
Who was the father of William W. Buck, who was born in January 1804 in Cayuga County, New York, and married Olive Searles in Medina County, Ohio, in 1826?

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No record names the father of William W. Buck. Only two references to his family of origin exist - a family bible that explicitly names Reverend Daniel Buck as the officiant at his baptism and an unnamed father in autobiographical material. His early life in Medina County, Ohio, offers clues to his birth family. Evidence from other Bucks who interacted with William proves Enoch Denton Buck, son of Reverend Daniel Buck, is his father.

WILLIAM W. BUCK

William W. Buck was born on 19 January 1804 in Cayuga County, New York, and baptized by Reverend Daniel Buck in 1810.¹ Before his tenth birthday, he moved with his family to Ohio.² On 15 February 1826, he married Olive Searles in Medina County, Ohio.³ The couple resided within the county in the first years of their marriage, where William paid taxes and purchased land.⁴

In 1830 William and Olive removed to nearby Cuyahoga County.⁵ At least three children were born to them: Rothilda, Heman, and Adelia.⁶ Before 1840 the family migrated to Illinois, where

¹ Buck Bible, 1804-1894, "Births" and "Baptisms," W.W. Buck, unpaginated; images by Audrey cPope, (address withheld), Vernon, BC, Canada in March 2022; privately held by Lise Harding, Thousand Oaks, California. The entries list the names, dates, locations for vital events of William, his wives, and children. No mention is made of William's parents or relationship to Daniel Buck. For the bible's provenance, see Mrs. W.W. [Jane Hurd] Buck, "Reminiscences," *Transactions of the Twenty Third Annual Reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association for 1894* (Portland, Oregon: Geo. H. Himes, 1895), p.68; image copy, *Google Books* (<https://books.google.com> : accessed 11 June 2023). Also, H.O. Lang, ed., *History of the Willamette Valley* (Portland, Oregon: Himes & Lang, 1885, p.632; image copy, *Google Books* (<https://books.google.com> : accessed 11 June 2023).

² William Wentworth Buck, "Enterprises at Oregon City: Oregon City, Oregon, 1878," p.2; BANC MSS P-A 1-11, manuscript; Hubert Howe Bancroft Collection, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkley CA; photocopy privately held by Lise Harding, (address withheld), Thousand Oaks, CA, 2023. Photocopy provided by Lee Anne Titangos, Photoduplication Coordinator, The Bancroft Library, 1 August 2021. William rarely used his full middle name.

³ Medina County, Ohio, Probate Court, Marriage Records: 1818-1841, A:41, William Buck-Olive S[e]arles, 15 February 1826; digital image, "Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2016," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 11 June 2023), film 004016735, image 30 of 457.

⁴ Medina County, Ohio, Tax Record 1827, 862:57 (penned), William W. Buck; digital image, "Duplicate tax records : 1819-1838," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 11 June 2023), film 004848988, image 545 of 762. Also, *Ibid.*, 863:59 (1828), William W. Buck. Also, Medina County, Ohio, Record of Deeds, D:157-8 (penned), 5 April 1828, Henry Newberry-William W. Buck; digital image, "Duplicate tax records: 1819-1838," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 11 June 2023), film 008150785, image 87 of 643.

⁵ 1830 U.S. census, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, Royalton, population schedule (pop. sched.), p.132, William W. Buck; "1830 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 June 2023), Ohio > Cuyahoga > Royalton > image 5 of 8; citing National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication M19, roll 129.

⁶ Buck Bible, 1804-1894, "Births," Rothilda E. Buck, 14 October 1828. Also, Buck Bible, 1804-1894, "Births," Heman Buck, 13 August 1830. Also, Buck Bible, 1804-1894, "Births," Adela Buck, 3 April 1837. No civil birth records exist for Rothilda, Heman, or Adelia. Ohio did not require birth registrations until 1908: see "Medina County, Ohio Genealogy," *FamilySearch Research Wiki* (<https://familysearch.org/en/wiki> : accessed 11 June 2023), "Medina County, Ohio Record Dates." Also, "Ohio, U.S. Births and Christenings Index, 1774-1973," collection with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 June 2023), search "Last Name: Buck," "Birth: 1827 +/- 10years."

