JACOB HELL/CLEAR AND MARGARET DAVIS CLEAR

AND

THEIR DESCENDANTS

WITH AN INTRODUCTION
ON HELL/CLEAR ANCESTORS

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DEDICATION

I would like to dedicate this family history to my husband, Lester C. Dunn, deceased. He was a precise and accurate researcher who worked with me on all of our family histories. His thirty-four years with the Bureau of Land Management gave him experience to read land descriptions and then find those properties so we could stand where our ancestors stood. We wandered through many a cemetery looking for grave markers. Once we waded through waist-high poison ivy in an abandoned cemetery in Illinois searching for two generations of his family. We found them too. Our common interest in genealogy added purpose to our lives and forged an enjoyable bond between us.

Alvera Brookman Dunn
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As descendants began to leave the all-German communities in which they lived to migrate westward, they found that their family name, Hell, was not as acceptable in America as it had been in Germany. Gradually they adopted the name “Clear”, one of the literal meanings of the German “Hell”. By 1850 no one used the name “Hell” unless it appeared in a land sale transacted earlier. The former name “Hell” became “hush-hush” and within two generations was forgotten. Evidence of the name change was unearthed in Preble County, Ohio in the 1980’s.

When the Hell/Clear family reached the Mid-West, it scattered. Communication was difficult in the 19th century, but there is little evidence that relatives made much of an effort to keep in contact with one another. One of main purposes of this book is an attempt to reconnect relatives. The elders have died, and we have had difficulty to find names and addresses of their descendants. The bulk of this book relates to Jacob Hell/Clear and his descendants. He was the youngest child of Michael Hell, born in Rockingham County, Virginia in 1815 and died in northern Missouri in 1878.

The study of this Hell/Clear family finds the descendants commendable American citizens. Their patriotism was one of the incentives to join the military to serve in American wars: Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean, Vietnam and now Iraq. Soldiers with the surname of Hell served in the Revolutionary War in Pennsylvania regiments, but so far we have been unable to connect those Hells with our Hell/Clear branch.

The usual interesting stories and mysteries that appear in most families, appear in ours. For instance, one of our direct ancestors, Michael Hell, was found with his first family in York County, Pennsylvania before 1810, but was the father of a second family in Rockingham County, Virginia between 1810-1820. He never knew a grandchild.

Some day, you might start a conversation with a fellow passenger sitting next to you in an airport terminal waiting for a delayed departure, and eventually find that you both came from Hell.
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His background is impressive. After receiving a BA degree in psychology (with honors) from the University of Michigan, he earned a PHD degree in psychology from the University of Illinois. A few years of teaching psychology at Dartmouth College were followed by multiple assignments in the Far East for one of the Federally financed non-profit “think tanks” during the Kennedy administration. He lives at 2500 East Ave. 1 P, Rochester, New York 14610-3137.

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data on the rather large family of Bill Clear. Almost every Clear in Oklahoma is related. Her address is Box 303, Eakly, Oklahoma 73033

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FORMAT

This genealogy is divided into two parts.

Part I—contains research on the early Hell/Clears, including a discussion of the name change from Hell to Clear, land transactions, marriages, maps, family lists and charts, estate settlements, photographs and the documentation that revealed the above findings.

Part II—is the story of Jacob Hell/Clear and Margaret Davis Clear and their descendants. Jacob/Hell Clear was the youngest child of Michael and Barbara Clear. Part II occupies the bulk of the book. It is not up-to-date but is an attempt to bring the branches of the Jacob Clear family together with vital statistics, stories, migration, names and addresses.

STYLE

The story of Jacob Hell/Clear and Margaret Davis Clear is written in a “modified” outline form. “Modified” means that indentations are not in true manuscript style, and contributions from family members usually are included as contributed. Their stories are enclosed in quotation marks to indicate the biographies and autobiographies exactly as written.

Outline form:

I, II, III, IV, V etc. represent the children of Jacob and Margaret Clear. Each family is kept together.

A, B, C, D, E, F etc. are the grandchildren.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 etc. are the great grandchildren.

a, b, c, d, e, f etc. are the great-great grandchildren.

(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) etc. are the great-great-great grandchildren.

Double spacing is used between paragraphs in the stories of the Clear children. Almost everything else is single spaced. The names of the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren are underlined.

Note: If indentation and spacing are not consistent, please blame the incompatibility of the computer and me. Alvera Dunn
INTRODUCTION

RESEARCH ON THE EARLY HELL/CLEARS
The History of the Surname Clear

The Clear family’s original name was the German name “Hell”. “Clear or bright” is the English translation of the German “Hell”. As the Hells began to move from all-German communities in Pennsylvania, they soon realized that the English “Hell” had a less desirable meaning than the German “Hell”, so they began to use the surname, “Clear”. For a time, both names were used simultaneously. Property would be purchased under the name “Hell”, but “Clear” would be used in other instances. Elizabeth Hell, a daughter of Jacob Hell, Sr., listed her name as Betsy Clare when she married John Hewitt on 20 September, 1810, but in the settlement of her father’s estate between 1829 and 1834, she used the name Elizabeth Hell Hewitt. By 1840, almost all of the Hell descendants had changed their surname to Clear. This family may be the only Clear family who originally had its name changed from Hell. Many other families with the name Clear are of British (mostly Irish) descent, but this Clear family was Pennsylvania Dutch (Deutsch) i.e., German.

No legal name change from “Hell” to “Clear” has been found. The Genealogical Helper makes the following statement about changes of surnames: “As you may be aware, there was no necessity to have a name legally changed, as long as there was no intent to defraud. But many of our ancestors did go through the legal process in changing their names, especially their surnames. Generally, this procedure took place in the lowest civil court available for such actions, such as a county court, circuit court, court of common pleas, or municipal court.”

Audrey Gilbert, a historian for the West Alexandria Archive in West Alexandria, Ohio says, “The Common Pleas records of Preble Co., Ohio, show no legal name change, and Probate did not start in Preble Co. until 1850. The Municipal Court of Eaton did not start until the early 1950’s when they did away with the Justices of the Peace. The J.P. records were kept by the person, and no J.P. records are found in the county. That would be the lowest legal place available to the people.” Between sessions of the Ohio State Legislature, judges of the Ohio Supreme Court traveled throughout the counties conducting business, but there is no record of a legal name change for the Hell/Clears in its records.

An inquiry to the Ohio Historical Society about the legal name change from Hell to Clear brought this reply on 18 July, 1987, from Archivist Jill A. Harris: “Concerning the granting of name changes, the Ohio General Assembly was responsible “agency” from 1830, when the law first passed, until 1842. The ‘granted’ changes were recorded in the yearly publication of the Laws of Ohio. Unfortunately, after checking the indexes of the Laws of Ohio for the relevant years, I was unable to find a citation for the Hell family.”

In the 19 August, 1875 copy of the Eaton Register, George Hendricks wrote about his wandering through cemeteries in West Alexandria after hearing of the death of an aged pioneer friend. He copied the names on the tombstones, but then concluded with the comment, “Were I to continue the death-roll from memory alone, the columns of the Register would be filled many times

over; and will only tax you with a few additional names of pioneers of Twin Creek Valley.” Among the pioneer names he listed was “Jacob Clear alias Hell”.

The History of Preble Co., Ohio by Robert E. Lowry gives the following information: “The first public cemetery laid out (in Preble Co., Ohio) was the half acre of the old cemetery in West Alexandria, now no longer used, a portion of the one and one-half acres deeded by Jacob Parker and Jacob Hell (the possible relative of Michael Hell) to the Reformed and Lutheran churches. Jacob Hell, named, is the ancestor of the Clears in Eaton (Ohio), who later had the German name, Hell, changed by act of the Legislature to its English equivalent, Clear. About 1895 a new and larger cemetery was laid out about one-half south of West Alexandria.”

There is no evidence that the name Hell was changed to Clear by the Ohio State Legislature.

Additional evidence of the name change from Hell to Clear, and probably the most interesting, came to light as recently as January, 2003. A woman who spent her young years in West Alexandria sent Audrey Gilbert four copies of old Twin Valley Times newspapers dating from 1886 and up. In an issue dated September 29, 1887, was a column about the area forty-five years before, or 1842, written by George W. Miller, a former resident of West Alexandria but who in 1887 was living in Lapel, Indiana. He had been visiting West Alexandria after a 45-year absence and wrote about his memories of West Alexandria as a young man. (A copy is included.) Not only did he state that “In after years, the next generation of Hell’s modified the name to “Clear”; but he wrote that the Hells had a cemetery of their own one-half mile from town on the old Mike Klinger farm. Klinger had bought Jacob Hell, Sr.’s land so the cemetery was on the Hell family farm. Mike Klinger was appointed guardian of Jacob Hell, Michael Hell’s son, in 1832. When Audrey Gilbert sent the 1887 issue of the paper, she wrote, “That news item gives a good description of where the cemetery is because we know exactly where Thomas Churchill’s Inn was, right across the road. Hells was about one half mile from the center of West Alexandria, on the south side of the road. There is a little rise there with a house on it and a Marathon station to the west. The house is a two story so we don’t know if that one story that was there in 1860 was torn down or if this one is built around or over it. In the early days there weren’t many laws about what you could and couldn’t do as long as you owned the property. I’m not sure Michael Klinger was a man who would have cared. I can’t imagine the Miller man living there knowing it was built on a cemetery, but maybe that was the only place available for him and his new wife. The fact there was a house built there is another reason I feel there were no tombstones. Maybe they marked the graves with field stones to tell them where someone was buried. That was done in some other cemeteries around that area. It is possible that the graves were actually beside the house not under it.” Probably only the oldest members of the Hell family, early Preble Co. settlers, are buried there. They would be Jacob Hell/Clear, Sr. and his two wives, Anna Elizabeth Shallus and Barbara, and Michael Hell and his wife Barbara. Possibly David Hell, the son of Jacob Hell/Clear, Sr. is also buried there. He married Elizabeth Hell, the daughter of Michael Hell in 1832, but died a year later.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1887.

RECOLLECTIONS OF TWINS.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

[Written for the Times.]

Those who have lived in West Alexandria and the Twin Valley all their lives, realize the changes that time has wrought, like one who was born and reared there, but who in all his nomadic wanderings, occasionally pays a visit to the land of his birth. It is strange to think what an amount of time has for his native heath, no matter what the distance is that separates him from the scenes of his youth there is ever a feeling, away from home, in the recesses of his soul, a yearning for the place of his birth, and scenes that transpired in his childhood are impressed on his memory, and environs there, which time cannot efface.

Forty-five years ago! Alas, can it be that we are growing old? Forty-five years ago, when I was a boy, I never dreamed that such a change as a railroad, with its steam horse puffing and snorting, with a long train of coaches in the rear, would ever run through "Teeny Kilgore's black bottom," where we boys used to go to cut the neath fish poles.

Forty-five years ago there was no road running north, past Nat Benjamin's property, along the banks of Twin, to Mumma's mill. Then the northern limits of the town were the brick house where the old man lived, where Solomon and John Miller then lived. The southern boundary was Frederick Zitzer's house, where Captain Morey now lives. The eastern limit was the house where John Gait lives, and Solomon Oswalt lived in the house opposite. There was all woods where the Lutheran and Methodist churches now stand, which stretched away to Twin, on the east, and Gliever on the west. The western limits of the town was all woods where the Lutheran and Methodist churches now stand, which stretched away to Twin, on the east, and Gliever on the west.

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Research on Clear Ancestors

A family genealogy can be compared to a giant jigsaw puzzle; the pieces are there, but it takes time, a great deal of searching, help from other researchers and luck to assemble the puzzle. Fun, too. Computer programs have made genealogy research easier, but they cannot compare to the thrill of walking into a county courthouse, hoping one will find an important document there. I would like for the reader to follow me as the pieces of the puzzle gradually fell together.

I began the search for my Clear ancestors in Oregon with the records of my great-grandfather, John H. Clear. His Civil War Pension records and his death certificate stated that he served in Companies A and N of the 1st Provincial Regiment of the Missouri 2nd Battalion during the Civil War, that he was born 8 October, 1837 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and died 8 July, 1913 in Canemah, Clackamas County, Oregon, that in his lifetime he had moved from Indiana to Missouri to Walla Walla, Washington, to Umpqua, Oregon and finally to Sherwood, Oregon, and that his parents were Jacob Clear and Margaret Davis.

His descendants in Oregon knew that the name of his wife was Louisa Graham, born in Gallatin County, Kentucky, so that was my next step. For years I searched the Federal Censuses to follow this family as it moved westward. One problem in the search for the William Graham family was the name Ludica, but never a Louisa. In 1850, Ludica’s parents, William and Mary Graham and family were living in the Lick Creek Province near Floris, in Davis County, Iowa. In 1860 the Graham family was living in the York Township of Putnam County, Missouri—near the Jacob and Margaret Clear family. Ludica married John H. Clear in Putnam County, Missouri, with her birth name but used the name Louisa when she reached Oregon.

Clear relatives in Missouri said that they thought the Clears came from Ohio. Our search led to Preble County, Ohio, where we did find many Clears, but our biggest surprise was the name change from “Hell” to “Clear”, a name they conveniently forgot to mention after the first generation in Preble County.

In 1978, Dean Froehlich of Rochester, New York published a compilation of all the Clears and their related families he had taken from Federal Census records for Pennsylvania and Virginia between 1790 and 1830; Ohio between the years 1820 to 1850 and Indiana between 1820 and 1900. This compilation was an attempt to identify the counties in which relatives of his ancestor, Henry Clear (1810-1877) lived. He hoped other descendants would be encouraged to research Clears by his work. He entitled the publication Clear Families: A Genealogical Research Aid.

In Preble County there were many records for a Jacob Hell/Clear family. With the help of Mrs. Audrey Gilbert, an historian and genealogist for the West Alexandria Archive, we found documents of land transactions, lawsuits, marriage records and estate settlements, notations of which are found at the bottom of enclosed family group sheets and important dates in the Hell/Clear family. These charts, compiled and graphically presented by Dean Froehlich are found in the introduction with his initials, “dkf”.
Hearing of a Jacob Hell living in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, we wrote to the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County to seek information. Ms. Jeanne Coleman sent a list of the baptismal records of the children of a Jacob (Held, Hall, Höl, Hall, Hill) and an Elisabeth, found at the St. Michael’s Ev. Lutheran Church aka the Pine Hill Church and the Berlin Lutheran Church. The names of the children were just as garbled as the surname for Jacob. Further research on Jacob revealed that he had bought 30 acres and 100 perches of land in Brothers Twp., an area that was a part of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, until Somerset Co. was formed in 1795. He was on the Somerset Co. tax lists from 1796 to 1805. He had lived in Brothers Valley from 1789 to 1805. It was only after his estate was settled by several lawsuits brought by his children did we learn the names of all 12 of his children and that he was indeed the same Jacob Hell who died in Preble County, Ohio, in 1829. His wife was Anna Elizabeth Shallus, the daughter of Sebastian and Maria Christina Graf Shallus who were living in Somerset County too.

My husband and I found so many descendants of Jacob and Elizabeth Hell/Clear when we visited counties on both sides of the Ohio/Indiana line, that I decided to make a notebook, listing the descendants by generations, along with copies of the documents we had found in Preble County and elsewhere, some history of the region and included another Hell family seemingly unattached. I sent copies of the notebook to descendants who had shown an interest in the research. A copy of this notebook can be found at the West Alexandria Archive, West Alexandria, Ohio 45381.

The head of the family seemingly unattached in Preble County was Michael Hell. We first find him buying 17 ½ acres of land from Jacob and Barbara Hell in 1819. This tract was a part of NE ¼, S4, T5, R3E, which Jacob Hell had obtained from John Black in settlement of their joint ownership of a land patent obtained from the government. A part of the 17 ½ acres lay along the Dayton Rd., Hwy.#35, in what is now West Alexandria, Ohio. He paid $130 for it.

In the 1820 census for Preble County, Ohio, Michael appears with 7 members in his household:

1 male 45 and over
1 female between 26-44
3 males under 10
2 females under 10

He was engaged in manufacturing. (An early land transaction said he was a weaver.)

In the 1830 census for Preble County, Ohio, Michael’s household contains

1 male 60-70
1 male 15-20
1 female 10-15

Evidently, the female (26-44) in the 1820 census (his wife?) had died or moved away. At the time of our research, there was no cemetery index in Preble County which included the wife of Michael Hell. The recently discovered Hell Cemetery ½ mile south of West Alexandria on property once owned by Jacob Hell has no headstones, but Jacob Hell Sr., his two wives, Anna Elizabeth and Barbara and Michael Hell and his wife Barbara probably are buried there.
Michael Hell died intestate in late 1831 or early 1832. He had three minor children who needed guardians: John, Jacob and Polly. A daughter, Elizabeth, signed a quit claim deed of $30 to Wm. Ware for her share in her father's estate 13 February, 1832, so she must have been the legal age of 18 at that time although the order of her birth among her siblings is not known. On 23 August, 1832, she married David Hell, a son of Jacob Hell, Sr. David died one year later, leaving a child. Polly married John Pickle/Bickle 30 June, 1833. They later moved to Darke County, Ohio, where their first child was born, but by 1850 they were living in Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana, where they were still living in 1880. A query to the Jay County Public Library brought this answer in April, 2003, from Shirley Dollar of the genealogy department. "I couldn’t find anything on Polly Hell Bickel. I looked in our history books (that have biographies), in our county census, funeral home records and the Green Park cemetery book to no avail." John Bickle was probably the son of Thomas and Barbara Bickle, who lived in Preble County, Ohio, until 1836 when they moved to Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana. In the 1880 Federal census, Polly stated that she was born in Virginia; her father was born in Pennsylvania and her mother in Germany.

On 8 May, 1833, Wm. Ware, John Hell, Henry Hell, Polly Hell and Jacob Hell (a minor) filed in the Court of Common Pleas that the 17 ½ acres be divided among the 5 people. Michael Klinger, Jacob's guardian, agreed that he would hold Jacob's share until the latter reached 21. The court ordered that 3 men inspect the 17 ½ acres to see how it could be divided. On 12 July, 1833 the men reported that it was not feasible to divide the land, that it should be sold as one piece of property, and appraised it at $175.

The property was advertised for sale, and a Dennis Kelly bought it for $230 on the day of the sale, 24 August, 1833. According to the terms of the sale, Kelly paid ½ of the purchase money immediately and agreed to pay the remaining ½ one year later with interest, and with Wm. Ware his surety. Expenses of the sale were to be deducted from the first payment the Hell children received. The residue of the first payment was $90.20 which was divided as follows: Wm. Ware in right of Elizabeth, Polly and Henry $54.12, to John $18.04, and to Jacob $18.04. The final payment was to be distributed in the same proportion.

John and Polly Bickle sold their share of the property to Wm. Ware for $30. Henry Hell did the same. Elizabeth was also paid $30 for her quit claim deed to Ware in Feb., 1832. Because of his age, Jacob had to wait for his money. Evidently, John Hell also waited a year for the final payment.

Where did the three Hell brothers go after their father's death? Family researchers found evidence of both Clear and Hell in Allen County, Indiana records, so with new knowledge of the name change from Hell to Clear, government land records were searched at the Eastern States Office of the Bureau of Land Management in Alexandria, VA (now moved to Springfield, VA). There government land grants were found for Henry and Jacob Hell; later, land transactions were found in Allen Co., Indiana for John Clear. Descriptions of these land grants and sales appear on an accompanying map, and on the chronological chart of the Hell/Clear families.

John Clear eventually moved to Wisconsin and still later to Minnesota where he died 3 February, 1896 at Swanville, Morrison County. His death certificate listed his parents as Michael and Barbara Clear. Germany was given as the birthplace of his mother. Henry Hell/Clear bought other property in Allen Co., Indiana, then moved to Ada, Hardin County, Ohio, where he died 12
August, 1877. Jacob Hell/Clear sold his land grant in 1855 and moved to Putnam County, Missouri, where he died 17 September, 1878.

Michael Hell died in Preble County, Ohio, without changing his name from Hell to Clear. We know that he bought 17 ½ acres of land from Jacob Hell, Sr. in 1819, but where did he and his family live before coming to Preble County? The military record of his son Jacob gave the answer. Jacob enlisted in the 18th Missouri Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. The original mustering-out rolls on file at the National Archives in Wash., D.C. state that Jacob had been born in Rockingham County, Virginia.

Finding records of Michael Hell in Rockingham County proved difficult because most of the land records had been burned in the Civil War. County officials later reconstructed as many deed descriptions as possible from minutes, tax books and other sources, but they had to eliminate many actual descriptions of land bought and sold. If it had not been for a Dr. A. M. Newman who wanted to save his horses from confiscation by a Union group of Sheridan’s cavalry and a county official who wanted to make expenses by consenting to drive the horses to safety east of the Shenandoah Valley, plus a Judge Allen who thought it would be a good idea to take some of the county records to safety too, the county records would have remained safe in the courthouse at Harrisonburg. As it was, the wagon broke down, a small Union cavalry unit came along and set fire to it as it was filled with hay and they thought it might carry war records. A Mrs. Nicholas Keezle and a Stephen Hornsherger put out the fire by covering it with new mown clover and by carrying water. Some or parts of some books and records were saved. Others were completely destroyed. Using the Minute books, the records were salvaged to the fullest possible extent. In many cases, all that is shown is that a deed was granted by someone to someone else. These reconstructed land records are found at the Rockingham County courthouse at Harrisonburg under the title “Burnt Deed Records”.

This is the case with Michael Hell. Yes, he was found there in the right time frame. The reconstructed book reads “A deed for land from Michael Hell to Jacob Freeze acknowledged”. The memo was made from the Minute Book of 1817 Deeds Court under Act of Assembly approved Nov. 18, 1884. “The original record of said deed being wholly lost. Test—D. H. Lee Marty, D.C.”

More information about Michael Hell’s lands was found in the Property Tax books. Michael Hell paid property tax on 86 acres of land on Little North Mountain 12 miles northwest of the county courthouse in Harrisonburg from 1814 to 1817. On January 17, 1816 (Book 3, p. 190) he also bought 2 ½ acres from Jacob and Margaret Freeze. $10 was paid for the tract. Michael sold the 86 acres in 1818 to Jacob Freeze but didn’t sell the 2 ½ acres (9 miles north of the Harrisonburg courthouse) until 1819. The 86 acres were probably located just south of Turleytown on #613 (now Turleytown Road). The 2 ½ acres were likely located at Mountain View (now Singers Glen). It may be interesting to note that Michael Hell’s property at Singers Glen was located near Linville Creek, the area where President Lincoln’s parents lived. A map with the estimated locations of Michael’s property in Rockingham County is enclosed.

No baptismal records of Michael’s five children have been found in Rockingham County although 4 of his children reported in later records that they were born in Virginia. Jacob’s Civil War records definitely say he was born in Rockingham County, Virginia.
Living a few miles from the Michael Hell family in Rockingham County in the same period was a Daniel Hell. Considerable research about him does not reveal much. In 1816 he purchased 150 acres of land on the Faughts Branch of Linville Creek from John Good. No one today knows the location of the Faughts Branch, but it would be in the headwaters of Linville Creek. The property lay between Edom and Singers Glen, 3 ½ miles north of the Harrisonburg Courthouse. Although he advertised the property for sale in the 5 October, 1822 edition of the Harrisonburg Weekly Register, there is no record of its sale until May, 1833, when he sold it. No authentic deed has been found. This is the last known record of Daniel Hell. He and his family appear in the 1820 Federal census of Rockingham County with 3 males under 10, and 2 females of 10 and under 16. Their baptismal records have never been found in Rockingham County.

Researchers of the family expressed the opinion that Michael Hell was an old man to be the father of Henry, Elizabeth, John, Polly and Jacob according to the 1820 Federal census and the settlement of his estate. Could he have fathered other children? Mrs. Elizabeth Givens and her son, Robert Givens of Fresno, California reported early in our research that they were descended from a Samuel Hell (Hale) whose father was a Michael Hell, but it wasn’t until the family of Peter and Chaterina Runk contributed their family tree that we learned that Michael Hell did indeed have a first family. He had married Anna Magdelena Runk ca. 1787 in York Co., Pennsylvania. They had 4 children: Anna Maria, b. 1789; John Michael, b. 1791; Samuel, b. 1796; and John George, b. 1799. By ca. 1810 Michael Hell was living in Virginia (probably Rockingham Co.), married to a Barbara and with a son, Henry. A Mary Hell was living in Codorus Township, York County, Pennsylvania at time of the 1810 Federal Census. She was listed as “Head of Household” which included 1 male between 10 and under 16, a male between 16 and 26, a female between 10 and under 16, and a female of 16 and under 45. Nearby lived Valentine Ronk (Runk?), Yost Ronk and Jacob Ronk. If Mary Hell was the first wife of Michael, she had brothers, Valentine and Yost and a nephew Jacob.

That brings us to the question of Michael’s father. Land transactions involving Michael Hall, the Elder, York County, and Michael Hall, the Younger, were found by Dean Froehlich in Codorus Township Pennsylvania. On 26 September, 1785, Philip Laur sold 192.75 acres +6% in Codorus Township to Michael Hall, Elder. On 22 February, 1788, Michael Hell and wife Anna Mary Runk signed a release claim to Peter Runk’s land in Codorus Township. On 4 April, 1788 Michael Miller sold 100 acres +6% in Windsor Township to Michael Hael. On 15 November, 1788, Michael Hall, the Elder sold 8 acres +37 perches in Codorus Township to Michael Hall, the Younger. On 4 June, 1790 Michael Hall of Codorus Township lists in his Last Will and Testament, his wife Christina, his eldest son Christian and two other sons, Isaac and John. On 9 May, executors of the estate of Michael Hall, the Elder, sold his land to Michael Hall, the Younger. On the 10 May, 1792, Christina Hall, the widow of Michael Hall, the Elder, sold her dower claim to Michael Hall, the Younger, son of the deceased. On 15 March, Michael Hall, weaver, of Codorus Township and wife Anna Mary sold 17 acres +139 perches from 184 acres +83 perches he bought 6 May, 1792.³ Did Michael, the Elder and his wife, Christiana, have more children? Michael, the Elder, died in 1790, the same year that a Dietrick Brubaker was appointed guardian for James Hell, aged 15 years and the next year became the guardian for Daniel Hell, over 9 years of age and listed as a son of Michael Hell in York County, Pennsylvania records.

³ Sources for these land transactions in order of their listing: 211:161; 2E:500; 2E:333; H:130: 211:163.
### 1840 HENRY Clear, Allen Co
- **JOHN** Clear 1808, res Sid, Allen Co
- **JACOB** Clear, Allen Co
  - Hell surname not in 1840 census Allen Co.

### 1837 JACOB Hell, Washington Twp.
- **St Joseph Twp** in C:153
- registered cattle mark

### 1839 HENRY & Sarah Hell sold sec 3
- **St Joseph Twp** in C:153

### 1837 May 10

### 1837 Apr 6
- JOHN Clear bought sec 10 in
  - **St Joseph Twp**, by FC 4207/8.
  - Of deeds C:1 & C:192.

### 1836 John Simonton, Washington Twp.
- registered cattle mark

### 1838
- **HENRY & Sarah Hell sold sec 3**
- **St Joseph Twp** in C:153

### 1839 JOHN Clear to
- Mercy Mapes dau Benj Mapes
  - **St Joseph Twp** 1813 res Sidney, Shelby Co, OH
  - (Shelby Co formed 1819 from Montgomery)

### 1837 JACOB Hell to Sarah Simonton, by C Parker, JP.
- **Hatfield Cemetery** (sec 21 Wash Tp)
  - 1854 Seneca Clear died
  - 1851 Ellen Clear died
  - 1850 Wilson Clear died
  - 3 children of JACOB & M Clear

### 1850 HENRY Clear to
- Margaret (Dolin) Farrar

### 1851 HENRY Clear named 1st son Robert Bertner Clear
- Jacob Burtner b 1808, res Lanier Twp., Preble Co. in 1850.

### 1855 JACOB Clear Putnam Co MO
- **JOHN** Clear, b 22 Apr 1812, d Todd Co., MN
- **JACOB** Clear, b 24 Aug 1815, d Putnam Co., MO
- **HENRY** Clear, b 27 Apr 1810, d Hardin Co., OH

### 1854
- **JOHN** Clear mortgaged sec 5 Madison Twp.
  - See Mortgagee 4:358(1854) & 1:617(1848)

### 1851
- **HENRY** Clear named 1st son Robert Bertner Clear
- Jacob Burtner b 1808, res Lanier Twp., Preble Co. in 1850.

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- Sarah Simonton, by C Parker, JP.
  - (affiant was Sarah Notestine)

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### 1837 JACOB Hell to Margaret Davis, by C Parker, JP.
CENSUSES, ETC.  LAND/COURT RECORDS, ETC  MARRIAGES  CEMETERY RECORDS

1835 Sep 5  HENRY Hell bought sec 3 St Joseph Twp., Allen Co., from E Notestine (Deed A:483).

1835 Sep 5  HENRY Hell, unmarried, sold sec 21 Washington Twp., Allen Co. to E Notestine (Deed A:484).

1835 Feb 10  JACOB Hell bought sec 21 Washington Twp., Allen Co., IN by FC 2918.

1834 Sep 5  HENRY Hell bought sec 21 Washington Twp., Allen Co., IN by FC 2222. Cf deed B:393(1837).


1832-4  HENRY Hell bought sec 21 Washington Twp., Allen Co., IN by FC 2918.

1830-2  MICHAEL Hell died in Lanier Twp., Preble Co., OH. Jacob Hell, Sr & Michael Hell are presumed buried in either the cemetery Jacob Hell, Sr deedied (1819) to the Reformed Lutheran Church or the "Hell Cemetery" 1/2 mile south of West Alexandria.

1830  MICHAEL Hell, age 60-70 yrs, is head of a 3 person household in Lanier Twp.

1829  JACOB Hell Sr died in Lanier Twp., Preble Co., OH. Administrators appointed 25 May 1829; personal estate inventoried 26 June 1829.

1827/31  MICHAEL Hell paid taxes on land in Lanier Twp., Preble Co.

1820-1  JACOB Hell (Sr) paid taxes on land in Lanier Twp., Preble Co.

1820  MICHAEL Hell paid taxes on NE 4 S4 T3 17.5A in Preble Co., OH.

1819 Aug 25  MICHAEL Hell bought from JACOB & his wife Barbara Hell 17.5A (Deeds 4:36) Preble Co., OH.

1817 Oct 13  CATY Clear (Jacob Clear's sister) married to Conrade Brown.

1817 Sep 19  JACOB Hell sold 1A for cemetery to Reformed & Lutheran Churches at W Alexandria, Preble Co.

1814-17  MICHAEL Hell paid taxes on 86A at Little North Mountain, Rockingham Co., VA.

1814 Aug 11  ROSSE Hell married Simeon Pickle.

1812 Feb 29  JACOB Hell is named CLEAR in deed 1:159 HELL in 1817 deed 2:360 & CLEAR in 1818 deed 4:130.

1810 Sep 17  BETSEY Clare was licensed to marry John Hewit.

1805  JACOB Hell first bought land in Montgomery Co. (later Preble Co.) FC 1203 Bk 6:1542.

FC = Final Certificate no. issued to "cash entry" buyers by Fed Gov't Land Office at Ft Wayne, IN or Cincinnati, OH. AD & DKF 6/03.
### Descendants of JACOB HELL/CLEAR
of Somerset Co., Pennsylvania & Lanier Twp., Preble Co., Ohio

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<th>JACOB HELL, SR</th>
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|                        |                        | Caroline | 1840 | 3 dau |                      |        |

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Jacob Hell, Sr was a blacksmith at Brothers Valley Twp., Somerset Co., PA from 1789 to 1805. Birthdates of his children (Jacob, Jr in 1791 to Henry in 1804, except Catherine) are from baptismal records of St Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church (aka Pine Hill Church) in Somerset Co. Catherine's baptism is from Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berlin, Bedford Co. All children in this chart, except Peter, Christina & Susanna are named heirs in deeds Vol 15:410-414 (1834) Preble Co. Peter is cited in Chancery Vol 1:312-5 (1836); Christina & Susanna are cited in Preble Co Common Pleas Minute Book 1832-4:187, 364. Jacob Hell, bought government land (FG #1203 & 1339) in Montgomery Co (later Preble Co.) OH in 1805. Deeds made in 1809 (BK 1:181) and 1812 (BK 1:159) show he used Hell and Clear as surnames. See H Z Williams, History of Preble County, Ohio (1881):276, 286 for description of his settlement and Robert E Lowry, History of Preble County, Ohio:364(1915, rep 1981) For name change from Hell to Clear. The 1820 census shows 5 in his household engaged in agriculture and 1 in manufacturing. Jacob, Jr was member of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in W Alexandria. Philip Clear's descent appears in History of Henry & St Clair Counties, Missouri (1883):1108. All children were married in Preble Co (Ann Elizabeth & Catherine used the surname Clear when marrying) or Darke Co (Philip Daniel), except Christina & Susanna for whom marriage records have not been found.

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Michael Hell, the elder, appears first in Codorus Twp. York Co. Pa. records in 1765 (dead 1769, age 40). Michael Hell, the younger, is named in 1769. Michael Hell the elder's 1790 will names Wife Christina and sons Christopher, the eldest, and Isaac and John.

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Descendants of Michael Hell, the elder, and Michael Hell, the younger, include:

- John and Mary Hake, 11 children (ages 1-45)
- Michael Hell and Mary Hake, 10 children (ages 18-45)
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- Mary Hake, wife of Michael Hell, 11 children (ages 1-45)
- Mary Hake, wife of Michael Hell, 10 children (ages 18-45)
Descendants of Peter RUNK-17066

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Peter Runk's youngest child was Anna Magdalena, the first wife of Michael Hell.

1. Peter RUNK-17066 (d.Bef 22 Feb 1788)
   sp: Chaterina-17067 (d.Aft 22 Feb 1788)
     sp: Eva Maria BOLLINGER-17323 (b.16 Sep 1753-Monaghan Twp.,York County,Pa.;d.9 Aug 1821)
     - 3. Jacob RUNK-17353 (b.3 Jul 1773-North Codorus Twp.,York,PA;d.Abt 1824)
       sp: Barbara MYER-17354 (m.7 Sep 1815)
        - 4. Appolonia RUNK-17358
          sp: William EHRHART-17361
          - 4. John RUNK-17359
          - 4. Anna RUNK-17360
   - 3. Anna Maria RUNK-17327 (b.15 Dec 1773-,York,PA)
   - 3. Peter RUNK-17329 (b.17 Mar 1777-North Codorus Twp.,York,PA;d.23 Aug 1835)
     sp: ELIZABETH-17330 (b.6 Sep 1785;d.12 Mar 1864)
      - 4. John David B. RUNK-17331 (b.10 Oct 1805;d.18 Apr 1852-Manheim Twp.,York County,Pa.)
        sp: Catharina K.-17332 (b.10 Apr 1803;d.1 May 1888)
        - 5. Johann Henry B. RUNK-17333 (b.8 Nov 1828-,York,PA;d.7 Aug 1851)
        - 5. Catherine RUNK-17335 (b.13 Aug 1837-,York,PA)
      - 4. Elizabeth RUNK-17335
        sp: John SHUE-17348
      - 4. John William RUNK-17336 (b.20 May 1801-Fulton County,Illinois)
        sp: Lydia Ann ZIMMERMAN-17339 (m.Abt 1832)
        - 5. Mary Ann RUNK-17340 (b.23 Apr 1853-,York,PA)
        - 5. John Albert RUNK-17341 (b.21 Apr 1853-,York,PA)
          sp: JANE-17344
        - 5. Cynthia Ann RUNK-17345
      - 4. John Buragard RUNK-17337 (b.17 Jan 1814;d.10 Mar 1895)
        sp: Sarah Ann KRUMLINE-17373 (b.26 Jan 1822;m.BET. 1850 - 1876;d.10 Oct 1883)
        - 5. Mary Ann RUNK-17374 (b.23 Feb 1843)
        - 5. Mandilla Caroline RUNK-17375 (b.4 May 1845-,York,PA)
        - 5. Lucy RUNK-17376 (b.Abt 1850)
        - 5. John Albert RUNK-17377 (b.21 Apr 1853-,York,PA)
          sp: JANE-17381
        - 5. Edwin (Edward) Peter RUNK-17378 (b.27 Oct 1855;d.4 Sep 1882)
          sp: ADLINE-17388
        - 5. Sevilla Josephine RUNK-17379 (b.1 Feb 1858-York County,Pa.;d.7 Feb 1913-Hawarden,Iowa)
          sp: William Amos HENRY-17389 (m.17 Nov 1878)
        - 5. Sarah Ann Elizabeth RUNK-17380 (b.19 Jul 1848-,York,PA;d.25 Aug 1850-,York,PA)
        - 5. Caroline RUNK-17300 (b.14 Sep 1850)
          sp: UNKNOWN
        - 5. Ellen Jane RUNK-17350 (b.22 Mar 1861;d.14 Sep 1922-Graslin,Manitoba,Canada)
          sp: Chester H. CRAMER-17346 (m.Nov 1878)
        - 5. George William RUNK-17349 (b.5 Dec 1864-Manheim Twp.,York County,Pa.)
          sp: Eliza E. PARMER-17390 (m.14 Nov 1890)
      - 4. Margaret RUNK-17338
        sp: Jacob YOUNG-17347
     - 3. Maria Eva RUNK-17328 (b.23 Jan 1780-,York,PA)
       sp: Christian ROHRBACH-17372 (m.1799)
     - 3. John Jost RUNK-17325 (b.27 Aug 1786-North Codorus Twp.,York,PA)
     - 3. John Peter RUNK-17324 (b.28 Nov 1790-North Codorus Twp.,York,PA;d.Abt 1826)
     - 3. John RUNK-17326 (b.22 Sep 1793-North Codorus Twp.,York,PA;d.14 Sep 1872)
       sp: MARGARET-17334 (b.19 Oct 1792;d.30 Mar 1866)
     - 4. Jesse RUNK-17355 (b.23 Aug 1817;d.12 Apr 1897)
       sp: Susan (SUSANNAH)-17356 (b.21 Apr 1825;d.5 May 1892)
5. William RUNK-17357 (b.4 Jun 1852; d.14 Mar 1863)
5. Amanda Agnes RUNK-17362 (b.29 Mar 1851; d.14 Jul 1851)
5. Jesse H. RUNK-17363 (b.24 Oct 1862; d.22 Apr 1921)
sp: Annie J. BECKER-17364 (m.1 Nov 1892)
5. John RUNK-17365 (b.9 Jul 1857; d.21 Mar 1863)

4. Anna Catharine RUNK-17370 (b.21 Apr 1815)

2. Peter RUNK-17076
2. Elizabeth RUNK-17070 (c. 10 Jun 1753 - (Private register Peter Lischy))
sp: Abraham BOLLINGER-17071 (m. Abt 1770)
2. Catherine RUNK-17072 (c. 5 Oct 1755 - (Private register Peter Lischy))
sp: Jacob SEABAUGH-17073
2. Johan Valentin RUNK-17074 (b. Abt 1757; d. 845, York JPA)
sp: UNKNOWN

3. Peter RUNK-17262 (d. Bef 1844)
sp: Christina SIMON-17263 (m. 26 Dec 1813)

4. Michael RUNK-17269
sp: Anna Barbara SWOOPE-17320

4. Peter RUNK-17115 (b. 19 Jul 1816 - Codorus Twp., York County, PA; d. 16 Dec 1899 - Jackson Township, YC, Pennsylvania)
sp: ELIZABETH-17116 (b. 8 Jan 1817; d. 27 Jul 1883)
5. Juliana RUNK-17124 (b. 4 Jan 1841; d. 18 May 1846)
5. Catharina RUNK-17123 (b. 23 Sep 1842; d. 24 May 1846)
5. Eliza RUNK-17120 (b. 31 Oct 1844; d. 22 May 1846 - Record came from St. John's Lutheran Church in Abbottstown, PA)
5. Johann RUNK-17122 (b. 14 Aug 1846; d. 9 Apr 1851)
5. James Adam RUNK-17108 (b. 30 Jun 1852; d. 7 May 1929 - North Codorus Township, York County, Pennsylvania)
sp: Angeline ZARTMAN-17109 (b. 24 Jan 1855; d. 21 Mar 1904)
sp: Sarah A. BERKHEIMER-17110 (b. 1 Jun 1852; m. 9 Nov 1905; d. 28 Oct 1936)
5. Peter RUNK-17118 (b. 16 Jul 1854; d. 28 Sep 1857)
5. George Augustus RUNK-17121 (b. 24 Dec 1856)
sp: Amanda Fanay KOPP-17125 (b. 1861; m. 3 Oct 1878; d. 22 Oct 1925)
5. William Harry RUNK-17119 (b. 14 Sep 1860; d. 22 Jul 1868)
sp: Catherine HOFFMAN-17117 (b. Abt 1836; m. 29 Nov 1885)

4. Moses RUNK-17268
sp: Margaretha (Margaret) STRASSBACH-17272 (b. 27 Mar 1810; d. 20 Mar 1888)
5. Maria Helena RUNK-17271 (b. 14 Jul 1852; d. 17 Jul 1852 - She was 3 days old.)
5. Lucia Agnes RUNK-17273 (b. 24 Jun 1848; d. 23 Jul 1851 - IHoMRCC, Paradise, PA; 3 months, and 23 days old.)
5. Rosalia Margaret RUNK-17274 (b. 15 Mar 1850)
5. Susana RUNK-17275 (b. Abt 7 Feb 1846; d. 21 Jul 1851 - IHoMRCC, Paradise, PA; Sw5y, 5 months, and 14 days old.)

4. George RUNK-17264 (b. 13 Aug 1825)
4. Christine (Crissy) RUNK-17265 (b. 1 Dec 1829)
4. Daniel RUNK-17266 (b. 17 Jul 1831)
sp: Christiana M.-17278 (b. 15 Jan 1833; d. 17 Jul 1888)
5. Harry J. RUNK-17276 (b. Abt 1870)
sp: Elizabeth Hattie HARLACKER-17277 (m. 7 Nov 1895; d. 1 Jan 1963, PA; at Memorial Hospital. She was 89 years old)
5. Howard Elmer RUNK-17279 (b. Abt 1865)
sp: Matilda LAUGHMAN-17280 (b. 1864 - York, PA; m. 2 Nov 1886)
5. Jesse RUNK-17285 (b. Abt 1867)
5. Annie M. RUNK-17286 (b. Abt 1872)
5. Augustus H. RUNK-17287 (b. 26 Aug 1874; d. 6 Aug 1886)
5. Daniel RUNK-17288 (b. 24 Jun 1862; d. 6 Oct 1869 - He was 7 years, 3 months, and 12 days old.)
sp: Elizabeth KING-17267 (m. 27 May 1897)
5. George RUNK-17295
5. Luther RUNK-17293
5. Elsworth RUNK-17294 (b. Abt 1865)
sp: MATILDA-17296
5. Harry J. RUNK-17276 (b. Abt 1870) ** Printed on Page 2 **
5. Annie RUNK-17289 (b. Abt 1873)
sp: Hughie (Daniel) MORTHLAND-17290 (m. 3 Nov 1892)
3. John RUNK-17301
sp: Peter STAMBACH-17303
3. Joseph RUNK-17304 (b.26 Dec 1792-North Codorus Twp., York, PA)
2. Margaret RUNK-17078
sp: Christian BOLLINGER-17077
2. Magdalena RUNK-17052 (c.8 Apr 1764-(Private register Peter Lischy))
2. Anna Magdelena RUNK-17046 (b. Abt 1764-of Codorus Twp., York, PA)
sp: Michael HELL-17045 (b. Dec 1760-of York, PA; m. Abt 1787; d. Abt 1831-Lanier Twp., Preble, OH)
3. Anna Maria HELL-17047 (b.14 Feb 1789-, PA)
sp: James MACTEER-17050 (m. 24 Mar 1811)
3. John Michael HELL-17048 (b.9 Jun 1791-, PA)
sp: Christine -17051 (b. Abt 1796-of York, PA)
3. Samuel HELL-17038 (b.4 May 1796-of Codorus Twp., York, PA; d. 29 Dec 1870, York, PA)
sp: Elizabeth DEIHL-17039 (b. 25 Dec 1798-of, PA; d. 1 Nov 1870)
4. John (HALE) HELL-17041 (b.27 Feb 1827-of North Codorus, York, PA; d. 29 Mar 1886-Spring Grove, York, PA)
sp: Julia Ann HESS-17043 (b. 2 Jul 1829-of, York, PA; m. 2 Apr 1868; d. 6 Nov 1904)
4. Elizabeth HELL-17042 (b. 14 Sep 1830-of, York, PA; d. 19 Dec 1906-Berwick, Adams, PA)
sp: Alexander HARMON-17044
4. Eli or Elias (HALE) HELL-17023 (b.10 Jun 1833-of, York, PA; d. 4 Mar 1872-Heidelberg, York, PA)
sp: Mary MUMMERT-17024 (b. 19 Apr 1834-of, York, PA; m. 23 Oct 1855; d. 4 Mar 1906-Heidelberg, York, PA)
5. Israel HALE-17025 (b. 2 Sep 1856-N. Codorus, York, PA; d. 10 May 1940-, PA)
sp: Susan SEILER-17032 (b. Mar 1860-, PA; m. 23 Oct 1884; d. 17 Nov 1928-PA)
5. John M HALE-401 (b. 2 Sep 1856-Abbottstown, Adams, PA; d. 1 Apr 1941-Cornwall, Lebanon, PA)
sp: Mary Jane BORTNER-402 (b. 19 Jun 1857-Seven Valleys, York, PA; m. 4 Jul 1880; d. 16 Feb 1942-Cornwall, Lebanon, PA)
5. Henry HALE-17026 (b. 15 Jul 1858-N. Codorus, York, PA; d. 6 Oct 1947-York, PA)
sp: Lucinda MILLER-17033 (b. 1 Feb 1859-of York, PA; m. 17 Oct 1878; d. 27 Jan 1916)
5. Luci (Louisa) HALE-17027 (b. 18 Oct 1861-, York, PA; d. 2 Sep 1937)
sp: William MCMASTERS-17034 (m. 18 Mar 1877)
5. Maryanna HALE-17028 (b. 18 Oct 1861-, York, PA; d. Bef 1900)
5. Martin HALE-17029 (b. 10 May 1865-, York, PA; d. 20 Oct 1934)
sp: Amelia PARR-17035 (b. 29 Aug 1856-, PA; m. 2 Nov 1884; d. 19 Dec 1947-York, PA)
5. Levi HELL (HALE)-17030 (b. 10 Apr 1868-Heidelberg, York, PA; d. 22 Apr 1940-Hanover, York, PA)
sp: Emma W MEYERS-17036 (b. 21 Aug 1863-of New Oxford, York, PA; m. 20 Sep 1885; d. 4 Sep 1938-Abbottstown, PA)
5. Amanda (Mandia) HALE-17031 (b. 26 Jul 1871-, York, PA; d. 5 Oct 1931)
sp: Daniel FREED-17037 (b. Aug 1869-, PA; m. 10 Jul 1890; d. 5 Oct 1891)
3. John George HELL-17049 (b. 11 Dec 1799-, PA)
Descendants of
MICHAEL HELL, The Younger and his 2nd wife
Codorus Twp., York Co., Pennsylvania; Rockingham Co., Virginia and Lanier Twp., Preble Co., Ohio

Michael Hell paid property taxes on land at Little North Mountain, Rockingham Co., VA from 1814-1817. He first bought land in Preble Co., OH from Jacob Hell, Sr in 1819 (Deeds 4:36) and appears in the 1820 Federal Census where he is reported "engaged in manufacturing". His heirs are identified from records of the appointment of guardians by the Preble Co Court in 1832 (Book 2:103) and the sale of his land as recorded in Chancery Record F:390-7(1833). Henry and Jacob used the surname Hell when buying government land in Allen Co., IN in 1834-5. Marriages between 1832-6 (Elizabeth, Polly & Jacob) used Hell, while those in 1837 & 1839 (Henry & John) used Clear.

AD & DKF 24/6/03
LANDS OF MICHAEL HELL (ELDER AND YOUNGER) IN CODORUS TWP., YORK CO., PA

26/9/1788
Philip Laur
192.75A + 6%
in Codorus Twp.
to Michael Hall,
Elder (2H:161)

22/2/1788
Michael Hell &
wife Anna Mary Runk
release claim to
Peter Runk's land
in Codorus (2E:500)

15/11/1788
Michael Hall, Elder
8A + 37p in Codorus
to Michael Hall, Younger
(2H:161)

4/6/1790 Michael Hall,
Codorus LW&T: wife
Christina, sons: Isaac, John,
Christian, eldest. (H:130)

9/5/1792
Execs LW&T Michael Hall,
Elder sell to Michael Hall,
Younger, weaver, father's
land. (2H:161)

10/5/1792
Christina Hall,
Elder sold her
dower claim to
Michael Hall,
Younger, s/o
the deceased. (2H:163)

15/2/1808
Michael Hall, weaver,
Codorus & w Anna Mary
sold 17A+139p (2T:162) from
184A+83p he bought 6 May
1792 (2H:161).

Where is the deed by which
title to the remaining 166A+
was transferred?

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which title to this
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The List of the Descendants of Michael Hell, the Elder appears in the Appendix, pp. 219-221.
Michael Hell's Property in Rockingham Co., VA

1. Approximate Location of 86 acres
2. Location of 2 ½ acres
Two Sons of Michael and Barbara Hell

Henry Clear  
1810-1877

Jacob Clear  
1815-1878
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Robert & Mary (Myers) Clear with their first 10 children.
Avilla, Noble Co., Indiana 1900

Top row L-R: Harry Clinton (1878-1942), Ada Hadessie (1881-1970), Valorous Lloyd (1883-1958), Ada Lois (1879-1963),
2nd row: Anna Beryl (1886-1963), MARY (MYERS) CLEAR (1858-1942) & son Edward Dentzel (1899-1956) on her lap,
Ruh Beatrice (1897-1979), George Henry (1893-1969), ROBERT B. CLEAR (1881-1916). Front row L-R: Georgia Marie
The Robert B. Clear Family. Avilla, Noble Co., Indiana 1900
Obituary of Robert B. Clear

LIFE WORK COMPLETED

Death, With His Keen Scythe, Relentlessly Removes Well Known Citizens of Our Population.

