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**Samuel Eugene Sittason** was born in September of 1853 in New Albany, Indiana, the son of a contractor and builder. When he was 28, he married Gertrude Siphley, and they raised two of their five children to adulthood. Samuel was a plasterer by trade, but no doubt participated in all aspects of the building trades.

Gertrude died in 1917, after 36 years of marriage. Shortly after, Samuel moved to Norwood, Ohio to stay with his son Claude's family, and likely continued in his trade. Later, he moved to Indianapolis where his daughter Alma was living. Samuel died in 1933, and was buried in New Albany's Fairview Cemetery next to Gertrude.

They lost their first son, Leroy, in 1883, just three months after his birth. Edna Pearl was born in July of 1885, but died after only 18 months. Then came their only surviving son, Claude, and Alma in 1889. Mary was born in November of 1893, but was buried at age 3 in 1897. While it's easy for those of us engaged in family history research to report that such losses were common in those days, it's sad to imagine the infant, the toddler, and the young lady that could have been in our memories today.

Gertrude was a music teacher before she married Samuel at age 20. Her parents were Jacob Siphley and Caroline Fritsch; Caroline was born in Germany.

Samuel was the first son, the second child, of Daniel E. Sittason and Amanda Lathrop.

*Note:* Whenever one is doing family research, the problem of name spellings arises. It was around 1860 or so that the family in New Albany seems to have switched the spelling from "Citizen" to "Sittason". Prior to that, almost all appearances of the name begin with C. I've seen many variations on both themes: Citzen, Citsen, Sitteson, Sitsun, etc. Luckily all variations are unusual enough that if one finds something close, it's probably a member of this family.

**Daniel E. Citizen** was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky (Louisville), and is recorded under the name of Dan Citizen when he married Amanda Lathrop in February 1850 in Perry County, Indiana. When he was 23, he enlisted in the First Kentucky Regiment to serve in the Mexican War. His military career was short-lived, described as “No engagement. He got sunstruck and was discharged on Surgeon’s Certificate of disability from the brain fever” in Comargo, Mexico, and was sent home after about 90 days. During the Civil War, he served as a New Albany City Councilman from the 1st Ward.

His occupation was usually listed as “contractor/builder”, though in his later years he operated two hotels in New Albany, the Merchant’s and Farmer’s House and the Israel House.

In 1882, this biography was published in *History of Ohio Falls and it’s Cities and Counties*:

Daniel E. Sittason was born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, October 24, 1822 and located in New Albany, Floyd county, Indiana, in 1825 [sic]. By occupation Mr. Sittason is a contractor and builder. He has in his time erected some of the finest business houses and private residences in the city. He was at one time a steamboat builder, and has worked on some of the finest and largest steamboats on the Western waters. He has served in the city council and is an enterprising and honored citizen.

Local history books were published by the hundreds in the late 1880’s, and they are notorious for flattery of their subjects and their errors. I take exception to the year of 1825 as his arrival in Floyd County, thinking that this is a typo and should read 1849.

Building steamboats might well have been Daniel’s first occupation, and perhaps that of his father as well. This excerpt from “Sketches of New Albany, Indiana, and Vicinity, 1813-1891”, published in 1959, is describing the Israel House, a popular hotel:

In the zenith of it’s popularity, the chief subject of conversation was concerning steamboats. Races of these floating palaces were highly exciting. Multitudes crowded the river banks, cannons were fired and all was excitement and merriment. These endless topics for discussion made life merry at the Israel House in the 40’s and 50’s.

In a few years the Civil War came, and all was ended. The fortunes of the river men changed so that many a wealthy boat owner became poor. The Israel House, once so popular, where marriage bells rang out, where gay parties gathered, was no more... In [1879] Mr. Sittason took charge of the house, renovated it, and tried to renew its glories, but in vain.

When Daniel took over operation of the Israel House, he was running the nearby Farmers' and Merchants' House.

Daniel married three times: Amanda in 1850, Indiana Brown in 1875, and Samantha Belle Barth in 1885. The marriage to Samantha was short, ending in divorce in 1888 (she cited abandonment as the reason). No children came from this marriage.

Daniel was 52 when he married Indiana Brown, 22, a year after the death of Amanda. Indiana was the daughter of James and Anna brown of New Albany. Daniel and Indiana had two children: Murda, who died a month after her birth in November of 1875, and "H. C.", who also survived only a month in 1879. Indiana passed away in 1883 at the age of 30.

Eight children were born to Amanda and Daniel, four sons and four daughters. Margaret came first in 1851, and was likely named after Amanda's mother, Margaret Jackson. Sallie, the seventh child, came in 1868; I've been unable to find mention of either of these girls after their birth. Samuel came second in the order, then Charles, Claude, Jennie, Clarence, and last, Minnie.

