

# Family Group Sheet for Thomas AUSBROOK

**Husband:** Thomas AUSBROOK

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Birth: 13 Apr 1813 in Warren County, Kentucky, United States  
 Marriage: 13 Feb 1834 in Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Death: 27 Jan 1902 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois United States  
 Burial: 28 Jan 1902 in Mount Zion (United Brethren) Cemetery, nr. Flora, Clay County, Illinois United States  
 Father: Michal OZBROOKS  
 Mother: Sarah CRICKMAN



**Wife:** Ailsey Ann APPERSON

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Birth: 29 Sep 1816 in Washington County, Virginia, United States  
 Burial: Mar 1888 in Mount Zion (United Brethren) Cemetery, nr. Flora, Clay County, Illinois United States  
 Death: 03 Mar 1888 in Clay County, Illinois United States  
 Father: Richard APPERSON  
 Mother: Margaret S. AIKEN



**Children:**

1 M Name: Alfred G. AUSBROOK  
 Birth: 25 Nov 1836 in Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Burial: Sep 1847 in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Stanford Township, Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Death: 25 Sep 1847 in Clay County, Illinois, United States



2 M Name: John M. AUSBROOK  
 Birth: 17 Sep 1840 in Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Marriage: 11 Sep 1866 in Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Death: 15 Nov 1913 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois United States  
 Burial: 17 Nov 1913 in Lot 1, Block 14, 5th Division, Clay City Cemetery, Clay City, Clay County, Illinois United States  
 Spouse: Matilda Jane RICKETTS



3 F Name: Sarah R. AUSBROOK  
 Birth: 12 May 1843 in Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Burial: Sep 1844 in Mt. Zion Cemetery, nr. Flora, Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Death: 12 Sep 1844 in Clay County, Illinois, United States






4 F Name: Julia M. AUSBROOK  
 Birth: 22 Feb 1846 in Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Marriage: 24 Dec 1864 in Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Death: 31 Jan 1901 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Burial: 01 Feb 1901 in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Spouse: Harvey Tuttle BARRE



5 M Name: William T. AUSBROOK  
 Birth: 12 Dec 1848 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Death: 05 Jun 1853 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Burial: Abt 06 Jun 1853 in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Clay County, Illinois, United States



6	Name:	Gilbert Arthur AUSBROOK	
M	Birth:	29 Aug 1852 in Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Marriage:	16 Jan 1872 in Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Burial:	1892 in Mt. Zion Cemetery, nr. Flora, Stanford Township, Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Death:	Sep 1892 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Spouse:	Mary Caroline "Molly" DULEY	
7	Name:	James M. AUSBROOK	
M	Birth:	22 Apr 1853 in Stanford Township, Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Marriage:	20 Sep 1882 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Death:	18 Apr 1916 in Home, Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana, United States	
	Burial:	20 Apr 1916 in Oak Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana, United States	
	Spouse:	Katherine Belle MILLS	
8	Name:	Alice May AUSBROOK	
F	Birth:	17 Jan 1861 in Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Death:	05 Feb 1882 in Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Burial:	Abt 09 Feb 1882 in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Clay County, Illinois, United States	

#### Notes:

#### Thomas AUSBROOK

Spelling of Thomas' surname appears to have changed from his father's. In the Black Hawk War Military records it is shown as Thomas Osbrook, but it also says he was also known by Ausbrook. Land records in Clay County, IL. refer to him as Ausbrook. In the History of Fayette County, IL. his name is shown as Osbrook.

US Department of Veterans Affairs Nationwide Gravesite Locator

1. AUSBROOK, THOMAS  
 US ARMY  
 INDIAN WARS  
 DATE OF BIRTH: 04/13/1813  
 DATE OF DEATH: 01/27/1902  
 BURIED AT:  
 FOSTER HILL CEM  
 CLAY CITY, IL 62824  
 (618) 662-4688

#### Ailsey Ann APPERSON

I computed her birth date from the death date 3 March 1888 and age 71 y 5m 5d given on her grave marker.

#### John M. AUSBROOK

I do not know his middle name, but my suspicion is that it is "Michael", named after his grandfather Michal Ozbrooms.

According to John's Civil War military records, when he was discharged he retained his "Spencer Repeating Rifle" and associated accoutrements. . No serial number was given for the rifle.

Burial place shown in Illinois Military Burials 1929, Volume I, page 193. Cemetery shown as "Maysville", although it was later renamed to "Clay City Cemetery". Military unit given as Company "A", 98th Illinois Infantry Regiment.