Olive died in 1842.⁷ Shortly after, William married Jane Hurd and joined the western migration on the Oregon Trail.⁸

William died in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, on 19 June 1886.⁹ Obituaries published after his death did not name his family of origin.¹⁰ This lack of explicit evidence, combined with the scarcity of records in the developing western United States during the early nineteenth century, presents a unique challenge to researchers seeking to identify William's father.

DETERMINING WILLIAM'S FATHER

Despite this research challenge, William's paternity can be determined. While no record of William identifies his father or implies a relationship with any sibling, correlated evidence establishes the identity of William's father as Enoch Denton Buck. Four supporting conclusions substantiate this identification.

Supporting Conclusion 1: Reverend Daniel Buck was the father of Enoch Denton Buck

Daniel Buck was born on 28 February 1736 in New Milford, Connecticut.¹¹ He married twice and produced seventeen known children: seven by his first marriage to Ann Denton in 1756 and ten by his second to Olive Stevens in 1777.¹² During the Revolutionary War, Daniel lived in Kings County, New York.¹³ After the war, he moved to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.¹⁴ On 16 February 1790, Daniel and Olive Buck joined others to establish the First Presbyterian Church of Hallstead in

⁷ 1840 U.S. census, Stephenson Co., Illinois, Freeport Precinct, pop. sched., p.230 (stamped), Wm W. Buck; database with images, "United States Census, 1940," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 11 June 2023), Illinois > Stephenson > Freeport Precinct > image 1 of 6; citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 70. Also, Buck Bible, 1804-1894, "Deaths," Olive Buck, 23 November 1842.

⁸ Whiteside County, Illinois, Marriage Book A:94, Buck, William W-Hurd, Jane E., 7 June 1843; certified photocopy supplied 9 March 2011 by Connie Landheer, Chief Deputy County Clerk, Whiteside County Clerk Office, Morrison, IL to Lise Harding, (address withheld), Thousand Oaks, CA; privately held by Harding in personal files, 2023. Also, for William crossing the Oregon Trail in 1845, see H.O. Lang, ed., *History of the Willamette Valley*, p.632.

⁹ Buck Bible, 1804-1894, "Deaths," W.W. Buck. Also, no probate was located: see "All Oregon, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1849-1963," database, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 June 2023), search for "W. Buck."

¹⁰ "Death of an Old Pioneer," *Morning Oregonian* (Portland, Oregon), 20 June 1886, p.5, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 11 June 2023). Also, "In Memorium," *Oregon City Enterprise* (Oregon City, Oregon), 24 June 1886, p.3, col.3; digital images, "Historic Oregon Newspapers," *University of Oregon Libraries* (<https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu> : accessed 11 June 2023).

¹¹ Lorraine Cook White, ed., *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records*, 55 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1994-2002), 30:44, Daniel Buck "s. Enoch & Mary;" "Connecticut Town Birth Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection), database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : viewed 11 June 2023), > New Milford Vital Records 1712-1860, image 42 of 232.

¹² Ibid., "Daniel, of New Milford." Also, Congregational Church (New Milford, Connecticut), Congregational Church Records, 1716-1805, A:33 (penned), Major Daniel Buck-Olive Stevens, 21 September 1777; "Church records, 1716-1938," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 11 June 2023), film 7895339, image 27 of 633. For Daniel's children, see Emily C. Blackman, *History of Susquehanna County Pennsylvania: From a Period Preceding its Settlement to Recent Times* (Philadelphia: Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger, 1873), p.60: image copy, *Google Books* (<https://books.google.com> : accessed 11 June 2023).

¹³ Berthold Fernow, ed., *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York: Vol.15, State Archives, Vol., 1* (Albany, NY: Weed, Parsons and Co., 1853), p.273; image copy, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org> : accessed 11 June 2023).

¹⁴ Blackman, *History of Susquehanna County Pennsylvania*, p.57.

