

Julia Fowler née Green



Julia Fowler Green. An image of her in the 1880s. But where was she from? It is not often at all that I find a tintype that is identified. And even when I have a name, I usually don't have any clues regarding the location etc. So I can only hope that this lovely lady is the same Julia Fowler Green I have identified in the records.

Julia Eliza Green was born on December 13th, 1859, in Union County, Ohio. Her parents William Green and Esther née Pounds had altogether 14 children who were born between 1850 and 1872. Sadly, father William passed away in 1873, and mother Esther just 5 years later in 1878. 6 of Julia's siblings did not live beyond 1880 either, including her older brother Richard.

The parents had moved the family from Ohio to Illinois in 1863. In the 1880 Census, some of the siblings, including Julia, were living together in Southwest (Crawford), Illinois. Richard and some of the younger brothers (Fletcher, Judson, William) were working on a farm. Julia as the oldest of the sisters in the household was keeping house and working as a teacher in a public school.

The Greens were deeply religious and devoted Christians. And so it happened that their son-in-law James Calvin Fowler was a man of religion too, a minister in the United Brethren Church in the Illinois Conference. In May 1887, Julia married Reverend James Calvin Fowler in Southwest, Illinois. In 1900, the minister and his wife were living in Arcola (Douglas), Illinois. By 1910, the preacher and his wife had moved to Paris Ward (Edgar), Illinois. By 1920, the pastor and wife Julia had moved to Wood River in Madison, Illinois. By 1930, the couple settled down in Robinson in Crawford, Illinois, living at 304 South Howard.

As far as I could find out, the couple had no children. In the 1910 Census, one 15-year-old Bessie Klingler was living with the couple and was referred to as "niece". This Bessie later adopted her married surname Martin. In the 1940 Census one Bessie Martin, now aged 45, was listed as the Fowlers' "daughter", living with them in same address. Bessie was definitely not their biological daughter, as she had been born to parents William and Ottilla Klingler. Bessie's mother had passed away in 1903, but I don't know why Bessie didn't continue to live with her father and brothers. I haven't found the genealogical connection of the Fowlers, the Greens and the Klinglers, and how she could have been Julia's or James' niece. Perhaps the caring Fowlers just offered her a home after her mother's death and thought of her as a daughter.

The Fowlers enjoyed a long life together. James passed away in 1947 at the age of 85, and Julia in 1948 at the age of 89. They were buried at the Robinson New Cemetery in Robinson, Illinois.



When I was almost done collecting information about Julia for this blogpost, I came across an excerpt on [FamilySearch](#) referring to a bio written by Julia herself about her parents and siblings. When I googled it, I found this genealogical summary of all the Green generations, a document called "*Descendants of William Green*", available on the internet under this link [HERE](#). The relevant information about our branch of Greens starts on page 39. It is just beautiful to read how Julia writes about her father, her brothers who passed away too early, their home in Southwest.

29. WILLIAM⁴ GREEN (WILLIAM³, REGNAL², WILLIAM¹) was born 25 May 1827 in Mohicanville, Ashland Co., Ohio, and died 18 Aug 1873 in Sumner, Crawford Co., Illinois. He married ESTHER POUNDS Abt. 1849. She was born 12 Apr 1830, and died 22 Mar 1878.

Notes for WILLIAM GREEN:

Julia Green Fowler Bio:

William Green was born in Ohio, May 25, 1827 and died August 18, 1873, aged 46 yrs. He was married to Esther Pounds of Ostrander, Ohio. They lived for a number of years on a farm not far from Ostrander. Eight of their children were born there. They attended the Baptist Church in Ostrander of which they were members. In 1863 they left the old house in Union County, Ohio and moved to Illinois. As the family was composed of several boys, our father felt the necessity of a larger farm, more land for these big boys to spend their energy on. And in February 1863 the family moved to their new home on a good farm of 240 acres located in Southwest Township, Crawford County, Illinois.

The house on the new farm in Crawford County, Illinois was a fairly good sized log house of one room, a fireplace and an attic large enough for beds until we could build. We built a new large one room log house as soon as possible with chimney and a large porch on the east side of the house. All of our neighbors had fireplaces. Fire was kept all the time in these fireplaces, and when our fire went out we would go to a neighbor's and borrow fire and the neighbors would come to our house for fire if their fire should go out. A family in our neighborhood had a heating stove for a number of years after we moved to Illinois. All the neighbors helped each other on threshing and butchering days, and quilting and wool pickings with an occasional apple cutting made up the social activities of the community.

