

-- BECRAFT --

The family groups represented in this collection may not be complete, because information was entered bit by bit as I found it or happened upon it; I have not done any systematic research on these families. Because they do not compose whole family genealogies, these listings are arranged differently from most genealogical records or histories. Each listing is a family group, and is arranged and filed alphabetically under the name of the head of the family.

Names are generally in alphabetical order (disregarding spelling variations and middle names), then in approx. chronological order. The first sorting is by surname (mixing together any and all spelling variations), then by given name, then by approximate birthdate (when known) in approximate chronological order. For easier reference, surnames in headings are grouped together under the most common spelling usage that evolved in this geographical location, regardless of individualistic spellings in the records themselves. Cross references are used in most cases where surname spellings substantially vary.

Within the quoted records, the individual spellings have been (mostly) retained because they sometimes provide clues (although in general—but with exceptions—they seem to largely reflect the record keeper's particular orthography and not always, at this early period, any special family preference). Those interested can see the variety and evolvement of a particular name's spelling and the interesting and sometimes amusing attempts at phonetic reproduction. Keep in mind that before names and spellings were standardized, records reflected the individualistic whim of the particular recorder (often two different spellings of the same name within the same document). In addition, all records were handwritten, and sometimes deciphering a handwritten name in early records can be quite challenging! So expect to search under all possibilities of spelling (for both surnames and given names).

Given names are grouped together without regard for middle initials or middle names. Because middle names and/or initials are sometimes used, sometimes not used in various records, it seemed simplest to arrange entries as if the middle names or initials did not exist. Usually all variations of a given name are grouped together as though spelled one way: Jan, Johannes, John, etc. are all grouped as one (but also look under the other forms).

Sources and references are included with each "family" grouping, but may or may not include sources that are cited (or are obvious, such as baptismal records, etc.) within the narrative or listing itself.

As with any compiled genealogical record, researchers should regard this information as leads and clues, and should verify all data with independent research.

I welcome, and would be grateful for, any additions or corrections, especially with source citations.

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Becraft, Adam H.

Adam H. Becraft
b. about 1848 NY

m.

Sarah

b. about 1850 NY

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Ramapo, District 58, p. 29, enumerated 15 June 1880, Dwelling 243, Family 256 (all b. NY, all their parents b. NY) -- Becraft, Adam H., 32, Blacksmith; [Becraft], Sarah, 30, Wife, Keeping House; [Becraft], Hattie, 11, Daughter, at school; [Becraft], Joel, 7, Son, at school; [Becraft], Blanche, 5, Daughter, at school; [Becraft], William T., 1, Son.

---*children of Adam H. Becraft & Sarah*

- **Hattie Becraft**, b. about 1869 NY
- **Joel Becraft**, b. about 1873 NY
- **Blanche Becraft**, b. 21 June 1875 Sloatsburg, Rockland Co., NY; d. 11 Jan 1962 Sloatsburg, Rockland Co., NY; m. **William H. Rose**
- **William T. Becraft**, b. about 1879 NY

Becraft, Edward

Edward Becraft

m.

Minnie H.

Minnie H. Becraft, wife of Edward, was accepted by letter in 1896 into membership at the Ramapo [Iron Works] Presbyterian Church.

---Sources: Appendix, "Manual of the Ramapo Presbyterian Church, 1901?" in *Response of the Ramapough Mountain Indians to Proposed Findings*, 8 May 1995 (at Bergen County Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs)

Becraft, Henry

Henry Becraft

m.

Sophia H.

Sophia H. Becraft, wife of Henry, was accepted into membership by letter in 1887 to the Ramapo [Iron Works] Presbyterian Church.

---Sources: Appendix, "Manual of the Ramapo Presbyterian Church, 1901?" in Response of the Ramapough Mountain Indians to Proposed Findings, 8 May 1995 (at Bergen County Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs)

Becraft, James H.

James H. Becraft

m.

Martha

b. about 1838 NY

b. about 1836 NY

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Ramapo, Village of Sloatsburg, District 58, p. 27, enumerated 14 June 1880, Dwelling 230, Family 241 (all b. NY, all their parents b. NY) (this census record is very faded and difficult to read) -- Becraft, James H., 42, works at Bark Mill; [Becraft], Martha, 44, Wife, Keeping House; [Becraft], Emma, 12, Daughter; [Becraft], Bertie, (female?), 10; [Becraft], Wilbur, 8, son; [Becraft], Frederick, 5, Son; [Becraft], Ernest, 3, son. They were listed just after the family headed by John Becraft (age 79) & Sarah P. [Becraft], 79.