Susquehanna, Pennsylvania.¹⁵ Daniel was ordained and installed as the first pastor on 17 March 1790.¹⁶ Several points confirm Daniel was the father of Enoch Denton Buck:

1. A published narrative indicates Ann Denton bore Daniel three sons: Ichabod, Benjamin, and Enoch Denton Buck.¹⁷
2. Land records indicate that all three sons followed him to Pennsylvania by 1790.¹⁸
3. Church records for the First Presbyterian Church of Hallstead reflect that Enoch and Ichabod were members during Daniel's residence.¹⁹
4. Daniel baptized several Buck children, including Dorman Buck, the son of Enoch Denton Buck, on 3 November 1799.²⁰
5. Enoch Denton Buck appears in the 1800 census in the same location as Daniel, Benjamin, and Ichabod Buck.²¹

In the early 1800s, Daniel left Hallstead to establish churches in other areas of Pennsylvania and New York.²² He died on 13 April 1814 in Pennsylvania, naming his wife Olive as executrix and sole beneficiary of his will.²³

¹⁵ First Presbyterian Church Hallstead (Great Bend Township, Susquehanna, Pennsylvania), Church Records, p.24 (stamped), "IV. Register of Communicants," entries for Daniel Buck and Olive Buck; "Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S., Church and Town Records, 1669-2013," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 13 June 2023), image 5 of 114; citing "First Presbyterian Church Hallstead, Great Bend Township, Susquehanna County, PA [microform] Baptisms, 1790-1929, Marriages 1912-1929, Alphabetical list of communicants," reel 515, Historic Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

¹⁶ Ibid., unnumbered page, "I. Roll of Pastors," no. 1, Daniel Buck.

¹⁷ Frank J. Doherty, *The Settlers of the Beekman Patent Dutchess County, New York* (Pleasant Valley, NY: n.p., 1997), 4:237-8; "The settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, New York: an historical and genealogical study of all the 18th century settlers in the patent," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 13 June 2023), film 7951849, images 1809-10 of 2280.

¹⁸ Pennsylvania (Luzerne County), Deed Book 5, p.300 (stamped), deed, Tench Francis to Ichabod Buck, Benjamin Buck, Enoch D. Buck, 9 June 1790; "Deeds, 1787-1901; indexes to deeds, 1780-1907," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 11 June 2023), film 8036692, image 159 of 599.

¹⁹ First Presbyterian Church Hallstead (Great Bend Township, Susquehanna), Church Records, p.24 (stamped), "IV. Register of Communicants," Ichabod Buck. Also, Ibid., Enoch Buck.

²⁰ Ibid., p.136 (stamped), "V. Register of Baptisms," Dorman Buck.

²¹ 1800 U.S. census, Luzerne County, Willingborough Township, p.389 (penned), Enoch D. Buck; "1800 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 12 June 2023), > Pennsylvania > Luzerne > Willingborough, image 2 of 3; citing NARA micropublication M32, roll 39.

²² David Craft, 1770. *History of Bradford County, Pennsylvania: With Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Some of Its Prominent Men and Pioneers* (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co, 1878), p.157; image copy, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org> : accessed 12 May 2023). Also, James H. Smith, *History of Chenango and Madison Counties, New York, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Some of its Prominent Men and Pioneers*, Vol.1, Part 2 (Syracuse, New York: D. Mason & Co., 1880), p.146; image copy, *New York Genealogical and Biographical Society* (<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org> : accessed 12 June 2023), image 53 of 100.

²³ "Communications," *The Gleaner* (Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania), 29 April 1814, p.3, col.3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 12 June 2023). Also, Pennsylvania (Susquehanna County), Wills and Administrations, 1:5 (penned), Testament and Last Will of Daniel Buck, deceased; "Wills and administrations, 1812-1921; Index to register's docket, 1810-1949," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 12 June 2023), film 5546662, image 8 of 589.

Supporting Conclusion 2: Enoch Denton Buck is a Paternal Candidate

Enoch Denton Buck, son of Daniel Buck, was born in 1767.²⁴ He married three times: to Abigail Bostwick before 1792, Alice Babcock before 1797, and Abigail Loomis in 1805.²⁵ Enoch had at least ten identified children. See Table 1.

