We hope the following pages will be saved for our posterity.

Instructions
on the use of the
"Generation Scale"

EXAMPLE

Chapter 1

Generation #1 Starts with the children of Elkenah Wolf and Frances Becklehimer. Each of their children is the first generation. Then each of their children is generation #2 etc.

6. Mariah Elizabeth Wolf, daughter of Elkenah and Frances (Becklehimer) Wolf was born in 1834. She married Abner Hulon Lester on 9 May, 1850.

Children

1. Martha J. Lester, daughter of Abner Hulon and Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester born in 1852 in Tazewell County, Virginia (now West Virginia) married Miller W. Lane.....

Children

1. Nathaniel D. Lane, born 1870....

The numbers on the bottom of the page indicate the individual's generation compared to the first family of the chapter. In this instance, Mariah Elizabeth Wolf is child #6 of the first family of chapter #1. Martha J. Lester is child #1 in the second generation of the chapter. Nathaniel D. Lane, is child #1 in the third generation of the chapter. etc.

This booklet is probably quite confusing. I tried to show as clearly as possible the ancestry of my mother's family, Ida Mae (Lester) Green. Going back as far as I could with each of her parents entailed bringing in other names, such as Belchers, Lanes, Wolfs and more.

Arlie Dale Green
ELKENAH WOLF married FRANCES BECKLEHIMER

They were married in Tazewell County, Virginia on 23 April, 1829. Some of the marriage, and census books spells the surname "Becklehimer," however I did find some that spelled it as "Beckelheimer." Frances was born 1794. I have seen grandfather Wolf's name spelled Elkena, Elkanah, Elkenah, Canor, and Canna. Also Wolf is sometimes Wolfe. I have not been able to find any history at all on Elkenah. Many of us believe that he was entirely of Indian descent.

Children
1. Bill Wolf
2. Lawrence Wolf
3. Adam Wolf
4. Daniel Wolf
5. Nancy Wolf
6. Mariah Elizabeth Wolf
7. Frances Myhelia Wolf
8. Matilda Wolf

I do not know the order of birth of all the Wolf children.

In 1860 there was a John Wolf who was born in 1846 that lived with the James A. Belcher Family. It is possible that this John Wolf and Julicett Wolf were grand-children of Elkenah & Frances Wolf since Frances (Becklehimer) Wolf, Nancy Wolf, and John Wolf, all lived with the James A. Belcher family, and Julicett (who was born in 1843) was living with a William Coleman family. Frances (Becklehimer) Wolf at the age of 74 lived with her daughter Nancy Ann & Nancy's husband, Peter Belcher. This is according to the 1870 census which puts her year of birth at 1796. The 1860 census says she was 66 which puts her birth year at 1794. The census classifies her occupation as a spinner. There is no census on her in 1880, so I assume she died during the 1870's.

1. Bill Wolf, was killed by confederate soldiers
2. Lawrence Wolf, No information
3. Adam Wolf, No information
4. Daniel Wolf, son of Elkenah and Frances (Becklehimer) Wolf was living with the John Belcher family in 1880. Daniel was born circa 1825. He never married.
5. Nancy Ann Wolf, daughter of Elkenah and Frances (Becklehimer) Wolf was born in 1831. She married Peter Belcher son of William Floyd Sr. and Sarah Elizabeth (Kingrey) Belcher. Peter was born in 1818 and died in his 70's.

Note: Nancy Wolf was living with her sister and brother-in-law James & Myhelia (Wolf) Belcher in 1880.

Children

1. James Belcher
2. Andrew Jackson Belcher
3. Martha Jane Belcher (B) 1849
4. Matilda Belcher (B) 1855
5. Mary Ann Belcher (B) 1865
6. Caroline Belcher (B) 1872 Was adopted

1. James Belcher was born in 1843.

2. Andrew Jackson Belcher son of Nancy Ann (Wolf) Belcher and Peter Belcher was born in 1847. He married Matilda Wyatt.

Children

1. Laura Belcher
2. Floyd Belcher
3. Miles Belcher
4. Nora Belcher
5. George Belcher
6. Riley Belcher
7. Bessie Belcher

1. Laura Belcher, no information.

2. Floyd Belcher, son of Andrew Jackson and Matilda (Wyatt) Belcher was born 20 December, 1885. He died on 17 May, 1934. Floyd married Sarah Lane who was the daughter of Preacher John T. & Causby (Grose) Lane.

3. Miles Belcher, son of Andrew Jackson and Matilda (Wyatt) Belcher married Sarah Mullins.

4. Nora Belcher, daughter of Andrew Jackson Belcher who was the son of Peter Belcher and Nancy Ann (Wolf) Belcher

5. George Belcher, son of Andrew Jackson and Matilda (Wyatt) Belcher born 25 February, 1893, married Frances Kemp.

7. Bessie Belcher, daughter of Andrew Jackson Belcher who was son of Peter Belcher & Nancy Ann (Wolf) Belcher married Floyd Green. Sometime after Floyd died, Bessie married his brother Alvis.

Children by Floyd
1. Robie Green
2. Beulah Green
3. Wanda Green
4. Thelma Green
5. Floyd Green Junior

Children by Alvis
6. Carrall Green
1. Robie Green (No information)
2. Beulah Green, daughter of Bessie (Belcher) Green and Floyd Green married Robert Reed.

