ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS
of
Samuel and Olive Carroll Shinn

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PREFACE

This record is prepared for the purpose of bringing our branch of the Shinn family up to date. Later it will be used in a revised edition of the "HISTORY OF THE SHINN FAMILY IN EUROPE AND AMERICA." We have done our best to make it complete and accurate, but there may be some errors. We regret exceedingly that some entries are not complete, but we have exhausted every known source of information to no avail. However, there is still time to add new facts and make corrections before this material is used in the above history. You are urged to send me promptly all new births, marriages, deaths and changes of address. Other data which would make the record more complete should be reported. Space will not permit giving credit to all who have helped build this record, but special mention should be made of the assistance of Ella Shinn O'Dell, who began the work and assisted to the end. Without her help some names would have been omitted.

It will be noted that we are giving not only the descendants of Samuel Shinn, but his ancestors as given in the above history. The numbers in front of each name indicate the generation from John Shinn, our first ancestor in this country, and the first to spell his name as we do. It will also be noted that the line is unbroken from 1525. Few families in America can trace their families back that far.

We belong to a family of which we can justly be proud. The Shinns have been represented in all the great wars of the nation and many members of the family have held positions of trust and distinction. We have particular reason to be proud of those who served in both World Wars. The Honor Roll in this pamphlet is small recognition of those who served in World War II.

The Crest and Coat of Arms reproduced on the cover of this booklet is evidence of the standing our early ancestors held in England. We are indebted to Mrs. Nettie Bartlett Cooper, a Shinn descendant, who is an authority on Coats of Arms, for her research and reproduction of this mark of our family's distinction. In the Shinn history we read: "Armorial bearings was the symbolic language of Europe. Exhibited on the shields and vestments of warriors, they adorned the most splendid apparel of peace, and were often transferred to more durable materials to perpetuate the memory of those who bore them. The Crest is the uppermost part of an armory as it was worn at tournaments to which none were admitted until they had given strong proof of their magnanimity. The Crest was worn by the knight on his helmet and was sometimes adopted as the sole armorial bearing. Green signifies hope, joy or loyalty in love. The jagged staff signifies difficulties which have been overcome. The mural crown was applicable to the defenders of a fortress or as a token of civic honor, following the Roman custom of giving a mural crown to him who first mounted the breech."

**HONOR ROLL**

World War II

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Ancestors and descendants of Samuel Shinn
Son of Isaac and Agnes Drake Shinn

1. John Shinn, b. in England in 1632. His wife's name was Jane. His ancestors were as follows: (1) Francis Sheene, b. in 1525. Lived in Freckenham Parish, England. He had four children. (2) Son, John Sheene, date of birth not given. Married four times. Had eleven children. (3) Son, Clement Sheene, b. Nov. 12, 1593. Had seven children and all their names in the register are spelled “Shin.” (4) John Shin, our first ancestor in America, subject of this sketch. During this time it was customary to double the last letter of names and we find John Shin also writing his name “Shinn.” He had nine children, all born in England. They were Quakers and during the Quaker emigration he brought his family to America in 1678. The first record we have of him in this country was when he bought land in New Jersey in 1680. We are descended from his fourth son, James.

2. James Shinn. Born in England but we do not have the date of his birth. He was married March 3, 1697, to Abigail Lippincott. The Lippincott publishers are of this family. James lived longer than any of his brothers or sisters and died in 1751. He had nine children and we are descended from the fourth, Joseph.

3. Joseph Shinn. We do not have the exact date of his birth, but his tombstone at St. Andrews Cathedral, Mt. Holly, New Jersey, reads: “Joseph Shinn, died Feb. 11, 1759, aged 56 years.” He married Mary Budd in 1726. They had nine children and we are descended from the sixth, Benjamin.

4. Benjamin Shinn, b. 1731 in New Jersey. We have a record of his baptism in 1746. He married Anne Rees, In 1772 he moved to Hampshire County, Va., and from there to Harrison County, Va. (now W. Va.) In the “Border Warfare,” Benjamin is described as a scout and the same in the Revolutionary and Indian wars which followed. He died in 1791. He had four children and we are descended from the first, Isaac.