---children of James H. Becraft & Martha

- **Emma Becraft**, b. about 1868 NY
- **Bertie Becraft**, b. about 1870 NY
- **Wilbur Becraft**, b. about 1872 NY
- **Frederick Becraft**, b. about 1875 NY
- **Ernest Becraft**, b. Jan 1877 NY; m. **Mary T. -?-**

Becraft, John

John Becraft

m.

Martha Bush

son of

dau. of Henry Bush &

b. about 1770 Rockland Co., NY

b. 1775

d. 28 Oct 1851

d. 1858

---children of John Becraft & Martha Bush:

- **Henry Becraft**, b. 17 Oct 1796 Rockland Co., NY; d. 9 June 1879 Morris Co., NJ; m. **Anne W. -?-**
- **John L. Becraft**, b. 1800; d. 1885; m. **Cornelia Barbarow**, dau. of Casparus Barbarow & Maria Wanamaker
- **William J. Becraft**, b. about 1811 Rockland Co., NY; d. 17 Dec 1876; m. **Jane Kelley**. Jane Kelley was b. about 1813; d. 20 Sep 1901. In 1900 she lived in Hillburn, Rockland Co., NY.

---Sources: Family Tree posted online at Ancestry.com

Becraft, John L.

John L. Becraft

m. (1) about 1822

Cornelia Barbarow

son of (prob) John Becraft &

dau. of Casparus Barbarow &

Martha Bush

Maria Wanamaker

b. 9 Sep 1800 Rockland Co., NY

b. about 1801

d. 9 Feb 1885

d. about 1868

m. (2) prob.

Sarah P. -?-

They probably lived in or near Johnstontown, near Ramapo Works, Rockland Co., NY. Services for the Sloatsburg Methodist Church were probably held at their house, before a church building was finished in 1843.¹

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Ramapo, p. 58, enumerated 8 Oct 1850, Dwelling 497, Family 504 (all b. NY) -- John Becraft, 50, Laborer, value real estate \$700; Cornelia [Becraft], 49. They were listed just after the family headed by William Becraft., 39, and Jane [Becraft], 31?. Listed just after them was the family headed by Henry (age 53) & Anny (age 46) Becraft.

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Ramapo, Village of Sloatsburg, District 58, p. 26-27, enumerated 14 June 1880, Dwelling 229, Family 240 -- Becraft, John, 79, Farmer, b. NY, his parents b. NY; Becraft, Sarah P., 79, Wife, Keeping House, b. NY, her parents b. NY. Listed just after them was the family headed by James H. (age 42) & Martha (age 44) Becraft.

---children of John L. Becraft & Cornelia Barbarow:

- **John H. Becraft**, b. 1822 NY; m. **Eliza -?-**. He was listed in the 1850 Census as a machinist.

---Sources:

[1] Cole, David, History of Rockland County, New York, 1884 (reprinted 1986), p. 256; Information posted Nov 2006, Rockland County List <NYROCKLA-L@rootsweb.com>

Becraft, John H.

John H. Becraft

m.

Eliza -?-

son of John L. Becraft &

dau. of

Cornelia Barbarow

b. 1822 NY

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Ramapo, p. 58, enumerated 8 Oct 1850, Dwelling 494, Family 506 (All b. NY) -- John H. Becraft, 28, Machinist; Eliza [Becraft], 25; Adam [Becraft], 2; Leah [Becraft], 4/12; Margaret Wymer?, 11.

