

Just got this in a forward from Charlotte Zilch Liliensiek. Evidently, Janet Zilch's husband, Pete Smith, has been doing some genealogy research in Washington, D.C. and this is what Charlotte came up with. I also think the "Dr." business is false. As I remember, Mom's father and grandfather were herbalists and did do things with herbs and poultices for snakebite and blood poisoning. Also, I don't believe that Grandpa O'Leary ever owned any land. The census from Gallatin County shows that he was a farm laborer. Am forwarding this to my children, as well as my siblings that have a computer. Thought you might enjoy it.

Pete, Thanks for thinking about my family history. Here is what my Grandmother O'Leary told me about her family history:

Dr. John Michael Beer was of German descent and was born in California. My Grandmother said he was a Dr. My mother had her doubts but did not know.

Dr. John Michael Beer married Mary Frances ?? of French descent and moved to Terre Haute, Indiana. Both were born in the 1820's. Their son was **John Michael Beer** (my mother's grandfather). He was born in 1858 and married Elizabeth Garhardt and moved to San Francisco, California for two years where Elizabeth died, then he moved back to Henderson County where he later married **Elizabeth Lenard** (my great grandmother). She was born on November 5, 1863 in Newburg, Indiana and of German parents, John Lenard and Barbara Lenard, who were shoemakers. John Michael Beer died in 1921 at age 63 and Elizabeth died at age 68. Their children were Katherine, Margaret and **Mary Frances** (my Grandmother on my mother's side). They had a half sister and half brother John and Anne. **Mary Frances Beer** (my mother's mother) was born on December 16, 1891, and lived in San Francisco, California for a while and moved back to Ridgway, Illinois when she was 16 years old where she met **John O'Leary**. They were married when she was 18 years old at St Joseph Church in Ridgway on February 1, 1910. **John O'Leary** was born in Ireland (Actually records show he was from Wales.). He married **Mary Lawler**. From her he received 180 acres of land. They were married 12 years and had 9 children. She died in childbirth with the 9th child in the latter 1800's. The oldest children helped to raise the children and helped the father to farm the land and some died in infancy and early childhood from neglect and hunger. They are all buried in Ponds Settlement, Illinois.

John Henry O'Leary (my mother's father) was born in Ponds Settlement at Ridgway on September 10, 1888. He married **Mary Frances Beer** on Feb 1, 1910. My mother was born on November 6, 1910. Grandma got pregnant on her honeymoon. **John Henry O'Leary** was a road commissioner, farmer, night watchman during the depression, game warden, assessor of personal property and worked on a gravel boat on the Wabash River where he broke his neck on the job. He completed the 8th grade at Ridgway. They had 6 girls and 2 boys. **Mary Louise**, my mother. **Mike**, **Violet**, **Elizabeth (Betty)**, **John Jr (Mickel)**, **Anne**, **Gertrude (Gertie/Trudy)** and **Virginia (Gini)**. He died in July 1969 at 79 years of age. He is buried in St Joseph Cemetery in Ridgway. **Mary Frances Beer O'Leary** died Jan 18, 1974. **Mary Frances Beer O'Leary** was born December 16, 1891 in Vanderburgh County Indiana. **John Henry O'Leary** was born September 10, 1888.

That is all I have on my mother's parents. This is what my Grandmother O'Leary told us and we wrote it down. Mike Zilch's wife Janet was the one who asked her and I got it from her.