

# STUTESMAN

*This line may trace back to a Jacob Stützmann who emigrated to America from Rotterdam in 1752 and was the progenitor of a number of Stutesman families living in northern Kentucky and southern Indiana in the early 1800's. The parents of James Stutesman, however, have not yet been determined and there is some evidence to suggest that he was raised by someone other than his parents.*

## James Stutesman and Cynthia Monroe

*3-g grandparents*

James Stutesman was born on July 3, 1813 in Indiana. The date comes from his gravestone, the place from U.S. census records. No record of his birth has been found and his parents are unknown. James made his living as a farmer.

Cynthia Monroe was born on July 17, 1815 in Kentucky. She was the first of ten children of Philip Monroe and Ella Jane Blessingham. Some of the children were born in Oldham, Kentucky; later, some were born in Jefferson County, Indiana, just across the Ohio river.

James and Cynthia were married on October 20, 1834 in Oldham, Kentucky. They had eleven children:

- Mary Jane Stutesman, born in 1835
- Joseph H. Stutesman, born in 1838
- James Wesley Stutesman, born in 1840
- John H. Stutesman, born in 1843
- Thomas Stutesman, born about 1844
- Melissa Ann Stutesman, born in 1847
- Oliver P. Stutesman, born in 1850
- William Hannibal Stutesman, born in 1852
- George N. Stutesman, born in 1855
- Andrew J. Stutesman, born in 1857
- Ella America Stutesman, born in 1860



*Various Stutesmans and Monroes lived In Indiana and Kentucky, not far from the Ohio River*

### A DECADE IN BRIEF The 1840's

Martin Van Buren, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler and James K. Polk serve as U.S. President – Harrison dies after a month in office ✎ Elias Howe invents the sewing machine ✎ The first adhesive U.S. postage stamps are issued ✎ The U.S. and Mexico go to war over land disputes ✎ Gold is discovered in California ✎ The country's first steam-heated building is erected in Boston ✎ The potato crop fails in Ireland, resulting in famine ✎ Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell are born

In 1840 and 1850, the family was recorded as living in Trimble County, Kentucky in the U.S. census. They moved to Jefferson County, Indiana by 1855 as the later children were born there.

Cynthia (Monroe) Stutesman died on April 13, 1880 in Jefferson County. She is buried in Kent Graveyard in Republican Township, Jefferson County.

In the 1880 census, James' household consisted of himself, his son Andrew and a daughter-in-law, presumably Andrew's wife.

James died on August 5, 1890 and is also buried in Kent Graveyard.

#### **Sources and Related Information**

- United States census records – 1840, 1850, 1880
- Grave markers of James Stutesman and Cynthia (Monroe) Stutesman
- Oldham, Kentucky marriage records
- Pat O'Dell website and correspondence citing Jim Eversole research

*The STUTESMAN line ends with Melissa Ann Stutesman, who married Isaac Westerfield BAXTER.*