Clear

Robert B. Clear was the only son of Henry and Margaret Clear, who were early settlers in Indiana near Huntsiertown and for years residents of Hardin county, Ohio, near Ada. He was born in Allen county, February 6, 1851.

His life was not cast in stereotyped patterns but has been filled with ever changing scenes. Born a farmer, the call of the steam railroad early claimed his effort and he rose to the responsibilities of conductor on the Pennsylvania lines.

After marriage he made his home on a farm near Benton Ohio and later near Huntsiertown where several relatives still live. In a short time he began running a sawmill. Since that time the pulsing throb of machinery has retained its fascination for him. The search for bigger opportunity led him to Chillicothe, Concord, Athens, Albany, Abilin and just a few months before the end he engaged with the Valley Lumber Co., of Laporte, Ind., to put one of their mills into running order. Reverses, financial and physical have more than once swept from his seemingly tireless fingers the hard earned accumulations of years of toil. The treachery of trusted ones, the unanticipated failure of business associates have undetermined his success and yet, he was always hopeful, gathered up the wreckage, like fragments of his disappointments and heroically started to build anew.

At various times he made his home in Garrett, Fort Wayne and Bluffton and conducted retail business. His last move was to a farm four miles west of Rome City in Noble county, where he tried to make a home for his remaining years. The beginning of the end was with his engagement at Laporte. Filled with unusual vigor and energy at sixty-five years of age, he undertook a strong man's job and took great joy in his new work. But the strain proved too much. A severe cold caused him trouble, which was followed by an acute attack of liver and heart trouble which terminated in an apoplectic stroke on his sixty-fifth birthday anniversary.

He rallied from this stroke but others followed and he quietly fell asleep March 12, 1916, one month and seven days beyond his sixty-fifth year.

Through all this medley of experiences in sickness and health, influence and poverty, toil and play he has had the true loyal support of his wife, Mary C. Myers, to whom he has been married since May 3, 1876.

An unusual unity of heart and singleness of purpose has marked his career. To them were born fourteen children all of whom survive save two "HI" and Frankie, who died in infancy. The surviving are: Harry Clear and Mrs. R. A. Henry; of Pendletonville; Mrs. H. Hite, of Denver, Colo.; Lloyd Clear, of South Milford; Mrs. F. Nipper and Mrs. Morton Talbert; and George Clear, of Garrett, Ind.; Mrs. F. Nipper and Mrs. Morton Talbert; and George Clear, of Garrett, Ind.; Mrs. M. Hite, of Denver, Colo.; Lloyd Clear, of South Milford; Mrs. M. Hite, of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. P. Nipper and Mrs. R. A. Henry; of Pendletonville; Mrs. Katherine Marquette, of Bluffton; Mrs. James Heffelfinger, of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. I. Lee, of Ada, Ohio; also a half brother, Ed Farrer, of Ada, Ohio, and numerous more distant relatives and an unusually large number of friends and acquaintances.

Amongst the things he most enjoyed was his experience as a Mason. He was continually a loyal and interested member, giving time and money to help Christ's cause. The numerous moves made difficulty in following his membership but in 1916 he and his boys with Mrs. Clear united with the Baptist church at Cosperville near their present home. They have at other times been members of the Methodist Episcopal church but were consistent advocates of supporting the local church both financially and by membership.

The recount of virtues does not avail if it did not avail but if it did: his fearlessness, his indomitable will, his tireless energy, his never failing optimism, his unexhausted humor and his cheerful tolerances even to the end. If recounting virtues did avail, these would entitle him to a prominent place in the world.

The obsequies were held at the Methodist Episcopal church in this city, Thursday forenoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. J. Burns and were in charge of the Mason lodge.
Harry Clinton Clear

Harry C. Clear began a double-entry ledger at the time of his marriage. There one finds his record of the expenses of setting up a household, the costs of his father’s funeral and burial, and how his brothers and sisters shared in that expense, plus the bills he paid for the physician who assisted in the births of his children.

This is the single source of information about his relocation from Kendallville, Indiana to Detroit, Michigan. The ledger records he began to work for the American Motor Body Co. in Detroit on 2 January 1922, at a bi-weekly pay that varied between $67.78 and 89.60. Six months later he was employed by Briggs Manufacturing Co. with a bi-weekly pay of $125.00, a company with which he remained until cerebral strokes forced him to stop.

Upon arrival in Detroit, Harry Clear settled his family in a multi-family flat on Helen Avenue, but soon bought ($7,600.) a house at 4180 Drexel, with a downpayment of $700. and $60. per month. In 1925 he bought a 4-door Ford automobile for $398.30. About this time he contracted to buy an undeveloped lot on 3 Mile Drive for $1050. After 21 months of payments he sold the lot for $878.59, netting a profit of $548.46 or 66%.

But, in 1929, following the stockmarket collapse and the ensuing economic depression, he walked away from the mortgage on the house he had bought at 3653 Beaconsfield, and never again owned real estate, preferring to pay rent, instead.

A pedigree chart for Harry Clinton Clear appears in the App. p. 227.
## Family Group Record

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| Spouse   |                       |
| Married  |                      |

| 3 M      | Valorous Bernard CLEAR |
| Born     | 31 Jan 1915           |
| Christened | Place Albion, Noble Co., Indiana |
| Died     | 21 Aug 1992           |
| Buried   | Place Anderson, Madison Co., Indiana |
| Spouse   | Unknown               |
| Married  | 24 Dec 1942           |
| Spouse   | Unknown               |
| Married  | 24 Aug 1924 (Div.)    |

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Date of record: 1904 by Rev. H. D. B.
Unfinished Research

1. What was the relationship between Jacob Hell, Sr. and Michael Hell?

2. Where was Jacob Hell, Sr. born? Who were his parents?

3. When and where did Jacob Hell, Sr. marry Anna Elizabeth Shallus?

4. Where are the birth records of Michael Hell’s second family?

5. Was Daniel Hell of Rockingham Co., VA, related to Michael Hell?

6. Where are the birth records of Daniel Hell’s children?

7. What is the maiden name of Michael Hell’s second wife, Barbara?

8. What is the maiden name of Jacob Hell, Sr.’s second wife, Barbara?

9. Who is the immigrant ancestor of the Hells?
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JACOB HELL/CLEAR AND MARGARET DAVIS CLEAR

AND

THEIR DESCENDANTS
JACOB CLEAR AND MARGARET DAVIS CLEAR

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Two events occurred in the life of Jacob Clear that may have particular interest to his descendants. First, he was born with the surname “Hell” which he used for the first twenty-five years of his life. Second, he was enlisted in Co. B of the 18th Missouri Volunteers 17 June, 1861 at St. Johns, Putnam Co. by A. Williams to serve three years on the Union side of the Civil War, but the day after he was mustered in on 14 November, 1861 he went home and did not return to the regiment until it was checking its rolls three years later in preparation for the termination of the regiment’s 3-year mustering out procedure.

Jacob’s absence was not noticed because his 18 year old son Edward took Jacob’s place in Co. B of the 18th Missouri Volunteers Infantry. When Jacob’s name was called, Edward answered “Here”. Roll call was usually taken every two months, after a battle, but “missing in action” might mean the soldier went home for awhile. Soldiers were loaned to other regiments for battles or skirmishes, so men were not always accounted for regularly. When Jacob’s absence was detected in the spring of 1864, his son Edward was sent home to bring Jacob back to the regiment for a trial of desertion.

Jacob might have thought he was free to return home the after mustering in as revealed in the following judgment on Jacob Hell, deserter:

Head Quarters 18th Mo. Vet. Vols.
Before Atlanta, Ga. 8th August, 1864.

Asst. Adjt. Genl.
4th Div. 16th A. L.

Capt

I have the honor to request that Private Jacob Clear, “B” Co. 18th Mo. Infty. now under arrest as a deserter, may be restored to duty without trial, with loss of pay and allowances for the time he was absent from his command. Said Jacob Clear was enlisted on the 17th June 1861 and mustered into service on the 14th Nov. following. On the 15th Nov. by and with the consent of Col. Wm. J. Morgan commanding Regiment, his son Edward, was substituted for him and took his name during the winter campaign. This deception was discovered and caused Edward Clear to be mustered in his own name and Jacob Clear to be reported as a deserter. Edward Clear re-enlisted as a Veteran and on the 9th April, 1864 brought his Father back to the regiment with him. In view of these circumstances, and of the fact that Pvt. Jacob Clear was not intentionally a deserter, I have the honor to request that he be restored to duty with loss of pay and allowances.

I am Very Respt.
Your Obdt. Servant
Charles T. Sheldon
Comdg. Regt.
In view of this correspondence, it would seem that Jacob Clear felt he had permission to return home November 15, 1861 as a Col. Wm. J. Morgan apparently agreed to let Edward Clear substitute for his father. When the Regimental Headquarters found the substitution in December, 1863, it must have felt that Col. Morgan did not have enough authority to excuse Jacob Clear from duty. Since the correspondence is dated August, 1864, Jacob might have been held awaiting a decision from his return to the 18th Missouri in April to August. There is no evidence that he was on active duty from August to November either; in fact, he may never have participated in a military engagement in the Civil War.

A listing of events on p. 1330 of Compendium of the War of the Rebellion for the 18th Mo. Vols. from August to November, 1864 are

Siege of Atlanta July 22-August 25  
Flank movement on Jonesboro August 25-30  
Battle of Jonesboro August 31-September 1  
Lovejoy Station September 2-6  
Operations against Hood in North Georgia and North Alabama September 29-November 3  

In the original records of the 18th Mo. Regiment Veteran Volunteer Infantry stored in the War Records Dept. of the National Archives in Washington, D.C., the descriptive mustering out roll of Co. B lists "Clear, Jacob, age 49, height 5'10", dark complexion, hazel eyes, dark hair, born Rockingham Co., Virginia, farmer, enlisted 17 June, 1961 at Putnam Co., Mo. by A. Williams, 3 years."  

Jacob was mustered out 14 November, 1864, at Chattanooga, Tenn.

This mustering out notation not only provides the physical description of Jacob Clear, but tells us that his parents were living in Rockingham Co., Virginia when he was born. This information became an important step in our research of the Hell/Clear family.

Jacob, the youngest of the 5 children of Michael and Barbara Hell, was born in Rockingham Co., Shenandoah Valley, Virginia on 24 August, 1815. Jacob was probably born in Rockingham Co., Shenandoah Valley, Virginia on 24 August, 1815. Jacob was probably born in Rockingham Co., Shenandoah Valley, Virginia on 24 August, 1815.
the first property his father owned in Rockingham Co.—86 acres on Little North Mountain near the community of Turleytown, 12 miles north of the county courthouse at Harrisonburg. The Hell family, including Jacob and his siblings, Henry, Elizabeth, John and Polly, later lived on 2 1/2 acres of land Michael bought at Singers Glen, VA.

In 1819, when Jacob was about 4 years old, the family moved to Preble County, Ohio, where Michael bought 17 1/2 acres of land from Jacob Hell, Sr. at West Alexandria. Jacob’s mother, Barbara, died sometime before 1830, and Michael died in late 1831 or early 1832. At the time of his father’s death, Jacob was a minor, so a guardian, Michael Klinger, was appointed for him 24 March, 1832. On 1 October, 1833, all 5 heirs of Michael Hell sold their shares in their father’s land, and after 1834 there is no further evidence of Henry, John or Jacob Hell in Preble Co., Ohio.

A search of land grants at the Eastern States Land Office in Virginia disclosed that Jacob Hell had taken a patent on 80 acres of government land 10 February, 1835, in section 21 of Washington Township, Allen Co., Indiana north of Fort Wayne. His property nearly joined that of his brother Henry who had obtained a land grant in 1834.

On 14 July, 1836, Jacob Hell was married to Margaret Davis by Christian Parker, the same justice of the peace who married Jacob’s brother, Henry Clear and Sarah Simonton in 1837. Both couples were married in St. Joseph Township of Allen Co., Indiana. Margaret Davis was born 14 October, 1818. According to the 1850, 1860 and 1870 Federal censuses Margaret stated that she was born in Pennsylvania. In the 1880 Federal census, she stated that not only was she born in Pennsylvania, but both of her parents were born in Maryland. Her wedding certificate reveals that she was a minor when she married because her father had to give his consent. This would indicate that he was also living near her. No other information has been found about her parents.

The 1850 Federal census says Jacob was a farmer worth $1200. His descendants said he was also a successful blacksmith; he could have been both. His son, John H., remembered watching his father work in the blacksmith shop and later helping him himself. The northern Missouri descendants of Jacob remember him as a kind man.

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7 Tax Minutes of Rockingham Co., VA
8 Copy of guardianship record #479, Probate Court, Preble Co., Ohio, Appendix p. 216.
9 Copy of index card for Jacob Hell’s application for government land in Fort Wayne, Indiana on file at the BLM Eastern States Land Office in Springfield, Virginia, p. 21
10 Final certificate #2918 of land grant for Jacob Hell in Allen Co., Indiana on file at the BLM Eastern States Land Office in Springfield, Virginia, Appendix p. 228
11 Marriage certificate of Jacob Hell and Margaret Davis, App., p. 217. (Henry Clear and Sarah Simonton, App. p. 218.
12 Genealogy Dept. of Unionville Public Library, Unionville, Missouri.
16 Ibid., p. 9.
In 1855 Jacob sold his government land claim in Allen County, Indiana, using the name Jacob Hell, the same name under which he bought it, although by 1850 the Hell families had changed their family name to Clear. He moved his family to St. Johns (now Powersville), Putnam County, Missouri near the Missouri-Iowa state line. The 1860 Federal census lists York Township as their home and states that Jacob was a farmer with real estate worth $4000 and a personal estate worth $1000. By 1870 the Jacob Clear family was living on a farm in the Jackson Township of Sullivan Co., Missouri near the Putnam Co. line. Pollock was a nearby town. Some of the married children lived nearby on farms lying along the county line. The courthouse at Milan, the county seat of Sullivan Co. burned in 1908 so land records are not available, although some censuses and marriage records have survived.

Jacob still owned the farm in Sullivan County when he died 27 September, 1878, at the age of 63 years, 1 month and 3 days. He is buried at the Busby Cemetery near Lucerne, Missouri. Family notes give conflicting places where he died: either on his farm, on the adjoining farm of his daughter, Caroline Clear Smart or in Lucerne.

At the time of the 1880 census, Margaret was listed as a 63-year old widow living alone on the Sullivan County, Missouri farm near her son Edward. Viola Jane Mastin Miller, daughter of A. L. and Mary Ann Clear Mastin, reminisced about her grandmother, Margaret Davis Clear: "When Grandmother Clear was widowed and half blind (after an operation to her eyelids) the folks felt she should not live alone because of fire danger (coal oil lamps and smoking pipe) so the relatives built a good-size one room house for her in Phil Burlingame's yard so the boys could look after her and keep her woodbox filled. They almost lived there! They chewed tobacco and "ker-powed" into her cookstove hearth. Grandmother Clear had a great big 4 poster bed, with white rope laced back and forth instead of bed slats, a straw mattress and fat feather-bed and woven bedspread. She had a ruffled curtain around the bottom of the bed. Articles were stored under the bed. I loved Grandmother very much and often times stayed a week at a time when we lived on the farm." Phil Burlingame was the husband of Margaret Clear's daughter, Emily.

Margaret Davis Clear died 27 February, 1892, near Lucerne at 74 years, 4 months and 13 days. She is buried next to her husband, Jacob, at the Busby Cemetery west of Lucerne. Directions to cemetery: go west from Lucerne on #136 to the junction of #139 S; proceed west 0.75 miles on #136, then turn north on a gravel road 0.7 to a farm house where you turn left and can see the cemetery. If you are traveling east on #136 from Ravanna, the turnoff to the cemetery is 1.5 miles east of the Mercer-Putnam Co. line. The cemetery was the Clear, Fields, Busby, Vincent and Burlingame family burial place.

18 1860 Federal census, Missouri, Putnam Co., p. 220.
19 Tombstone at Busby Cemetery near Lucerne, Missouri.
20 1880 Federal census, Missouri, Sullivan Co., Enumeration #81.
22 Tombstone at Busby Cemetery near Lucerne, Missouri.
The inscription on Jacob’s tombstone reads

“Farewell my wife and children all;  
From you a father Christ doth call;  
Weep not for me; it is in vain  
To call me to your sight again.”

The inscription on Margaret’s tombstone reads

“Rest Mother, rest in quiet sleep  
While friends in sorrow o’er thee weep  
And here their heartfelt offering bring  
And near thy grave their requiem sing.”

There is a discrepancy between the age and death date on Jacob Clear’s gravestone and other documents in his life. Earlier records show he was born 24 August, 1815. If he were born in 1815, he would have been 60 years old when he died in 1875. It is more likely that he died in 1878, not 1875. Perhaps the “8” has worn on the marker to look like a “5”.
John H. Clear and Ludica (Louisa) Graham Clear

Front Row, l. to r.-----Mary, 28 yrs.; Amanda, 24 yrs.; Andrew, 24 yrs.; Sarah, 36 yrs.

Back Row, l. to r.-----Susan, 31 yrs.; Margaret, 34 yrs.; John H. Clear, 60 yrs.; and Ludica (Louisa) Graham Clear, 55 years.

31 July, 1897
The children of Jacob and Margaret Davis Clear:

I. John H.
II. Emmeline (Emily)
III. Elizabeth
IV. Edward
V. Wilson
VI. Ellen
VII. Seneca
VIII. Margaret Jane
IX. Caroline
X. Mary Ann
XI. William Henry

I. John H. Clear

None of the descendants of John H. Clear knows what the “H” represents, if anything. There is a possibility it stands for “Hell”. An inquiry to the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana gave us no proof. John’s parents, Jacob and Margaret Clear were married in Allen County in 1836 with the surname “Hell”, and John was their first born in 1837. Some of the Hell families did not change their surname from “Hell” to “Clear” until 1840, but there was no Federal census in Indiana until 1850. By that time, the families used “Clear” as their surname. None of churches whose records are found at the Allen County Public Library list the birth of John H. in 1837.

John was born 8 October, 1837, north of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, the oldest of the eleven children of Jacob and Margaret Clear. As a teenager, he enjoyed working in his father’s blacksmith shop.  

After leaving home at the age of eighteen, he worked for a couple of years as a boatman on the Wabash & Erie Canal; then he lived on a farm near Sturgis, Michigan for awhile. After living in South Bend, Indiana for six months, he was employed in a sawmill in Iowa. By 1860, he had joined his parents who had moved to Putnam County, Missouri.

His marriage record says, “Ludica Graham, aged 19 years, married John H. Clear, aged 23 years, 25 October, 1860, in Putnam County, Missouri.” The Graham home was the scene of the wedding performed by D. W. Elledge (sic), M.G. The William Graham family were neighbors of the Jacob Clear family in York Township in Putnam County.

John was a veteran of the Civil War on the Union side. He enlisted in April, 1862, at St. Johns (now Powersville), Missouri in Company A of the Second Batallion, Provisional Regiment of

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24 Ibid., p. 423.
Missouri under Capt. Medford. After serving 3 months in Co. A, he was transferred to Company N in which company he served 2 years under Capt. John Perbasco, First Lt. Muck and 2nd Lt. Fabbon who were under Col. Cottsner. For most of his service, he was color bearer for Company N Cavalry under Capt. John Perbasco. His command was engaged mostly in scouting and skirmishes with bushwhackers and horse thieves. He was honorably discharged as a private from the service of the Union army Dec. 12, 1863, at Hannibal, Missouri. He said the winter weather was often "cold as Hell and freezing like darn nation".

Having grown a beard and under orders to wear his uniform on the 150-mile trip to his home 1 1/2 miles from St. Johns, Missouri close to the Iowa line, he appeared as a stranger to his wife. She was washing clothes in the yard when he slipped up behind her and grabbed her; thinking he was a stranger, she hit him with a wet diaper.

The documents concerning John's war record are not particularly consistent, but perhaps his own account as given above is as accurate as possible. Included in the Appendix, pp. 223-224 are copies of the document sent by the War Records Dept. to the Office of Pensions proving John H. Clear's war service, the first petition for a pension made by Clear in 1904 which was refused because of a clerk's error, and the second petition made in 1907 which was accepted. There is a question whether he enlisted in the fall of 1861 or the spring of 1862. The document from the War Department does not appear to have a complete record of service for Clear.

Two of the Clear children, Sara (1861 and Margaret (1863) were born in Missouri before their parents joined Ludica's parents, William and Mary Graham, her brothers and sisters and their families on a 60-wagon ox train from Lucerne, Missouri to Walla Walla, Washington, in 1864. The Clear family traveled with 3 yoke of oxen, 2 yoke of steers, and 3 yoke of cows on the trek which took 6 months and 3 days. An article appearing 24 July, 1980, in the East Washingtonian, Pomeroy, Washington, stated that George Manville was captain of the wagon train but John H. Clear told his family that Asel Womak (sic) was captain of the wagon train. John also said the Cad. Iler and Williamson Baker, a blacksmith, were members of the train. 27 "Oregon Trail map, App. P. 222.

"Between 1841 and 1866, 350,000 emigrants traveled westward following the Oregon Trail in one of the great migrations of modern times. By the time the Clear-Graham train headed west in 1864, there were stage coach stations, trading posts, well-defined routes of travel, travel time shortened by almost a month, well-established communities, and a telegraph line that stretched from coast to coast, but a new threat met the emigrants—Indians. In the 1840's unmarked, untried routes were a problem; in the early 50's, cholera was a menace; by the late 1850's, the Indians had become disenchanted with the western-bound travelers. Their tribes had become decimated by the White men's diseases of cholera, smallpox and measles; buffalo herds began to move from their habitat, and the Indians grew restive about the security of their tribal ways and tribal lands. Not understanding Indian ways, the emigrants antagonized the Indian." 28

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27 Many of the stories about the John H. Clear family are contributed by the Clears' granddaughter, Lola Smith Shaffer of Oregon City, Oregon who lived with her grandparents for some time. In turn, the information was contributed by Lola's daughter, Grace (Topy) Shaffer Reber of Sherwood, Oregon.

There is no evidence that the Clear-Graham train experienced trouble from Indians, although by 1864, every wagon train feared attack from the Indians. Ludica Clear kept her baby daughter Margaret quiet at night by giving her paregoric. Sadness did strike the train when Ludica’s 18-year-old brother, Acquilla, died and was buried near Ft. Laramie. The night the wagon train stopped on the day of Acquilla’s burial, his mother, Mary Graham, walked back the 1½ miles to his rock-covered grave to bid him her personal, private farewell.²⁹ West of La Grande, Oregon, the Graham contingent turned northward and ended their journey at Walla Walla, Washington, instead of continuing to the Willamette Valley, in Oregon, the usual end of the Oregon Trail.

After living for two years in Walla Walla, Washington, the Clears bid goodbye to their Graham relatives and moved to Oregon City, Oregon, where they lived for a short time. They then farmed for a year near Roseburg, Oregon along the Umpqua River. Sometime before 1870, John and Ludica Clear moved to the Cipole community near Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon where they traded a team of mules to an old bachelor for a heavily timbered 160-acre property. There was only a log house on the property. They built a barn and a new house.³⁰ In midsummer of 1907, they traded this property plus some cash to John L. Smith of the Tualatin Mill Co. for 5 acres south of the bridge in Tualatin, the present site of the Tualatin Post Office. They may have been influenced to settle near Sherwood because members of their wagon train, Cad. Her, Jim McConnell and Williamson Baker had settled there. As of 1980, the Clear house at Cipole still stood.

Lola Shaffer told of a time when John Clear had been in Sherwood having a few drinks with the “boys”. He came into the kitchen where there was a water tank (reservoir). He took out of his pocket his watch which had a chain attached. Grasping the end of the chain, he moved the watch through the water, saying, “And the waves come in and the waves go out, and then, occasionally “charge”. No one has ever said what this water escapade did to the watch.

John H. was quite bald, but he attempted to cover the baldness with one long strand of hair that he combed from the side over the top of his head. One day when he was napping in his favorite chair, his granddaughter Winnie Smith who was living with the Clears sneaked up beside him with a pair of scissors and cut off the long strand of hair. The only thing that saved Winnie from a severe reprimand from her grandfather was the fact that she was a favorite of his.

When John Clear first applied for a Civil War pension 15 June, 1904, he described himself as 5’7” tall, 170 pounds, dark eyes, gray hair, blond complexion, and noted that his right large toe had been nearly cut off (it was cut off by a blow from an ax). He was to receive $10 a month as a pensioner. When he died in 1913, he was receiving $22.50 per month. His pension was applied for twice; the first time it was submitted 15 June, 1904, it was not granted due to an error made by the clerk writing the request. He reapplied 11 October, 1907 at which time the pension was granted. ³¹

After his wife died 28 May, 1910, John’s daughter, Amanda, kept house for him in Tualatin until her death in July, 1911. About a year later, he moved to Canemah (near Oregon City, Oregon) where he rented a house next door to his daughter, Mary. His son, Andrew, stayed on the place at Tualatin and inherited it when his father died 8 July, 1913. Marion Smith, John’s grandson, lived with John until John died.

³⁰ 1900 Federal census of Washington County, Oregon, East Cedar Creek precinct.
Of interest to Clear descendants might be the fact that John was only 5’7” tall while his wife was much taller. She was of Scottish and French Huguenot descent, and he of German. Two of their children were tall like the Grahams, while the others were short like the Clears. Originally there was a “Clear look”—relatively short, brown eyes, and dark almost black hair. Of course, as descendants married, the “look” appeared less and less. Quite often descendants of the Grahams had red hair.

John and his wife are buried at the Winona Cemetery in Tualatin, Oregon. His funeral was held in the Methodist Church in Tualatin, in charge of the Grange of which he was an outside doorkeeper. He was a Republican and had served on the school board as trustee and clerk.  

Additional Material on Ludica (Louisa) Clear

Ludica, the daughter of William and Mary Puckett Graham, was born 19 August, 1842, in Gallatin County, Kentucky. Her parents were married 28 May, 1826, in Estill County, Kentucky where Mary’s parents, Samuel and Mary Watkins Puckett had moved about 1808 from Amherst Co., Virginia where they had married 2 June, 1798. Samuel, born 1777, in Virginia, was the son of John and Lucretia Crawford Puckett, and Mary was the daughter of John Watkins.

William and Mary Graham left Estill Co. soon after their 1826 marriage, moving to Decatur Co., Indiana. In the early 1830’s the family had moved to Gallatin Co., Kentucky, where they lived until about 1844 when they moved to Lick Creek Township, Davis Co., Iowa near Floris. By 1860 the Graham family were living in York Township, Putnam County, Missouri where Ludica met and married John H. Clear. The Grahams followed the Oregon Trail in 1864, settling near Walla Walla, Washington. “Mary died in 1883 at the home of her son Derk near Asotin on the Peola Flats in Washington. William died in 1888 at the home of his son William near Boise, Idaho. Both are buried at Pataha Flat Cemetery in Garfield County, Washington.”

Ludica’s name was spelled many ways: Ludica, Ludisa, Luticia, Lordissa and Lodicie, pronounced Loo-dica or Loo-dicy. She evidently did not like the name because by the time she lived in Oregon, she was called Louisa. She appears in the Oregon censuses as Louisa. Her nickname was “Lou” or “Lu”, but this could be an abbreviation for either Ludica or Louisa.

Ludica (Louisa) Clear had a limited education; when she read aloud, she had a delightful way of concealing her ignorance of a word. When she came to a word she did not know, she would look at it for a brief time, then calmly say “steamboat” and read on.

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32 Obituary notes in a Bible in the possession of Sara Clear Dickinson, a Clear daughter.
33 Estill Co. Marriage Records at Irvine, Kentucky. William Graham used the surname Grimes when he married.
34 Amherst Co., Virginia Marriage Records, Amherst, Virginia.
35 1850 Federal census, Iowa, Davis Co., Lick Creek Twp.
Lola Shaffer, who lived with her grandparents for several years, remembered many personal things about them. One of her grandmother’s favorite ditties was

“Oh, the Long Tom country is the best
I ever knew for frogs,
Snakes and alligators!
Folks wait for the hogs
To plow up the ground,
And then they plant their ‘taters.’”

The children of John H. Clear and Ludica (Louisa) Graham Clear
A. Sarah Jane
B. Margaret Ann
C. Susan Isabelle
D. Mary Frances
E. Amanda Elizabeth
F. William Andrew

William Graham and Polly Puckett Graham

A plaque in their honor may be found in Baker City, Oregon at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center on Flagstaff Hill with its life size exhibits of life as it was on the Oregon Trail.
A. Sarah Jane Clear

Sarah was considered a “Saint” among the Oregon Clears. When help was needed, she was there. When her sister Margaret Smith died in 1903, Sarah took her 2-year-old niece, Winnie Smith, and raised her until she married William Thien in 1917 at the age of 16. When Winnie separated from Thien, Sarah took their 6 months old son, Edward, and raised him until he was 10 years old, at which time he went to live with his father.

She was born 26 August, 1861, at Princeton, Mercer Co., Missouri. She accompanied her parents, John and Ludica (Louisa) Clear and her grandparents, the William Grahams, on a wagon train across the Oregon Trail to Walla Walla, Washington, in 1864.

Sometime after 1866, the Clear family moved to Oregon City, Oregon, then to a place near Roseburg, Oregon, finally settling on a farm at Cipole, near Sherwood, Oregon, before 1870.

On 3 February, 1884, she married Cosby Dickerson III who was born at St. Joseph, Missouri, 7 August, 1858. He traveled to Oregon with his parents from the East Coast by ship. Enroute they crossed the Isthmus of Nicaragua by Stage Coach.

Cosby Dickerson II was a homesteader in the Clark area of Clackamas County, Oregon. He was born 22 October, 1810, at Richmond, Virginia.

Cosby Dickerson III was for a long period of time the foreman of the wool carding section of the Oregon City Woolen Mills. Sarah Jane worked under his supervision and later married him.

Cosby III died 11 May, 1931, at Molalla, Oregon. Sarah died 20 February, 1932, at Canemah (near Oregon City, Oregon). Both are buried at the Canemah Cemetery.

1. Arthur
2. One child, stillborn

Susan Clear Winters (42 yrs.) and Sarah Clear Dickerson (45 yrs.)
1. Arthur Dickerson

Arthur was the only surviving child of Cosby and Sarah Jane Clear Dickerson. His maternal grandparents were John and Louisa Graham Clear. His paternal grandfather was Cosby Dickerson II who homesteaded in the Clark area of Clackamas County, Oregon.

Arthur was born 4 April, 1886, at Canemah (near Oregon City), Clackamas County, Oregon. He was a marine engineer.

On 7 March, 1918, he married Beatrice Harper, the daughter of Lemuel and Lillian Harper. She was born 12 October, 1898, in Farnum, Nebraska. Beatrice’s paternal ancestors moved West from Pennsylvania to Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, and on to Idaho.

The maiden name of Lillian Harper was Goin, a direct descendant of a French Huguenot of that name who settled in the Western World in 1679. As a victim of political and religious upheavals in Europe, the Goin family did not bring their possessions with them and faced the new world with only faith and determination. Records show that they signed documents that bound them to the king. The name is in the list of pioneers to America. The first Goin family arrived in America in 1679 aboard the ship, *Prosperous*, captained by David Fogg.

Goins were in the first group of settlers to transit the Cumberland Gap into Tennessee in 1775. An ancestor of the name Goin fought under Andrew Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans on 8 January, 1815.

Arthur died 13 May, 1939, and Beatrice died 23 November, 1983 in Oregon City. Both are buried in the Canemah Cemetery.

   a. Donald
   b. Lemuel

Donald Dickerson

   a. Donald P. Dickerson
Don’s profession as a marine engineer has taken him throughout the world and provided him with many interesting experiences.
From 1939-1942 he sailed as an unlicensed member of the engine department of various vessels. From 1942-1947 he sailed as a licensed marine engineer from third assistant engineer to chief engineer.

From 1947-1967 he was employed by the Marine Division of California Texas Oil Corporation, serving as a marine consultant and engineer. From 1947-1950 as an observing engineer, he instructed new personnel in T2SEA1 Tanker operations and supervised vessels’ repairs at various world ports.

Working with Engineering Operations for Caltex in London 1950-56, he was associated with the marine engineering operation of an English tanker fleet and to a minor extent with a French tanker fleet. Concurrent with these responsibilities, he attended vessels’ repairs at various English shipyards: Antwerp, Belgium; La Pallice and Marseilles, France; Stockholm, Sweden; Bombay, India; Durban, South Africa and Melbourne, Australia.

While assigned to the firm’s engineering operations in New York 1956-57, Don assisted the Manager of Construction and Repairs, and also relieved the Port Engineer at Bahrain, Persian Gulf for vacation.

In 1957 he served as a marine consultant in Osaka, Japan. His responsibilities included hull and machinery repairs, preparing repair specifications, settling repair invoices, developing insurance claims, arranging surveys, vessels’ documentation, storing and personnel.

1957-67 he spent in Singapore as a marine consultant. His duties were similar to those in Osaka, Japan. In addition, he made trips to India, Hong Kong, Manila and Sydney to attend vessels’ operational problems and/or repairs.

From 1967-1975 he was Port Engineer for the Maritime Corporation in New York City, performing similar work as he had done with Caltex in other parts of the world.

Since 1975 he has become an independent surveyor and marine consultant, preparing Crude Oil Wash and Dedicated Clean Ballast Manuals and serving as a Federal Court Witness as well as types of work he had previously done. Most of his consulting work is done for London and Geneva Sales and Purchase Brokers of Ships and an occasional marine insurance adjustment.

Don was born 29 February, 1920, in Silverton, Oregon, the older of the two sons of Arthur and Beatrice Harper Dickerson. He attended schools in the Oregon City area, graduating from Oregon City High School in 1938.

He has been married twice. His first marriage to Naima Zariff was performed at the American Church in Cairo, Egypt, 20 December, 1950. She was the daughter of a well-known doctor, educated in England, who was a Christian Bey at the Court of Kings Faoud and Farouk. Naima passed away 31 December, 1972. His second marriage performed in Reno, Nevada 4 July, 1975, was not successful. Nellie T. died 2 August, 1988. He has no children.

Don says that since “his social life is declining”, he is dropping membership in various organizations, but the extent of his memberships is still impressive, as his entire life has been.

Following is a list of his affiliations:

1. Multnomah Lodge A.F. and A.M., Blue Lodge, Oregon City, Oregon. He joined in 1949 and is a life member.
2. He joined the Marine Square Club of New York in 1953.
3. He is a life member of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon City which he joined in 1954.
4. In 1954 he became a member of the Royal and Selectest Masters of Oregon, Joseph Hull Council #13, Oregon City. He is a life member.
5. He is a life member of Pioneer Chapter #28, Eastern Star, Oregon City which he joined in
7. He became a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers in 1952.
8. He holds a U.S. Coast Guard Chief Engineer’s License, Steam and Horse Power, Serial #012433, issue Number 9-11, dated 10 October, 1985.
9. In October, 1999, Multnomah Lodge No. 1 of Oregon City bestowed Don with the 50 year emblem of membership.


b. Lemuel Cosby Dickerson

“Lem” was born 8 September, 1931, near Jewell, Oregon. After graduation from Oregon City High School, he joined the Oregon National Guard in the late 1940's. While he was training with the Guard at Ft. Benning, Georgia, in 1953, he met Mildred Helen Brooks whom he married 10 July, 1955 in Georgia. Mildred was born 19 August, 1932.

In 1955, he became a salesman for Marchant Office Equipment in Portland; when it joined with Smith Corona in 1958, he became branch manager for the company in many states before moving to Dallas, Texas in 1972, first as manager and then owner of the branch there. When Lem died of cancer 1 March, 1978 at the age of 46, his son Donald took over the ownership of his father’s office equipment outlet.

(1) Donald Brooks

Donald decided he did not want to continue his father’s business as his life’s work so he turned to landscaping. He was born 21 April, 1957, in Oregon City, Oregon; on 24 October, 1987, married Tracey Lee Gowan who was born 5 October, 1961. They live in Dallas, Texas and have three children.

(a) Taylor Brooks, born 23 March, 1989;
(b) Kolby Blake, born 20 September, 1990;
(c) Kelsey Niacole, born 15 September, 1996.

(2) Diana Lynn

She was born 20 August, 1958; on 30 December, 1978, married Thomas Scott Hovey who was born 5 June, 1953. They live in Dallas, Texas.

(a) Jordan Brooke, born 31 December, 1980;
(b) Michael Scott, born 3 March, 1986.

(3) Michael Cosby

Michael was born 11 February, 1960; on 5 April, 1986, married Tanja Lynn Tolman who was born 15 November, 1961. They live in Dallas, Texas.


(4) Linda Marie

She was born 23 November, 1962; on 28 December, 1985, married Mark Allen McKeel who was born 2 June, 1959. They live in Houston, Texas.

(a) Lance Allen, born 28 September, 1987;
(b) Katie Marie, born 18 November, 1990;
(c) Blake Allen, born 18 December, 1991.
As a baby, "Maggie" crossed the Oregon Trail from Lucerne, Missouri to Walla Walla, Washington with her parents and extended family; as a young woman of 21 years, she married Martin Luther Smith at the home of her parents in the Cipole community near Sherwood, Oregon. Her marriage record reads "M. L. Smith and Margaret A. Clear, both of Washington Co., mar. 3 Feb., 1884 at the house of Mr. N. (sic) Clear; Sarah Dickerson, H. E. Smith, wits.; E. A. Shoreland, Minister."  

Margaret was born 19 October, 1863, 1½ miles from St. Johns, (now Powersville), Putnam County, Missouri, near the Iowa border. Martin was born 29 July, 1853, in a covered wagon on the North Fork of the Humbold River at Rocky Ford, Nevada Territory. His father was Elijah Smith who was born 13 November, 1804, and died 16 April, 1864. His mother was Mary (Molly) Skidmore who was born 18 November, 1811, and died 6 August, 1866.

The newlyweds first lived in a small cabin on the John Clear place at Cipole, Oregon. Then they moved to the Middleton community southwest of Sherwood where they bought property along the old Hwy. 99W across the road from property owned by Margaret's sister, Susan and her husband, John W. Winters. The house was called the "old Holmes House" for many years.

Following a 7 weeks' illness, Margaret died 15 April, 1903, at Sherwood, Oregon at the age of 39 years, 5 months and 26 days. After funeral services were conducted by Rev. Eldriedge, a Free Methodist minister in Sherwood, Oregon, she was buried in the Winona Cemetery at Tualatin, Oregon.

After Margaret's death, her youngest children lived with relatives, and her oldest children fended for themselves.

Martin Smith, usually called "Luth", died 18 October, 1933, at Sherwood.
The children of Martin Luther Smith and Margaret Ann Clear Smith
1. Cosby Vincent
2. Ethel Grace
3. Lester Lee
4. Lola Louise
5. Marion Luther
6. Leota Maria
7. Winifred Margaret Emma

1. Cosby Vincent Smith

The oldest of the seven children of Martin Luther Smith and Margaret Clear Smith, Cosby was born 18 December, 1884, in the Middleton Community near Sherwood, Oregon in Washington County.

On 6 June, 1906, he married Leona May Moore, the daughter of Steven Moore and Carrie Balden Moore. Steven was part Nez Perce Indian from Idaho. The Nez Perce were peaceable Indians, known as the horse Indians because they raised horses to trade for other items. Leona was born 1 January, 1884. She had 3 brothers, John, Arthur, Walter, and one sister, Barbara.

Cosby and Leona lived on a homestead in Lake County, Oregon, for awhile, then moved to Clackamas Heights near Oregon City, next door to Leona’s parents, the Moores. Cosby often worked in sawmills. He died May, 1949.

Cosby and Leona had 14 children. The only ones still alive in 1984 were Lola Lorena and Elsie Grace. The others died from cancer.

a. Hazel May Smith
She was born 29 April, 1908 and died 24 March, 1976. In April, 1926, in Oregon City, Oregon, she married Le Roy E. Knapp who was born 12 December, 1901 in Charlemaine, Michigan.
She divorced Le Roy who died in 1986. She married Leonard Meyers whom she divorced. She married Edward Hanson who died; she married Donald Pritchett who died 1992.

Hazel’s and LeRoy’s children:

(1) Lawrence Lee Knapp, born 3 Feb., 1928; married Marie Shambrong in Oregon City, Oregon, 4 December, 1945.

Their children: Donald Lee Knapp, born 12, August, 1946 in Oregon City, Oregon; married Lynn. Their children are Kip who is married and Keith who is married. Annette Marie Knapp, born 21 August, 1948 in Oregon City, Oregon; she married Darell Piercy and has a child, Eric, born in 1975. Sharla Louise Knapp, born March, 1954; married _____Colfack; divorced; married Bill Gregg; has one child, Karl Colfack.

(2) Arleeta Leona Knapp, born 12 April, 1932, in Oregon City, Oregon (twin); married Norman Joseph Roth 4 April, 1948, in Portland, Oregon.


Rod John Roth was born 9 April, 1952 and married Debbie Walker. They have one child, Nina Christine, born 6 August, 1973, in Portland, Oregon.


(4) LaMoine May Knapp, born 23 May, 1934 and died in 1936.

b. Viola Margret Smith

She was born 16 October, 1909 and died 2 May, 1982. She married Lester Townsend, but they divorced.

Viola’s and Lester’s children:

(1) Bernice (Bunny), born July, 1927. She married Vernon Searcy, but divorced. She then married Melvin McCleary. Bunny’s children are Vernon Searcy, Jr., Linda McCleary, Monty McCleary and Terry McCleary.

(2) Maxine, born 31 August, 1931. She married and had three girls. Divorced. Remarried to Bill Hawkins; adopted a boy.

(3) Lester Lee (Bud), born 31, 1933. Married Betty _____; had 3 children; divorced.

(4) Stephen Adelbert, born October, 1939.

c. Lily Helen Smith

She was born 13 December, 1910 and died 13 November, 1984. She married Mickel (Mike) Struloeff 29 March, 1929 (Mike was Russian); they divorced 23 October, 1951. She married Wayne
Hall 20 July, 1953; they were divorced.

Lilly’s and Mike’s children:

   (a) Lorraine Lee Struloeff
       Born 3 June, 1950, she married Gary Lance Hubbard on 31 May, 1969.
       (i) Kimberley Marie Hubbard
           She was born 20 December, 1974.
       (ii) Charmin Renae Hubbard
           She was born 14 July, 1976.
   (b) Fay Struloeff
       Born 10 January, 1952, she married Bob Asken 14 December, 1974; this marriage was annulled 14 June, 1976 and she remarried the same man under a different name: Charles Morris on 17 December, 1977.
       (i) Mark Erick Morris was born 10 April, 19__
       (ii) Lesly Morris was born 3 October, 19__


(2) Rosemary Lilly born 10 January, 1931.
(3) William George was born 12 March, 1933.
(4) Donna Jeanette (Dolly) was born 6 August, 1934.
(5) Betty Lou (Skippy) was born 9 July, 1935 and died 9 February, 1997.
(6) Merle Vernon was born 17 October, 1941 and died in 1999.
(7) Pearl Violet was born 17 October, 1941.

d. Vernon Cosby Smith


(1) Larry Vernon, born 4 June, 1934; married Patsy Campbell; divorced.
    (a) Loretta Ellen Smith was born 16 October, 1966.
(2) Michael Walter, born 13 August, 1944. 14545 S. Forsythe Rd., Oregon City, Oregon 97045
(3) Carol Betty married James Windolph; divorced.
    (a) Nichole Diane Windolph was born 2 March, 1973.
    (b) Stephanie Lawrence
    (c) Robin Lawrence
    (d) Jeffery Lawrence

e. Leona Fay Smith

She was born September, 1913 and died 5 December, 1956. She married James Duncan Grier March 9, 1927; he died 24 November, 1977.
   (1) Gordon, born 2 September, 1927 and died November, 1927.

f. Dorothy Rose Smith

She was born 26 June, 1914 and died April, 1976. She married Stanfor Hegar (Jake) of Morava, Czechoslovakia. He was born 1 May, 1910 and died 10 November 1984.
(1) Stanley Joe Hegar, born 8 August, 19—; he drowned in the Clackamas River in 197_.
   (a) Iamera Hegar
   (b) Stanley Joe Hegar, Jr.

(2) Jerry Hegar
(3) Thomas Hegar
(4) Steven Hegar

**g. Velma Elizabeth Smith**

(1) Lester Alford Bullard, born 4 February, 1935; died April, 1935.
(2) DonaRae Christine Bullard
   Born 20 May, 1937, she married Garrold Eugene How 17 November, 1953. He was born 9 February, 1936. They have 7 children.
   (a) Gary Lee How
      Born 5 August, 1956, he married Tammy Bennett; divorced 1991. Gary is a teacher in Falls City, Oregon.
      (i) Shawn David How, born 13 December, 1980.
   (b) Ricky Eugene How
      In 2000 he had been in the U.S. Marines for about 16 years and was stationed in Korea with his family. Born 19 February, 1958, he married Korie Sue Gardener 28 May, 1977; divorced 1985; has a step-daughter, Amee. He married Stephanie Snyder 4 October, 1988.
   (c) Mark David How
      (ii) Rita How, born 24 October, 1980.
   (d) Monte Alen How
   (e) Susan Kay How
      Born 11 August, 1962, she married Monte Boydston. Susan works at Gretman Hospital in Moscow, Idaho.
      (i) Ryan Lee Boydston, born 8 May, 1981.
(f) Dale How
Born 18 April, 1966, he has been in the U.S. Marines for many Years. He married Debbie Nordin 9 January, 1988.

(g) Teresa Michelle How
Born 7 October, 1967, she married Keith Hornas 7 September, 1989. In 2000 Teresa had been in the U.S. Air Force for about 5 years and at that time was stationed at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

(3) Judith Mae Bullard
(a) Timothy Ryan Simms, born 24 November, 1958.
(b) Christopher Abram Simms, born 31 December, 19--.

(4) Denise Elaine Simms
(a) Fonceia Angela Boyd, born 29 August, 1972.

Note: The preceding members of the family of Cosby and Leona Smith may not be correctly recorded as some of the surnames were missing and the members may not be correctly placed.

Note: All the information on the Cosby and Leona Smith family is taken from a notebook kept by their daughter, Lola Lorena Smith Remington.

h. Lola Lorena
She was born 8 September, 1918; on 19 February, 1938, she married Charles Wesley Remington who was born 19 April, 1914. She is deceased.

1969; joined the U.S. Navy in 1990; married Rudy Alzano; they have a child, Nickalas Remington Alzano, born 11 August, 1992.


(4) Charles Wayne, born 19 December, 1945; married Christine Bergoin by whom he had a son, Kyle Shane, born 3 April, 1968. Divorced. He then married Becky Moore by whom he has three children: Tim, born 28 January, 1965; Michael, born 24 April, 1966; and Janine Marie, born December, 1970.


i. Elsie Grace Smith

Children of Elsie Grace Smith:

(1) Janice Neome Phillips, born 7 April, 1937; stillborn.
(2) Melvin Cosby Ray, born 19 April, 1945. He married Beverly Jean Bush in October, 1969. They had a son Larry Daniel who was born May 21, ______. Larry was in the U.S. Air Force; his parents divorced in 1981. Melvin then married Dona ______ in 1984.

j. John Raymond Smith
He was born 13 November, 1921. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge in World War 2. He married Josephine Harris; divorced. He died 24 May, 1974.

(1) Cosby Kaye
k. Walter Arthur Smith
He was born 9 August, 1923. He served in the European Theatre during World War 2. He married Edith _______. Walt had no children of his own, but he helped Edith raise four of her grandchildren. He died 26 January, 1978.

l. Betty Alma Smith
She was born 15 December, 1926. She married James Barnett with whom she adopted Carrie Lee who was born 23 March, 19___. Betty died 14 December, 1972.

m. James Martin Smith
He was born 2 October, 1928. He married Geraldine Ann Dawson; divorced.
   (1) Judy Sue, born 22 August, 1954.

2. Ethel Grace Smith
The second child of Martin Luther Smith and Margaret Clear Smith, Ethel Grace was born 11 July, 1886 near Sherwood, Oregon. She never married. While she was working at the Oregon City Woolen Mills in Oregon City, Oregon, she developed pneumonia and died 24 January, 1905 at the age of 19.

3. Lester Lee Smith—this family history was contributed by Betsy Griffin of Bay City, Oregon and is quoted almost exactly as she wrote it.
   
   "Lester was born 23 April, 1889, in Canema, Oregon. He was 17 years old when his mother died in 1903. His father left most of the children with relatives but took Lester to California with him where they did some logging before returning to Oregon. He met Pearl (his future wife) in the hop yards. At that time whole families picked hops for extra money. He did a lot of flirting before getting her attention. They were married 23 October, 1909 in Oregon City and began their family in Clackamas Heights. After their fourth child was born in 1919, they moved to the coast near the town of Waldport. Lester made a living by farming, commercial fishing and blacksmithing. He played the fiddle at community dances. He was a hard working man. Our house burned in 1943 causing us to move to the Siletz Valley. He began working in a sawmill. He died in the Toledo Hospital 6 August, 1952, at the age of 63. He is buried in the Eureka Cemetery in Newport, Oregon.

