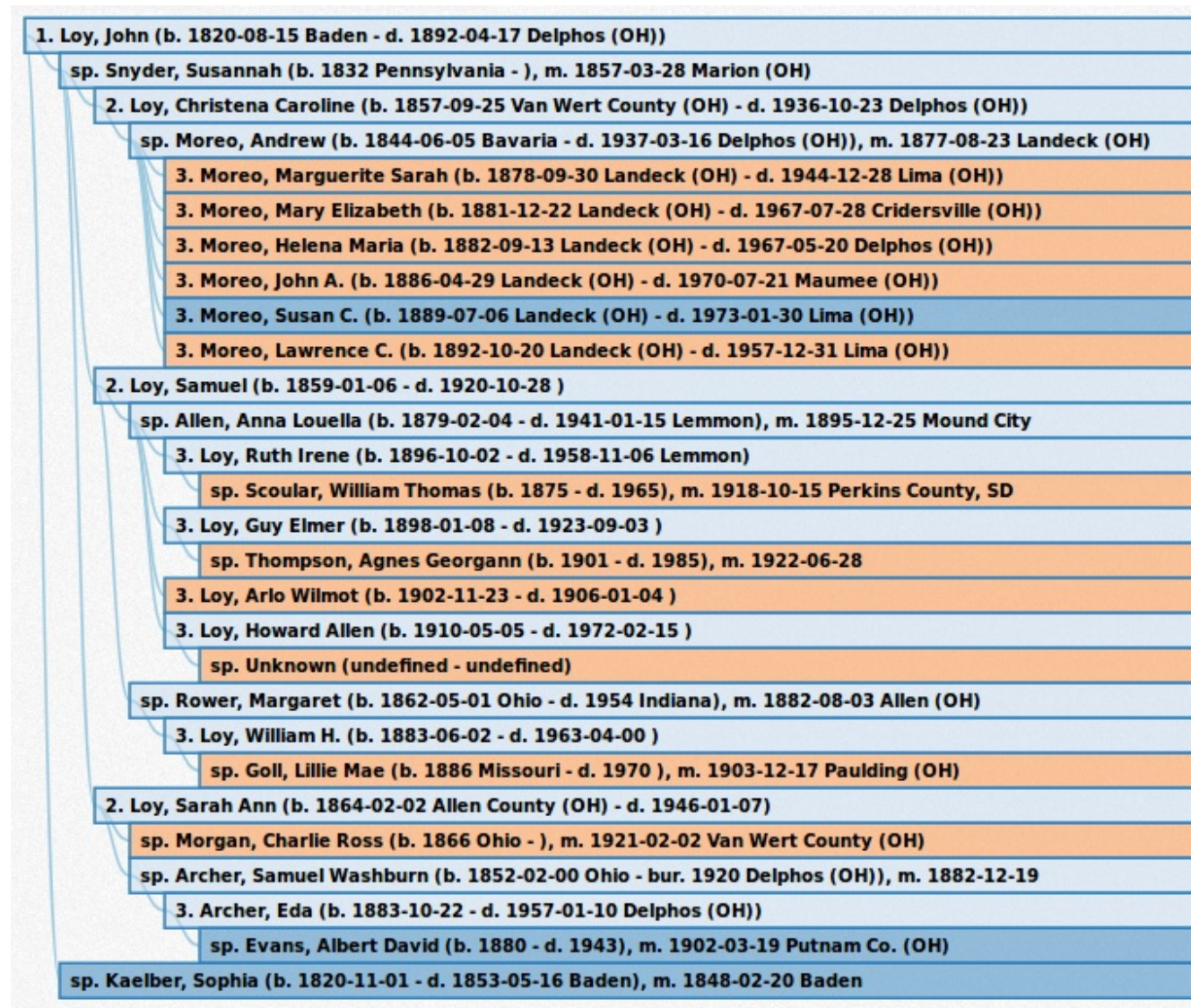
## Families of children

Here is some cursory information about the descendants of John Loy. First, the children of John's marriage to Sophia as well as the subsequent generation.