John M. Ausbrook was born and died in Clay County, Illinois. The son of Thomas and Alcy Ann (Apperson)

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Ausbrook, he was born to these early settlers in this county. He was born on 17 September 1840 and died on 15 November 1913. Except for his three years of military service, he was a life long resident of Clay County.

His father served as a Corporal in Captain L.D. Ewing's Company (later Captain Samuel Houston's) during The Black Hawk War. Known as the Spy Battalion of the 3rd Brigade of Illinois Mounted Volunteers, the Company was called into the service of the United States at the request of General Henry Atkison and by the Governor of Illinois' proclamation of 15 May 1832. Subsequent to his military service, Thomas relocated from his home in Fayette County, Illinois to Clay County where he settled on land which he was to farm for many years. In February, 1834 he and Alcy Ann Apperson were married in Clay County. Alcy Ann came to Clay County from Virginia with her parents Richard and Margaret Apperson and several siblings.

When the civil unrest between the states arose, John M. Ausbrook responded as a volunteer in supporting the State of Illinois and the U.S. Federal Government. On 3 September 1862, at Camp Centralia, Illinois, he was 'mustered in' to Company 'A', 98th Illinois Infantry (Volunteers) by Captain Washington. He became a Sergeant in this Company, a position he held throughout his Civil War service. He was 'mustered out' of service on 27 June 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee by Captain Hosea.

The 98th Illinois Infantry along with the 123rd Illinois, the 17th and 72nd Indiana and the 18th Indiana Battery of Light Artillery comprised the Brigade commanded by Colonel John T. Wilder. This Brigade later became known as "Wilder's Lightning Brigade". It was heavily involved in major actions in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama from late in 1862 through the war's end in 1865. Their heroic performance at the Battle of Chickamauga was the only bright spot among an otherwise disastrous campaign by other Union forces.

According to the Daily Clay County Advocate Press edition of Friday, February 7, 1997: Wilder's Brigade was one of the most colorful units in the Civil War. Commanded by Colonel John T. Wilder, an iron foundry owner and entrepreneur from Indiana, the unit participated in 214 battles in the war. Not once did it leave the field in defeat.

One major reason was the fact the unit was armed with the Spencer repeating rifle, which gave the unit devastating firepower at a time when most used black powder single shot muskets.

When John M. Ausbrook was discharged from the Union forces on 6 July 1865, he was given a discharge certificate which contains insightful information about his service, his physical stature and occupation. It reads:

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Know ye, That John M. Ausbrook, a Sergeant of Captain A.W. Stanford's Company (A) 98th Regiment of Illinois Infantry volunteers who was enrolled on the fifth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two to serve Three years or during the war, is hereby DISCHARGED from the service of the United States, this sixth day of July, 1865 at Springfield, Illinois by reason of the U.S. Gov't. not requiring further service. (No objection to his being reenlisted is known to exist.)

Said John M. Ausbrook was born in Clay County in the State of Illinois, is twenty-two years of age, Five feet Five inches high, Dark complexion, Black eyes, Black hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer.

Given at Nashville, Tenn this twenty-seventh day of June 1865.

signed  
A.W. Stanford  
Capt.  
Commanding the Co.

After his discharge John M. Ausbrook continued to stay active with members of the 98th Infantry as he was involved for the remainder of his life in Wilder Brigade reunions as well as being a sustaining member of the Clay City (Illinois) Chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.). He was active in community affairs as he served multiple terms as a Trustee for the Clay City town government as well as serving as the Town Clerk. On 11 September 1866 he married Matilda Jane (Tildie) Ricketts in Clay City. This union

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produced three sons, Edward K., William G., and Clyde E. and a daughter Cora Belle. In their later years John and Matilda adopted Margaret Marie (Maggie) and raised her as their own child.

John died 15 November 1913 at Clay City while Matilda passed away on 26 March 1918 also in Clay City. Both are buried at the former I.O.O.F. Cemetery, now known as the Clay City Cemetery, Clay City, Illinois.

Submitted by John E. Bartos

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**Sarah R. AUSBROOK**

I do not know her middle name, but it is possible it is "Randolph", which is a heavily used name in the Apperson line, going back to Apperson relative Isabella Randolph.

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**Julia M. AUSBROOK**

The Marriage of Harvey and Julia occurred on Christmas Eve, 24 December 1864 in Clay County, Illinois. It is recorded in the Clay County Marriage Book as record 1-33.

