

Jonathan Snowberger, son of **Jacob Snowberger** and **Mary Paul**. Born on 1 Feb. 1858 in Rock Creek Township, Huntington County, Indiana. Died on 22 Dec. 1948 in Redwood City, San Mateo County, California, 90 years old. Buried in Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington.

Married first **Lucinda Ellen “Lorinda” Covalt**, dau. of **Cheniah A. Covalt** and **Lucinda Cory**, on 16 Oct. 1879 in Henry County, Indiana when 21 years old (Lucinda Ellen “Lorinda” was about 18 years old). **Lucinda Ellen “Lorinda” Covalt** b. about 1861 in Henry County; d. between 1881 and 1883, probably in Henry County.

Issue of Jonathan Snowberger and Lucinda Ellen “Lorinda” Covalt:

- i. son **Ira Victor Snowberger** b. on 29 Aug. 1880 in Henry County; d. on 23 Feb. 1963 in Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana, 82 years old; bur. in Center Grove Cemetery, Wabash County; m. (1) **Bertha Brumbaugh** (4 June 1884–1926) on 22 April 1899 when 18 years old (Bertha was 14 years old); issue (surname **Snowberger**): **Charles Leon** (4 June 1899–), **Marcella Belle** (21 Jan. 1901–1939), **Olava** (12 Nov. 1903–) and **Clifford** (27 Oct. 1905–1 Nov. 1906); divorced; m. (2) **Bessie M. Davis** (1 Sep. 1893 in Indiana–4 Oct. 1941), dau. of **James Henry Davis** (son of **Isaac Davis** and **Mahala M. Campbell**) and **Sarah Ann Cantwell** (dau. of **Edward N. Cantwell** and **Mary A. Heck**), on 11 May 1911 when 30 years old (Bessie M. was 17 years old); issue (surname **Snowberger**): **Elsie Viola** (7 May 1912 in Wabash County–24 Feb. 1993 in Wabash), **Helen Louise** (5 July 1913–), **Melvin Leroy** (14 May 1915–19 Feb. 1980), **Russell Vaughn** (28 March 1918–18 Oct. 1967), **Mildred Irene** (18 Jan. 1920 in Wabash County–16 Dec. 1991 in County Hospital, Wabash), **Mary Esther** (16 May 1921–), **Ralph Edwin** (12 Dec. 1922–), **Clarence Elden** (10 May 1924 in Indiana–18 Sep. 1994 in Wabash), **Ruby May** (12 Aug. 1925–), **Carl J.** (5 Feb. 1929–9 Aug. 1932) and **Robert Lee** (13 Feb. 1931–26 Feb. 1931).

Married second **Julia E. D. Lock**, dau. of **Isaac Lock** and **Amanda W. _____**, on 6 Dec. 1883 in Henry County when 25 years old (Julia E. D. was 22 years old). **Julia E. D. Lock** b. in April 1861 in Owego, Tioga County, New York; d. on 6 Jan. 1912 in Indiana, 50 years old; bur. in Wenatchee Cemetery, Wenatchee.

Issue of Jonathan Snowberger and Julia E. D. Lock:

- ii. son **Guy Snowberger** b. on 8 Nov. 1885; d. after 1973, at least 88 years old; m. (1) **Lavina E. Fine** on 2 March 1904 when 18 years old; divorced; m. (2) **Jennie Danielson** on 6 Oct. 1909 when 23 years old; m. (3) **Mildred _____** (–20 July 1974).
- iii. dau. **Ora Snowberger** b. on 7 Sep. 1888; m. **A. L. Brown**.

Married third **Sarah Groff** between 1922 and 1924 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. **Sarah Groff** b. in March 1861 in Ohio; d. after 1950, probably in Los Angeles, at least 89 years old; m. (1) **William A. S. Sellers** (21 Jan. 1857 in Virginia–13 Sep. 1907 in Payne, Paulding County, Ohio), son of **George A. Sellers** and **Catherine V. Ruebush** (dau. of **John Ruebush** and **Mary Ann Huffman**), on 11 Dec. 1881 in Darke County when 20 years old (William A. S. was 24 years old); issue (surname **Sellers**): **Cora May** (Sep. 1882 in Ohio–), **Bessie Pearl** (Nov. 1883 in Ohio–), **Elva Earl** (27 Nov. 1885 in Ohio–), **Charles A.** (Feb. 1888 in Ohio–), **Alma G.** (Sep. 1896 in Ohio–), **William Dewey** (Aug. 1898 in Ohio–), **Cyril Eugene** (1900/1 in Ohio–) and **Claude Richard** (1904/5 in Ohio–).