Children
1. Eddie Reed
2. Randal Reed
3. Darrell Reed
4. Robert Reed Junior

3. Wanda June Green, daughter of Bessie (Belcher) Green and Floyd Green married Roger Kuhlke.

Children
1. Judy Gale Kuhlke
2. Steven Vaughn Kuhlke
3. Sandra Kuhlke

4. Thelma Green, daughter of Bessie (Belcher) Green and Floyd Green married James Mills. James is deceased.

1. Teresa Mills
2. Allan Mills
3. Gary Mills
1. Teresa Mills married John Lane.

Children
1. Kimberly Lane
2. Tera Lane
3. Jessica Lane
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2. Allan Mills married Darlene Dickerson.

3. Gary Mills

5. Floyd Green Junior, son of Bessie (Belcher) Green and Floyd Green married ________.

   Children

   1. Diane Green
   2. Linda Green
   3. Gloria Green
   4. Barbara Green

   1. Diane Green, daughter of Bessie (Belcher) Green and Floyd Green married Tony Aranda.

   Children

   1. Anthony Aranda

   2. Linda Green
   3. Gloria Green
   4. Barbara Green married Robert Irwin

6. Carrall Green, daughter of Bessie (Belcher) Green and Alvis Green married Richard Cox.

   Children

   1. Terri Ann Cox

6. Mariah Elizabeth Wolf, daughter of Elkenah and Frances (Becklehimer) Wolf was born in 1834. She married Abner Hulon Lester on 9 May, 1850. They were married by John Sizemore. Abner was born circa 1824. Abner died in 1902. Mariah died in 1922. There is a very interesting story written by Carrie Aldridge in this notebook about some of the history of Mariah and Abner. It is Mariah By Carrie Aldridge.

The book First Families of McDowell County by Evans at the Raleigh County Library in Beckley, West Virginia says......

Abner H. Lester married "Polly" Tomson on 15 September, 1844. (This Abner was the father of the Abner that married Mariah Elizabeth Wolf), (NOTE: Sometimes Hulon is spelled Hulen or Hulan ???) The book, Wyoming County History, by McClain says that Abner was a Reverend, and that he was the assessor for Wyoming County from 1873 to 1876, a four year term.
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The following (marked with double line) shows the ancestry of Abner Hulon Lester. Then the book will continue with the listing of the descendents of Abner and Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester. The generation guide is not right for Abner Hulon Lesters ancestors since they are shown for his ancestry only.

Abner Lester married Martha Arthur. Probably early pioneer of Fincastle, Virginia. He settled on Pelham Branch of Meadow Creek, a branch of Little River waters of New River in Montgomery County Virginia. Prior to 1801 he moved to Russell County, Virginia. By 1809 he had moved to Floyd County Kentucky. (This information given to me by Willard Howerton)

Children
1. William Calvin Lester
2. Hannah Lester
3. Rebecca Lester
4. Martha Lester

1. William Calvin Lester, born 1760 married Rebecca Scaggs on 26 March, 1786. Rebecca was born in 1774.

Children (known)
1. Martha "Patsy" Lester was born in 1787 in Virginia. She married Conley Bishop.
2. Rutha Lester, born 1790 married John Jones.
3. Abner H. Lester Sr.
4. Thomas Lester, born 1795 married Nancy_____.
5. Rebecca Lester, born 1796 married Willoughby Deal.
6. Dorcas Lester, born 1800 married Zachariah Bishop (born 1780)
7. James Lester, born 1804 married Sydney Payne (born 1810)
8. Elizabeth Lester, married Michael Charles.

3. Abner H. Lester Sr., born in 1792 married Rebecca Whitt (Cherokee Indian ?) in 1813. Rebecca was born sometime between 1790 and 1800. Rebecca either died or they were divorced because on 15 September, 1844, Abner Sr. married Polly Thompson/Tomson. Abner Lester Sr. died about 1875.

Children
1. Thomas M. Lester, born 1815
2. William R. Lester born 1817
3. Abner Hulon Lester, Jr. born 1824
4. Martha Ann Lester, born 1828
5. Mathias Harmon Lester, born 1830 (Preacher)
6. Louise Lester

2. William R. Lester born 1817 married Sarah "Sally" Blankenship on 7 May, 1841 in Tazewell County, Virginia. Sarah was born in 1824 in Giles County, Virginia.
William died during the Civil War at Ury, West Virginia.

3. Abner Hulon Lester Jr. married Mariah Elizabeth Wolf

Continuing with the descendants of Abner Hulon and Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester.

Children of Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester and Abner Hulon Lester Jr.

1. Martha J. Lester
2. John Thomas Lester
3. Ray Bogle Lester
4. Polly Ann Lester (Mary Ann Lester) or "Granny Poll"
5. Louisa Elizabeth Lester
6. Rebecca Luvica Lester
7. William Floyd Lester
8. Charlotte Lester
9. Matilda Lester
10. Halie Lester

1. Martha J. Lester, daughter of Abner Hulon and Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester born in 1852 in Tazewell County, Virginia (now West Virginia); married Miller W. Lane who was born in Pike County, Kentucky in 1848. Miller was the son of the first Alexander and Ann Lane that we know about. Alexander was born in 1797. Ann was born 1807. Miller and Martha were married 28 January, 1869.