<b>1. Loy, John (b. 1820-08-15 Baden - d. 1892-04-17 Delphos (OH))</b>
sp. Snyder, Susannah (b. 1832 Pennsylvania - ), m. 1857-03-28 Marion (OH)
sp. Kaelber, Sophia (b. 1820-11-01 - d. 1853-05-16 Baden), m. 1848-02-20 Baden
<b>2. Loy, John Edwin (b. 1848-12-29 Baden - d. 1902 )</b>
sp. Parker, Catherine A. (b. 1859-03-22 - d. 1899-08-17 ), m. 1872-07-27
3. Loy, Mary Elizabeth (b. 1873-05-29 - d. 1873-05-30 )
3. Loy, William Edwin (b. 1874-05-28 - d. 1874-05-29 )
3. Loy, Ella Rose (b. 1875-05-08 Cridersville (OH) - d. 1960-07-17 Delphos (OH))
3. Loy, Hester Anne (b. 1877-04-25 - d. 1962-03-19 Delphos (OH))
3. Loy, Sarah Elizabeth (b. 1879-12-18 Delphos (OH) - d. 1944-12-00 )
3. Loy, Daniel Benjamin (b. 1884-09-18 - d. 1892-10-20 Cridersville (OH))
3. Loy, John B. (b. 1887-02-14 - d. 1935-06-26 )
3. Loy, Emma May (b. 1891-04-06 - d. 1956-12-30 )
3. Loy, Clarence Nathaniel (b. 1896-01-08 - d. 1967-11-14 New York)
<b>2. Loy, Catherine L. (b. 1851-09-26 Baden - d. 1930-05-14 Delphos (OH))</b>
sp. Stopher, William (b. 1843-05-13 - d. 1915-09-14), m. 1868-02-01
3. Stopher, Anna N. (b. 1872-04-08 Ohio - d. 1949-09-14 Indiana)
3. Stopher, William H. (b. 1881-04-30 Delphos (OH) - d. 1949-09-20 Lima (OH))
3. Stopher, Mary H. (b. 1883-08-05 Delphos (OH) - d. 1978-01-13 Lima (OH))
3. Stopher, Bertha C. (b. 1890-09-20 Delphos (OH) - d. 1974-12-26 Delphos (OH))
3. Stopher, Margaret H. (b. 1897-05-11 Delphos (OH) - d. 1979-08-13 Maumee (OH))
<b>2. Loy, Mary (b. 1853 Ohio - d. 1918-02-09 Chicago)</b>
sp. Kopp, Francis (b. 1858-02-11 Delphos (OH) - d. 1904-09-19 Chicago), m. 1878-02-12
3. Kopp, William J. (b. 1882 - d. 1959)
3. Kopp, Charles (b. 1883 - d. 1963)
3. Kopp, Albert Joseph (b. 1888-03-04 - d. 1931-09-09 Chicago)
3. Kopp, Ferdinand John (b. 1889 - d. 1960)
3. Kopp, Stanley John (b. 1893-04-30 - d. 1976-05-07 )

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Next, here is a summary of the children of John and Susannah and one subsequent generation.



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## Summary

So, after wading through the information presented above, I hope that you can see why I believe that there is a series of events that can explain the existing records. The time-line that follows can then be used as a guide to the events in the approximately 72 years of John Loy's life.

year	note	event
1820		birth near Pforzheim, Baden
1848		birth of son John
		marriage to Sophia Kaelber
1851		birth of daughter Catherine
1852	est.	immigration to US
1853		birth of daughter Mary
	est.	termination of marriage to Sophia
1857		birth of daughter Christena
		marriage to Susannah Snyder
1858		naturalization
1859		birth of son Sam
1860		residence in Marion Co., OH
1864		birth of daughter Sarah
	est.	termination of marriage to Susannah
1865		marriage to Catherine Klinger Lout
1870		residence in Jennings Twp, Van Wert Co., OH
		residence in town of Van Wert, OH
1875	est.	termination of marriage to Catherine
1880		residence in Allen Co., OH
1887		death of Catherine Klinger
1892		burial near Delphos, OH
		death in Delphos, OH

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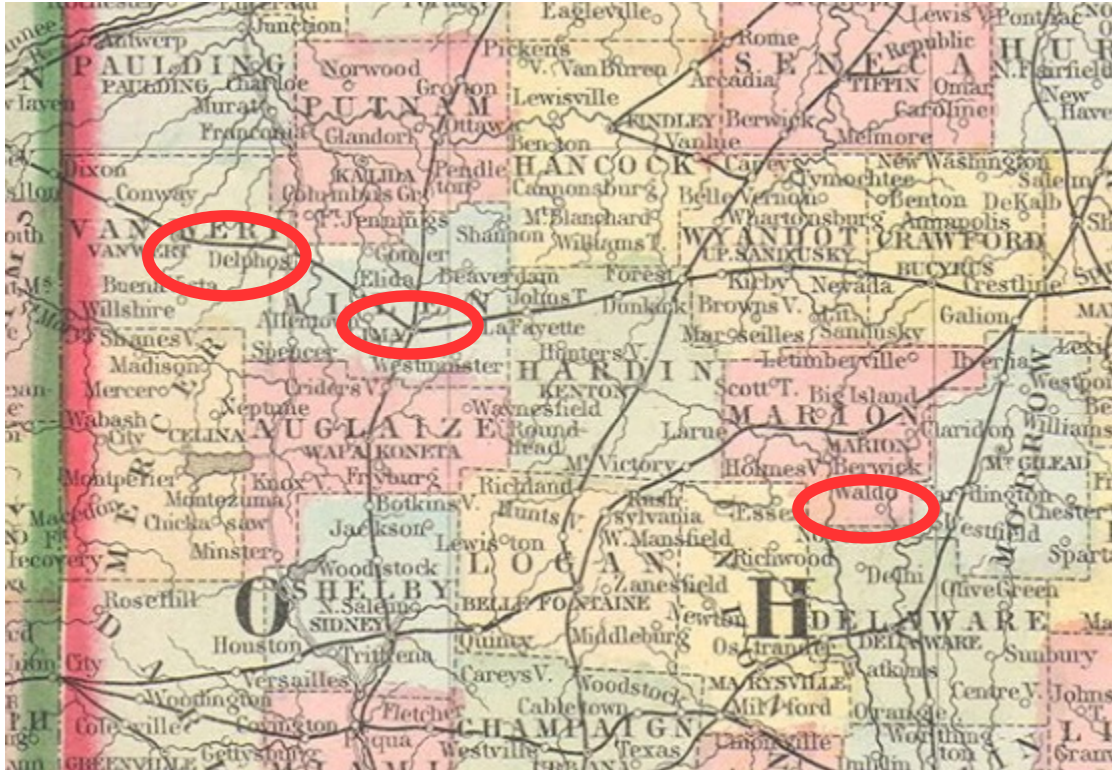
Here is a map of part of Baden that shows the area where John lived. This map is from the Meyers Gazetteer for the period between about 1871 and 1919. The red pin shows roughly where John and his first wife, Sophia, were married. The births of their first two children, John and Catherine, were both recorded in Würm. Sophia was from Eutingen.