5. Isaac Shinn, b. Oct. 9, 1760, in New Jersey. He moved with his parents to Va. where he settled on Simpson’s Creek in Harrison County in 1772. In 1778 he enlisted in the Revolutionary war at Powers Fork, Va., as a scout and spy under the following: 1778, Capt. Wm. Robertson, 6 mos.; 1779, Capt. Andrew Davis, 6 mos.; 1780, Capt. Joseph Gregory, 6 mos.; 1780, Capt. John Duvall, 6 mos.; 1781, Capt. Joseph Gregory, 6 mos.; 1781, Capt. John Duvall, 6 mos. Because his record is complete, those desiring to join the D.A.R. or S.A.R. should prove up through him. Mrs. Ella Shinn O’Dell has joined and her No. is 353286. Isaac drew a pension of $80.00 per year from 1833. On Feb. 16, 1785, he married Agnes Drake, said to be a descendant of Sir Francis Drake. He died in W. Va. Sept. 7, 1844. He had thirteen children and we are descended from the ninth, Samuel.

(There is much more in the Shinn history about the above and their descendants. The town of Shinnston, W. Va., is named for them).

6. Samuel Shinn, b. Oct. 14, 1802, in Harrison Co., W. Va. Married Mar. 5, 1829, at Willmington, Ohio, to Olive, daughter of Dempsey Porter Carroll, b. Mar. 26, 1809. To this union six sons were born. Olive died Feb. 20, 1841, and the boys were distributed among friends and relatives. Later they were gathered together by the oldest son and brought to Flora, Ill. Samuel was married again but I do not know his second wife’s name. They had two daughters, Mary O., who married a Floyd, and Sarah, who married a Collins. Mary once lived in Granite City, Ill. Samuel died in March, 1846, of pneumonia. Both he and Olive were buried at Port William, Ohio.
Children of Samuel and Olive Carroll Shinn:

7. Thomas Dudley Porter Shinn, b. Dec. 22, 1829, at Port William, Ohio. Married May 19, 1851, at Clarksburg, Ind., to Phoebe Ann Bowler, sister of William Bowler, whose wife was a sister of Angenora Ellen Dye, who married Luther Calvin Shinn. (See below.) Phoebe Ann was born Oct. 6, 1829. Thomas died April 22, 1856, at Flora, Ill., and his wife died August 29, 1892, at Flora, Ill., where both were buried. Children:

8. Albert Ezra Shinn, b. July 8, 1852, at Clarksburg, Ind. Married, Jan. 21, 1894, at Springfield, Ill., to Ada May Townsley, b. May 2, 1866. He was a hardware merchant at Flora, Ill., for many years and served one term as mayor of Flora. He moved his family to Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 1, 1909, where he died Sept. 29, 1920. He was buried at Los Angeles. His widow now lives at 1041 Browning Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. Children:


10. Elizabeth Lorie Morton, b. Mar. 8, 1922. She enlisted as a "Spar" on Jan. 10, 1944, and took training at Palm Beach, Fla., and Boston, Mass. She was then sent to Ketchikan, Alaska, where she served as storekeeper. She held the rank of Petty Officer 3c. Was discharged April 5, 1946.


10. Ann Camille Shinn, b. April 6, 1943.

8. Lizzie Olive Shinn (familiarly, Olive), b. Nov. 5, 1855, at Clarksburg, Ind. She never married. Lived in Flora, Ill., from childhood till 1912 when she moved to Pomona, Calif., where she spent the remainder of her long life. In Flora she operated a photograph studio after being graduated from the Bissell College of Photography at Effingham, Ill. She died in Pomona, Calif., July 11, 1944, from injuries caused by tripping over a hose in her yard, at the age of 89.


