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Subject: Parents of William Franklin Rust (1852-1901)

Background:

William Franklin Rust was born about 1852 in Ohio, and married Belle Frost. By 1880 they were living in Lafayette, Lexington County, Missouri.

Research question:

Was the William F. Rust who lived in Missouri in 1880 the son of Thomas and Chloe Rust, who were living in Washington, Decatur County, Indiana in 1860? Was the Chloe Rust who died in Minnesota in 1910 this same wife, and was the Thomas Rust who died in Indiana in 1899 this same person?

Summary: (see the following section for source-cited explanations supporting this summary)

- William Franklin Rust died in Millbank, SD in 1901
- His father Thomas Rust was a Civil War veteran, serving in Ohio and Indiana regiments
- Thomas Rust married three times, without getting a divorce
- Thomas Rust married Chloe Bonham in Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio in 1849
- He married Mrs. Martha McMillan in Baltimore, Maryland in 1866
- He married Catherine Gallaher in Jackson County, Indiana in 1884
- Thomas Rust died in 1899 in Columbus, Bartholomew County, Indiana
- He had four surviving children: William, Charles and Thomas Rust by his first marriage, and Martha (Mattie) Rust by his last marriage.
- Thomas Rust received a pension of \$17 per month for his Civil War service; this stopped at his death.

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- According to Thomas, his first wife Chloe had red hair and a terrible temper; he didn't get along with her family.
- Thomas Rust's siblings were Joseph G. Rust, Nancy Rust, Mary Rust, Mrs. Martha McAvoy, and Frances Caroline (Rust) Goodenough Hazzard.
- Chloe Bonham's siblings were Mrs. Amelia Kelley, James H. Bonham, Lucinda Dunton, Rebecca Jones, Mrs. Perkins, and Thomas Bonham
- Thomas Rust's pension file provides a complete description of his physical and personal characteristics

Detailed Summary:

Thomas Rust married Chloe Bonham in Hamilton County, Ohio on 20 March 1849.¹ In 1860 they lived in Washington, Decatur County, Indiana with their two sons Charles and William.² In 1866 Thomas Rust appeared in Baltimore, Maryland, where he married Mrs. Mary McMillan, a widow with two daughters.³ He was listed in the 1867 Baltimore city directory, occupation shoemaker, and in 1885 Mary Rust was listed as the widow of Thomas.⁴

In 1884 he married Catherine Gallaher in Jackson County, Indiana.⁵ They were living in Columbus, Bartholomew County, Indiana when he died in January 1899.⁶ They had one living child, Martha (Mattie) Rust, who was born in 1886.

Chloe (Bonham) Rust went to Minnesota with her parents and siblings in about 1865 and settled there until her death in 1910.⁷

Thomas Rust Civil War pension file

This pension record provides evidence of Thomas Rust's service during the Civil War, and of his marriages and other entanglements. Two widows, Chloe Rust and Catherine Rust, were contesting this pension, each saying that they deserved to have the payment.

¹ "Ohio, County Marriage Records, 1774-1993," digital image, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 May 2018), Rust-Bonham (1849).

² 1860 U.S. census, Decatur Co., IN, population schedule, Washington, p.767, dwelling & family 1013, Thomas Rust household; citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M653, roll 253.

³ Deposition of witness, Emma Barnett, July 1907, contested widows pension application no. 863,898, certificate no. 632,123 for Thomas Rust (Pvt., Co. A & F, 75th OH Inf. & Co. B, 7th IN Inf.); Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15; Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C. Also "Married," *Baltimore Sun*, 4 October 1866, p.2, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (http://www.newspapers.com: accessed 9 May 2018).

⁴ *1867 Baltimore City Directory," digital image, Fold3 (http://www.fold3.com: accessed 9 May 2018), p.

⁵ Deposition of claimant, Catherine Rust, contested widows pension application for Thomas Rust.

⁶ "A Sudden Death," *Columbus (IN) Daily Herald,* 26 January 1899, p.4, col. 4; digital image, *Newspaper Archive* (http://www.newspaperarchive.com: accessed from public library, 9 May 2018).

⁷ "Died at the Age of Eighty Five," *St. Cloud, (MN) Times,* photocopy from Great River Regional Library (https://griver.org/sctimes-index: accessed 9 May 2018).

Thomas Rust served as a private in Co. A & F of the 75th Ohio Infantry, and then in Co. B, 7th Indiana Infantry. He died at Columbus, Indiana on 25 January 1899. According to the Baltimore city directories examined by a Baltimore attorney in 1907 (and several found online), Thomas Rust and his wife Mary lived there between 1866 and 1870. Thomas Rust and Mary McMillan were married in Baltimore on 20 September 1866.

The Baltimore attorney states, "It is reasonably sure that soldier was not divorced from his wife Chloe or anyone else while here – and therefore his marriage to the widow McMillan here was illegal. I hardly think it worth while to have the marriage records at Cincinnati or at Harrison Ohio searched for evidence of marriage of soldier to his wife Chloe as in all probability there is no record."

In July 1907, Emma V. Barnett, a resident of Baltimore, testified that Thomas Rust was her stepfather, having married her mother, Mary McMillan, in September 1866. He deserted the family in 1870, as he wanted to go to Philadelphia and his wife Mary did not. She said that he "was of medium height and stout round face, broad nose, hair dark or brown, florid complexion, large hands, and he drank considerably."