Children

1. Nathaniel D. Lane, born 1870
2. Mariah Lane, born 1872
3. Abner H. Lane, born 1874
4. Ann R. Lane, born 1876
5. John H. M. Lane, born 1877
6. Harriet S. Lane, born 1878
7. Mary E. Lane, born May, 1880

2. John Thomas Lester, son of Abner Hulon and Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester was born 1853. John married Anna Belcher who was the daughter of William F. Belcher Junior and Mary (Milam) Belcher. Anna was born in 1858. They were married 24 April, 1875. Anna (Granny Ann) died in the mid 1930's.

Children

1. Mary Ann Lester
2. William Floyd "Little Floyd" Lester
3. Alifair Lester
4. Alexander "Zander" Lester
5. Noah Lester

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6. William "Will" Owen Lester
7. Mathias Harmon Lester
8. Ralph Bogle Lester
9. Lewis Lester
10. Susie Lester
11. Lee McChesney Lester

1. Mary Ann Lester, daughter of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester, born 1876 married John William (Will) Lester.

Children

1. Ellie Lester
2. Annie Jane Lester
3. Martha Ollie Lester
4. Thornberry Lester
5. Virgean/Virginia Lester

2. William Floyd "Little Floyd" Lester, son of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester was born 1877 and died 1935. Floyd married Mariah E. Lane, daughter of Alexander Martin and Polly Ann (Lester) Lane. Mariah was born 1880 and died 1918. They were married on 30 May, 1898. See the Lane section chapter 2 of this book. Ella Howerton, wife of Louie Howerton told me that when they took Floyd to the cemetery (Hickory Ridge) for burial there wasn’t a preacher present to read the last rites. So Louie said that if it was alright he would read them, which he did.

Children

1. Ida Mae Lester (my Mother)
2. Everett Lester
3. Walter Columbus Lester
4. Cora Lester
5. Polly Lester
6. Leonard Lester
7. John Andrew Lester
8. Gilbert Lester
9. Pearl Lester
10. Lewis Lester
11. Siatti Lester
12. Kenna Monroe Lester

1. Ida Mae Lester, daughter of William Floyd and Mariah E. (Lane) Lester was born 27 October, 1899. Ida married John Pierson Green on 27 May, 1916 in Wyoming County, West Virginia. Pierson was born 7 August, 1890. He was the son of Jahu and Victoria (Williams) Green. People knew him by his middle name, "Pierson". Pierson and Ida were married at the home of Ida’s father, William Floyd Lester. Ida died of cervical cancer 23
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September, 1954. Pierson died 23 March, 1969. The direct cause of Pierson's death was caused by hemorrhage into the urinary bladder, but the indirect cause of his death was arteriosclerosis.

Children

1. Paul Anos Green
2. Verna Alice Green
3. Verla Marie Green
4. Lola Burdetta Green
5. Tena Beatrice Green
6. Lona Loraine Green
7. Arlie Dale Green
8. Archie Gale Green
9. Carrie Emmarie Green
10. Betty June Green
11. Larry Pierson Green
12. Ethel Carol Green

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE PIERSON AND IDA GREEN FAMILY IS CURRENT AS OF THIS WRITING, 7 April, 1996

1. Paul Anos Green, son of John Pierson and Ida Mae (Lester) Green, was born 23 March, 1917. He married Laura Opel Byars, daughter of Pink and Cindy (Milam) Byars. Laura was born on 4 February, 1916. Paul and Laura moved to Delaware several years ago. Paul died 30 October, 1982, and is buried at the St. Johnstown Cemetery in Greenwood, Delaware.

Children

1. Oliver Hardy Green
2. Willa Mae Green
3. Carrie Madeline Green
4. Wanda Faye Green
5. Kenna Monroe Green

1. Oliver H. Green, son of Paul Anos and Laura Opel (Byars) Green was born on 26 May, 1936 in Wyoming County, West Virginia. Oliver is known by many friends and relatives as "Shorty". He has never married, and lives in Pompano Beach, Florida with his mother.

2. Willa Mae Green, daughter of Paul Anos and Laura Opel (Byars) Green was born on 2 August, 1938 in Wyoming County, West Virginia. Willa
Mae married Rick Ott. Rick was killed in April of 1980. Willa later married David Bentley of Florida. David was born on 26 August, 1942, Willa and David have no children.

Children by Rick Ott

1. Mark Van Ott
2. Sheri Kimm Ott

1. Mark Van Ott, was born 26 January, 1963. Mark lives in Florida and is a commercial pilot.

2. Sheri Kimm Bentley, was born 5 July, 1966. Sheri was adopted by David Bentley.

3. Carrie Madeline Green, daughter of Paul Anos and Laura Opel (Byars) Green was born 1 September, 1940, died 15 September, 1941. She is buried at the Green Ridge Cemetery in Wyoming county, West Virginia.

4. Wanda Fay Green, was born 13 February, 1942. Wanda was the daughter of Paul Anos and Laura Opel (Byars) Green. She died 2 August 1984. She married George Rogers. They had no children. Wanda is buried in Lehman, Pa.

5. Kenna Monroe Green, son of Paul Anos and Laura Opel (Byars) Green, was born 20 January, 1944 in Wyoming County, West Virginia. Kenna married Donna May Taylor, daughter of Lowell Howard and Maria Louise (Alford) Taylor. Kenna and Donna live in Greenwood, Delaware.

Children

1. Rhonda Lynn Green
2. Kimberly Dawn Green

1. Rhonda Green born 10 July, 1967 married Donald Ray VanVorst who was born 22 March, 1965. They were married 8 September, 1989.