Notes on Jonathan Snowberger:

Jonathan Snowberger, fifth child of Jacob Snowberger and Mary Paul, was born on 1 February 1858 at his parents' homestead in Rock Creek Township, Huntington County, Indiana. He married three times and had at

least three children. He died in December 1948 in Redwood City, California, 90 years old. He was buried in Wenatchee, Washington.

Jonathan was recorded in 1860 as a child in his parent's household:¹

Jacob Snowbarger [*sic*], age 29, male, farmer, real estate \$2,000, personal property \$400, born Pennsylvania. Wife Mary, age 28, born Pennsylvania.

Daughter Lavina, age 9.

Daughter Elizabeth, age 7.

Daughter Nancy, age 6.

Daughter Lucinda, age 4.

Son Jonathan, age 3 [*sic*, 2].

All children born Indiana.

Jonathan was three years old when his father Jacob died. His mother Mary did not remarry (to her brother-in-law George Craig) until Jonathan was at least eleven years old. So Jonathan spent most of his formative years without a father-figure in the home.

At age 21 he was found in Henry County, south of Huntington County, where he married first Lucinda (called "Lorinda") Ellen Covalt on 16 October 1879, when she was about 18 years old.² She was born in Indiana about 1861,³ the third child of Cheniah A. Covalt and Lucinda Cory.

Jonathan and Lorinda seem to have settled for a while in Henry County, Indiana, and there his first son Ira Victor was born on 29 August 1880.⁴ Sadly, Lorinda died soon thereafter, before 1883, no more than 21 years old, her son Ira being less than three years old.

Jonathan married second Julia E. D. Lock on 6 December 1883 in Henry County, Indiana, when Jonathan was 25 and Julia about 22.^{5, 6}

Julia was born in April 1861 in Owego, Tioga County, New York, daughter of Isaac Lock who was born in 1818/9 in England and Amanda W. _____ who was born in 1828/9 in New York. Julia's family was enumerated in the 1870 federal census of Owego, Tioga County, New York, as follows:⁷

Isaac Lock, 51, male, white, carpenter, real property \$1800, personal property \$300, born England, parents of foreign birth, cannot read, cannot write.

Amanda W. Lock, 41, female, white, keeping house, born New York, cannot read, cannot write.

Julia E. Lock, 9, female, white, born New York, father of foreign birth. Jonathan and Julia had two children, son Guy, born on 8 November 1885, and daughter Ora, born on 7 September 1888.

By 1900 Jonathan, age 42, and his second family were living at 220 North Dill in Normal City, Center Township, Delaware County (just north of Henry County).⁸ Jonathan was a carpenter by trade, doing well enough to own a mortgaged home in Normal City. By then Ira had left home and had married Bertha Brumbaugh the previous year, when he was 18 years old.

The family consisted of the head of household John [*sic*] Snowberger, male, white, born February 1858, age 42, married 17 years, born Indiana, mother and father born Pennsylvania, Carpenter, reads, writes, speaks English, owns house with mortgage.

Wife Julia Ed. [*sic*], white, female, born April 1861, age 39, married 17 years, two children both living, born Indiana, parents born Indiana, reads, writes, speaks English.

Son Guy A., born November 1865, age 14, single, white, born Indiana, reads, writes, speaks English.

Daughter Ora M., born September 1888, age 11, single, white, born Indiana, reads, writes, speaks English.

Julia died on 6 January 1912 probably in Indiana. but was later buried in Wenatchee Cemetery, Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington, the same cemetery where Jonathan was buried when he died in 1948.⁹

Jonathan was a 62-year old widower in 1920, living in Lagro Township, Wabash County, Indiana. He was boarding in the household of Milton and Eliza Reed, three parcels away from son Ira, and was unemployed at the time:¹⁰

Johnathan [sic] Snowberger, boarder in household of Milton and Eliza Reed, male, white, age 62, widower, reads and writes, born Indiana, mother and father born Indiana, speaks English, no occupation.

His now adult children, Guy and Ora, had moved to the Los Angeles County, and sometime before 1922 Jonathan joined them.

The 1922 California Voter Registrations for Long Beach City Precinct No. 75 lists Jonathan Snowberger, carpenter, living alone at 427 E. 6th St.

Jonathan married a third time to Sarah Groff between 1922 and 1924. Sarah had been married before to William Sellers and had eight children by him.