Table 1. Known Children of Enoch Denton Buck by Each Wife		
Abigail Bostwick	Alice Babcock	Abigail Loomis
Heman, born 1790-92 ^a	Nancy, born 1797 ^b Dorman, born 1799 ^c Benjamin D., born 1802 ^d	Daniel, born after 1805 ^e Alice, born after 1805 ^f Abigail B., born 1810 ^g Abel, born 1812 ^h Oliver Perry, born 1812 ⁱ Hulda, born 1816 ^j
<p>^a For Heman as Enoch's son, see <i>A Portrait and Biographical Record of Portage and Summit Counties Ohio, Containing Biographical Sketches of Many Prominent and Representative Citizens</i> (Logansport, IN: A.W. Bowen & Co., 1898), p.440; image copy, <i>Google Books</i> (https://books.google.com : accessed 12 June 2023). Heman appears as the son of "Denton Buck." Denton was Enoch's middle name. Also, for Heman's birth year, see 1850 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, Township of Richfield, population schedule (pop. sched.), p.354 (stamped), dwelling (dwell.) 49, family (fam.) 53, Heman Buck; "1850 United States Federal Census," database with images, <i>Ancestry.com</i> (https://www.ancestry.com : accessed 12 June 2023), > Ohio > Summit > Richfield > image 9 of 31; citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 732. Heman was 59 years old.</p> <p>^b <i>FindAGrave</i>, database with images (https://www.findagrave.com : accessed 12 June 2023), memorial 61911799, Nancy Buck Conant, Ridge Cemetery, Hinckley, Medina County, Ohio; memorial by "Gravehunter," photo by "Larry Gasser."</p> <p>^c First Presbyterian Church Hallstead (Great Bend Township, Susquehanna), Church Records, p.136 (stamped), "V. Register of Baptisms," Dorman Buck.</p> <p>^d <i>A Portrait and Biographical Record of Putnam County, Ohio: Containing Biographical Sketches of Many Prominent and Representative Citizens</i> (Chicago: A.W. Bowen & Co., 1896) p.74-5; image copy <i>Internet Archive</i> (https://archive.org : accessed 12 June 2023).</p> <p>^e Elias Loomis, <i>Descendants of Joseph Loomis in America: and his Antecedents in the Old World</i>, revised (Berea, Ohio: E.S. Loomis, 1909), p.162, entry 809; image copy, <i>Google Books</i> (https://books.google.com : accessed 12 June 2023).</p> <p>^f Ibid.</p> <p>^g Ibid. For Abigail's birth year, see 1850 U.S. census, Medina Co., Ohio, Hinckley, pop. sched., p.350 (stamped), dwell. 556, fam. 559, Abigail [Buck] Conant. Abigail was forty.</p> <p>^h Loomis, <i>Descendants of Joseph Loomis</i>, p.162. For Abel's birth year, see 1850 U.S. census, Medina Co., Ohio, Hinckley, pop. sched., p.350 (stamped), dwell. 550, fam. 553, Abel Buck. Abel was thirty-eight.</p> <p>ⁱ Loomis, <i>Descendants of Joseph Loomis</i>, p.162. Also, <i>FindAGrave</i>, memorial 81009709, Oliver Perry Buck, Hillside Cemetery, West Farmington, Trumbull Co., Ohio; memorial created by "Joel Davison," photos by "Doreen W."</p> <p>^j Loomis, <i>Descendants of Joseph Loomis</i>, p.162. Also, <i>FindAGrave</i>, memorial 69638585, Hulda Buck Porter, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Steuben Co., Indiana; memorial created by "Jennifer," photo by "Chuck Johnson."</p>		

²⁴ Doherty, *The Settlers of the Beekman Patent Dutchess County, New York*, 4: 238.

²⁵ The details of Enoch's marriage to Abigail Bostwick are unknown. For Abigail with Enoch in 1792, see First Presbyterian Church Hallstead (Great Bend Township, Susquehanna), Church Records, p.24 (stamped), "IV. Register of Communicants," Abigail Buck, 19 February 1792. Also, for Alice Babcock, see William Henry Perrin, et al., *History of Medina County and Ohio* (Chicago: Baskin & Batty, Publishers, 1881), p.772; image copy, *Google Books* (<https://books.google.com> : accessed 21 June 2023). Also, for Abigail Loomis, see Elias Loomis, *Descendants of Joseph Loomis in America: and his Antecedents in the Old World*, revised by Elisha S. Loomis (Berea, Ohio: E.S. Loomis, 1909), p.162, entry 809; image copy, *Google Books* (<https://books.google.com> : accessed 12 June 2023).