   Pearl Eleanor Carlisle was born 20 June, 1889, at Cripple Creek, near Denver, Colorado, the daughter of Edward John Carlisle and Lillie Ann Homer who were married 5 April, 1888. Carlisle was a miner and a private detective. On 11 May, 1891, Pearl’s mother passed away from heart failure, following an operation for an abdominal abscess. Four months after Lillie Ann’s death, on 1 September, 1891, John Edward married a little German lady, Matilda Ann Wood, who had been caring for baby Pearl. Out of this marriage, came 5 more children. Pearl’s childhood was riddled with illnesses. Probably the worst of these was St. Vitus Dance, believed to be a form of meningitis. This left her with what she called ‘blind headaches’, which were probably severe migraine headaches, which actually did blind and nearly paralyze her with each occurrence. Because of the
re-occurring headaches she had to be taken out of school at an early age. Eventually, Pearl’s parents came to Oregon. Pearl’s father was absent most of the time, off on mining or detective excursions. After one of his trips to the Alaskan gold fields, he did not return. Where, or how he died is unknown. At one time Pearl had a small leather pouch full of gold nuggets, one nugget from each mining trip. It was stolen from her sometime after her family was started. In 1919 she and Lester moved to Waldport, then up the Alsea River. They lived in various houses along the river, eking out a living as best they could. Pearl had a great love of flowers and had beautiful flower gardens wherever she lived and was always willing to share them. To this day, many flowers blooming around Waldport had their start from Pearl’s gardens of many years ago. When Lester died, she moved to Bay City where her family could watch over her. She died on Christmas morning, 1975, at the age of 86 and is buried beside Lester in the Eureka Cemetery in Newport, Oregon.

a. Martin Lester Smith was the first born of Pearl and Lester. He was born 27 January, 1911 in Clackamas Heights, Oregon. As a young teen-ager, he helped Lester with the commercial fishing on the Alsea River. He was a husky young man. One 4th of July, as he was helping with the haying, a certain young Indian girl noticed him. She said any one who would work that hard on the 4th of July must be a good ‘catch’. It wasn’t long before Martin and Phonola were married—13 October, 1934 in Toledo, Oregon. Martin was known by the nickname of ‘Mutt’. His hair was a golden blonde and very curly, causing his aunts to call him ‘mutton’, as in sheep. It quickly was shortened to ‘Mutt’ and stayed with him to the end. He married during the Great Depression, but always managed to find work. He spent time working on building the Alsea Bridge that spans the Alsea Bay. Later he began his logging career on the Siletz Indian Reservation. He soon worked his way up to ‘Bull Buck’ or ‘Boss of the Woods’. He was especially noted as a ‘high climber’, a man who could climb a tall tree, ‘limbing’ it as he went up, and then ‘topped’ it. Then he’d hand the rigging on it, which consisted of huge blocks and pulleys and cables. These were used to drag the fallen trees up to the landing to be loaded onto logging trucks. Mutt had his hand cut off in a mill accident as he was helping a friend set up a shingle mill. Eight months after the accident, he was back ‘high climbing’ again. He stood 6’3” and his average weight was 235 pounds. He logged for many years and then went into commercial ocean fishing. He brought in the first scallops and started the shrimp business in Garibaldi, Oregon. He fished all the coastal water of Washington and Oregon, bringing in salmon, bottom fish and tuna. A crowd was always waiting at the wharf when he came in, as he was very generous with his fish, giving to all who desired it. His wife Phonola was his fishing partner. They made quite a pair as she wasn’t much over 5 ft. tall, but she could do it all. Mutt contracted prostate cancer and died 6 April, 1985. His ashes were spread in the Pacific Ocean, near Twin Rocks, Rockaway Beach, Oregon.

Phonola Van Pelt was born in Requa, California, 13 October, 1913. Her mother died when she was but a baby and her grandmother raised her. She was raised in the old Indian beliefs and was a very interesting person with whom to visit. She was a very hard worker. When she wasn’t on the boat with Mutt, she was shucking oysters at a nearby oyster plant. She loved to bowl and became very good at it. They had no children, but quite often had one niece or another staying with them. They were always delighted to do so. Phonola was killed in an automobile accident 7 April, 1976. She is buried in the ‘How-Un-Quiet’ Cemetery in Smith River, California.

b. Lillian Margarett Smith was born 26 December, 1912, in Clackamas Heights, Oregon. She was always a small petite person. She enjoyed helping her mother with the babies. She also played the fiddle. She and Lester quite often played together at the community dances. Marge was a very talented person. She could do almost any kind of a craft, especially making artificial flowers. She made flowers for many weddings and receptions. At one time she had her own craft and floral

John Elvin Thornbrue was born 31 July, in Mondovi, Washington. He met Marge while working in Waldport. They married 16 February, 1932 and moved to LaGrande. He worked as a logger and then a heavy-duty mechanic. Later they moved to Garibaldi, Oregon where he had a body and fender business but later returned to his former vocation as a heavy-duty mechanic. He and Marge divorced 7 April, 1978, in Hemet, California. John died 29 August, 1986, and is buried in the Sunset Heights Memorial Garden in Tillamook, Oregon.

c. Jessie Mildred Smith was born 12 September, 1915, in Clackamas, Oregon, near Oregon City. She was a robust baby and continued to be a healthy, husky, young girl. Consequently, a lot of the farm labor landed on her back. Jessie chose to live with her Aunt and Uncle Laverne Carlisle in Milwaukie, Oregon. She graduated from high school there. After high school she went to Olympia, Washington and was a ‘nanny’ and a housekeeper for a doctor and his wife. From Olympia, Washington where she was a ‘nanny’ and a housekeeper for a doctor and his wife. From Olympia she went to LaGrande, Oregon where she met and married Gerald Clayton Sanford 14 November, 1935. He was born 22 August, 1914 in Hilgard, Oregon. They had two sons: Gerald Clayton, born 5 March, 1937 and Jimmie Martin, born 25 October, 1941, both in La Grande, Oregon. Gerald worked for the railroad, and Jessie worked as a cook, alternately working in taverns. They were divorced in January, 1950. On 1 March, 1950, Jessie married Arthur Clyde Leonard in LaGrande. He was born 26 August, 1914 in Ohio. Arthur worked for the Oregon State Highway Department. Jessie and Arthur had three children, including twins: Jan Arlie and Joe Arthur, born 10 November, 1950 and Anna Carol born 8 July, 1952. The Leonards were divorced in January, 1959. Jessie spent her last summers at the coast with her sister Betsy and her husband, enjoying clam digging, fishing and picking berries. She died 15 July, 1994, from cancer and is buried in the Sunset Memorial Garden in Tillamook, Oregon.

d. Ada Pearl Smith was born 22 August, 1917, in Clackamas, Oregon. She enjoyed helping in the kitchen and became a wonderful cook. Pearl really appreciated her help. Ada and Lester ‘got along’ very well. They enjoyed bantering with each other. She was a happy go lucky sort. She married very young, to George Franklin Porter and had her first of 3 children at the age of 16. They were married 30 August, 1932 in Toledo, Oregon; he was born 19 July, 1913 in Walla Walla, Washington. Their three children are George Elvin, born 27 May, 1933; Elva May, born 24 February, 1935; and Carl Lee, born 11 July, 1937, all in Waldport, Oregon. George was a good provider, even though it was during the Great Depression years. He was a mill worker. He and Ada divorced 21 April, 1942 in Toledo. George died in 1961 and is buried in the Eureka Cemetery in Eureka, California. On 19 August, 1942, Ada married Felix John (Felice Giovani) Zema in Aberdeen, Washington. John, who was in the U.S. Army, served his military obligations in the European Theater as a medic. He was born 17 August, 1920 in New York City, New York. He worked at Fisher Auto in Terrytown, New York until retirement age, although he didn’t retire until he was over 80. Ada held many and various kinds of jobs. She was a great salesperson and worked for awhile as a meat cutter. In their later years, they both worked as security guards. They had no children. Cancer took Ada 7 May, 1992. Her ashes were buried on her father’s grave in Newport, Oregon.
e. Clarinda Ann Smith was born 1 October, 1919, in Waldport, 4 miles up the Alsea River on Echman Slough. She was a breach birth and a midwife carefully turned her with each contraction. She was the only left-handed child in the family. She had a marvelous voice and was approached by a radio station with an offer to have her sing for it. Being a shy person, she wouldn't even consider it. That was a real 'missed opportunity. She went to Siletz to live with Mutt and his wife. On 16 March, 1940 in Siletz, Oregon, she married Edwin Edward Simmons, who was born 28 August, 1910, in Logsden, Oregon. Edwin's father, Hauxhurst (Hoxie) Simmons was the acting Chief of the Siletz Indian Tribe for many years. "Clara" was an excellent housekeeper, and Edwin was a logger. They had three children: Edwina Ann, born 8 October, 1940, in Toledo, Oregon; Robert Edwin, born 17 February, 1942, in Oceanlake, Oregon, and Sharon Rose, born 12 February, 1946, in Portland, Oregon. Sharon died 23 March, 1948, at the age of 2 with an asthmatic heart. Clara died from emphysema and heart failure, 27 May, 1980, and Ed died 16 June, 1984. Clara, Ed and both of their daughters are buried in the Paul Washington Cemetery at Siletz, Oregon.

f. Ethel Grace Smith was born 16 September, 1921, on a homestead on Drift Creek, about 4 1/2 miles up the Alsea River. She was the 6th child of Lester and Pearl Smith. She attended first through ninth grades at Waldport, followed by a business course and a high school diploma in Portland. She was a close friend of her sister Clara with whom she loved to play basketball and sing harmony; they even yodeled in harmony. On 11 January, 1941, she married Adrian Overlander, a marriage that lasted 3 months. On 9 May, 1942 in Olympia, Washington she married James Everett Elting, who was born 24 June, 1909 in Danville, Iowa. He served several years in the U.S. Army, serving in the Alaskan Theatre. After his service he became active as a carpenter. He fell from a scaffolding, crushing his ankle, which finally caused his foot be amputated. He and Ethel had 5 children: Grace Eleanor, born 13 February, 1943, in Waldport, Oregon; Connie Mae, born 3 November, 1946; Debby June, born 6 February, 1948; James Everett, born 14 September, 1949; Dennis Ralph, born 15 October, 1954; the last four children were born in Toledo, Oregon. Everett died 10 June, 1970 and is buried at the Riverside VFW Cemetery in Siletz, Oregon. On 23, April, 1975, Ethel married John Daniel Stalnaker, who was born 26 September, 1916 in Independence, Oregon. John (Jack) worked for a Public Works outfit in the Willamette Valley in Oregon, then carried hod for a brick layer, then spent his last 15 or so years in a woodworking plant. He retired at the age of 71. He died 20 January, 2000 and is buried in Independence Cemetery, Independence, Oregon. Ethel died of cancer 2 August, 1994 and is buried in the Sunset Memorial Garden in Tillamook, Oregon.

g. Marion Edward Smith was born 1 August, 1923, on the homestead on Drift Creek, up the Alsea River about 4 1/2 miles. "Moke" was the first boy after 5 girls. Of course he was spoiled by everyone. As he grew up, he became very independent. By the time he was 14, he had his own fishing outfit, consisting of a boat and motor (first one on the river), a fishing shack to live in and a couple of nets. At this time he was about 6 feet tall, topping out at 6'6" when full grown. After 3 years of fishing, he became restless and decided to be a cowboy. He loved western story books which must have influenced his thinking. He packed up and headed for Wyoming. He stayed there for about a year when the WW2 draft caught up with him. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force and became a good airplane mechanic. He spent his last year in the service in Oahu, Hawaii. When he arrived back home in 1945, he tried several different ways of making money. He wasn't one to work for someone else. He tried logging, then started ocean fishing. He fished with his brother Mutt for awhile. Then he ran a dredge, both in the Tillamook Bay and in places on the Columbia River. He had two 'out of wedlock' sons by an Indian lady: Robert Marzan and Gerald Marzan. In November, 1959, he married Elizabeth Barrest, who was born 16 September, 1920. They had one

h. Henry Bertram Smith was born 14 August, 1925, on the Drift Creek homestead up the Alsea River. Henry was a frail baby. He had trouble learning in school. After he graduated from the 8th grade, he helped Lester with the fishing outfit, cut cord wood to sell, and after our house burned, he helped rebuild another one. He was drafted into the U.S. Army during WW2 and served several years in the South Pacific, mostly around New Guinea. He came home from that somewhat affected by all the bombings. In June, 1950, he married Anna Lee Lyons who was born 19 July, 1933 in Melba, Idaho. After their fifth child was born, Henry had a vasectomy, but Anna became the mother of four more children. Henry tried many ways to make a living. Finally he went to work in the plywood mill in Garibaldi. He was a hard worker and respected by all who came in contact with him. One night in 1970 when driving home from work, he had a terrible car accident, leaving him a quadriplegic. Henry and Anna were divorced April, 1972 in Tillamook, Oregon. Henry and Anna had 5 children of their own: Toy Ann, born 27 November, 1950; Laurell Lee, born 5 October, 1954; Wayne Henry, born 13 April, 1956 in Idaho; Tina Christine, born 30 November, 1957; and Sherrill Marie, born 25 November, 1959. The seventh and eighth children were adopted out after the divorce. After his accident, Henry spent 15 years in a wheelchair, finally succumbing to leukemia 2 October, 1986. His body was cremated and his ashes spread at Golden and Silver Falls State Park in Coos Bay, Oregon.

i. Betsy Jane Smith was born 2 November, 1927 at Eckman Slough, 4 miles up the Alsea River, east of Waldport. She was a healthy 9 pound baby, and stayed healthy these past 74 years. Betsy helped with the farm end of things, milking cows, slopping pigs, feeding chickens and packing water, plus hoeing the garden and helping to get in the winter’s hay and a store of wood. She picked black berries commercially every summer to help pay for school clothes. The first 10 years of her schooling were spent in Waldport and the next 2 were in Siletz. She had moved there when their house burned. Betsy graduated from Siletz High School in 1945 with top honors. She then moved to Seaside to live with Marge and John. Soon they made a move to Garibaldi, where John had a body and fender business. Betsy and Marge both helped with the sanding of cars preparatory to painting them. She and Marge spent time in the hills picking digitalis, which was sold. Betsy then played ‘nanny’ to a couple of little boys while their parents worked. It was then that Betsy met Albert Griffin, and 3 months later, on 16 March, 1946, they were married. Albert was born 15 December, 1917 in Seattle Washington. Albert was working for the U.S. Civil Service, having just returned from 4 years of active duty in the South Pacific. The wages were very small, so he decided to try hod-carrying. Al was built of small stature, and he soon decided it would be a lot better if he were the brick-layer instead of the hod-carrier. He became a masonry contractor and continued the rest of his life as such. He had a very sharp mind and was soon into city politics. For the next 46 years he was either on the city council or was the acting mayor, which he was at the time of his death, 28 February, 1998. He is buried in Sunset Memorial Garden in Tillamook. Betsy worked in the school cafeteria for awhile and then went to work in a plywood mill. She worked there for 15 years. She worked a year in Portland in a woodworking establishment, and in a cabinet manufacturing place. Then she worked 21 years in a furniture and brush handle factory in Bay City that manufactures over 2 million handles annually, plus furniture components. She retired at the age of 71. At present (2002) she is just trying to keep up with the grand and great-grand children. Betsy and Albert had 4 children: Candice Jane, born 20 May, 1948; Terrance Albert, born 12 June, 1950; Christopher Lee, born 27 July, 1951; and Rebecca Jean, born 15 July, 1952. All the children were born in Tillamook, Oregon. Note: Eckman Slough is now called Eckman Lake.
j. Inez Ruth Smith was born 12 December, 1930, on Joe Tunstall's place, about 4 ½ miles up the Alsea River, east of Waldport. She was the last of the 10 children born to Peal and Lester. Marion did not welcome her but Henry and Betsy thought she was 'just right'. Ruth was a happy child, always laughing. In her youth she rode horses and by the time she was a young adult she was riding competitively, winning many silver belt buckles, cups and trophies. There was a young man who kept her horses' feet shot, named James F. Hills. Ruth thought he was more than just interesting, and before long they were married. The date was 24 October, 1948, and the place was Toledo, Oregon. James was born in Zillah, Washington. Jim had a horse also, and they spent many enjoyable times camping and riding with the saddle club. Jim was a logger, falling and bucking trees. Ruth worked some in restaurants. They raised 2 sons: James Steven, born 1 February, 1951 in Toledo, Oregon; and Joseph Carl, born 4 April, 1957 in Newport, Oregon. In 1961 they moved to Tillamook and both went to work in the plywood mill in Garibaldi. In 1963 they moved to Shelton, Washington where Jim returned to falling and bucking timber. Ruth went to work in a cedar fencing and lumber mill where she quickly became the superintendent. She worked there for several years. Jim's health began to fail and before long emphysema took his life. He died 27 July, 1989; his body was cremated and his ashes were spread in the Yaquina Bay, Newport, Oregon, near his parents' homestead. When the cedar mill shut down, Ruth went to work in a pulp mill in Toledo, Oregon. She worked there for several years. Not long after that, Ruth had a stroke, and due to a plugged carotid artery, she lost the sight in one eye. She had fallen on the job at the pulp mill and injured her back quite severely previous to that. With the help of a friend, Clarence Gilespie, she lives in her home in Shelton, Washington and at this writing, she is 71 years of age.

The story of Lester and Pearl Smith and their family
was written by Betsy Smith Griffin
March 21, 2002

Note: Betsy also has compiled an up-to-date 26-page list of all the descendants of Lester and Pearl Smith. If you are a Smith descendant, you might be particularly interested to have a copy. I have a copy, and I am sure Betsy does too. We would be happy to make a copy for you.

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Clara, Ed, Sharon Rose, Edwina, & Robert (Bobby)

Clarinda & Ed Simmons
Marion (Moke) and Betty Smith

Betty, Lester Marion (Skipper), & Marion Smith

Toddie, Clara, & Marion Smith (about 1925)
Albert Griffin & State Fair Honey Trophy

Jessie Leonard & Al Griffin...
clam harvest!
Henry & Anna Lee, Toy & Tina Smith


Jessie Leonard, Clarinda Simmons, Betsy Griffin, Ruth Hills, & Ethel Stalnaker (Smith Sisters)
Henry Smith, 1946

Marion Smith
Army Air Force
W.W. II

Betsy Griffin
Spring Chinook
Tillamook Bay
2000

Betsy Griffin
Spring Chinook
Tillamook Bay
2001

(2003) Candice and Dennis Stauffer
Carrie and Brent Wright and sons
Candice & Dennis Stauffer & family:
Carrie & Brent Wright, Pat & Tonya Stauffer,
Amanda, Tina, Stephen, & Elyse Stauffer,
Nathanial, Collin, & Lee Wright
Candice Stauffer, Betsy Griffin, Terrance Griffin, Albert Griffin, Christopher Griffin, Rebecca Farr

Albert & Betsy Griffin, 50th Wedding Anniv. Candy, Betsy, Terry, Budge, Chris, Becky
4. Lola Louise Smith

When her mother, Margaret Clear Smith died in 1903, Lola, who was 9 years old at the time, made her home with her Clear grandparents, first in the Cipole community and later in Tualatin, Oregon. She was named for her grandmother who called herself Louisa Clear when she moved to Oregon. However, when Lola’s family wanted to tease her, they would call her “Dicey” so perhaps her middle name really was Ludica, the original given name of her grandmother.

Lola was born 26 November, 1893, in the Middleton community, southwest of Sherwood, Oregon, the fourth child of Martin and Margaret Clear Smith. On 24 October, 1910, she married Carl John Shaffer. Carl, a native of Massillon, Ohio near Canton, had come to Tualatin, Oregon in 1909 to work as a blaster for the Southern Pacific Railroad. The couple first met when Carl was working in a well, looked up and saw Lola peering over the edge. He said later, “She was the most beautiful girl I had ever seen.”

Soon after their marriage, they moved to Ohio for a short while before returning to Oregon to live first in Clackamas Heights, Oregon City where their daughter “Topy” was born in 1911 and later in Tualatin where Carl was a blacksmith. In 1911 they moved back to Ohio where their daughter Jeannette was born in 1913. In November, 1923, they returned to Oregon permanently, buying a home at 1116 Taylor Street, Oregon City where they lived the rest of their lives.

Carl became the head saw filer for the Crown-Willamette Paper Mill in Oregon City. Lola worked as a seamstress for the Oregon City Woolen Mills and the Pendleton Woolen Mills in Portland, specializing in sewing sleeves onto men’s jackets. She served on the board of directors of the Clackamas County Historical Society for several years, due to her interest in family history.


a. Grace Elizabeth (“Topy”) She shared her mother’s interest in family and local history for she served for 28 years on the board of directors of the Clackamas County Historical Society, curator for 2 years, and a member of the Oregon Historical Society.

She was born 25 August, 1911, in the Clackamas Heights district of Oregon City, Oregon. She moved to Massillon, Ohio with her parents soon after her birth. She attended first through seventh grades in Ohio, and when her parents moved back to Oregon, she finished elementary school at Barclay Grade School in Oregon City; in 1930, she graduated from Oregon City High School.

On 14 February, 1932, she married William Ernst Reber to whom she had been introduced by two of her cousins, Ray and Roscoe Winters. The couple bought a 5-acre place in the Tonquin community near Tualatin, Oregon. They later added 11 acres.

Bill was employed in structural steel construction on dams and bridges from California to Washington. He worked 7 years on the Bonneville Dam. During World War II he worked in the Portland shipyards, becoming head of the steel yards at Kaiser’s Oregon Shipyards. He was awarded a 50-year service pin by Local #29 of the Iron Workers Union, but worked 5 more years before his retirement in the early 1970’s.

In his younger years, Bill played on and managed local baseball teams. After his retirement, the Rebers became “rock hounds”, traveling to collect stones which they used to craft into tables and jewelry in the workshop they built on their place. In 1981 they toured Europe. In later years, the Rebers sold 2 five-acre tracts, leaving 6 acres around their home site, 10770 S.W. Tonquin Loop Rd., Sherwood, Oregon.

Bill, who was born 27 February, 1908, died 1 February, 1987. Topy died 5 April, 1998.
The following obituary for Bill’s father, Ernst Reber, appeared in a paper in the Sherwood, Oregon area, but both the name of the paper and the year of Ernst’s death are unknown:

“William Reber’s father, Ernst Reber, resident of Mulloy for 65 years died Tuesday, August 22 as a result of injuries received when he fell from a ladder while picking pears at his home, Route 2, Sherwood.

Reber was born in Switzerland, June, 1886, coming to the Sherwood area at the turn of the century. He operated a farm in the Mulloy community until his retirement several years ago and was active in community affairs.


Services at Young’s Funeral Home August 26; committal at Crescent Grove Cemetery, Tigard, Oregon.”

Bill and Topy’s children:

(1) William Ernst Reber, Jr.
He was born 5 July, 1933 in Portland, Oregon. He attended Tualatin Grade School and graduated from Sherwood High School in 1951. On 7 June, 1953, he married Janice Carol Bither who was born 27 January, 1935 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. She is the daughter of Foster Bither and Gertrude Cofer Bither. He became an iron worker after high school graduation, a vocation he followed until September, 1964 when he fell from a scaffolding at the Albany Paper Mill. After 3 years of recuperation, he established a welding business in Dayton, teaching welding and working at fairs. He was a volunteer fireman in Sherwood and a member of the Dayton School Board for several years. Address:7559 SE Webfoot Rd., Dayton, OR 97114

(a) Elizabeth Carol, born 25 December, 1953 in Portland; named Carol because of Christmas day. On 10 August, 1976, married Michael F. Roos who was born 7 May, 1950. Three children: Anthony Michael Roos, born 8 July, 1975; Eagle Scout; graduated from college in civil engineering; married Tiffany Middleton 12 July, 1999. John William Roos, born 5 April, 1977; Eagle Scout; graduated from college in mechanical engineering; mar-


(2) Daniel Harvey Reber
He owned the Chevron Gas Station at 6 Corners near Sherwood, Oregon for 5 years. He sold it and became a parts manager for a large equipment firm, Utility Equipment Company. He was born 16 July, 1934, a twin. He attended Tualatin Grade School and graduated from Sherwood High School in 1952. On 2 February, 1953, he married Caroline Young who was born 8 August, 1934. She was the daughter of William Young and Mary Cereghino Young. She died of cancer in June, 1999. He married her best friend in December, 2000. Address: 22531 SW Park St., Sherwood, Oregon 97140-8009

(a) Richard Wayne, born 8 October, 1953; married Debra Miller. They have twins, Christopher and Nicole, born 4 November, 1985.

(b) Susan Marie, born 27 April, 1955 in Portland; she married Luther Randall Stacy II, by whom she had a son, Luther Randall Stacy, III. Luther III is married and has a son Luther IV, born 13 March, 1999. Susan is presently married to Rick Ackerman by whom she has a son, Ricky Ackerman, Jr.

(3) Richard Carl Reber
   A twin of Daniel Harvey Reber, he was born 16 July, 1934, and died 29 January, 1938, due to a defective heart. Open heart surgery might have saved him had it been available at that time.

b. Mary Jeannette Shafer
   “Jeannette” was born 30 September, 1913, in Massillon, Ohio, her father’s hometown. In 1923, the family moved permanently to Oregon where her parents had met and married, making their home in Oregon City. She married Carl Guenther, who was born 19 April, 1911, in Oregon City, Oregon. He became the manager of the weaving department of the Pendleton Woolen Mills in Washougal, Washington where he worked his entire career. Jeannette also worked in the Pendleton Woolen Mills.


(1) Ellen Jean Guenther
   She was born 18 December, 1935. She married John Robert Ricks, the father of her 4 children. He was born 10 October, 1933 and died October, 1980.
      (a) Sharon Jean, born 8 June, 1955; married ________ Davis, but has no children.
      (b) Karen Yvonne, born 12 March, 1957; married Raymond F. Siegel and has 3 children: Jonathan Fredrick, born 16 June, 1983; Jenna Rae, born 1 May, 1987; and another daughter.
      (c) Mark Robert, born 31 May, 1958; married Renee ________ and has two sons: Carl Robert, born 29 October, 1984 and John, born 28 December, 1985.
      (d) Sandra Kathleen, born 28 May, 1969 and is single.

   Ellen’s second husband is Lyle M. Clough, born 17 January, 1930.

(2) Carl A. Guenther, Jr.
   He was born 20 April, 1937 and has been married 3 times. He has 2 children by his first wife, Katherine Sullivan:
      (a) Kenneth Carl, born 22 July, 1958.
      (b) Larry Patrick Wayne, born 28 August, 1960.

   He has 2 children by his second wife, Carrol Gable.
      (c) Debra Ann, born 6 May, 1968.

   His third wife, Joan ________, was born 26 March, 1933 and died 26 December, 1986.

5. Marion Smith
   He was 5 years old when he and his sister Lola made their home with their grandparents with their grandparents, John H. and Louisa Clear after their mother’s death, first in the Cipole community near Sherwood, Oregon and later in Tualatin. He was living with his grandfather when the latter died in 1913 in Canemah, near Oregon City.

   He was born 26 January, 1898 in the Middleton community near Sherwood, Oregon.

   In the early 1920’s, he and his father, Martin Luther Smith, lived with Marion’s brother, Lester Smith, on an old homestead 4 miles up the Alsea River and about ½ mile up Drift Creek along the Oregon Coast. It could be reached only by boat, as there were no roads into it at that time.

   He never married. He died in November, 1980.
6. Leota Marie Smith

She was born 22 January, 1900, in the Middleton community near Sherwood, Oregon. From the age of 3 until 19, she lived with her Aunt Mary Clear Carothers at Canemah near Oregon City, Oregon.

She married Stanley Winstead ca. 1920. She died 30 May, 1982.

a. Elaine Winstead

She was born March, 1924. She married William Towson; as of 1985 she lived in Sacramento, California.

(1) William; killed in an automobile accident.
(2) Pamela

b. Shirley Winstead

She married L. B. Mauldin, and as of 1985 lived in Eagle Point, Alaska.

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7. Winifred Margaret Erma Smith

“Winnie” was born 30 May, 1901, at Bay City, Tillamook Co., Oregon. She was 2 years old when her mother, Margaret Clear Smith died. She lived with her aunt, Sarah Clear Dickerson, until her marriage to William J. Thien in 1917 at the age of 16.

The Thiens separated in 1919. Again “Aunt” Sarah Dickerson came to the rescue and took the two young Thiens' sons into her home. Winnie later married Claude Cochran and in September, 1976, married Jack Gertz. She died in Oregon City and is interred in the Milwaukie Mausoleum.

a. Raymond Thien (Then)

He was born 12 June, 1918, and moved to the home of his great-aunt, Sarah Dickerson when his parents separated in 1919. He married 3 times. He died in 1969.

(1) Virginia married Owens.
   (a) Jana Owens married Russel Cuddie and has a daughter.

b. Edward Thien

He was born 23 August, 1919, in Lake Grove, Oregon (formerly called Waluga, Oregon). His parents separated when he was 6 months old, and he lived with his great-aunt, Sarah Clear Dickerson until he was 10 years old. He attended Canemah Grade School. When his father remarried, he lived with him until he finished 8th grade at Lake Grove Grade School. He and Rayburn had a half-sister, Georgeanne Thien Crumly and a half-brother, James Thien. As of 1985, Georgeanne was living in Salem, Oregon, but James was deceased. From 1933-35 Edward lived with his mother in Chicago. He later returned to Oregon to stay with his father and graduated from West Linn High School in January, 1937. After high school graduation, he returned to Chicago where he worked for the Motorola Co. until his retirement in 1984. On 23 August, 1940, he married Helen Barbara Hummel in Chicago. In 1985 he and his wife moved to Oregon where they lived on SE River Road, Milwaukie until his death.

(1) Marion Thien

She was born in Chicago 11 September, 1942. She later moved to Oregon.

(a) Julie; she has a daughter.
(b) Michael
(c) Craig
(2) James Thien  
   He lives in Bolingbrook, Illinois.  
   (a) Alison (f)  
   (b) Bridget  

C. Susan Isabelle Clear  

John W. Winters and Susan Clear Winters  

Wedding photograph  

December 6, 1886
“Suz” was lively, sociable, quick-witted and loved to dance. She was dancing a jig when she fell dead in the doctor’s arms at the age of 84. She also inherited the Clear “looks”: short, brown-eyed and nearly black hair.

Susan was born 21 March, 1866, in Walla Walla, Washington, where the Clears and Grahams had ended their Oregon Trail trek in 1864. Soon after her birth, she moved with her parents to Oregon City, Oregon, then to a farm near Roseburg, Oregon for a year, and by 1870 was living with her parents on a 160-acre property in the Cipole community near Sherwood, Oregon.

She rode horseback to attend Middleton Grade School west of Sherwood (about 5 miles from her home). Four of her grandchildren attended the same school in the 1920’s and 1930’s. She also attended school in the Cipole-Sherwood area. Before her marriage she worked in the Oregon City Woolen Mills for awhile.

On 6 December, 1886, she married John Wesley Winters, whose parents, John Winters and Anna Gubser Winters had traveled the Oregon Trail to Oregon with other members of the Gubser family in 1852. 50,000 immigrants traveled westward in 1852, one of the wettest summers of westward migration. The only year that had more immigrants was 1850 with 55,000 immigrants because of the discovery of gold in California in 1849.

John Wesley was born 21 February, 1859, on a 320-acre donation land claim near the summit of Chehalem Mountain north of Newberg, Oregon, where his parents and grandparents first settled. Around 1868, the Winters family bought 171 acres in the Middleton community near Sherwood, Oregon.

While John Wesley was working as a surveyor for the first railroad to go from Portland through Newberg, he discovered a 160-acre tract that had never been homesteaded, so he filed a claim on it. It was located at Chehalem Station about 4 miles southwest of Sherwood, Oregon. The one-room house he built on this property was the scene of his wedding to Susan Clear.

As their family grew, so did the house until it was a rambling structure with two stories, 10 rooms, a wood shed, a covered porch surrounding a well, all under one roof. John bought additional land until the home place consisted of 325-350 acres. He was also a meat buyer and butcher most of his life.

Before he built a slaughter house on the home place, he bought and sold livestock (cows, pigs, and sheep) throughout Yamhill and Washington Counties, but after the slaughter house was built, he butchered most of the livestock he bought. Either John or one of his two eldest sons, Lewis and Ray would drive the livestock to the home place for butchering or the sellers would drive it. The day after butchering, Lewis would take a team of horses and a covered wagon to haul the meat into M. J. Jones who operated a butcher shop on Yamhill Street in Portland, Oregon. This was a 20-mile trip on muddy roads. Son Ray drove an extra horse as far as Middleton as the road was undeveloped between Chehalem Station and Middleton. Then Ray would return home with the extra horse.

Sometime before John’s death in 1931, a truck was used for hauling, and by the time John died, competition had driven the Winters’ family out of the butchering business.

John passed away 22 January, 1931, on his homestead after suffering for fifteen years with cancer of the mouth. His body was cremated and his ashes buried at Middleton Cemetery, southwest of Sherwood.

38 Donation Land Claim Records, Bureau of Land Management State Office in Portland, Oregon: Claims #2370, #2369 and #4377.
As her youngest son, Roscoe, had inherited the home place, about 1935 Susan rented a small place on the old 99W highway just north of the Middleton Cemetery. Around 1945 she suffered a heart attack and for about a year before her death on 5 February, 1950, she lived in a nursing home in the Sellwood district of Portland. She is buried beside her husband’s ashes in the Middleton Cemetery.

She was 5’3” tall and weighed around 150 pounds in her later years. She had brown eyes and black hair with just a sprinkling of gray at the temples at the time of her death. She was lively, liked people and loved to dance and to socialize. On 12 October, 1931, she became a member of the Newberg chapter of the DUV (Daughter of Union Veterans of the Civil War), Tent #19. After her children were grown, she would “gad” every chance she had. She was dancing a jig as she fell dead in the doctor’s arms.

The Family of John W. Winters and Susan Clear Winters

Top Row, l. to r.-------Joanna (24 yrs.), Lewis (31 yrs.), Rosa (30 yrs.) Ray (27 yrs.) and Cecile (20 yrs.)

Front Row, l. to r.-------John W. (59 yrs.), Roscoe, in front of father (12 yrs.), Ana (21 yrs.), Wesley (15 yrs.) and Susan (52 yrs.) 

Taken in 1918.
1. Lewis Benjamin Winters

“Louie” was associated with his father, John W. Winters, in the meat business and continued
to do so until several years after his marriage. In the earlier days of the business, he helped buy and
sell livestock throughout Washington and Yamhill Counties in Oregon, but after his father built a
slaughter house on the home place, his main jobs were to help with the butchering and then haul the
meat into Portland the next day over 20 miles of poor road with a horse and carriage.

The oldest child of John and Susan Clear Winters, he was born 31 August, 1887, on the
homestead of his parents at Chehalem Station near Rex, Oregon (4 miles southwest of Sherwood and
4 miles east of Newberg). Louie graduated from Rex Grade School and attended Pacific Academy
in Newberg (later Pacific College and now George Fox College). As a young man he was an
amateur photographer. Several of his pictures around the Rex community can be found in family
albums.

He married Juanita “Nita” Elsie Heater 2 December, 1923 at the Heater home in the Pleasant
Hill community south-east of Sherwood, Oregon. She was born 7 May, 1898, at Sherwood, Oregon.
They started housekeeping on the 40-acre farm at Middleton that Louie had bought from his father.
On this farm was the site of the home that John and Anna Catherine Gubser Winters, Louie’s
grandparents had built when they sold their homestead north of Newberg and moved to Middleton in
1868. The house burned before 1900.

Nita’s parents were William Cornelius Heater, born 1858 in Springbrook, Oregon, and Mary
Lillian Dewey, born in Dayton, Oregon. They were married 12 February, 1896.

Louie lived on his farm until his death 37 years later on 2 September, 1960, as the result of a
heart attack. He was found dead lying in a pasture of his farm. Part of his farm was planted in
filberts. For many years Louie owned a threshing machine with which he traveled around the area
threshing grain for farmers.

Funeral services were held 5 September, 1960, at the Sherwood Funeral Chapel in Sherwood,
Oregon, with the Masonic Lodge assisting.

After Louie’s death, Nita and their daughter, Wenona sold the farm and moved into
Sherwood. Nita died 8 March, 1983; both she and Louie are buried in Middleton Cemetery,
Sherwood, Oregon.

a. Wenona Lou Winters
She has always made her home with her parents, Louie and Juanita Winters, and has never married.
She was born 13 October, 1929. Since her mother’s death, she has been living in Creswell,
Oregon near her mother’s relatives, the Heaters.
She attended Middleton Grade School, graduated from Sherwood Grade School, and
attended Girls Polytechnic High School in Portland.

2. Rosa Ethel Winters

“Rose” was born at Chehalem Station 8 April, 1889. After graduating from Rex Grade
School, she attended Pacific College (now George Fox College). When she was 18 years old, she
was employed by Dr. Pettygrove as a mother’s helper in his home near the Good Samaritan Hospital
in Portland.

She married George Edward West of Rex 18 October, 1911, at the home of her parents.
“Ed” had started logging in Astoria in 1905, working in the woods from Cape Creek to Vancouver
Island. After the couple’s marriage, they lived on a farm they owned on 99W east of Newberg until
the depression of the 1930’s. Among produce that Ed grew were prunes for drying, blackcaps for
dye, and raspberries from which he also sold cuttings. After they left the farm, Ed was engaged in
logging while they lived in a house at Six Corners near Sherwood. Later they lived at Lakegrove, Oregon.

During World War II, both Rose and Ed worked in the Oregon Shipyards. Rose welded in the double bottoms of ships, and Ed was a union melt operator.

Ed, born in 1889, was the eighth of nine children of Walter T. and Mary Jane Farmer West, who were married in 1869 in Union City, Illinois. Mary Jane, the only child of Axom D. and Betsy Daniels Farmer, was born in Union City 25 December, 1851. A biography of Walter T. West appears in Portrait and Biographical Records of Western Oregon, Chapman Publishers, Chicago, Ill., 1904. The family of Mary Jane Farmer West and the family of Ed’s paternal grandparents, Derrick Van Pelt and Mary Shumway West are included in the same book.

Ed West was a member of the Newberg Berryians, Dundee Packing Co., and a 30 degree Mason. He was a strong supporter of his brother “Max” West who was an inventor. Max invented the first cruciform screw, but due to several unfortunate events, Phillips received a patent first. Ed was killed in an automobile collision in Tigard, Oregon 24 April, 1958. His funeral services were held Monday 28 April, 1958, at the Brown Memorial Chapel in Newberg, Oregon, with interment at the Friends Cemetery in Newberg.

Rose was a member of the Newberg chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. She suffered a fatal heart attack 29 November, 1963. She was living at 18045 S.W. Central Ave., Lake Oswego, Oregon at the time of her death. Her funeral was conducted at the Brown Mortuary Chapel in Newberg, and she is buried beside her husband in the Friends Cemetery in Newberg, Oregon.

a. Hazel Oregon West
She was not only the oldest of six children of Edward and Rose Winters West, but the first grandchild of John and Susan Winters. She was born 28 November, 1912.

All six of the West children were born at the West home at the foot of Rex Hill east of Newberg, Yamhill Co. Dr. Harry Littlefield signed their birth certificates.

She was married three times: (1) to Delmar George Snyder 26 September, 1931 (He was born 13 February, 1907, and died January, 1984, in Tillamook, Ore.); (2) to George John Louis September, 1941; and (3) to Louis Amabe Jette 13 January, 1954 (He was born 22 November, 1909 and died June, 1965.).

She had no children. She died of a massive coronary July, 1979.

b. Farrell Edward West
Before World War II he was a member of the C.C.C. in the Hepner area of Oregon, building dams and doing reconstruction work for farmers such as erecting fences to contain cattle.

Farrell was born 29 October, 1917.

During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy in the Sea Bees, building landing strips on coral reefs. He said the screeching of the tropical birds nearly drove him “crazy”.

On 19 May, 1944, he married Doris Ann Bock, by whom he had four sons. They were later divorced.

After World War II, he was employed by the Dept. of Interior as a game warden and trapper in the Crown Zellerback forests of the Oregon Coast Range. He father affectionately called him “Hunter”.

He inherited some of the Winters artistic talent as he was adept at drafting.

He died of a cerebral hemorrhage 16 March, 1975, in Hillsboro at the age of 57. His funeral services on Friday, March 21 at Fruiten Mortuary Chapel were under the auspices of Tualility Lodge #6, A.F. and A.M. Interment was at Willamette Cemetery, Portland.
Farrell’s former wife, Doris, had her own real estate business, Beaver Realty, in Anchorage, Alaska. It is believed that three of their four sons are in the fishing business in Kodiak. It is not known if any of them are married. One son may live in California.

(1) Edward
   He was born in 1950.
(2) Ronald
(3) Robert
(4) James
   He was born in 1961.

c. Ervill Avon West
Ervill has had a variety of forms of employment, including salesman for Alumna-Loc Siding, auto salesman for Wentworth Motors in Portland, and salesman for bolts and cants. As of 1989 he has had his own real estate business, Westco Land Investments, based at his home at 4344 Cedar Oak, West Linn, Oregon.

Ervill was born 16 September, 1921.

His first wife, Melba, came from the Waldport, Oregon area. He later married Rosalie Katherin DuBos on 26 October, 1949, the mother of his four children. She died September, 1986. He sometimes goes by the name of “Lance”.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Iceland as a radar operator.

He graduated from Sherwood High School in 1940.

(1) Bradley
(2) Curtis
(3) Shelly
(4) Valerie
   At one time she was in the real estate business in Saskatchewan and later raised chickens.

d. Ava Yvonne West
She was a welder in the Kaiser Shipyards in Oregon during World War II.

She was born 6 July, 1925.

She is currently married to Gene Allen. She was married twice before—to Lester J. Boone and Joseph L. Harris, Jr. Harris was born 3 April, 1920, and died 23 July, 1971. He is buried at Blue Mountain Memorial Park, Walla Walla, Washington. When he and Ava were married, they lived at College Place, Washington.

As of 1999, she was living at Boardman, Oregon.

(1) Sherl Linn Harris
(2) Yolanda Harris

e. Aggretta Rose West
She also was a welder in Kaiser Shipyards in Oregon during World War II.

She was born 15 August, 1926.

She married Jack Blackwell from Chateau, Oklahoma, returning there to live. Their first child, a boy, was stillborn as the result of an auto accident in Silom Springs, Arkansas. He was buried in Claremore, Oklahoma.

Aggretta and Jack moved to Oregon where Jack was killed in a logging accident at Waldport in August, ____. She took Jack’s remains back to Oklahoma where he was interred beside his son in Claremore. She returned to Oregon for the birth of their daughter, Jackie Linn, the following January.
After she and Jackie Linn returned to Oklahoma, she met and married Bartley Wallace Sharp. They had one daughter, Loretta; a second daughter lived but a few months due to a heart valve that did not close.

Aggretta died of cancer, 13 July, 1977. She, her second husband and baby girl are buried in a cemetery at Pryor, Oklahoma.

(1) Jackie Linn Blackwell
(2) Loretta Sharp

Arless Aloha West
Born 4 August, 1930, she was a beautician most of her life.

On 10 March, 1949, she married Edward G. Collins who was born 10 March, 1949.

Edward served with the Third Division in Europe during World War II as an advance scout. After the war he returned to Europe on occupation duty. Eighteen of his twenty-four years in service were spent in Europe and Africa.

While her husband was overseas after their marriage, Arless finished beauty school and attended Portland State University. She worked and taught beauty culture for the next fifteen years in the Portland area.

She moved to Albany, Oregon, in 1969 at which time she began working with the Asian refugees for E.S.O.L. After leaving that work in 1983, she took care of her eight grandchildren while their parents worked. In May, 1989, she was doing office work for the YMCA in Albany.

She and Edward were divorced in December, 1970. She lives at 1230 Center St. SE., Albany, Oregon.

(1) Edell

(2) Georgene
(3) Theresa
(4) Divonna

3. Ray Dello Winters
Ray was born 30 July, 1891, at Chehalem Station, Oregon and graduated from Rex Grade School.

While he was still in his teens, he joined his father, John Winters, and his brother, Louie Winters, in the meat business. One of Ray's particular jobs was to drive an extra horse from home to Middleton to help pull the wagon of butchered meat, as the road was undeveloped that far. Louie would take the wagon on to Portland, and Ray would return home with the extra horse.
In 1925, Ray married Adelle (Della) Pritchard, 17, born 1908 in Fresno, California. She and her brother, Kenneth who was older often visited their maternal grandparents, the McDowells, who lived on the hill above the John Winters' homestead. Kenneth palled with Ray when he visited his grandparents. Della moved to Fresno with her grandparents. Ray followed her, and they were married there.

Della was a member of an interesting family. Her mother was a Coolidge, a niece of President Calvin Coolidge. Della’s aunt and uncle, Mary and Harry Donnelly acquired a fortune in gold mining in Alaska in 1960. Mary’s sister, Emma Wilson, was the first woman territorial marshall in the Yukon. She was single. Neither Mary nor Emma had children. Della’s grandmother McDowell was short and husky. Della had curly blond hair; she played the piano well.

When Ray and Della married, they set up housekeeping on the farm Ray owned on Chehalem Mt., Yamhill County, west of Chehalem Station. Ray lived there until his death.

Ray and Della were divorced in 1931; she died of tuberculosis August, 1935, in Seattle, Washington, and is buried in Fresno, California.

For several years Ray’s uncle, Andrew Clear, lived with him on his farm which he planted in filberts and grain.

In January, 1943, Ray was married to a widow, Louise McKay LaChapelle by a justice of the peace in Tigard, Oregon. Emil and Joanna Brookman served as witnesses. The newly weds made their home on the Chehalem Mt. farm. For many years Ray worked in a cement plant near Oswego, as well as operating his farm. Louise was born 18 March, 1901 and died December, 1982.

Ray died 9 December, 1976.

a. Ray Winters, Jr.

After his parents, Ray and Adelle Pritchard Winters, were divorced in 1931, Ray lived with his grandmother, Susan Winters, until he was 15 years old, with the exception of a stay with his aunt, Joanna Brookman when he was 3 and 4 years old. He attended Rex Grade School for two years, then transferred to Middleton Grade School when his grandmother moved to Middleton in 1936.

He was born 31 March, 1927, in Portland, Oregon.

He graduated from Middleton Grade School. During World War II, age requirements were relaxed for home front employment, so in the summer when he was 15, he worked at the Sherwood cannery; at 16 he drove truck for Tigard-Sherwood Truck Lines and at 17 worked in the Oregon Shipyards.

He attended Sherwood High School from 1942 to June, 1945, at which time he was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Force. After training in Texas and Mississippi, he spent 10 months in
Okinawa, ending his service in December, 1946, with the rank of corporal. He returned to Sherwood High School in January, 1947, to finish his high school education.

On 15 June, 1947, he married Ayla Trotter. He had various jobs until 1953—1 year with ice refer cars for the railroad, 1 ½ years in a sawmill at Sweet Home, 2 years at Oregon-Portland Cement Co., and then truck driving jobs for 2 or 3 years. He worked for Consolidated Freightways from 1953-1971, usually handling the Portland to Chicago run.

When Consolidated moved its operations from Portland, Ray transferred to Nehalem Valley Motor Freight in Portland (now McCracken Motor Freight) where he worked for 14 years (as of 1986). At the same time he drove truck, he farmed for 23 years, also doing custom farming for other people in the summer around his home in Battle Ground, Washington where he lives at 23615 NE 92nd Ave., 98604.

Ray and Ayla were divorced in December, 1961, after having four children. In October, 1962, he married Betty Haller, a woman with 2 boys, Eric and Mark.

(1) Linda Winters
The oldest of the four children of Ray Winters, Jr. and Ayla Trotter Winters, she was born 20 November, 1948, at Lebanon, Oregon. She attended one year at University of Oregon before transferring to Oregon State University. In her sophomore year, she married Douglas Coughenower who was also attending OSU. His hometown is Pendleton, Oregon. He holds two college degrees in oceanography. Through Douglas’ work, Linda has lived in many places and experienced an exciting life. He has worked in Florida and studied at MIT in Massachusetts. When Doug worked in Washington, D.C., Linda was an aide in the office of Senator Packwood of Oregon. They moved to Salem, Oregon, where Doug sold real estate and Linda worked for Rep. Denny Smith. When Doug received a position with the University of Alaska Fisheries Dept., they first lived at Dillingham, where the only access was by air. In 1986, they moved to Homer, Alaska, where Linda worked for a State of Alaska Senior Center. The family liked Alaska. They are retired and are “Rving” around the U.S.A.

(a) Katy—born ca. 1974.

(2) Larry Dean Winters
As he was starting his junior year of high school at the age of 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served 12 years, but was so disappointed how the Army had changed, that he arranged for a discharge. While he was in the service, he married Jan Loffler by whom he had two children, Cheryl and Brian. Jan’s home was in Olympia, Washington. Larry and Jan are divorced, and the children live in Olympia with their mother. Larry, who was born 5 October, 1950, attended schools in Eugene and Sherwood, Oregon. As of 1986, he was driving truck for Milne Truck Co. in Portland and living in Vancouver, Washington. His second wife has two children from a previous marriage.


(b) Brian—born ca. 1976.

(c) ________ born in 1986.

(3) Richard Newton Winters
He married young, had two children, Angie and Cindy, but is divorced.
Born 13 June, 1953, he lived with his father and step-mother while he attended
high school in Battleground, Washington. After his divorce, he again stayed with his father and in 1986 was driving truck between Portland and Seattle. His two children are living in Newport, Oregon, with Marvel ________, his half-aunt whom Ray and Ayla raised until she was seventeen years old.
(a) Angie—born ca. 1970.
(b) Cindy—born ca. 1975

4. Joanna Winters

Joanna, named for generations of Joannas in her family, was born 13 April, 1894, on her father’s homestead at Chehalem Station, Oregon. She lived there until her marriage to Emil Brookman, 6 December, 1917.