The 1924 California Voter Registrations for Los Angeles City Precinct No. 8 lists Jonathan Snowberger, carpenter, and Mrs. Sarah Snowberger, housewife, living at 1250 E. 52nd St. The 1926 California Voter Registrations for Los Angeles City Precinct No. 1009 lists Jonathan Snowberger, carpenter, and Mrs. Sarah S. Snowberger living at 6400 8 Av. The 1930 California Voter Registrations for Los Angeles City Precinct No. 1338 lists Jonathan Snowberger, carpenter, and Mrs. Sarah S. Snowberger still living at 6400 8th Av. The 1930 Los Angeles City Directory lists Jonathan S. and Sarah Snowberger living at 6400 Eighth Avenue. Jonathan, then 72 years old, was listed as a gardener. (The earliest appearance of Jonathan in the Los Angeles City Directory was in 1926 when he was listed as a carpenter.) The 1932 California Voter Registrations for Los Angeles City Precinct No. 1349 lists Jonathan Snowberger, carpenter, and Mrs. Sarah S. Snowberger still living at 6400 8th Av. The 1934 California Voter Registrations for Los Angeles City Precinct No. 1349 lists Jonathan Snowberger, carpenter, and Mrs. Sarah S. Snowberger still living at 6400 8th Av.

The following statement was taken from Elsie (Snowberger) Scott, on November 28th, 1992, in Wabash, Indiana. Elsie died shortly after this discussion. She said her grandfather, whom she called "Gus" Snowberger, lived in Los Angeles in 1929, and that the address at which he lived was 6800 [sic, 6400] Eighth Avenue in Los Angeles at that period of time. She said Gus was married at least three times, possibly four, and by some marriage he had a daughter, Lori [sic, Ora, by his marriage to Julia].

Jonathan and Sarah were enumerated in the 1930 federal census of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, as follows:¹¹

Sarah Snowberger, head of household, owns home valued at \$7000, has radio set, female, white, 69, married, 20 years old at first marriage, reads and writes, born Ohio, father born Pennsylvania, mother born Ohio, speaks English, no occupation.

Johnathan Snowberger, husband, male, white, 72, married, 21 years old at first marriage, reads and writes, born Indiana, father born U.S., mother born U.S., speaks English, private gardener.

William D. Sellers, son, male, white 30, single, reads and writes, born Ohio, father born Virginia, mother born Ohio, speaks English, clerical in oil industry.

Cyril E. Sellers, son, male, white, 28, single, reads and writes, born Ohio, father born Virginia, mother born Ohio, speaks English, auto upholsterer.

Sarah and Jonathan separated at some point between 1934 and 1942.

The 1942 California Voter Registrations for Los Angeles City Precinct No. 273 lists Jonathan J. Snowberger, retired, living alone at 1657 W 52d St. The 1944 California Voter Registrations for the same precinct lists Jonathan Snowberger, retired, living alone at 1236 W 52d St. The 1946 California Voter Registrations for the same precinct lists Jonathan Snowberger living alone at the same address.

The 1942 California Voter Registrations for Los Angeles City Precinct No. 1916 lists Mrs. Sarah S. Snowberger, housewife, living alone at 6400 8th Av. The 1944 California Voter Registrations for Los Angeles City Precinct No. 1929 lists Mrs. Sarah S. Snowberger, housewife, living alone at 5339 11th Av. The 1946 California Voter Registrations for Los Angeles City Precinct No. 2326 lists Mrs. Sarah S. Snowberger living alone at the same address

The 1948 and 1950 California Voter Registrations for the same precinct lists Mrs. Sarah S. Snowberger living alone at the same address.

So between 1946 and 1948 Jonathan moved to the State of Washington and, when too old to be comfortable alone, moved in with his daughter Ora who was living in Redwood City, California. There he died on 22 December 1948 at 90 years old. His obituary in the Wabash Plain Dealer is given below.¹²

Jonathan Snowberger

Word has been received of the death of Jonathan Snowberger, 98 [*sic*, 90], father of Ira Snowberger, Wabash, which occurred last week in Redwood City, California.

The decedent was a former resident of Muncie and had lived in Los Angeles for many years. Other survivors included another son, Guy, Salt Lake City, Utah, and a daughter, Mrs. Ora Brown with whom he made his home.

Funeral services were held in Redwood City [*sic*], and burial was in Wenatchee, Washington.

The original obituary appeared on Friday, 24 December 1948, on page 118 in the 1948 Wenatchee Daily World:¹³

Jonathan Snowberger

The body of Jonathan Snowberger will arrive in Wenatchee Thursday morning and will be received by Jones and Jones. Mr. Snowberger died at Palo Alto [*sic*, Redwood City], Calif., Dec. 22 at the home of his daughter. Graveside services will be conducted at the Wenatchee cemetery at 2 p.m. Thursday with Jay Eller officiating. Interment will be in the Wenatchee cemetery.