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Here is a map of Ohio that shows locations where John lived. This is a map from 1860. The areas of Marion, Van Wert, and Allen Counties where John was present are indicated.



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## Future Research

Confirm/refute speculation about the identity of a third wife.

Determine what happened to second wife, Susannah.

Find out the details of travel to USA.

Explore the history of people from Baden in Marion County, OH.

Determine what happened to first wife, Sophia. - Resolve the sequence events in the early 1850s to confirm correct dates for Mary's birth and Sophia's death. This should confirm/refute to assumption that Mary is Sophia's daughter.

A research note: If you do research on Loy families, note that, in addition to the families described in this document, there are other families with similar names that may be confusing. Here are some that I have encountered.

- There was a John L. Loy born in TN and moved to IN. See for example - "United States Census, 1850," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MHV3-W96> : 12 April 2016), John L Loy in household of Henry Loy, White River, Randolph, Indiana, United States; citing family 488, NARA microfilm publication M432 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).
- There was a John W. Loy that was born in OH and moved to KS. See for example - "United States Census, 1880," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MFPK-5JK> : 7 September 2017), John W Loy, Augusta, Butler, Kansas, United States; citing enumeration district ED 156, sheet 89B, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 0375; FHL microfilm 1,254,375.
- Preble Co., OH: There are Loys in Preble Co., including on Sam F. Loy. This family is all from OH and predates "our" John and Sam Loy. See for example - "United States Census, 1860", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCLZ-N3Z> : 13 December 2017), Samuel F Loy in entry for Greenbury Loy, 1860. This Sam moved to IN. This family generated a John Loy as well as a Sam Loy. See for example - "United States Census, 1850," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MX7M-2PG> : 12 April 2016), John Loy in household of Greanbury Loy, Twin, Preble, Ohio, United States; citing family 776, NARA microfilm publication M432 (Washington, D.C.: National

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Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

- Hocking Co., OH: There was a Sam Loy born in Hocking Co. within about a year of “our” Sam. See for example - "Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X6WT-WZK> : 8 March 2018), Samuel Loy, 09 Nov 1935; citing Greenfield Township, Fairfield, Ohio, reference fn 69924; FHL microfilm 2,022,569.
- Faulk Co., SD: There is a Sam Loy that settled in Faulk Co. and lived there while “our” Sam Loy was in Campbell Co., SD. This other Sam Loy actually originated in PA, then KS. I can find no reason to suspect relatedness. See for example - "United States Census, 1880," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MFPN-5NH> : 12 August 2017), Samuel Loy, Atchison City, Atchison, Kansas, United States; citing enumeration district ED 3, sheet 297D, NARA microfilm publication T9 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 0372; FHL microfilm 1,254,372. See also - "United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MMRQ-6ZR> : accessed 5 July 2018), Samuel Loy, Orient, Arcade, Lafoon & Faulkton Township Faulkton city Ward 1-3, Faulk, South Dakota, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 367, sheet 10A, family 184, NARA microfilm publication T623 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1972.); FHL microfilm 1,241,549.
- There is another group of Lay/Loy people, who seem to trace to a man (Georg Jacob Loy b. 1801) from Baden, who immigrated in about 1854. This man and his descendants are tied back in Baden to our Johann Georg Lay. (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/K26V-2W8> and <https://gw.geneanet.org/tereni?n=layh+loy&oc=&p=jacob> ) This group of people lived in Crawford Co., OH, just east of Lima. Following this lead brought me to a person (sputterfuss94) on ancestry.com with whom mother and I share a small amount of DNA. This amount is consistent (if it is not noise) with a common ancestor in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century. Here is another link of possible use. <https://www.ancestry.com/account/profile/00d71fab-0006-0000-0000-000000000000> This connection could be explored further.

