

# Register Report for Samuel BECKWITH

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## Generation 1

1. **Samuel BECKWITH-1**. He died about 1847 in Roberts, Marshall, Illinois.

Samuel BECKWITH and unknown spouse married. They had the following children:

2. i. **Zera P BECKWITH** was born on 05 Jan 1815 in Madison, New York, USA. He died on 16 Oct 1886 in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois. He married Mary Ann GAYLORD in Roberts, Marshall, Illinois (6 children, 5 living in 1896).

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## Generation 2

2. **Zera P BECKWITH-2** (Samuel-1) was born on 05 Jan 1815 in Madison, New York, USA. He died on 16 Oct 1886 in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

**Mary Ann GAYLORD** daughter of Aaron GAYLORD was born on 22 Nov 1819 in Bradford, Pennsylvania, USA. She died on 25 Jan 1896. She was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

Zera P BECKWITH and Mary Ann GAYLORD were married in Roberts, Marshall, Illinois (6 children, 5 living in 1896). They had the following children:

3. i. **Putnam BECKWITH** was born on 27 Nov 1842 in Magnolia, Putnam, Illinois, USA. He married Frances Ann DAGEN in 1869 (4 children). He died on 21 Dec 1915.
- ii. **Leonidas BECKWITH** was born in 1844 in Putnam, Illinois. He died on 16 May 1864 in Nicholasville, Jessamine, Kentucky, USA (Union Army).
4. iii. **Albert BECKWITH** was born on 25 Feb 1848 in Putnam, Illinois. He married Ida BOLTON in 1884. He died on 27 Mar 1913.
- iv. **Orrin BECKWITH** was born on 23 Jun 1851 in Putnam, Illinois. He died on 17 Jun 1915. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).
- v. **Mary Emma BECKWITH** was born on 27 Oct 1853 in Magnolia, Putnam, Illinois, USA. She died on 10 Nov 1918 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. She was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).
- vi. **Clara BECKWITH** was born on 29 Apr 1858 in Marshall, Illinois. She married Benjamin Harrison VANNATTA about 1897 (1 child, 0 living in 1910). She died on 18 Apr 1944 in Midlothian, Cook, Illinois, USA. She was buried in Thornton, Cook, Illinois, USA (Oak Lawn Cemetery).

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## Generation 3

3. **Putnam BECKWITH-3** (Zera P-2, Samuel-1) was born on 27 Nov 1842 in Magnolia, Putnam, Illinois, USA. He died on 21 Dec 1915. He was buried in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois (Cumberland Cemetery).

Notes for Putnam BECKWITH:

General Notes:

"Many of the prominent and representative citizens of Marshall county served their country during the dark days of the rebellion, making a record honorable and glorious. One of these brave boys is now a leading farmer of Evans township, residing on section 8, and is a highly respected citizen. He was born in Magnolia township, Putnam county, Illinois, November 27, 1842, and is a son of Zera P. and

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Mary Ann (GAYLORD) BECKWITH, the former a native of New York.

"Samuel BECKWITH, the paternal grandfather of our subject, came to Illinois in 1835, settling on a farm in Roberts township, Marshall county, but at that time was a part of Putnam county, and there made his home until his death, about 1847. The maternal grandfather, Aaron GAYLORD, located in Putnam county in 1834, upon Sandy creek. He was the son of Lemuel GAYLORD, a revolutionary soldier and a pioneer of Illinois.

"Zera P. BECKWITH was eighteen years of age when he came with his father to Marshall county, was married in Roberts township, but for years made his home at Magnolia, Putnam county, where he worked at his trade of a tailor and kept a clothing store. Coming to Evans township in 1854, he rented land for two years, and then located upon his farm on section 29, which he improved and cultivated for a number of years. His last days were spent in retirement at Wenona, where he passed away in December, 1886, and his wife, who was born in 1819, died on the 25th of January, 1896. They were both consistent members of the Christian church, and during the civil war he served as a drummer in the One Hundred and Fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but was discharged on account of disability. Two of his sons, our subject and Leonidas, were also members of the union army, belonging to the same regiment, and the latter died while in the service. In the family were five children who are yet living - Putnam; Albert, of Normal, Illinois; Orrin, residing on section 29, Evans township; Mrs. Emma BALL, of Bennington township, Marshall county, and Clara.

"The primary education of our subject was obtained in the public schools of Magnolia, and as he was only eleven years old on coming to Evans township, he here continued his studies in the district school. After his return from the war he was for a time a student in the schools of Wenona. On the breaking out of the terrible struggle, he at once took steps to place himself among the brave boys who were going forth to fight the battles of our country, and enlisted July 3, 1861, in Company A, First Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, for three years.

"The regiment was organized at Alton under Colonel Tom Marshall, was at once sent to the front, going to St. Charles, Mexico, St. Louis and Jefferson City, Missouri, and then to Lexington, that state, where it was placed under Colonel Mulligan, and there participated in the siege. During that engagement Mr. BECKWITH was wounded in the right hand by buckshot and in the left shoulder by grapeshot. His company charged into the enemy and retook a piece of artillery, and it was while thus engaged that he was injured. Later the regiment surrendered, was paroled and marched to Hamilton, Missouri. At St. Louis they received their discharge.