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2. Verna Alice Green daughter of John Pierson and Ida Mae (Lester) Green was born 6 December, 1918. Verna married Fred Leslie Brunty on 13 May, 1942. Fred was the son of Jess and Lettie (Brooks) Brunty. Fred flew 21 missions over Germany in World War II. He was born on 8 February, 1914. Fred died while on a camping trip with his family on 2 July 1957. Verna has never remarried and lives at Matheny, Wyoming County, West Virginia.

Children

1. Davis Gilbert Brunty
2. Arlie Glenn Brunty
3. Judith Carol Brunty
4. Sharon Frances Brunty
5. John Fredrick Brunty

1. Davis Gilbert Brunty, son of Fred and Verna (Green) Brunty was born on 20 December, 1946 in Wyoming County, West Virginia. Davis married Sandra Gail Stewart on 31 May, 1969. They live in Montgomery, Illinois.

Children

1. John Weldon Brunty
1. John Weldon Brunty was born 12 December 1976.

2. Arlie Glenn Brunty was born, 27 November, 1948, in Wyoming County, West Virginia. He is the son of Fred and Verna (Green) Brunty. He married Vicky Virginia Brown. Vicky was born 4 March, 1954. Arlie and Vicky live in Matheny, West Virginia.

Children

1. Lori Elizabeth Brunty
2. Arlie Daniel Brunty


2. Arlie Daniel Brunty was born 28 March, 1977.
3. Judith Carol Brunty, daughter of Fred and Verna (Green) Brunty, was born 31 December, 1950, in Wyoming County, West Virginia. She married Charles E. Hill. They reside at Matheny, West Virginia.

Children

1. Kristy Ann Hill
2. Charles Edward Hill II

1. Kristy Ann Hill, born 2 April, 1973
   married Brandon Thomas Fleenor on 1 June, 1996.


4. Sharon Frances Brunty, daughter of Fred and Verna (Green) Brunty, was born on 1 October, 1952, in Wyoming County, West Virginia. Sharon married David Snider. Sharon and David live in Fairdale, West Virginia.

Children

1. Adrienne Nichole Snider
2. Mathew Snider

1. Adrienne Nicole Snider was born on 1 August, 1985.

2. Mathew Snider was born on 21 Sept. 1987

5. John Fredrick "Freddie" Brunty, son of Fred and Verna (Green) Brunty, was born 7 July, 1955. Freddie married Kathy Bowles. They live in Matheny, West Virginia.

Children

1. John Christopher Brunty
2. Leslie Leanne Brunty

1. John Christopher Brunty was born 28 March, 1981.

2. Leslie Leanne Brunty was born 13 December, 1983.
3. Verla Marie Green, daughter of John Pierson and Ida Mae (Lester) Green, was born 13 September, 1920. She married Christopher Columbus Bishop, son of William Patton and Charlotte Levenia (O’Neal) Bishop. Columbus was born 17 October, 1917. They reside at Shawnee Lake near Princeton, West Virginia. Columbus is a retired coal miner.

Children

1. Daryl Lee Bishop
2. Jackie Ray Bishop
3. Roger Dewayne Bishop
4. Barry Randall Bishop

1. Daryl Lee Bishop, son of Columbus and Verla (Green) Bishop, was born on 6 February 1942. Daryl lives with his parents.

2. Jackie Ray Bishop, son of Columbus and Verla (Green) Bishop, was born on 21 May 1945. Jackie married Mary Alice Bowling.

Children

1. Patrick Bishop
2. Gregory Shane Bishop
3. Gary Scott Bishop
4. Mark Bishop


Children

1. Preston Ryan Bishop

1. Preston Ryan Bishop was born 6 December, 1993.

2. Gregory Shane Bishop was born 6 March, 1974. Gregory is a twin to Gary.

3. Gary Scott Bishop was born 6 March, 1974. Gary is a twin to Gregory.

4. Mark Bishop was born 3 September, 1978.

3. Roger Dewayne Bishop, son of Columbus and Verla (Green) Bishop, was born 6 August, 1947. Roger married Marsha Farley.
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Children

1. Michelle Bishop
2. Karen Lynn Bishop

1. Michelle Bishop was born on 13 Nov. 1971.

4. Barry Randall Bishop, son of Columbus and Verla (Green) Bishop was born 2 June, 1955. Barry married Constance "Connie" Carr. She was born 12 December, 1954.

Children

1. Lori Bishop
2. Krista Bishop
3. Erin Elizabeth Bishop

1. Lori Bishop was born 19 July, 1980.
3. Erin Elizabeth was born 4 February, 1994.
   She weighed 8 lb. 12 oz.

4. Lola Burdetta Green, daughter of John Pierson and Ida Mae (Lester) Green, was born 27 January, 1923. Lola married Sherman J. Steele, son of Lewis R. and Almeta (Sizemore) Steele. Sherman was born 27 August, 1923. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. They live on a farm near Matoaka, Mercer County, West Virginia.

Children

1. Shirley Jean Steele
2. Della Kay Steele
3. Sybil Ann Steele

1. Shirley Jean Steele, daughter of Sherman and Lola (Green) Steele, was born 5 October, 1943. Shirley married Bland Mann Waters. They were divorced and she later married Bill Denton on 8 August, 1993. No children.

Children by Bland Waters

1. Tammy Kay Waters
1. Tammy Kay Waters was born 19 September, 1963. Tammy married Ricky L. Spriggs. This marriage ended in divorce. Tammy then married Brian Belcher.