That same year the Bureau of Pensions wrote to the county clerks in Lake County, Colorado, Scott County, Kentucky; Carroll County, Kentucky; Lasalle County, Illinois; and Greene County, Ohio, along with several counties in Montana and North Dakota, asking for a search for a divorce record between Chloe and Thomas Rust, between 1866 to 1883. Their responses were all negative.

Thomas Rust had a younger brother Joseph G. Rust, who was living in Bellbrook, Greene County, Ohio in 1907; at that time, he was 74 years old, so was born about 1833. During the Civil War Joseph Rust lived in Rushville, Montgomery County, Maryland. In his deposition, Joseph said that Thomas had come to visit him about 1875, and "he was about to go with a circus".

Thomas had two sisters, Martha McAvoy and Frances Caroline Hazzard, who testified; one in favor of Chloe and one in favor of Catherine. Mrs. McAvoy was the former wife of Dr. Robert McWilliams, and lived in St. Louis, Missouri in 1907. She stated that Thomas' first wife Chloe left him and "went with her family" to Minnesota. After he had married Catherine, she asked him if he'd gotten a divorce, and he said he didn't have to get a divorce because his wife deserted him, and he was free to marry after 3 years. Martha McAvoy also stated that her other sisters Nancy & Mary died long ago.

The pension board also examined Chloe (Bonham) Rust's siblings, "Mrs. Perkins", Thomas Bonham and James H. Bonham, her sister Lucinda Dunton (who lived in Lewis County, Washington), and another sister, Rebecca Jones.

Chloe Rust of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota filed her claim on 28 January 1907. In her deposition she gave quite a few details about her various residences, visiting and caring for her sons. She also stated that Thomas Rust's father's name was Thomas. Other affidavits were written and signed by her siblings, Lucinda V. Dunton (who lived in Lewis County, Washington), Mrs. Daniel A. Perkins, Rebecca Jones, Thomas Bonham and James H. Bonham.

3 of 12 Research report for Thomas Rust Catherine Rust of Columbus, Indiana filed her claim on 2 February 1899 shortly after her husband's death; her file cover is stamped "Rejected". She married Thomas Rust in Jackson County, Indiana in January 1884; her maiden name was Gallaher. Thomas and Catherine Rust had three children together, two boys who only lived a few weeks, and Martha Rust, who was born 26 September 1888. Martha Rust was married to George Snapp in 1907. He left her after just a few months, and she remarried to Warren Roberts in 1911.

Before their marriage, Thomas told Catherine that he was a widower, and that his first wife Chloe was dead. When Catherine was told of her husband's previous marriage, that Chloe was alive and that there was no evidence of a divorce record, she "was honest enough to drop her claim and have nothing more to do with it."

Conclusion:

Thomas Rust was indeed your great-great grandfather, the husband of Chloe Bonham Rust and the father of William Franklin Rust. He was also the "husband" of Catherine Gallaher Rust and the father of Martha Rust. While online sources give clues to identity and relationships, the only record that really made this situation clear was the Civil War pension file between two contesting widows.

Suggested Future Research:

Search for siblings of Thomas Rust, some of them in Baltimore, Maryland, in order to find his parents. Search for siblings of Chloe Bonham, in order to complete her family tree on Ancestry.

Resources Used:

Ancestry: http://www.ancestry.com

Census, Family Trees, Historical Records, Stories & Publications, Military Records

FamilySearch: http://www.familysearch.org

Birth, marriage, death records; census records, military records

Fold3: http://www.fold3.com

City Directories, Revolutionary War records, Civil War Records, other military records

GenealogyBank: http://www.genealogybank.com

US Historic Newspapers, Obituaries, Social Security Death Index, US Documents

Newspaper Archives: (through King County Library System)

US Historic Newspapers

Newspapers.com: http://www.newspapers.com

US Historic Newspapers

Chronicling America: http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov

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⁸ "Indiana Marriages, 1810-2001," database and images, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 May 2018), Roberts-Snepp (1911).

US GenWeb: http://www.usgenweb.org

Cemetery records, vital records, obituaries, county histories

Find A Grave: http://www.findagrave.com

Cemetery records, photos, transcriptions, obituaries, relationships

Online Searchable Death Indexes: http://www.deathindexes.com

Death indexes, cemetery, obituaries, by state

Documents included:

¹ "Ohio, County Marriage Records, 1774-1993," digital image, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 May 2018), Rust-Bonham (1849).

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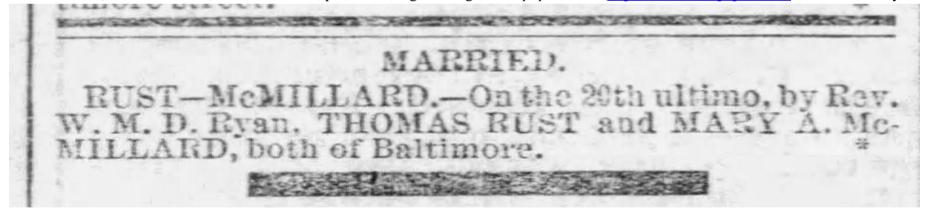
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