She had to hike up Parrott Mt. each day to attend the first two grades of school. The school was located on part of the Henry Parrott place on the corner of Parrott Mt. Road and the road to Rex. Her third grade studies were pursued at a school which had been converted from a house on the Elmer Wright place nearly at Rex Station, on 99W Highway. Then the new school was built at Rex around 1904.

After she graduated from Rex Grade School, Joanna continued to return to the school to learn all she could. She even taught math to some of the younger children. She wanted to attend Newberg High School, but her parents were not in favor. Math was her great love. While she was in the 8th grade, she won the Yamhill County arithmetic contest for grade school students.

After she was 16, she stayed home and helped with the house work and cooking for the family. She got up at 1:30 a.m. to cook breakfast for her father and two brothers, Ray and Louie, when they were to haul slaughtered meat into Portland. During the summer of 1917, she worked as a companion for a neighbor, living with her and earning $15 a month.

When she married Emil Brookman on 6 December, 1917, she moved into a new house he had built on his 40-acre farm in the Middleton community. She worked side by side with him as he improved his land, bought more land to a total of 80 acres, and planted a diversity of crops. She helped plant peach, prune and filbert trees. She picked berries, picked up filberts and painted grafts when Emil grafted his six-acre prune orchard from Standard to Italian prunes. In addition to helping with the farm work, she had a large vegetable garden, putting up around 1000 jars of preserved foods each year.

Emil Brookman was born 10 September, 1892, in Portland, Oregon. He was the youngest of ten children of Karl and Mary Ann Weiss Brookman, who had immigrated to the United States from
Russian Poland in the early 1880's. The senior Brookmans bought 80 acres of land in Middleton in the early 1900's along a road that ran between Middleton and Sherwood, which was later named Brookman Road. In 1912 the Brookmans divided their farm between two of their sons, Emil and Charles. Emil gradually bought more land until his farm was 80 acres.

Joanna's life centered in her family. She taught her children the value of work, but she also spoiled them. She might cook the same item of food several different ways for one meal just to please them. She was her children's staunchest fan and supporter throughout her life. She had a wonderful sense of humor, was quick witted, loved to tease and play practical jokes. Because she didn't get all the education she wanted, she encouraged her children to have an education.

In the fall of 1944, she and her husband sold their 80-acre farm in the Middleton community and bought a 1.6 suburban property at Tigard, Oregon at 11345 S.W. 95th St. From then until Emil's death 29 January, 1967, they were retired and traveled extensively throughout the United States.

Joanna lived by herself after her husband's death until March, 1979, when she moved to the home of her daughter Alvera in Virginia. She died 9 October, 1981, five weeks after an automobile accident in Kenosha, Wisconsin while she was visiting her other daughter, Doris Brown in Wisconsin. She is buried beside her husband in Crescent Grove Cemetery in Tigard, Oregon.

a. Alvera Elaine Brookman

From the time she was five years old, Alvera wanted to be a teacher, particularly of English. She did teach a total of fifteen years as the family moved, always happy to have a recess between positions. However, teaching remained her first choice as a career.

She was born 9 February, 1920, on the farm of her parents, Emil and Joanna Winters Brookman, in the Middleton community near Sherwood, Oregon.

She graduated from Middleton Grade School 1933, Sherwood High School 1937, University of Oregon 1941, and was granted an MA degree from Stanford University 1948, majoring in counseling and English. She was an English teacher at Grants Pass, Oregon 1942-44; Portola Jr. High School in San Francisco 1944-45; Springfield High School, Springfield, Oregon 1947-1950; and W. T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, Virginia, 1970-1979.
She married Lester Clayton Dunn Lt. (Sr. Grade), U.S. Navy 26 May, 1945, at Hunter's Point Chapel in San Francisco. They met when both were doing graduate work at Oregon State University. They corresponded while Les served 3 years aboard the Battleship U.S.S. Pennsylvania (BB 38), participating in 12 campaigns in the South Pacific. He was the 3rd Division officer handling high after 14"-45 caliber turret, officer of the deck underway and catapult officer. While the ship was undergoing repairs in San Francisco in the spring of 1945, Les and Alvera were married.

On 3 July, 1945, Les was transferred off the ship, and Alvera accompanied him to Washington, D.C. where he attended gunnery school to learn about 8-inch automatic firing cannons in preparation to serving on a new heavy cruiser under construction in New England. But World War II ended August 15.

Rumors were rampant for days before the actual end of the war was official. When the final announcement was made, all stores and offices closed; people ran into the streets, climbed on top of busses, cars, buildings, and clogged streets. Les who was in school in Anacostia, the SE part of town headed toward Alvera who was working as a cashier in a U.S. Navy cafeteria along the reflecting pool in NW D.C. Only the young would try to find each other in a mass of people like that! While busses were immobile on Pennsylvania Ave., Alvera and Les saw each other through the windows of their busses stalled side by side. They scrambled from the busses and spent the day among the celebrating crowd.

While still in Washington, D.C., Les who held two degrees in forestry from Oregon State University, found a position with the Bureau of Land Management, Dept. of Interior, assigned to the Portland, Oregon office. His 34 year career with the BLM took him and his family to Eugene, Oregon; Sacramento, California; and Washington, D.C. He retired in August, 1979 as Chief of Access and Rights of Way, and Alvera retired June, 1979, as a teacher at Woodson High School in Fairfax, Virginia. They decided to retire in Virginia as their two sons lived there.

The Dunns have been active in community service, particularly with youth groups—Camp Fire Girls, Indian Guides, Boy Scouts, Little League baseball and girls' softball. Alvera was a leader of Camp Fire groups for 13 years, as well as serving on the Board of Directors in 3 councils. She was president of the Lane County (Oregon) Council of Camp Fire Girls from 1961-1963. She holds the Luther Gulick Award, the highest administrative award given to a volunteer in the Camp Fire Girls Organization. She is also a member of the Stanford chapter of Pi Lambda Theta, an education honorary for women. Her interests are gardening, genealogy, antiques and traveling.

After their retirement the Dunns traveled extensively in the United States, Europe, and made a trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Les died of cancer 3 May, 1992, and is buried at Fairfax Memorial Cemetery, Fairfax, Virginia. Alvera continues to live at 9418 Wallingford Dr., Burke, Virginia 22015. Phone: 703-323-6113.

(1) Elaine Alice Dunn

When Elaine began ballet lessons at the age of eight, no one suspected that dancing would become a life-long interest to her. She studied ballet and ballroom dancing through high school and folk dancing in college. After she moved back to California following college graduation, she learned square dancing, west coast swing, Cajun, zydeco, Argentine tango, salsa, Lindy Hop and vintage styles of dance from the 19th and early 20th centuries, teaching ballroom and Cajun dancing as well. Dancing has allowed her to meet people during her travels throughout the West Coast, Canada, New York, Washington, D.C., Atlantic City and Hawaii.
where she attended special dance camps and local dances. Contra dancing remains one of her main interests.

Her other passion is traveling. Her first trip was a 60-day American Youth train/bicycle tour through the heart of Europe in 1973 before her final year at Duke University. She spent another three months in Europe in 1977 including one month motoring through the United Kingdom with her parents, then continuing on with friends through central Europe, France, Spain as far east as Greece for another two months. Her most recent long trips were to Asia in 1990 and 1991 which included Hawaii, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Bali and Japan.

Elaine, the oldest child of Lester and Alvera Brookman Dunn, was born 15 October, 1952, in Portland, Oregon. She attended 1st-5th grades at Willagillespie Elementary School in Eugene, Oregon; Starr King Jr. High in Sacramento, Calif. for 7th and 8th grades; Rio Americano High School in Sacramento 9th-11th grades and graduated from W. T. Woodson High School in Fairfax, Virginia, in 1970. She was in the Project Talent Program for Gifted Children at Willagillespie Elementary School, and during junior and senior high school was involved in accelerated programs in English, Spanish and math, graduating in the top 5% of her high school class with almost a straight “A” average. She was also a member of the National Honor Society.

From 2nd-12th grades she was very involved in Camp Fire Girls; for 9 of those years her mother was the group leader. That youth program gave Elaine the opportunity to back-pack in the Sierra Mts. of California. She achieved the highest rank in Camp Fire Girls—Torchbearer.

She enrolled at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, in 1970, graduating in 1974 with a double major in economics and history. During summer vacations she worked as a GS-4 for the U.S. Treasury Dept. in Washington, D.C. In the fall of 1974, she moved to the San Francisco bay area where she has lived ever since. In 1978 she returned to college to study accounting and then transferred to California State University at Hayward where she received a Masters degree in business admin-
istration/marketing in 1983.

She has worked at several jobs in her field and is presently substitute teaching K-12 in the East Bay area of San Francisco.

She lives with her son, Cameron, at 1460 Blush St., Manteca, California 96336; Ph. 209-823-2033.

(a) Cameron Clayton Dunn

Cameron has found his niche as a salesman. Perhaps this smiling 6'6" fellow approaching in his size 15 shoes convinces a customer to buy. He has won several honors as "top salesman", at both Radio Shack and Levitz Furniture.

Born 27 December, 1977, in Hayward, California, he graduated from Redwood High School in Castro Valley, CA and attended Las Positas Community College in Livermore. He was active in Boy Scouts, particularly enjoying weekend camping trips once a month and resident camp every summer. His current hobby is snow boarding in the Sierras.

(2) Roger Charles Dunn

In his youth, Roger was an excellent athlete. After playing Little League sports, he earned his varsity letter in football as a sophomore, handling the position of tailback; he later was a corner back and punter. He also earned his varsity letter in baseball for two years. Both he and his brother Brian played sports as adults but decided to limit their activities due to athletic injuries.

The elder son of Lester and Alvera Brookman Dunn, he was born 10 February, 1954 in Vancouver, Washington. He attended Willagillespie Elementary School, Eugene, OR, 3 years, Eastern Elementary School in Sacramento 3 years, Arden Intermediate School 2 years, Rio Americano High School 1 year, and graduated from W. T. Woodson High School in Fairfax, Virginia in 1972 where he was also a member of the National Honor Society. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in Blacksburg, VA in 1979 with a BS degree in business.
On 19 November, 1977, he married Kathleen Veronica Bridgette Pantalone, the daughter of Edward John Anthony Pantalone and Agnes Marie Nussear Pantalone. "Kathy" was born 31 July, 1956, in Washington, D.C. She attended St. James Catholic School in Falls Church, VA and graduated from W. T. Woodson High School in 1974. Her father was born 3 April, 1932, in Ottawa, Canada, and her mother was born 21 May, 1934, in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Her paternal grandfather, Frederico Rocco Pantalone was born in Pretoro, Italy, and her paternal grandmother, Antoinetta Locatelli was born in Terecina, Italy, a suburb of Rome and died 1980 in Ottawa, Canada. Her maternal grandfather, John Harry Nussear died of a heart attack at the age of 49; her maternal grandmother, Agnes Mary Nussear, was born 30 July, 1912, at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

Roger's and Kathy's children are truly an American-European "melting pot". Their ancestors are Scottish, English, Irish, Welsh, German, Swiss, French and Italian.

Kathy has attended Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA and George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. She has held a variety of interesting jobs: during a stint with World Air Lines in 1994, she made a quick trip to Croatia when the airline delivered a new United Nations Navy Hospital Unit; in 1995 she was business and information systems manager for the "Taste of D.C." She has taken part in several theatre musicals, in addition to playing the flute in the pit orchestra; in 1986 she won first place for an original one-act play she wrote for the Northern Virginia one-act play festival. She is a certified travel agent. In 1998 she joined Gateway Computers as a computer trainer; on March 1, 1999, she was promoted to corporate trainer, traveling around the United States to train staff at new Gateway stores. On June 1, 1999, she became the Eastern regional training manager for the company, based in the Washington, D.C. area, but when Gateway down-sized, Kathy lost her job. She earned her BS degree cum laude in business administration at Trinity University in D.C. in December, 2003 and was granted both an MBA and an MS in organizational development from Trinity in May, 2005. She now works for the National Association of College and University Business Officers where she develops and manages professional development programs.

Upon college graduation, Roger went to work full time for F. W. Harris
Plumbing and Heating. In 1987 he formed his own plumbing business. As of 2004, he is a partner in a construction company that builds custom homes along the Potomac River near Mt. Vernon.

The Dunns live at 4617 Merritt Rd., Alexandria, VA 22312.
Ph.: 703-658-3191.

(a) Edward Charles Dunn
Born 7 December, 1979, in Falls Church, VA, he played baritone saxophone in the Fairfax High School marching band which took regional honors in the 1995 Washington Post competition. The band also received a top rating of "1" in a Nashville, Tenn. competition in 1996. Ed also plays the bass guitar and formed his own band "Eidos". He graduated from high school in June, 1998, and received his AA degree in 2003 from ECPI College of Technology, majoring in computer programming.

(b) Joanna Marie Dunn
Born 30 December, 1981, in Falls Church, VA, she is a talented pianist, appearing in concerts and competitions, as well as accompanying the jr. high school choir. She played bass guitar in the jr. high school band, and flute and piccolo in the symphonic band. The Fairfax High School band in which Joanna played the flute won top honors in a competition in New Orleans. She was high point female scorer for her age group on her swim club in 1995 and still holds the 50-metre free-style record for the Northern Virginia Swim League. She is a high school graduate.
Brian Lester Dunn

While working at the Springfield Golf and Country Club in Springfield, VA, he decided to make golf course management his career. He commuted to the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland, where he earned an AA degree in agronomy with a specialty in golf course management and a minor in horticulture May, 1986.

Brian was born 17 January, 1957, in Eugene, Oregon. He attended kindergarten at Willagillespie Elementary in Eugene, Oregon 1962-63, Orville Wright Elementary in Sacramento for 1 year, Eastern Grade School in Sacramento 5 years, Robert Frost Intermediate School in Fairfax, VA 2 years, and graduated from W. T. Woodson High School in Fairfax in 1975. All three Dunn children graduated from W. T. Woodson High School while their mother was teaching there. He is the son of Lester and Alvera Brookman Dunn.

He excelled in baseball in high school, earning his varsity letter as a sophomore. In 1973 the high school team made it to the state playoffs.

When his college work was completed, he became assistant golf course superintendent at International Town and Country Club at Chantilly, VA. From 1988 to 1990 he was superintendent at Penderbrook Golf Course in Fairfax, VA. He enjoyed a brief stint in 1990 as assistant superintendent at TPC (Tournament Players Club) Avenal, Maryland, the home of the Kemper Open. In 1990 he became superintendent of Seven Springs Golf Course in Chesapeake, VA but after 6 months decided to return to northern Virginia where he became superintendent of Pinecrest Golf Course, a part of the Fairfax County Park Authority. In August, 1998, he was transferred to Oakmarr, a new Fairfax County recreational facility where he is superintendent of the golf course and grounds. He plans to stay with the Park Authority until he retires.

On 6 December, 1986, he married Marion Genevieve Penton who was born 27 August, 1959, in Alabama. Gennie, the mother of his 2 children, is the daughter of Robert and Bettie Penton Michael of Manassas, VA. Brian and Gennie were divorced 17 December, 1991; he became the guardian of their children, Michael and Marci.

(a) Michael Brian Dunn  
Born 19 March, 1988, in Falls Church, VA, he has been active in Little League baseball. In the fall of 1995, his team was undefeated 15-0. He attended Weems Elementary School in Manassas from kindergarten through 5th grade with perfect attendance. He graduated from Metz Intermediate and is now taking home schooling through Illinois State University.

(b) Marci Elaine Dunn  
Born 7 December, 1989 in Falls Church, VA, she has finished Weems Elementary and Metz Intermediate in Manassas, VA, with perfect attendance. For several years she has been on the cheerleading squad for Little League football. In 2004 she earned a place on the freshman cheerleading squad at Osbourn High School in Manassas.

b. Doris Brookman  
Doris had the artistic talent in the Brookman family. She had an avid interest in antiques. Her most treasured collection was Pickard china. She also enjoyed searching for old lithographs and framing them in antique picture frames.

She was born 5 February, 1922, on the Middleton farm of her parents, Emil and Joanna Winters Brookman, near Sherwood, Oregon.

She graduated from Middleton Grade School 1935 and Sherwood High School 1939. She attended University of Oregon for 2 years (1939 to 1941), majoring in interior design. On the poor advice of her college advisor she transferred to Art Center School in Los Angeles for 1 ½ years, only to discover that it was an art school not one for interior design.

On 27 April, 1944, in Los Angeles, she married Kenneth Eugene Brown, a photography student at Art Center School. Ken, the son of Fred and Elvira Smith Brown, was born 25 June, 1918, in Kenosha, Wisconsin. His ancestors had been early settlers in Wisconsin. He graduated
from Antioch High School in Illinois, attended University of Wisconsin at Madison, Whitewater State College in Wisconsin, and Art Center School in Los Angeles.

From 1943-44 Doris worked for the War Arts Association in Los Angeles doing drafting for the United States Air Force.

Doris and Kenneth Brown
25th wedding anniversary--1969

After their marriage in Los Angeles in 1944, the Browns moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they started a commercial photography business which they continued until 1969. Doris's artistic expertise was a great help in the studio.

In 1960 they bought a 160-acre farm at Bristol, Wisconsin on Hwy. #50 near the Illinois-Wisconsin line. They worked the farm on weekends until 1969 when they sold their photography business and moved to the farm permanently. They raised Black Angus cattle, and Doris went into the nursery and bedding plant business with her son Bill. They had 41,000 square feet of greenhouses where they grew their own plants.

An important part of the Farmer Brown business was the management of six rental units in nearby Salem, Wisconsin, two of which were in the home Ken's grandfather, Frank F. Smith built.


(1) William Ira Brown

"Bill" was a nurseryman in Kenosha County, Wisconsin. His business, located on Hwy. #50 was called "Farmer Brown's". He also conducted popular Halloween hayrides in October.

The son of Kenneth and Doris Brookman Brown, Bill was born 21 September, 1948, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated from Maryland Avenue Grade School in Milwaukee in 1962 and Boys' Technical and Trade School in Milwaukee in 1966. He was a member of the National Honor Society and was awarded a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin. He attended the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee 1 1/2 years, then transferred to the University of Wisconsin in Madison where he majored in civil engineering, agricultural engi-
William (Bill Brown) and Debra Sedorchuck Brown 1997
The only child of William and Barbara Vahl Brown, he was born 1 June, 1976, in Madison, Wisconsin.

He graduated from DeForest High School in Deforest, Wisconsin where he excelled in wrestling. In 1998 he graduated from University of Wisconsin/Whitewater, a college his grandfather, Kenneth Brown once attended. His major was political science and public communications.

His resume is so lengthy and impressive that it will not all be mentioned here. He made the National Dean's List 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998; ranked in the top 5% of his class; hosted the WSUW-FM “Political Science Student Radio Show”; inducted in the 1998 addition of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; received the Phi Kappa Phi "Outstanding Junior Scholarship"; honored for volunteering 300 hours to the Wisconsin State Legislature; qualified to join the National Political Science Honors Society of Pi Sigma Alpha; was a legal assistant for a law firm in Brookfield, Wisconsin from 1998-1999, and in 2000 became a purser on a cruise ship, "The Delta Queen".

He married a fellow worker on the cruise ship; they live in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

(b) William Ira Brown II

1997
The son of William and Debra Sedorchuck Brown, he was born 26 January, 1984, in Park Ridge, Illinois.

He graduated from Bristol Grade School in 1988 and Central High School in Salem, Wisconsin in 2002. He was active on the cross country team in high school.

(c) Sara Lynn Brown

She was born 26 December, 1989, in Park Ridge, Illinois, the first Brown female to be born in 93 years.

As of 2004 she is a freshman at Central High School in Bristol, Wisconsin.

(2) Fred Wesley Brown

"Fritz" and his electrical apprentice students at the Madison Area Technical College originated the annual "Holiday Fantasy in Lights" display from Thanksgiving Day to New Years Day at Warner Park in Madison, Wisconsin. The all-night show began in 1989 with 12 figures and grew to over 20 before a local organization took over the operation. The original idea was to take images from children's coloring books and bring them to live in free-standing displays.

Fritz, the son of Kenneth and Doris Brookman Brown, was born 23 April, 1950, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated from Maryland Avenue Grade School in Milwaukee 1964, and Boys' Technical and Trade School in Milwaukee 1968. He attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison before joining the U.S. Navy on 28 April, 1969.

He received his basic training at the Great Lakes Training Station in Illinois, and in June, 1970, reported to Groton, Connecticut, where he was stationed on the U.S.S. Fulton, a sub-tender, until January, 1971.

On 26 August, 1970, Fritz married Mary Ellen Crawford at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She is a native of Wisconsin whom he met at the University
of Wisconsin before joining the Navy. Her parents are Robert and Shirley Shale Crawford.

After he left the U.S.S. Fulton in January, 1971, he had duty at the Bainbridge, Maryland Naval Station until June, 1971. He then attended West Milton Nuclear Power Prototype near Saratoga Springs, New York, until January, 1972. His son, Jacob Wesley, was born 20 December, 1971, at Saratoga Springs.

From January, 1972, to March, 1975, he was at Newport News, Virginia, on the pre-commissioning crew of the U.S.S. California, DGLN-36 (destroyer guided missile light nuclear frigate). Just before the ship was commissioned, the U.S. government discovered that the Soviets had more cruisers than the U.S., so our government upgraded the classification of the ship to cruiser. It was commissioned February, 1974. Matthew Emil Brown was born 21 September, 1974, while the Browns lived in Newport News, Virginia.

In March, 1975, Fritz left the Navy and returned to the University of Wisconsin in Madison to major in nuclear engineering. In June, 1975, he began to work full time for the University as a fusion plasma research specialist as he continued his studies. He and Mary Ellen were divorced 3 July, 1981.

He quit his job with the University to become an electrical apprentice. When he earned his electrical journeyman rating, he became the electrical instructor at the Madison Area Technical College in September, 1988.

(a) Jacob Wesley Brown
The son of Fred Brown and Mary Ellen Crawford Brown, he was born 20 December, 1971, at Saratoga Springs, New York. He graduated in geology from the University of Wisconsin in 1996; for several years he worked on an oil rig off the coast of Texas. He was married but is now divorced.
(b) Matthew Emil Brown
He was born 21 September, 1974, in Newport News, Virginia while his father was stationed there with the U.S. Navy. He was a sheet metal apprentice in Madison, Wisconsin. He is married and has a daughter. Both Matthew and his brother Jacob came under the custody of their mother in 1981. Matthew has a daughter, Molly.

c. Wesley Emil Brookman
Wesley joined the Oregon National Guard in June, 1948, and rose to the rank of major in May, 1972. In 1975, he resigned his commission to reenter the ranks of non-commissioned officers. In 1989, he was an E7 sergeant and the senior member in the Oregon National Guard. On 8 March, 1989, he retired from the Oregon National Guard as a major with 41 years service.

The youngest child of Emil and Joanna Winters Brookman, he was born 8 March, 1929, in Newberg, Oregon. He graduated from Middleton Grade School in 1942 and Tigard High School in 1946 where he excelled as a first baseman on the varsity baseball team; he played center on the basketball team. He also attended Sherwood High School and Grants Pass High School where his sister, Alvera, was teaching.

After high school graduation, he tried several jobs until he found his vocational niche as a Chevrolet parts man in January, 1949 at Gregg-Owens Chevrolet Co. in Tigard. He stayed with the Chevrolet line until October, 1979, when he became a parts man for the Northwest Natural Gas Co. and its fleet of cars and trucks.

On 31 March, 1950, in Portland he married Virginia Johanna Peterson, the daughter of Sam and Marie Peterson. A daughter, JoAnna Marie, was born 20 May, 1960; they adopted a son, Gregory Alan, born 18 January, 1965. Wesley and Virginia were divorced 7 March 1970.

On 27 March, 1970, he married Deanna Nell Charles Rowan by whom he had a daughter, Candice Ann, born 5 June, 1973. Wes and Dee were divorced December, 1981.

He was a member of Elks Lodge 823 and American Legion Post 14, both in Vancouver, Washington where he had moved upon retiring from the Northwest Natural Gas Co. after 15 years employment.
He died unexpectedly of a heart attack 3 March, 2001 five days before his 72nd birthday. His body was cremated, and interment was held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon with military honors.

(1) JoAnna Marie Brookman

JoAnna holds an AA degree in social studies from Portland Community College, Portland, Oregon.

The daughter of Wesley and Virginia Peterson Brookman, she was born 20 May, 1960, in Portland, Oregon. She graduated from Tigard Grade School in 1973 and Tigard High School in 1977.

On 26 July, 1981, in Tigard, Oregon, she married Dallas LaVerne Parker, the son of Clifton Eugene and Violet McFadden Parker. Dallas, the youngest of six children, was born 18 August, 1959, in Kalona, Iowa. The family moved to Portland, Oregon, in 1960.

Dallas, who graduated from Clackamas High School, has the occupation description of service technician: welder. He has also been certified as an advanced welder and travels to jobs in the three coastal states of California, Oregon and Washington. Dallas and JoAnna are divorced.

Dallas Parker and Joanna Brookman Parker with their children:
top to bottom: Lisa, Sara Ann and Steven

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(a) Lisa Marie Parker  
Born 22 July, 1988, she has attended schools in Portland and Tigard, Oregon.  

(b) Sara Ann Parker  
She was born 12 December, 1989.  

(c) Steven LaVerne Parker  
He was born 27 January, 1992.  

(2) Candice Ann Brookman  
The only child of Wesley and Deanna Rowan Brookman, “Candi” was born 5 June, 1973, in Portland, Oregon. She attended Candy Lane Grade School in Milwaukie, Oregon, first to fifth grades at which time she moved to Vancouver, Washington, with her mother. There she graduated from Felida Grade School, Pleasant Valley Intermediate, and Prairie High School 4 June, 1991.  
From 26 June, 1991, to 22 September, 1995, she worked full time for AVX, a company that manufactures ceramic computer chips. She has received training in a nursing home to become a CNA (certified nursing accident). She has also taken evening classes at Clark College, Vancouver.  
Chris is a heating and air conditioner installer at Dan’s Top Notch. He and Candi have erected a new manufactured home at 3850 Addy Street, Washougal, Washington 98671. Phone: (360) 835-3422.  
Candi likes to bowl, go to Nascar races, four-wheel, camp, hike and do arts and crafts.  

(a) Corey Robert VanderPloeg  
He was born 18 June, 1997.  

Christopher VanderPloeg and Candice Brookman VanderPloeg  
August 6, 1994
5. Ana Marie Winters

Ana was born 31 March, 1897, at Chehalem Station, Oregon. After graduating from Rex Grade School, she rode the train to attend Newberg High School.

For years she worked as a waitress in Portland, mostly at Swetlands and Olds and Kings Department Store.

On 14 October, 1937, she married Orie Claude (Bob) Burnham. For awhile they operated the Elkhorn Restaurant. Later he had a small fix-it shop across from their home at 3820 SE Belmont St. in Portland.

Bob died in August, 1964, in Portland, followed by Ana 7 May, 1981. Both were cremated and their ashes placed in the Sellwood Mausoleum.

Ana had no children.

An interesting story is told about her during World War II. She was very fond of her nephew, Laurence (Larry) Putnam, who flew cargo planes "over the hump" between Burma and China. Once when she and her sister Cecil were praying, Ana was heard to say, "Dear God, please end this awful war, and please, please protect "Lawnie" when he flies over those God-damn mountains."

6. Cecile Olive Winters

"Cecil" painted extensively over the years, giving most of her work away to friends and relatives. She did have a show and sold paintings, mostly in oil, through the art department of Meier and Frank Department Store in Portland, Oregon.

She followed the Christian Science religion. Most of her work was with the Sixth Church of Christ Scientist in Portland where she was a practitioner and reader in the church.

She was born 13 April, 1898, at Chehalem Station, Oregon. After graduation from Rex Grade School, she traveled to Newberg by train to attend Newberg High School.

On 21 November, 1918, she married Hugh Laurence Putnam at the home of her parents. Their marriage is recorded on microfilm, pp. 2884 and #276 of Washington County Marriages at the Hillsboro, Oregon Courthouse. The record says Cecil was 20 and Hugh, 34. Jesse Edwards, minister of the Friends Church in Newberg, officiated. Signing as witnesses were the bride’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winters. The Putnams lived most of their married life in the Multnomah suburb of Portland, Oregon.

"Put" was born 24 August, 1884, if the age on his marriage license is correct. He was born in Masstown, Nova Scotia, the oldest of 11 children of Arthur Putnam and Elizabeth (Libby) Lightbody Putnam. The genealogy records of the Putnams in Nova Scotia have his birthdate as 26 August, 1883, but there is a question mark beside the date. Arthur Putnam was born 26 April, 1860, in Middle Stewiacke, Nova Scotia and died 20 July, 1946, in Masstown, Nova Scotia. Elizabeth Lightbody Putnam was born in 1865 and died in 1934 in Masstown, Nova Scotia. "Put’s" paternal grandparents were Timothy Perley Putnam (1836-1903) and Mary Esther Fulton Putnam (1836-1905). They were married in Stewiacke, Nova Scotia. "Put’s" maternal grandparents were Thomas and Margaret Fulton.

At the age of 15, "Put" enlisted in the cavalry headed for the Boer War (1899-1902) in South Africa. Enroute to South Africa by ship, "Put" nearly lost his young life when his ship almost sank in a typhoon. An uncle may have accompanied him. "Put" did reach his destination and was stationed in Durban, South Africa with the cavalry. During the fighting, "Put" suffered a glancing bullet wound on his forehead. The Boer Was is sometimes called "The South African War."
“Put” worked for Howard Cooper Corp. in Portland for 31 years. During the last 4 years of his life, he lived with his son Allen in Laguna Niguel, California. He died 20 March, 1983, the last living veteran of the Boer War. Since his birthdate is in doubt, so may his age at the time of his death. He claimed he was born in 1881, and his wife said he was 17 years older than she. He enlisted between the ages of 15 and 17 so that doesn’t clarify the situation either. No one in his immediate family knows the exact age at the time of death, but it must have been between 99 and 101.

Cecile died of a heart attack, 30 November, 1970, while visiting her son, Laurence, in the San Francisco Bay area. Both Putnams are interred at the Abbey Mausoleum, 0319 S.W. Taylors Ferry Rd., Portland, Oregon 97219.

a. Laurence Dv Putnam

“Larry” had a budding career as a song, dance, piano jazz man between the ages of 6 and 12 years. He won a state of Oregon talent contest for singing and piano jazz, and appeared as a guest artist with Paul Whiteman (King of jazz for several months. He made appearances on the vaudeville circuit between Portland and Seattle.

The son of Hugh and Cecile Winters Putnam, Laurence was born 5 April, 1919, in Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Multnomah Grade School, Lincoln High School in Portland, and attended the University of Oregon. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Having earned his airplane pilot’s license as a teenager, “Larry” was a likely candidate for the Air Force when World War II started; he did join the U.S. Air Force in 1941, became a pilot, and rose to the rank of Captain in 1945. He served in the India-Burma-China theater (flying the Hump) and was decorated with the DFC and Air Medal. He headed the instrument Training School of the Sixth Ferrying Division of the Air Transport Command in Long Beach, Calif. at the time of returning to civilian life in 1945.

He married Betty Marie Kearney Feb., 1942, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She attended Grant High School in Portland. They were divorced in 1958.
In 1945 he became an Airway Traffic Controller with the CAA in Oakland, Calif. At the same time he founded and operated the Arrow-Line furniture manufacturing business. In 1947, he sold this business, quit the CAA and moved to Portland, Oregon.

He went to work for the Bell Telephone Co. in 1947 and after a 31-year career with the Bell System in Portland, Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco, he retired as Public Relations Director of Pacific Telephone and moved to Pebble Beach, Calif. where he was active in community and political affairs. He served on 4 boards (two for Pebble Beach and two for Monterey County). Larry did publicity work locally for Pete Wilson, Congressman from California, and a couple of locals.

His hobbies were gardening, cooking, piano jazz and art.

Larry died 19 April, 1999, from complications following surgery. He was cremated and his ashes strewn at sea.

At the time of his death, his address was 228 Del Mesa, Carmel, California 93921.

1. Randall Putnam
   The oldest of the three children of Laurence and Betty Kearney Putnam, he died of sclarema shortly after his birth in 1946.

2. Terryl Lynn Putnam
   She attended Grant High School in Portland, Oregon. She married Ronald Lehfelde who was a lumber broker. The couple live in Portland.
   (a) Brian Lehfelde was born in Portland.
   (b) Paige Lehfelde was born in Portland.

3. Mark Allen Putnam
   He attended Grant High School in Portland. He died in 1975 at the age of 28.

b. Allen Lewis Putnam

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(The following biography of Allen was written by his daughter, Linda Putnam Rheem of Potomac, Maryland.)
He was a former president of the Orange County Fly Fishing Association, Region V, and director of California Trout, a conservation organization dedicated to preservation and restoration of cold water fisheries.

The second child of Hugh Laurence and Cecile Winters Putnam, Allen was born on 31 May, 1922, in Portland, Oregon.

He graduated from Multnomah Grade School, Portland, Oregon, and in 1939 graduated from Lincoln High School in Portland. Of his high school years, Allen says he was “glad to get out and did it in a minimum of time”. He attended the University of Oregon with the Class of 1944, graduating in 1946 with a BA due to World War II. During his years at the University of Oregon, Allen was a member of the Chi Psi Fraternity of which he was twice president, in addition to being president of the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Allen joined the U.S. Army Infantry during World War II, serving in 1944 and 1945.

After graduation from college, Allen married Martha Louise Goodwin on 24 July, 1946, in Bellevue, Washington. Louise was born in Hankow, China on 21 May, 1924, and attended private high school, Brent High School, Bagio, The Philippines. In July, 1941, Louise and her mother returned to the States, with her father, Williard Terry Goodwin following shortly thereafter. Williard Goodwin, a vice president with the American President Lines, was loaned by the APL to the War Shipping Administration to assist in the war effort in India, where he remained for the duration of World War II.

Louise attended the University of Oregon where she met Allen, graduating in 1946 with a BA. They were divorced in June of 1976.

Allen married Bette Keeley on 14 April, 1979, in Carson City, Nevada.

In 1946 Allen was employed by the U.S. Gypsum Corporation in Portland, Oregon. In 1950 he joined the A. Walt Runglin Company as a manufacturer’s representative, selling automotive hardware in Oregon and later moving to Los Angeles, Calif. as sales manager. In 1956, Allen joined the Keystone Brass and Rubber Company based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as national merchandising manager and western sales manager. He remained with Keystone until 1976 when he formed his own company, The Allen Putnam Company which represented varied manufacturers in the hardware and industrial sectors in California, Arizona and Nevada. In 1988 Allen sold the Allen Putnam Company and founded Landmark Company, Inc., based in Carson City, Nevada. Landmark manufactures and sells products of Allen’s designs, predominantly, although not exclusively, for the fishing industry. One of his most recent products is a newly patented strapping device.

Allen’s hobbies were tennis, photography and fly fishing.

His home address was 4350 Ryan Way, Carson City, Nevada when he died of a heart attack in Los Angeles 12 June, 2004.

(1) Reed Allen Putnam

He was born 6 March, 1951, the son of Allen and Louise Goodwin Putnam. Reed graduated from the University of California at Davis 1974, and graduated from Southwestern School of Law in Los Angeles, California, June, 1978; he was sworn into the California Bar Association 11 December, 1986.
(2) Linda Louise Putnam

The daughter of Allen and Louise Goodwin Putnam, she was born 9 October, 1953, in Portland, Oregon. On 15 March, 1974, she married James Rutledge Strom in Fullerton, California. They were divorced in 1976. She married Donald Laird Rheem II in Santa Barbara, California 12 May, 1984. They live at 7821 Horseshoe Lane, Potomac, Maryland 20854.

(a) Jocelyn Louise Rheem, born 14 May, 1986, in Washington, D.C.

(b) Marisa Putnam Rheem, born 23 March, 1989, in Washington, D.C.

7. Wesley Harold Winters

His father's homestead at Chehalem Station, Oregon was the birthplace of Wesley on 5 August, 1903.

He graduated from Rex Grade School and Newberg High School where he gained the reputation as a promising baseball player. He played baseball for the Port of Portland, Salt Lake City, and San Francisco that farmed him out to the Mission Ball Club where he hurt his right arm and had to retire from professional baseball. He was primarily a pitcher although he was also a good batter. Sometimes his pitching control was erratic. His brother Roscoe said when Wes was in good form, he could "put a ball through a key hole", but again, he might "throw it over the barn roof".

When his baseball career ended, Wes went to work for Standard Oil Company and later the Union Oil Company. He drove a gasoline truck for them for 33 years with the title of Tank Truck Salesman.

He married Dorothy Porter, who had a daughter Marjorie by an earlier marriage. Dorothy was born in 1907 and died in 1975.

The tendency for practical jokes that ran through the Winters family, did not escape Wesley. One Christmas, Wes boxed Roscoe's favorite dog and placed him under the tree for Roscoe. When Roscoe opened the box, his comment was a drawling, "Dam you, Wes".
He died April, 1978, in Cornelius, Oregon, where he had lived most of his adult life. He had no children. He is buried in Forest Grove, Oregon.

8. Roscoe Dy Winters
The last of the eight children of John and Susan Clear Winters to be born at their Chehalem Station farm, Roscoe entered the world 15 December, 1906. He was such a frail boy as a child that no one thought he would live long, but he lived to the age of 78.

He graduated from Rex Grade School, then entered Pacific Academy as his parents thought it was a better school than Newberg High School. However, after one year at Pacific Academy, he transferred to Newberg High School from which he graduated in 1926. He then attended Behnke-Walker Business School in Portland, quitting after two years when he got a job.

He inherited the home place when his father died in 1931. He started a scrap metal business in 1934 or 35. When he married Marjorie Sheckla 30 June, 1936, his mother Susan moved to a house near the Middleton Cemetery owned by Earl Miebus, a nephew of her husband.

"Babe", the daughter of John and Anna Sheckla, was born 16 September, 1916, in Tigard. She graduated from Tigard High School in 1933.

A few years after their marriage, they sold the home place and moved to another house owned by Earl Miebus on SW 56th St. in the Maplewood suburb of Portland. Roscoe continued his scrap metal business, building a shop on SW 95th St. in Tigard. In March, 1953, the Winters family moved to Tigard where they had bought a house at 11545 SW Greenburg Road, near Roscoe’s shop on SW 95th.

In Roscoe, the sharp, quick Winters wit was honed to perfection. It was a joy to talk with him because one did not know what he was going to say nor how he would say it.

Marjorie died 2 March, 1969, of cancer, and Roscoe died in his sleep 9 September, 1985. They are both buried at the Crescent Grove Cemetery in Tigard.

a. John Wesley Winters
The son of Roscoe and Marjorie Sheckla Winters, he was born 3 August, 1939. He graduated from Tigard High School in 1957, and Lewis and Clark College in 1961, majoring in math and physics.

After college graduation, John worked for the Washington County Road Dept. for 6 months, then for Georgia Pacific Corp., for whom he worked until they phased out the scrap and salvage division in Tigard. After working for 17 years with Georgia Pacific, he decided to become self-employed and went into the scrap metal business with his father, who had a shop on SW 95th in Tigard.

John married Rita ______ 15 October, 1966. She had a son Gene by a previous marriage, born 29 April, 1963. John and Rita had two daughters of their own, but divorced. John later remarried and has 3 children by his second wife. They lived for awhile in the home of John’s parents on Greenburg Rd., Tigard but have built a house behind it facing SW 95th St. John continues with the scrap metal business.

(1) Lori Winters
She was born 12 April, 1967. She graduated from Western Oregon College at Monmouth, Oregon, in 1989. She married Douglas Park 22 July, 1989.
(2) Kim Winters  
She was born 15 April, 1970.

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b. Marvin Francis Eugene Winters  
In 1980 Marvin started growing Christmas trees on his Chehalem Mountain farm which he bought in 1972.

The younger son of Roscoe and Marjorie Scheckla Winters, he was born 18 February, 1945, in Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Tigard High School in 1964.

After high school graduation, he worked for Sodenhamm Manufacturing for 3 years, then went into business for himself. He dealt mainly in steel sales and fabrication, and did considerable work for Sodenhamm making sawmill equipment.

When the lumber business slowed in the Pacific Northwest in the late 1970's, Marvin started excavation work, drain fields, etc. as well as working his farm.

On 29 July, 1966, Marvin married Jo Ann Martin, who was born 28 December, 1946, in Portland. She graduated from Tigard High School in 1965. Their address is 19000 SW McCormick Hill Rd., Hillsboro, Ore. 97123.

(1) Melinda Jo Winters.  
The oldest of the three children of Marvin and JoAnn Winters, she was born 30 August, 1968.

(2) Brett Michael Winters  
He was born 21 May, 1970.

(3) Sheri Lynn Winters  
She was born 31 October, 1972.
D. Mary Frances Clear

She was born 11 January, 1869, on the Clear farm in the Cipole community near Sherwood, Oregon.

On 24 April, 1887, she married John Washington Carothers, who was born at New Era near Oregon City on 28 April, 1857 and died 12 March, 1927.

Norma Carothers Benski says this of her grandmother, Mary: "Gram will always be a part of our lives. We spent many happy days with her. She could do about anything and was always helping people. We loved her dearly. Mom proudly said what a wonderful mother-in-law she had."

The area where the Carothers house still stands in Canemah has been designated as a historical district. This classification prevents any changes to the exterior of a house, but the house can change ownership and the interior changed. The Carothers house is now a gift shop.

Mary died 21 April, 1949, and is buried at the Canemah Cemetery.

The Clear sisters
l. to r.
Mary, Susan and Sarah
1. Reita (Rita) Elsie Carothers

"Rita" was born at Canemah near Oregon City, Oregon 29 March, 1890, and died in 1964. She married William Ruconich.

The following obituary appeared in the Oregon City Enterprise following her death in 1964:

"Rita Elsie Ruconich, 74, Oregon City, resident of this area throughout her lifetime, died Monday.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m., at Holman-Hankins-Rilance Funeral Home with Pioneer Chapter 28 OES assisting. Interment will be at Mt. View Cemetery.

Mrs. Ruconich was born in Canemah March 29, 1890. She was a member of Pioneer Chapter 28 OES and Willamette Rebekah Lodge 2.

Survivors include her husband, William; a daughter, Mrs. Forrest (Shirley) Tomlinson, Oregon City; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Ruconich, Oregon City; a brother, Chester Carothers, Oregon City; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

a. Wilbur Ruconich
He married Elizabeth
(1) Billy
(2) Betty Arlene

b. Shirley Arlene Ruconich
She married Forrest Tomlinson.
(1) female

2. Chester Ervin Carothers

Born 22 May, 1892, in Canemah, Oregon, he attended Canemah Grade School and Oregon City High School. He was a freight clerk for the railroad and loved sports.

On 30 June, 1918, he married Kathryn Elizabeth Vonderahe who was born in Oregon City 31 December, 1893. She attended Barclay Grade School and Oregon City High School. At one time she worked for the telephone company.

Chester died of a pulmonary embolism 15 September, 1974.

"Kate" died 21 April, 1990. The following obituary appeared in The Oregonian on Wednesday, April 25, 1990:

"A memorial service for Kate Elizabeth Carothers of Oregon City will be at 7 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Holman-Hankins-Bowker and Waud Funeral Home. Interment will be in Canemah Cemetery in Oregon City.

Mrs. Carothers died of causes related to age Saturday in her home. She was 96. She was born Kate Vonderahe on Dec. 31, 1893, in Oregon City and was a lifelong resident of the Oregon City area. She married Chester E. Carothers on June 30, 1918, in Tacoma. He died in 1974.

Mrs. Carothers, a homemaker, was a charter member of the Buena Vista Civic Club.

She is survived by her daughters, Norma Benski of Oregon City and Erva White of Salem; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

The family suggests that remembrances be contributions to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.”

She remained healthy and alert until her death, despite the amputation of her right leg on 24 April, 1986. She loved children, sports, and handwork.
a. Norma Elizabeth Carothers
Norma, born 20 November, 1919, in Oregon City, Oregon, attended Barclay Grade School and Oregon City Jr. High before graduating from Oregon City High School in 1937. In high school, she was a member of the national honor society, the band and orchestra and played tennis. She attended Oregon State University 1937-39, earning a Junior Certificate.

On 27 October, 1943, Norma married Clarence Andrew Benski who was born in Oregon City. “Cake” is the son of Joseph and Rose Benski who are deceased.
Norma is or has been a member of Bethel, Eastern Star, Temanids and DeMolay Mother’s Club.

Norma and “Cake” and their children are a closely knit family and have enjoyed many activities together—hunting, fishing, water skiing and camping.
“Cake” suffered a stroke 17 April, 2003, and is undergoing rehabilitation.
They live at 1608 Jackson St., Oregon City, Oregon 97045.

(1) Kay Sue Benski
Kay has retired from teaching in high school for 30 years, mostly at Rex Putnam High School. She was born 26 July, 1945, in Oregon City. She graduated with honors from Oregon City High School and Portland State University. She is married to “Skip” Holsworth.
(a) Joseph Andrew Holsworth was adopted 21 June, 1984. Joining the service at the age of 17, he is a specialist with the 82nd Airborne, stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He has served 8 months in Afghanistan and 3 months in Iraq.

(2) Robert Andrew Benski
“Bob” owns the Oregon City Veterinary Clinic which has three other doctors, a lab technician, a kennel keeper and three receptionists. He was born 27 July, 1948, in Oregon City. He graduated from Oregon City High School, Oregon State University, and the Washington State University School of Veterinary Medicine with honors. Bob and his sister, Kay Sue, own adjoining properties at Redland, near Oregon City. They named the boundary of their land “Safari Land” where the men in the family fish and hunt. Bob’s wife is Susan. They live at 16610 Beckman Road, Redland, Oregon.

a. Erva Frances Carothers
Erva and her husband, Douglas C. White have led a busy, interesting life. As of 1989, they bowled in 2 leagues. Erva served many years on the board of directors of Salem Women’s Bowling Assn. and 12 years as secretary for 2 leagues. Doug golfs, helps his son John in his auto glass shop and has a woodworking shop in his basement. After Doug’s retirement, he and Erva have traveled extensively: St. Croix, Virgin Islands, Tahiti, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, eastern United States and Canada. Erva’s hobbies are sewing, knitting and plastic needlepoint. She continued her membership in Eastern Star.

Erva was born 16 February, 1921, in Oregon City. She attended Oregon City Jr. High School and in 1938 graduated from Oregon City High School where she was a member of the national honor society, Job’s Daughters and the girls’ rifle club.
Both she and Doug graduated from Oregon State University in June, 1942 where she was a member of Temanids. They were married 27 February, 1943. Doug was born 22 October, 1918. 1590 18th St. NE, Salem, OR 97303.

(1) Daniel Douglas White
   He was born 22 August, 1944 and died 21 July, 1988 of lung cancer. He graduated from West Linn High School and furthered his education with correspondence courses. He was a machinist and owned his own shop. He enjoyed bidding, designing and completing each job. He was accurate, prompt and had a good business.
   He married Mary Smart in August, 1963 and adopted her 14 months old son, Todd Alan, born 8 July, 1962.
   (a) Christine Rene White
       She was born 27 August, 1964; she married Jerold Groves, Hanefeld 26 August, 1988.
   (b) Bradley James White
       He was born 21 October, 1965; he married Karen _____20 February, 1987.
       i. Brandon James White
           He was born 20 September, 1987.
       ii. Danny Emmett White
           He was born 26 July, 1989.
   Dan and Mary were divorced; he married Patricia Eleanor Austin who was born 22 June, 1949.
   (c) Sara E. White
       She was born 2 April, 1975.

(2) Sally Eilene White
   She was born 30 September, 1947. She graduated from North Salem High School in 1965 and attended Oregon State University for 2 years. On 22 August, 1967 she married William L. Barnett, born 27 May, 1947. Bill graduated from Oregon State University and has worked for the Oregon State Highway Dept., stationed at La Grande, Oregon. After her two children were born, Sally finished her college career at Eastern Oregon State College, majoring in social work.
   (a) Michelle Rene Barnett
       She was born 21 December, 1968. She graduated from La Grande High School in 1987 and Oregon State University in 1991, majoring in computer engineering.
   (b) Anthony Louis Barnett.
       He was born 2 March, 1975.
(3) James Chester White
Born 25 November, 1950, Jim graduated from North Salem High School in 1969 and attended the University of Oregon. He is an electrician.

On 6 April, 1974, he married Shelley Stephens who was born 16 June, 1952. The Whites live in Salem, Oregon.

(a) Samuel James White
He was born 8 September, 1986.

(4) John Bradley White
After graduating from North Salem High School in 1972, he served 2 years in the U.S. Army. He was born 29 September, 1954. He owns an auto glass shop, called State Auto Glass.

On 2 November, 1986, he married Patricia Lynn Walther who was born 24 November, 1958. Patricia has a daughter, Amber Michelle Hanson, who was born 28 May, 1980. Her father is Brian Hanson.

3. Pearl Carothers
The daughter of John and Mary Carothers, she was born 9 December, 1894 and died 30 December, 1894. She is buried in the Canemah Cemetery.

E. Amanda Elizabeth Clear
She was a twin born 3 February, 1873, at Cipole (near Sherwood), Oregon.
She never married. She was tall like her mother's family, the Grahams.
She died of gangrene poisoning which started with a foot infection that spread upward. She died 27 July, 1911, at the age of 38 and is buried in the Winona Cemetery at Tualatin, Oregon.

F. William Andrew Clear
"Bub" was Amanda's twin born 3 February, 1873, at Cipole, Oregon.
He never married. He was short like the Clears, in contrast to Amanda; a more unlikely set of twins cannot be imagined.

He inherited the 5-acre property at Tualatin, Oregon, when his father, John Clear died in 1913. Andrew died 27 January, 1960, and is buried in Winona Cemetery at Tualatin, Oregon.