Charles died in 1878 from injuries suffered from an unusual accident, explained here in June of 1878, in the New Albany Ledger:

#### Sad Accident

This morning about 8 1/2 o'clock, Charles, a 21-year old son of Mr. Daniel E. Sittason, proprietor of the Farmers' and Merchants' hotel, met with a very painful and in all probabilities a fatal fall. He was in the wagon yard adjoining the hotel, drawing himself up by a rope, which was attached to a pully from the ceiling. He had placed his foot in a noose at one end of the rope, and drawing himself up by the other. He had reached a distance of about five or six feet from the ground, when from some cause, he lost his hold on the rope and fell, his head and shoulders striking with such force as to produce concussion of the brain. Doctors Stewart and Alexander are in attendance constantly, but express very little hope of his recovery. He is

liable to die at any moment, and may be so, ere this notice reaches our readers. 'Tis truly a sad accident.

Samuel's brother Claude lived his entire life in New Albany, serving as a patrolman, then Sheriff as well as County Treasurer for Floyd County, Indiana. His funeral at the Masonic Temple was attended by hundreds, and was officiated by Rev J. Graham Sibson of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church. He died at the end of January, 1926, at the age of 86.

Claude married Lucy McKinney on December 20, 1883 and they had four children: Mabel, Morris, Getrude, and Bertha. Morris (Samuel's nephew) was a part owner of the Sittason-Foster Motor Car Company in 1917, with his father Claude the president of the company. A short time after this it was known simply as The Sittason Motor Car Co. He married Lorean Triebner in 1907 (in nearby Clark County), and died in 1966.

Sam and Claude's sister Jennie married Edwin William Harper when she was 22 in 1885, and they had two daughters, Eva and Rhema. They divorced in the late 1890's, and she remarried William Wesner in 1900.

Their brother Clarence married Minnie Denton in 1882. This is the Sittason branch that relocated to Alabama, and descendants of them can be found there today.

The youngest child of Daniel and Amanda, Minnie, married Waldo Venner in 1890, and she died in Madison County, Indiana in 1961.

**The New Albany Daily Ledger** ran this announcement on December 3, 1856:

**Died,**  
In this city September 30th, Mr. DANIEL SITTASON,  
in the triumphs of faith, aged 79 years. He was born in  
Somerset County, Maryland.  
Baltimore papers and Louisville Journal please  
copy.

This suggests that this man was born in 1777, and that the newspaper readers in both Louisville and near Baltimore, Maryland, would be interested to hear of his demise. We can find a marriage record in Louisville of a Dan Citizen to Mary Furniss in 1816, Mary being the widow of Thomas. It appears that Dan Citizen, who died in 1856, would be the father Daniel E. Sittason of New Albany.

The 1850 census is the first one where all names of a family are listed, and would be the first chance to see what others might be living with Dan Citizen. We can find Daniel Citizen, but he's living with a Maranda Owens, age 50, and her supposed son Nicholas B Owens, age 18. Daniel is aged 73, and born in Virginia; Maranda, very possibly his daughter, was born in Maryland, and Nicholas was born in Kentucky.

The 1830 and 1840 census' for Dan Citizen in Louisville lists these children (names are not listed on these census'):

First Daughter born 1815-1820  
First Son born 1815-1820  
Second Daughter born 1820-1825  
Second Son born 1820-1825  
Third Son born 1825-1830

Daniel E. Sittason of New Albany would fit nicely into this family as the second son born of this marriage, and he apparently had two brothers and two sisters that survived into adulthood.

There is an Elizabeth Citizen living in a boarding house in 1850 in Louisville. She's 23, and born in Kentucky. This might be a daughter as well, but her birth date (1827) doesn't seem to fit this pattern. Small differences in birth dates like this are not at all unusual, so she might be the second daughter.



When Dan Citizen married Mary, he was about 39 years of age, and Mary was about 30. Even though Mary was listed as a widow, and Dan was certainly old enough to have himself had a prior marriage, no children are seen being born before their marriage in 1816. If the Maranda Owens whom Daniel is living with in 1850 is his daughter, she would have been born in 1800, and probably married before the 1830 census.

A speculative guess at Daniel's older brother might be related to a Mrs. Gabriel Sittason who was buried in a plot in Fairview Cemetery in New Albany owned by Daniel E. Sittason. She died in November 1868, and I've not found any reference to either her or Gabriel himself. I mention this because it's possible that Gabriel had children, and that they might be encountered in the general area with more research. And, it very well could be that this was Daniel's aunt, not his sister-in-law, because an age is not given on the cemetery records.