Children by Ricky Spriggs
1. Tiffany Erin Spriggs
2. Tiffany Erin Spriggs was born 11 December, 1983.

2. Della Kay Steele, daughter of Sherman and Lola (Green) Steele, was born 7 December, 1947. Kay married Jerry Ray Siner on 19 June, 1964. Jerry was born 31 May, 1944. Kay and Jerry live in Princeton, West Virginia.

Children
1. Kelly Rae Siner
2. Jodi Gaye Siner
3. Casey Marie Siner
1. Kelly Rae Siner was born on 26 Nov. 1965.
2. Jodi Gaye Siner was born on 2 Oct. 1971
3. Casey Marie Siner was born 9 Nov. 1976.


Children
1. Paul Aaron Browning was stillborn.
2. Christopher Adam Browning was born on 23 February, 1973.

5. Tena Beatrice Green, Daughter of John Pierson and Ida Mae (Lester) Green, was born 27 January, 1925. Bea died 13 November, 1950. She died at the Raleigh General Hospital in Beckley West Virginia. She never married and is buried at the Green Ridge Cemetery, Wyoming County, West Virginia. The cause of death was, ulcerative ileo-colitis.
6. Lona Loraine Green, daughter of John Pierson and Ida Mae (Lester) Green was born 30 September, 1927. She lived approximately two years. She is buried at the Green Ridge Cemetery, Wyoming County, West Virginia. Loraine died of pneumonia.

7. Arlie Dale Green, son of John Pierson and Ida Mae (Lester) Green was born 28 July 1929. Dale married Frances Elizabeth Angel on 27 December 1952. Frances was the daughter of Elmer and Inez Mae (Taylor) Angel. Frances was born 14 September, 1932. Dale served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Dale and Frances live at Coal City, Raleigh County, West Virginia.

Children
1. Larry Dale Green  twin
2. Sharon Kay Green  twin
3. Michael Steven Green
4. Kevin Lee Green

1. Larry Dale Green, son of Arlie Dale and Frances (Angel) Green was born 21 September, 1953, in Pontiac, Michigan. Larry was a twin to Sharon. He has served in the U.S. Air Force. Larry married Mary Irene Blackwell on 9 June 1972. Mary is called "Susie". She is the daughter of Carl and Bertha (Hylton) Blackwell. Susie was born on 8 June, 1956. Larry and Susie live in The Woodlands, Texas.

Children
1. James Lee Green
2. Joseph Dale Green


2. Sharon Kay Green, daughter of Arlie Dale and Frances (Angel) Green, was born 21 September, 1953. Sharon was a twin to Larry. Sharon was stillborn. She is buried at The Perry Mount Park Cemetery, in Pontiac, Michigan.
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3. Michael Steven Green, son of Arlie Dale and Frances (Angel) Green was born 28 December, 1955. Michael was born in Beckley, West Virginia. He married Debra "Debbie" Lynn Cooper on 29 April, 1977. Debbie was born 8 July, 1957. Debbie is the daughter of Jack and Carol (Hart) Cooper. Mike and Debbie live in Spring, Texas.

Children

1. David Allen Green
2. Joshua Michael Green
3. Krista Michele Green
4. Jennifer Lynn Green

1. David Alan Green, was born on 30 Sep. 1979. He died 30 September, 1979.


3. Krista Michele Green was born 6 August, 1981.


4. Kevin Lee Green, youngest son of Arlie Dale and Frances (Angel) Green, was born 28 February, 1964 in Beckley, West Virginia. Kevin married Tracy Denise Brandau, daughter of Milton an Maureen (Whelan) Brandau. Tracy was born in Charles City, Iowa on 7 October, 1962. Kevin and Tracy were married 3 September, 1988. They live in Spring, Texas.

8. Archie Gale "Charlie" Green, son of John Pierson and Ida Mae (Lester) Green, was born 14 May, 1931. He married Barbara Ann Fuller, daughter of Robert and Icie (Whitt) Fuller. Barbara was born 14 July, 1938. They were married 24 June, 1956. Charlie served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. They reside at Coal City, Raleigh County, West Virginia.

Children

1. Forrest Gale Green
2. Derek Lane Green
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1. Forrest "Frosty" Gale Green, son of Archie Gale and Barbara Ann (Fuller) Green, was born on 1 April, 1958. Frosty married Antoinette Castanon, this marriage ended in divorce. Frosty later married Kristie Lynn Utt. Kristie was born 21 August, 1971. She is the daughter of Gary and Joann (Croisetiere) Utt. Frosty and Kristie live in Coal City, West Virginia.

Children by Antoinette

1. Golden Lee Green
2. Shane Alan Green

Children by Kristie (Utt) Green

3. Skyler Gale Green


      Children

      1. Hunter Lee Green

      1. Hunter Lee Green was born 12 September, 1995 at 1:53 PM.
         He weighed 7 lb. 2.6 oz. 21" long.

      2. Shane Alan Green was born 13 Aug. 1980.

      3. Skyler Gale Green was born 29 September, 1993 at 2:12 PM, 20" Long, weighed 8 Lb. 2.6 Oz.

2. Derek Lane Green, son of Archie Gale and Barbara Ann (Fuller) Green, born 15 April, 1964, married Susan K. Waugh. This marriage ended in divorce. Derek then married Phyllis Jean Utt, daughter of Ronald and Gertrude (Meadows) Utt. Phyllis was born on 6 September, 1964. They were married on 26 November, 1994. They live in Coal City, West Virginia with Derek's daughter Jaclyn.