My father owned the first self binder harvesting machine in the neighborhood. The day they tried it out all the neighbors came to the field to see it work.

There was a very good orchard on our new farm and in the spring of the year when the trees were in bloom it was a bower of beauty. A friend coming home with my father one day for dinner made this remark, "Mr. Green, you have a beautiful home here."

The house stood on a sand hill, not a large hill, but just enough elevation so that it was always dry. The orchard that surrounded the house had quite a variety of apple and peach trees. Well do I remember the old sweet apple tree which stood just north of the house and the russett tree and the sheephose trees which were a little north and east of the house. These were favorites of all the children. Then a great many other ones, the names of which I do not now recall. There was one tree that stood a short distance from the house. It was about 15 ft. up to any limb but we all, boys and girls alike, spent considerable of our time up in that tree, especially when the berries were ripe. We had lots of apples to put away for winter, but somehow they all evaporated by the time spring had come.

We had one persimmon tree, It stood a little way out of the orchard, which was a very familiar place and visited daily by all of the children in the fall of the year when the fruit was ripe.

My father built a large, double log barn with sheds in between large enough to put away lots of hay and corn and machinery and horses

All these old landmarks that we loved so much and which meant so much to us in our childhood days bring us both happy and sad memories long gone by, but not forgotten.

There were no hard roads in this part of the State at that time, so it was a long, hard pull through the mud to the nearest trading and shipping point, which was a distance of ten miles from the new home. They all went to work with a will. The farm proved to be very productive and yielded large crops of corn and wheat. One year my father sold 1300 bushels of wheat to one buyer in Simmer and received a nice overcoat as a gift for having sold the most wheat of any man that year, besides what he reserved for seed and family use. Mr. Green was a hard worker and a good manager and as a result of course he prospered financially.

My father was a man who was a little reserved but he always met his friends with a smile and a kindly greeting. He was a very generous hearted man. If there was a poor family in the neighborhood they new where to go for help. And although he had a large family of his own to support, still he always had something to give to help the poor, and many a bushel of corn and wheat has gone from his cribs to feed the poor and needy. He would say, go to the crib and fill up your sack, and he would go on about his work. Did he lose anything in this? I think not. This was one way he had of laying up treasures in Heaven. The good book says, Give and it shall be given unto you, and he that giveth to the poor tendeth to the Lord.

My father and mother were strictly religious people. They attached themselves to the Baptist Church which had a small organization in the neighborhood of their new home and identified themselves with the best society in the community. Thus helping to make an influence for better for their own children as well as others.

My father was a deeply spiritual Christian. He believed in the old time religion and practiced it. He loved the old songs and many a time I have heard him in the dusk of the evening sitting in his split-bottom chair on the large front porch communing with his God singing the old songs he loved so well. Such a charge to keep I have and How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord is laid for your faith in his excellent word. A man with the spirit of these songs in his heart communing with his God can never die. He is not dead, he is only gone on before.

But these good times soon came to an end for father only lived a few months past ten years until he took his departure from this new home and his family and went to inhabit that house not made with hands eternal in the Heavens.

My mother, Esther Pounds Green, was born in Ohio April 12, 1830, and died March 22, 1878, aged 47 years. She was a lovely Christian, a very spiritual woman. I have seen her give praises to God in the public congregation when the spirit of God filled her heart to overflowing. She took great pains in teaching her children the Bible and trying to bring them up to love God and keep his Commandments. A short time before her death she went back home to Ohio to visit her old Mother and brothers and sisters. She died with a living faith in her Redeemer and went home to meet her God at the age of 47 years.

Samuel, the first born in this home, died in infancy. He is buried in Ostrander, Ohio.

Elizabeth Jane, the oldest daughter of William and Esther Pounds Green, was born April 18, 1851 in Union County near Ostrander, Ohio and died in Lawrence county, Illinois on July 5, 1933, aged 82 years. The first twelve years of her life were spent in Ohio at the place of her birth. In March 1863 her parents and family moved to Illinois and settled on a farm in Crawford County.

