

## **Russell K. Sweazea**

Russell K. Sweazea was born sometime around 1833 in Jackson County, Tennessee. His father was Mathias Sweazea and his mother was Anna Dycus.

Russell is living with his father in 1840 in Jackson County Tennessee as recorded on page 263 of film #24545.

Russell is living next door to his father with his older brother Matthew on 4 October 1850 in Jackson County, Tennessee. They are in District 4 as recorded on census film #444841 page 197.

Russell is named in a Court Deposition in Jackson County, Tennessee in 1855. Court Record, Jackson County, Tennessee 1855 page 257.

In February 1857 Russell made a deposition in Court in Jackson County Tennessee. Court Record, Jackson County, Tennessee. Feb 1857 page 55

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 1857 Russell made a land purchase in Ripley County, Missouri. Section 17 Township 27 range 3 E. Section 20 Township 27, Range 3 E

Sometime around 1858, possible as early as 1856 Russell K. Sweazea married Missouri E. Robertson. An actual marriage record has not been located so it is not known exactly where they were married but it is assumed they were married in Missouri.

On 1 January 1859 Russell K. Sweazea received a Land Grant No. 26959 for 240 acres in Carter County, Missouri.

A daughter, Lucinda was born in Carter County, Missouri on 28 April 1859. Lucinda married Edward Moss and Mathew Ijames. She died on 17 February 1924.

## **Mary (Polly) Missouri E. Robertson**

Missouri E. Robertson was born on 26 December 1841 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri to Jesse Robertson and Fannie Hutson.

Missouri is listed with her family on the 1850 census for Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. The family is listed in District 14 as recorded on census film #014874 page 449.

On 8 August 1860 at the time of the census, Russell K. Sweazea was living in Carter County, Missouri, in Jackson Township. This is recorded on film #803612 on page 954. Missouri is listed as Mary E. They were living next door to Missouri's father Jesse Robertson and Missouri's grandmother Barbra Robertson is living with them. There is also a Thomas Sterns living with them, age 4, who I believe is an orphan they took in. Partial reason for this belief is that there is a Nancy Sterns, age 1, living with a McGinsey family also in Carter County. Both were probably orphans. His land in 1860 was valued at \$6,100.00 - personal Estate valued at \$434.00.

On 12 October 1861 Russell enrolled in the Union Army in Wayne County Missouri.

On 20 February 1862 Russell was relieved from military duty in Wayne County, Missouri.

It is not known if they were twins but both Mary and Russell are listed as being born on 29 September 1864 in Carter County, Missouri. At this point in time it is assumed they were twins.

From the records of the Adjutant General at Jefferson City, Missouri.: Union Army; Sweazea, Russell K., Pvt., Co. A, Wayne Co. Ind. Co. Six Months Mil. Reg't., E. M. M., Capt. Powers, enrolled Oct. 12, 1861, Arcadia, Mo. Ordered into active service Oct 12, 1861, Arcadia, Mo., Relieved from duty, Feb. 20, 1862

Russell died some time in 1865 in Missouri. It is told in the family that Russell was killed by bushwhackers while coming home from serving in the military. It is said his body was found a short way from his home a year or two after the war was over. None of this has been verified by any type of record. It is also told in some branches of the family that Russell's father-in-law was involved with the bushwhackers.

Missouri was married sometime around 1858.

After Russell's death Missouri married John Coppock Hoskins on 22 May 1866 in Carter County, Missouri.

On 18 February 1867 William Hoskins was born in Carter County, Missouri.

On 21 October 1869 Sarah Hoskins was born in Carter County, Missouri.

The census for Van Buren Post Office, Carter Township, Carter County Missouri records the John Hoskins family on page 461 film #552265, as recorded on 9 August 1870.

Charles Hoskins was born in 1873 in Carter County, Missouri.

Ollie Hoskins was born in 1875 in Carter County, Missouri.

Alice Hoskins was born in June 1877 in Carter County, Missouri.

The John Hoskins family is recorded in the census on 14 June 1880 in Carter Township, Carter County, Missouri on page 3 of film #1254679.

John Hoskins was born on 4 February 1884 in Carter County, Missouri.

John and Missouri Hoskins are recorded on the 1900 census on 8 June 1900 in Carter Township, Carter County, Missouri on page 143B of Film #1240845.

John and Missouri Hoskins are recorded on the 1910 census on 4 May 1910 in Carter Township, Carter County, Missouri on page 11 of film #1374788. They are living and Carter's Creek and have been married for 45 years.

John Hoskins, Missouri's husband died on 28 November 1918 in Carter County, Missouri.

In 1920 on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January Missouri is recorded as living with W. F. and Ida A. Justice in Carter Township, Carter County, Missouri. She is 79 years old as recorded on page 210 of film #1820908. This is the home of her daughter Alice.

Missouri E. Roberston Sweazea Hoskins died on 2 October 1921 in Carter County, Missouri. Missouri was buried on 3 October 1921 in Carter Creek Cemetery, in Carter County, Missouri.

From Death Certificate:

Aged 79 years, 9 months, 6 days, widowed.

Cause of death, general debility, with arteriosclerosis.

Died at 9:30 am. At the home of her daughter Alice Justice.

From Listing of Hoskins cemetery, located 1 1/2 miles of Hwy. 60. About 2 miles east of Van Buren. Also known as the Carter Creek Cemetery.

Headstone listing Missouri E. Wife of John C. 26 Dec. 1841 - 2 Oct. 1921

Obituary from the Carter County Newspaper:

Aged Lady Passes Away

Mrs. Missouri Hoskins, widow of the late John C. Hoskins, who was quite a prominent and well-known resident of this community and preceded his wife in death some two years ago, died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Justice, after an extended illness due principally to the infirmities of age.

Decease is survived by two daughters by a former marriage—Mrs. Tine Ijames of Mill Springs, Mo. And Mrs. Mary Friday, of Hendrickson, Mo.—also three of her children by her second marriage. They are one son, Alex, who lives on the old home place on lower Carter's Creek, and two daughters, Mrs. Ollie Nichols and Mrs. W. F. Justice.

She was a pioneer of this section and was a kind Christian woman, whose death is mourned by a large circle of friends. She was laid to rest Monday afternoon in the family burial ground on Carter's Creek beside the body of her late husband. The funeral service was conducted by the Reverend J. E. Bertam.

Excerpt from a short "In Memoriam"

Missouri (Robertson) Swezea Hoskins, was born December 26, 1841 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. She was married when seventeen years of age to Russell Swezea. To this union was born three children. Mr. Swezea died in the Civil War. Later she married John C. Hoskins. Six children were born of this union. After her last marriage, she and her husband John came to Carter County to reside on a farm on lower Carter's Creek.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE

No. 26,959

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas *Russell W Swearing* of *Ripley County, Missouri*

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Jackson* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

*Russell W Swearing* according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for *the South West quarter of the North East quarter the West half of the South East quarter and the South East quarter of the South West quarter of Section No. sixteen and the North half of the North West quarter of Section Twenty in Township Twenty Seven North of Range Three East in the District of lands Subject to Sale at Jackson Missouri containing Two Hundred and Forty acres*

according to the official plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Russell W Swearing*

NOW KNOW YE, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said

*Russell W Swearing*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Russell W Swearing*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, *J. James Buchanan* PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *first* day of *January* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty eight* and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the *ninth*



BY THE PRESIDENT:

By

*James Buchanan*  
*J. Albright* Secretary.

*J. N. Granger* Recorder of the General Land Office.