

**Alphonso N. DeLaunay House, c. 1838  
(Alphonse Nevisis DeLaunay or DeLaunay)**

**Summary**



Alphonso or Alphonsus N. DeLaunay was born in either Pennsylvania or France circa 1794. We have conflicting sources for both. More research is needed.

Alphonse Nevisis DeLaunay or DeLauney was an early settler in Galena. He was said to have been the first carpenter in Galena, according to “The History of Jo Daviess County Illinois.” That was in 1828.

A.N. Delaunay was one of the original lot holders in Galena, also in 1828.

In the 1830 Federal census for Jo Daviess County, “Alphonse Deloney” was enumerated with 9 people in his household. There is one male, aged 20-29; two males, 30-39, in the household; one female 20-29; 4 females under age 5; and 1 female age 5-10. It’s unknown which children belong to which males, but we can assume some, at least, were children of Alphonse and his first wife, Julia Ann Lightner DeLauney.

That same year, 1830, the first Galena fire department was created. It was also the first fire department in Illinois. Alphonzo Delauney was one of the axe men.

In 1832, the Black Hawk War began. A.N. Delauney served as a non-commissioned officer—a corporal—in J. Gardenier's Company, Strode's Brigade, during the Black Hawk War.

A daughter, Cecilia, was born that same year. She died in June, 1832. Cecilia Delaunay is buried in Old City Cemetery in Galena.

Daughter, Armelda M. DeLaunay, was born 6 November 1834 in Galena.

A.N. Delaunay was an agent for a saw mill and lumber yard in Galena in 1835.

A.N. Delauney married—his second marriage—Almira Summerville Hodgkin, 13 December 1836. She was born 24 December 1819 in Knoxville, Tennessee. We assume there was a divorce of A.N. and Julia Ann Lightner Delauney, but the Jo Daviess County Court House divorce records were inaccessible at the time this research and writing took place (courthouse renovations). More research is needed.

A son, John Hugin Delaunay, was born 8 July 1838 and a daughter, Mary Ann DeLaunay, 17 January 1841. John died 27 January 1851; Mary Ann died 25 January 1856. Both are buried in Old City Cemetery, Galena.

An infant child died 16 October 1843. The child is also buried in Old City Cemetery.

Alphonso N. Deloney bought land in Galena on Gratiot Street on 1 January 1846 as did Julia Ann Delauney (several lots *"in the Square bounded by Bench, Prospect, Spring and Gear streets and out lot 21, Square 11."*)

Another son—various renditions of his name—was born in October of 1850.

Alphonso DeLaunay contracted cancer for which he was treated by at least two physicians. He died 4 April 1853, presumably of cancer. He is buried in Old City Cemetery.

A little over a year after his death, Alphonsus N. Delauney received a government land grant for his military service in the Illinois militia during the Black Hawk War. His land in Green County, Wisconsin, just over the Illinois-Wisconsin county line, was reassigned to another veteran.

Almira S. Hodgkin DeLauney remarried in 1858, to John W. Robinson in Galena.

Almira and Alphonso's children were assigned a guardian *ad litem* after Alphonso's death.

Two sons, Marcus F. and Marshall G. Delannay, enlisted to serve during the Civil War. Marcus enlisted as a private in Co. F, 12 Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Brother Marshall enlisted as a private in Co. C, 140 Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

After the Civil War, Marcus F. "Frank" Delauney enlisted in the regular Army in 1867. He later moved back to Galena and served in the Lead Mine City Guards, the local militia.

Another son, Richard DeLanney, enlisted in Co. A, 17th Infantry Regiment, U.S. Army, in 1872. He died of illness at Fort Abercrombie, Dakota Territory, 31 January 1875. He is buried in Custer National Cemetery, Crow Agency, Big Horn County, Montana.

Frank DeLaunay and his family moved from Leadville, Colorado, to Deming, New Mexico, in 1883.

Almira S. (Delauney) Robinson died 18 September 1887. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Galena.

Former wife, Julia Ann Lightner (DeLaunay) Noggle, died in, probably, Macoupin County, Illinois, 25 April 1888.

Son, Marshall G. DeLaunay, moved to Buena Vista, Colorado, around 1891 where he ranched. By 1914, he was a resident of the US National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Sawtelle, California. He died in 1919 and is buried in Grand Junction, Colorado

Daughter, Armelda M. DeLaunay (Getty) Wilson, died in St. Louis, Missouri, 29 January 1921.

Son, Marcus F. "Frank" DeLannay, filed for invalid status to receive his Civil War pension in 1891. He died in Deming, New Mexico, 29 March 1928.