"After a short time spent at home the regiment reorganized at Benton Barracks, Missouri, and in April, 1862, went to Raleigh, that state. It joined General Curtis' army near the Arkansas border. Mr. BECKWITH was then on guard duty until June, 1862, and while stationed as a picket at West Plains, Missouri, May 18, 1862, was wounded in the right hip by a pistol ball. He was first sent to the field hospital, later to a hospital at St. Louis, Missouri, and on the 14th of July, 1862, was mustered out.

"After his recovery, Mr. BECKWITH re-enlisted September 4, 1862, in Company C, Fourteenth Illinois Cavalry, and was made sergeant of his company. The regiment was organized at Peoria under Colonel Horace Capron, was sent to Kentucky with the army of the Ohio, and took part in the engagement at Salina, that state, and assisted in the capture of John Morgan's command. The troops were next under Burnside's in the engagements in East Tennessee, and after the engagement at Knoxville took part in a most severe fight at Beam Station, against General Longstreet. That was the hardest experience in his army record, as he was stationed between the fires of both armies, and were then sent into North Carolina after a band of Indians, and succeeded in killing fifty and capturing fifty-five others. In the spring of 1864 the regiment joined Sherman's army at Big Shanty and was stationed on the right of that army until Atlanta was reached.

"The command then participated in the Stoneman raid, going to Macon, Georgia, and Stoneman gave Colonel Capron the privilege to cut his way out. This he did, and our subject came through safely. After being in the saddle eight days continuously, during which time they had but little sleep, they were surprised by the enemy, but with eight others Mr. BECKWITH succeeded in making his escape and got back to Atlanta. After the capture of that city the regiment was sent to Louisville to be remounted, and then marched from there through Nashville and on to Hood's army. Their next engagement was with Forest. While on picket duty our subject with a comrade were cut off from the command and were six days in getting back. He next participated in the battles of Franklin, Nashville and Pulaski. For gallant service he was promoted second lieutenant of Company C, and as such was

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mustered out in May, 1865, after almost four years of most faithful and arduous service.

"After his return home, Mr. BECKWITH resumed farming, for four years made his home in Roberts township, and then removed to his present farm of two hundred and five acres in Evans township. In 1869 he was united in marriage with Frances DAGEN, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Charles DAGEN. They now have four children - Bertha May, Herbert Horace, Charles Putnam and Mary Gaylord.

"In 1891 Mr. BECKWITH entered Mercy hospital at Chicago, where he underwent an operation - scraping the bone and cutting on diseased bone - and suffered intense pain from inflammation for months. He has since been compelled to use crutches. His political support is unwaveringly given the republican party; for two terms served as collector, and is an honored member of the Grand Army post at Magnolia. Both himself and wife are devoted members of the Methodist church at Cherry Point, of which he is trustee, and endeavor by their blameless lives to set good example." from The Biographical Record of Bureau, Marshall and Putnam Counties, Illinois, 1896.

**Frances Ann DAGEN** daughter of Charles DAGEN was born on 29 Sep 1841 in Ohio. She died on 06 Mar 1918 in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois. She was buried in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois (Cumberland Cemetery).

Putnam BECKWITH and Frances Ann DAGEN were married in 1869 (4 children). They had the following children:

- i. **Bertha May BECKWITH** was born in Nov 1869 in Illinois, USA.
5. ii. **Herbert Horace BECKWITH** was born in Oct 1872 in Illinois, USA. He died on 15 Dec 1933 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois.
- iii. **Charles Putnam BECKWITH** was born on 05 Jul 1875 in Illinois, USA. He died on 25 Jan 1897 in Marshall, Illinois. He was buried in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois (Cumberland Cemetery).
- iv. **Mary Gaylord BECKWITH** was born in Jun 1878 in Evans, Marshall, Illinois, USA.
4. **Albert BECKWITH-3** (Zera P-2, Samuel-1) was born on 25 Feb 1848 in Putnam, Illinois. He died on 27 Mar 1913. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

**Ida BOLTON** was born in 1849. She died after 1910.

Albert BECKWITH and Ida BOLTON were married in 1884. They had the following children:

6. i. **Harry Sylvester BECKWITH** was born on 22 Jun 1888 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He died on 19 Dec 1950 in Los Angeles, California, USA.
- ii. **Lorena BECKWITH** was born in 1894 in Illinois, USA.

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### Generation 4

5. **Herbert Horace BECKWITH-4** (Putnam-3, Zera P-2, Samuel-1) was born in Oct 1872 in Illinois, USA. He died on 15 Dec 1933 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He was buried in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois (Cumberland Cemetery).

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### Generation 4 (con't)

**Cora E BALL** daughter of William Lemuel BALL and Ruth Ann STRATTON was born on 13 Sep 1873 in Marshall, Illinois, USA. She died in 1867. She was buried in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois (Cumberland Cemetery).

Herbert Horace BECKWITH and Cora E BALL married. They had the following children:

- i. **Harold R BECKWITH** was born on 26 Sep 1903 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He died on 11 May 1991 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).
6. **Harry Sylvester BECKWITH-4** (Albert-3, Zera P-2, Samuel-1) was born on 22 Jun 1888 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He died on 19 Dec 1950 in Los Angeles, California, USA.

**Dorothy M Beckwith** was born in 1896 in Minnesota, USA. She died after 1910.

Harry Sylvester BECKWITH and Dorothy M Beckwith married. They had the following children:

- i. **Robert H BECKWITH** was born in 1924 in North Dakota, USA.