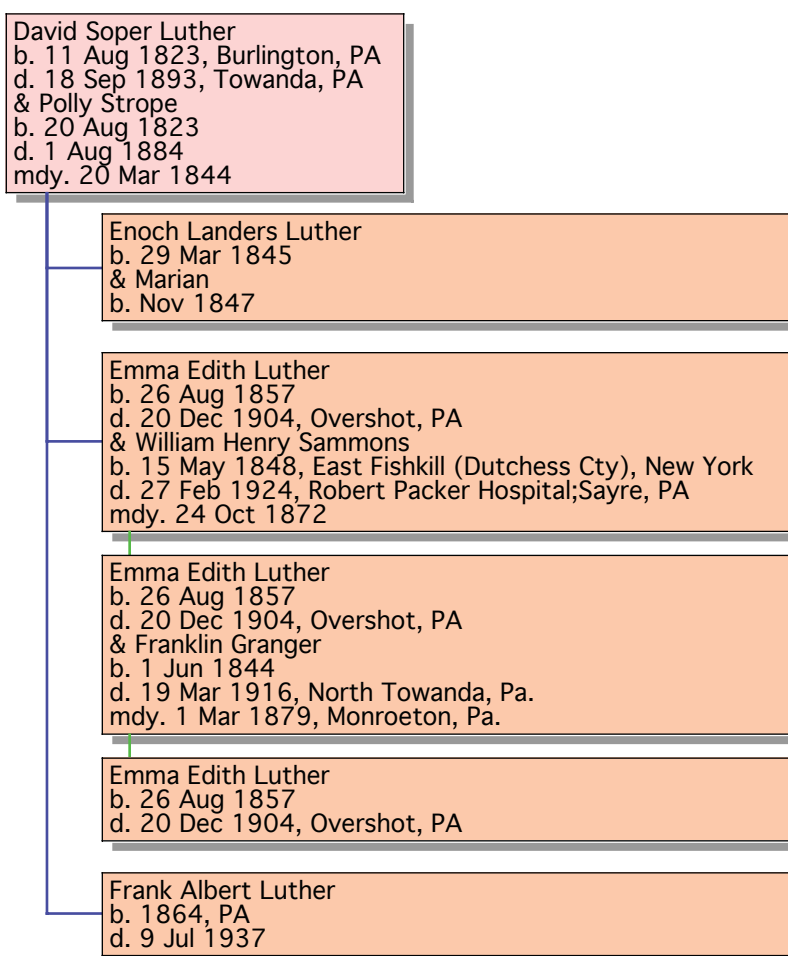


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David Soper Luther (1823-1893) and Polly Strope (1823-1884) were my grandfather Charlie Sammons' maternal grandparents.



David was the 3rd of 17 children born to Enoch Luther (1796-1859) and Polly Bennett (1803-1879). Enoch went West in his early years and returned to settle in Luthers Mills in 1816. David & Polly had two children: Enoch Landers (b.1845) and my great grandmother Emma Edith (1857-1904). They also adopted Frank Albert Luther (1864-1937).

The Best Things Always Disappear

According to records of George Luther (Luther Genealogy), David was a miller in Luthers Mills, PA. He operated properties established by his father Enoch. Over the years, he owned five saw mills and four gristmills and employed nearly all of the local men in that community. He had a large farm and was considered to be financially “well-off.” He was known to have good horses and carriages and took life easily. He and his wives were known for their hospitality and prepared mid-night feasts for their guests.

The 1850 census of Burlington Township (Bradford County, Pa.) includes David Luther as a 26 year-old farmer, his 26 year-old wife Polly and a 5-year-old son Enoch.

The US census of 1870 includes: David 47 (farmer), Polly 46 (keeps home), Emma 16 and Frank 6.

The 1880 census of Burlington Township (Bradford Cty, Pa.) includes Davis S. Luther as

David Soper Luther
b. 11 Aug 1823, Burlington, PA
d. 18 Sep 1893, Towanda, PA
& May Scudder
m. 28 Jan 1885, Waverly, N.Y.

Marie Luther
& Benjamin Smiley

a 56 year-old farmer/lumberer, his 55-year-old wife Polly as a wife/housekeeper and Frank as a 16 year old adopted son. The US census of 1880 records: David S. 56 (farmer), Polly 55 (wife; keeps home), Frank 16 (works at home).

After Polly died on August 1, 1884 at age 60, David married May Scudder on January 28, 1885. David and May had one daughter Marie.

David died September 18, 1893 at age 70.

My grandfather Charlie Sammons would have been 11 years old when his grandmother died in 1883. He was 12 when his grandfather remarried and 20 when David died in 1893. There is nothing recorded about his impressions of these people or those events.