

Jane Cole Wintermote of Darke County, Ohio



This obituary was found in the Wintermote files at the Garst Museum in Darke County, Ohio. The name and the date of publication are unknown.

Jane, born in 1817 to Samuel Cole and Mary Elston, is identified as "the first white child born in Washington township", Darke County, Ohio. According to Elston family history, Leonard Wintermote (Wintermote), a farmer from Wantage, Sussex County, NJ, married Elizabeth Kimber, born in Unionville, NY. Leonard was the son of John Wintermote and Appolonia Westfall. Elizabeth died on July 27, 1834 at the age of 34 in Darke County, Ohio and is buried in the Sharpeye Cemetery in Darke County. Six months later, Leonard, a 40-year-old widower with nine children, married 17-year-old Jane Cole of Darke County, Ohio. Leonard had three more children with Jane before he died five years later in 1839 in Missouri. Jane never remarried. In the U.S. census records of 1860 and 1870 for Greenville Township, Darke County, Ohio, Jane was living with daughter Mary and her family. In the U.S. census of 1900, she was living in Indiana with Mary and Mary's third husband, Dennis Druly. (Sources: Elston, James Strode. *The Elston Family in America*. Rutland, VT: The Tuttle Publishing Company, Inc. p. 212; The Tombstone Photo Project, available through the Garst Museum, Darke Co OH; "Joseph Cole." *A Biographical History of Darke County, Ohio*. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1900; U.S. Census records of 1860, 1870 and 1900.)