**Laban Citizen** is a possibility for the third son of Dan Citizen, and the brother of Daniel E. Sittason. He was born about 1825 and first evidence of him can be found in the New Albany City Directory in 1856-57 at the same address as Daniel E. Sittason, about the time when his supposed father died. In 1860, he's sharing a house with Daniel E. Sittason, his occupation was a builder; and in 1893 his claim for a medical disability from injuries suffered in the Civil War was witnessed by Daniel E. Sittason.

Two obituaries for Laban ran in the local papers. This from the New Albany Evening Tribune of February 25, 1899:

Laban Sittason, an old resident, died at 9:30 o'clock last night at his home on North Pearl street. He was about seventy-four years old. He was a veteran of the civil war, having served in Company K, 23rd Indiana Regiment. He was a respected citizen and a loyal soldier.

In the Daily Ledger on the same day:

Laban Sittason, a veteran of the civil war, who has for a long time been totally disabled from disease contracted in the service, died on the eve of the 24th at his home 921 North Pearl. Deceased was in every regard a good man and a good citizen, and had the respect of all who knew him. His age was seventy four years. Two daughters survive him.

Laban married Emily Jane Skermig in 1867 in Clark County. I've been unable to find any further references to his daughters, or his wife.

Beginning about 1893, Laban tried to gain a disability pension for his civil war injuries. He had originally claimed he suffered a gun shot to the head at Raymond, Mississippi on May 12, 1863, but his application was turned down because the surgeon testified he had suffered a shell injury to the head, not a bullet injury. He pursued this issue up to his death to little avail, as any witnesses had died.

He's buried in the Soldier's Cemetery in New Albany.

**Where did** Dan Citizen come from?

In the 1850 census, he said he was born in Virginia.

In his 1856 death announcement, Somerset County, Maryland. Presumably his son Daniel Sittason was the source of this information for the writer of the announcement.

In the 1880 census, Daniel E Sittason listed his father's birthplace as Kentucky. Well, maybe he said that. The census taker might well have visited his home while he was out, and his wife Indiana answered the question.

If Maranda Owens is his daughter, then he would have been in Maryland when she was born.

I'm inclined to believe that Maryland is the more reliable information.

**Amanda Lathrop** was born in 1831 in Indiana, and married Daniel E. Citizen in 1850 in Perry County Indiana. She and Daniel lived briefly in the home of her parents, Samuel Lathrop and his wife Margaret. Samuel was a brick mason born in New Hampshire. and married Margaret Jackson in 1820 in Leavenworth, Indiana.

I'm presuming this is the Samuel Lathrop that appears in Rev. E. B. Huntington's *A Genealogical Memoir of the Lo-Lathrop Family*, published in 1884. Samuel's father was Captain Samuel Lathrop, who was born in 1756 in Norwich, Connecticut and married Lois Huntington. Captain Lathrop volunteered in 1774 in the cause of the American colonies against the English, and was injured in the battle of Bunker Hill. Samuel and Lois lived in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Captain Samuel's parents were Elisha and Hannah Hough, who were married in 1743. Elisha's parents were Samuel, born in Norwich in 1692, and Elizabeth Waterman. Samuel's father was Israel, born in 1659, who married Rebecca Bliss.

Isreal was the son of Samuel Lathrop, who was born in England, and arrived in Scituate, Massachusetts in 1634 on the ship *Griffin* with his father, the Reverend John Lathrop. Samuel was married by his father in 1644 in Barnstable to Elizabeth Scudder. His sister Jane was married to Samuel Fuller by Miles Standish.

Rev. John Lathrop was the pastor of the First Church in Scituate until 1639, when he moved further south to Barnstable, Massachusetts. He is considered the founder of Barnstable.

In England, Rev. John was the second pastor of the Independent (Congregational) Church in London. King Charles I was in a conflict with Parliament, which was supported by Puritans, Presbyterians, and Independents. These religious dissenters were persecuted and imprisoned; Rev John was in jail from 1632 to 1634, during which his wife, Hannah House, died. On his release he left for North America, with his son Samuel.

### **Opportunities** for more research

- A Morris Citizen served in the 2nd Regiment of Maryland during the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in 1778, and was discharged in 1780; he was granted 50 acres of land in western Maryland, though he died in 1781.

- In 1820, Samuel Citizen is listed on the census of Nansamond County, Virginia. This county is now extinct, but became the town of Suffolk, Virginia, very near Portsmouth and Virginia Beach. This is very close to Somerset County, Maryland, on the Eastern Shore.

