

Life and Times of Elder Benjamin Franklin
by son Joseph Franklin

At the close of the 17th century, the family was introduced into the U.S. by the father of Benjamin Franklin, the Philosopher, Josiah Franklin. He was a non-conformist, who emigrated to the U.S. to get away from Persecution. He had been a dyer in England, but in this country was a tallow chandler and soap boiler. He had a family of 17 children, Dr Franklin being the youngest but two.
* Gen.1:28.

Dr Franklin had a son and a daughter or step children who bore his name. His son's name was William Franklin, the last royal governor of New Jersey, and in the American Revolution adhered to the Crown - at the close of the war, he moved back to England where he died, leaving 1 son, William Temple Franklin, who died in Paris in 1873, leaving no son - From Dr Franklin's Brothers: John Franklin, a full brother of Dr Franklin, a son of Josiah Franklin by his second wife, Abiah Falger. John was born in Boston, Mass. in 1703, he resided in Boston until after a son was born to him, whose name was James. James Franklin married Hannah Wilson of Salem, Mass. To these parents was born a son, whose received the name of both his father and mother, Wilson Franklin. Wilson became a family name. Wilson Franklin served as a soldier in the Rev. Army. He was in the Battle of Bennington under Gen Stark. He became dissipated, and led a worthless life. He resided at Providence, Rhode Island, and had several children, one being Joseph born in 1783. When Joseph was 18 his father emigrated to Eastern Ohio and settled opposite to Wheeling, VA. When Joseph Franklin was 28, he married Isabella DeVold, a lady about 10 yrs younger. Joseph Franklin was a farmer, a miller, and a workman in wood, he made coffins. (page 3 & 4 IN THE BOOK LIFE AND TIMES OF ELDER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN). On 1 Feb 1812 a son was born to them, Benjamin Franklin, Belmont Co., Ohio. They moved to Morgan, which is now Noble Co., and settled on a stream called Salt Run. They had a daughter and 6 more sons. Elizabeth died as she came to womanhood. Josiah, Daniel, Joseph, Wilson (died in infancy), Washington and David.

Their oldest son Benjamin, emigrated to the wilderness of Eastern Ind. He loved to hunt and was good at it. He was 5' 11 1/2". Joseph Franklin and family moved to Henry Co., Ind. in May 1833 - near Fall Creek, on Deer Creek- he made shoes. Benjamin now 20 yrs old, came ahead to Henry Co., Ind in 1832 with his uncle Calvin Franklin.

Children of Elder Benjamin Franklin

Joseph Franklin bn Sept 13, 1834

James Franklin bn Nov 7, 1835

Matilda Franklin bn Aug 2, 1837

Sarah Franklin bn Feb 22, 1839

Elizabeth and Sophia Franklin (twins) bn Oct 28, 1840

Isabelle Franklin bn Aug 24, 1842 at New Lisbon, Henry Co., Ind.

Martha Franklin bn Dec 31, 1845 at Centerville, Wayne Co., Ind.
Benjamin Franklin Jr. bn Aug 31, 1850 at Hygeia, Ohio
Alexander Campbell Franklin bn May 11, 1852 at Cincinnati, Ohio
Walter Scott Franklin bn Jan 24, 1854 in Cincinnati, Ohio

Sophia Franklin died Jan 15, 1841 near Middleton
Walter Scott Franklin died June 17, 1855 at Cincinnati, Oh

9 are living in 1879, all of whom are married, all have 1 or more children and none has lost a companion.