This section ends the story of John H. Clear and Ludica (Louisa) Graham Clear and their descendants.
II. Emmaline (Emily) Clear

Emily (Aunt Em) was born 28 May, 1840, on the Jacob Clear farm north of Ft. Wayne, Indiana 39 and moved with her parents to Putnam Co., Missouri in 1854-5. She married Stephen Maxwell 5 May, 1859, in Putnam Co., MO. He was 32 and she was 20.

This marriage is recorded as follows: "May the 5th, 1859—This is to certify that I, Zachariah Reed, a minister of the gospel on this day joined together in marriage as husband and wife Stephen Maxwell and Emily Clear.

Given under my hand
Zachariah Reed" 40

The 1860 Federal Census for Missouri states that they were living at Newton, Medicine Township, Putnam Co., MO, and that Maxwell was a peddler. He was born 21 March, 1827, in Donegal, Ireland and died 21 August, 1862. 41

On 16 April, 1864, Emily married Phillip Burlingame, who was born 22 May, 1830, in Cuchess Co., New York. The marriage records at Unionville, Missouri say "I, George W. Smith, minister of the Gospel do hereby certify that on the evening of the 16th, 1864, of April, I solemnized the ordinance of marriage between Phillip Burlingame of the one part and Misses (sic) Emily Maxwell, of the other part, all of Putnam Co., Mo.

This given under my hand and seal,
G. W. Smith

Filed for record April 22, 1864—Wm. A. Shelton, Recorder." 42

The Burlingame Bible says the marriage was held 10 April, 1864.

"Phillip Burlingame was born in Duchess County, N.Y., and is the eighth of nine children born to John and Phoebe (Tompkins) Burlingame, natives of the same county, where they passed their lives. They were of English and German descent, respectively. The mother was a daughter of Moses and Layner Tompkins, also natives of Duchess County, where they lived and died. Phillip moved to Putnam County, Mo., in 1962 (while on the road stopping in Illinois two months), and has since been a resident of this county. He has received all his education since becoming of age, as his youth was spent upon a farm and his educational opportunities were few. He has always engaged in farm work, and when but eleven years old was obliged to begin the fight of life for himself. He worked at first as a day laborer, but by persistent efforts and patient economy has become the owner of a well improved farm upon which he resides of 630 acres. This farm is well stocked, and in every way fully equipped for farming and stock raising……Mr. Burlingame is a Republican in politics; he is a member of the Masonic fraternity." 43

39 Burlingame family Bible in the possession of Mary Ruth Burlingame Robinson of Mercer, MO.
40 Putnam County, Missouri Marriage Records, Book 1, page 120.
41 Burlingame family Bible.
42 Putnam County, Missouri Marriage Records, Book 1, page 295.
Emily died 19 July, 1917, of cancer; her funeral was held out-of-doors on the front lawn under the shade trees. She was remembered as a joking, humorous person.

Phillip died 24 May, 1895. Both he and Emily are buried in the Busby Cemetery near Lucerne, MO. 44

A. Saul Maxwell
   He was born in 1859. He was listed as 1 month old in the 1860 Federal Census.

B. James Alexander Maxwell
   He was born 4 February, 1860 in Missouri. On 29 March, 1883, he married Esther Tukham, and on 8 May, 1913, he married Flora Delle McCrea. He died 12 December, 1923.
   1. Mary Jane Maxwell
      She was born 15 March, 1884.
   2. Paul Maxwell
      He was born 24 March, 1886 and died 9 July, 1965.
   3. Helen Maxwell
      She was born 14 March, 1888.
   4. Hilda Maxwell
      She was born 2 October, 1891.
   5. Esther Maxwell
      She died 5 January, 1893.

C. Margaret Jane Maxwell
   She was born 3 November, 1861; married Ben F. Van Buskirk 8 June, 1879, and died 2 February, 1901.
   1. James Dale Van Buskirk
      He was born 28 August, 1881 and died 3 January, 1970.
   2. Alice Van Buskirk
      She was born 15 October, 1883 and died 25 Dec., 1888.
   3. Asa Lloyd Buskirk
      He was born 12 March, 1886 and died 11 Dec., 1890.
   4. Emily Van Buskirk
      She was born 18 May, 1888.
   5. Ella Vena Van Buskirk
      She was born 28 July, 1894.

44 Vital statistics recorded in Burlingame family Bible.
D. Mary E. Burlingame

"Molly", the oldest child of Emily Clear and her second husband, Phillip Burlingame, was born 23 March, 1865, in MO, and married Rev. Wm. F. Burris 29 March, 1883. (The Burlingame Bible says 15 November, 1882.) She died 5 July, 1948.

She was a musician, studied music in college and was a talented organist.

1. Millard F. Burris

Millard, the oldest child of Molly Burlingame and Wm. F. Burris, was born 12 January, 1884 and died 6 March, 1889 at the Age of 5 years, 2 months, and 4 days. He is buried at the Busby Cemetery near Lucerne, MO.

2. Edna Fern Burris

She was born 21 October, 1885 and died February, 1939.

3. R. Edgar Burris

He was born 1 March, 1888 and died 6 June, 1963.

4. Lois Mildred Burris

She was born 11 July, 1891 and died in 1970.

5. Ross Summer Burris

He was born 5 January, 1897 and died 6 June, 1963.

6. William Francis Burris

He was born 4 October, 1903 and died 8 October, 1930.

E. Harriet Ella Burlingame

She was born 15 December, 1867, and married Colonel Ellsworth (T.C.) Switzer 15 August, 1886. He was born April, 1863 and died in 1926. She died 12 March, 1943, at the age of 76. Both are buried at Lucerne Cemetery, Lucerne, MO.

1. Rilla Chloe Switzer

The oldest child of T. C. and Harriet Ella Burlingame Switzer, Chloe was born 7 February, 1888 and died in 1975. She married Joe Thompson who died 14 March, 1963.

   a. Theo Thompson
      She was born 15 October, 1908.
   b. Norma Thompson
      She was born 23 October, 1910 and died in 1983.
   c. Woodrow Thompson
      He was born 8 October, 1912.

2. Iva Meyrl Switzer

She was born 10 March, 1890 and died 19 February, 1891.

3. Anise Switzer

She was born 27 September, 1893. She married and had one child.
4. Olive Monica Switzer
   She was born 19 November, 1897. She married Johnson and had a son and daughter.

5. Mary Wilma Switzer
   She was born 2 March, 1905 and died 23 July, 1963.

F. Charles Edward Burlingame
   "Pete" was born 17 August, 1870. He lived west of Lucerne, MO and died there 28 May, 1937. He is buried at the Lucerne Cemetery, Lucerne, MO.
   On 5 February, 1919, he married Ellen M. Ruth who was born 5 January, 1890. She died 16 July, 1970.
   On 27 August, 1941, Ellen Ruth Burlingame married George M. (Clell) Wile who was born 16 August, 1886.
   1. Edward Burlingame
      He was born and died on 1 August, 1919.
   2. Mary Ruth Burlingame
      In 1999 a local paper which covers Mercer Co., MO printed the following story of Mary in commemoration of Mercer Co. women who served in WWII.

Mary Robinson, Army Nurses Corps Veteran
Above, Mary (Burlingame) Robinson relaxes at her home in Mercer, where she and her husband Lee Allen Robinson live. Mary served in the Pacific during World War II as a nurse in Batangus, in the Philippines. Mary is another example of Mercer County women who served their country during the Second World War.
Mary Robinson
“Army Nurse”

Mary (Burlingame) Robinson is the daughter of the late C. E. and Ellen Burlingame. She attended Lucerne and Ravanna Schools, graduating from Ravanna. After high school, Mary attended nursing school at Missouri Methodist in St. Joseph.

She worked three years at St. Joseph State Hospital, before entering the Army Nurses Corps in 1945. Mary took her basic training at Camp Carson, next to Springfield, MO, and from there was shipped to Camp Brole California. She set sail from San Francisco on a hospital ship.

The ship stopped for three days in Hawaii and from there headed for the Philippine Islands. Mary was stationed in Batangus and Milan. She spent 7 months overseas and 7 months state-side.

Mary says her group was stationed at an old monastery in Milan, and used generators for electricity. She said she saw and treated many Japanese prisoners, as well as U. S. servicemen while in Batangus and Milan. Mary was in the Pacific in 1945, where thoughts of victory were starting to become a reality among the Americans and the Japanese were beginning to feel the sting of defeat.

Mary and her comrades sailed home from the Pacific front on the U. S. West Point. There were over 9000 passengers on the ship which was a converted luxury liner. She said the ship came within sight of the California coast and sailed south through the Panama Canal. “An experience I’ll never forget,” Mary says.

From there the ship sailed up the east coast and Mary got to see the Statue of Liberty for the first time. A sight that many veteran’s remember vividly from their service years.

Mary traveled to Camp Kilmer in New Jersey, by bus, and then on to Fort Sheridan, where she was discharged.

She married Lee Allen Robinson, and they had two children, Allen and Ruth. Mary and Lee A. have two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She and Lee A. farmed for 40 years in Mercer County. Mary worked at Axtell Hospital for 10 years and for Mercer School for 10 years. They moved from their farm to Mercer 13 years ago.

Mary says she is now enjoying her retirement. Enjoy yourself Mary. You earned it.

Mary was born 26 February, 1921. She married Lee Allen Robinson 24 May, 1946. He was born 18 April, 1918.

Address: Mercer, MO 64661
a. Lee Allen Robinson
   The son of Lee Allen and Mary Ruth Burlingame Robinson. "Allen" was born 3 October, 1947.
   He married Betty Jo Bowday. The family lives in Alliance, Nebraska where Allen works for the Burlington Northern Rail Road.
   (1) Teddy Lee Bowday.
   (2) Tammy Lee Bowday.

b. Mary Ruth Robinson
   Allen's sister, "Ruth" was born 26 September, 1956. She is a registered nurse in Des Moines, Iowa.

3. Betty Chloe Burlingame
   She was born 2 April, 1924 and died 27 August, 1952.
   She married Erman Sammon; they had no children. She is buried at the Lucerne Cemetery, Lucerne, MO

   The youngest child of Charles Edward and Ellen Ruth Burlingame, he was born 23 March, 1928 and married Katharine Whitman 20 January, 1952.
   In 1993 the family was living at 2241 West 41st Street, Casper, Wyoming 82604. Charles retired 1 July, 1987.
   a. David Eugene Burlingame
      He was born 19 February, 1955.
   b. Ronald Edward Burlingame
      He was born 7 September, 1956.
   c. Kenneth Earl Burlingame
      He was born 14 April, 1963.

G. William Miles Burlingame
   He was born 29 April, 1872 and died 9 September, 1873, aged 1 year months and 11 days. He is buried at the Busby Cemetery, west of Lucerne, MO.

H. Jacob Frederick Burlingame
   He was born 25 September, 1874, and married Belle Davis 22 September, 1897. He died in St. Louis, MO.
   a. Phillip Frederick Burlingame
      He was born 21 November, 1896.

I. Frank Lawrence Burlingame
   Born 3 May, 1876, Frank married Edith Cox on 10 April, 1915. She was born 12 June, 1895 and died 13 May, 1939. Frank died 23 May, 1942.
   a. Mabel Elma Burlingame
      She was born 19 August, 1915 and died 3 February, 1972.
b. Charles Edgar Burlingame
   He was born 5 August, 1917.

c. Jack D. Burlingame
   He was born 8 July, 1919.

d. Lois Jean Burlingame
   She was born 22 March, 1922.

e. Wayne F. Burlingame
   He was born 29 July, 1927.

Sources on the Maxwell-Burlingame family:

2. Mary Ruth Burlingame Robinson from the Burlingame Family Bible.
3. According to the Union enlistments in the Civil War on file at the National Archives, Stephen Maxwell was a member of the 3rd Missouri State Militia Cavalry. This was a temporary group organized in Pike County, Missouri 5 May, 1962 for a special purpose—to guard the Northern Missouri Railroad operating in N.E. Missouri. By the time it was disbanded 4 February, 1863, seven of its men had been killed, and 65 died from disease. Stephen Maxwell died 21 August, 1862. His widow, Emily Clear Maxwell, received a pension for his Civil War service. (Source: M390, Roll 31, Room 400, National Archives, Washington, D.C.)
III. Elizabeth Clear

"Liz" married John M. Smith 17 March, 1864 at the home of her parents, Jacob and Margaret Clear in Putnam County, Missouri. The Smiths had four children born in Missouri before they moved to Blanco, County, Texas, near Austin in 1874-5. Then the story becomes sketchy.

I, Alvera Dunn, spent a week in Austin in 1993 researching the family, with limited success. I mailed a summary of my findings to the Texas State Archives and Genealogy Sections at the Texas State Library at 12th and Brazos in Austin 78767 with the hope that other researchers of the family might be helped by my research. Much of the data in this biography was included in that letter.

The first sighting of the family in Texas is found in the 1880 Federal Census of Blanco County:

- John M. Smith, 36, born in Illinois
- Elizabeth W., 37, born in Indiana
- Henry E., 14, born in Missouri
- Jemima C., 13, born in Missouri
- Nancy A., 11, born in Missouri
- Thomas E., 7, born in Missouri
- Margaret E., 5, born in Texas
- Martha E., 4, born in Texas
- John N. (?), 2, born in Texas

This is the only time the John M. Smith family appears in a federal census in Texas. In a 1900 census which includes the family of their son, Henry E. Smith, we find that the John Smiths had two more children:

- Colvin B., b. Feb., 1881, in Texas
- Susie E., b. April, 1884, in Texas

These two youngest children were living with their brother. If their parents were alive, why were they living with their brother?

To further complicate research, there may have been three men with the name of John M. Smith living in Blanco County at the same time. One, born in Virginia, died 25 June, 1905 at the age of 75 years. He would be the correct age for our John M. Smith but ours was born in Illinois, not Virginia. Another John M. Smith, born about 1854, was listed in Blanco County Families for One Hundred Years. In 1879 a John M. Smith bought a lot in the town of Blanco. Is this another John M. Smith?

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45 Putnam County, Missouri Marriage Records, Unionville, Missouri, Book 1, p. 296.
47 Moursand, John Stribling, comp., Blanco County Families for One Hundred Years; Austin, 1958, p. 378.
A man, or men, named John M. Smith paid taxes in Blanco County, Texas from 1875-1898. Land deeds at the Blanco County courthouse in Johnson City were not searched, so it is difficult to compare land ownership with property taxes. The 1870 Missouri Federal Census listed John M. Smith as a farmer, so he may have planned to farm in Texas. But he could have been a renter rather than an owner of farmland in Texas. I will not attempt to identify these men by their tax records.

When the John M. Smith family moved to Texas in 1874-5, the county seat of Blanco County was the town of Blanco, but the results of an October, 1879 election moved the county seat to Johnson City. It is my impression that our John M. Smith family moved from Blanco County some time after their youngest child, Susie, was born in 1884. A search of the marriage records in the Johnson City Courthouse found no marriage records between 1888-1930 for any of the Smith children. John M. Smith could have died in Blanco; however, the indexes of three Blanco County cemeteries do not list him.

1. Twin Sisters Cemetery (Catholic), copied by Mrs. Monte Walker.
2. Blanco City Cemetery, compiled by Mrs. J. N. C. Moffatt.
3. Miller’s Creek Cemetery, compiled by Mrs. Hilda Huddleston and Mrs. A. A. McDougle on 20 April, 1967. The cemetery is located on Austin Hwy. #290 near Johnson City.

So where did the family go? The Travis County Courthouse at Austin has the marriage records of the Smiths’ oldest child, Henry E. and their youngest child, Susie. Henry E. Smith married Mattie Riley on 29 December, 1887, in Travis County, Texas. Susie Smith married Dan Ray in Travis County 4 August, 1901. Henry was a witness for his sister’s marriage partly because she was only 17 years old. When I visited the Travis County Courthouse in 1993, a clerk gave me the original marriage certificates of Henry and Mattie Smith and Dan and Susie Ray. The Ray’s certificate is particularly attractive. I would love to send those certificates to whoever could prove that he/she is a descendant. If I am not available, contact my son, Roger Dunn, 4617 Merritt Rd., Alexandria, VA 22312. When I was in Austin, I called most of the Rays in the Austin telephone book, but none were descendants of Dan and Susie Ray.

The 1900 Federal Census finds the Henry E. Smith family in Travis County: 48

Henry E. Smith, 34, born Nov., 1865 in Missouri
Mattie, 32, born Oct., 1867 in Texas
Arthur, 8, born May, 1892 in Texas
Elmer, 4, born Dec., 1895 in Texas
Mabel, 1, born Apr., 1899 in Texas
Colvin (b) 19, born Feb., 1881 in Texas
Susie (s) 16, born Apr., 1884 in Texas

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Precinct 4 of Travis County, Texas, covers Pflugerville. In both the 1899 and 1901 tax rolls, he appears as a merchant and prosperous land owner. In 1901 he owned 160 acres, 9 horses, 35 cattle, manufacturing tools, 150 goats and 6 hogs.

In the 1900 Federal Census of Taylor, Williamson County, Texas near Pflugerville, an Elizabeth Smith appears as the mother-in-law in the household of Uriah C. Rader. Elizabeth was listed as born in 1847 in Missouri, age 52 (actually our Elizabeth was born in 1843, not 1847 and in Indiana, not Missouri, but she did grow up in Missouri). The entry reads as follows:

Uriah C. Rader, 33, born Oct., 1866 in Tennessee
Maggie Rader (w) 23, born Oct., 1876 in Texas
Owen D., 7, born Oct., 1892 in Texas
Frank M., 2, born Dec., 1897 in Texas
Mattie E., 10/12, born Aug., 1899 in Texas
Byrd C. Womack, (bl), 16, born Nov., 1883
Elizabeth Smith (ml), 52, born Nov., 1847 in Missouri

Could Maggie Rader be Margaret Smith? Would she have named her daughter, Mattie, for her brother’s wife, Mattie Riley Smith? Owen Rader is the son of Uriah’s first wife, Jennie Darrell Womach Rader, who died Nov. 18, 1892, age 19 years, 9 months and 7 days, one month after Owen’s birth. She is listed in an index of Williamson County Cemeteries. There are several discrepancies in this listing, but it contains the only Elizabeth Smith living in the vicinity of her children.

In the Thursday, Aug. 11, 1904 issue of The Blanco News is the item: “Mr. Henry Smith from Pflugerville, Travis Co., is in Blanco, visiting old friends and looking at some of the Blanco mules.” Note that the item doesn’t mention that he is visiting relatives.

The following birth records in the right time frame to be children of Dan and Susie Ray are the following:

Milton Daniel Ray, born 10 Dec., 1903, Travis Co., #150782
J. D. Ray, born 29 Sept., 1904, Travis Co., #151314
Jasper Thomas Ray, born 18 Nov., 1907, Travis Co., #14632
Mary Alice Ray, born 19 Feb., 1908, Travis Co., #152877

In Williamson Co. are

Don Ray, born Sept., 1904, #34655
Frank Ray, born Sept., 1911, #34656

An advertisement placed in the Williamson County Sun asking about Smiths in that area brought this response from a genealogist: “I counted 58 Smiths in the telephone book which covers the area of the Williamson Sun. Good luck!”

49 “Assessment of Property in Travis Co. owned by Residents and Rendered for Taxation by Owners of Agents”; Abstract #791; certificate of scrip #18.
50 1900 Federal Census of Williamson Co., Texas, Vol. 112, E.D. 134; Sheet 8; Line 98; Precinct 6.
51 Index to Birth Records of Texas 1903-1909; Vol. 5.
In 1910 the Henry Smith family was still living in Pflugerville, Travis County, Texas:

Smith, Henry, 44 years; married 24 years; born in Missouri. Both parents born in Missouri; merchant in general merchandise; can read and write.

Mattie (w), 42 years; married 24 years; 10 children; 8 living; born October, 1867, in Texas; father born in Illinois; mother born in Georgia.

Children:

William, born Nov., 1888 in Texas.
Arthur, born May, 1892 in Texas; salesman in store for general merchandise; father born in Missouri; mother born in Texas.
Elmer, born December, 1895 in Texas; parents born same as above.

Mabel, born April, 1899 in Texas; ditto
Myrtle, 9 years, born in Texas; ditto
Sidney, 8 years, born in Texas; ditto
Elbert, 4 years, born in Texas; ditto
Vivian 1 10/12, born in Texas; ditto

Miscellaneous data that may be of help to other researchers.

The following Ray family genealogies have not been carefully checked.

5. Ray—a Gift of Miles A. Ray.

Family societies can be a help in research. I wrote to “Ray Researchers”, at Box 482, McCook, Nebraska 69001, but the letter was returned to me, marked “no forward order on file”. Some societies do productive research.

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52 1910 Federal Census for Travis County, Texas; Vol. ?; Enumerated 12 and 13, May, 1910; E.D. 84; Sheet 17B; Precinct 4.
53 The Ray family genealogies were found in the reference division of the genealogy collection in the Texas State Library.
The following marriage records were found in the Travis County courthouse in Austin, Texas for people with the same names as children in the John M. Smith and Henry E. Smith families:

4. Maggie Smith married Willie Ewings 1 Nov., 1893 by M. M. Johnson, J.P. Vol. 8, p. 261,

Miscellaneous items:
1. A Jemima Smith died in Limestone County, near Waco, Texas 11 July, 1938. Our Jemima would have been 67 years old.
2. A Nancy Smith died in Limestone County, Texas 19 July, 1929. Our Nancy would have been 60 years old. 54

54 An Index to Death Records for Texas, 1903-1940; Vol. 48; Skarke-Solomon.
IV. Edward Clear

Edward and his father, Jacob, represent an interesting story of the Civil War as revealed on sixty (60) service cards containing their names on file in Room 400 of the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Jacob enlisted in Co. B of the 18th Missouri Volunteers 17 June, 1861, at St. Johns, Missouri, and was mustered in at Laclede, Missouri 14 November, 1861. Jacob returned home 15 November, 1861 and his 18 year old son, Edward, substituted for him, even answering "Here" when Jacob's name was called. It appears from the descriptive rolls of the Civil War Records housed in Atlanta, Georgia, that Jacob Clear, age 46, had permission from Col. Wm. J. Morgan to leave the regiment and that Edward would legitimately replace his father.

Upon reviewing the records in December, 1863, Regimental Headquarters discovered the substitution and decided that Jacob Clear did not have adequate authority to leave the regiment, so he was listed as a deserter. 54

Edward was enlisted in his own right on 1 January, 1864, at Cullisaka Farm, Tennessee by Capt. Armstreet, showing he had served from 15 November, 1861. All records for Jacob Clear between 15 November, 1861 and 31 December, 1863 were credited to Edward.

Edward returned home in April, 1864, to bring his father back to the regiment so Jacob would not be court-martialed as a deserter.

In August, 1864, a final decision was made by Regimental Headquarters that Jacob would lose all pay and allowances from 15 November, 1861 to 9 April, 1864, but would be returned to duty. 55

Edward was transferred to Company G on 1 August, 1864 to avoid further confusion with his father. He was listed as a veteran, and served until he was mustered out 18 July, 1865 at Louisville, Kentucky.

The 60 cards on file for Jacob and Edward Clear in Room 400 of the National Archives in Washington, D.C., the Muster Rolls of the 18th Missouri Volunteers on file in the War Records Dept. of the National Archives plus the Descriptive Files of the Civil War housed in Atlanta, Georgia give a very confusing account of the service of Jacob and his son, Edward, until one realizes that a substitution had been made from 15 November, 1861 to 9 April, 1864.

54 Refer to the biography of Jacob Clear.
55 Ibid.
The 18th Mo. Vols. Infantry Regiment was an active regiment although not all companies engaged in every activity. The Compendium of the War of the Rebellion states that the 18th Mo. Vol. Inf. was organized at Laclede, Missouri, July to November, 1861;

1. attached to District of St. Louis, Dept. of Missouri, to March, 1862;
2. 2nd Brigade, 6th Division, Army of the Tennessee to July, 1862;
3. 2nd Brigade, 6th Division, District of Corinth, Miss. to November, 1862;
4. 2nd Brigade, 6th Division, District of Corinth, 13th Army Corps, Dept. of Tennessee, November, 1862;
5. 3rd Brigade, District of Corinth, 13th Army Corps, to December, 1862.
6. 3rd Brigade, District of Corinth, 17th Army Corps, to January, 1863;
7. 3rd Brigade, District of Corinth, 16th Army Corps, to March, 1863;
8. 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 16th Army Corps, to November, 1863;
9. Fuller’s Brigade, 2nd Division, 16th Army Corps, to January, 1864;
10. 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 16th Army Corps, to March, 1864;
11. 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, to Sept., 1864;
12. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 17th Army Corps, to July, 1865.

A detailed list of the service of the 18th Mo. Vols is found in the Appendix, pp. 228-229.

Some items of interest on Edward’s service cards are

1. captured at Shiloh, April 6, 1862; paroled at Montgomery, Alabama 28 May, 1862;

2. on detached service to repair railroad 5 December, 1863; pay to be stopped for one Springfield Rifled musket Cal. 58 destroyed through disobedience of orders;

3. vet. Vol. due $100 bounty on first installment and $60 for 1st installment of bounty on 2nd enlistment; amount of bounty due $160; charged for Springfield musket $19.25 destroyed 25 November at Duck River, Tennessee;

4. enlisted in his own right 1 January, 1864, as a veteran;

5. transferred from Co. B to Co. G 1 August, 1864, to avoid confusion with his father Jacob who had returned to the regiment 9 April, 1864.

In the mustering out rolls, Edward is described as age 21, ht. 5’6”, fair, hazel eyes, dark hair, born Allen Co., Indiana, farmer.

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56 Dyer, Frederick, A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion, p. 1330.
57 Mustering out descriptive rolls in the original records of the 18th Mo. Vols. Filed in the War Records Dept. of the National Archives, Wash., D.C., Box 2314.
Dr. Leslie Anders has written a book entitled *The Eighteenth Missouri*. 58 There is no mention of the Clears in the book.

Edward, the fourth child of Jacob and Margaret Davis Clear, was born 17 November, 1844, in Allen Co., Indiana, north of Ft. Wayne. The 1850 Federal Census of Indiana (taken 23 September, 1850) lists him as 6 years old on p. 153; the 1860 Federal Census of Missouri (taken 2 October, 1860) lists him as 16 on p. 220; the 1870 Federal Census of Missouri (taken 29 August, 1870) lists him as 27 on p. 22. On p. 36A of the 1900 Federal Census of the city of Fullerton, Nance Co., Nebraska, he is listed as born November, 1844. A Civil War Veterans Booklet at the Historical Society Museum at Fullerton, Nebraska where Edward is buried states that he was born 17 November, 1843, but his obituary which appeared in the 11 September, 1919 issue of *The Fullerton Post* gives 1844 as the year of his birth. His tombstone at the Fullerton, Nebraska Cemetery states he was born in 1843. Thus, the actual year of his birth is in doubt.

Sometime after 1855 when his father sold his property in Allen County, Indiana, the family moved to St. Johns, Putnam County, Missouri, close to the Iowa line. But by 1870 the Clear family had moved to Jackson Township in Sullivan County, Missouri near the Putnam County-Sullivan County line. After Edward was honorably discharged from the 18th Mo. Vols. in 1865, he farmed near Pollock, Sullivan County near the farm of his parents.

On 24 December, 1868, he married Sophronia Ellen Hurley in Sullivan Co., Missouri. 58 The 1870 59 and the 1880 60 Federal Censuses show them living in Jackson Twp., Pollock, Sullivan Co. At the time of the 1880 census they had 4 children, ranging in age from 4-10. Sophronia stated she was born in Indiana.

On 17 January, 1887, Edward filed an Invalid Application #593,907 for his service in the Civil War. It was granted as Certificate #467, 614. 61

Around 1890 Edward and his younger William (Bill) and their families decided they would move to Kansas. On Bill’s covered wagon were the bold words, “Kansas or Bust”. There is no evidence in court records that they ever reached Kansas. Records for Bill’s family were found in southeast Nebraska, and those for Edward’s family were located in Fullerton, Nance County, Nebraska. In 1900 the Edward Clear family was living on Ida Street in Fullerton. 62 The census states that Edward was born Nov., 1844 in Indiana; he was 55 years old and had been married 32 years. His mother was born in Maryland and his father in Virginia. The census also said that Sophronia E. was born in June, 1850; she had 8 children, but only 7 were living. Her father was born in Ohio and her mother in Indiana. Both Edward and Sophronia could read and write.

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59 Obituary appearing Sept. 11, 1919, in *The Fullerton Post*, Fullerton, Neb. The Sullivan Co. records were destroyed by fire in 1908.
61 Notation on his Civil War pension card in Room 400 of the National Archives, Washington, D.C.
62 1900 Federal Census, Nance County, Fullerton, Neb., p. 36A.
In the 1900 Federal Census Edward is listed as a farmer, but “a search of the grantor-grantee index to deeds in Nance County does not indicate he owned farm real estate. It is possible he rented farm ground and farmed it.” 63

Carolyn Stetz, the County Clerk of Nance County, Nebraska stated that “the records show that he (Edward) entered into a contract to purchase Lots 2 and 14, Block 12, Fuller’s Addition to Fullerton from an Albert A. Ferrier on March 2, 1892 for a consideration of $600.00. Edward Clear received a deed from Albert Ferrier and Ida Ferrier, his wife to Lot 2, Block 12, Fuller’s Addition, only setting forth a consideration of $200.00 for the same. This deed was dated April 28, 1906 and filed November 20, 1908 at Book 26, page 570. This property is located on the north edge of Fullerton and is on Fuller Street. The Assessor’s records show that there is an old house on the property which is valued for only $200.00 and no one is living in the same.

“This property was sold by the heirs of Edward Clear to Albert C. Williby and Mary M. Williby or either of them or their survivors in 1928.” 64

Following this transfer of property appears a list of Clear children with their married names and where they were living in 1928. This information will be included later in the information of the Edward Clear family.

The 1910 Federal Census lists Edward and Sophronia Clear living on Fuller St. in Fullerton, Nance County, Nebraska. Their three youngest children were living with them: Albert, Guy and Jacob H. The census also stated that Sophronia had given birth to 7 children, but only 6 were living and that both her parents were born in Ohio. 65

Edward Clear passed away 9 September, 1919, in Dorsey, Holt County, Nebraska while visiting his daughter, Cora B. Donnelly. Evidently his wife preceded him in death as she is not listed as a survivor in his obituary. Her tombstone at the Fullerton Cemetery says “1850-1919”. Edward was 74 years, 9 months, and 20 days of age when he died. 66 He was a member of Post 147 of Civil War Veterans. 67 He and Sophrona E. are buried in Section 3, Lot 13 of the Fullerton Cemetery. 68

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63 Data given by Carolyn Stetz, County Clerk of Nance County, Nebraska, 1990.
64 Ibid.
67 Civil War Veterans Booklet of Fullerton.
68 Considerable information on the Clears was contributed by Ruth L. Imus, a member of the Fullerton Historical Society Museum, 1990.
A. Cora Belle Clear

The oldest of the eight (8) children of Edward and Sophronia Hurley Clear, she was born circa 1870 in Pollock, Jackson Township, Sullivan County, Missouri. She was listed as 6 months old when the 1870 Federal Census was taken 29 August, 1870.  

She married Thomas Hurley 28 July, 1887 in Sullivan County, Missouri. About 1890 the Hurleys moved to eastern Nebraska with her parents when land became available for settlement. On p. 36A of the 1900 Federal Census, one Hurley child, Blanche was listed as born in Missouri in 1888, and the other Hurley child Edgar was born in 1891 in Nebraska. They were enumerated in the home of their grandparents, Edward and Sophronia Clear.  

Circa 1901 Cora Belle married Edward Donnelly. The 1910 Federal Census locates them in Loup Township of Nance County, Nebraska; they had been married 9 years; this was her second marriage. She was 40 years old, born in Missouri; her folks were born in Indiana. She had 5 children, all living. In the same census, Edward Donnelly was 36 years old, born in Nebraska. His father was born in Ohio, and his mother in Iowa. He was a farmer. The Donnellys were living in Dorsey, Holt County, Nebraska in 1919 when Cora Belle’s father, Edward Clear, died while visiting them. When Edward’s estate was settled in 1928, they were living in Boone County, Nebraska.  

Cora Belle had died by 1949, according to the obituary of her brother, Albert Clear. According to the obituary of her sister, Florence Foreman in 1946, Cora Belle had died in Buhl, Idaho.  

Fullerton Cemetery Records show that several Donnellys were living in the Fullerton area at the same time as the Clear, although Edward Donnelly is not listed as buried there.

1. Blanche Hurley

We first find Blanche Hurley in the 1900 Federal Census living with her grandparents, Edward and Sophronia Clear on Ida Street in Fullerton, Nebraska. She was born December, 1888 in Missouri and was 11 years of age. Both of her parents were born in Missouri. (See footnote #71.)  

We are told that Thomas Hurley was her father and Cora Belle Clear Hurley were her parents. (See footnote #70.)  

Circa 1901, Blanche’s mother married Edward Donnelly. At the time of the 1910 Federal Census, Blanche, her brother Edgar were living with their step-father and mother in Loup Twp. of Nance Co., Nebraska. Blanche was listed as 21 years old, born in Missouri and was a teacher in a rural school. (See footnote #72.)

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69 1870 Federal Census, Sullivan County, Missouri, Jackson Twp., page 22.  
70 Ethel Mae Buie, a granddaughter of William Clear who traveled to Nebraska with his brother Edward, contributed this information. She lives at Box 303, Eakly, Oklahoma 73033.  
71 1900 Federal Census, Fullerton, Nance County, Nebraska, page 36A.  
73 The obituary of Edward Clear, September 11, 1919 issue of The Fullerton Post.  
74 Decree of Heirship entered at the Nance County Courthouse February 10, 1928.  
75 Obituary of Albert L. Clear in the 17 March, 1949 issue of Nance County Journal.
Blanch might have been old enough to be the mother of one of the great-grandchildren mentioned in the 1919 obituary of Edward Clear.

2. **Edgar Hurley**

   He and his sister Blanche were living with their grandparents at the time of the 1900 Federal Census. He was 9 years of age, born March, 1891 in Nebraska. (See footnote #71.)

   At the time of the 1910 Federal Census, he is living with his step-father and mother in Loup Twp. of Nance Co., Nebraska. In the same census, he is living with the Charles Donnelly family in Fullerton, Nebraska, single, 19 years old and working as a hired man. (See footnote #72.)

3. **Ruth Donnelly**

   Ruth is the daughter of Cora Belle Clear Hurley Donnelly and her second husband, Edward Donnelly.

   At the time of the 1910 Federal Census, she is living with her parents in Loup Twp., Nance Co., Nebraska. She is 7 years old and born in Nebraska. Her father was born in Nebraska and her mother in Missouri. (See footnote #72.)

4. **Ellen Donnelly**

   Parents are the same as Ruth Donnelly above. The 1910 Federal Census reveals the same information as the above, except Ellen is 5 years old. (See footnote #72.)

5. **Paul Donnelly**

   The 1910 Federal census reveals the same information for the two children above, except Paul is 1 year old. (See footnote #72.)

B. **Merinda (Marinda) Clear**

   When her father’s estate was settled in 1928, she was listed as Margaret M. Sodders. In the obituary of her brother, Albert L. Clear in 1949, she was called “Rennie”.

   She was born March, 1871, in Pollock, Sullivan County, Missouri.

   In 1890 she married _______ Sodders. The 1900 Federal Census of Fullerton, Nebraska stated that she had given birth to 3 children, but only 2 were living at that time. She and her two children, Maudie and Ethel were living with her parents on Ida Street. The 1900 census stated that that the father of her children was born in Indiana.  

   When her father’s estate was settled in 1928, she was listed as a widow living in Los Angeles, California.  

1. **Maudie Sodders**

   Maudie was living with her mother Merinda Clear Sodders and her sister, Ethel, at the home of her grandparents, Edward and Sophronia Clear in 1900. The same census stated that she was 6 years old, born September, 1895 in Nebraska. Her father was born in Indiana and her mother in Missouri. (See footnote #76.)

   In the 1910 Federal Census, she was still living with her grandparents on Ida Street in Fullerton, Nebraska, and was working as a telephone “Hello” girl.  

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76 1900 Federal Census of Fullerton, Nance County, Nebraska, page 36A.
77 Decree of Heirship entered at the Nance County Courthouse, February 19, 1928.
2. **Sodders**  
A child who died in infancy.

3. **Ethel Sodders**  
Refer to the preceding biography of Maudie Sodders.  
In the 1900 Federal Census she was 2 years old, born March, 1898 in Nebraska.  
In the 1910 Federal Census she was called “Jesta” and was 12 years old.

4. **Harold Sodders**  
He appears for the first time in the 1910 Federal Census living with his mother and 2 sisters on Ida Street in Fullerton, Nebraska. He was 8 years at the time. (See footnote #78.)

Note: Since Melinda Clear Sodders was mentioned as a widow at the time of the settlement of her father’s estate in 1928 and living in Los Angeles, California, perhaps her 3 children accompanied her to California.

C. **Charles D. Clear**  
“Charlie” was born ca. 1874 in Sullivan County, Missouri and moved to Nebraska with his parents, Edward and Sophronia Clear, ca. 1890.  
He married Mary Louise Smith. In 1928 they were living in Fremont County, Iowa. They were still living in Iowa when Charles’ brother Albert L. Clear died in 1949.  
At the time of the 1920 Federal Census they were living on Park Street in Hamburg, Fremont County, Iowa with their 4 children. Charlie, 45 years old, was listed as born in Missouri, and both of his parents were born in Indiana. He was a laborer. Mary, 39 years old, born in Iowa, was a seamstress. Her father was born in Germany and her mother in France.  
The following obituary for Mary Louise Clear appeared in a Hamburg newspaper, probably in 1955. “Funeral services for Mary Louise Clear, 73, who died June 30, at the Community Hospital, were held Saturday, July 2 at 10 a.m. at the Rush Funeral Home with Father O. L. Kaufman officiating. Interment was in the Hamburg Cemetery. Mrs. Clear was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic church in Hamburg and spent most of her life here in Hamburg. She is survived by three sons, Eldon and Guy of Omaha, and Pat of Irving, Texas, and one brother, Frank Smith, of Ventura.

1. **Harold Clear**  
He was 16 years old in 1920, born in Iowa. He is not mentioned as a survivor in either the obituary of his mother, Mary Louise Clear nor that of his brother Eldon. A man with the name “Pat” mentioned in both obituaries is a possibility that Harold had the nickname, “Pat”.

2. **Eldon Clear**  
He was 14 years old in 1920, born in Iowa. He married Odessa Ida Reynolds, a native of Hamburg, Iowa where the couple resided for many years.

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79 Decree of Heirship entered at the Nance County Courthouse, Fullerton, Nebraska, February 10, 1928.  
80 Obituary of Albert L. Clear in the March 17, 1949 issue of Nance County Journal.  
Eldon’s wife preceded him in death. Her obituary which appeared in a Hamburg, Iowa newspaper reads “Mrs Eldon (Odessa Ida) Clear, 69, died in Omaha July 13 (year unknown). She was born in Hamburg and resided here many years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds. She is survived by her husband, Eldon, of Omaha; one daughter, Mrs. Fred B. (Mary Donna) Shultz of Omaha; two brothers, Charles Reynolds of Omaha and Robert Reynolds of Fresno, Calif; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Gaugagn (sp.?) of Omaha and Mrs. Dorothy Frear of Alameda, Calif., and one grandson. Funeral services were held Monday, July 17 at St. Adelberts Catholic Church in Omaha with Father James Kocaraik (sp.?) officiating. Visitation was held in the Rash Funeral Home in Hamburg Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Internment was in the Hamburg Cemetery.”

Eldon Clear’s obituary which appeared in a Hamburg, Iowa newspaper reads “Eldon William Clear, 64, died in Omaha January 11 (year unknown). A former resident of Hamburg, he had resided in Omaha the past several years. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Fred (Mary Donna) Shultz of Omaha; one brother Pat Clear of Irving, Texas; one grandson, three nephews and one niece. Funeral services were held in Omaha at St. Adelberts Catholic Church Jan. 14. Prayer services were held at the Rash Funeral Home Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. Father Alvin Herber officiating. Interment was in the Hamburg Cemetery.”

3. Guy Clear

He was 11 years old in 1920, born in Iowa.

4. Fern Clear

She was 9 years old in 1920, born in Iowa.

5. Pat Clear?

The name “Pat Clear” appears in the obituaries of Mrs. Charles Clear and her son Eldon but does not appear in the 1920 Federal Census. Mrs. Clear was only 39 years old in 1920 so she could have had another child after Fern. Or her first child Harold might have been given the nickname “Pat”.

D. Florence Elizabeth Clear

Florence was born 29 July, 1876 in Pollock, Sullivan County, Missouri and moved to Nebraska with her parents, Edward and Sophronia Clear circa 1890.

She married George E. Bowman in 1899. They had 5 children. He died 17 January, 1917.

She married W. Fred Foreman 19 September, 1929, at Columbus, Nebraska. They were living in Fullerton at the time of her death in 1946.

She was an active member of the Daughters of Union Soldiers. 82

She died 16 September, 1946, age 70, after a prolonged illness. She is buried at the Fullerton Cemetery beside her daughter, Iceiesm. (Block I, Lot 97, W ½)

1. Iceiesm Bowman

Her tombstone at the Fullerton Cemetery says she died 8 August, 1900, aged 3 months, 28 days.

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82 Obituary appearing in the Nance County Journal, September, 1946.
2. **Frances Bowman**

   She was 18 years old at the time of the 1920 Federal Census, born in Nebraska. She married H. P. Wichael; they lived at Perry, Iowa.

   A family friend, Ms. Margaret Russell of Fullerton, says that Frances died in a nursing home in Auburn, Nebraska. Her sister-in-law, Lillian Humphrey Clear, (Mrs. Edmund Clear) visited Frances often.

3. **Edmund Bowman**

   He was 6 years and 2 months of age when the 1920 Federal Census was taken.

   He graduated from high school in 1933, a classmate of Ms. Margaret Russell. He married Lillian Humphrey, a teacher in the Fullerton, Nebraska schools.

   As of 1985, Lillian lived at 1308—10th Street, Auburn, Nebraska 68305. Edmund and Lillian had one son Billy who has been institutionalized since the age of 4; he never progressed past the mental age of 3-4 years.

4. **Robert Bowman**

   He was 3½ years old at the time the 1920 Federal Census was taken.  
   He was living in Table Rock, Nebraska in 1946.

The obituary of Florence Clear Bowman Foreman in 1946 said her grandchildren were Beverly Jean, Robert Allen and Judy Joan.

E. **James M. Clear**

   He died in infancy.

F. **Albert L. Clear**

   "Bert" was described as a house painter, 22, living with his parents, Edward and Sophronia Clear, in Fullerton, Nebraska in the 1910 Federal Census. His parents were both born in Indiana. He was born 2 February, 1884 in Pollock, Missouri and moved with his parents to Nebraska circa 1890.

   He married Olive (Ollie) A. Shefler on 1 January, 1914 in Nance County, Nebraska. Their marriage record can be found in Nance County, Nebraska Marriage Records, Book 4, page 170. She was born 23 May, 1889 in Pennsylvania.

   Olive was the daughter of Henry S. and Dora Catherine Shefler. Mrs. Shefler was born at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania to Jacob and Catherine Remley. On 5 April, 1881, she married Henry S. Shefler by whom she had 4 children: Adda May, Guy C., Pearl, Olive A. In 1890 the Sheflers moved to Genoa, Nebraska and in 1904 moved to the North Star community where they lived until Henry’s death. On page 215 of the 1910 Federal Census for Nance County, they were living in South Branch township. Olive was 20 years old. After Mr. Shefler’s death, Dora lived with her daughters, Mrs. Gene Tomlinson and Mrs. A. L. Clear until her death 6 September, 1949 in Fullerton, where she is buried.

   The Albert Clears were living in Nance County, Nebraska, in 1928. At one time they lived in Mojave, California.

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84 Obituary of Florence Clear Bowman Foreman in September, 1946.
86 Data given by Ms. Margaret Russell, Fullerton, Nebraska.
The following obituary appeared in the 17 March, 1949 issue of the Nance County Journal. Albert died 16 March, 1949:

“Albert L. Clear, 64, died Wednesday morning of this week at the Lutheran Hospital in Grand Island, Nebraska. He had been seriously sick for several weeks. Born in Missouri, he came to this community in his youth and was married to Olive Shefler in 1914. His wife survives him as do three brothers, Jacob of Fullerton, Charles of Iowa, and Guy of Lincoln and one sister Rennie Sodders of California. A son Jack preceded him in death. Funeral services will be held on Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Beaman Palmer Funeral Home with burial in the Fullerton Cemetery.”

For some time after Bert’s death, Ollie shared a duplex with her sister, Pearl Shefler Tomlinson. Ollie died 7 December, 1975. She and Albert and their son Jack are buried in Block IX, Lot 24 S 1/2 of the Fullerton Cemetery.

1. Albert L. Clear, Jr.

According to “Jackie’s” birth certificate, he was born 1 June 1, 1923 in Nebraska. His parents were Albert, Sr. and Olive A. Shefler Clear. He died February, 1933, at the age of 10.

“Jackie had received a pair of lace-up boots for Christmas, which he wore with ‘nickers’. The boots wore a blister on the heel of one foot, but he didn’t complain or tell anyone about his sore heel because he was so fond of his boots. He was afraid they would be taken away from him if he said anything. When his mother, Olive Clear, discovered the blister, there were already red streaks almost to his knee. He died of blood poisoning. His parents were devastated! He was their only child. Jackie was an attractive boy—brown hair and dark brown eyes. He was intelligent, had a big smile and lots of personality.”

G. Guy D. Clear

In 1910 Guy was a grocery salesman while he was living with his parents, Edward and Sophronia Clear on Fuller Street in Fullerton, Nebraska. He was born in Missouri.

In 1920 Guy was a locomotive fireman while he and his wife, Mary Davis Clear and family were living on Saunders Ave. in Sutton, Clay Co., Nebraska. Guy was 31 years old (born January, 1888 in Pollock, Missouri). He moved to Nebraska circa 1890. Both of his parents were born in Indiana. Mary was 29 years old, born in Missouri. Mary’s father was born in Illinois and her mother in Wisconsin.

In 1928 the Guy Clears were living in Lancaster County, Nebraska and in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1949.

1. Leoa Mavin (Sp.?) Clear

Leola is the oldest of the 3 children of Guy and Mary Davis Clear who were living on Saunders Ave. in Sutton, Nebraska in 1920. At that time she was 4 11/12 years, born in Nebraska.

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87 The story of Jackie Clear is told by Ms. Margaret Russell, Route 1, Box 3A, Fullerton, Nebraska 68638. She was a personal friend of both the Albert Clear and Jacob Clear families.

2. **Harry Vance Clear**  
   He was 3 7/12 years old in 1920, born in Nebraska.

3. **Lowell Eaton Clear**  
   He was 1 year old in 1920, born in Nebraska.

**H. Jacob H. Clear**

The 1910 Federal Census states that Jacob, 19 years old, was living with his parents on Fuller St. in Fullerton, Nebraska. He was born in Nebraska and worked in a cigar factory. Ms. Margaret Russell, a family friend, says he was also a house painter. The 1910 census also lists him as a single hired man, born in Missouri, living with the Charles Donnelly family in Fullerton, Nebraska.  

He married Ollie Rosette Sneed on 19 March, 1914, according to the Nance County, Nebraska, Marriage Records, Book 4, page 194.

In the 1920 census Jake is listed as 28 years old, born in Nebraska and living in Fullerton. Ollie is listed as 30, born in Nebraska. Ollie was an excellent cook and cooked for several years at the Griffin Café in Fullerton. Ms. Margaret Russell of Fullerton said that her uncle owned the Griffin Café where Ollie worked.

In Ollie Clear’s obituary appearing in a Nance County newspaper, her maiden name was given as Ollie R. Christenson, the daughter of Cass D. and Jennie Christenson. She was born 10 August, 1887, in Fullerton, Nebraska and died there 18 October, 1947, at the age of 60 years. Funeral services were conducted at the Beaman and Palmer Funeral Home by Rev. Carl Sandberg, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Burial was made in the Fullerton Cemetery.

At the time of the 1910 census of Nance County, Nebraska, Cass Christiansen, 60, and Jennie Christenson, 46, were living on Esther St. in Fullerton. Living with them were Raymond, 24, Ollie Sneed, 22, and Nellie, 20, and the mother-in-law, Mary Bonner, 70. Cass Christiansen was listed as born in Denmark as were his parents. Cass did odd jobs. Jenny was born in Ohio as were her her parents All their children were born in Nebraska. Sneed was spelled Snead.

In an obituary of Forrest L. Christenson, appearing in a Nance County newspaper in 1963, mention was made that Forrest lived with his aunt, Mrs. Jake Clear when he was a young man. Either the name “Sneed” is an error in the Marriage Records of Nance Co. Nebraska or Ollie was married briefly to a man named Snead before marrying Jacob Clear.

After Ollie died, Jake lived with a niece in Iowa. This was probably Fern Clear, the only daughter of Charles and Mary Clear of Fremont County, Iowa. Jake died and was buried in Iowa.

There is no record of Jake and Ollie having any children.

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V. Wilson Clear

Wilson was born 17 May, 1849, on the farm of his parents, Jacob and Margaret Davis Clear north of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He died of scarlet fever 29 November, 1850. He is buried in the Squire Hatfield Cemetery about 6 miles north of Ft. Wayne, located in Sec. 21, Twp. 31 N (Washington Twp.), R 12E. The cemetery was undoubtedly named for the Hatfield family who still owned property in Sec. 21 in 1898. The cemetery is a small, well-kept cemetery. There are no gravestones marking the graves of the Clear children. The Jacob Clear farm was near the cemetery.