Four details support Enoch as a candidate for William's father:

1. Enoch married Abigail Loomis in 1805 and lived in Cayuga County, New York, shortly after William's 1804 birth in the same location.²⁶
2. Enoch resided in Cayuga County through 1810, when he headed a household that included four boys under ten and one aged ten to fifteen.²⁷ Heman was about ten years old, while Dorman, Benjamin, and Daniel, all born between 1800 and 1810, were likely three of the youngest boys.²⁸ The fourth boy, born during the same period, is unknown. William, age six in 1810, was the right age and in the exact location to fit into the family.
3. Enoch moved from New York to Ohio in 1811, a year that matches the data reported by the children of both Heman and Benjamin.²⁹ This corresponds to the information William later recounted in his manuscript.³⁰
4. In 1820, Enoch's Medina County, Ohio, household included two boys under ten, one ten to fifteen, and four between sixteen to twenty-five years of age.³¹ Sons Oliver and Abel, born after 1810, fit the youngest range.³² Daniel, born after 1805, fits into the middle range, with Benjamin and Dorman likely filling two of the four older age slots.³³ William, sixteen at this census, is a possible candidate for one of the extra boys.³⁴

After 1821, Enoch disappeared from records in Ohio.³⁵ He likely died in Ohio before 1830 without a will or an estate.³⁶

²⁶ 1800 U.S. census, Luzerne County, Willingborough Township, p.389, line 19, Enoch D. Buck. Also, *American Citizen* (New York, NY), 3 December 1805, Vol 6, Issue 1770, p.3., Advertisement; image copy, *GenealogyBank* (<https://genealogybank.com> : accessed 12 June 2023). Enoch D. Buck is named as one of several petitioning creditors against Elisha Babcock of Milton, Cayuga County, New York. Also, Buck Bible, 1804-1894, "Births," W.W. Buck.

²⁷ 1810 U.S. census, Cayuga County, New York, Locke, p.1119, line 13, Enoch D. Buck; "1810 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 June 2023), New York > Cayuga > Locke > image 6 of 14; citing NARA micropublication M252, roll 31.

²⁸ For Heman's birth year, see 1850 U.S. census, Summit Co., Ohio, Township of Richfield, pop. sched., p.354 (stamped), dwell. 49, fam. 53, Heman Buck. Heman was fifty-nine. Also, for Dorman, see First Presbyterian Church Hallstead (Great Bend Township, Susquehanna), Church Records, p.136 (stamped), "V. Register of Baptisms," Dorman Buck. Also, for Benjamin, see *A Portrait and Biographical Record of Putnam County, Ohio*, p.74-5. Also, for Daniel, see Loomis, *Descendants of Joseph Loomis in America*, revised, p.162, entry 809.

²⁹ For Heman's recollections, see *A Portrait and Biographical Record of Portage and Summit Counties Ohio*, p.440. Also, for Benjamin's, see *A Portrait and Biographical Record of Putnam County, Ohio*, p.74.

³⁰ Buck, "Enterprises at Oregon City: Oregon City, Oregon, 1878," p.2.

³¹ 1820 U.S. census, Medina Co., Ohio, Richfield, pop. sched., p.100 (stamped), Enoch Buck; "1820 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 12 June 2023), > Ohio > Medina > Richfield > image 1 of 2; citing NARA microfilm publication M33, roll 90.

³² For Abel's birth year, see 1850 U.S. census, Medina Co., Ohio, Hinckley, pop. sched., p.350 (stamped), dwell. 550, fam. 553, Abel Buck. Abel was thirty-eight. Also, for Oliver, see *FindAGrave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/> : accessed 12 June 2023), memorial 81009709, Oliver Perry Buck, Hillside Cemetery, West Farmington, Trumbull Co., Ohio; memorial by "Joel Davison," photos by "Doreen W."

³³ For Daniel's year of birth, see Loomis, *Descendants of Joseph Loomis in America*, revised, p.162, entry 809. Also, for Benjamin, see *A Portrait and Biographical Record of Putnam County, Ohio*: pgs.74-5. Also, for Dorman, see First Presbyterian Church Hallstead (Great Bend Township, Susquehanna), Church Records, p.136 (stamped), "V. Register of Baptisms," Dorman Buck.

³⁴ For William's year of birth, see Buck Bible, 1804-1894, "Births," W.W. Buck.

³⁵ Enoch last appears in a court record: see Medina County, Ohio, Common Pleas Docket, A:24 (penned), "Cotton Skinner vs Enoch D Buck," 21 February 1821; "Execution dockets, 1818-1852," browsable database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 12 June 2023), > Execution dockets v. A-C 1818-1839 > image 25 of 718.