This, in turn, is close to Perquimas County, North Carolina, where we can find Citizens in 1820, and Washington and Chowan counties in North Carolina where we find them as well in 1810. This strongly suggests a migration pattern from Maryland, then south to Virginia and North Carolina by descendants of the original ancestor. Along the way, adventurous sons may have bolted west, into Virginia and Kentucky.

- In 1868, a Mrs. Gabriel Sittason was buried in Fairview Cemetery, mentioned above. In 1882, this obituary appeared in the New Albany Ledger:

Mrs. Catherine Sittason, wife of Gabriel Sittason died on Tuesday, after a long illness of abscesses of the liver. She was buried at Roger's Chapel on Wednesday.

Apparently there were two Gabriel Sittasons in the area, probably father and son. The perplexing thing to me is that I have never found another reference to either one of them.

- There is a marriage of George B. Sittson to Harriet L. Newkirk in September of 1844 in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

- There is a marriage announcement in the New Albany Ledger of August 19, 1870 of Annie E. Sittason to Malcom McBride in Louisville. I don't know who this Annie was.

- In 1835, Catherine Jane Citison married Thomas Lloyd in Jefferson County. Daniel Citison put up a bond, and gave consent in person.

- In the 1863 New Albany city directory, a Chas. Sitisen is listed as a carpenter and a builder. Who is this Charles?

- In September of 1870, this marriage announcement appeared in the New Albany Ledger:

At the residence of the bride's father in Harrison county, Indiana, on the 1st of September 1870, by Rev. Samuel Starlings, Mr. James H. Jones of Chattanooga, Tenn, to Miss Emma M. Sittason of Harrison County.

A James H. Jones witnessed the pension application for Daniel E. Sittason in 1893, as well as testifying as his physician. I suspect that Emma M is the Margaret I show as Daniel and Amanda's first child.

This suggests a possible solution to another problem: I haven't found Daniel in the 1870 census, nor is he listed in the New Albany city directory during that time. It might very well be that he was living in nearby Harrison County during that period.

- In the 1850 US census for Indiana, there's a William Citizen in Wayne County. He was born in Maryland in 1810. He married Hester Parker in 1831, and they had these children: Sarah (born in 1832 in Indiana), Samuel, Martha, James, Calvin, and Daniel Webster. In 1870, William and Samuel can be found in Warren County, I think. This might be another child of Dan Citizen by a first marriage, again old enough to be out of his father's house by the 1830 census.

## A Good Citizen Gone.

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Daniel E. Sittason, an Old  
Resident, Expires Sun-  
day Morning.

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He was a Useful Man in  
Life and is Mourned  
in Death.

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After a lingering illness extending through several years, Daniel E. Sittason, for forty years a highly respected resident of New Albany, has passed away. His death occurred at 4 o'clock Sunday morning at the family residence, Eleventh and Beeler streets. For several weeks past he had been in very feeble health and for several days prior to his death he suffered several severe hemorrhages of the lungs and these were the direct cause of his decease.

Daniel E. Sittason bore an exemplary character and was a man esteemed by all who enjoyed his acquaintance. He was seventy-four years of age at his death and resided in New Albany for more than forty years. He was a contracting carpenter and until late years, when he was forced to retire from active life was one of the foremost contractors in the city. He served as a member of the city council, representing the First Ward from 1862 to 1865, and was a useful and influential member of that body.

Deceased leaves seven children, three sons, Samuel, Edward and Patrolman Claude Sittason, and four daughters. He was a member of Jefferson Lodge F. and A. M. and New Albany Commandery No. 5 Knights Templar. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

*New Albany Weekly Ledger, Nov 28, 1917*

## DEATH COMES TO WELL KNOWN NEW ALBANY RESIDENT

**Mrs. Gertrude Sittason Died Friday  
Night After An Illness of a Year  
—Funeral Sunday Afternoon.**

Mrs. Gertrude Sittason, wife of Samuel Sittason, died at her home, 1119 Vincennes street, at 11:30 o'clock Friday night after an illness of Bright's disease. Mrs. Sittason had been in poor health for the past year and several weeks ago was confined to her bed. She was 57 years old and was a native of New Albany, where she had lived all her life. Before her marriage she was Miss Gertrude Siple. Mrs. Sittason was known for her lovable disposition, and enjoyed a large number of friends in this city. She was a member of DePauw Memorial church.

Mrs. Sittason is survived besides her husband by one daughter, Miss Alma Sittason, of this city, and one son, Claude Sittason, of Norwood, O., a suburb of Cincinnati. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at DePauw Memorial church and the Rev. E. F. Schneider, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

*New Albany Daily Ledger, Decem-  
ber 27, 1910*

**Mrs. Caroline Siple, widow of Jacob Siple and an old resident of the city, died at 8:15 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel E. Sittason. She was seventy-nine years of age and was a native of Germany, but had lived in this city for fifty-two years. Besides Mrs. Sittason she is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Mary L. Owen, of Washington, Ind. She was for many years a member of Jennie DePauw Memorial M. E. church.**



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Map showing Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, and the areas where Citizens might be found in 1800-1820.