VI. Ellen Clear

Ellen was born 3 April, 1850, on the farm of her parents. She died 25 July, 1851. She is buried in the Squire Hatfield Cemetery.

VII. Seneca Clear (male)

Seneca was born 28 (?), February, 1852, on the farm of his parents, and died 27 October, 1854 at the age of 2 years, 8 months and 29 days. He is buried at Squire Hatfield Cemetery.

VIII. Margaret Jane Clear

Every year on a Sunday near “Jane’s” birthday in May, the family would gather to celebrate her birthday. She was a tiny, neat woman who kept her home and surroundings very tidy. Margaret Puffer Gentry recalled the large, beautifully framed pictures on the walls. Annabel Tipton remembered that Jane had an intriguing parrot and fascinating trunk full of doll dishes and clothes that belonged to one of her daughters. She also had many attractive dishes which were a fad to collect while she was alive.

Her obituary reads: Margaret J. Vincent

“Funeral services were held for Mrs. L. R. Vincent at the Lucerne Methodist church Wednesday, Nov. 19th, being conducted by Rev. V. F. Walker. Burial was made in Lucerne cemetery.

Margaret J. Vincent, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Clear, was born May 18, 1854, and died Nov. 17, 1941, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Puffer, being at the time of her death 87 years and 6 months.

She was married to L. R. Vincent in Oct., 1873, and to them were born five children: Thos. B. of Lucerne, Mrs. Dora Puffer of Mercer, J. E. of Seymour, IA, Mrs. Emma Boland of Lucerne, who passed away in May, 1939, and Anna of Chicago.


Ibid.

Ibid.


The Unionville Republican, Unionville, MO, November 26, 1941.
They lived on a farm near Lucerne where they reared their family, having moved to Lucerne in 1901, where her husband passed away in May, 1912.

She is survived by four children, eleven grandchildren, and fifteen great grandchildren, also one brother of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Vincent was a member of the Lucerne Methodist church. She lived a long and useful life and will be missed by her family and friends."

Jane was born in Allen County, Indiana, north of Ft. Wayne. She moved to Putnam County, Missouri with her parents sometime after 1855. She married Leonard R. Vincent in Missouri. She was 19 years of age, and Leonard was 43. The Vincents either homesteaded or paid $1.25 an acre for a section (640 acres) of land west of Lucerne. The property reached nearly to the Mercer County line. The Vincent property adjoined the Burlingame farm. In 1901 the Vincents moved to a snow-white 2-story house in Lucerne where Leonard died 5 May, 1912. Their home was still standing in 1958. After her husband’s death, Jane divided the farm among her children, her son, Thomas Benton Vincent getting the home place.

A. Thomas Benton Vincent

The son of Leonard and Jane Clear Vincent, he was born 19 September, 1874 and lived all his life as a farmer near Lucerne, MO. He inherited the home place.

In 1900 he married Myrtle Myers Bran who was born 29 October, 1877 and died 8 May, 1969. She was 91 years old at the time of her death. Thomas died 26 July, 1956. Both are buried at Lucerne Cemetery.

1. Amber Vincent

Her obituary reads: Amber Vincent Wilson 

"Amber Vincent Wilson, daughter of Thomas Benton Vincent and Myrtle Myers Vincent was born in Lucerne, Missouri on October 7, 1902 and departed this life April 10, 2002 at the age of 99 years, 6 months, and 3 days at the Corydon Nursing and Rehab Center.

She was the oldest of six children: Don, Marjorie, James, Frances, and a brother who died in infancy. She attended a rural school and graduated from high school at Lucerne, Missouri.

She was united in marriage to Joe F. Wilson on January 17, 1920. He preceded her in death. One daughter, Carol, was born to this union.

Amber spent her time as a housewife and helped with the farming on the Wilson family farm. She loved gardening, flowers, and working in her yard. She enjoyed having friends and family for visits.

Amber was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Powersville, Missouri and was also a member of the Rebeccas of Seymour. She was a member of the Seymour Methodist Church and remained a faithful member until her death.

Her parents, son-in-law Keith Couchman, brother Don and sister Marjorie preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughter Carol Couchman, two grandsons: Gary and wife Mary of Bella Vista, Arkansas and Wayne and wife Kris of Seymour; three great grandchildren: Duane, Troy and wife Melanie and Nicole; and one great great grandson Keith Jordan, her brother James Franklin; sister Frances, and nephews Don and Ronald Dean.

She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and a friend to everyone who knew her.

Graveside services were Monday, April 15, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. at the Powersville Cemetery, Powersville, Missouri with the Rev. Leroy Perkins officiating.

Pallbearers were Duane Couchman, Troy Couchman, Nikki Couchman, Ron Johnson, Gary Couchman and Wayne Couchman. Honorary bearers were Tom Rembe, Sonny Gold and Gerald Godfrey.

Interment was in the Powersville Cemetery, Powersville, Missouri.

Amber grew up on the “Old Vincent” farm, the part of the Vincent farm that her father inherited from his parents. After she married Joe F. Wilson in 1920, the couple farmed near Powersville, MO. After his death 17 March, 1954, Amber rented the farm and moved across the Missouri line to Seymour, Iowa. Joe, who was a member of the Masonic Lodge, is buried at the Powersville Cemetery.

a. Carol Wilson
The only child of Joe and Amber Vincent Wilson, she married Keith Couchman, a farmer, 28 December, 1942. In 1990 Carol and Keith were both 68 years old. He died before 2002. Died 2 May, 2004; buried in Shriver Cemetery.

(1) Gary Joe Couchman

(a) Wayne Lee Couchman
He was born in 1969.

(b) Troy Dean Couchman
He was born in 1972.

(2) Wayne Allen Couchman
Born 3 June, 1952, he graduated from NE Missouri U. He is a farmer. In 1974, he married Kris McCarty.

(a) Nicole
She was born in 1979.

2. Don Leonard Vincent
He was born 28 June, 1904, and died in 1970. He had no children. In 1958 he was living in Ysdedo, California. Deceased.

3. Marjorie Vincent
She was born 14 December, 1912 and married Eldon Frazier. As of 1984, she was living in Arcadia, California. She died 2 July, 1988.

a. Sharon Kay Frazier
b. Dennis Eldon Frazier
4. James F. Vincent
   "Jay" was born 24 June, 1914. He was married but later divorced. He has no children.
   In 1958 he was living in Bonner Springs, Kansas; as of 1984, he was retired as a construction worker, and living in Kansas City, MO.

5. Frances Vincent.
   The youngest child of Thomas Benton Vincent and Myrtle Bran Vincent, she was born 7 August, 1920. On 16 August, 1941 at Princeton, MO, she married Vincil Gene Johnson, a farmer in Lucerne, MO.
   Since 1962 she and her husband have lived in Princeton, MO. From 1962-1971 she was a receptionist at Axtell Osteopathic Hospital in Princeton. Starting in 1981, she worked as a nutritionist for the Senior Citizen Center. Deceased.

   a. James Donald Johnson
   He was born 18 February, 1943. He graduated from NW Missouri Teachers College in 1966. He is now an insurance adjuster.
   On 30 August, 1969, he married Willa Marie Holmes, who was born 27 December, 1944 (?).
   He served in the Vietnam War.
   (1) Jill Anjanette Johnson
       She was born 23 May, 1972.
   (2) Kesa Suzette Johnson
       She was born 13 August, 1976.

   b. Ronald Gene Johnson
   He was born 25 February, 1946, and served in the Vietnam War. He is a plumber by vocation and is not married.

B. Dora Helen Vincent
   Born 26 January, 1876, at Lucerne, MO, Dora taught school in Putnam County, MO before her marriage.
   On 14 November, 1894, she married Charles Andrew Puffer, born 26 April, 1862, the youngest son of Charles A. and Abigail Comstock Puffer of Cedar Co., Iowa, near Mechanicsville. The Puffers were of German descent. The marriage took place at the home of the bride’s parents, Leonard and Margaret Jane Clear Vincent near Lucerne.

   In 1867, Charles’ mother, Abigail Puffer, came by train to Lineville, Somerset Township, Mercer Co., MO, hired a livery to take her out to look at 500 acres of land which she bought. In 1883 at the age of 21 years Charles Puffer moved to that farm.

   As newlyweds, Charles and Dora Vincent Puffer started housekeeping at the farm which he and his mother had purchased. Charles added land to his farm until it reached a total of 800 acres. This farm is still in the Puffer family. Dora was a short, heavy-set woman who enjoyed being a homemaker.

   After the death of their son-in-law, Lewis Anderson, the Puffers’ widowed daughter Helen and her children lived with them. Later they all moved to Mercer where Charles Puffer died 11 February, 1947. Sometime after his
death, Dora, her daughter Helen and granddaughter Twyla moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where Dora died 27 August, 1958. Both she and her husband are buried at the Lucerne Cemetery.

1. **Claus Puffer**

Claus, the son of Charles Andrew and Dora Helen Vincent Puffer, was born 13 August, 1899, in Mercer Co., MO.

On 7 March, 1922 he married Opal Irene Holmes who was born 28 July, 1902 near Ravanna, Mercer Co., MO by Rev. O. E. Cooley. Opal was the daughter of Santford M. and Cate Summers Holmes.

They lived on the Puffer farm 10 miles east of Mercer where Claus had grown up and continued to live until his death 25 October, 1958. This 800-acre farm in Somerset Township is now worked by Claus’s sons, Earl H. and J. Claus Puffer. The daughter, Helen Puffer Anderson, sold her share.

After her husband’s death, Opal moved to Princeton where she helped her daughter, Margaret Gentry, operate the Flower Shop on West Main Street.

Claus was a stocky 5’9” man, a member of I.O.O.F. Lodge and the Methodist Church. He is buried at the Ravanna Cemetery.

a. **Margaret Helen Puffer**

Margaret, the daughter of Claus and Opal Irene Holmes Puffer, was born 25 December, 1922. She attended grade school at the Laughlin country school and graduated from Mercer High School in 1941, after which she attended Chillicothe Business College.

On 10 May, 1942, she married Gerald D. Gentry at the home of his uncle, Rev. W. H. Johnson. Gerald was born 5 March, 1921, the eldest child of W. L. and Amy Fair Gentry. He was educated at the Star country school and graduated from Princeton High School in 1938. He graduated from Chillicothe Business College in 1942.

After serving 38 months from 1942-1945 in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, Gerald returned to work for the Burlington Railroad at St. Louis, MO. In 1948 the Gentrys returned to Mercer County where they purchased a farm 7 miles southwest of Princeton where they made their home until they moved to Princeton in 1977. Gerald farmed and milked grade A dairy cows for over 20 years. They lost their home twice to fire in 1951 and again in 1964, rebuilding at the same location both times.

In 1962 Margaret bought The Flower Shop (511 West Main in Princeton) which she later sold. She was active in Mothers Club, Beta Sigma Phi, and Business and Professional Women. She was appointed District Grand Matron in Eastern Star and served as treasurer for the Princeton Chamber of Commerce for several years. Her hobbies were bridge and crafts. Both she and Gerald attended the Princeton Baptist Church where Margaret was a member of the choir.

Gerald has been active in the American Legion since 1946 and is also a member of the VFW. He has been a Mason since 1954 and was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1981. He was elected to serve as a member of the board of the Mercer County Hospital District in 1978. He en-
joys all types of athletics, and coached the American Legion baseball team for several years. He has also run the chain at the Princeton High School football games. For several years he bowled on a team sponsored by The Flower Shop. His favorite pastime is golfing; he has been a member of the Princeton board of directors.

When Gerald and Margaret were spending the winter in Mesa, Arizona in 1990, Margaret suffered a severe stroke. After 23 days in ICU, she died 6 February, 1990.

(1) Fleeta Geraldine Gentry
Born 8 May, 1947, in St. Louis, MO, she married William Franklin Dennis 23 July, 1966. He graduated from NEMSU in Kirksville, MO in 1971 and received his master’s degree in 1976. He is a high school football coach, chosen 3-A coach of the year for MO in 1981. They live at 1108 S. Beech, Savannah, MO 64485.

(a) Gerald William Dennis
He was born 14 May, 1967.
(b) Clifford Allen Dennis
He was born 20 July, 1969.

(2) Jolene Margaret Gentry

(a) Ryan Garrett Snyder
He was born 26 February, 1974.
(b) Brett Gentry Snyder
He was born 31 December, 1976.
(c) Casey Jo Snyder
Casey was born 11 November, 1978.

(3) Joyce Elaine Gentry
She was born 1 December, 1956 in Princeton, MO. She graduated from NEMSU at Kirksville in 1979 with a BS in nursing. On 21 February, 1981, she married Steven Coleman. After serving 4 years in the U.S. Navy he became an electrician in Columbia, MO.

(a) Robert Aaron Coleman
He was born 2 June, 1985. 

96 The preceding data on the Gentry family was copied almost verbatim from an eight-generation booklet on the Gentry family.
b. Earl Holmes Puffer

Earl was born 7 May, 1926, on the farm of his grandfather, Charles Puffer, 9 miles east of Mercer, MO. He and his brother Jean farm the original Puffer farm. He attended school schools in Mercer, graduating from Mercer High School.

He married Ava Pauline Gibson 7 May, 1946.

(1) Robert Lee Puffer


They live in Unionville, MO.

(a) Brenda Lee Puffer

She was born 4 February, 1969.

(b) Rhonda Lynn Puffer

She was born 24 January, 1971

(c) Lynda Lou Puffer

She was born 18 October, 1975.

(2) Nancy Earlene Puffer

Born 5 August, 1952, she lives in Mercer, MO.

c. Jean Claus Puffer

Jean, who lives 4 miles from his brother Earl, was born 22 March, 1928. He graduated from Laughlin county school and Mercer High School.

On 23 April, 1950 in Stanberry, MO, he married Shirley Vandel, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Alice Vandel.

(1) Terry Jean Puffer


(a) Toby Jean Puffer

Toby was born 18 September, 1978.

(2) Janet Elaine Puffer


(a) Alexis Lyn Martin

She was born 13 June, 1971.

(3) Debra Jo Puffer


2. Helen Puffer

The daughter of Charles and Dora Puffer, she was born in September, 1896. After she married Lewis Anderson in 1921, she lived on a farm in Mercer area. After her husband's death, she and her children lived with the Puffers on their farm east of Mercer. They moved to Princeton when her father, Charles Puffer died in 1947. Helen, her mother Dora Puffer and her daughter, Twyla moved to Des Moines where Dora Puffer died in 1958. After 1960 Helen lived with her daughter Twyla in Kansas City, MO. She lived into her 90's.

a. Winton D. Anderson

The son of Lewis and Helen Puffer Anderson, Winton was born 26 June, 1924. He married Elsie Constable.

As of 1984, the family lived in Davenport, Iowa.
(1) Linda Sue Anderson
   She married _______ Haas, has 2 children and lives in Davenport, Iowa, as of 1984.

(2) Sharon Anderson
   She married _______ Vance, has 2 children and lives in Houston, Texas, as of 1984.

(3) Gail Anderson
   She married _______ Wilkins, has 2 children and lives in Davenport, Iowa, as of 1984.

b. Norma Charlene Anderson
   Born 24 March, 1927, she died in infancy.

c. Twyla Marjorie Anderson
   Born 12 July, 1929, she married Robert DiBona from whom she is divorced.
   She worked for the Social Security Agency in Kansas City, MO for many years.
   She lived with and took care of her mother, Helen Puffer Anderson for many years.

(1) Jeanie Elaine DiBona
   She married Daniel Baker of Kansas City, MO.
   They live in El Paso, Texas.
   (a) Kevin Baker
       He was born in 1978.
   (b) Keith Baker
       He was born in 1982.

C. Joseph Elmer Vincent
   His obituary reads: Joseph Elmer Vincent
   "The son of Leonard and Margaret Jane Clear Vincent, he was born April 14, 1877, and passed away at his home in Seymour, Iowa at the age of 65 years, 5 months, and 16 days.
   He was married to Miss Alice Foster of Mercer county, Mo. on Sept. 15, 1895. To this union were born two children, a son, Lawrence R. of Kansas City, Mo., and a daughter, Grace Warren of Seymour, Iowa.
   Most of his life was spent in Putnam county, Mo., except the last ten years when he made his home in Seymour, Iowa, residing there at the time of his death.
   He was a kind and loving husband and father and will be greatly missed by his grandchildren who have known his kindness. He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife and companion, his two children, four grandchildren, Billy, Bobby, Junior and Romah Warren of Seymour, a brother, Thomas Vincent of Lucerne; two sisters, Dora Puffer, of Mercer, Mo. and Anna Vincent of Chicago, Ill., and a host of other relatives and friends. His father, mother and a sister, Emma Boland, preceded him in death.
   Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church at Lucerne by Rev. Folchie on Sept. 27. Burial was made in Lucerne cemetery."

97 A September, 1942, issue of The Unionville Republican on file in the genealogy department of the Unionville Public Library, Unionville, MO.
His wife, Alice, was born March, 1877, and died in 1971. She is also buried at Lucerne Cemetery.

1. Lawrence R. Vincent

Lawrence was a slender man over 6 feet tall. After serving in the U.S. Navy for 4 years, he settled in Kansas City, MO. He married, but had no children. He died before 1984 and is buried in Kansas City.

2. Grace Vincent

Grace married Ira O. Warren ("Ike"). They were living on a farm in Wayne County, Iowa near Sewal in 1942, but she was living in Gary, Indiana at the time of her death in 1981. She died of cancer at the age of 77 years. She was short like the Clears.

Ira, Sr. died of a heart attack in his late 60's or early 70's. Both he and Grace are buried at Lucerne Cemetery.

a. Billie Dwain Warren

He was the oldest of the four children of "Ike" and Grace Vincent Warren. After serving in the U.S. Army, he married Imagene Hellyer of Seymour, Iowa. They moved to Hobart, Indiana where Billie became an engineer on the "railroad".

While he, his wife and a group of "Shriners" were vacationing in Mexico, he drowned while swimming in the Pacific Ocean. He is buried in Hobart.

1. Allen Warren
2. Scott Warren
3. Denise Warren
4. Barry Warren
5. Dale Warren

b. Bobby Leo Warren

After serving in the U.S. Army, he moved to Colorado where he married Mildred. He owned and operated a service station. He was a Mason. He died of cancer of the throat.

1. Jolene Warren
2. Bradley Warren
3. (m)

c. Ira O. Warren, Jr.

After a stint in the U.S. Marines, he settled in Hobart, Indiana. He married and worked on the "railroad". He and his wife owned and operated a trailer park in Hobart, near Gary, Indiana. He was a Mason.

1. Terry Warren
2. Sheryl Warren

d. Ramah Jean Warren

In 1988, Ramah and her husband, Max Ball, were living in Floressent, MO near St. Louis. She is the youngest of the four children of "Ike" and Grace Vincent Warren.

1. Joyce Ball
2. Jeffrey Ball

e. Warren. A child who died young.

D. Emma Vincent

She was born 13 October, 1878; on 23 December, 1896, she married John S. Boland who was born 11 January, 1865.

She died 31 May, 1939, and he died 21 (?) December, 1944. Both are buried at Lucerne Cemetery.

1. John V. Boland

The oldest child of John and Emma Vincent Boland, John was born 25 October, 1907. On 12 February, 1928, he married Alice Van Buskirk who was born 3 October, 1909.

a. Ivan Lewis Boland

The oldest of the five children of John V. and Alice Van Buskirk Boland, he was born 6 March, 1929. He married Evelyn Darlene Wicker, but they are divorced, as of 1984. She was born 28 April, 1930. He was living in Centerville, Iowa in 1984.

(1) Wayne Allen Boland

He was born 26 October, 1953. He has never married but has custody of a son, Matthew Allen, whose mother is Sharon Ewing. Wayne’s address is Rural Route, Moulton, Iowa, 52572.

(a) Matthew Allen

He was born 8 November, 1984.

(2) Jon Wicker Boland

He was born 14 October, 1957. He was married to Jeanine Hurley, but they are divorced. She is the mother of his three children whose legal custody he has. Since shortly after his divorce, he has been living with Sue Hurley, the mother of Sue and Malissa Hurley. They live in Centerville, Iowa 52544.

(a) Joshua Todd Boland

He was born the 25 or 28 of May, 1976.

(b) Chad Ivan Eugene Boland

He was born 22 April, 1979.

(c) Natiki Dawn Boland

She was born 23 October, 1984.

(3) Lori Lynn Boland

She was born 14 October, 1958, and has never married. She lives at the Sunset Trailer Court, Centerville, Iowa 52544.

(4) Dona Louise Boland

She was born 11 August, 1969. She graduated from School College, Iowa City, Iowa and is a member of the National Guard Reserve. She resides at Box 184A, Unionville, Iowa 52594 with her mother Darlene Boland Ellson and her step-father, Harold Ellson.

b. Russell J. Boland

He was born 21 August, 1930. He married Joann Howard, but they are divorced. She is the mother of his two daughters.

In September, 1978, he married Bulah Allen who died of cancer 15 February, 1981. She had two children by a previous marriage, Wayne and Sandy Allen.

Russell then married Rena Blackman 27 March, 1981; they were divorced
21 October, 1981.

On 22 October, 1981, he married Patricia Pearson who was born 12 December, 1933. She has three children by a previous marriage, Steve, Debbie and Tim Pearson.

In November, 1967 (?) Russell became the foster father of three brothers, David, Mike, and Mark Cunningham, all under five years of age when they came under his care. He raised them to maturity.

His address is Route 1, Box 55, Lucerne, Missouri. Deceased.

1. Patricia Louise Boland

   The daughter of Russell and Joann Howard Boland, she was born 10 April, 1951. On 24 October, 1969, she married John Moats who was born 20 April, 1947. Their address is Route 3, Unionville, MO 63565.

   (a) Jeanette Fay Moats
       She was born 13 March, 1971.

   (b) Jennifer Ann Moats
       She was born 5 June, 1973.

   (c) Jamie

2. Janice Lee Boland

   She was born 16 November, 1953. On 3 December, 1971, she married David Tuttle; they are divorced. On 27 May, 1977, she married Don Dimmitt who was born 19 November, 1951. She has a stepdaughter Shawn Dimmitt, and two children by Don Dimmitt. The Dimmets’ address is #12 Irene Drive, Kirksville, MO 63501.

   (a) Jason Artie Dimmitt
       He was born May, 1976.

   (b) Kimberly Dawn Dimmitt
       She was born May, 1981.

   (c) Laura Ellen Boland

   She was born 2 April, 1932 and married Henry Herman Hummel 4 May, 1950. He was born 22 December, 1924. They live in Lucerne, MO 64655.

   1. Beverley Sue Hummel

       Born 3 March, 1951, she married Clifford Furnish 11 April, 1970. Their address is Box 175, Milan, MO 63556.

       (a) Shawna Rae Furnish
           She was born 31 August, 1973 and died 1 September, 1973.

       (b) Bryan Neil Furnish
           He was born 17 September, 1974.

       (c) Laura Kathleen Furnish
           She was born 4 July, 1977.

       (d) Krista Marie Furnish
           She was born 19 September, 1980.
(2) Virginia Rene Hummell
She was born 3 July, 1952. She married David Hulsapple in January, 1972. They live in Peculiar, MO.

(a) Jennifer Dawn Hulsapple
She was born 3 October, 1979.

(b) Chad David Hulsapple
He was born in 1981.

(3) Martin K. Hummell
"Butch" was born 25 January, 1954. He married Debbie Sue Basick 29 December, 1975. They live At 1121 Cordell, Excelsior Springs, MO 64024.

(a) Charla Ellen Hummel
She was born 11 December, 1977.

(b) Martin Eddie Hummel
He was born 7 October, 1980.

(c) Josie Leah Hummel
She was born 7 September, 1982.

(4) Sarah Alice Hummel
She was born 14 February, 1958. On 21 June, 1975, she married Timothy Blanchard who was born 23 December, 1956.

(a) James Timothy Blanchard
He was born 4 March, 1977

(5) Margaret Rose Hummel
She was born 13 November, 1960. On 5 May, 1979, she married Leroy Brown. They live at 201 Missouri St., Princeton, MO 64673.

(a) Megan Lea Brown
She was born 9 February, 1980.

(b) La Crecia Marie Brown
She was born 4 September, 1981.

(c) Landon Manual Brown
He was born 15 August, 1983.

d. Clara Maxine Boland
Born 24 April, 1941, in 1959 she married Francis Gene Hawk whom she divorced in 1975. He was born 10 January, 1935. He is the father of her five children. On 19 December, 1980, she married Ronald Keith Pitts who was born 29 June, 1932. Address: 18989 George Street, San Benito, TX 78586-7234

(1) Nancy Ellen Hawk

(a) Brandie Lynn Edwards
She was born 15 October, 1976. Married _____ Stevens; lives in Deland, Florida 32724.
(b) Amber Rose Edwards
She was born 3 November, 1980.

(2) David Eugene Hawk
He was born 21 July, 1961. He is not married. He lives at 494 Scott St., Marseilles, Illinois 61341.

(3) Barbara Lynn Hawk
(a) Dustin James Wilson
He was born 24 February, 1982.
(b) Chad Michael Wilson
He was born 10 January, 1983.

(4) Francis Gene Hawk, Jr.
Gene was born 18 August, 1965. In April, 1986, he married Donna Armer who was born 16 June, 1969. Lives at 3471 N. Purdue St., Las Vegas, Nevada 89115.
(a) Krystal Lee Hawk
(b) _______ Hawk (m)
(c) _______ Hawk (m)

(5) Jodeen Renae Hawk
Born 7 January, 1972, she is not married. Lives at 1080 Orange Ave., Marseilles, Illinois, 61341.

(e) Linda Lou Boland
The youngest child of John V. and Alice Van Buskirk Boland, she was born 1 July, 1946. On 5 August, 1964, she married Clifford C. Carman who was born 15 December, 1942. Their address is Box 35, Fairport, MO 64447.

(1) Clifford Craig Carman
He was born 28 May, 1965.

2. Violet Boland
The daughter of John and Emma Vincent Boland, she was born 24 October, 1900. She lived at home while she taught school. She never married; she died 20 September, 1951 and is buried at Lucern Cemetery.

3. William K. Boland
The youngest child of John and Emma Vincent Boland, he was born 15 July, 1913 and died 8 January, 1975. He is buried in Lucerne Cemetery. He inherited the home place. He had no children.

E. Anna Ruth Vincent
Anna was born in December, 1885. She lived and worked as a stenographer in Chicago her entire adult life. She never married. She died in 1975 and is buried in Lucerne Cemetery.
Reunion of Clear Descendants
Mercer, Missouri
May, 1984

(The name in parenthesis following each person’s name is the child of Jacob and Margaret Davis Clear from whom that person is descended.)

Back Row, l. to r.-----Margaret Gentry (Margaret); Alvera Dunn (John H.); Jean Puffer (Margaret); Carolyn Bomgardner (Carolyn); Irene Holmes Puffer (the mother of Margaret Gentry and Jean Puffer); Mary Robinson (Emily).

Front Row, l. to r.-----Carol Couchman (Margaret); Frances Johnson (Margaret), and Amber Wilson (Margaret).

(Frances Johnson and Amber Wilson are sisters. Carol Couchman is the daughter of Amber Wilson.)

l. to r.-----Irene Holmes Puffer, Frances Johnson, Carol Couchman, Margaret Gentry and Mary Robinson.

Princeton, Missouri—May, 1984
Hezekiah and Caroline Clear Smart

Born 20 March, 1856, in Putnam County, Missouri, Caroline married Hezekiah K. Smart on 10 September, 1876.

Hezekiah was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky 27 April, 1846. When he was a boy, he went with his parents to Illinois where he lived 18 months; then he came to Missouri and settled in the neighborhood of the present site of Pollock, Sullivan County. In 1870 he went to Colorado with J. W. Jones of western Sullivan County, engaging in the stock business, and returning in 1875 to his farm where he lived until his death. At one time he was president of the Pollock Bank.

He was the son of Elige Smart who was born and reared in Nicholas County, Kentucky, moved to Sullivan County, Missouri in the spring of 1866 and died in 1872 on the Smart farm near Pollock. The Smart farm adjoined the farm of Jacob Clear. Hezekiah’s mother was Elizabeth Doharty who was born near the Green Mountains in Pennsylvania. When she was a small child, she moved with her parents to Nicholas County, Kentucky. While there, she married “Lige” Smart. She died ca. 1878 in Missouri; both she and her husband Elige are buried at the Plainview Cemetery south of the Smart farm west of Pollock in Sullivan County.

Caroline was a charter member of Plainview Baptist Church 16 October, 1894. She died 12 June, 1934, at the age of 78 years, 2 months and 22 days; Hezekiah died 28 February, 1923, at the age of 76 years, 10 months and 1 day. Both are buried at Plainview Cemetery. The couple had ten children.
A. George Roscoe Smart

The oldest of the ten children of Hezekiah and Caroline Clear Smart, he was born 18 January, 1879. In December, 1901, he married Maudie Mae Smith by whom he had one child. Maudie died 20 April, 1905.

In 1909 he married Frances Ellen Tade who was born in November, 1874. They had two children. In 1931 he was living in Protection, Kansas. He died in 1945.

1. Elnora Clifton Smart

Elnora was the only child of George Roscoe Smart and his first wife, Maudie Mae Smith.

She died 23 April, 1903, at the age of 4 months and 22 days.

2. Maudie Mae Smart

Maudie Mae Smart is the child of George Roscoe Smart and his second wife, Frances Ellen Tade.

She was born 21 May, 1913. She married Paul Hansen and, as of 1984, was living at 1524 South Clayton, Denver, Colorado 80210.

3. Grace Majoria Smart

Grace was born 30 January, 1915, and died in her 20’s.

B. Virginia Maude Smart

"Jennie" was born 25 September, 1881, and died 18 March, 1976.

On 30 December, 1902, she married John Leroy Welch who was born 27 November, 1872.

They are both buried at Laclede, Missouri.

1. James Waldo Welch

The only child of John and Jennie Smart Welch, he was born 5 June, 1906, and died 16 March, 1977.

He is buried at Laclede, Missouri.

C. Lennie Smart

He was born 1 April, 1883, and died 24 September, 1884.

D. Grover Palmer Smart

He was born 26 January, 1885, and died in the 1950’s.

He married Hattie Camp in 1901 or 1902.

In 1931 he was living in Gardner, Colorado.
Grover was in Pinecrest Sanitarium, Beckley, West Virginia when he died so perhaps he is buried in that area.

1. **Willow Fern Smart**
   She was born 3 February, 1906, the only child of Grover and Hattie Camp Smart.
   She married and divorced Frank Smith.
   She is buried in Plainview Cemetery.

2. **E. Lorn Forrest Smart**
   He was born 10 December, 1886, and on 30 April, 1919, married Eva Elizabeth Morrison who was born 2 September, 1902. They had a daughter.
   In 1931 his address was U.S. Government Hospital at Leavenworth, Kansas.
   The name of his second wife was Leona who was born 13 October, 1938. They had 2 children. As of 1984, she lived in Leavenworth, Kansas.
   1. **Viola Mae Smart**
      She was born 27 January, 1927, the only child of Lorn Smart and his first wife, Eva Morrison.
   2. **Clifford Forrest Smart**
      The son of Lorn Smart and his second wife, Leona, he was born 11 October, 1939.
   3. **Orba Vern Smart**
      Orba, Clifford’s brother, was born 9 August, 1951.

3. **F. Omella Pearl Smart**
   “Pearline” was born 30 August, 1888, and died 3 July, 1977.
   On 10 August, 1915, she married William Gill who was born 10 April, 1887, and died in 1924. They had one son. They are both buried at Plainview Cemetery.
   On 26 October, 1927, Pearline married Raynor Elnore Holmes who was born 2 November, 1871, and died 29 August, 1940. In 1931 they were living in Canyon City, Colorado. He is buried there. She later lived in Chillicothe, Missouri.
   1. **George William Gill**
      George, the only child of Pearline Smart and her first husband, William Gill, was born 20 October, 1911. He is buried at Plainview Cemetery.

4. **G. Ethel Mae Smart**
   She was born 16 April, 1890, and died 9 March, 1980.
   She was a music teacher. In 1931 she was living in Marceline, Kansas, and in 1958 in Ottawa, Kansas. She never married.
   She is buried at Plainview Cemetery.

5. **H. Grace Vena Smart**
   She was born 16 February, 1892, and died 27 April, 1977. She is buried at Plainview Cemetery.
   In 1927 she married William Franklin Holt who died 21 November, 1951, in Los Angeles, California. In 1958 Grace was still living in the Los Angeles area.
W. F. Holt, son of James and Jane Brantley Holt of Newtown, Missouri, moved to Arizona in 1892, and to California in 1900. He was one of the early developers of the Imperial Valley in California. He founded the town of Holton, now Holtville and was instrumental in establishing El Centro, Brawley and Imperial. Harold Bell Wright centered the novel The Winning of Barbara Worth around Mr. Holt’s career, immortalizing him as the banker, Jefferson Worth.

I. Everett Earnest Smart

The obituary of Everett which appeared in the Wednesday, May 6, 1931 issue of The Unionville Republican, Unionville, Missouri stated “Evert Ernest Smart, son of Hezekiah and Matilda Caroline Clear Smart, was born Sept. 3, 1893, at the home of his parents in Sullivan county, Mo., and departed this life April 24, 1931 at Ione, Colorado, being 37 years, 7 months and 21 days old. He was educated in the Wolf school and the Kirksville State Teachers College.

August 6, 1917, he volunteered and enlisted in the U.S. Navy at St. Louis for service in the World War and served nearly two years when he was honorably discharged.

He was married to Thelma Maurine Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Spencer of Princeton, Mo., August 19, 1923. He was a devoted husband, son and brother.

He was of an exceptionally kind and sunny nature and was always ready to help, aid and assist whenever he might be of service. His last earthly act was one of neighborly kindness. He sacrificed his life aiding another. His kindness, tenderness and hospitality made him friends wherever he went. He respected all persons regardless of position or nationality. One of the greatest tributes paid him was from the Japanese colony at Fort Lupton, Colo., which came to the funeral home there in a group with messages of comfort and condolence.

He united with and was baptized in the Plainview Baptist church in April, 1910, when he was 16 years old and always lived a consistent Christian life.

He was a loyal member of Pollock Lodge No. 349 A.F. & A.M., having united with said lodge in 1920 and always lived according to his Masonic profession. The funeral services were held at 2 o’clock Tuesday afternoon, April 28, at the Plainview church, about six miles west of Pollock, in the community where Mr. Smart grew to manhood. Burial was in the Plainview cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. B. E. Sinclair of Pollock, and Rev. H. H. McLeod of Marceline. Members of the Masonic Lodges of Pollock and Unionville gave their service at the grave.”

Thelma died in October, 1983 in a car accident. No child was mentioned in Everett’s obituary, but a family member mentioned a daughter.

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98 The copy of The Unionville Republican in which Everett’s obituary can be found is filed in the genealogical department of the Unionville Public Library, Unionville, MO.
1. Olive Grace Smart

She is the only child of Everett and Thelma Spencer Smart. She was born right after her father's fatal accident in 1931. As of 1984, she is living in American Falls, Idaho.

a. Lived in American Falls, Idaho.
b. Lived in American Falls, Idaho.

J. Paul Dean Smart

Dean Smart and Helen Clark Smart

At the time of his father's death in 1923, "Dean" remained on the Smart family farm near Pollock, Missouri, with his mother.

He was born 19 October, 1899. On 16 August, 1931, he married Helen Clark, the daughter of W. R. Clark of Unionville. She was born 27 December, 1907. They stayed on the farm until 1963 when, for reasons of health, they moved to Unionville.

Dean died 25 January, 1965, and Helen died 21 December, 1994 in Milan, Missouri at nearly 87 years. Both are buried at Plainview Cemetery in Sullivan County, Missouri.

I. to r.: Russell, Carolyn, Raynor

The Children of Dean and Helen Smart
1. Carolyn Dean Smart

Carolyn has led a varied and interesting life. After living on a farm near Lucerne, Missouri for nearly 30 years, in 1983 she and her husband, Donald Bomgardner joined a harvesting crew that operated from Texas to South Dakota. Don started with the crew, and Carolyn joined him in Holly, Colorado. In August of that year they returned to Oklahoma to cut silage. They were a part of the crew in 1985 when Carolyn drove a truck to haul wheat and silage.

Wanderlust had captured them. Instead of returning to Lucerne, they bought an RV and moved to Tucson, Arizona, where Don worked for a rock company, and Carolyn worked in a fabric store. They sold their farm near Lucerne in the fall of 1987. Wood-working and sewing became their hobbies in Tucson. Carolyn says that wood-working is a favorite pastime of retired people in the Southwest.

In the spring of 1988, Carolyn found a job in the Indian Craft Gallery in a local mall. Her extensive reading and learning about Indian crafts led her and Don to a moccasin business. They bought shoes from the Indian reservation in Taos, New Mexico, sold them at swap meets on weekends, and finally traveled to fairs from California to the Mid-West and as far east as Kentucky.

In 1992 Carolyn moved to Unionville, Missouri to care for her ailing mother, Helen Smart. They moved to the home of Carolyn’s daughter, Joan Pool, in Kansas City until a few months before Helen’s death in a nursing home in Milan, Missouri. Don Bomgardner preferred to live in the Southwest; their marriage ended in divorce 30 September, 1994 after 39 years of marriage.

Carolyn, the only daughter of Dean and Helen Smart, was born 25 April, 1937. On 14 August, 1955, she married Donald Lee Bomgardner who was born 19 July, 1934. His parents were Donald Everett Bomgardner and Loel Lee Reeves Bomgardner.

After her mother’s death in 1994, Carolyn worked in the non-food department of a large grocery store where she was in charge of ordering supplies.

On 14 November, 1997, she married an old friend, Dr. Charles L. Judd. The couple lived in Unionville, Missouri until his death 10 August, 2004. Dr. Judd maintained a small practice in his home during his retirement.

Carolyn now lives with her daughter, Joan Pool at 4316 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri 64133. Ph.: 816-353-4508

a. David Lee Bomgardner

The oldest child of Don and Carolyn Bomgardner, he was born 30 December, 1955; on 14 November, 1976 he married Terry Jackson. They operated a farm in northern Missouri near Powersville until David’s health problems (an ailing back) convinced them to sell the farm and move to Mercer, Missouri. Terry is a school secretary in Mercer. Their address is Box 554, Mercer, Missouri 64661

(1) Kristin Bomgardner

She graduated from Truman University in Kirksville, Missouri with a masters degree in speech communications. She lives in Kirksville and works in the Kirksville School System and in the Kirksville Manor Nursing Home. She was born 4 August, 1980.
(2) Jamie Lee Bomgardner
She has been attending Missouri Western College at St. Joseph, Missouri and will finish her BS degree in nursing in December, 2005. She was born 14 June, 1983.
   (a) Isaiah Morgana
       He was born 15 October, 2001.
(3) Timothy Everett Bomgardner
   As of the fall, 2005, he will be a 9th grader, very interested in basketball. He was born 14 June, 1990.

b. Joan Ann Bomgardner
   Born 29 May, 1957, she married Woody Pool 16 December, 1990. They are building a retirement home in St. Johns, the Virgin Islands where they plan to move in 2007. At present, they live at 4316 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri 64133.

c. Glenda Kay Bomgardner
   She was born 11 February, 1959. On 11 August, 1979, she married Joedy Allen Terrill who was born 23 February, 1955. They had two children. Divorced.
   Her second husband is John Horan. They have twin daughters and live at 10203 N. Bridgewater Circle, Owassa, Oklahoma, 74055.
   (1) Brandy Jo Terrill
       She graduated from the University of Oklahoma at Norman with a business degree. She works for the Progressive Insurance Company and lives in Oklahoma City. She was born 31 August, 1981.
   (2) Ryan Joel Terrill
       As of the fall of 2005, Ryan is starting his sophomore year at the University of Kansas at Lawrence. He was born 1 November, 1985.
   (3) Allison Horan
       She was born 24 September, 1990.
   (4) Ashley Horan
       She was born 24 September, 1990. As of the fall of 2005, the twins are 9th graders, active in band and the flag drill team.

d. Thomas Dean Bomgardner
   The youngest child of Donald and Carolyn Bomgardner, he was born 5 May, 1960. He was married 26 January, 1985 to Bonnie Coker. They had two children. Divorced. On 5 July, 1990, he married Patti Henson. They have one child. Their address is Route 1, Box 28, Mercer, Missouri 64661.
   (1) Tabatha Lynn Bomgardner
       She was born 8 September, .
   (2) Kasey Dawn Bomgardner
       She was born 9 March, 1987. Both Tabatha and Kasey live in Kansas.
   (3) Nathan Thomas Bomgardner
       He was born 5 July, 1991. As of the fall of 2005, Nathan will be an 8th grader at Mercer Elementary.
2. **Phillip Raynor Smart**


a. **Marti Rae Smart**
   Born 17 July, 1962, she is a nursing administrator in Milan, Missouri. On 5 September, 1982, she married Brent Dickerson who was born 25 February, 1959. She married Kyle Hoerrman who was killed in a car accident in March, 1990. She married Trent Jones in May, 1993. They live at 632 E 3rd Street, Lawson, Missouri.
   
   (1) **Kirk Hoerrman**
   He was born June, 1987. He is a high school senior 2005-06.
   
   (2) (child expected October, 2005)

b. **Mark Raynor Smart**
   He was born 18 February, 1971. His first wife was Tricia by whom he had a son. He married Cynthia Kamer 4 April, 2004. They live at 8342 S.W. Z Highway, Trimble, Missouri 64062.

   (1) **Stephan Harper Smart**
   He was born 14 February, 1991.

3. **William Russell Smart**

   The youngest child of Dean and Helen Smart, “Russell” was born 6 February, 1944. On 11 February, 1968, he married Phyllis Howard who was born 28 September, 1949. They are divorced. Russell lives at 526 S.E. Brentwood, Lee’s Summit, Missouri 64063.

a. **Anjanette Michelle Smart**

   “Anjie” was born 19 August, 1968. She married John Baumler 19 October, 1996. John was born 25 October, 1964. Anjie is a librarian and John repairs office equipment. They live at 730 S. Central Buckner, Missouri 64016.

   (1) **Nathan Smart**
   He was born 10 July, 1990. He will be a 9th grader in the 2005-06 school year.
   
   (2) **Mathew Baumler**
   He was born 28 February, 1997.
   
   (3) **Rebecca Baumler**
   She was born 8 December, 1999.

b. **Tricia Ann Smart**
   She was born 21 July, 1971.

**Sources of information for the Smart family:**

1. Jennie Smart Welch and Helen Clark Smart in Memoirs of a Granddaughter by Annabel Tipton, Taft, California, 1958.
2. Carolyn Smart Bomgardner

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Aaron and Mary Ann Clear Mastin were the ancestors of generations of teachers, writers and musicians. Born 23 October, 1858, "Molly" was only 16 years old when she married Aaron L. Mastin. Their marriage record reads "I, Norman, a licensed (sic) preacher of the gospel hereby certify that I did on the 25th day of October, 1874, at the country aforesaid join in marriage Mr. Aron (sic) L. Mastin and Mary E. Clear. Given under my hand this Dec. 22, 1874—Stephen Norman, L. Preacher. Filed Dec. 22, 1874."

Aaron Loder Mastin was born 25 July, 1842, in Coshocton County, Ohio, northeast of Columbus. A. L. (he nicknamed himself Lewis) served 4 years in the Union Army, joining when he was 19 years old. After the Civil War he worked in Clinton, Illinois; in 1867 he was keeping accounts and contracts at Emerald Grove, Wisconsin; he attended business college in Janesville, Wisconsin; then sometime between Dec., 1868 and Oct., 1874, he joined his family in Putnam County, Missouri near the Janes Chapel Church vicinity not far from Lucerne and Ravanna.

After his marriage, Mastin continued teaching school for about $30 a month, farming in summers and teaching in the winters. One school where Aaron taught was the Enterprise on Houser land where he had boys bigger than he was. They were tough. He kept hickory whips on his desk. The Mastins spent evenings reading and doing arithmetic problems together. Mary Ann had gone to school as far as the 5th reader. She told how she won a Godey print of "Mary and Her Little Lamb" for getting the most headmarks when in 5th grade spelling.

99 Putnam County, Missouri Marriage Records, Unionville, MO, Book 2, page 120.
The Mastins' daughter, Viola Jane Miller, later recalled, "The Mastins homesteaded a part of the 160 acre farm in the vicinity where the Burlingames and Vincents settled 5 miles east of Ravanna, and built the house so that half was in Mercer County and the bedrooms in Putnam County. By this plan the children could have a choice of two schools. School attendance was not compulsory in those years. Father and Mother deeded land for the Janes Chapel Church which was built in 1878. There is a possibility that this church was named for Margaret Jane Clear Vincent. Aaron also gave his brother, John Peterman Mastin, two acres and helped him build a house adjoining the church land.

The Aaron Mastin family moved to Ravanna in 1890. He had bought an old run-down farm, orchard and blue grass acreage of 13 acres. He tore down the old tumble-down house and built an eight-room square house that had a flat tin roof—one of the first tin roofs in Ravanna. Father bought another house across the street known as the 'Town House', a tall, gingerbread-decorated house on a 2-acre lot."

Viola further reminisced: "I recall the snow drifts—4'+ deep; the hand shoveled paths to the school house and church were like tunnels. When we lived on the farm we went to town (Ravanna) in the bobsled in winter—children sitting flat and wrapped in quilts with hot bricks at our feet. We exchanged butter and eggs for staple articles—sugar, flour and green coffee beans, brass-toed shoes, wool yarn and red flannels. Mother roasted the coffee beans, and every morning the coffee was freshly ground in the little coffee mill. Later, father bought 'Lion's Coffee' in paper bags so the girls could have the paper dolls given as premiums. To the best of my recollection, this was the first "Something for Nothing" in the stores.

Mother taught us children the states and capitals by singing with us while washing dishes. She could sing Hill Billy songs for an hour and not repeat. Some of her favorite songs were 'Barbara Allen', 'Way out on the Prairie the Wagon Broke Down' and 'Ta-Rah-Rah-Raddle Dinkey Day'. Before she married she attended square dances and loved music, and as she was married at 16 and immediately started raising a family, she expressed all this youthful enthusiasm and overflow by teaching the children. Father liked the more sedate songs like 'When You and I Were Young, Maggie' and 'My Old Kentucky Home'. In the long winter evenings father helped the older children with their arithmetic and mother knitted stockings and mittens for the family. I can still hear that pleasant little click of the steel knitting needles. Often Father read aloud from the 'Youth's Companion'.

Aaron Mastin was a justice of the peace, an agent for Lewis Brothers of Little Rock, Arkansas, receiving $500 annually for handling farm loans, a member of the Ravanna School Board for several years, a Methodist deacon, and the Mercer County agent for Dunn and Bradstreet. His living was also supplemented by a meager Civil War disability pension which was $42 every three months. In 1958 Annabel Minter Tipton noted that she had two certificates indicating that Aaron was made a Notary Public Feb.

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100 Viola Jane Miller in Memoirs of a Granddaughter by Annabel Minter Tipton, Taft, California, 1958.
101 Ibid.
20, 1895, signed by John Brantley, Clerk in Mercer County, when Wm. J. Stone was governor of Missouri, and 1899, renewal, when Lon V. Stephens was governor. Aaron was adept at buying mortgaged real estate at bargains, which included farm lands and brick store buildings in Ravanna so that he had enough property to give each child a farm when he died of pneumonia 23 March, 1908 at the age of 65.

Kay Alexander Vargo, a great-granddaughter, has a round, glass-domed picture of Aaron and Mary Clear Mastin. In the picture Aaron has black hair and a full red beard. Kay also has a Civil War army certificate dated July 6, 1865 awarding Sgt. Aaron Measton (sic) a 2nd lieutenant of Company "F", 107th Regiment, Illinois Vols. It is signed by Gov. Richard J. Oglesby.

On 7 August, 1912, Molly married Lorenzo D. Orndorff, a retired farmer and widower with 5 grown children. They lived on his well-improved farm 4 miles south of Ravanna. Mr. Orndorff was born in Columbus, Ohio 2 April, 1839 and came to the Otterhein vicinity, Missouri 28 February, 1864, and except for a few years in Kansas, lived on this farm. He was 83 years old when he died 1 March, 1923 of a stroke and was buried in the Brantley Cemetery.

Mary Ann moved to Princeton in 1923, about a block from her daughter, Olive. She was a tidy, tiny woman, only about 4'11" tall, weighed about 100 lbs., wore 1 ½ size shoes, wore long black or dark colored clothes with white aprons, with her hair done up on a knot on her head. She walked very slowly. After she moved to Princeton, she started to wear brighter clothes at Olive’s urging.

She suffered from slow leukemia and a bad heart, living a surprising number of years after the doctor declared it cancer of the blood; on 14 April, 1934, she was found dead by her family. She is buried in the Ravanna Cemetery beside her first husband, A. L. Mastin, and her two sons, Mearl and Oscar. The Ravanna Cemetery, which is east of Ravanna on a hill, is one of the oldest cemeteries in Mercer County.

The Mastins had eight children:

1. Olive May
2. Faral Alvin
3. Viola Jane
4. Carrie Elsie
5. Oscar Adelbert
6. Willie
7. Frances Earl
8. Frederick Mearl
A. Olive May Mastin

"Ollie", the first child of A. L. and Mary Ann Clear Mastin, was born in Sullivan County, Missouri 30 March, 1876, when her mother had the measles. A few days previous to her birth, her Grandmother Margaret Clear (who was a widow and with whom the Mastins evidently were living) had asked her daughter Mary Ann to wash some woolens in a creek of cold water; when Olive May was born, both she and her mother had measles.