³⁶ No record of Enoch's death is extant. Medina County did not record deaths until 1867: see "Medina County, Ohio Genealogy," *FamilySearch Research Wiki*, "Medina County, Ohio Record Dates." Also, several sources indicate he died in November 1826: see Loomis, *Descendants of Joseph Loomis in America: and his Antecedents in the Old World*, p.809. Also,

Supporting Conclusion 3: Enoch Denton Buck's Children were William's Kin

As Enoch's children came of age in Ohio, they married, paid taxes, and purchased land. William created records alongside them. Four points confirm William interacted with the Buck siblings and was part of their circle of extended family:

1. Between 1820 and 1839, nine Buck individuals married in Medina County. The marriage records identify only the bride, groom, and officiant, with no mention of witnesses, parents, or guardians that could indicate family connections.³⁷
 - Nancy Buck to Timothy Conant, 14 November 1820³⁸
 - Dorman Buck to Lydia Marilla Colier, 12 July 1821³⁹
 - Heman Buck to Polly Warden, 18 September 1822⁴⁰
 - Benjamin D. Buck to Almeda Conant, 2 March 1825⁴¹
 - William W. Buck to Olive Searles, 15 February 1826⁴²
 - Oliver Perry Buck to Julia Ann Marguel, 12 August 1836⁴³
 - Abigail B. Buck to Timothy B. Conant, 1 April 1838⁴⁴
 - Abel Buck to Almira Porter, 5 September 1838⁴⁵
 - Huldah Buck to Joseph Porter, 18 January 1830⁴⁶
2. Land records suggest that the Bucks were interconnected family members. Between 1823 and 1839, four Buck men transferred land in Medina County in transactions with local men, including William and a Buck spouse. See Table 2.⁴⁷ William dealt with Benjamin and Dorman, while Heman conducted business with members of William's in-laws, the Searles.⁴⁸

"Richfield History," *Richfield Historical Society* (<http://www.richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org> : accessed 12 June 2023), "BUCK Family." Also, no will or probate for Enoch is extant; see Medina County (Ohio), Probate Docket, vol 2. index pgs.3-4 (counted); "Ohio Probate Records, 1789-1996," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 12 June 2023), > Browse > Medina > Dockets 1819-1852 > Image 103 of 314. Also, Medina County (Ohio), Old Wills, 1818-1835, index "B"; "Ohio Probate Records, 1789-1996," collection with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 12 June 2023), > Browse > Medina > Wills 1820-1836 > Image 6 of 307. Also, for negative evidence of Enoch in 1830, see 1830 U.S. census, Medina County, Ohio, Richfield Township, p.219 (penned), Abigail Buck; "1830 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 13 June 2023), > Ohio > Medina > Richfield > image 7 of 10; citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll135. No male representing Enoch's estimated age is enumerated.

³⁷ The legal age for marriage was eighteen for males and fourteen for females. Males under twenty-one and females under eighteen required the consent of their fathers or guardians. See Ohio, *Acts of the State of Ohio, 1st General Assembly*, 1:31 (Chillicothe: N. Willis, Printer, 1803), Sec.1; digital images, *Google Books*, (<https://books.google.com> : accessed 13 June 2023).

³⁸ Medina County, Ohio, Marriage Records: 1818–1841, A:9; "Marriage records, 1818-1865," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 13 June 2023), film 4016735, image 12 of 457.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, p.14.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, p.18.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, p.32.

⁴² *Ibid.*, p.41.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, p.141.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, p.167.

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, p.180.

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, p.192.

⁴⁷ See Table 2 for sources.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.* Also, Harry A. Howk, *The Searles Family* (Breckenridge, Tx: ABC Press, 1962), p.2; image copy, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org> : accessed 13 June 2023).

3. Medina County tax records from 1820 to 1830 indicate that while William was building a life within the community, Enoch Buck's children were doing the same. Heman and Dorman paid taxes in Richfield and Guilford Townships, while Benjamin and William paid taxes in neighboring Hinckley during the same period.⁴⁹
4. William named his only son, born in Ohio in 1830, Heman.⁵⁰

Table 2. Buck land transactions in Medina County, Ohio, 1823-38

Township	Date	Name	To or From	Name	Witness of Note
Richfield	13 November 1823 ^a	Heman Buck	To	Jonathon Searles	Timothy Conant
	13 November 1823 ^b		To	Isaiah Searles	
Guilford	5 April 1828 ^c	William W. Buck	From	Henry Newberry	
	23 August 1828 ^d	Dorman Buck	From	William W. Buck	
Hinckley	11 March 1829 ^e	Heman Buck	To	Timothy Conant	
	23 June 1834 ^f	Benj. D. Buck	From	Samuel Hinkley	Wm. Buck
	19 December 1838 ^g	Abel Buck	From	Samuel Hinkley	Timothy Conant

