

PHELPS, David Michael Springfield Township

1883 History of Henry County Missouri, National Historical Co pg 818 David Michael Phelps, farmer, section 3, was born January 31, 1842, in St. Clair County, Illinois. His father, Michael Phelps, who was born in Knoxville* , Tennessee , in 1797. was married in September, 1820 or 1821, to Miss Ruth Lunsford, of St. Clair County, Illinois. They had thirteen children. Mrs. Phelps died June 2, 1862, and Mr. P. was again married February 8, 1867, to Miss Margaret Alexander, also of St. Clair County, Illinois. By the second union there was one son. David M. Phelps, the second son in his father's family, received but a common English education in youth, commencing life for himself at the age of nineteen as a farm laborer. He was married March 17, 1864, to Miss Louisa Moore, of Belleville , St. Clair County. Illinois . They have had four children, three of whom are living. In November, 1868, Mr. and Mrs. P emigrated to Johnson County , Missouri , where he purchased a farm of 120 acres, remaining there for three years. He then came to Henry County and purchased the farm on which he now lives. Politically, he is a Democrat. (Bio from Henry Co. website.)

CAUTION: Cert of death gives his mother as Ruth Lunsford. Ruth was the first wife of Michael, David's father, and had 13 children with Michael. Michael and his second wife, Margaret Alexander, had one child (see bio above) which was David M. The informant appears to have believed all of Michael's children had the same mother - Ruth.

Mo. death cert 16172, Henry Co/Clinton.

Occ: Retired Farmer

COD: Cancer of stomach

Parents: Michael Phelps and Ruth Lunsford*(should be Margaret Alexander).

Information: Joe Gray of Clinton, a son-in-law.

Burial 5/1/1920, Calhoun Cem.

*Michael Phelps was born Michael Felps and later changed his name to Michael Phelps as did several of his siblings. It is thought that he was born in what is now called Claiborne County, TN (near Knoxville). Claiborne County, TN, was formed in 1802 from Granger County, TN.