

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Ambrose GEOGHEGAN

Born: March 30, 1753 in: Dublin, Ireland (?) possibly Maryland
Married: May 01, 1778 in: Baltimore MD
Died: April 08, 1815 in: Hardin County KY
Other Spouses: Elizabeth SELLMAN

Wife: Margaret (Peggy) SELLMAN

Born: June 06, 1757 in: Baltimore
Died: Abt. 1784
Father: Thomas SELLMAN
Mother: Ruth SHIPLEY

CHILDREN

1	Name: Denton GEOGHEGAN Born: August 05, 1779 Died: April 05, 1850	in: Baltimore Maryland in: Hardin County Kentucky
M	Married: December 12, 1802 Spouse: Elizabeth SHIPLEY Married: November 27, 1834 Spouse: Elizabeth WITHERS	in: Anne Arundel, MD in: Hardin County KY
2	Name: Thomas GEOGHEGAN Born: July 26, 1780 Died: March 19, 1808	in: Baltimore County MD in: Hardin County KY
M	Married: October 04, 1804 Spouse: Amelia DORSEY	in: Baltimore County MD
3	Name: John H. GEOGHEGAN Born: February 06, 1782 Died: January 11, 1854	in: Baltimore MD in: Hardin County KY
M	Married: October 07, 1809 Spouse: Ann DORSEY	in: Washington County KY
4	Name: Ruth GEOGHEGAN Born: March 02, 1783 Died: March 15, 1783	in: Maryland in: Maryland
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Born:	March 30, 1753
in:	Dublin, Ireland (?) possibly Maryland
Died:	April 08, 1815
in:	Hardin County KY
Burial:	St. John's Cemetery, Cecilia, KY
Occupation:	Engineer
Address and Phone(s)	
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Haycraft's History of Elizabethtown page 126

" Ambrose Geoghegan, Sr., was born in the city of Dublin, in Ireland, on the 30th day of March, 1753, and graduated in Dublin as a engineer, and was in other respects an accomplished scholar. The family is notice in Macaulay's History of England, as being one of the party that espoused the cause of King James, the Second, who was deposed, and William, Prince of Orange, in conjunction with Mary, his wife ascended the throne' and when King William invaded Ireland, the Geoghegans were found in arms. Ambrose Geoghegan while yet a single man emigrated to America and landed in Baltimore on the 6th day of May, 1771, and was married to Peggy Zelman on the 6th day of May, 1777; and after losing his wife, married again in 1784. He was living at Hagerstown, in Maryland, until about 1804, when with his sons Denton, Thomas and J.H. Geoghegan came to Kentucky and stopped at the Crab Orchard, in Lincoln County, and while there purchased of Armstead Churchill the Hynes Station track, part of which is now in Elizabethtown. The deed bears date of 1805, and recognizes him as a citizen of Lincoln County.

His grandson, A.D. Geoghegan, Esq., says he arrived at Hynes' Station on the 21 of February, 1808. But that must be a mistake as the deed bears date of December 29, 1806, and recognizes him as a citizen of Hardin County. Immediately after coming to Hardin County the family purchased several adjoining farms.

Ambrose Geoghegan, Esq., was an old man when he came to Kentucky, and was possessed of considerable means, was an accomplished engineer and surveyor, and, moreover was an accomplished gentleman and of social disposition, and soon formed the acquaintance of the principle citizens of the town and neighborhood, and, in order to cultivate friendly and social relations, got up a Whig club, which frequently met, when the free interchange of ideas and discussions on the subjects of the day were well calculated to make friendship and brighten up society.

The first celebration of the 4th of July was a barbecue dinner with a speech and toasts that I ever remember of was gotten up by him, and was freely participated in by all the gentry of the county; and by his example, and under his influence that state and tone of society was greatly improved. His son, Thomas, died soon after he came to Hardin County, leaving an only daughter, who at an early age married John B. Wathen, and they are both dead."

Hynes Station was one of the three original 'forts' in the area of what was to become Elizabethtown.

