

Hello. My name is Katherine Krauth and I am the oldest daughter of Roy and Alice Bittell, granddaughter of Tillman & Honora Loy Bond, and great-granddaughter of Martin A. & Sarah Fockler Loy, and great-great granddaughter of George E. & Margaret Cusac Loy.

My husband, Glen, and I have three sons; Richard, Robert and Martin. Richard has two sons, one by a previous marriage, living in Ohio. Rick, Nina Hollister and son Dusty, live near us in Florida. Robert lives in Statesboro, Ga. He married a girl with two children by a previous marriage. Robert also has a son, Robbie, living in West Virginia. Our baby is 19 years old and is still at home with us. Marty is taking courses at the college in Panama City and is also working with his father in our window business.

I have always been interested in genealogy, but like most people, didn't do anything about it until the most important and most informed ones were gone. I'm speaking of our grandparents and parents. By the time I was really interested in it, we had moved away from where all the action took place. Now I have to write letters, which I'm not all that good about doing, and spend money on trips, gas, copies etc. It's a little like a cross-word puzzle. Very aggravating until, you find the answer. George E. Loy father of Martin A. Loy is my cross-word puzzle. I knew he was buried in Indian Green Cemetery in Hancock Co, Ohio, because I saw the tombstone. That usually was a pretty good sign that they are buried there. And the tombstone said that he died 27 March 1856.

I spent hours searching the 1850 census of Hancock County, Ohio, but didn't find the family. I sent to the National Archives for the military record of Martin A. Loy during the Civil War or War of the Rebellion, as the Southerners call it, thinking that those records would tell me where Martin was born. They did all right! I now had three different counties, all in Ohio to search, and to top it off, the inter-library loan of censuses was discontinued because of the energy crisis.

The three counties were Knox, Monroe and Morrow. Monroe county is on the south-east border near West Virginia. Well, he could have been born during the migration from New Jersey. Martin or Sarah, had stated that Martin's father was born in New Jersey on the 1880 census. I decided to pass on Monroe county for a while. I went to our beautiful southern library and as they have very few books about the north, I requested a book from the State Library in Tallahassee on Ohio.

My very dear friend, Linda Kleback, on one of our many trips, were at the Marianna Branch Library at the Church of Latter Day Saints, Marianna, Florida. I was squinting at a microfiche reader, when the name George E. Loy and Margaret Cusac jumped right out at me. I punched Linda on the shoulder and kept pointing at the film because I couldn't say a word. There they were, in black and white! George E. Loy and Margaret Cusac married 17 December 1838 in Marion County, Ohio.

My husband, Glen was going to Columbus, Ohio on a business trip, so I promised him I would help drive, if he would take me with him. He never could say no to me, so in October, 1982, I made a little side trip to Marion, Ohio while Glen attended to his business. I found George E. Loy, wife Margaret and children, Sarah age 6, Martin age 5 and Mellissa, age 1, on the 1850 census of Lincoln Township, Morrow Co., Ohio. It also said that George was born in Maryland. I went to the court house and found where they sold property in 1844, but I couldn't find when nor how they had acquired it.

I also found, at the Historical Archives in Columbus, Ohio, where he paid taxes on land in Cardington Township in Morrow County, in 1854. And it make it a little more confusing, there was a George Loy,

Jr. on the tax rolls for Gilead Township in the Town of West Gilead, Morrow Co. Were George E. and George, Jr. one and same or two different people? I still don't know.

What to do next? George & Margaret are in Morrow County in 1854. Margaret's parents, Daniel & Sarah Cusac sold their land in Marion County during this time and purchased land in Hancock County. Did George die in Morrow county and Margaret take him to Hancock County? Or did George get sick and Margaret take him to her parents in Hancock county, where he died? Or, had the family just moved to Hancock County? Did they buy land? On our way home, we stopped at the court house in Findlay, Ohio and found in the Docket Files, that John Cusac, Margaret's brother, was administrator of George E. Loy's estate, The microfiche was very hard to read and I didn't get a copy.

Back to the old drawing board or in this case back to the Mormon Library in Marianna, FL. There on another film, I found where G. E. Loy had sold 20 acres to M.M. Grover for \$250.00, 28 July 1855, in Hancock County, Ohio. Again, I haven't found how or when he acquired this land.

My crossword puzzle is still incomplete. Why did George E. Loy die at 39 years of age? Why was he selling land in Hancock County in 1855, 8 months before his death? Was he born in Maryland or New Jersey? Who were his parents?

Here is a poem that I found. Author unknown.

I think that I shall never see
The finish of the Family Tree--
As it forever seems to grow
From roots that started long ago;
Way back in Ancient History times
In foreign lands and distant climes.

From that grew trunk and branching limbs
That all date back to time so dim.
One seldom knows exactly were
The parents met and married--then,
Nor when the twigs began to grow
With odd-named children --row on row.

"Tho a verse like this was made by me,
And ends in sight, as you see."
"Tis now the same with Family Trees
That grow and grow thru centuries."