



# Biography of Hiel Chapman b. 1829

[The late Chappie John M. Chapman submitted several pages from Martin R. Andrews *HISTORY OF MARIETTA AND WASHINGTON COUNTY {OHIO}* Biographical Publishing Co. 1902]

Hiel Chapman [sometimes spelled Jehiel], who has been successfully pursuing the occupation of farming, near Vincent, Ohio, for more than half a century, was born in Watertown township, Washington County, May 10, 1829. [One undocumented report says he died in Washington Co. in 1911] At the age of four years he was brought by his parents to his present farm in Barlow township.

MR. Chapman is a son of Samuel and Catherine (Clark) chapman. His paternal grandfather, Heman Chapman, was born in Connecticut, in 1764, and located in Marietta, Ohio, in 1806. He had previously lived in New York, and later, at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania. His death occurred in 1881, in Barlow township. He was joined in wedlock with Mary Potter, whose birth took place in 1767, and who passed to her final rest in 1834.

Samuel chapman, a farmer, was born in New York in 1793. He located in Waterford township, Ohio, in 1816. He passed his last days upon the farm which is now the home of his son, Hiel, who was the sole offspring of the union with Catherine Clark; she was born in 1797.

During the Civil War, Hiel Chapman enlisted in Company F, 148th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. and served for a term of 100 days, as corporal. He was wounded in the knee, and draws a pension from the government. At the close of the war he returned to the farm, and completed the substantial frame house which was commenced in 1857. The barn, which is still used, has been built over 60 years, and formerly stood where the railroad now crosses the farm; about 50 years ago it was moved to its present location.

Mr. Chapman carries on general farming on 80 acres of very fertile and. His mind is stored with reminiscences of the early days. When he first came to this vicinity, a log cabin was his home, the door of which was hung by wooden hinges. A little later, heavy sleepers were put under the house, the frail floor of which was replaced by a substantial one, the boards for which were obtained from Lyman & Harley Laflin, who operated the first sawmill in that neighborhood. In 1857, Mr. Chapman married Abigail Hutchins, who was born March 22, 1830. Mrs. Chapman is a daughter of Shubel and Rhoda (Davis) Hutchins, who were married near Macksburg. His widow survived him many years and spent her closing years in Barlow with her son, a half brother of Mrs. Chapman. Her demise took place in 1884. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Chapman, Jan Hutchins, was born in 1770, and married Joana Weeks. They were the fourth or fifth family to settle at Macksburg, and reared four children, namely: Mollie, JOhn, Rosanna and Shubel.

Elsewhere in the above cited book there is a discussion about The Barlow Methodist Episcopal Church. In it is the mention of and wife, Rhoda Chapman and Samuel Chapman as class members of the church March 10, 818. In April 1826 the society (Church) bought a lot and the deed mentioned Samuel Chapman as a trustee.

Apparently Hiel was the end of the Chapman line which makes me wonder now why I'm taking time and space to cover him but since all of it is done I might as well finish by providing you with his complete ancestry as we know it.

Hiel Chapman born May 10, 1829 died 1911 was son of Samuel Chapman born March 28, 1786 in Tioga Co. NY and died January 1, 1877 Washington County, OH married December 1, 1816 in Washington Co Catherine Clark born February 20, 1797 in NY and died November 6, 1858 in Washington County; Samuel was son of Heman Chapman born August 9, 1764 and died November 4 1851 who married Mary or Marcy Potter born February 7, 1767 and died December 16, 1834; Heman was the son of Samuel Chapman born about 1726 in Colchester, Connecticut and married Mary Waterman; Samuel was the son of Samuel Chapman born about 1694 in Colchester and died November 2, 1758 in Sharon CT and married (1) Hannah Spencer; Samuel was the son of John Chapman born Nov 1653 in New London CT and his wife Sarah; John was the son of the supposed immigrant, William Chapman who we estimate was born about 1633 in England.