Update...Derek passed away 4 March, 1996.

Children by Susan

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9. Carrie Emmarie Green, daughter of John Pierson and Ida Mae (Lester) Green was born 6 March, 1933. She married Jewell "Rod" Martin, on 7 December, 1952. This marriage ended in divorce on 15 May 1980. Rod died on 6 February, 1993. Carrie married Leon B. Davis. Their home is in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Children

1. Pamela Ann Martin
2. Thomas Edward Martin
3. Ronald Dean Martin
4. Donna Kaye Martin
5. Douglas Lyn Martin

1. Pamela Ann Martin, daughter of Jewell and Carrie (Green) Martin was born on 18 June, 1954. Pamela married Paul Cook. This marriage ended in divorce.

Children

1. Paul Jason Cook

2. Thomas Edward Martin, son of Jewell and Carrie (Green) Martin was born 9 October, 1956. Tom married Carol Gunnoe.

Children

1. Melina Dawn Martin

3. Ronald Dean Martin, son of Jewell and Carrie (Green) Martin, was born 6 September, 1958. Ronald lives in Florida.

4. Donna Kaye Martin, daughter of Jewell and Carrie (Green) Martin was born 20 May, 1962. After leaving West Virginia at a young age
Donna lived in Florida for about fifteen years. Donna married John Hilton Kuhn who was born in Hamilton Ontario Canada. John is the son of Ernest John and Eileen Joan (Randle) Kuhn. Ernest was born in East Prussia Germany. Eileen was born in London England. Donna had a child at a young age who was adopted to a couple in Beckley W.V. This was an open adoption and Donna and daughter have always been very close. Donna and John were married 26 August, 1995.

Children

1. Carrie Nicole Martin DeHart

1. Carrie Nicole Martin DeHart was born on 15 June, 1980.

5. Douglas Lyn Martin, son of Jewell and Carrie (Green) Martin, was born 12 April, 1964. Doug married Michelle Presson. Their home is in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Children

1. Collin James Martin

1. Collin James Martin was born today, 22 March, 1994 at 6:15 PM. He weighed 8 lb. 12 oz. and was 21.5 inches long.

10. Betty June Green, daughter of John Pierson and Ida Mae (Lester) Green, born 17 August, 1936, married Delmer Smith who she divorced. She then married Claude E. Stigall. They were later divorced. Betty lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Children by Delmer Smith

1. Margaret Diane Smith twin to Lewis
2. Roger Lewis Smith twin to Margaret
3. Archie D. Smith

Children by Claude E. Stigall

4. Judith Renay Stigall
5. Gary Edward Stigall
6. Danny Allen Stigall
7. Raymond Doyle Stigall
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1. Margaret Diane Smith, daughter of Delmer and Betty (Green) Smith, was born 16 June, 1952. Margaret goes by her middle name "Diane". Diane was twin to Roger Lewis. She married William Edward Myers. Diane and William live in Pennsylvania. William was born on 30 March, 1951.

Children
1. Barbara Dee Myers
   1. Barbara Dee Myers was born 16 Nov. 1975

2. Roger Lewis Smith, son of Delmer and Betty (Green) Smith was born 16 June, 1952. Roger, (twin to Diane), died soon after birth.


   Children by Ella
   1. Dewayne E. Smith
   2. Kristel Smith

      1. Dwayne E. Smith was born 15 Nov. 1975.
      2. Kristel Smith was born 13 July, 1979.


   Children
   1. Rose Marie Scott
   2. Mathew David Scott

      1. Rose Marie Scott was born 21 April, 1983 in Middleburg Heights, Ohio.
      2. Mathew David Scott was born 20 September, 1984, in Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio.
5. Gary Edward Stigall, son of Claude and Betty (Green/Smith) Stigall was born 20 February, 1963. Gary married Sandra Lee Berry. Sandra was born 3 May, 1965. They live in Cleveland, Ohio.

Children

1. Kenneth Lee Stigall
2. Christopher Edward Stigall

1. Kenneth Lee Stigall was born 12 March, 1983.

2. Christopher Edward Stigall was born


Children by Lisa

1. Sean Allen Stigall

Children by Becky

2. Oliva Elise Stigall
3. Taylor Alesandra Stigall

1. Sean Allen Stigall was born 10 May, 1990.

2. Oliva Elise Stigall was born 18 August, 1991.

3. Taylor Alesandra Stigall was born 24 May, 1994.

7. Raymond Doyle Stigall, son of Claude and Betty (Green/Smith) Stigall was born 18 April, 1971. Ray married Tina Lortz.

Children

1. Tiffany Rae Stigall
2. Stephanie Rae Stigall

1. Tiffany Rae Stigall was born 7 May, 1990.
2. Stephanie Rae Stigall was born 28 March, 1993.

11. Larry Pierson Green, son of John Pierson and Ida Mae (Lester) Green, was born 3 March, 1943. Larry married Bonnie Lee Taylor who is a native of Delaware. Bonnie was born 1 April, 1942. Larry served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. Their home is in Greenwood, Delaware.

Children

1. Tracy Howard Green

1. Tracy Howard Green, son of Larry P. and Bonnie (Taylor) Green was born 31 March, 1974. Tracy married Brandy Laton on 11 December, 1993. They live in Greenwood, Delaware.