7. John James Shinn, b. Dec. 8, 1832, at Port William, Ohio. Married July 15, 1857, to Louise Zipporah Perkins, b. Mar. 12, 1838, in Ohio. John died of a paralytic stroke on his farm near Flora, Ill., Feb. 11, 1882. Soon after his death his widow took their large family to Cerro Gordo, Ill. In 1906 she married Milton Ross who died in 1908 and was buried at White Heath, Ill. She died at Cerro Gordo, Ill., Nov. 21, 1918, where she was buried. Children:


8. Charles Eliphas Shinn, b. July 20, 1859, at Flora, Ill. (Twin of the above.) Died July 1, 1861, at Flora, Ill., where he was buried.

8. Lizzie Alice Shinn (familiarly, Alice), b. Aug. 6, 1861, at Flora, Ill. Married Nov. 3, 1887, at Sumner, Mo., to James Buchanan Baker, b. Nov. 13, 1857, at Wheeling, W. Va. She died July 25, 1923, at Hale, Mo., and was buried at Sumner, Mo. Her husband died Feb. 1, 1946, at Carrollton, Mo. He was buried at Sumner, Mo. Children:


9. Mary Magdalene Baker, b. in 1895 at Hale, Mo. Died in infancy.

9. Eva Norris Baker, b. June 26, 1898, at Hale, Mo. Married, July 24, 1921, at Hale, Mo., to Buford French, b. Aug. 12, 1892, at Brookfield, Mo. He was a special agent for the Santa Fe R.R. at San Bernardino, Calif., and was shot in the back by an unknown hobo while on duty and died almost instantly, Nov. 10, 1932. Eva now lives at 1032 Hillview, Highland, Calif.

Children:
10. Hubert Clayton French, b. June 26, 1921, at Ringwood, Okla. He is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Corps, stationed at Bakersfield, Calif.


8. John Harlin Shinn, b. July 21, 1865, at Flora, Ill. Married, Jan. 7, 1891, at Heyworth, Ill., to Sarah Porter Downs, b. April 2, 1871, in Kansas. Harlin, as he was called, died Feb. 21, 1920, at Decatur, Ill., where he was buried. His widow now lives at 3100 E. Harrison St., Decatur, Ill.

Children:

Children:

Children (all born at Harristown, Ill.):


Son:


Son (Adopted)

10. Sarah Irene Clark, b. Mar. 7, 1919, at Decatur, Ill. Married Nov. 23, 1943 in New York City to Ilario Scuteri. He served in the U.S. Army. They have no children but are raising her two youngest brothers and sister. They live in New York City.

10. John Harpin Clark, Jr., b. Oct. 17, 1921, at Decatur, Ill. He is married and has two or three children and is supposed to be living in California.


Daughter:


10. Mary Rosetta Clark, b. April 1, 1936, at Decatur, Ill. With her sister Sarah in New York City.

9. John William Shinn, b. Oct. 8, 1895, at Decatur, Ill. Married June 16, 1921, at Decatur, Ill., to Ida M. Yobski, b. Aug. 9, 1899, at Decatur, Ill. He was a fireman and was drowned at Decatur, Ill., June 23, 1944, while helping to recover the body of a boy in the river. He enlisted as a cadet in the Rainbow Division in World War I in 1916. He fell from an airplane and was hospitalized nine months. He was discharged May 4, 1920. Address of his widow, 1467 Hickory St., Decatur, Ill.

Children (both born at Decatur, Ill.):


Son:


Daughter:


9. Harry Wallace Shinn, b. Nov. 9, 1902, at Heyworth, Ill. Died May 8, 1944, at Decatur, Ill., where he was buried.

9. Franklin Ferris Shinn, b. May 15, 1904, at Heyworth, Ill. Unmarried. Occupation, a core maker in an iron foundry at St. Louis, Mo. Address, 411 Sidney St., St. Louis, Mo.

9. Harlin Porter Shinn, b. Aug. 11, 1911, at Effingham, Ill. Married, April 15, 1942, at St. Louis, Mo., to Lucille Iris Greider, b. Sept. 10, 1907, at Effingham, Ill. He enlisted in the Army April 8, 1941, and served in the Asiatic Pacific. He served 22 months in the 108th Ord. M.M. 37th Division. In October, 1944, he volunteered in the 145th Infantry, Co. B. He held the rank of Sergeant. Was wounded twice, once in the hand by a Jap mortar on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on February 10, 1945, and a second time in the arm on Luzon, May 5, 1945. For the latter he was awarded the Bronze Leaf Cluster, in addition to two Purple Hearts and seven riibbons. He was discharged Dec. 15, 1945. His occupation in civil life, metal polisher and buffing. No children. Address, 41A Sidney St., St. Louis, Mo.