---children of John H. Becraft & Eliza

- **Adam Becraft**, b. about 1848 NY
- **Leah Becraft**, b. about 1850 NY

b. 1825 NY

Becraft, Lewis Vincent

Lewis Vincent Becraft
son of William Lewis Becraft &
Eliza Matilda Hill
b. 12 Oct 1872 Ramapo, Rockland Co., NY
d. 1919

m. about 1895

Mary Jane Winser

dau. of -?- Winser &
Charlotte -?-
b. Dec 1872 England
d. 1922

They were listed in the 1900 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Ramapo Township, District 75, enumerated 25 June 1900, Dwelling 238, Family 256 -- Becraft, Louis, Head, b. Oct 1872, age 27, married 5 yrs., b. NY, his father b. NY, his mother b. NY, Plumber; [Becraft], Mary, b. Dec 1872, married 5 yrs., mother of 2 children, 2 children then living, b. NY, her parents b. England; [Becraft], Vincent, Son, b. Sept 1895, age 4, b. NY, his parents b. NY; [Becraft], Marvel, son!!, b. Dec 1899, age 5/12, b. NY, her parents b. NY.

They were listed in the 1920 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Ramapo, District 230, Sloatsburg Town, enumerated 2 Jan 1920, Dwelling 8, Family 10 -- Becraft, Lewis V., Head, Owned Home, 47, b. NY, his parents b. NY, House Plumber; [Becraft], Mary J., Wife, 47, b. England, her parents b. England; [Becraft], Vincent R., Son, 23, Single, b. NY, his father b. NY, his mother b. England, House Plumber; [Becraft], Marvel W., Daughter, 20, Single, b. NY, her father b. NY, her mother b. England, Stenographer, White Mill; [Becraft], Donald H., Son, 18, Single, b. NY, his father b. NY, his mother b. England, Plumber, House; [Becraft], Richard A., Adopted Son, 5, b. NY, his father b. England, his mother b. NY; Winser, Charlotte, Mother in Law, 74, Widow, b. England, her parents b. England, Nurse, Private Family.

---children of Lewis Vincent Becraft & Mary Jane Winser:

- **Vincent R. Becraft**, b. Sep 1895 NY
- **Marvel Winser Becraft**, b. 30 Dec 1899 NY; m. **John H. Babcock**
- **Donald H. Becraft**, b. about 1902
- **Richard A. Becraft** (adopted), b. about 1915 NY

Becraft, William L.

William L. Becraft
b. July 1841 NY

m.

Eliza M. (poss. Hill?)
b. March 1844 NY

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Ramapo, Village of Sloatsburg, District 58, p. 27-28, enumerated 14 June 1880, Dwelling 236, Family 248 (all b. NY, all their parents b. NY) -- Becraft, William L., 39, carpenter; [Becraft], Eliza M., 37, Wife, Keeping House; [Becraft], Frank, 14, Son, works on farm; Becraft, Violet, 11, Daughter, at home; [Becraft], Louis, 8, Son; [Becraft], Loran B., 5, Son; [Becraft], Edmund A., 1, Son.

They were listed in the 1900 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Ramapo, District 75, p. 13, enumerated 7 June 1900, Dwelling 105?. Family 116 (all b. NY, all their parents b. NY) -- Becraft, William L., Head, b. July 1841, age 58, married 34 yrs., Truckman, Owned home; [Becraft], Eliza M., Wife, b. Mar 1844, age 55, married 32 yrs., mother of 9 children, 7 children then living; [Becraft], Louis, Son, b. Sep 1875, age 24, Single, plumber; [Becraft], Jane, Daughter, b. May 1881, age 19, Single; [Becraft], Henry, Son, b. Apr 1885, age 15, Single; [Becraft], Susan, Daughter, b. Apr 1886, age 14

---children of William L. Becraft & Eliza M.

- **Frank Becraft**, b. about 1866 NY
- **Violet Becraft**, b. about 1869 NY
- **Louis Becraft**, b. about 1872 NY
- **Loran B. Becraft**, b. about 1875 NY
- **Edmund A. Becraft**, b. about 1879 NY
- **Jane Becraft** (Janie), b. May 1881 NY; d. 26 Jan 1916 at the home of her sister, Mrs. James White, Sloatsburg, Rockland Co., NY; buried Sloatsburg, Rockland Co., NY
- **Henry Becraft**, b. April 1885 NY
- **Susan Becraft**, b. April 1886 NY
- **Daughter Becraft**, m. **James White**. In Jan 1916 they lived at Sloatsburg, Rockland Co., NY

---Sources: Obituary for Miss Janie Becraft, in Friday, 28 Jan 1916 *Middletown [NY] Daily Times-Press*;

