

# William and Mary Ely Johnson



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*Born November 23, 1837*



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*Born September 13, 1843*



**William Anson Johnson** b. 23 November 1837 Portage Co., Ohio. He married **Mary Ely** b. 13 Sept 1843 in Morrow Co., Ohio the daughter of **Robert and Harriet Stout Ely** in Bryan, Williams Co., Ohio in 1862. He died in Tedrow, Fulton Co., Ohio in 2 October 1918. My understanding is that they lived for many years in Tedrow. He and his wife are buried in the Tedrow Cem. Mary died on 26 Sept. 1928 in Tedrow Fulton Co., Ohio  
William's parents were **Bennett B. Johnson** b. 1803 Bridgeport, Conn. and his wife **Nancy Bailey** according to William A. Johnson's Bible. Bennett died in Ohio in 1870



## William and Mary Ely Johnson had the following children:

**Robert Bennett Johnson** b. 6 June 1874 in Morenci, Lenawee Co., MI  
died 15 July 1945 Romeo, Macob Co., Mi, married 16 Sept 1902 Hillsdale Co., MI  
Spouse: Mina Izora Atkinson , daughter of Robert Atkinson and wife  
Sarah Crawford of Gratiot Co., MI

**Joel Frank Johnson** b. 14 Nov 1869, died 1952 Tedrow, Fulton Co., OH

**Henry A. Johnson** b. 20 April 1871, married 9 January 1899 to  
Spouse Jennie Wills

**Harriet O. Johnson** b. 9 June 1876, died 1955 Tedrow, Fulton Co., OH  
Spouse: William Windisch

**Luella Johnson** b. 8 Dec 1878, married 5 Oct 1899 Moved to Zion City, IL  
Spouse: John Stewart

**Mary N. Johnson** b. 5 May 1884, died 1972  
Spouse #1: Ira Pontecres  
Spouse #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Fowkes

**Gracy Johnson** b. 10 Sept. 1853, died 8 April 1864

**Samuel S. Johnson** b. 30 Aug 1866, died 3 Nov. 1866

**Wiley W. Johnson** b. 29 Oct 1867, died 23 Sept 1869



### Mary Ely's family

Her father, **Robert Ely**, was born 16 May 1805ca in Northumberland Co., PA, He died on Feb. 17th 1865. On his tombstone it has

*"They that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him".*

Her mother, **Harriet Stout**, was born 10 Sept 1807ca in New York or New Jersey. She died on 19 July 1853. On her tombstone it has

*"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord".*

**Robert and Harriet** were married 26 January 1831.





Children of **Robert and Harriet Stout ELY** were:

**Joseph Ely**

-b. born 1837ca said to have fought in the civil war.

**Ezrah Ely**

-b. 1840ca, d. 10 Jan. 1862 in Raleigh, Mississippi of measles while in Union Army during Civil War.

**Mary Ely**


-born 13 Sept. 1843 Chesterville, Morrow Co., Ohio  
-m. William Anson Johnson 31 Dec. 1862 Bryant, Williams Co., OH  
-d. 23 Sept. 1928 Tedrow, Fulton Co., Ohio, buried: Tedrow Cem.

**Catherine Ely**

-b. 1850ca.,  
m. Edwin Borton

**Clarissa Ely**

-b. 2 April 1851 Williams Co., Ohio  
-m. William Van Fossen 18 Feb. 1869 Williams Co, OH  
-d. 13 Feb. 1923 Spring Lake, Williams Co., OH  
buried: Edon Cem.







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**William and Clarissa Ely Van Fossen Family**





## William Abner Van Fossen

He was of the 6th generation of our Van Fossen lineage in America. He was born Jan. 12, 1817 at Dearborn, Michigan. He was a son of William Van Fossen and Mary Ann (Sloss) V.F. He married Clarissa Ely on Feb. 18, 1869 in Williams Co., Ohio.

She was born April 21, 1851 in Morrow Co., Ohio.

