

Jacob Henry Grow
(m. Violetta Brandenburg)
Lived in Erie County, Ohio

Jacob Henry Grow

b: 12 Oct 1818, unknown, N. Y. (census, tombstone)
m: 2 Jan 1842, Erie Co., OH (marriage license)
d: 6 Jan 1882, Erie Co., OH (death record)
bur: Castalia Cem., Margareta Twp., Erie Co., OH (tombstone)
occ: Cooper, fisherman and farmer (census)
fa: **Henry Grow** (History of Erie Co., OH)
mo: **Susan Berkstrasser** (History of Erie Co., OH)

Violetta Brandenburg

b: 10 May 1820, Washington, Co., MD (death record)
d: 8 Feb 1900, Venice, Erie Co., OH (obit, death record)
bur: Castalia Cem., Margareta Twp., Erie Co., OH (tombstone)
fa: **William Brandenburg III** (census)
mo: **Catherine Long** (tombstone, Shore Family Chronicles)

CHILDREN

* **1. William Henry Grow**

b: ca 1843, Venice, Erie Co., OH (census, sister's death record)
m: **Bridget Tooney**, 3 Jul 1865, Sandusky, Erie Co., OH (marriage license)
d: unknown
bur: unknown

2. Alice Jeanette Grow

b: 30 Apr 1850, Venice, Erie Co., OH (census, death record)
m: none - single (tombstone)
d: 27 Aug 1874, Venice, Erie Co., OH (death record)
bur: Castalia Cem., Margareta Twp., Erie Co., OH (tombstone)

* **3. Katherine L. 'Kate' Grow**

b: Sep 1852, Venice, Erie Co., OH (census, sister's death record)
m: **August Betow**, 8 Dec 1870, Venice, Erie Co., OH (marriage license)
d: post 8 Jun 1900, unknown (census)
bur: unknown

4. Thomas Grow

b: ca 1859, Venice, Erie Co., OH (census, sister's death record)
m: unknown
d: post 25 Jul 1870, unknown (census)
bur: unknown

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Letter from Kate (Grow) Betow to Mary Ann (Brandenburg) Shore-Baker, in the Shore family Archives, (some punctuation and paragraphs added):

Venice, Ohio
Feb. 21st, 1889

Dear Uncle & Aunt,

I thought I would write and tell you the news. that is if you have not found out from some other direction. there was a meeting of the Brandenburg heirs at dayton the 12 of this month. and I was going, but the babe got sick and I had to get the Minister out from Sandusky and have her Christened. that seemed to be all she wanted, as she got better soon after, but not soon enough for me to go. She had taken cold. I named her Theresa.

as I could not go, Ma gave Mary 5 dollars to help pay car fair [sic]. it cost 8 dollars to dayton. I will send you Wallace's letter and you can see what the meeting was for and can do as you please. Ma will send 10 dollars to help the cause. if you are afraid, let Thomas and Delia take your place, as I have sent your name in, and if there is any thing coming, you will get your share. it is only what can be expected of them to look to Grandpa's children for a share of the expense. although they have been working on this since last June. have you written to your Uncle Paul? if you have not and want to see what he says about this, I will send you his letter. I beleive [sic] I told you who Mrs. Shephard is. She is your Uncle Henry Brandenburg's grand daughter. Mary Ann, or Polly as you know her by, is her Mother, and this Strausburg is her brother. the C. D. Bell of Louisville is your great grandfather's brother's great grandson.

Aunt, don't think we are wild over this, as that is not so. the nearest neighbor or anyone in the place hear [sic] knows nothing about these expectations of the great house of Brandenburg's. [If] Mr. Charles Strausburg calls your way, give him your pedigree, and if that dish of sourkrout [sic] come, look for a spoonful. well the children are home from school, so I must close, as they will talk.

Ma and Aunt Betsy are well and send love and regards to all.

Hoping to hear from you soon. I remain your Neice [sic]
Kate Betow to Uncle and Aunt R. C. and M. A. Baker

Note: Strausburg was Mrs. Naomi Shepard's brother.