In the year 1867 she was united in marriage to Thomas Allen and to them were born six children. She with her husband, became charter members of the Christian Church at the Bethany Class in the community in which they lived.

Richard Elias Green was born in Union County, Ohio October 6, 1852 and died in Crawford County, Illinois October 28, 1880 aged 28 years. This was a great blow to this family as this brother had been a father to the rest of the children since the death of our father.

He was not married. Father and mother both gone, the younger children learned to lean on this brother for help and advice, and it seemed a great calamity when he was taken. He was a very fine young man, honest and industrious and dependable. He had accumulated considerable property when he died. He has been gone now a long time but he has not been forgotten by any of his brothers and sisters for we all loved him. He was not a member of any Church, but he surely was a Christian at heart. He believed in God and was always ready to do his part in everything that was for the betterment of those around him. His body rests in the home cemetery in Crawford County, Illinois.

Calvin Green, son of William and Esther Green, was born in Union County, Ohio September 22, 1853. He died in Crawford County, Illinois, August 31, 1873, aged 19 years.

John R. Green, son of William and Esther Green, was born September 6, 1854 in Union County, Ohio and died in Crawford County, Illinois, August 23, 1873, aged 18 years.

Thus, two more bright young men were taken from this home within a few days of each other. Both just entering manhood. John R. was preparing for college. Dear brothers of long ago you are not forgotten.

Fletcher M. Green, son of William and Esther Green, was born in Union County, Ohio November 25, 1855. He married for his wife Florence Wagoner of Lawrence, Illinois. To this union was born seven children. Fletcher is now in very poor health and will not be here very long.

Margaret Green, daughter of William and Esther Green, was born in Union County, Ohio on October 3, 1857. She was married to Henry Albert and after a time removed to Missouri for her health, but she gradually grew worse and in a few years she died and was buried in that State. A good Christian woman devoted to her husband and her church. She left no children.

Julia E. Green, daughter of William and Esther Green, was born in Union County, Ohio on December 13, 1859. She was married May 3, 1887 to Rev. J. C. Fowler a minister in the United Brethren Church in the Illinois Conference. She came with her family when but a child from Union County, Ohio to Crawford County, Illinois in which she has spent the rest of her life thus far. In her younger days she was a teacher in the public schools of Crawford County, Illinois.

Judson Green, son of William and Esther Green, was born in Union County, Ohio on November 8, 1861 and died in Crawford County, Illinois September 23, 1880, aged 18 years. A good boy member of the M.E. Church. Dear Brother, you are not forgotten.

Ida Alice Green was born in Crawford County, Illinois on November 3, 1863. The daughter of William and Esther Green, she spent her early life at home with her parents. Was a teacher in the public schools of Crawford County. Married Jacob Paddick. She was not blessed with any children of her own but reared three step sons who are as near to her as her own would be. Good Christian, useful worker in the Methodist Church to which she belongs.

Albert Green, infant son of William and Esther Green, was born in Crawford County, Illinois, May 29, 1866 and died at the age of six months.

William P. Green, son of William and Esther Green, was born in Crawford County, Illinois June 23,

1867. He was married to Kathryn Tade. To this union was born four children. The first born in this home was Dr. Carl Green, Ph.D., editor of this history and family historian of the Illinois branch of the family. Carl's mother died when he was eight years old. William married for his second wife, Sarah Baker of Lancaster, Indiana. To this union were born three children. William P. Green is a man of honor and reliability and pillar in the Christian Church to which he and his family belong.

Anna R. Green daughter of William and Esther Green, was born in Crawford County May 31, 1890. She married John Lewis, to them were born three children. She spent her early life in and around the old home until after her marriage. They went to California where they have always lived and reared their children. Anna was a sweet young girl and now she is a loving mother and worker in the Church.

Bunyan Green the baby of this very large family and son of William and Esther Green, was born in Crawford County, Illinois, October 1, 1872. He married Nora Phillips and to them was born five children. Their first born is William H. Green, the president of the Illinois Green reunion. Bunyan Green is a member of the Methodist Church and he and his good wife have raised an honorable family.

(This account was written by Julia Green Fowler, wife of Reverend J. C. Fowler. Unfortunately it was not dated.)