Children:
8. Lillian Winifred Shinn (familiarly, Winnie), b. Jan. 3, 1868, at Flora, Ill. Married in a double wedding with her sister Julia, June 15, 1890, to Stewart M. Drum. She died April 23, 1895, leaving one son who was raised by his paternal grandparents. She was buried at Cerro Gordo, Ill.

Son:


Son (adopted):

10. Gerald Bernard Drucker Drum, b. May 31, 1921, at Montreal, Que. He is the son of Bessie Adler Drum by a former marriage. He took engineering at Santa Monica Junior College before enlisting in the Navy, March 1, 1942. Served in the Pacific theater and has recently returned from Pearl Harbor and is stationed at Glen Grove Bay, Fla., where his ship is being decommissioned. He holds the rank of Ensign. Is unmarried. Home address, 8818 Dorrington Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

8. Lucy Rebecca Shinn, b. Jan. 25, 1870, at Flora, Ill. Married, Feb. 25, 1891, at Monticello, Ill., to Frances Marion Grove, b. March 13, 1860. She died Jan. 30, 1944, at Monticello, Ill., where she was buried. Her husband is now living with their daughter Edith at White Heath, Ill.

Children:


Children:


Daughter:


Son:


Children:

10. Edgar Eugene Grove, b. June 26, 1922, at Monticello, Ill. Married Feb. 9, 1941, at St. Louis, Mo., to Eloise Merriman, b. Feb. 24, 1924, at Monticello, Ill. He was a pilot of a P-47 fighter plane in World War II with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. On July 23, 1944, he was killed in a crash in Europe and was buried somewhere in France. In civil life he was an ammunition worker. His wife is now Mrs. Lee Grant. Address, Monticello, Ill.

Daughter:


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8. Maude Shinn, b. Mar. 21, 1875, at Flora, Ill. Married, Mar. 10, 1897, to Charles Edwin Hart, b. Nov. 3, 1871, at White Heath, Ill. They have no children of their own but raised Julia, daughter of her sister, Julia Olive, also a foster daughter, Iva Hickman, b. May 27, 1895. Iva married Roy Bridges in Dallas, Texas, Sept. 16, 1916. He died, Nov. 8, 1918. In 1919 she married Clifford McKee. They had two children, Jack and Donna. Donna is secretary to a vice-president of the 4th National Bank in Wichita, Kan. Iva was divorced from McKee and married Howard Savage. Her children took the name of Savage. Address of Maude, 405 E. 20th Ave., Winfield, Kan.

8. Cleo Shinn, b. April 4, 1877, at Flora, Ill. Married, June 3, 1894, to Thomas Alfred Snyder. Cleo died in New York City, Jan. 21, 1904, and was buried at Cerro Gordo, Ill. Later Thomas married Cleo's sister, Ella Blanch. (See below.) He died Feb. 16, 1924. They had no children.

8. Ella Blanch Shinn (familiarly, Blanch), b. Oct. 20, 1879, at Flora, Ill. Married, May 9, 1904, to Thomas Alfred Snyder. (See above.) One child was born to this union. Later they were divorced and on April 8, 1909, she married Judge Marion Shonkweiler at Monticello, Ill. No children were born to this union. Judge Shonkweiler died Mar. 5, 1935. Address of Blanch, 360 Congress Place, Pasadena, Calif.

Daughter:

Children:


7. Edmund Stephen Shinn, b. Dec. 8, 1835, at Port William, Ohio. He never married. Moved to Indiana where he enlisted in Co. B, 11th Reg., Indiana Infantry, in the Civil War, Aug. 31, 1862. He was discharged at Louisville, Ky., June 26, 1865. He died in 1865 at Flora, Ill., where he was buried.