Violetta (Brandenburg) Grow Obituary, *Sandusky Register*, Saturday, 10 February 1900, p. 8, c. 5, Hayes Presidential Center Library, Fremont, Ohio:

VENICE LADY DEAD

Mrs. Violetta Grow passed away at 9 o'clock Thursday night at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Kate Betow, in Venice. The deceased was 78 years old, and had resided in Margareta for a long term of years. She was widely known and had hosts of friends who will learn of her death with sorrow. Her funeral will be held from her daughter's residence at 9 o'clock Monday morning. Services will follow at the Castalia Church at 10 o'clock.

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Erie County, Ohio, Marriages, Erie County Probate Court, Sandusky, Ohio:

Male Vol. 1, p. 59: Grow: Jacob to Violetta Brandenburgh: On the 2nd day of Jany. A. D.. 1842, I united Jacob Grow and Violetta Brandenburgh in marriage.

J. A. Hart, Minister of the Gospel

Male Vol. 4, p. 61: Grow: William H. to Bridget Tooney, married 3 July 1865, at Sandusky, Ohio, by R. A. Ludley, Minister of the Gospel

Female Vol. 5, p. 101: Betow: to Katherine Grow, married 8 December 1870, at Venice, Ohio, by J. G. Lehrer, Minister

Female Vol. 1, p. 210: Grow: Elizabeth married Charles Bailey

Female Vol. 1, p. 298: Grow: Mary Ann married Benjamin F. Wadsworth

Female Vol. 2, p. 62: Grow: Sarah married Romanus Shepherd

Female Vol. 3, p. 115: Grow: Anna married Daniel Mears

Erie County, Ohio, Death Records, County Probate Court, Sandusky, Ohio:

Vol. 1, p. 196, #25: Grow: Jeanette A., died 27 August 1874; aged 24 years, 3 months and 2 days; place of death: Venice; place of birth: Venice; cause of death: fits; residence: Margaretta Township.

Vol. 2, p. 4, #: Grow: Jacob, died 6 January 1882, aged 63 years, 2 months & 23 days; place of death: Margaretta Township; place of birth: New York State; occupation: fisherman; cause of death: blood poisoning.

Vol. 3, p. 64, #3: Grow: Violetta, died 8 February 1900, aged 79 years, 9 months & 28 days; place of death: Venice; place of birth: Washington County, Maryland; occupation: housewife; cause of death: old age.

Castalia Cemetery, Erie County, Ohio, copied 2 August 1991:

MARGRETTA/CASTALIA CEMETERY, CASTALIA, OHIO

Brandenburg: Catherine, wife of William, died 22 November 1847, age 71 [sic] years
William, died 21 February 1871, aged 89 years & 12 days

Priscilla, died 19 April 1884., aged 84 [sic] years

Grow: Alice Jeanette Grow, died 27 August aged 14 years [sic], 3 months & 28 days,
daughter of Henry & Violetta Grow

Jacob, born 12 October 1818, died 6 January 1882, aged 63 years, 2 months & 25 days

Violetta, born 10 May 1820, died 8 February 1900, wife of Jacob Grow

Garrison: Elizabeth, born 1 November 1812, died 23 March 1899

Martin (no info)

Note: I believe this family was confused about when they were born. William's death record gave a different date for his birth and death than his tombstone. Also, census records do not correspond to the dates on their tombstones. There were several burial places with no tombstones by the family graves, and it is believed that William's son William Henry IV was buried in one of them.

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1850 Ohio Census, Erie County, Margaretta Township, p. 113A, taken 18 Oct.:

Grow: Jacob, male, 30, cooper, \$1200 real estate, b. N. Y.

Violetta, female, 28, b. MD

William H., male, 7, b. OH

Alice Jenette, female, 6/12, b. OH

Grow: Nicholas, male, 19, b. N. Y.

Sarah, female, 17, b. N. Y.

Ann, female, 16, b. OH

Note: Nicholas, Sarah and Ann Grow were siblings of Jacob Henry Grow.

1860 Ohio Census, Erie County, Margaretta Township, p. 122B, taken 18 July:

Grow: Jacob, male, 42, farmer, \$3500 real estate, #1080 personal property, b. N. Y.

