

Joseph Samuel "Sam" Grinder

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JOSEPH S. GRINDER, a prominent farmer of Frederick County, Md., residing on his farm on New Design road, one mile west of Buckeystown, son of Samuel and Harriet A. (Null), both deceased, was born in Buckeystown, Frederick County, Md., April 21, 1857.

Michael Grinder, grandfather of Joseph S. Grinder, one of the oldest settlers of Frederick County, came from Germany with his three brothers, and landed in Baltimore, Md. He was considered a prosperous farmer, and owned his land which lay near Woodsboro, Md. He married and had six children the youngest of whom was a son named Samuel.

Samuel Grinder, father of Joseph S. Grinder, was born on his father's farm near Woodsboro, Md., September 3, 1813. He grew up on the farm and received his education in the public schools of the district. He remained at home and, after his father's death, continued to cultivate the homestead for some time. Mr. Grinder then bought a property in Woodsboro, and opened a hotel which he carried on successfully for seven years. He then gave up the hotel and began burning lime at Buckeystown, and the first to introduce the use of lime into Montgomery County, Md. Some time during these thirty years, Mr. Grinder bought a farm of 147 acres in Urbana District, Frederick County, a mile and a-half south of Urbana, and in connection with his business in lime. Engaged in farming. He improved his property, putting up a pretty two-story dwelling, a bank barn, and all the needed buildings, making his place one of the desirable homes in the district. His hard work and patient care were rewarded by success. He was a good citizen well known and respected in the community. He was a member of the Democratic party. Samuel Grinder was married to Harriet A. Null. Of their eight children, seven reached maturity; 1, Alonzo M., deceased; 2, Mary W., resides on the farm with her brother, Joseph; 3, Emma C. (Mrs. Caleb Hacket), of Baltimore, Md.; 4, John S. a retired farmer of Urbana District; 5, Joseph S.; 6, Maggie, unmarried, resides in Urbana District; 7, Regina C., on the homestead with her brother, Joseph. Mr. Grinder and his wife were members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on the Manor. He was an active worker, and gave liberally of his means to the support of the church. Mr. Grinder died at his home in Buckeystown District, September 7, 1874, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery on the Manor. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Grinder remained on the farm in Urbana District, and cultivated it with the assistance of her children. In 1878, she bought the tract of 148 acres on which her son, Joseph, now resides.

She improved this property, putting up a substantial two-story frame dwelling, a bank barn, and convenient outbuildings. This place is well situated on the New Design road, six miles south of Frederick, and was farmed by her son, Joseph. Mrs. Grinder died at her home in Frederick County, November 6, 1907, and is buried beside her husband.

Joseph Grinder attended the public schools of Buckeystown District, and remained on the homestead with his parents. After the death of his father, Mr. Grinder took charge of the farm at Limekiln, for his mother, and when she bought the farm on which he resides, he cultivated that also for her. After the death of his mother, he and his sisters, Mary W. and Regina C., bought this farm from the estate. With the assistance of his sisters, he cultivates the place successfully. The situation of the place near Manor woods, is very beautiful, and the land is well watered, and in a high state of cultivation. The buildings are in good repair, and everything pertaining to the property is well cared for. Mr. Grinder also owns a small place adjoining this farm. He is one of the most enterprising farmers of the district, and ascribes his financial success to hard work and constant care. In politics, he is Independent. Mr. Grinder and his sisters are unmarried. They are staunch members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on the Manor. All three are active in the work of the church.