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Marriage Information

Wife:	Margaret (Peggy) SELLMAN
Married:	May 01, 1778
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Baltimore MD

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Wife:	Margaret (Peggy) SELLMAN
Born:	June 06, 1757
in:	Baltimore
Died:	Abt. 1784
Relationship with Father:	Thomas SELLMAN - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Ruth SHIPLEY - Natural
Burial:	Baltimore
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Family Group Sheet

Child:	Denton GEOGHEGAN
Born:	August 05, 1779
in:	Baltimore Maryland
Died:	April 05, 1850
in:	Hardin County Kentucky
Relationship with Father:	Ambrose GEOGHEGAN - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Margaret (Peggy) SELLMAN - Natural
Burial:	St. John's Church Near Cecelia, KY
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Denton Geoghegan is, in all likelihood, the man who evicted Thomas Lincoln (Abraham Lincoln's father) from his land and cabin on Knob Creek (taken from "Who Was Who in Hardin County"). Denton was a "large farmer," "justice of the peace," and "sheriff of the county." [Damage suit for \$100, brought by Denton Geoghegan against Thomas Lincoln in Hardin Circuit Court, June 1808, is dismissed. Alleging that Lincoln had prepared timbers for still in "unworkman like manner," Geoghegan brought suit "in anger" for failure to pay under terms of contract. Warren, 161-64.] Warren, Louis A. Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood. A history of the Kentucky Lincolns. New York, Century Co., 1926. 392 p.

In Elizabethtown, the county-seat of Hardin, there were few resident Catholics anterior to the Year 1845. As early as 1840, however, Father Charles I. Coomes was in the habit of occasionally celebrating mass in the town, at the house of the late Denton Geoghegan, afterwards sheriff of the county. At that time there were not over four or five Catholic families in the place.

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Elizabeth SHIPLEY
Married:	December 12, 1802
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Anne Arundel, MD

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Child:	Thomas GEOGHEGAN
Born:	July 26, 1780
in:	Baltimore County MD
Died:	March 19, 1808
in:	Hardin County KY
Relationship with Father:	Ambrose GEOGHEGAN - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Margaret (Peggy) SELLMAN - Natural

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Thomas and Amelia were 1st Cousins

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Marriage Information

Wife:	Amelia DORSEY
Married:	October 04, 1804
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Baltimore County MD

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Child:	John H. GEOGHEGAN
Born:	February 06, 1782
in:	Baltimore MD
Died:	January 11, 1854
in:	Hardin County KY
Relationship with Father:	Ambrose GEOGHEGAN - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Margaret (Peggy) SELLMAN - Natural

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"John H Geoghegan, the last and youngest son of A.D.Geoghegan,Sr.,inherited the old homestead, Hynes' Station, and lived there until he died, on the 11 day of January, 1854,aged 75 years. He was a correct, upright citizen of regular habits.He was rather peculiar in his habits and manner of life;wrote a beautiful hand, and took note of all passing events that he deemed worthy of remembering;was fond of a gun;kept a good one, and by the way of recreation, made havoc of small game, but was too systematic to let it interfere with his business, which was that of farming and he was a model farmer. He reared a considerable family--six sons and two daughters.The sons were Dr. Thomas D. Geoghegan, Dr. Ambrose E, Dr. Denton,Robert D., John H. and William S. Geoghegan. His house and his hand were open to his relations and friends. He raised his sons to work,and in their younger days worked side by side with his colored servants. He was a kind master and provided bountifully for their wants, and allowed them great privileges. He gave his sons as good an education as the country afforded."

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Ann DORSEY
Married:	October 07, 1809
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Washington County KY

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Family Group Sheet

Child:	Ruth GEOGHEGAN
Born:	March 02, 1783
in:	Maryland
Died:	March 15, 1783
in:	Maryland
Relationship with Father:	Ambrose GEOGHEGAN - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Margaret (Peggy) SELLMAN - Natural

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