## Descendants of Daniel Citizen

### Generation One

**1.** DANIEL<sup>1</sup> CITIZEN was born in 1777 at Virginia.<sup>1</sup> He married Mary A (—?—) on 14 Jul 1816 at Jefferson, Kentucky.<sup>2</sup> He died on 30 Sep 1856 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>3</sup>

He is presumed to be the father of Daniel E Sittason. He appeared on the census of 1830 at Jefferson, Kentucky (1 male under 5, 1 male 5-10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 50-60, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 40-50).<sup>4</sup> He appeared on the census of 1840 at Jefferson, Kentucky (1 male 10-15, 1 male 15-20, 1 male 20-30, 1 male 60-70, 1 female 15-20, 1 female 20-30, 1 female 50-60).<sup>5</sup> He appeared on the census of 1850 at Jefferson, Kentucky.<sup>6</sup>

Children of Daniel<sup>1</sup> Citizen and Mary A (—?—) were:

2. i. DANIEL E<sup>2</sup>, born 24 Oct 1822 at Jefferson, Kentucky; married Amanda Lathrop; married Indiana Brown; married Samantha Belle Barth.

### Generation Two

**2.** DANIEL E<sup>2</sup> SITTASON (*Daniel<sup>1</sup> Citizen*) was born on 24 Oct 1822 at Jefferson, Kentucky.<sup>7,8</sup> He married Amanda Lathrop, daughter of Samuel Lathrop and Margaret M Jackson, on 7 Feb 1850 at Perry, Indiana.<sup>9,10,11</sup> He married Indiana Brown, daughter of James Brown and Anna (—?—), on 21 Oct 1875 at Floyd, Indiana.<sup>12,13</sup> He married Samantha Belle Barth on 9 Aug 1885 at Floyd, Indiana.<sup>14</sup> He died on 27 Jun 1897 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana, at age 74.<sup>15,16</sup> He was buried on 29 Jun 1897 at Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>17</sup>

Spelling was changed by family during the 1860's. He was also known as Daniel E Citizen.<sup>18</sup> He was also known as Daniel Citzen.<sup>19</sup> He may be a brother to Laban Citizen of Floyd County, and William Citizen of Wayne County, Indiana. He began military service on 17 May 1846, enlisting in the First Kentucky Regiment.<sup>20</sup> He ended military service on 27 Aug 1846 at Comargo, Mexico (Daniel was not in any engagement. "He got sunstruck and was discharged on Surgeon's certificate of disability from the brain fever").<sup>21</sup> He appeared on the census of Sep 1850 at Troy Township, Perry, Indiana.<sup>22</sup> He appeared on the census of 1860 at New Albany 1st Ward, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>23</sup> He lived in 1860 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>24</sup> He was a Councilman from the First Ward between 1862 and 1865 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>25</sup> He lived between 1863 and 1864 at Charleston Rd, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>26</sup> He lived between 1873 and 1874 at Cherry St, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>27</sup> He was the proprietor of the Farmers' and Merchants' Hotel in New Albany in 1878.<sup>28</sup> He became the proprietor of Israel House in 1879.<sup>29</sup> He was a carpenter and builder in 1880.<sup>30</sup> He appeared on the census of 11 Jun 1880 at 4th Ward, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>31</sup>

Children of Daniel E<sup>2</sup> Sittason and Amanda Lathrop all born at Indiana were as follows:

3. i. MARGARET<sup>3</sup>; born 1851.<sup>32</sup>
- ii. SAMUEL EUGENE, born Sep 1853; married Gertrude Siphley.
- iii. CHARLES; born 1857;<sup>33,34</sup> died 3 Jun 1878 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana;<sup>35,36</sup> buried circa 3 Jun 1878 at Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>37</sup>
4. iv. CLAUDIUS, born 1860; married Lucy McKinney.
5. v. JENNIE, born 1863; married Edward William Harper; married William K Wesner.
6. vi. CLARENCE E, born 1865; married Minnie Denton.
- vii. SALLIE M; born 1868.<sup>38</sup>
- viii. MINNIE; born 1871;<sup>39</sup> married Waldo E Venner 24 Dec 1890 at Floyd, Indiana;<sup>40</sup> died 29 Jan 1961 at Madison, Indiana.

