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Frances Ward "Fanny" Alger Custer

BIRTH	30 Sep 1816 Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, USA
DEATH	29 Nov 1889 (aged 73) Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, USA
BURIAL	South Lawn Cemetery Dublin, Wayne County, Indiana, USA
MEMORIAL ID	209627648

Daughter of Samuel & Clarissa (Hancock) ALGER. Legally married Solomon Franklin Custer on November 16, 1836, in Wayne County, Indiana. They had the following children (9 total): Orrison Smith, Maria Clarissa, Lewis Alger (Margaret Barnes), Saphronia Alice (Vickers), Benjamin Franklin (Anna Rebecca Overholtz), and Lafayette Paul (Hannah E. Mason) CUSTER.


Fanny is famous for possibly being the first polygamist wife of Joseph Smith, Jr., founder of the Latter-day Saint movement. There is a lot of debate outside and within the modern Latter-day Saints movement as to whether or not Fanny and Joseph's relationship was an early plural marriage, a secret sexual affair, or both. Please research Fanny's story to discover how this lady endured her scandalous teenage years to become a generous woman in later life!

Family Members






Parents

-  Samuel Alger
1786–1874
-  Clarissa *Hancock* Alger
1790–1870




Spouse

-  Solomon Franklin Custer
1816–1885 (m. (married) 1836)

Siblings

-  Eli Ward Alger
1809–1890
-  John Alger
1820–1897
-  Samuel H. Alger
1826–1908
-  Thomas Hancock Alger
1828–1862
-  Clarissa *Alger* Whitney
1830–1907

Children

-  Mary Clarissa Custer
1840–1857
-  Lewis Alger Custer
1843–1870
-  Benjamin Franklin Custer
1849–1923

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