^a. Medina County, Ohio, Record of Deeds, C:115, Heman Buck–Jonathon Searles; “Record of deeds, 1818-1871; index to deeds, 1790-1923,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 15 June 2023), film 8150784 image 368 of 711.
^b. Ibid., C:117.
^c. Ibid., D:157.
^d. Ibid., D:378.
^e. Ibid., D:380.
^f. Ibid., I:205.
^g. Ibid., P:356.

Most of the Enoch Buck siblings remained close their entire lives: seven lived and died in Ohio, and one removed to Indiana⁵¹

⁴⁹ Heman Buck paid taxes in Richfield between 1820-30. See Medina County, Ohio, Tax Record 1820, 855:6 (unpaginated), Heman Buck; “Duplicate tax records : 1819-1838,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 13 June 2013), film 4849376, image 26 of 159. Also, Ibid., 856:3 (1821). Also, Medina County, Ohio, Tax Record 1820, 857:3 (1822), Heman Buck; “Duplicate tax records : 1819-1838,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 13 June 2013), film 4848988, image 8 of 762. Also, Ibid., 858:3 (1823). Also, Ibid., 859:3 (1824). Also, Ibid., 860:3 (1835). Also, Ibid., 861:21(1826). Also, Ibid., 862:22 (1827). Also, Ibid., 863:25 (1828). Also, Medina County, Ohio, Tax Record 1829, 864:25 (penned), Heman Buck; “Duplicate tax records : 1819-1838,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 13 June 2013), film 4848989, image 33 of 619. Also, Ibid., 865:25 (1830). Also, Dorman Buck paid taxes in 1826-27 and 1830 in Guilford: see Medina County, Ohio, Tax Record 1826, 861:54. Also, Ibid., 862:63. Also, Ibid., 865:64. Also, Benjamin paid taxes in Hinckley from 1827-30: see Medina County, Ohio, Tax Record 1827, 862:56. Also, Ibid., 863:59. Also, Ibid., 864:61. Also, Ibid., 865:63.

⁵⁰ Buck Bible, 1804-1894, "Births," Heman Buck, 13 August 1830.

⁵¹ *FindAGrave*, memorial 78416278, Heman Buck, West Richfield Cemetery, Richfield, Summit Co., Ohio. Also, Ibid., memorial 61911799, Nancy Buck Conant, Ridge Cemetery, Hinckley, Medina Co., Ohio. Also, Medina County, Ohio, Probate Record, Death, D:171-180 (penned), 21 August 1847, “Estate of Dorman Buck”; “Ohio Probate Records, 1789-1996,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : 15 June 2023), > Browse > Medina > Wills 1847-1853 Vol D > Images 122-26 of 320. Also, for Benjamin, see *A Portrait and Biographical Record of Putnam County, Ohio*, p.75. Also, *FindAGrave*, memorial 10805442, Abigail Buck Conant, Maple Hill Cemetery, Hinckley, Medina Co., Ohio. Also, Ibid., memorial 108613629, Abel Buck, Cogswell Cemetery, Williams Co., Ohio. Also, Ibid., memorial 81009709, Oliver Perry Buck, Hillside Cemetery, West Farmington, Trumbull Co., Ohio. Also, Ibid, memorial 69638585, Huldah Buck Porter, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Metz, Steuben Co., Indiana.

Supporting Conclusion 4: No Alternate Candidates

William Buck's interactions with Enoch Denton Buck's known children in Ohio suggest he shared a close affiliation with them. Records reveal William was closely connected to Enoch's eldest son, Heman Buck. Heman Buck's will, written 14 October 1852, only mentions his known wife and six children. William is not mentioned.⁵² Only twelve-to-fourteen years older than William, it is unlikely that he was William's father.