12. Ethel Carol "Kathy" Green, daughter of John Pierson and Ida Mae (Lester) Green was born 26 September, 1945 at 11:30 AM. Kathy married Thomas H. Scott. This marriage ended in divorce. Kathy lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Children

1. Brian Christopher Scott


2. Everett Lester, son of William Floyd and Mariah E. (Lane) Lester was born April 1902. He married Laura Alice Mills who was born April 1904. Everett was ran over and killed by a car.

Children

1. Loma Ola Lester

2. Garth Vance Lester

3. Martha "Ellen" Lester

1. Loma Ola Lester was born 2 April, 1927. She died sometime during 1977.
2. Garth Vance Lester was born 1929 and he died 10 January, 1979.

3. Martha Ellen Lester was born 14 June, 1931.


Children

1. Leona E. Lester
2. Ilene Lester
3. Archie Lee Lester
4. Willie Everett Lester
5. Ola Basil Lester
6. Ord Herman Lester
7. Mason Gale Lester
8. Harold C. Lester
9. Frank Jr Lester
10. Roy "Roger" Lester
11. Ruby Charlene Lester
12. Mildred Diane Lester

1. Leona E. Lester, daughter of Walter Columbus and Isabelle (Belcher) Lester was born 6 September, 1927. She died December, 1927. Leona lived only about 4 months.

2. Ilene Lester, daughter Walter Columbus and Isabelle (Belcher) Lester was born 4 January 1930. She died 10 October, 1992. Ilene married Clawney R. Altice who was born 29 April, 1919. They were married 5 May, 1950. Clawney died of an overdose. Ilene was killed in a car wreck.

Children

1. Elizabeth Ilene Altice, daughter of Ilene (Lester) and Clawney R. Altice was born 9 September, 1950. She married #1 Harold Emlet #2 Bill Little on 7 June, 1944.

Children by Harold

1. Steve Emlet, was born 27 January, 1967. 2. Melissa (Missey) Emlet, was born 19 April, 1969.
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2. Mary Jane Altice, daughter of Ilene (Lester) and Clawney R. Altice, born 10 October, 1952 married Craig Davis.

Children

1. Chistina Davis was born 18 June, 1981.
2. A Son ?? was born in the spring of 1990

3. Arthur Ray Altice, son of Ilene (Lester) and Clawney R. Altice was born 4 February, 1954. He married Cindy Hinnah who was born 23 February, 1960.

Children

1. Amanda Altice was born 10 Jan. 1984.
2. Adam Howard Altice was born 16 April, 1986.

4. Opal Marie Altice, daughter of Ilene (Lester) and Clawney R. Altice was born 4 December, 1956. She married Ronald Rosenburger who was born 5 March, 1953.

Children


3. Archie Lee Lester, son of Walter Columbus and Isabelle (Belcher) Lester was born 13 February, 1932. Archie died of cancer in Mt. Airy N.C. on 24 June, 1985. He married Juanita Joyce Whitt who was the daughter of John L. and Laura Melissa (Green) Whitt. She was born 5 March, 1933. They were married on 2 September, 1952.

Children
1. Daniel Roland Lester
2. William Noble Lester
3. Margie Gale Lester
4. Sheila Lea Lester
5. Lisa Ileen Lester
6. Neal Matthew Lester

1. Daniel Roland Lester, son of Archie Lee and Juanita Joyce (Whitt) Lester was born 10 July, 1953. He married Sarah Ann Buchanan, daughter of Freeman and Dollie (Lane) Buchanan. They were married on 14 May, 1973.

Children

1. Dana Joyce Lester was born 18 February, 1974 in Beckley, West Virginia.

2. Daniel Paul Lester was born 21 February, 1977 in Beckley, West Virginia.

2. William Noble Lester, son of Archie Lee and Juanita Joyce (Whitt) Lester was born 6 September, 1955. He married #1 Donna Smith who was born 21 December, 1957. They were married 11 October, 1974. His second marriage was to #2 Dewanna Smith who was born 22 November, 1957. They were married 1 June, 1985.

Children by Donna

1. Juanita Nichole Lester

Children by Dewanna

2. Destiny Dawn Smith

Children by Angela Mullins

3. Steven Tracy Mullins


Children
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3. Steven Tracy Mullins, born 13 April, 1980

3. Margie Gale Lester, daughter of Archie Lee and Juanita Joyce (Whitt) Lester was born 25 July, 1958. Margie married William E. Vest Junior who was the son of William E. Vest Senior and Judy (Austin) Vest. He was born 11 June, 1957. They were married on 4 January, 1980.

Children

1. Amy Leigh Lester was born 18 October, 1977. (Amy is Williams Step Daughter)


3. Daryl Edward Vest was born 8 Dec. 1983.

4. Sheila Lea Lester, daughter of Archie Lee and Juanita Joyce (Whitt) Lester was born 25 July, 1960. She married James Edward Lester, son of Jimmy C. and Lillie Mae (Pickering) Lester. They were married on 23 April 1977. James was born on 10 April, 1958.

Children


2. Rebecca Lea Lester was born 20 December, 1978. Rebecca married Adam King.


5. Lisa Ilene Lester, daughter of Archie Lee and Juanita Joyce (Whitt) Lester was born 7 November, 1967. Lisa has 3 children and doesn’t wish to disclose the fathers name.

Children

1. Justin Mark Lester was born 12 September, 1983 in Beckley, WV.
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2. Michael Lee Lester was born 29 September, 1985 in Beckley, WV.