When the 1900 Federal Census was taken, Julia was living in Clay City Township, Clay County, Illinois with her husband (Harvey T. Barre), her father Thomas Ausbrook and two of her sons Frank P. and Pearl. For the Census she indicated she had eight children, four of whom were living. Her county death record says: Female, white, date of death 31 January 1901, age 54 years, 11 months and 8 days. Occupation: Housekeeping; Undertaker: Hananshan & Strathman. Attending physician Dr. J.C. Weber, Clay City, Illinois.

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**William T. AUSBROOK**

I do not know William's middle name, but with the initial "T", I believe it is probably "Thomas", named after his father.

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**Gilbert Arthur AUSBROOK**

Gilbert and Mary applied for their marriage license which was issued on 15 January 1872. They were married the next day by John R. Finch, a Justice of the Peace, certificate number 2623, Clay County Marriage Books, page 197.

The information about G.A. Ausbrook and family was obtained from the 1880 US Census soundex (T746-1) (III), soundex code a216, Volume 5, Ednumerator District 154, sheet 13, line 45, Stanford Township, Illinois. Gilbert and Mary Duley (some recordings of the name show it as Dooley, Duley, Dulez) were wed on 16 January 1872 by John Reson (sometimes shown as Reason or Resin) Finch, Justice of the Peace, Clay County, Illinois. Finch was married to a relative in the Schooley family line; Sarah Schooley, and later after her death to her sister Rachel Matilda Schooley. The Schooley girls were both daughters of Elder William Schooley and his wife Matilda England Hollinghead Schooley, also the parents of Orlando Devere Schooley whose daughter Emily Agnes was to later marry Clyde Earl Ausbrook. Gilbert and Mary's marriage is recorded on certificate #2623, the date of their marriage license was 15 January 1872.

Gilbert's occupation in the 1880 Federal Census lists his occupation as "farmer".

In the same 1880 Fed Census is a listing for a "John Duley" , age 16, brother, single, occupation farmer, born in Indiana with parents also born in Indiana.

Based upon Thomas' connection to the Crickman family, I believe Gilbert Arthur Ausbrook was named after a Crickman relative, Gilbert Crickman, who farmed near Thomas' land in Stanford Township.

My notes indicate Gilbert MAY HAVE died an accidental death caused by falling off a horse. I have no verification of this information or even where I got it--it may have come from Mary Barbara (Ausbrook) Bangert, but I am uncertain. There is a question as to the year of his death; i.e. 1890 or 1892.

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**James M. AUSBROOK**

In the 1880 Fed Census for Clay County, IL. , James is listed as living in Clay City, IL. with the Charles J. Farrell family (page 384c). He is listed as single, age 26, born in IL. occupation of "telegraph operator" with his mother being born in Virginia. I assume he was a "boarder" at the Farrell home as I do not know of any family connection. I further assume he did not live with his parents as they were on the farm outside of town and James worked for the railroad in town at the railroad station.

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In the 1900 Federal Census James was recorded as living in Carmi, White County, Illinois where he was a telegraph operator living with his wife Kate, daughters Mildred and Edna and his mother-in-law Angeline Mills.

In the 1910 Federal Census the family is listed under a John M. Ausbrook; Bell is the wife and Mildred is a daughter. There is no reference to daughter Edna or mother-in-law Angeline. They are shown living in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana and renting a home at 1115 Franklin. John (Jame's) occupation is shown as a factory salesman. Bell lists herself as the mother of two children with two living.

James is listed in the burials at Oak Hill Cemetery, Evansville, IN. He is listed as burial number 24281 and is buried in Section 28, Lot 4, grave 3. (DIA B-326) His age is given as 62 years, 11 months and 27 days. His date of death is 04/18/1916 with date of interment as 04/20/1916. Cause of death is given as "Nephritis". Race shown as white; undertaker=Lowe. Social State=married; Medical ATT. Dr. Robert W. Viehe. Place of death=308 Adams Avenue. I calculated James' birth date to be April 22, 1853, although Federal Census references show it as April 1854. Undertaker was Lowe's Funeral Home.

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**Alice May AUSBROOK**

I constructed Alice's birth date from the death date 5 Feb 1882 minus the age given on her gravestone; i.e. aged 21 y 19d. She is buried with her mother at Mt. Zion. Her age may have been 21 years and 13 days, but we could not tell by reading the date. Need to check Clay County, IL. death book to see what it shows.