Children of Daniel E<sup>2</sup> Sittason and Indiana Brown both born at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana, were as follows:

- i. MURDA A<sup>3</sup>; born 17 Nov 1875;<sup>41</sup> died 20 Dec 1876 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana, at age 1;<sup>42</sup> buried 21 Dec 1876 at Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>43</sup>

- ii. H. C.; born 30 Jan 1879;<sup>44</sup> died circa 5 Feb 1879 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana;<sup>45</sup> buried 5 Feb 1879 at Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>46</sup>

There were no children of Daniel E<sup>2</sup> Sittason and Samantha Belle Barth.

### *Generation Three*

**3.** SAMUEL EUGENE<sup>3</sup> SITTASON (*Daniel<sup>P</sup>, Daniel<sup>A</sup> Citizen*) was born in Sep 1853 at Indiana.<sup>47</sup> He married Gertrude Siphley, daughter of Jacob Siphley and Caroline Fritsch, on 14 Sep 1881 at Floyd, Indiana.<sup>48</sup> He died on 17 Aug 1933 at Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, at age 79 (He was in Indianapolis staying with daughter Alma).<sup>49,50</sup> He was buried in Aug 1933 at Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>51</sup>

He was also known as Samuel Citizen.<sup>52</sup> He appeared on the census of 1900 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>53</sup> He lived in 1900 at 1407 Locust, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>54</sup> He appeared on the census of Apr 1910 at 1119 Vincennes St, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>55</sup> He was was a plasterer in 1917.<sup>56</sup> He lived between 1917 and 1918 at 1119 Vincennes, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>57</sup>

Children of Samuel Eugene<sup>3</sup> Sittason and Gertrude Siphley were as follows:

- i. LEROY<sup>4</sup>; born 14 Jan 1883;<sup>58</sup> died 31 Mar 1883 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>59</sup>
- ii. EDNA PEARL; born 11 Jul 1885 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana;<sup>60</sup> died 14 Nov 1886 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana, at age 1;<sup>61</sup> buried 15 Dec 1886 at Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>62</sup>
- 7. iii. CLAUDE WILLIAM, born 13 Oct 1887 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana; married Marie Edwards; married Hattie Berbeck Ferguson.
- iv. ALMA; born Aug 1889 at Indiana;<sup>63</sup> married (—?—) Gauer.  
She lived between 1917 and 1918 at 1119 Vincennes, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>64</sup> She appeared on the census of 1920 at 1405? College Avenue, Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana (In home of Mary L Owen). She lived in 1933 at Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana.
- v. MARY E; born 9 Nov 1893 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana;<sup>65</sup> died circa 19 Jul 1897 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana;<sup>66</sup> buried 22 Jul 1897 at Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>67</sup>
- vi. ESTELLA; born Jan 1894;<sup>68</sup> died 21 Jul 1897 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana, at age 3.<sup>69</sup>

**4.** CLAUDIUS<sup>3</sup> SITTASON (*Daniel<sup>P</sup>, Daniel<sup>A</sup> Citizen*) was born in 1860 at Indiana.<sup>70</sup> He married Lucy McKinney on 20 Dec 1883 at Floyd, Indiana.<sup>71,72</sup> He died on 19 Feb 1926 at Floyd, Indiana.<sup>73,74</sup>

He appeared on the census of 1920 at 318 E Seventh, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>75</sup>

Children of Claudius<sup>3</sup> Sittason and Lucy McKinney were as follows:

- i. MABEL O<sup>4</sup>; born 1 Dec 1884 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana;<sup>76</sup> died 4 Aug 1885 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana;<sup>77</sup> buried 5 Aug 1885 at Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>78</sup>
- 8. ii. MORRIS D, born 16 Mar 1887 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana; married Lorean Triebner.
- iii. GERTRUDE; born 6 Mar 1889 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>79</sup>
- iv. BERTHA; born 6 Nov 1890 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>80</sup>

**5.** JENNIE<sup>3</sup> SITTASON (*Daniel<sup>P</sup>, Daniel<sup>A</sup> Citizen*) was born in 1863 at Indiana.<sup>81</sup> She married Edward William Harper on 31 Jul 1885 at Clark, Indiana.<sup>82</sup> She married William K Wesner on 19 Dec 1900 at Floyd, Indiana.<sup>83</sup>

Children of Jennie<sup>3</sup> Sittason and Edward William Harper both born at Indiana were as follows:

- i. EVA<sup>4</sup>; born May 1891.

ii. RHEMA; born 1 Jan 1893.

**6.** CLARENCE E<sup>3</sup> SITTASON (*Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>1</sup> Citizen*) was born in 1865 at Indiana.<sup>84</sup> He married Minnie Denton on 17 May 1882 at Floyd, Indiana.<sup>85</sup>

He was also known as Eddie Sittason.