Two additional sons of Reverend Daniel Buck, Benjamin and Ichabod, who were associated with Enoch in Pennsylvania and New York, were of age to have fathered William.⁵³ Several details, however, establish that both are unlikely paternal candidates:

1. Ichabod Buck had a son named William. William was born in 1783 in New York and joined the Presbyterian Church in Hallstead on 30 June 1805. He died in Pennsylvania in 1861.⁵⁴
2. Ichabod's youngest child, Lydia Buck, was born in September 1803 in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.⁵⁵ It is unlikely that Ichabod and his wife were also the parents of William, born three months later in New York.
3. Benjamin Buck also moved his family from Pennsylvania to New York, settling in an area of Cayuga County that became Tompkins County in 1817.⁵⁶ Unlike Enoch, he remained in the vicinity until his death in 1851.⁵⁷
4. Benjamin had at least twelve children, including Phoebe Buck, born in 1804, and Joseph B. Buck, born in 1806.⁵⁸ The probability of Benjamin fathering a second child born in 1804 is unlikely.

⁵² Summit County (Ohio), Record of Wills 1:256-8, Will of Heman Buck; "Probate records, 1839-1909; index, 1841-1944," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 15 June 2023), film 5870789, images 154-5 of 616.

⁵³ 1850 U.S. census, Tompkins Co., New York, Lansing, pop. sched., p.195b, dwell. 1149, fam. 1214, Benjamin Buck; "1850 United States Federal Census," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 20 June 2023) > New York > Tompkins > Lansing > image 69 of 81: citing NARA micropublication M432, roll 605. Benjamin was fifty-nine. Also, Deposition of Claimant, 6 February 1838, pension application of Ichabod Buck, pension W.5971; Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files; NARA micropublication M804, roll 394; National Archives, Washington, D.C.; accessed at *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com> : 22 June 2023), image 1196864. Ichabod claimed to be eighty years old.

⁵⁴ For William's birth and death data, see *FindAGrave*, memorial 23360978, William Buck, First Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Hallstead, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania; memorial and photo by "Jerry Semprevio." Also, First Presbyterian Church Hallstead (Great Bend Township, Susquehanna, Pennsylvania), Church Register, p.400 (penned), William Buck, 30 June 1805; "U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 June 2023), > Pennsylvania > Hallstead > First Presbyterian Church > Session, Register, Baptisms, and Deaths > 1802-1876 > image 243 of 256: citing Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1907, accession number 14-0430c 37b.

⁵⁵ *FindAGrave*, memorial 98149899, Lydia Buck Smith, Franklin Hill Cemetery, Upsonville, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania; memorial by "Alan Dibble," photo by "Paul R." Also, First Presbyterian Church Hallstead (Great Bend Township, Susquehanna), Church Register, p. 224 (penned).

⁵⁶ H. B. Peirce and D. Hamilton Hurd, *History of Tioga, Chemung, Tompkins, and Schuyler Counties New York with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Some of its Prominent Men and Pioneers* (Philadelphia: Everts & Ensign, 1879), p.526; image copy, *Google Books* (<https://books.google.com/> : accessed 22 June 2023). Also, "Tompkins County, New York Genealogy," *FamilySearch Research Wiki* (<https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/> : accessed 22 June 2023).

⁵⁷ *FindAGrave*, memorial 55353208, Benjamin Buck, East Lansing Cemetery, Tompkins County, New York.

⁵⁸ Peirce and Hurd, *History of Tioga, Chemung, Tompkins, and Schuyler Counties New York*, p.526. Also, *FindAGrave*, memorial 6246915, Phoebe Buck Wyatt, Dudenville Cemetery, Dade County, Missouri. Also, "Died. Buck.," *Mower County Transcript* (Lansing, Minnesota), 22 June 1894, p.7, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 22 June 2023).

CONCLUSION

All available evidence indicates William W. Buck's father was Enoch Denton Buck. Evidence shows Enoch lived in Cayuga County, New York, from 1805 to 1811, where William was born in 1804. Records indicate that Enoch was a son of the Reverend Daniel Buck, a Presbyterian minister recorded as baptizing several of his grandchildren. A notation in a bible belonging to William indicates he was baptized in 1810 by Reverend Daniel Buck when Enoch's father ministered in Pennsylvania and New York. Enoch was also present in the right time frames and locations for William's formative years in Medina County, Ohio. Eight of Enoch's known children came of age in that location during the first half of the nineteenth century. William, who married there in 1826, moved in similar social circles as the Buck siblings, suggesting a close association between them. Although William moved from Ohio and never documented his father's name, reasoning from available evidence supports the conclusion that Enoch is William's father.