A followup obituary appeared in the same paper the following Monday, 27 December 1948:

Jonathan Snowberger

Funeral services for Jonathan Snowberger, 90, of Redwood City, California, and former Wenatchee resident, will be held in Palo Alto, California, Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Snowberger died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. L. Brown in Redwood City Wednesday.

Following funeral services in California, the body will be sent to Wenatchee accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown. Graveside services will be held in the Wenatchee cemetery Thursday at 2 p.m. The Rev. Jay Eller will officiate. Jones and Jones is in charge of local arrangements.

So Jonathan was buried in the Wenatchee Cemetery¹⁴ near his second wife Julia by the Jones & Jones Funeral Home¹⁵ in Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington, which is in the central part of the state. The area about and to the west of Wenatchee, interestingly enough, is mountainous and snowy, resembling Switzerland in many respects. The town of Leavenworth a few miles to the northwest is patterned after a Swiss village. So somehow, within six generations of Snowbergers, a circle was completed.

Jonathan and Lorinda had one child (a son Ira Victor). Jonathan and Julia had two children (a son Guy and a daughter Ora).

Some information about Sarah and William Sellers is from Ancestry.com's OneWorldTree.

¹ 1860 U.S. Census, Rock Creek Township, Huntington County, Indiana; p. 168, dwelling 6153, family 6154, lines 8–14; National Archives Microfilm M-653, Roll 267.

² Henry County Indiana Marriage Records, vol. 6, September 1878–May 1882; LDS Microfilm 1887510. 16 October 1879: John Snowbarger [*sic*] and Lorinda Ellen Covalt.

³ Given Lorinda's marriage date of 16 October 1879 and that she was born after the 1860 census, she probably was born in 1861. The relevant portions of the 1870 census are unreadable and she was married before the 1880 census in which Jonathan has not been found.

⁴ A census that is not applicable but where names are similar: The U.S. 1880 census of Wabash County, #235, in v. 34, E. D. 181, sheet 24, dwelling 13, lists A. J. Snowbarger, age 44, born Pennsylvania, father and mother born Pennsylvania; Eliza, age 36, born Ohio, father and mother born Ohio; Ira, age 13, born Ohio, father born Pennsylvania, mother born Ohio; and Nora, age 10, born Ohio, father born Pennsylvania, mother born Ohio. This A. J. Snowbarger was born in 1835/6 and was 22 years too old to be Jonathan since Jonathan's parents were born in 1831. This points out how reserachers occasionally are misled.

⁵ Henry County Indiana Marriage Records, vol. 6, September 1878–May 1882; LDS Microfilm 1887510. 6 December 1883: Jonathan Snowberger and Julia Lock.

⁶ *Henry County, Indiana, Index to Marriage Record 1850 - 1920 Inclusive Vol*, W. P. A. Original Record Located: County Clerk's Office; Book CC-7; Page: 192. Julia E. D. Lock and Jonathan Snowberger married 6 Dec. 1883 in Henry County, Indiana.

⁷ Isaac Lock household, 1870 U.S. census, Tioga County, New York, population schedule, Owego, page 94, sheet 295B, line 29, dwelling 950, family 884; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 1103.

⁸ 1900 U.S. Census, Normal City, Center Township, Delaware County, Indiana; e. d. 31, p. 2, 220 North Dill, dwelling 29, family 30, lines 10–13; National Archives Microfilm T-623, Roll 367.

⁹ <http://www.wags-web.org/cem/Chelan/s.html>, listed as Julia E. D. Snowberger.

¹⁰ 1920 U.S. Census, Lagro Township, Wabash County, Indiana; S. D. 11, E. D. 183, ward 8761, p. 4, dwelling 82, family 83, line 35; National Archives Microfilm T-625, Roll 472.

¹¹ Snowberger, Sarah household, 1930 U.S. census, Los Angeles County, California, population schedule, Los Angeles, 6400 Eighth Avenue, enumeration district 543, supervisor's district 19, sheet 13A, line 18, dwelling 218, family 248; National Archives micropublication T626, roll 153.

¹² Obituary in *Wabash Plain Dealer* (Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana), Tuesday, 28 December 1948, page 2, column 3, under Deaths, provided by Ruby (Snowberger) Mead.

¹³ <http://www.wags-web.org/obits/s.html>

¹⁴ <http://www.wags-web.org/cem/Chelan/s.html>

¹⁵ http://www.wags-web.org/funeral/joneslist_R_Z.html