Olive attended school in Ravanna; Chillicothe, Missouri Teachers Normal (which later became Chillicothe Business College), Stansbury College near Trenton and taught at the towns of Cleopatra and Ravanna. When she taught at Buchanan, she boarded at the home of her Aunt Jane Vincent.

On 5 April, 1899, she married Howard R. Spencer, also a school teacher and a widower with a son Herbert who for many years lived on the 17 Mile Ranch 17 miles from Salmon, Idaho. Later Herbert and his family ranched near Prince Rupert, British Columbia, Canada. The Spencer Schoolhouse near Ravanna is named for an ancestor, D. L. Spencer.

The wedding ceremony of Olive Mastin and Howard Spencer was performed at the Mastin home by Rev. J. Cokely. They both taught in Ravanna after they were married. They moved to Princeton where he later became county recorder, editor of the Princeton Telegraph, Mercer County representative to the Missouri State Legislature, and owned three farms. Olive supplemented the family income by having the house full of high school boarders.

After Howard died 30 September, 1935, Olive became editor and owner of the Princeton Telegraph for 5 years. In 1940 she, her daughter Thelma Sweet and granddaughter Olive Grace moved to American Falls, Idaho, where they were living in 1958.

Olive was presented her 50-year Rebekah Lodge pin ca. 1944, having joined at Cleopatra, Missouri. She was a Post Noble Grand and District Deputy and also Post Matron of the Eastern Star Lodge. She was superintendent of Princeton Methodist Sunday School 2 years and teacher of the Bible class for 25 consecutive years. She was also elected president of the Legislative Club in 1927 and 1929 when her husband Howard was a representative from Mercer County to the Missouri State Legislature. She also served as his clerk. Because of her outstanding work on the Princeton Telegraph, she was listed in Who's Who in American Women, Vol. III, 1938-9, recommended by the Linotype Co. in New York.

Olive resembled her father, A. L. Mastin, in facial expression, personality and temperament. Olive's family has the Mastin table stand with a marble top. Olive is deceased.

1. Thelma Maurine Spencer
She graduated from Christian College, Columbia, Missouri and Kirksville State Teachers College, Missouri.

In 1958 she was a commercial teacher in American Falls, Idaho High School. She was married to Wilbur Sweet, an engineer for the Idaho Power Co., a childhood sweetheart whom she met in 1915. She died in Florida in 1983.

a. Olive Grace Sweet
In 1940 Olive accompanied her grandmother, Olive Mastin Spencer and her parents, Wilbur and Thelma Spencer Sweet to American Falls, Idaho.

2. Howard Wendell Spencer

The son of Howard and Olive Mastin Spencer, he graduated from the University of Missouri, in Columbia, Missouri. In 1958 he was the night editor of the Grand Rapids Press at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He married Catherine Brown, who was born in Scotland.

a. Robert Spencer
b. Anne Spencer

B. Faral Alvin Mastin

Born 8 June, 1878, Faral was a veteran of the Spanish American War in the Philippine Islands. When he returned to the States, he settled in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, California; he was a street car conductor and later owned a grocery store.

In 1908 he married a woman by the name of Anna, whose family were Dunkers. She was much younger than Faral. They had no children.

He died 5 July, 1910 and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Los Angeles.

C. Viola Jane Mastin

“Ola” attended Chillicothe Teachers Normal in Missouri, taking a business course at the same time. She entered college at 16, earned her teacher’s certificate and became the youngest accredited teacher in Mercer County, Missouri. She taught a spring term at the Drake School near Ravenna when she was 17 years old.

In August, 1897, Ola and her grammar school sweetheart, Clarence Miller, age 18, persuaded her father to give his consent to an elopement. He was agreeable to the marriage, approving of early marriages, but Ola’s sister Olive was concerned about what people would say. “We didn’t want a big wedding,” Ola said in recalling the running away from home to marry on 23 August, 1897. This marriage lasted 58 years. They held open house on their 50th anniversary at their home on Crescent Drive, Montrose, California.

Ola, who was born 25 June, 1880, always had a yen to write. She began publication with an occasional bedtime story for a Los Angeles daily. At the age of 50 she hit the jackpot with three books in the Community Series. These were social science books published by Houghton-Mifflin: Jimmy, the Groceryman, Dean and Don at the Dairy and To Market We Go; these were published in the late 1930’s under the pen name of “Jane Miller”. Ola is listed in American Women, Vol. II, 1937-38 and Who’s Who in California, Vol. I, 1942-43. She was also a member of the California Writer’s Guild and V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 2805.

Viola had a wide experience to draw upon for her writing. Her husband farmed in Missouri, ranched in South Dakota not far from the Bad Lands, pioneered in Nebraska living in a sod house, homesteaded in cattle country in 1910-11 at Wilcox, Arizona and railroaded out of Needles, California 10 years for the Santa Fe Railroad.

Following his discharge from the army in 1919, Clarence worked for 23 years in the grocery business from which he retired in 1940. During World War II, he worked in the mail department of Lockheed; he had a picture and a write-up in a Lockheed publication. He was an enthusiastic Kiwanian, a long-time member of the American Legion, and Post Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, James A.
Dickson Post #2805. He died in September, 1955 and is buried in the Inglewood Park Cemetery in Los Angeles.

In 1958 at the age of 76, Viola with the help of her daughter Lorraine with whom she was living, wrote a history of Fort Mohave Indians while they were living at Needles, across the Colorado River from the Fort Mohave Indian Reservation.

When her mother’s things were divided among the family, Viola chose the cane bottomed chair and the “M” (Mastin) engraved silver knives, forks and spoons.

1. Lorraine Miller
The oldest of the four children of Clarence and Viola Mastin Miller, she was a graduate of the University of Chicago, University of Southern California and received her PHD degree from Stanford University.

In 1958 she was a professor at U.C.L.A. and was listed in Who’s Who in American Education, Who’s Who in California and American Women.

Lorraine inherited a small black iron pot that belonged to her Great-Grandmother Margaret Davis Clear.

2. John Miller
3. Gladwyn Miller

Gladwyn first married a Mr. Webb by whom she had a daughter. As of 1958 she was married to William Ryals and living in Santa Ana, California.

a. Sandra Jane Webb

4. Florence Miller

The youngest child of Clarence and Viola Mastin Miller, she was living in the Los Angeles area in 1958. She had taught school in Beverly Hills for over 20 years, and had the interesting experience of instructing many movie stars’ children, including the Bing and Bob Crosby children.

She married Charles Dunker, a Navy officer, who died before 1958.

D. Carrie Elsie Mastin

“Elsie” had coal black hair and brown eyes, which none of her children inherited. Following a broken romance and her father’s death, she suffered a nervous breakdown and a heart attack which made her delicate the rest of her lifetime.

She was born 8 November, 1882. She attended school in Ravanna and was a graduate of the Kirksville State Normal in Missouri. She taught school for $20-$30 a month, both in the country near Ravanna and in the Princeton 3-4th grades; out of this money she helped to purchase a piano for the Mastin home and a set of Haviland dishes.

In 1890 the Aaron Mastin family had moved to Ravanna where Aaron bought an old run-down farm, orchard and blue grass coverage. When Elsie attended Kirksville State Normal, she took a course in which she learned to prune and care for trees and, as a result, revived the best of the orchard by cleaning up the borers. The packers would bring their barrels and pick the Ben Davis apples for shipping. The family made sweet cider and cider vinegar from the culls, always having cider in the cellar.

Elsie took music lessons while teaching in Princeton and boarding with her sister Olive. She married Waite Minter.
1. Annabel Minter
   She was living in Taft, California in 1958. She used many memories and interviews to compile *Memoirs of a Granddaughter*, a history of her relatives, the Clears, Mastins and Minters.

   She inherited several items from her ancestors: the Mastin Haviland china, the Clear blue and white coverlet made ca. 1836 which was made of carded and dyed wool. She also has the small rocking chair which Aaron Mastin bought for his daughter Elsie before his son Oscar was born.

   Annabel married Mr. Tipton.

2. Alton (?) Minter

3. Minter

E. Oscar Adelbert Mastin

   Oscar was one of the most jovial and likeable members of the family, handsome, scholarly, and adept at penmanship, according to his sisters. When he laughed, he laughed “all over”.

   He attended Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois 1904-5. On 5 February, 1910, he married Bronna May Ward of Princeton, Missouri with D. F. Harrison officiating. Bronna was teaching at the Calvert School and boarding at the Minter home when they were married.

   Oscar, a talented clarinet player, completed his musical education in Chicago. He was a member of the famous Kilty (Scottish) Band in Milwaukee, during the summers of 1913-14. Leo Reisman, noted orchestra leader, was a member of the band at that time; he and Oscar roomed together. Following the Milwaukee appearance, the band played a theater tour in Chicago.

   He played in and led the Princeton, Missouri Band for a number of years and was rated as being one of the best musicians to ever play with the Princeton Band. He played in both Prof. John McKensie’s orchestra and the Little Symphony Orchestra in Atchison; he was also a member of the town band. His daughter, Mildred, remembered going to the movie theatre when she was small and hearing her father play in the pit orchestra during the days of the silent movies.

   Oscar worked as a deputy circuit clerk for 12 years when his first 2 children were small. The family moved to Atchison, Kansas where he conducted an abstract business, but continued to own and maintain two farms in the Ravanna area. One of his customs was to give each nephew or niece $5.00 as a graduation gift from high school.

   Oscar was a frail child who was assigned to his sister Olive to take of. According to her, he had weak eyes and ears, but possessed a “sweet” disposition.

   Oscar died 20 December, 1933, of a mastoid infection and is buried in the Ravanna Cemetery. His son Lawrence took over the family business. Oscar died during the Great Depression so his family had a difficult time economically. While Bronna was cleaning houses, she met her second husband, C. B. Clutz, a widower with sons of his own. The family moved from Atchison to a farm in Bendena, Kansas. Mildred Mastin, who was only 10 years old at the time, remembered that she wore cardboard in her shoes because there was no money to buy new shoes. But, it didn’t seem to matter, because everyone else was poor, also.
1. **Lawrence Lee Mastin**
   The oldest of the four children of Oscar and Bronna May Ward Mastin, he graduated from St. Benedict’s College, Atchison, Kansas, majoring in music. After his father’s death in 1933, he took over his father’s abstract business in Atchison. As of 1958, he was still engaged in that business. Soon after 1958, he died of appendicitis.

2. **Helen June Mastin**
   In September, 1932, Helen married Howell Geiger, a civil engineer with the U.S. Army Engineers in Kansas City. She met him while working at the fountain of a drug store. “June” died of cancer ca. 1969.
   a. **John Geiger**
   He was born ca. 1940. He died, unmarried, shortly after his mother died in 1969.

3. **Arthur Ward Mastin**
   For many years, he was principal of Horace Mann School in Wichita, Kansas. He married Mary Helen Case; they had one child, Gary Arthur Mastin. After Arthur’s retirement, he and his wife continued to live in Wichita. Both are deceased.
   a. **Gary Arthur Mastin**
   His Autobiography
   “I was born in Wichita, Kansas, on March 6, 1954, the only child of Arthur Ward Mastin and Mary Helen (Case) Mastin. I attended elementary, junior high, and high school in Wichita. Being the only child of older parents who were fairly well established, I had the fortune of traveling extensively with my parents. By the time I graduated from high school, I had seen most of the United States and had traveled to Europe, Scandinavia, Mexico, Canada, and Japan. During my junior high and high school years, I was very active in Boy Scouts. I attained the rank of Eagle Scout, attended the 1969 National Jamboree in Idaho, the 1971 World Jamboree in Japan, and in 1972 was the Kansas representative to the Explorer Space Seminar which was a week long in-depth visit to the Kennedy space center in Florida. It was during these years that I also gained a keen interest in the physical sciences.
   “From 1972 through 1976 I attended Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas, and received a BA degree in physics. In August of 1976, I began a master of science degree in electrical engineering at the University of Missouri—Columbia which I completed in August of 1977. My specialty was computer image analysis of chest radiographs. From September 1977 through August 1979, I worked for the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. There I performed classified research in pattern recognition and digital image processing of synthetic aperture radar images. The fall of 1979 I moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to begin a Ph.D. at Louisiana State University. I completed my Ph.D. in engineering science in 1983 and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to work at Sandia National Laboratories. I perform consulting and applied research in digital image processing and I publish my work in technical journals.
   “On June 19, 1981, I married Jeanette Lee Johnson of Lincoln, Nebraska. She is the daughter of Franklyn Lee Johnson and Enid Mae (Sieck) Johnson. We met at a reunion of former Y.M.C.A. of the Rockies summer staff in 1979. At that time, Jenny was teaching elementary school in Minneapolis, Minnesota. After a long distance courtship, we married and Jenny moved to Baton Rouge while I completed my
schooling. Jenny was a computer programmer for the Louisiana Dept. of Revenue and Taxation until our move to New Mexico. Here she was a programmer/analyst for the University of New Mexico until our first child was born in April of 1985. We reside at 5944 W. Via Montoya, Glendale, AZ 85310.

(1) Dana Andrew Mastin
   He was born 5 April, 1985.

(2) Alisa Mae Mastin
   She was born 9 November, 1986.

4. Mildred Grace Mastin

Donna Alexander Wiehn, the daughter of Mildred Alexander, says this about her mother, "My mother was born in Atchison, Kansas on 5 November, 1923 and died of cancer on 20 July, 1970. She is buried in Prescott, Arizona. Mom and Dad met on a blind date when she was attending Washburn University at Topeka, Kansas. She said she would marry him, Donald Alexander, only on the condition that he not be a farmer. They were married 16 January, 1943 in Washington, D.C. when Don had received his 2nd Lt. bars in the U.S. Marine Corps. When Don returned home at the end of World War II as a
captain from the Guadalcanal theatre, he had numerous job offers from overseas. Mildred was thrilled that they’d be traveling and seeing the world, but Don said that he never wanted to go overseas again; instead, he accepted a job as a mining engineer at Globe/Miami, Arizona. When Mildred’s mother, Bronna Mastin Clutz, visited the Alexanders in Arizona, she said, ‘Arizona had to be the land that God had forgotten.’ Mildred laughed and admitted it was a far cry from St. Louis. But the Alexanders made friends there who remained close through their moving from Miami to Grants, New Mexico, and on to Prescott, Arizona.

Donna Wiehn continues with her memories of her parents: “Mij” (Mildred’s nickname) inherited her musical talent from her father, Oscar, and her grandmother, May Ann Clear Mastin. She played the organ every Sunday at church. Donna says, “We used to sing the whole time we were driving in the car on trips; music was an integral part of our lives growing up.”

Mildred was dearly loved by her family, having the same sense of humor that her father Oscar had. Donna says, “She was a very giving person and could strike up a conversation with anyone and immediately have a friend. She was really energetic
and enthusiastic—a real accomplisher. Some of my favorite memories concern the foreign people who visited us. My father was a mining engineer so many countries sent engineers from their mines to Miami, Arizona, to experience how a copper mine operated. We would always have the people for dinner. One time we had shrimp Creole with rice. A man from Japan who was with us, picked up his spoon in a grip and began shoveling the food into his mouth and slurping. My sister was probably around nine years old, and I was five. My mother held her spoon in a grip and began eating the same way. We all got the message and followed suit. I remember that I thought this was the greatest thing in the world that I could eat like that. It wasn’t until I gained a few years that I could appreciate how attuned to the feelings of others she was.”

Mildred inherited the “Clear” look. She was barely 5 feet tall and had dark hair and eyes. Her daughters, Kay and Donna, also have the “Clear” look.

Donald J. Alexander, who was born 10 June, 1919, in Oskaloosa, Kansas, acquired his first job after World War II as a mining engineer for the Miami Copper Mining Company in Miami/Globe, Arizona. The Alexanders lived at Bechtel Tracts, two streets of homes owned by the mining company and adjacent to the desert. In 1958, due to falling copper prices, Miami Copper closed, and the family moved to Grants, New Mexico. For the first time Don Alexander was working primarily underground; all of those mine cave-in sirens that Mildred heard, haunted her, so when a job opened as a mining engineer for the U.S. Forest Service in Prescott, Arizona, both she and Don agreed to another move. It was Don’s job to inspect mining claims and determine if there were enough minerals in the soil to warrant the claim. Many times he was able to take his two daughters and his wife along when he had to do work on the weekends. Donna remembers the fun of going far back into the wilderness areas on virtually impassable roads, and sometimes panning for gold when they happened upon a creek.

When the family first moved to Prescott, they decided to build a cabin on the land they had leased, adjacent to the Liesmann’s and the Fletcher’s cabins, longtime friends from Miami days. The cabin was built entirely by Don and Mij and the girls, along with whatever help they could muster from friends. It was designed by a draftsman who had fled the Communists when they entered his native Estonia, so the cabin was called Alpenrosli, or Mountain Flower in Estonian.

Don Alexander lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

![Don Alexander with his 2 daughters, Kay Vargo, left, and Donna Wiehn, right (2004)](image-url)
Kay says, “As a child, growing up on the desert provided great opportunities, from chipmunks as pets to gila monsters, scorpions, and old Indian pottery shards. I played the violin and got to perform often because, with my mother as church organist, Mother inflicted this experience on the congregation with great regularity. I vividly remember practicing my violin furiously in the back seat of the 1952 DeSota as my sister Donna sat in the front searching for police while Mother pressed hard on the accelerator. We fairly flew over the road into town for my music lesson.” Kay also plays the piano.

Kay Sherrill Alexander was born 19 September, 1946, in Miami, Arizona. When the Miami Copper Mines closed in 1958, the Alexanders moved to Grants, New Mexico and later to Prescott, Arizona. Kay graduated from Prescott High School in 1964 and from Arizona State University in 1968 with a major in English and a minor in music.

After Kay and Julius Jay Vargo were married in 1968, they lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma for 3 years while Kay taught English and earned her MA degree at the University of Tulsa. Because Jay is a petroleum engineer, the Vargoes have been subject to moves. From Tulsa, they moved to Casper, Wyoming and then to Denver, Colorado. Their address is 6940 South Harlan Court, Littleton, Colorado 8028-3925.

As of 1991, Kay had returned to teaching after a 14 year break and 3 children.
(1) Janette Lynne Vargo
Janette was born 29 January, 1974; she is married to Brian Dey.

(2) Matthew J. Vargo
He was born 7 June, 1977. He married Lisa ______ in 2005.

(3) Julie Ann Vargo
Julie was born 12 July, 1981. She is married to Joe Edl.

b. Donna Grace Alexander

The Family of Donna Alexander Wiehn
l. to r.: Donna, John III., Megan, John

Ever since her birth in Miami, Arizona on 14 August, 1950, Donna has been in love with the deserts of the American Southwest. When the Alexanders lived in Miami, all the neighborhood children used to go into the desert to play, especially in the spring when the desert was fully in bloom. Since her marriage to John Wiehn, she and her family continue to visit the desert areas and search for Indian ruins and cliff dwellings. They have been to most of the areas frequented by Indian tribes from the 800’s to the 1200’s. This has entailed many long hours of hiking, but what adventures they have had! Mexico is also a close second in favorite places to visit. Donna speaks Spanish, semi-fluently, and the Wiehns have spent many happy vacations down the Baja Peninsula and on the mainland.

Donna grew up with a strong sense of family. The family on her father’s side, the Alexanders and the Casebiers, were pioneer Kansas families. Donna’s paternal grandmother, Birdie Casebier Alexander, was one of ten children. The Don Alexanders were the only family to leave Kansas, so Donna remembers holidays filled with relatives;
Christmas was very much like post card Christmases in those high-ceilinged, two and three story houses, with their wooden floors, ornate doorways and banisters.

After graduating from Arizona State University, in Tempe, Arizona, in 1972 with a degree in elementary education, Donna lived with her sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Jay Vargo, in Casper, Wyoming, for a few months. When she returned to Phoenix, she got a job as a pulmonary function technologist. This job entailed lung and heart function studies on people with pulmonary and cardiac disease. Working in this capacity from 1972 until 1985, Donna quit in 1985 to become a full-time mother.

Donna met John Wiehn, a lawyer not long out of law school, on a blind date in October of 1975. On 4 November, 1980, they were married (John jokes that he’d promised Donna that he’d marry her if Ronald Reagan won the election). They bought a home, built in 1925 when Phoenix was still a farming community, and restored it themselves.

John Leonard Wiehn received his political science degree from Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia, in 1969, and his law degree from Arizona State University in 1974. After twelve years of private practice and some judge pro-tempore work for the City of Phoenix, he decided to forego his private practice and to become a full-time City of Phoenix Municipal Court Judge in 1987. He was born on 8 December, 1946, in Detroit, Michigan. His family moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where his father was an executive with the U.S. Steel Company. They lived at 402 Anawanda, Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania. His mother, Helen Esther Moe, was the daughter of a Lutheran minister, and his father, John Leonard Wiehn, was the only son of second generation Germans from the Alsace Lorraine region. John has three sisters.

John has a daughter, Gwen, from a previous marriage. She graduated from the University of Oregon in 1992 and has finished her fifth year to qualify for a teacher’s certificate. She married Bill __________. They have a daughter, Hannah and a son, Jackson Robert, born 15 July, 2004. They live in Portland, Oregon.

Donna is very interested in education, doing substitute teaching when her children were young. She plays the cello and the piano. Choosing the cello has a story behind it. In 1960 when the Alexanders lived in Prescott, Mildred contacted the orchestra leader to ask which instrument he needed the most. She was told it was the cello. (Donna was so pleased he hadn’t needed a bass.) Donna took orchestra lessons and really enjoyed playing the cello. She was awarded a music scholarship to Northern Arizona University, but elected, instead, to attend Arizona State University. Mildred (Mij) had both Donna and Kay perform in front of people quite frequently. Donna feels the experience fostered a self-confidence in both girls.

The Wiehns suffered a near-tragedy in August, 2004. Driving to San Carlos Bay, Mexico for a fishing trip, John and two of his friends had a severe car accident. One friend was killed, and John and his friend Larry were rushed to the CIMA Hospital in Hermosillo, Mexico with serious injuries. Fortunately, Phoenix and Hermosillo are “sister” cities so the men had great support services. The two survivors have indeed survived and are now almost back to normal.

The Wiehns live at 1119 West Kaler Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85021.
(1) Megan Alissa Wiehn
In December, 2004, she graduated from Arizona State University West with a business degree. She is presently working with the Glendale Justice Court.

Inheriting the Clear and Mastin musical talent, she played the cello and sang in the choir in grade school. She also took gymnastics and ballet lessons in junior high.

Megan was born 22 August, 1982 in Phoenix, Arizona.

(2) John Leonard Wiehn III
John begins his junior year in the fall of 2005 at the University of Arizona, majoring in creative writing.

He was active in karate in junior high, earning his brown belt in December, 1996, the youngest brown belt his school had.

John was born 23 June, 1984 in Phoenix, Arizona.

F. Willie Mastin
Willie was born 27 October, 1889 and died 7 November, 1889 because he was a "blue heart baby". He is buried in the Busby Cemetery near Lucerne, Missouri.

G. Frances Earl Mastin
"Earl", one of identical twins, was born 9 August, 1893 in Ravanna, Missouri.

About 1912, he married Anna Coddington of Lucerne, Missouri. They lived in the Mastin "townhouse" in Ravanna, after Earl’s mother remarried in 1912.

The family moved to Chillicothe, Missouri and still later to Kansas City where Earl was employed as a master mechanic for the Santa Fe Railroad for many years. He held a record as one of the few employees to never be tardy.

The family was living in Kansas City, Missouri in 1958.

1. Dwight Mastin
2. Norris Mastin

Norris, Dwight’s brother, was killed in the Battle of the Bulge, World War II.

H. Frederick Mearl Mastin
"Mearl", the other twin enrolled in Chillicothe Business College, Chillicothe, Missouri in 1917-1918, served in World War I, and returned to the United States in May, 1919.

He married Leo Kesterson of Princeton in 1914, but they were divorced in March, 1917.

Around 1926, he was a member of the Kansas City Fire Dept. for a few years. Then he rejoined the U.S. Army and was assigned to the Veterinary Corps, U.S. Cavalry at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. He would be a sergeant one week, a corporal the next, back to private, back to sergeant, etc. because of various pranks and rule infractions.
He died a corporal at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas Hospital of a mastoid infection 23 January, 1932. A short funeral service was held at the home of his mother, Molly Clear Mastin Orndorff, with her sitting at the head of the casket with the American flag draped across it. Then he was taken to the Ravanna Church where regular services were held.

1. Russell Lee Mastin

“Ben” was the only child of Mearl and Leo Kesterson Mastin.

In 1958 he was a musician in Phoenix, Arizona.
The family of William Henry Clear and Sarah Ellen Hart Clear

Back row, l. to r.: Claude Earl, Fred Leroy, Mabel Capitola
Front row, l. to r.: Floyd Owen, William Henry, Leonard Leo, Sarah Ellen, holding Beulah Glayde, and Bernice Fern.

This picture was taken 1900-01, probably before the William Henry Clear family left Nebraska to move to Oklahoma.
About 1890, “Bill” and his family left Sullivan County, Missouri, near Pollock, headed for Kansas. This event was recorded by Olive Mastin in Annabel Tipton’s book as “I remember the excitement of us Mastin children when along in the early 1890’s two covered wagons were seen approaching our farm house (near Ravanna, Missouri). Half afraid, we crowded close to father and mother, who stood watching the wagons turn off the main road and come toward the house. Uncle Ed (Clear) and Uncle Bill (Clear) and their broods were headed for Kansas. Painted in big black letters on Uncle Bill’s wagon was “KANSAS OR BUST”. Uncle Bill came back a few years later in the same covered wagon bearing this awful statement, “BY GOD, WE BUSTED”.

It is doubtful if Bill and Ed Clear reached Kansas. Records of Bill’s family are found in Thayer County, southeastern Nebraska, and Ed lived, died and is buried in Fullerton, eastern Nebraska. Thayer County, Nebraska is adjacent to the Kansas line, so Bill almost reached Kansas.

Bill was born 14 June, 1860, at St. Johns, Putnam County, Missouri when his mother was 41 years old. He is not listed in a Federal Census until 1870 when he was 10 years old, living with his parents in Pollock, Jackson Township, Sullivan County, Missouri. Bill was only 4 months old when his oldest brother, John H. Clear married Ludica Graham so there is a generation’s difference in the ages of the oldest and youngest children of Jacob and Margaret Davis Clear.

Bill married Sarah Ellen Hall in Sullivan County, Missouri, but the date is unknown as the Sullivan County records were burned in 1908. The marriage was probably ca. 1882.

Sarah was born 27 October, 1855, in Bloomfield, Iowa. Her death certificate does not give the names of her parents. A child, Leona Leota Hall, raised as a Clear, was born 1 April, 1877, in Pollock, Missouri and died 25 January, 1939 in Eakly, Oklahoma. Four of the Clear children were born in Pollock, and four in Nebraska near Hebron, Thayer County.

In 1900-01 the William Clear family decided Nebraska was not for them. They stopped in northern Missouri to visit relatives, then settled in Oklahoma where Leona Hall Clear had moved after her marriage to Jacob Hart. The Clear’s daughter, Edna, remembered their covered wagon coming around a hill near Tecumseh, east of Oklahoma City. She said it seemed such a long time before it rolled into the yard of the Harts.

The William Clear family farmed southeast of Hydro, Oklahoma until ca. 1920. Hydro is in Caddo County, west of Oklahoma City. They then lived with their son Floyd and his wife.

Sarah Ellen had cancer in her mouth; when it showed on her face, she moved to Tulsa to live with her son Fred and his wife Bessie until her death 10 March, 1933. She did not want the younger children to see her cancer spread. William Henry continued to live with Floyd and his family until his death 23 November, 1944. Both Bill and Sarah are buried at Eakly, Oklahoma.

Bill was known as “Grandad Clear” to the Eakly community and for a long thumb nail which he kept polished bright red. He was handy with his walking cane; he loved to hook people around the neck with it.

Helen Puffer Anderson remembers Bill coming from Oklahoma to Lucerne, Missouri in 1936-37 to visit his sister, Margaret Jane Vincent (Helen’s grandmother). Helen said he was “short, heavy set and jolly”.

A. Leona Leota Hall Clear

“Ona” was probably the principal reason the Bill Clear family settled in Oklahoma after they left Nebraska. She had accompanied the Clear family from Pollock, Missouri to Nebraska in 1890-91.

On 23 January, 1892 in Hebron, Nebraska, she married Jacob Allen Hart who was born 24 August, 1873. Sometime before 1900, they moved to Tecumseh, Oklahoma where they farmed.

Leona died 25 January, 1939 and Jacob died 8 September, 1965. Both are buried in Eakly, Oklahoma.

The Harts had 11 children.

1. Hazel Hart

The oldest of the 11 children of Jacob and Leona Leota Hall Clear Hart, she was born in 1893 in Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska and died there in 1895.

2. Edna Blanche Hart

She was born 5 September, 1895 in Hebron, Nebraska. She married Claude J. Hodge 2 October, 1912.

   a. Lavon Love Hodge

   The oldest of the 6 children of Claude and Edna Hart Hodge, Lavon was born 16 September, 1913.

On 18 July, 1936, she married George William Bennett in Cordell, Washita County, Oklahoma. Address: 1121 SE Heritage Dr., El Reno, OK 73036

   (1) Kenneth George Bennett

   He was born 25 March, 1937 near Colony, Washita County, Oklahoma. On 8 October, 1960, he married Zelta Jean Meek in Weatherford, Custer County, Oklahoma.

   (a) Cynthia Renee Bennett

   She was born 17 August, 1961 in Borger, Carson County, Texas. On 4 September, 1987, she married William Theodore Aguirrie in El Reno, Canadian County, Oklahoma.
(b) Kevin Todd Bennett  
He was born 18 November, 1964, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

(c) Greg Alan Bennett  
He was born 1 January, 1970, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

(2) William Donald Bennett  
"Bill" was born 25 February, 1939, in Carnegie, Oklahoma.  
He married Linda Gail Davidson 2 June, 1963 in Eakly, Oklahoma.

(a) William David Bennett  
He was born 7 September, 1966, in Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma.

(b) Darin Harold Bennett  
He was born 14 February, 1972, in Lawton, Oklahoma.

b. Helen Irene Hodge  
She was born 2 June, 1916 and married Charles Albert Campbell 15 July, 1938.

(1) Helen Charlene Campbell  
She was born 23 January, 1940. She married Joe Day.

c. Allen William Hodge  
He was born 19 February, 1918. On 23 October, 1941, he married Lenora Dunn in Erick, Beckham County, Oklahoma.

(1) Ronald Allen Hodge  
Born 15 July, 1944, he married Linda Davis 2 June, 1967, in Elk City, Beckham County, Oklahoma.

(a) Clarence Allen Hodge  
He was born 21 September, 1968, in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(b) Ronald Lynn Hodge  
He was born 21 August, 1972, in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(2) Frances Lavon Hodge  

(a) Louis Kyle Riebe  

(b) Marc Allen Riebe  
He was born 19 June, 1970 in Germany.

(c) Michael Sean Riebe  
He was born 17 March, 1973, in Valpariso, Indiana.

(d) Jenifer Carol Riebe  
She was born 30 September, 1976, in
(3) Lana Carol Hodge
She was born 21 November, 1949. In August, 1968, she married Gary Wayne Goodger.
   (a) Jason Wayne Goodger
   He was born 26 July, 1971, in Okinawa.
   (b) Jill Dawn Goodger
   She was born 9 June, 1974, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

d. Alta Hodge
She was the twin of Allen William Hodge, born 19 February, 1918. She died at birth.
e. Robert Herman Hodge
Born 10 July, 1923, he married Creda Ainsworth from whom he is divorced.
   He has since married Dolores ____________.
   (1) Jerry Herman Hodge
   He married Cecile ____________ by whom he had 2 sons. They are divorced. He then married Hope ____________ by whom he has a child.
      (a) Heath Hodge
      (b) Ryan Hodge
      (c) Sunii Hodge

f. Betty Gayle Hodge
She was born 30 August, 1930. She married France Clifton Lee in the late 1940's.
   (1) Edwin Dale Lee
   He was born 5 August, 1948, in Carnegie, Oklahoma. In 1966 he married Gay Terral by whom he had a daughter. They are divorced. His second marriage also ended in divorce. His third wife is Pearline Whitworth whom he married in Clinton, Custer County, Oklahoma.
      (a) Rhonda Sue Lee
      She was born 9 May, 1967. On 11 January, 1986, she married Jeff Coleman. They live in Florida. Rhonda is the child of Edwin Lee and his first wife Gay Terral.

   (2) Lela Mae Lee
   Born 10 October, 1949, she married Rick Farmer 30 June, 1967, in Clinton, Custer County, Oklahoma.
      (a) Krystal Shawn Farmer
      She was born 25 December, 1971, in Elk City, Beckham County, Oklahoma.
      (b) Shaelyn Denise Farmer
      She was born 11 January, 1977, in Meade, Kansas.

   (3) J. T. Lee
   He was born 14 July, 1951. He married Lissa Sanders who was born in Thomas, Custer County Oklahoma.
(a) Ryan Heath Lee
He was born 27 February, 1977, in Elk City, Beckham County, Oklahoma.

(b) Carrie Ann Lee
She was born 22 June, 1980, in Thomas, Custer County, Oklahoma.

(c) Melissa Erin Lee
She was born 31 December, 1981, and died 30 March, 1983, of sudden infant death syndrome. She is buried at Custer, Oklahoma.

(4) Troy Edward Lee
He was born 18 August, 1955. His first marriage produced a child but ended in divorce. He later married Tony Chadwick McCalister by whom he has a child.

(a) Brandon Shane Lee
He was born 4 April, 1976, in Wichita Falls, Texas. He is the son of Troy Lee and his first wife.

(b) Beau Turner Lee
He was born 12 February, 1988, in Clinton, Custer County, Oklahoma. He is the son of Troy and Tony McCalister Lee.

(5) Jackie Lynn Lee
He was born 27 February. He married Peggy Willis in Cordell, Washita County, Oklahoma.

(a) Joseph Mikel Lee
He was born 11 February, 19__, in Cordell, Washita County, Oklahoma.

(b) Jennifer Lynn Lee
She was born October, 19__, in Cordell, Oklahoma.

3. Guy Hart
He was born in 1897 in Hebron, Nebraska and died 1901 in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. He is buried at Stark’s Cemetery.

4. Edith Fay Hart
She was born 8 July, 1899 in Hydro, Oklahoma. On 25 June, 1916, she married James Howard Cruse. She died 19 November, 1980 in California. The Cruses had 10 children.

a. Melvin Alfred Cruse
He was born 15 March, 1918. On 4 July, 1939, he married Estella May Pertle who was born 1 May, 1921. Melvin died 6 April, 1978.

(1) Estelle Cruse
She was born 1 April, 1940. She married John Anthony Bambacigno.
(a) John Anthony Bambacigno II
He was born 13 March, 1961. On 1 December, 1984, he married Tiffany Wright who was born 5 October, 1964.

(i) John Anthony Bambacigno III
He was born 27 Sept., 1979.
(ii) Shaprie Ann Delight Bambacigno
She was born 30 Oct., 1985.

(2) Richard Melvin Cruse
"Dick" was born 27 October, 1943. He married Brenda Carolyn Burch who was born 5 August, 1945.

(a) Rhonda Lynette Cruse
She was born 16 May, 1966.
(b) Richard Melvin Cruse
He was born 19 August, 1969.

(3) Gary Clayton Cruse
Born 19 November, 1946, he married Carol Ellen Agers on the 18 October, 1968.

(a) Kimberly Yvette Cruse
She was born 6 June, 1965.
(b) Gray Bradley Cruse
He was born 14 June, 1971.
(c) Clayton David Cruse
He was born 24 June, 1976.

b. Verla Lucille Cruse
She was born 30 July, 1921. She married Clarence Oren Olson who was born 21 February, 1912.

(1) Carol Joan Olson
Born 26 February, 1942, she married Marion Littlefield on 23 July, 1961. Marion was born 25 August, 1940.

(a) Jeff J. Austin Littlefield
He was born 12 October, 1960.
(b) Karen Rene Littlefield
(c) Darlene Annette Littlefield
She was born 21 July, 1966. On 19 April, 1986, she married Timothy Owen Wilson.

(2) Bonnie June Olson
She married Edward Ritchey but they are divorced.
(a) Eddie Ritchey  
He was born 17 January, 1966.

c. Charley Wayne Cruse  
Born 5 December, 1923, he married Ethel Louise Biggs who was born 21 December, 1929.

(1) Shirley Jane Cruse  

(a) Debbie Lynn Roberts  
She was born 20 December, 1965.  
She married John Wise.

(i) Christopher John Wise  
He was born 15 May, 1984.

(ii) Justin Dale Wise  
He was born 6 April, 1986.

(b) Kimberly Jane Roberts  
She was born 5 September, 1967.  

(i) Jimmy Lee Todd, Jr.  
He was born 9 May, 1984.

c) Laraine Louise Roberts  
She was born 10 May, 1971, and  
Died 17 April, 1986.

d) Kimberly Burgan  
She was born 26 September, _____.

e) Robert Burgan  
He was born 9 October, _____.

(2) Lonnie Wayne Cruse  
He was born 13 June, 1948. On 21 April, 1968, he married Dona Ruth Coster who was born 27 April, 1950.

(a) Corinne Monique Cruse  
She was born 5 November, 1968.

(b) Shawn Wayne Cruse  
He was born 9 August, 1970.

(3) Sherry Darlene Cruse  
Born 16 March, 1950, she married George Stephens  
Kelly 18 August, 1968. He was born 8 May, 1945. They had 3 children but were divorced in 1980. On 9 June,

(a) Daniel Stephens Kelly
He was born 14 April, 1969.
(b) Lauana Suzanne Kelly
She was born 14 April, 1969.
(c) Angelique Denise Kelly
She was born 5 March, 1971.

- **James Howard Cruse**
  He was born 17 October, 1925, and died 25 June, 1926.

- **Clayton Fay Cruse**
  Born 22 March, 1928, he married Joyce Lee Clark on 20 August, 1947. She was born 20 April, 1932 and died 12 July, 1955. They had 2 children. On 27 July, 1958, he married Helen C. Martin who was born 21 August, 1925. They had 1 child.
  1. Patsy Lee Cruse
     She was born 2 April, 1949. On 9 June, 1969, she married her cousin, Earl Louis Miars who was born 25 February, 1947.
         (a) Amy Lee Miars
             She was born 20 May, 1973.
  2. James Clayton Cruse
     Born 24 September, 1952, he married his cousin, Linda ________, by whom he has 2 children. They also adopted Mikeal Eugene Cruse, born 9 April, 1975 in Monterey, California. James and Linda are divorced. He later married Judy_______, by whom he has a son.
         (a) James Clayton Cruse
             He was born 23 May, 1973.
         (b) Tammy Cruse
             She was born 15 April, 1977.
         (c) James Carl Cruse
             He was born 12 July, 1983.
  3. Richy Joseph Cruse
     He was born 14 December, 1960, he married Brenda ________. They are divorced. His second wife is Brenda Martin by whom he has a son.
         (a) Dustin Clayton Cruse
             He was born in January, 1986.
f. Dorothy Leona Cruse
She was born 8 April, 1930, and married Charles Raymond Starr 15 September, 1946. He was born 25 February, 1928.

(1) Linda Sharon Starr

(a) Clinton Drexel Rush
He was born 25 May, 1969.

(b) Benjamin John Rush
He was born 6 June, 1975.

(2) Victoria Susan Starr
She was born 19 September, 1950. On 19 June, 1983, she married John Jay Deming. She has 3 children by a previous marriage to Starr.

(a) Joshua Scoot Starr
He was born 25 January, 1970.

(b) Leah Victoria Starr
She was born 20 May, 1976.

(c) Caleb Raymond Starr
He was born 6 August, 1978.

g. Edward Jake Cruse
"E. J.,” was born 11 March, 1935, and married Barbara Jean Bottini 19 June, 1954. She was born 24 January, 1936.

(1) Melvin Wane Cruse
He was born 11 May, 1955. On 6 April, 1974, he married Ruby Darlene Weslow who was born 23 July, 1956.

(a) James William Cruse
He was born 24 November, 1972.

(b) Kari Ann Cruse
She was born 15 August, 1975.

(c) Anthony Edward Cruse
He was born 6 April, 1978.

(2) Teresa Jean Cruse
She was born 19 April, 1956. On 8 May, 1976, she married James Dwight Boyles who was born 13 April, 1952.

(a) Jackie Lynn Boyles
She was born 24 November, 1971.

(b) Selena Jean Boyles
She was born 20 December, 1979.
h. Walter Glenn Cruse
He was born 17 November, 1936. He married Penny ________.
(1) Kristi May Cruse
(2) Matthew Cruse
(3) Anthony Cruse

i. Gloria Jean Bell Cruse
She was born 2 February, 1941.
(1) Michael Roy Stout
(2) Glenda Lee Stout
(3) Johnnie Robinson
(4) Brian Robinson

j. Larry James Cruse
He was born 12 June, 1944 and married Susan Dianne Renshaw 23 January, 1966.
She was born 28 January, 1945.
(1) Tonja Renee Cruse
   She was born 14 August, 1968.
(2) Larry James Cruse, Jr.
   He was born 14 June, 1970

5. Jessie Hart (male)
He was born in 1901 in Tecumseh, Oklahoma and died 1902 in Weatherford, Oklahoma. He is buried in the Missouri Cemetery.

6. Gladys Hart
She was born 16 May, 1904 near Weatherford, Oklahoma. In April, 1921, she married Carl Curnutt.

7. Earl Jake Hart
He was born 23 October, 1906. He married Rebecca “Blackeyes” Sledge. They had no children and later were divorced. In December, 1936 he married Mayme Chambers. They had no children.

8. Ralph Hart
He was born in 1908 near Hydro, Oklahoma and died the same year.

9. Opal Freda Hart
She was born 4 December, 1911 near Hydro, Oklahoma. On 6 February, 1928, she married Martin Ditmore who was born 24 September, 1894. He died 31 January, 1967 in Eakly, Oklahoma.

   a. Dale Ditmore
   He was born 13 September, 1936. He married Edith Prine 1 June, 1957.
      (1) Carolyn Jean Ditmore
      She was born 2 April, 1958. On 16 June, 1989, she married Scott Dunson.
      (2) Tracy Ann Ditmore

   b. Martin Doyle Ditmore

10. Don Michael Hart
He was born 29 August, 1915, near Carnegie Oklahoma. On 19 March, 1939, he married
Winifred

a. Darrell Don Hart
He was born 18 March, 1940. On 4 September, 1959, he married Theda Hogan in Ft. Worth, Texas.

(1) Vicki Lynn Hart
She was born 18 March, 1963.

(2) Carrie Lee Hart
Born 4 April, 1964, she married Buddy Coronado 21 November, 1986, in Ft. Worth, Texas.
   (a) Aaron Lee Coronado

(3) Gary Don Hart
He was born 31 March, 1967.

b. Anthony Allan Hart
He married Retta Louise 2 August, 1963 at Ft. Worth, Texas.

   (1) Delynda Faye Hart
   (2) Tonie Louise Hart
   (3) Kristal Donnise Hart
   (4) Michael Allan Hart

11. Ray Harding Hart
He was born November, 1920, at the Ghost Mound place near Hydro, Oklahoma. He died 17 July, 1927 and is buried in Union Cemetery near Hydro.

B. Fred Leroy Clear
The oldest child of William Henry and Sarah Ellen Hall Clear, he was born 22 June, 1883, in Pollock, Sullivan County, Missouri.

He moved to SE Nebraska with his parents in 1890.

On 15 February, 1903, he married Bessie Syliff in Oklahoma. They lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he died 8 September, 1947.

Fred's mother, Sarah Ellen Clear, lived with him and Bessie during the last years of her life.

1. Louise Victoria Clear
Louise, the oldest of the 4 children of Fred Leroy and Bessie Wycliff Clear, was born 2 June, 1904. She never married. She died 17 April, 1989, and is buried in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2. Lavinia Clear
She was born in 1906 (?) in Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma. She married Walter Eyestone.

   a. Betty Jo Eyestone
She married Joe Varmecky in 1949.

      (1) Dean Varmecky
      He was born in 1948.

      (2) Diane Varmecky
      She was born in 1950

      (3) David Varmecky
      He was born in 1950.
FRED L. CLEAR OF FIRST AND DENVER COMPLETES 30 YEARS AS PS'ER

On May 15th, Fred L. Clear, line superintendent in the Tulsa Area, completed three continuous decades with Public Service.

When Fred first came to the company in '16, he had a "finger in several pies" as was often the custom those days. He was meter reader, lineman and trouble-shooter. In commenting about it, Clear said—"Those days were tough days but darn interesting."

The Tulsa office in '16 was located at Third and Boulder, and C. A. Galloway was manager. In contrast to the large staff of personnel which operates the local office today, Clear recalls that the office at that time was composed of Floyd H. Baxter, present Tulsa local office manager, and two office girls.

After playing "Jack-of-all-trades" and general handy man for about three months, Clear was then placed in charge of the service department. Three months later, he was again transferred and this time placed in charge of line construction. His office was in the old stone building at First and Cheyenne. In those days, Clear's construction crew was made-up of two linemen, a pair of hard-tailed mules, a "skinner," and a helper.

Some time later, Clear recalls, the company bought a Maxford truck—a sooped-up, make-shift, converted Model-T Ford which somehow managed to gather up enough power to be classified as a 1-ton truck. "She made about 10 mile an hour," Clear said, "and was an improvement over the mules. But when you look at the way things are today, it really wasn't much of an improvement."

Now-a-days, during off-duty hours, Fred rates with the best of 'em when it comes to being a sports fan and a sportsman. When the hockey season's goin' full blast, Fred is likely to be seen at the Coliseum eagerly edging-on the Tulsa "puck-chasers." And when summer comes he's a "Number 1" baseball fan too. Fred likes nothing better than to be surrounded with cries of—"Peanuts! Popcorn! Ice cold pop"—"Get your latest scorecard here. The names an' averages of all your favorite players"—when the local nine is sluggin' the visitors all over the lot at Texas League Park. Yes, he's a sports fan, alright, but he's a sportsman, too. He often gets a-hankerin' for fishin', and he gives the fish a bad time of it.

Not only is Fred an ardent hockey and baseball fan, but he's a Public Service fan, as well. He has an enviable record for being on the job and raring to go when unpredictable storms come up and chase other folks inside. Fred's an ol' hand at fixin' things after a raging storm has swept through and "un-fixed" somethin'.

Mr. and Mrs. Clear have four children—Fred L., Jr. of Vinita; A. W. "Jack of Tulsa; Louise of Tulsa; and Mrs. Lovinia Eyestone, also of Tulsa. As well, they have four grandchildren—Betty Jo and Patty Jean Eyestone and Jack and Don Clear, sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clear.

June 3, 1946.

PUBLIC SERVICE NEWS
FRED CLEAR DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Fred L. Clear, line superintendent and veteran employee of the Public Service Company, and of the Tulsa area, died September 8 after he had suffered a heart attack the day before.

Mr. Clear had completed three decades of service with the Company on May 15, 1946. When he came to Tulsa in 1916 from Texas City, Fred went to work as meter reader, lineman and trouble shooter. After three or four months he was placed in charge of the service department. Three months later he was put in charge of line construction. At that time his office was in the old stone building at First and Cheyenne and his crew was made up of two linemen, a team of mules, a "skinner" and a helper. At the time of his death, his crew had grown to more than 50 linemen and workmen and a fleet of line trucks.

A conscientious worker, Mr. Clear was always on the job, day or night when storms threatened the Company's service.

An ardent sports fan, Mr. Clear rarely missed a hockey or baseball game.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Bessie Clear; two daughters, Miss Louise Clear of the home, and Mrs. LaVinia Eyestone of Tulsa; one son, A. W. "Jack" Clear of Tulsa; a brother, Floyd O. Clear of Colony; three sisters, Mrs. Mable Ross of Hydro, Mrs. Fern Vandyke of San Antonio, Texas and Mrs. Glade Lewellen of Oak Dale, California; and four grandchildren.

Christian Science funeral services were read September 10 from Moore’s Memory chapel by Walter Johnson, Christian Science reader. Commital was in Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers were Sam Barron, W. T. Saunders, Jim Byrd, William Turner, E. P. Lloyd and G. W. Edwards, all linemen in Mr. Clear’s line department.

Honorary pallbearers were R. K. Lane, J. A. Whitlow, F. H. Baxter, C. R. Downing, L. E. Huff and C. N. Robinson.

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b. Patty Jean Eyestone
She was born 23 August, 1928. On 1 January, 1947, she married W. E. (Bill) Fusselman in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(1) Patti Sue Fusselman
"Susie" was born 8 December, 1947, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In April, 1967, she married Jerry Honeycutt.

(a) Jermaine Eugene Honeycutt
He was born in March, 1971, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(b) Tina Michelle Honeycutt
She was born in March, 1971 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(c) Shannon Lynette Honeycutt
She was born in October, 1977, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(2) Walter Ellis Fusselman
He was born 25 April, 1951 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He married Linda __________ 2 January, 1972, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(a) William Scott Fusselman
He was born in April, 1975, in Drumright, Creek County, Oklahoma.

(b) Christy Lynn Fusselman
She was born in October, 1977, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(3) Debra Lynn Fusselman
She was born 11 April, 1953, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

3. Fred Leroy Clear, Jr.
Fred, Jr. was born 2 November, 1909.
He married Juanita Ricketts by whom he had 2 children, Fred Leroy Clear, III and Nancy Lou Clear. When Fred, Jr. and Juanita were divorced, the two children were adopted by their maternal grandparents and have had no contact with the Clears.
He later married Alethia __________. He died 26 June, 1946.
LINEMAN FRED CLEAR, JR.
SUCCEMLS FROM INJURIES

Fred L. Clear, Jr., age 36, died June 26th from injuries received while working on a 33 KV transmission line near Pryor.

Clear was working on highline pole, and the insulator which he was replacing had apparently been damaged by gunfire from some passerby.