She was daughter of Robert Ely (who died Feb. 17, 1865) and Harriet (Stout) Ely (who died July 19, 1863).

William Abner and Clarissa had four children:

Harriet Jane(b.Nov. 26, 1869)

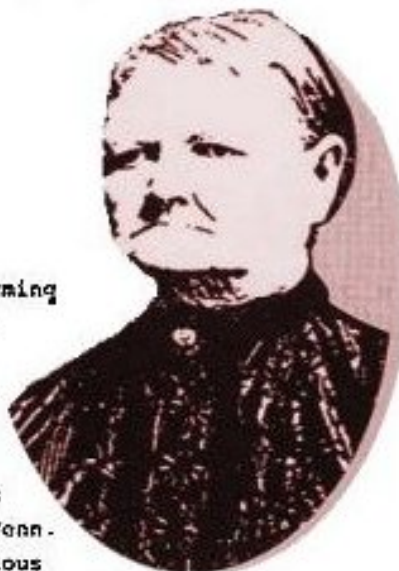
Alvin Ulysses(b. Mar. 27, 1872)

Mary(b.Apr. 8, 1874)

Iva I.(b. Feb.11, 1876)


William Abner was engaged in farming in Lagrange Co., Indiana, from which place he enlisted on July 4, 1862 as a private in Co. G, 89th Ind.V.I. 2nd Brigade,3rd Div., 14th A.C. On April 30,1865 he was promoted to rank of corporal. Dec.9, 1863 he was confined to hospital in Chatanooga, Tenn. He was in different hospitals at various times during his service career.

He took part in the battle of Perrysville and Stone Mountain, and numerous other engagements. He participated in 44 battles and skirmishes; received many special honors for unusual bravery; and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor "for extraordinary bravery and gallantry above and beyond the call of duty."



Clarissa (ELY) Van Fossen  
picture taken in 1916





He was with General Sherman, on his raid from Atlanta to the sea. When he died at his home in Williams Co., Ohio the cause was stated to be "consumption caused by exposure while in the Army". He had two brothers who also were in the Union forces during the Civil War (John Wilson V.P. was with the 5th Independent Co., Ohio Volunteer Sharpshooters and Thomas S.V.P. was with the 195th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry).

Clarissa (iv) V.F. also had two brothers who served in the Union forces (have not identified their units at this time): Ezra R. died in hospital in Raleigh on Jan. 10, 1862 from measles, and Joseph returned home after the war. A grandfather of Clarissa served as a Colonel in War of 1812.

William Abner and Clarissa were both interned in the cemetery at Edon, Ohio. William Abner died Sept. 14, 1877. Clarissa died Feb. 13, 1923.

**NOTE:**

Included in this folder are copies of the small diaries carried by William Abner during his service in the Civil War. Also include are copies of official documents showing the activities of his unit.

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# Robert and Mina Johnson's Children:

## **Milford Edward Johnson**

born 28 Sept 1903 Wayseon, Fulton Co., Ohio  
died 3 July 1968 Imlay City, Michigan  
spouse Blanche Gould

## **Floyd Bennett Johnson**

born 11 Feb. 1905 Ithaca, Gratiot Co., Mi  
died 25 Sept 1992 Toledo, Lucas Co., Ohio  
Spouse Della Heinz

## **LD Johnson (male)**

born 27 Aug 1906 Owosso, Shiawassee Co., Mi  
died 15 May 1967 Wayne, Wayne Co., Mi  
never married

## **Helen Luella Johnson**

born 11 March 1916 Pontiac, Oakland Co., Mi  
died 3 Oct 1970 Detroit, Wayne Co., Mi

## **M.B. Johnson (living)**

born 24 Dec 1919  
spouse Paul Langel (dec'd)

## **Rollie Johnson**

born 7 Aug 1908 Shiawassee  
died 20 March 1976 Eastpoint, Macomb Co., Mi  
spouse Verna Radomski daughter od Joseph John  
Radomski and wife Bertha Segendia



Rollie and Verna Johnson were the parents of my husband  
Edward Johnson

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