Children of Clarence E<sup>3</sup> Sittason and Minnie Denton were:

i. NORMA R<sup>4</sup>; born 5 Feb 1890 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>86</sup>

#### *Generation Four*

**7.** CLAUDE WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> SITTASON (*Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>1</sup> Citizen*) was born on 13 Oct 1887 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>87,88</sup> He married Marie Edwards.<sup>89</sup> He married Hattie Berbeck Ferguson, daughter of Orlando Ferguson and Martha Reeves, on 1 Feb 1913 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>90</sup> He died circa 1 Dec 1957 at 4125 Matson Ave, Deer Park, Hamilton, Ohio.<sup>91</sup> He was buried circa 3 Dec 1957 at Rest Haven Cemetery, Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio.<sup>92</sup>

He appeared on the census of 1920 at Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio.<sup>93</sup>

There were no children of Claude William<sup>4</sup> Sittason and Marie Edwards.

Children of Claude William<sup>4</sup> Sittason and Hattie Berbeck Ferguson were as follows:

i. CHARLES M<sup>5</sup>; born circa 1914;<sup>94</sup> married Ruth (—?—);<sup>95</sup> died circa 25 Jun 1974 at 6704 Leeds Lane, Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio.<sup>96</sup>

ii. RAY LATHROP 'BOWSER'; born 27 May 1917 at Ohio; married Vera June 'Babe' Conover, daughter of Edgar Murdock Conover and Anna Mae Kiester, 19 Apr 1941; died 23 Nov 1972 at age 55.

He lived in 1920 at Norwood, Hamilton, Ohio.<sup>97</sup> He lived in 1934 at 2225 Washington, Norwood, Hamilton, Ohio.<sup>98</sup>

iii. BETTY JANE; born 1921;<sup>99</sup> died 31 Jan 1988 at New Richmond, Hamilton, Ohio;<sup>100</sup> buried 4 Feb 1988 at Rest Haven Cemetery, Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio.<sup>101</sup>

**8.** MORRIS D<sup>4</sup> SITTASON (*Claudius<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>1</sup> Citizen*) was born on 16 Mar 1887 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>102</sup> He married Lorean Triebner, daughter of Charles G Tribner and Ida M (—?—), on 1 Aug 1907 at Clark, Indiana.<sup>103</sup> He died on 23 Apr 1966 at Floyd, Indiana, at age 79.<sup>104</sup> He was buried circa 25 Apr 1966 at Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.

He appeared on the census of 20 Apr 1910 at Gilbertson Ave, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana (adjacent to Vincennes Ave).<sup>105</sup> He lived in 1917 at 1817 E Oak, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>106</sup> He appeared on the census of 6 Jan 1920 at 1817 E Oak St, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>107</sup>

Children of Morris D<sup>4</sup> Sittason and Lorean Triebner were as follows:

i. DOROTHY G<sup>5</sup>; born 6 Sep 1908 at 1812 Culbit Ave, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>108</sup>

ii. AILEEN; born 1914.<sup>109</sup>

## Descendants of Elisha Lathrop

### Generation One

**9.** ELISHA<sup>1</sup> LATHROP was born on 18 Jul 1718.<sup>110</sup> He married Margaret Sluman on 31 Jan 1732.<sup>111</sup> He married Hannah Hough on 23 Jan 1743.<sup>112</sup> He died on 2 Jul 1787 at Lebanon, New Hampshire, at age 68 (died by the falling of a tree).<sup>113</sup>

There were no children of Elisha<sup>1</sup> Lathrop and Margaret Sluman.

Children of Elisha<sup>1</sup> Lathrop and Hannah Hough were:

10. i. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup>, born 22 Nov 1756 at Norwich; married Lois Huntington.

### Generation Two

**10.** SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> LATHROP (*Elisha*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 22 Nov 1756 at Norwich.<sup>114</sup> He married Lois Huntington on 15 May 1786.<sup>115</sup> He died on 12 Jan 1821 at Lebanon, New Hampshire, at age 64.<sup>116</sup>

He was engaged and wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1774.<sup>117</sup>

Children of Samuel<sup>2</sup> Lathrop and Lois Huntington were:

11. i. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup>, born 8 Apr 1794 at Lebanon, New Hampshire; married Margaret M Jackson.