7. Joseph Hamilton Shinn, b. May 6, 1837, at Port William, Ohio. Married, Sept. 21, 1876, at Flora, Ill., to America Ellen Snodgrass, b. May 1, 1853. She died Oct. 12, 1885 at Flora, Ill., leaving two young children which her husband raised. He never remarried. Joseph died Mar. 18, 1900. Both were buried at Flora, Ill.

Children:

Son:
9. Lawrance Ellsworth Shinn, b. Oct. 19, 1910, at Lakewood, Ohio. Married, June 23, 1938, at Freeport, Pa., to Martha Ann Bridged, b. May 5, 1914. Lawrance took his B.S. at the University of Chicago in 1931 and his Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh in 1936. He majored in bacteriology and chemistry and until 1943 engaged in research in microscopic variation and chemotherapy at the Institute of Pathology at Pittsburgh, Pa. In 1943 he was commissioned Lieutenant Junior Grade, U.S.N.R., and was promoted to Lieutenant Senior Grade, U.S.N.R., in 1944. Was assigned by the Navy to special work in Washington, D. C. He was released to inactive duty April 1, 1946. Presently in Civil Service in the U. S. Navy Dept. Martha took her A.B. at DePauw University in 1935, her M.S. at the University of Pittsburgh in 1938 and her Ph.D. there in 1942. She engaged in research in chemistry of diabetes and general biochemistry at the Institute of Pathology in Pittsburgh, Pa. She is now employed as a civilian in the same department as her husband in Washington. They have no children. Address, 3921 Langley Court, Washington, D. C.

8. Luella May Shinn, b. Nov. 1, 1879, at Flora, Ill. Married June 24, 1903, at Granville, Ohio, where she attended Denison University, to James Edgar Megaw, a graduate of Denison, b. Nov. 11, 1876. “Lula” died at Granville, Ohio, Mar. 25, 1918. Her husband died there Sept. 6, 1936. Both were buried at Granville, Ohio.

Children:


Children:
10. Allen Dwight Megaw, b. April 24, 1930, at Granville, Ohio.


Children:
Children:
Children:
9. Elva Laverne Clutter (familiarly, LaVerne), b. April 23, 1899, at Effingham, Ill. Married, Sept. 13, 1919, at Springfield, Ill., to Rev. Frank Little Edwards, b. June 8, 1897. Both are graduates of Iliff School of Theology at Denver, Colo., and took work at Yale University, where he took his Master's Degree. He has held pastorates as follows: Methodist Church, Estancia, N. M.; Fifth Ave. Methodist Church at Denver, Colo.; Congregational Church, Highland, Ill.; Brookfield Center Church, Tucker, N. Y.; also churches in Sherbourne, N. Y., Watertown, N. Y., and the Amherst Community Church, Snyder, N. Y. Address, 102 Washington Highway, Snyder, N. Y.
Children:
10. William Merideth Edward, b. June 3, 1923, at Albuquerque, N. M. He enlisted in the Army Air Forces, Jan. 20, 1943, and took his training at Yale University and Bowdoin College. Served until Aug. 17, 1944, when he was given a medical discharge. He is now attending the University of Buffalo and will take his B.A. this spring, 1946. Will then enter Yale University to prepare for the ministry. Address, 102 Washington Highway, Snyder, N. Y.
10. Another child died at birth.
Children:
10. Walter Robert Clutter, b. Nov. 10, 1923, at Springfield, Ill. Married, May 27, 1945, at Atlanta, Ga., to Peggy Lee Ellis, b. Sept. 3, 1926, at Raleigh, N. C. He enlisted as Ensign in the U.S.N. and is serving in the Pacific theater. He was graduated from Cornell University. Address, 1128 Chatham Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.
Son:
9. Roma Catherine Clutter, b. Aug. 31, 1904, at Springfield, Ill. Graduate nurse from St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Ill. She spent four years as an anesthetist. She is a Sister in the Catholic church with the name of Dolorita. Address, St. Francis Hospital, Washington, Mo.
Syracuse, N.Y.

Children:
10. George Frederick Comstock, b. Sept. 6, 1936, at Syracuse, N.Y.

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