

# Sensebach Heritage

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## Sensebach Horizons:

### *Pursuing Sensebachs down one street in the Heartland*

by Steven L. Sinsabaugh

Tracing multiple branches of the Sensebach Family usually involves travel, as different groups of this prolific family spread across North America. On a cool Saturday in February, however, I was able to touch upon three diverse branches while traveling only 25 miles on a single street in central Ohio.

Broad Street is a primary east-west street through Columbus, Ohio. It runs parallel to and just north of Main Street, which outside of Columbus is designated U.S. Route 40, the old National Road.

The National Road has figured prominently in one branch of this family, bringing the family of Simeon Sinsabaugh east from Pennsylvania to Licking County, Ohio. Licking County is just east of Franklin County, where Columbus is located. Two sons, David and Hiram, settled in the eastern end of the county in Norwich, where David ran a tavern<sup>1</sup>. Simeon, his wife Hester, and several other sons and daughter settled in the western end of Licking County. They lived in Lima Township, a few miles north of the National Road, and a mile or so east of the Franklin County border.

#### **First Stop – A lonely hillock east of Columbus**

But the National Road was not the road I took that Saturday. My first destination was the Swisher Cemetery, which took me about a mile north of Rt. 16, which becomes Broad Street in Columbus. The location, in what was formerly Lima Township, is still very rural. It is just east of the Columbus urban sprawl, just past where the strip malls end. In the next few decades this may become just another development, but today it is still mostly open land, not much different than when Simeon and Hester lived here, and were buried here.

On that Saturday morning in February, the grey rippled clouds lay low in the sky – a typical Ohio winter day. The temperature hovered near the freezing point. A little snow was on the frozen ground. The cemetery lay on a small rise in the middle of a field, about fifty yards south of the unnamed back road where I parked. The view would have been fitting for one of Art Sinsabaugh's horizontal Midwest landscapes. A wire fence surrounds the cemetery, which contains a few overgrown evergreens.

The setting of the cemetery could almost have been out of the 1800's. The distant high tension lines, and airplanes on the landing approach to the Columbus airport were the only obvious clues to the century.

Simeon and Hester are buried in the cemetery, with separate stones. They are surrounded by their progeny of several generations. These include:

*John, son of I. K. & J. Sinsabaugh, died Oct. 14, 1875, aged 26y 3m 1d*

*Cyrus, son of I. K. & J. Sinsabaugh, died at Vicksburg, July 17, 1863, aged 18y 8m 16d Civil War veteran*

*Mother, Jane, wife of Isaac K. Sinsabaugh, died Dec. 13, 1878, aged 31y 3m 27d*

*I. Sensebaugh, I., Co. I, 95th Ohio Inf.*

*Sinsabaugh, Lewis H., 1887 - 1957*

*Father, Jacob H. Sinsabaugh, born Jan. 31, 1826, died Dec. 1, 1883*

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Swisher Cemetery in Pataskala (was Lima Township), Licking County, Ohio. Simeon and Hester Sinsabaugh, and many of their descendants, are buried here. Photo by author.