Violetta, female, 39, b. MD

William , male, 18, b. OH

Alice, female, 9, b. OH

Kate, female, 7, b. OH

Whittenburg: Julia, female, 18, domestic, b. Prussia

Yance: Charles, male, 27, laborer, b. Prussia

1870 Ohio Census, Erie County, Margaretta Township, Venice, p. 98B, taken 25 July:

Grow: Jacob, male, 52, fisherman, \$1000 real estate, \$2000 personal property, b. N. Y.

Violetta, female, 50, keeping house, b. N. Y. [sic]

William, male, 25, b. OH

Alice, female, 20, b. OH

Kate, female, 18, b. OH

Thomas, male, 12, b. OH

Garrison: Rudolph, male, 15, goes to school, b. OH

Note: Living next door to Viloetta's father, William Henry Brandenburg III. Rudolph Garrison was Violetta's nephew.

1880 Ohio Census, Erie County, Margaretta Township, p. 92A, taken 17-18 June:

Grow: Violetta, female, married, 57, keeping house, b. MD, MD, W. VA

Brandenburg: Priscilla, female, sister, single, 74, b. MD, MD, VA

Garrison: Elizabeth, female, sister, widow, 63, b. MD, MD, VA

Note: West Virginia was formed from Virginia in 1863.

1890 Ohio Census, Erie County, Margaretta Township:

None – destroyed.

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History of Erie County, Ohio, Lewis C. Aldrich, (D. Mason & Co., Syracuse, N. Y., 1889), Hayes Presidential Center Library, Fremont, Ohio, pp. 633-634:

Shepherd, Romanus, Huron P. O., owner and proprietor of the Shepherd Hotel at Huron, was born in Maryland in 1830, and was a son of **William and Mary (Langwell) Shepherd** who settled in Margaretta, Erie County, in 1836, where Mary died in 1849 leaving a family of six children, four sons and two daughters. William died in 1864, leaving two children by his second marriage, and three by his third. Eleven of the children are now living. Three of his sons enlisted and served during the war: Romanus, Edgar and A. J. Edgar died while in service. Romanus enlisted in Company M, 1st Heavy Ohio Artillery in 1863, was promoted to sergeant, and served to the close of the war. He was married in 1853 to **Sarah Grow** of Margaretta. They have a family of four children: George W., William E., Edgar R. and Sarah.

Mr. Shepherd became engaged in the fishing business and mercantile trade in 1872, but retired from the mercantile branch in 1885.. He is now engaged in the packing, shipping and freezing of fish, and is a member of the firm of Shepherd Brothers. He built a steam barge in 1883. The firm gives employment in their fishing branch, to from six to twenty men. Mr. Shepherd erected a block of six stores in 1872, which were destroyed by fire in 1883, after which he erected his present hotel and block of three stores.

His wife, Sarah, was a daughter of Henry and Susan (Berkstrasser) Grow, who were early settlers in Margaretta. The grandfather, William Langwell, was a pioneer settler in Margaretta Township, coming there from Virginia.

Shepherd, William J., Huron P. O., at present postmaster of Huron, was born in Venice in 1851, and was a son of John W. and Louisa (Greenman) Shepherd. They have a family of five children: William J.; John H.; Lavina, now Mrs. Stone; C. Birt; and Kate L. William J. settled in Huron, March 4, 1869, and has been engaged in the cooperage, fishing and grocery business. He was appointed postmaster in 1885.

He was married in 1877 to J. Louisa Heyman, a daughter of William C. Heyman. They have had two children: Charles W. and Ada Shepherd. John W. was a son of William and Mary (Langwell) Shepherd, who were born in Maryland and settled in Margaretta, Erie County in 1836. The grandfather, William,, died in 1864, leaving a family of twelve children. He was married three times.

Note: Sarah Grow who married Romanus Shepherd was the sister of Jacob Henry Grow. The Langwells (also mentioned in this above sketch) had a daughter, Charlotte, who married William Henry, the son of William Henry Brandenburg III.