### Generation Three

**11.** SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> LATHROP (*Samuel*<sup>2</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 8 Apr 1794 at Lebanon, New Hampshire.<sup>118</sup> He married Margaret M Jackson on 15 Feb 1820 at Leavenworth, Crawford, Indiana.<sup>119,120</sup> He died on 19 Mar 1853 at Connelton, Perry, Indiana, at age 58.<sup>121</sup>

He appeared on the census of 1830 at Leavenworth, Crawford, Indiana (6 daughters, 3 sons).<sup>122</sup> He appeared on the census of 1840 at Crawford, Indiana (1 male 10-15, 1 female 5-10, 2 10-15, 1 15-20).<sup>123</sup> He appeared on the census of 3 Sep 1850 at Troy TWP, Perry, Indiana.<sup>124</sup>

Children of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Lathrop and Margaret M Jackson were as follows:

- i. MARY<sup>4</sup>; born 1821 at Indiana.<sup>125</sup>
- ii. MARIAH; born 1825 at Indiana;<sup>126</sup> married Harvey Johnson 5 Dec 1850 at Perry, Indiana.<sup>127</sup>
12. iii. AMANDA, born 20 Jun 1832 at Crawford, Indiana; married Daniel E Sittason.
- iv. SAMUEL; born 1845 at Indiana.<sup>128</sup>

### Generation Four

**12.** AMANDA<sup>4</sup> LATHROP (*Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *Samuel*<sup>2</sup>, *Elisha*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 20 Jun 1832 at Crawford, Indiana.<sup>129</sup> She married Daniel E Sittason, son of Daniel Citizen and Mary A (—?—), on 7 Feb 1850 at Perry, Indiana.<sup>130,131,132</sup> She died on 20 Feb 1874 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana, at age 41.<sup>133</sup> She was buried circa 23 Feb 1874 at Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>134</sup>

Children of Amanda<sup>4</sup> Lathrop and Daniel E Sittason all born at Indiana were as follows:

- i. MARGARET<sup>5</sup>; born 1851.<sup>135</sup>
- ii. SAMUEL EUGENE; born Sep 1853;<sup>136</sup> married Gertrude Siphley, daughter of Jacob Siphley and Caroline Fritsch, 14 Sep 1881 at Floyd, Indiana;<sup>137</sup> died 17 Aug 1933 at Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, at age 79 (He was in Indianapolis staying with daughter Alma);<sup>138,139</sup> buried Aug 1933 at Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>140</sup>

He was also known as SAMUEL CITIZEN.<sup>141</sup> He appeared on the census of 1900 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>142</sup> He lived in 1900 at 1407 Locust, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>143</sup> He appeared on the census of Apr 1910 at 1119 Vincennes St, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>144</sup> He was a plasterer in 1917.<sup>145</sup> He lived between 1917 and 1918 at 1119 Vincennes, New Al-

- bany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>146</sup>
- iii. CHARLES; born 1857;<sup>147,148</sup> died 3 Jun 1878 at New Albany, Floyd, Indiana;<sup>149,150</sup> buried circa 3 Jun 1878 at Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>151</sup>
  - iv. CLAUDIUS; born 1860;<sup>152</sup> married Lucy McKinney 20 Dec 1883 at Floyd, Indiana;<sup>153,154</sup> died 19 Feb 1926 at Floyd, Indiana.<sup>155,156</sup>  
He appeared on the census of 1920 at 318 E Seventh, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>157</sup>
  - v. JENNIE; born 1863;<sup>158</sup> married Edward William Harper 31 Jul 1885 at Clark, Indiana;<sup>159</sup> married William K Wesner 19 Dec 1900 at Floyd, Indiana.<sup>160</sup>
  - vi. CLARENCE E; born 1865;<sup>161</sup> married Minnie Denton 17 May 1882 at Floyd, Indiana.<sup>162</sup>
  - vii. SALLIE M; born 1868.<sup>163</sup>
  - viii. MINNIE; born 1871;<sup>164</sup> married Waldo E Venner 24 Dec 1890 at Floyd, Indiana;<sup>165</sup> died 29 Jan 1961 at Madison, Indiana.

## Descendants of Laban B Sittisen

### *Generation One*

**13.** LABAN B<sup>1</sup> SITTISEN was born in 1825.<sup>166</sup> He married Emily Jane Skermig on 1 Aug 1867 at Clark, Indiana.<sup>167,168</sup> He died on 24 Feb 1899 at 921 North Pearl, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>169,170</sup> He was buried on 24 Feb 1899 at New Albany National Cemetery, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>171</sup>

His obituary mentions that he had two daughters. He was also known as Laban Citi-zen. He was also known as Laban Sittason. He lived between 1856 and 1857 at Upper 3rd bet High & Market, New Albany, Floyd, Indiana.<sup>172</sup> He began military service on 29 Jul 1861 at Floyd, Indiana, 23rd Regiment Infantry, Company K.<sup>173</sup> He ended military service on 30 Jul 1864.<sup>174</sup>



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