He was the son of Fred L. Clear, Sr., line superintendent in Tulsa.

Funeral services were held at the Moore funeral home on June 29th. Committal was in Memorial Park cemetery.

FRED L. CLEAR, JR.

Survivors are:
Mrs. Alethia Clear, his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Clear, Sr., of Tulsa; A. W. Clear, a brother, from Tulsa; and two sisters, Louise Clear and Mrs. Lavinia Eyestone, of Tulsa.

The Masonic Lodge at Pryor held graveside services.

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4. A. W. Clear
“Jack” was born 7 July, 1912, in Texas City, Texas. He married Mary Margaret 3 May, 1933.

a. Jack William Clear
He was born 2 January, 1934, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. On 4 September, 1959, he married Sue . They have no children.

b. Donald Franklin Clear

(1) Terry Clear
(2) Fred Clear
He committed suicide 31 October, 1984.
Louise Clear  Walter & Lavinia Eyestone  Bessie & Fred Clear  Mary Margaret & A.W. Clear
Patty Jean & Betty Jo Eyestone  William Henry Clear  Donald Franklin & Jack Wm. Clear

Neva Bell Clear, daughter of Floyd Clear with whom Wm. H. lived. She accompanied him on a bus ride from Eakly to Tulsa because of Bill's deafness.

The family of Fred L. Clear taken at his home in Tulsa, Nov., 1938. Fred Jr. not present.
C. Mabel Capitola Clear

Mabel was born 23 July, 1885, in Pollock, Sullivan County, Missouri. She accompanied her parents to Nebraska in 1890. She married Randall Frank Ross in Oklahoma. She died 23 May, 1981, in Hinton, Oklahoma.

1. Randall Frank Ross
He was born in September, 1908, near Hydro, Caddo County, Oklahoma. He married Nona ________ 4 July, 1903.
   a. Randall Joe Ross
He was born in Suisun, California.

2. Hazel Madeline Ross
She was born 2 October, 1913, near Hydro, Caddo County, Oklahoma. On 27 January, 1931, she married Presley Cox. She died 9 December, 2003.
   a. Loy Jo Cox
She was born 8 August, 1932, near Hydro, Oklahoma. On 29 December, 1953, she married Ollen Fred Dodd who was born 20 October, 1932.
      (1) Allen Brooks Dodd
      Born 24 May, 1954, he married Deborah Sue Maupin
      (2) Farron Clint Dodd
      He was born 28 July, 1955. On 1 December, 1979, he
      married Anita Marie Aranbula who was born 24
      April, 1958.
   b. Neil Presley Cox
Born 4 April, 1936, he married Tamara Garnet Phillips 22 December, 1962. She was born 17 March, 1941.
      (1) Neil Presley Cox, Jr.
      He was born 5 December, ______ in Oakland, Contra
      Costa County, California.
      (2) Laura Madeline Cox
      She was born 25 August, 1967, in Fremont, Alameda
      County, California.
      (3) Eric Michael Cox
      He was born 21 November, 1968, in Fremont,
      Alameda County, California.
   c. Reid Ross Cox
He was born 7 July, 1943. He married Barbara Jane Base on 27 August, 1966. His address is 873 Porterford Rd., Union, MO 63084.
      (1) Ross Reid Cox
      He was born 26 June, 1967, in Oklahoma City,
      Oklahoma.
      (2) Melissa Diane Cox
      She was born 18 April, 1971, in Oklahoma City,
      Oklahoma.

3. Velma Imogene Ross
She was born 19 February, 1914, near Hydro, Caddo County, Oklahoma. On 21 October, 1933, she married C. D. Cox at Anadarko, Caddo County, Oklahoma. He was born 18 September, 1910.
a. Janice Carol Cox
She was born 29 March, 1937. On 15 March, 1957, she married George Lee Duncan in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was born 27 February, 1935. Address: Route 2, Box 149, Hydro, OK 73048

(1) Kyle Lane Duncan
Born 10 October, 1957, he married Leslie Ann Wilmoth 4 May, 1983 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Lesli was born 6 October, 1956
(a) Cassandra Lauren Duncan
She was born 16 April, 1984.
(b) Chad Donovan Duncan
He was born 26 May, 1986.

(2) Dana Lyn Duncan
She was born 19 October, 1964. She married Robert Michael Cook 23 May, 1987, in Moore, Cleveland County, Oklahoma. He was born 28 September, 1957.

D. Edna Pearl Clear
She was born in December, 1887, in Pollock, Sullivan County, Missouri and died in September, 1888.

E. Floyd Owen Clear
He enlisted in the U. S. Army at Bridgeport, Oklahoma on 26 April, 1918 and served as a private in the Quartermaster Corps until 22 December, 1918 when he received his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army at Camp Meigs (?), Washington, D.C. At the time of his discharge, he was described as 5 feet, 8 ½ inches tall, blue eyes, light hair, fair complexion and 28 3/12 years old. He was listed as an “oiler” for his occupation.

He worked for the city of Lawton, Oklahoma as an engineer in the power plant after his discharge.

Floyd was born 3 January, 1890, in Pollock, Sullivan County, Missouri and accompanied his parents to Nebraska in 1890. He married Lillie Roena Lewellen on 28 December, 1918 in Enid, Oklahoma.

In 1920, the couple moved to a farm one mile north of Eakly, Oklahoma where most of their children were born. During the Great Depression and the days of the Dust Bowl, Floyd could not meet payments on the farm so lost it. He “share-cropped” rented farms as long as his health permitted.

In 1948 the family moved to the little town of Eakly, Oklahoma. After their move to Eakly, Floyd spent much of the next few years at the Veterans’ Hospital in Oklahoma City. The Clears had nine children.

He died at his home 31 March, 1952, and is buried in the Eakly Cemetery, where each Memorial or Veterans’ Day the VFW and the American Legion place flags on all the graves of veterans and have a short memorial service. Floyd was so appreciative of not having to serve in combat that he instilled in his children how important this day is to honor those who gave their lives to preserve the freedom to live in the United States of America.
1. Chester Clyde Clear
The oldest of the ten children of Floyd Owen and Lillie Lewellen Clear, Chester was born 20 October, 1919, at Lawton, Oklahoma.

On 28 October, 1921, he married Lois Aileen Griffin at Arapaho, Custer County, Oklahoma. They had one child, Edmond, but were later divorced. On 6 December, 1947, he married Tommye Ruth Ellison 6 December, 1947 at Ft. Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. She was born 28 May, 1918 in Aspermont, Texas. They had 3 boys and a girl.

a. Edmond Earl Clear
He is the only child of Chester and Lois Griffin Clear. He was born 22 August, 1940, in Carnegie, Caddo County, Oklahoma.

He must have taken the surname “Morgan” when his mother remarried as his children bear the name “Morgan”. 1110 W. Kay St., Carlsbad, NM 88220

He later married Carolyn ________.

(1) Tamara Gale Morgan
She was born 7 December, 1959. On 15 April, 1978, she married Chris Dwayne Hood in Carlsbad, New Mexico.
2010 Jasmine, Carlsbad, NM 88220

(1) Juston Dwayton Hood
He was born 27 January, 1979 in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

(2) Edmond Earl Morgan, Jr.
He was born 5 December, 1963, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. He is married.

(3) Tanya Jo Morgan
She was born 26 March, 1975, in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

She married ________ Willis. 303 Glendale, Carlsbad, NM 88220

b. Melanie Sue Clear
Melanie and her three brothers are the children of Chester Clyde Clear and Tommye Ellison Clear.

She was born 23 November, 1949, in Ft. Worth, Texas. She married Carroll Andrew Taylor 7 June, 1968, in Houston, Texas. He was born 22 May, 1948, in Garland, Texas.

(1) Stephanie Rashell Taylor
She was born 15 March, 1972, in Houston, Texas.

(2) Stephen Allen Taylor
He was born 3 January, 1980, in Houston, Texas.

c. Ronald Lee Clear
He was born 19 July, 1952, in Ft. Worth, Texas.

On 20 March, 1973, he married Katherine Ann Kinsey in Houston, Texas. She was born 21 December, 19_______. They had one child and were divorced 10 June, 1978 in Houston, Texas. Address: 2826 Indian Mound Trail, Crosby, TX 77532

(1) Christopher Lee Clear
He was born 10 December, 1973, in Channelview, Harris County, Texas.
d. William Terry Clear
He was born 4 March, 1954, in Ft. Worth, Texas. On 20 June, 1981, he married Jami Kay Parish at Channelview, Texas. She was born 7 December, 1954, in Houston, Texas.
He died 21 September, 1986, at Clear Lake, Harris County, Texas; he is buried at the San Jacinto Memorial Cemetery at Channelview, Texas.

(1) William Terry Clear, Jr.
He was born 16 July, 1984, in Channelview, Texas.

e. David Neal Clear
He was born 18 January, 1958, in Pasadena, Harris County, Texas. He is unmarried.

2. Lester Owen Clear
Lester was born 7 March, 1921 near Colony, Caddo County, Oklahoma. He married Lois Geneveive Coe 24 December, 1941, in Eakly, Caddo County, Oklahoma. She was born 12 March, 1925.
Lester enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 12 October, 1942. He was sent to Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, New York and assigned to the 12th Battalion, Company 46, C.O.T.P. In December, 1942, he was stationed at Clearwater, Florida and served there until he was honorably discharged for medical reasons (asthma) in July, 1943.
After his discharge, he returned to his wife and son in Eakly, Oklahoma. He took advantage of the job-training/education programs offered to ex-GI's and began to farm. He also bought a truck and did custom hauling—with the help of his wife. He purchased the farm adjacent to the farm on which he was born. He rented the home farm and continued to farm until his retirement.
Lester is an avid sports enthusiast. He won several Golden Gloves boxing matches while in high school and trained under Jack Dempsey while he was in New York. His big love is baseball, which both he and his wife enjoy. They travel to Phoenix, Arizona to watch the spring training games. They attend all basketball games in their area and and spend the week of the State Play-offs in Oklahoma City. Lester refereed basketball games for extra income. His wife sat through two high school games, then went to the hospital 20 miles away and delivered their second son. Neither of them has lost any interest in sports, as of 1988.

a. Larry Wayne Clear
He was born 2 March, 1943, in Carnegie, Caddo County, Oklahoma. He married Pamela Jean Mills. Route 1, Box 27A, Lookeba, OK 73053

(1) Keal Wayne Clear
He was born 27 June, 1963, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

(2) Kehmi Janell Clear
She was born 4 February, 1966, in Weatherford, Custer County, Oklahoma.

(3) Kayli Jean Clear
She was born 19 August, 1967, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.
b. Lonnie Dale Clear
He was born 14 January, 1948, in Hinton, Caddo County, Oklahoma. He married Cynthia Adams in Carnegie, Caddo County, Oklahoma. They had a daughter, Chanda Kay, but are divorced. He then married Vicki Green. They had a daughter, Sharla Beth, and are divorced. His present wife is Brenda ______ whose daughters Lonnie has adopted.

(1) Chandra Kay Clear
She was born 1 May, 1972, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

(2) Sharla Beth Clear
She was born 2 June, 1980, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

3. Neva Belle Clear
She was born 22 April, 1923, near Colony, Caddo County, Oklahoma. On 11 March, 1944, she married Leon Huston Pulis in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

a. Jerry Glenn Pulis
He was born 31 August, 1943, near Colony, Caddo County, Oklahoma.

b. Rebecca Lena Pulis
She was stillborn 25 August, 1961, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

c. Matthew Troy Pulis
He was born 12 March, 1966, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

4. Joe Dale Clear
He was born 23 September, 1925, near Colony, Caddo County, Oklahoma. He married Neva Mae King in Custer County, Oklahoma. She was born 23 October, 1929 and died 22 January, 1974 at Weatherford, Oklahoma. She is buried at Eakly, Oklahoma. She is the mother of his five children.


a. Clarence Owen Clear
He was born 8 September, 1946, in Carnegie, Caddo County, Oklahoma.

Clarence joined the U.S. Army in July, 1964, receiving his basic training at St. Leonard Wood, Missouri and Ft. Knox, Kentucky. From December, 1964 to January, 1966, he was stationed with the 9th U.S. Army Security Agency Field Station, Stotzenburg Station, Clark Air Base, Philippines.

While stationed in The Philippines, he met and married Carlita B. ______ who was born in Manila.

From January, 1966 to December, 1967, he was attached to the 2nd Psychological Operations Group, JFK Center for Special Warfare, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

His first tour of duty in Vietnam was December, 1967 to January, 1969. Starting from Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, he went to Vietnam with the Advanced Elements of the 101st. Airborne Division (Arty). He saw duty at Bien Hoa and Camp Eagle (Hue-Phu Ba).

He was assigned to U.S. Army recruiting at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma during 1969.
His second tour in Vietnam was 1970-71 with the 1/22nd Infantry at Bha Trang, Tue Hoa, and An Khe. He was discharged January, 1972 as a Staff Sgt. E-6 and became a civilian police officer. From June, 1972 to June, 1975, he was a member of the 551 MP Co., Ft. Polk, Louisiana.

His total military time was 10 years and 6 months. He received the following awards during his service: Marksmanship, National Defence Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm. Address: 4410 SW Parkway Dr., Lawton, OK 73505

(1) Clarence Owen Clear, Jr.
(a) Brenden Owen Clear
He was born 19 November, 1986, in Edmond, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.

(2) Bradley Brian Clear
He was born 28 September, 1972, at Ft. Polk, Louisiana.

(3) Michael Joe Clear
He was born 6 November, 1973, at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. 1843 NW 16, Oklahoma City, OK 73106

(4) Marita Dee Clear
“DeeDee” was born 31 January, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

b. Dale Wayne Clear
He was born 14 May, 1950. On 2 May, 1972, he married Margaret Ellen Moore in Eakly, Oklahoma. She was born 2 January, 1953. Rt. 3, Box 209, Hydo, OK 3048
(1) Brent Anthony Clear
He was born 4 February, 1975 in Weatherford, Custer County, Oklahoma.
(2) Jason Robert Clear
He was born 16 April, 1979 in Weatherford, Oklahoma.
(3) Adam Springer Clear
He was born 18 March, 1982 in Woodward County, Oklahoma.

c. Neva Jo Clear
(1) Robyn Renae Taff
She was born 15 October, 1972, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.
(2) Brady Shane Taff
He was born 15 April, 1975, in Weatherford,
Oklahoma.

(3) Dusty Shaun Taff
He was born 17 January, 1979, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

d. Sharon Roena Clear
Born 2 March, 1960, she married Bill Jewell in Eakly, Oklahoma.

(1) Jacob Springer Jewell
He was born 25 March, 1985, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

e. Greg Lee Clear
He was born 1 January, 1970, in Weatherford, Custer County, Oklahoma.

5. Alice Louise Clear
She was born 10 December, 1927. She married Elmer Lee Crum; they were divorced and later she married Norman Harris.

a. Betty Patricia Crum Harris
She was born 1 April, 1946 in Hinton, Caddo County, Oklahoma. She took the name of her step-father.

b. Glenda Lee Crum
She was born in June, 1947, at Hinton, Oklahoma and died September, 1948. She is buried at Eakly, Oklahoma.

c. Bobbie June Crum
She was born 17 April, 1949, at Hinton, Oklahoma.

6. Ethel Mae Clear
Ethel has been responsible for collecting most of the genealogical information on the William Henry Clear family. She was born 8 March, 1932. On 30 September, 1951, she married Oral Willis Buie at Eakly, Oklahoma. He was born 30 July, 1931. Ethel taught school for several years in Hydro, Oklahoma. She also has been a clerk in a postoffice. Her address is Box 303, Eakly, Oklahoma 73033.

a. Marta Gaylene Buie
She was born 21 January, 1955, at Carnegie, Caddo County, Oklahoma. On 8 March, 1975, she married Danny Lyle Black at Eakly, Oklahoma.

(1) Jared Evan Black
He was born 10 July, 1976 in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

(2) Jacy Lyn Black
She was born 31 December, 1978, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

(3) Jantz Aaron Black
He was born 17 June, 1980, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

b. Risa Ann Buie
c. John Allen Buie
He was born 10 November, 1958, in Carnegie, Oklahoma. On 25 September, 1982, he married Nancy Ruth Schreiner at Lone Wolf, Kiowa County, Oklahoma. She was born 29 January, 1959. John is an M.D. He received his degree in June, 1988 followed by internship in Des Moines, Iowa. 1511 N. Randall, Elk City, OK 73644

(1) Clay Allen Buie
He was born 9 January, 1986, at Edmond, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.

(2) William Wayne Buie
He was born 19 October, 1987, in Edmond, Oklahoma.

7. Robert Floyd Clear
He was born 28 May, 1934. He married Patsy Ruth Tune in January, 1959 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

a. Russell Floyd Clear
He was born 13 September, 1959, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He died 28 September, 1987 and is buried at Eakly, Oklahoma.

b. Gayla Dawn Clear
She was born 17 September, 1960, in Shattuck, Ellis County, Oklahoma. She married Thomas E. White 19 April, 1977, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They are divorced.
Address: 4712 NW 59 Terrace, Oklahoma City, OK 73122

(1) Tiffani Dawn White
She was born 15 July, 1977, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

c. Carrie Lynn Clear
She was born 28 September, 1962 in Weatherford, Custer County, Oklahoma.
Her address: 605 Conestoga Drive, Hydro, OK 73099-6865

(1) Hollie Ann Clear
She was born 26 May, 1988 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

d. Kelly Jean Clear
She was born 25 October, 1963.

8. Earnest Roy Clear

9. Marvin Ray Clear
He was born 18 August, 1940. On 10 March, 1964, he married Susan Jane Baird in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Address: 4905 Colfax Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

a. Gary Dean Clear
He was born 26 September, 1964, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
F. Bernice Fern Clear

She was born 1 March, 1892, in Alexandria, Thayer County, Nebraska. On 11 March, 1910, she married Fred Vandike at El Reno, Canadian County, Oklahoma. He worked for the railroad.

She died 3 May, 1972 at San Antonio, Texas. Both she and Fred are buried at Roselawn Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

1. Claude Alvin Vandike


2. Lowell Wayne Vandike


a. Terry Ellen Vandike

She married __________ Reynolds.

(1) Melissa Reynolds
(2) Wayne Reynolds
(3) Heather Reynolds

3. Bernice Wilmagene Vandike

She was born 16 April, 1923, in Enid, Garfield County, Oklahoma. On 2 February, 1945, she married Walter Murray Hughes in Harlingen, Texas. He is the father of her three children.


a. Patricia Jean Hughes

She was born 3 February, 1946, in Cornwall, Orange County, New York. She married Basil Stephen Garcia.

(1) Basil Stephen Garcia, Jr.
He was born 27 May, 1966, in San Antonio, Texas. He is married.
(a) Stephen Christopher Garcia
He was born 28 June, 1987.

b. Barbara Ann Hughes

She was born 10 January, 1947, in Cornwall, New York. She married _______ Pelton

(1) Beckie Dale Pelton
She was born 23 December, 1952 in Abilene, Texas.

(2) Lynda Carol Hughes

She was born 25 December, 1950 and died 5 April, 1951 in San Antonio, Texas.

4. Patricia Maxine Vandike

She was born 10 July, 1929 in Enid, Oklahoma. She married Harvey Eugene Caperton, but they were divorced and had no children.

On 15 September, 1951, she married Richard Conrad Blundell, the father of her two children. He was born in San Antonio, Texas in 1923. He served in WW 2, and worked for Southwestern Bell for 39 years. After his retirement he has enjoyed
fishing and gardening. Patricia’s hobbies are bowling and bridge. Their address is 6204 Dove Court, Austin, Texas 78744.

a. Deborah Carol Blundell
She was born 19 January, 1954 in San Antonio but was raised in Lockhart, Texas. She worked for I.R.S. after graduation. She married James Craig Cole in July, 1976. The family lives in Odessa, Texas where Deborah has been active in “church” and "school".

(1) Melissa Jean Cole
She was born 30 April, 1980, Austin, Texas.
(2) Jesse Aaron Cole
He was born 5 June, 1984 in Metairie, Louisiana.

b. Richard Conrad Blundell, Jr.
He was born 15 January, 1959 in San Antonio but was raised in Lockhart, Texas. On 15 October, 1983, he married Donna Renee Heintz. He worked as a fireman and paramedic after graduation, and is now a senior underwriter for Germania Insurance in Brenham, Texas. He also owns several rental complexes.

(1) Blake Richard Blundell
(2) Trenton Chase

G. Claude Earl Clear
He was born 31 May, 1894, in Nebraska and died 20 September, 1922 in Weatherford, Oklahoma where he is also buried. He was married.

H. Leonard Leo Clear
Leo had lost his “trigger finger” but served in the U.S. Army in WWI in the medical corps. His descendants believe he was stationed in Alabama.

He was born 25 July, 1895, in Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska. On 26 September, 1917, he married Katie Irene Hohmeyer who was born 2 February, 1899 in Carrolltown, Missouri. She died 10 February, 1966.

After his wartime service, he farmed, but during the Dust Bowl days, Leo and his family moved to California to pick fruit.

He died 31 December, 1940, in San Francisco, California and is buried at the Presidio Veterans Cemetery in San Francisco. Katie is buried at the Masonic Cemetery in eastern Los Angeles.

1. Leonard Pershing Clear
Leonard is the oldest of the 7 children of Leonard Leo and Katie Hohmeyer Clear. He was born 29 March, 1919, near Hydro, Oklahoma.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army 8 November, 1939, and after 1 ½ years training was sent to Pearl Harbor for 3 months. From August, 1941 to November, 1942 he was stationed with the 6th Def. Bn. On Midway Island, the only place he experienced any bombing.

After a 15-day leave to the States in January, 1943, he was sent to American Samoa (Pango-Pango) where he remained 14 months. He was an instructor for 6 months at a camp in North Carolina. He had attended the Army Advanced Communication School in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey for 3 months when WWII ended. He was discharged November, 1945 with the grade of T/Sgt.
In the spring of 1947 he married Sylvia who was born in London, England.

In the summer of 1947 he joined the Marine Reserve. The Reserves trained where Dodger Stadium is now located. He was called back into the service during the Korean War. As a T/Sgt., he took a refresher course for 3 months in San Diego, then was in charge of the telephone systems at Camp 15 at Camp Pendleton, California for the duration of the war.

He began his long association with Shell Oil Co. in the summer of 1946 as a communication technician. Not long after he was transferred to the Martinez Refinery in 1949, he was called for duty in the Korean War. After the war, he continued to work for Shell Oil at the Long Beach Refinery. His service with Shell lasted from 1946-1979.

He has enjoyed his cab-over camper for trips. In June, 1988, he attended a Marine reunion in Carson City, Nevada and has attended other reunions.

a. Christine Clear
She was born 15 May, 1948. She married Larry Carson who is a truck driver; she is a school librarian at Coalinga, California

(1) Jeffrey Carson
   He was born 17 January, 1972.

(2) Tara Carson
   She was born 19 January, 1974. Both Tara and Jeffrey live in Coalinga, California.

b. Gary Clear
He was born 26 July, 1950. He is a graduate of San Jose State College. When he was a junior in college, he spent a summer in Virginia with the Marine OCS, but the Vietnam War ended before he was called for duty.

In 1987 he married Emily who is a dental assistant. Gary does sheet metal work in Gilroy, California.

c. Kathleen Clear
She was born 17 March, 1955. She married Lance Whitney, the father of their 3 children. They are divorced.

(1) Roslyn Whitney
   She was born 7 March, 1978.

(2) Lucas Whitney
   He was born 11 September, 1980.

(3) Jack Diamond Whitney
   He was born 20 July, 1983.

2. Elma Ruby Clear
She was born 4 June, 1922. On 22 May, 1939, she married Jesse Portillo in Fullerton, Orange County, California. He was born 31 May, 1907. As of 1990 Elma had been a cashier with K-Mart for over 14 years.

Jesse died 20 September, 1975 of pneumonia and a heart attack. He is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Whittier, California.

a. Jesse Robert Portillo
Jesse, the oldest of the 4 children of Jesse and Elma Clear Portillo, was born 11 October, 1939 in Los Angeles, California. He attended Brooklyn Ave. Elementary School, Kern Ave. Jr. High and graduated from Garfield High School.
Eight months after high school graduation, he joined the U.S. Air Force and was sent to England for a 4-year stint. While there, he met and married Maureen Lucan on 19 March, 1960. Their daughter was almost 2 years old when Jesse was transferred to Biloxi, Mississippi where their second daughter Deborah was born in 1963. Eleven years later while Jesse was stationed in Phoenix, Arizona, their third daughter was born in 1975.

Jesse spent 21 1/2 years in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed in England 4 years; Biloxi, Mississippi; Phoenix, Arizona; Panama City, Florida; Turkey; 4 years in Spain; 1 year in Greenland, and finally in Marysville, California. He later worked at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento.

(1) Caroline Lea Portillo
She was born in London, England 1 November, 1960. On 24 November, 1979, she married Conrad Cota II in Walnut, California. (Walnut is southwest of Pomona.)

(a) Conrad Cota III
He was born 31 January, 1983 in California.

(2) Deborah Lynn Portillo
Born 18 September, 1963, in Biloxi, Mississippi, she married Paul Cypress on 4 February, 1983 in Sacramento, California. They live in San Francisco Co. Paul is in the U.S. Army.

(3) Lorraine Anne Portillo
She was born 2 May, 1975, in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona.

b. Irene Portillo
She was born 10 March, 1942, in Los Angeles, California. She attended Brooklyn Ave. Grammar School, Kern Jr. High and graduated from Garfield High School. On 23 March, 1962, she married John Gomez II who was born 22 March, 1942.

As of 1984, she was working at Michaels, a chain store. She and her husband live in Tucson, Arizona.

(1) Darlene Antoinette Gomez
She was born 16 October, 19__, in Los Angeles, California. On 23 March, 1985, she married Max Michael Kerr in Colorado. He was born 4 April, 1957. As of 1988, they lived in Tucson, Arizona.

(2) John Gomez III
He was born 8 January, 1966, in Los Angeles, California. He was attending college in 1988.
(3) Michael John Gomez
He was born 7 June, 1967, in Los Angeles, California. He was attending College in 1988.

c. Roy Lee Portillo
He enlisted in the U.S. Army 18 February, 1962 and served 3 years. One year was spent in Germany.

He was born 25 April, 1944, and attended Brooklyn Ave. Grammar School, Kern Jr. High and graduated from Garfield High School. On 10 May, 1962, he married Stella Robles in Los Angeles, California. She was born 22 March, 1944. Roy works for Western Electric in Whittier, California.

(1) Barbara Jean Portillo
She was born 12 November, 1962, in Los Angeles, California. On 29 May, 1982, she married Juan Encinas in Whittier, California. As of 1988, they were living in Pico-Rivera, East Los Angeles.

(a) Ruben Anthony Encinas
He was born 22 September, 1982, in Whittier, California.

(b) Juan Encinas, Jr.
He was born 25 July, 1984, in Whittier, California.

(c) Robert Andrew Encinas
He was born 22 October, 1985 in Whittier, California.

(2) Roy Lee Portillo, Jr.
He was born 23 September, 1965, in Los Angeles. He lives with his parents in Whittier and is employed.

(3) Susan Marie Portillo
Born 12 December, 1968, in Los Angeles, she graduated from high school in 1988, at which time she began to work in a nursing home.

(4) Kathleen Stella Portillo
She was born 17 September, 1976, in Los Angeles. She has graduated from high school.

(5) Jesse Armando Portillo
He was born 30 April, 1978, in Whittier, California.

(6) Jennifer Lynn Portillo
She was born in September, 1981, in Whittier, California.
d. Gloria Jean Portillo
She was born 30 March, 1946, in Los Angeles, California. She attended Brooklyn Ave. Grammar School and Kern Jr. High but dropped out of her senior year at Garfield High School to marry Frank Gomez 22 April, 1968 in Los Angeles. He was born 5 October, 1946. Frank was in the U.S. Army for 4 years.

The Gomez family live in La Puente, California. He is a truck driver, and she works for the Internal Revenue Service in El Monte, California.

(1) Rene Jesus Gomez
He was born 25 July, 1963, in Los Angeles, California. As of 1988, he was employed and living with his parents.

(2) Kimberly Ann Gomez
She was born 22 August, 1966. She married Julio Garcia at Pomona, California. He was born 6 May, 1966.
(a) Anthony Frank Garcia
He was born 23 April, 1984 in Monterey Park, Los Angeles County, California.

(3) Arlene Gomez
Born 2 May, 1968, in Los Angeles, California, she graduated from high school in 1988.

(4) Christine Gomez
She was born 12 July, 1970.

3. Earl Fredrick Clear
He joined the U.S. Navy December, 1941, but was discharged because of poor conduct in June, 1943. He then joined the Merchant Marines whose ships carried war cargo.

He was born 11 December, 1924 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is single and resides in Hydro, Oklahoma. He has always been a hard working farm laborer and never lacked for a job, but is now ready for retirement.

4. Maudenna Clear
She was born 23 December, 1928 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She resides in a home for the mentally retarded in Bakersfield, California.

5. Martha Fay Clear
Martha was born 193_ near Hydro, Oklahoma. She married Smith Luttrell 3 October, 1946 in Tiajuana, Mexico. 1310 Ecology Loop, Eads, TN 38028
a. Ronald Smith Luttrell
The oldest of the 4 children of Smith and Martha Clear Luttrell, Ronald was born 26 November, 1947.

In November, 1969 in Memphis, Tennessee, he married Joyce Sandlin by whom he had 2 daughters. They are divorced.

He later married Wilma Kathy Jones Meister who had two sons, David and Carl Meister by a previous marriage. Ronald and Wilma had a son of their own.
(1) Donna Marie Luttrell  
She was born 2 February, 1976.

(2) Olivia Yvonne Luttrell  
She was born 2 June, 1977. She and her sister Donna are the daughters of Ronald and Joyce Luttrell who are divorced.

(3) Nathan Ronald Luttrell  
He was born 22 July, 1985. He is the son of Ronald Luttrell and his second wife, Wilma Meister Luttrell.

b. Barbara Jean Luttrell  
Born 3 July, 1949, she married Hurley McDonald Campbell in 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee.

(1) Michelle Rene Campbell  
She was born 9 October, 1971.

(2) Mark Andrew Campbell  
He was born 10 February, 1973.

c. Roger Leo Luttrell  
He was born 25 June, 1951. In April, 1976, he married Pranom Heemseem who was born 1 January, 1951, in Bangkok, Thailand.

(1) Luke Smith Luttrell  
He was born 17 January, 1976.

(2) John Roger Luttrell  
He was born 24 January, 1977.

(3) Susan Martha Luttrell  
She was born 22 February, 1979.

(4) Lora Pranom Luttrell  
She is a twin of Susan born 22 February, 1979.

d. Larry Thomas Luttrell  
He was born 18 November, 1953.

6. Harry Glenn Clear  
Harry spent 4 years in the U.S. Marines, serving one tour in Japan. In October, 1958, he enlisted in the U.S. Army when he spent a tour in Korea and 3 years in Munich and Kaiserslautern, West Germany.

He was born 31 March, 1934, in Hydro, Oklahoma. On 27 December, 1959, he married Margaret Silvas in Montebello, California. She was born 13 February, 1938 in Los Angeles, California. As of 1991, both Harry and Margaret were employed by Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Washington. His address is 32817 20th S.W. Federal Way, Washington 98032.
a. Pamela Sue Clear

Pamela served 4 years in the U.S. Navy as a vocalist with the Atlantic Fleet Band.

The oldest of the 4 children of Harry and Margaret Silvas Clear, she was born 25 September, 1959 in El Paso, Texas.

On 2 August, 1980, she married Mark Stockton Adams at the Naval Amphibious Base Chapel at Virginia Beach, Virginia. Mark was born at the King Family Ranch in Texas 19 November, 1957. He attended West Virginia University, and at the time of his wedding was an instructor at the U.S. School of Music at Little Creek, Virginia and was enlisted in the U.S. Marines. As of 1988, he was a drummer in Las Vegas, Nevada.

(1) Christian Taylor Adams
He was born 9 August, 1987 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

b. Janet Kay Clear

She has been employed by Boeing Aircraft in in Seattle, Washington.

She was born 28 March, 1962, in Oakland, California.

c. John Dana Clear

John was born 5 July, 1965, when his father was stationed at Kaiserslautern, West Germany.

In 1988, he was attending college while working at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle.
d. Robert James Clear


7. Clyde Eugene Clear

He was born 16 July, 1936 and died 5 June, 1938 from complications of measles. He is buried at the Union Cemetery, Bakersfield, California.

I. Beulah Glayde Clear

The youngest child of William Henry Clear and Sarah Ellen Hall Clear, Beulah Glayde was born 4 June, 1898 in Nebraska.
On 29 October, 1916, she married Paul Grady Lewellen at Hinton, Caddo County, Oklahoma.
She died 5 July, 1974 at Oakdale, California.

a. Vernon Grady Lewellen

The oldest of the 3 children of Paul and Beulah Clear Lewellen, he was born 6 August, 1917 near Hydro, Oklahoma.
He married Lois Aline Powlson.

(1) Lois Patricia Powlson
She was born 15 January, 1940, in Santa Monica, California. She married ________ Bennett.
(a) Roland Bennett
(b) Robin Bennett

b. Pauline Vernice Lewellen

She was born 14 November, 1919 in Enid, Garfield County, Oklahoma.
She married Charles Eugene Rowe 1 May, 1939 in Perry, Oklahoma.
He was born 20 September, 1916 in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas.

(1) Ronald Eugene Rowe
He married Rojean ________, the mother of two of his children. They are divorced. On 30 October, 1974, he married Patricia E. ________ by whom he has a daughter.
(a) Angela Teresa Rowe
She was born in November, 1968, in Oakdale, California.
(b) Mark Randy Rowe  
He was born in October, 1970,  
in Modesto, California.
(c) Esther Elaine Rowe  
She was born in November, 1974,  
in Modesto, California.

c. Billy Wayne Lewellen  
He was born 23 October, 1921, in Enid, Oklahoma. On 20 January, 1941, he married  
Mildred May Rogers in Oklahoma. She was born 18 June, 1919 in Warner, Oklahoma.
(1) Janis May Lewellen  
She was born 26 October, 1942 in Maywood, Los  
Angeles, California. On 26 October, 1942, she  
made John Griffin.
(2) Billy Roy Lewellen  
Born 27 September, 1943, he married Donna Jean  
Creekmore on 23 November, 1963 in Seaside,  
Monterey County, California. She was born 25  
October, 1943 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
(a) Vikki Jean Lewellen  
She was born 28 February, 1969  
in Salinas, Monterey County,  
California.
(b) Paul Wayne Lewellen  
He was born 11 October, 1976, in  
Salinas, California.

d. Nancy Ann Lewellen  
She was born 23 June, 1953. On 9 September, 1970, she married Timothy William  
Serran who was born 6 March, 1953.
(1) Shelly Anne Serran  
She was born 14 April, 1971, in Carmel, Monterey  
County, California.
(2) Cassie Renee Serran  
She was born 30 November, 1975, in Carmel,  
California.
In the Matter of

The Guardianship of

Jacob H. Holl

Michael Klinger, Esq.

Mar. 24, 1832
Be it remembered that on the 14th July 1836 a marriage license issued in these words
State of Indiana Allen County 35 To any person authorized to solemnize the rites of marriage joining
You are hereby authorized to join together as husband
and wife Jacob Hell & Margaret Davis for so
doing this shall be your warrant Witness to
the father of said Margaret Davis being present to giving
Owen of Indiana Allen County J.P.
I do certify that on the 14th July 1836
Jacob Hell & Margaret Davis were by me
lawfully joined in marriage.

Jo Parker J.P. ('5)
Be it remembered that on the 15th June 1837 a
marriage license issued in these words to wit:

So any person authorized to solemnize the rites of
marriage uniting

You are hereby authorized to join together as
husband and wife Henry Clear and Sarah Simonton 2 Geo
a marriage made this shall be your warrant.
Witness

The affidavits of Sarah Simonton living in that
state of Pennsylvania Allegheny County
I hereby certify that Henry Clear and Sarah
Simonton were by me lawfully joined in
marriage on the 15th July 1837

C Parker J.P.
Descendants of Michael HELL The Elder

1. Michael HELL The Elder (b.1735;d.1790)
   sp: Christina (m.1760)

2. Christian HELL
   sp: Elizabeth BARBARA? (m.1809)

3. Henry HELL Clear (b.1810;d.1877)
   sp: Margaret E. DOLIN (b.1820;m.1850;d.1902)

4. Robert Berther CLEAR (b.1851;d.1916)
   sp: Mary Cedella MYERS (b.1859;m.1877;d.1942)

5. Harry Clinton CLEAR (b.1878;d.1942)
   sp: Edna Lenore RAY (b.1881;m.1904;d.1957)
   6. Clinton Bailey CLEAR (b.1907;d.1969)
      sp: UNKNOWN
      sp: UNKNOWN

6. Lois Virginia CLEAR (b.1909;d.1979)
   6. Valorous Bernard CLEAR (b.1915;d.1992)
      sp: UNKNOWN
      sp: UNKNOWN

5. Ada Lois CLEAR (b.1879;d.1963)
   sp: Robert HENRY (m.1898)

5. Ada Hadassie CLEAR (b.1881;d.1970)
   sp: Harvey HITE (m.1901)
   sp: John GARBERSON

5. Valorous Lloyd CLEAR (b.1883;d.1958)
   sp: Hattie COCKLEY (m.1906;d.1968)

5. Anna Beryl CLEAR (b.1886;d.1963)
   sp: Latta ZOLLINGER (m.1906)
   sp: Merton TALBERT
   sp: Earl SMITH

5. Georgia Marie CLEAR (b.1889;d.1966)
   sp: Frank NIPPER (m.1910)
   sp: Anthony TERNES

5. Mary Okla CLEAR (b.1891;d.1973)
   sp: Irvin BURNETT (m.1912)
   sp: Harmon FREES

5. Oscar Frank CLEAR (b.1895;d.1896)

5. B. CLEAR (b.1897;d.1897)

5. Ruah Beatrice CLEAR (b.1897;d.1979)
   sp: William M. DEVOE (b.1896;d.1971)
   6. Ruth DEVOE (b.1922)
      sp: Donald W BENTZEN (b.1921;m.1949)

5. Edward Denzel CLEAR (b.1899;d.1956)
   sp: Irene HELZER
Descendants of Michael HELL The Elder

3. Jacob HELL Clear (b.1815; d.1878)
   sp: Margaret DAVIS (b.1818; m.1836; d.1892)
   4. John H CLEAR (b.1837; d.1913)
      sp: Ludicia Louisa GRAHAM

3. Jacob HELL Clear (b.1812; m.1832; d.1845)
   sp: David HELL (b.1812; m.1832; d.1833)
   4. Unknown HELL

3. Jacob HELL Clear (b.1815; m.1821; d.1829)
   sp: Margaret MAVIS (b.1818; m.1836; d.1886)
   4. Jacob CLEAR (b.1841)
   5. Elizabeth CLEAR (b.1842)
   6. Sarah CLEAR (b.1844)
   7. Emanuel CLEAR (b.1847)
   8. Ruth CLEAR (b.1849; d.1915)
      sp: Joseph POWELL (m.1865)
      sp: David BENNETT (m.1881)
   9. Matilda CLEAR (b.1849)
   10. Margaret CLEAR (b.1852)
    11. Jesse CLEAR (b.1855)
    12. Reuben CLEAR (b.1855)
    13. James CLEAR (b.1861)

3. Elizabeth HELL Clear (b.1811)
   sp: David HELL (b.1812; m.1832; d.1833)
   4. Unknown HELL

3. John HELL Clear (b.1812; d.1895)
   sp: Mercy Ellen MAPES (b.1819; m.1839; d.1886)
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Descendants of Michael HELL The Elder

4. Emily CLEAR (b.1840;d.1917)
  sp: Stephen MAXWELL
  sp: Phillip BURLINGAME
4. Elizabeth CLEAR (b.1843)
  sp: John SMITH
4. Edward CLEAR (b.1844;d.1919)
  sp: Sophronia
4. Wilson CLEAR (b.1849;d.1850)
4. Ellen CLEAR (b.1850;d.1851)
4. Seneca CLEAR (b.1852;d.1854)
4. Margaret CLEAR (b.1854;d.1941)
  sp: Leonard VINCENT
4. Caroline CLEAR (b.1856;d.1934)
  sp: Hezekiah SMART
4. Mary Ann CLEAR (b.1858;d.1934)
  sp: Aaron MASTIN
  sp: Lorenzo ORNDORFF
4. William Henry CLEAR (b.1860)
  sp: S HALL
3. Polly HELL Clear (b.1815)
  sp: John BICKEL (m.1833)
    4. George BICKEL
    4. Sarah BICKEL
    4. Daniel BICKEL
    4. Susanna BICKEL
    4. Elizabeth BICKEL
    4. Ellen BICKEL
    4. Catherine BICKEL
sp: Anna Mary Magdalena RUNCK (c.1764;m.1788)
3. Anna Marie HELL (b.1789)
  sp: James MACTEER (m.1811)
3. John Michael HELL OR HALE (b.1791;d.1838)
3. Samuel HELL (b.1796;d.1870)
  sp: Elizabeth DIEHL
    4. Elias HELL (b.1833;d.1873)
      sp: Mary MUMMERT (b.1834;d.1906)
      sp: Delphi EYSER (m.1827)
3. John George HELL (b.1799)
2. Isaac HELL
  sp: UNKNOWN
2. John HELL
Adapted from a map of the Oregon Trail, 1846, published by the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Public Roads.
Treasury Department,  
Office of the  
Auditor for the War Department,  
December 28, 1904:

Respectfully returned to the  
Hon. Commissioner of Pensions.

In the case of John H. Clear, late Private, Capt. John E. Morgan's Co. "A", 45th Enrolled Missouri Militia, the roll from August 2, 1862, to April 30, 1863, reports the soldier enrolled August 2, 1862; ordered into active service September 30, 1862; relieved from duty November 12, 1863; and had 23 days actual service on det. service in 2d Prov. Regt. E. M. M., Mon. 30/63. He was paid for 23 days by the State and the State has been reimbursed by the United States. The rolls of Cos. N & A, (Capts. John Probasco and John D. Meredith), 2d Prov. E. M. M. report John H. Clear, Private, detailed from 45th Regt. E. M. M., March 30, 1863; ordered into active service April 16, 1863; relieved from duty November 12, 1863, and had 128 days actual service. He was paid by the State for 166 days and the State has been reimbursed by the United States. No record of payment for 62 days (July and August, 1863) has been found.

No record of medical or hospital treatment as of either service.

No roll of Capt. Medford's company, Enrolled Missouri Militia is of record in this office.

Chief, Records Division.

P.C. - 1,317,411:

Civil War Record of John H. Clear
ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Oregon
County of Washington

On this 11th day of October, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and seven, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, within and for the county and State aforesaid, John H. Clear, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 70 years of age, and a resident of Sherwood, county of Washington, State of Oregon; and that he is the identical person who was enrolled at St. Johns, Mo., on the 12th day of April, 1867, as a private, in Co. A, 4th M. & N. V. Prov. Regt. of Miss., 2nd Bat. (Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessel if in the Navy.

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was honorably discharged at Ironton, Mo., on the 12th day of December, 1868.

That he also served

(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 6 inches; complexion, light; color of eyes, gray; color of hair, dark; that his occupation was Farmer; that he was born Oct 8, 1837, at P.T. Wayne, Indiana.

That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows:

That he has heretofore applied for pension

That he is a pensioner at rate of $10 per month. Certificate No. 110876.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of February 6, 1907.

That he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, John H. Clear, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim.

That his post-office address is Sherwood, State of Oregon.

Attest: (1) C.S. McConnell
(2) Lawrence Wilson

Claimant's signature in full.)
SERVICE RECORD OF THE 18\textsuperscript{TH} MISSOURI VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

Duty on Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad during summer and fall of 1861.
At Weston, Mo., until December.
Ordered from St. Louis to Cairo, Ill., Dec. 22.
At Bird's Point, Mo., until March, 1862.
Ordered to Pittsburg Landing, Tenn.
Battle Shiloh, Tenn., April 6-7.
Advance on and siege of Corinth, Miss., April 29-May 30.
At Corinth and Bolivar until Dec.
Battle of Corinth Oct. 3-4 (Cos. "A", "B", "C" and "E".
Pursuit to Ripley Oct 5-12 (Cos. "A", "B", "C" and "E".
On duty in District of Corinth guarding railroad toward Bethel until June, 1863.
Affairs at Camp Sheldon Feb. 8 and 10, 1863.
Skirmishes at New Albany, June 19.
Mud Creek, June 20.
At Corinth until November.
March to Pulaski, Tenn., Nov. 2-12.
Duty there and guard duty on railroad until April, 1864.
Veterans on furlough Jan. and Feb., 1864.
Demonstrations on Resaca, May 8-13.
Sugar Valley, May 9.
Near Resaca, May 13.
Advance on Dallas, May 18-25.
Operations on line of Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas—New Hope Church and
Allatoona Hills, May 25-June 5.
Operations about Marietta and against Kenesaw Mountain, June 10-July 2.
Assault on Kenesaw, June 27.
Nickajack Creek, July 2-5.
Ruff's Mills, July 3-4.
Chattahoochic River, July 6-17.
Battle of Atlanta, July 22.
Siege of Atlanta, July 22-Aug. 25.
Battle of Jonesboro, Aug. 31-Sept. 1.
Lovejoy Station, Sept. 2-6.
Operations against Hood in north Georgia and Alabama, Sept. 29-Nov. 3.
March to the sea, Nov. 15-Dec. 10.
Monteith Swamp, Dec. 9.
Siege of Savannah, Dec. 10-21.
Campaign of the Carolinas, Jan. to April, 1865.
Reconnaissance to Salkehatchie River, Jan. 25.
Skirmishes Rivers’ and Broxton’s Bridges, Salkehatchie River, Feb. 2.
Rivers’ Bridge, Salkehatchie River, Feb. 3.
Binnaker’s Bridge, South Edisto River, Feb. 9.
Columbia, Feb. 15-17.
Juniper Creek, near Cheraw, March 3; Fayetteville, N.C., March 11.
Battle of Bentonville, March 20-21.
Occupation of Goldsboro, March 24.
Advance on Raleigh, April 10-14.
Occupation of Raleigh, April 14.
Bennett’s House, April 26.
Surrender of Johnston and his army.
Moved to Louisville, Ken., June and duty there until July.
Mustered out July 18, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 6 officers and 75 enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 164 enlisted men by disease. Total 245.

Roll was taken every two months and after each battle. (1)

(1) All of the service information for the 18th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry appears on p. 1330 of A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies (War Dept., 1880-1901), compiled by Frederick Dyer.
Pedigree Chart

2 Robert Bertner CLEAR
B: 6 Feb 1851
P: Perry Twp., Allen Co., Indiana
M: 3 May 1877
P: Monroeville, JT, AC, Indiana
D: 13 Mar 1916
P: Duke's Bridge, YT, NC, Indiana

1 Harry Clinton CLEAR
B: 28 Jan 1878
P: Benton Ridge, Hancock Co., Ohio
M: 25 Jan 1942
P: Detroit, Wayne Co., Michigan

(Spouse of no. 1)

3 Mary Cedelia MYERS
B: 1 Aug 1859
P: Monroeville, JT, AC, Indiana
D: 10 Aug 1942
P: Detroit, Wayne Co., Michigan

6 George Bear MYERS
B: 9 Apr 1830
P: Earl Twp., LC, Pennsylvania
M: 10 Jan 1849
P: Monroeville, JT, AC, Indiana
D: 1 May 1900
P: Monroeville, JT, AC, Indiana

7 Mary Magdalene HESS
B: 24 Apr 1830
P: Wooster Twp., Wayne Co., Ohio
D: 27 Jan 1894
P: Monroeville, JT, AC, Indiana

8 Michael HELL The Younger
B: Abt 1762

9 Elizabeth BARBARA?
B: 6 Feb 1851
P: Perry Twp., Allen Co., Indiana
M: 3 May 1877
P: Monroeville, JT, AC, Indiana
D: 12 Aug 1877
P: Atia, Hardin Co., Ohio

5 Margaret E. DOLIN
B: Abt 1788

10 John DOLIN
B: Abt 1794

11 Barbara LAPSLEY
B: Abt 1753

12 John MYERS
B: 31 Oct 1799

13 Elizabeth BEAR
B: 2 Apr 1802

14 John HESS
B: Abt 1790

15 B: 27 Apr 1810

16 Michael HELL The Elder
B: Abt 1735/1740

17 Christina
B: 1754

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20 Michael DOLIN
B: Abt 1764

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22 Thomas LAPSLEY
B: Abt 1753

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24 Christian MEYER, JR.
B: 1761

25 Magdalena HUBER
B: 16 Sep 1772

26 George Eby BEAR
B: 8 May 1833

27 Mary EBY
B: 1754

28 HESS
B: 2 Apr 1802

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Prepared by
Dean K. Froehlich
2500 East Avenue 1P
Rochester
New York
14610-3137 U.S.A.
Telephone
Date prepared
11 Aug 2005:
The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, Jacob Hill, for Public County Ohio,

had deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Fort Wayne.

whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Jacob Hill,

according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

the North Half of the South East quarter of Section twenty-one, in Township thirty-one, North, of Range twenty

East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Fort Wayne, Indiana, containing Eighty Acres.

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been pur,

chased by the said Jacob Hill.

NOW KNOW YE, That the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the

several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and, by these presents, do give and grant, unto the said Jacob Hill

and to his heirs, the said tract above described:

Jacob Hill,

In testimony whereof, I, Andrew Jackson,

President of the United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto

affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five and of the Independence of the United States the fifty-third.

By the President: Andrew Jackson

Elijah Hayward, Commissioner of the General Land Office.
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