3. Brittany Lynn Lester was born 25 December, 1989 in Mt. Airy, N.C.

6. Neal Matthew Lester, son of Archie Lee and Juanita Joyce (Whitt) Lester was born 14 July, 1971. Neal married Angela Simmons who was born 22 August, 1972. They divorced. Neal also had another child by Rebecca (Reed) Mullins. Neal died 15 October, 1992 as a result of a car accident in Sophia, WV.

Children by Angela

1. Cody Allen Lester was born 29 April, 1990.

Children by Rebecca (Reed) Mullins

2. Chastity Dawn Mullins was born 19 May, 1992.

4. Willie Everett Lester, son of Walter Columbus and Isabelle (Belcher) Lester was born 2 June, 1934. Willie married Freda Lorene Whitt who was born 2 August, 1935. Freda was the daughter of John L. and Laura Melissa (Green) Whitt. They were married on 26 September, 1956.

Children

1. Robin Everett Lester
2. Mary Melissa Lester
3. Twila Devona Lester
4. Thomas "Tommy" Fredrick Lester

1. Robin Everett Lester, son of Willie Everett and Freda Lorene (Whitt) Lester was born 13 December, 1957 in Mullens WV. He married Kathy Anita Cook, daughter of Ralph and Ellen (Rollins) Cook, Kathy was born 29 October, 1960. They were married 1 April, 1986.

Children

1. Derek Clinton Lester was born 12 October, 1987 in Jacksonville, N.C.
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2. Randall Wayne Lester was born 6 March, 1991 in Beckley, West Virginia.

2. Mary Melissa Lester, daughter of Willie Everett and Freda Lorene (Whitt) Lester was born 25 January, 1960 in Mullens, West Virginia. She married Ronnie Joe Kershner who was born to Ralph and Evelyn (Coffman) Kershner, on 28 June, 1959.

Children

1. Melissa Jo Kershner was born 22 February, 1980 in Beckley, WV.

2. Ronnie Everett Kershner was born 27 June, 1982 in Beckley, WV.

3. Twila Devona Lester, daughter of Willie Everett and Freda Lorene (Whitt) Lester was born 11 November, 1969 in Elkton, Maryland. She married Jerry Dean Whitt, son of Virgil Eugene and Velma Dean (Bishop) Whitt. Jerry was born 16 July, 1965. They were married on 12 March, 1989.

Children

1. Gerri Devona Whitt was born 26 January, 1990 in Mt. Airy, North Carolina.

2. Adam Dean Whitt was born 4 December, 1991 in Beckley, West Virginia.

3. Amanda Lorene Whitt was born 22 April, 1994 in Beckley, WV. Weighed 5 Lb. 13.5 oz.


Children

1. Christopher Thomas Lester was born 3 September, 1994.

2. Joshua James Lester, born 1 August, 1996 weighed 8 lbs. 2 ounces.
5. Ola Basil Lester, son of Walter Columbus and Isabelle (Belcher) Lester was born 9 August, 1936. He died Feb. 1937.

6. Ord Herman Lester, son of Walter Columbus and Isabelle (Belcher) Lester was born 5 January, 1938. Ord died 17 September, 1978. He married Wanda Sue Goode, daughter of Leonard L. and Hatti Rebecca (Thomas) Goode on 20 May 1944. They were married on 28 September, 1961.

Children

1. Eddie Lee Lester was born 29 July, 1961 in Mullens, West Virginia.

2. Ricky Lester was born on 13 January, 1963 around midnight in Mullens, WV. He died 4 April, 1963. (Twin to Ruth)

3. Ruth Lester, was born 14 January, 1963 in Mullens WV. She was born just after midnight, (twin to Ricky) married #1 Jerry Acosta, who was killed in a motorbike accident in pursuit of a hit and run driver that had hit his brother-in-law Eddie. The accident happened at a picnic area in Florida. The second marriage for Ruth was Stanley Parker.

Children by Jerry

1. Timothy Curtis Acosta was born 7 April, 1980.
2. Joseph Ord Herman Acosta was born 18 September, 1982.

Children by Stanley

3. Sheena April Parker was born 19 April, 1987.

4. Joyce Ann Lester, was born 26 February, 1964 in Mullens West Virginia. She married Jack Hall on 4 March, 1980.

Children

1. Jason Allen Hall was born 10 Nov., 1980.
2. Kayla Delphina Hall was born April 1987.
5. Mildred Diane Lester, born 19 July, 1965 in Mullens West Virginia married John W. McGraw II. They were divorced.

Children


Children

1. Adam Weaver was born 2 August, 1982.
2. Sarah Weaver was born 26 April, 1986.


Children

1. Joshua Lynn Lester
2. Felicia Hope Lester

7. Mason Gale Lester, son of Walter Columbus and Isabelle (Belcher) Lester was born 29 April, 1940. He married Glady Gertrude Whitt, daughter of Elmer E. and Edith (McKinney) Whitt. Glady was born on 17 May, 1942. They were married on 8 September, 1962.

Children

1. Rhonda Faye Lester, born 22 June, 1963 in Mullens WV. married Grant D. Prince who was born 3 September, 1961. They were married 21 September, 1982.

Children

2. Nicholas Corey Prince was born 3 December, 1991.

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6. David Lee Lester was born 24 May, 1983.

8. Harold Conley Lester, son of Walter Columbus and Isabelle (Belcher) Lester was born 15 January, 1943. Harold married Goldie Marie Whitt who was born 6 November, 1943. She is the daughter of Elmer E. and Edith (McKinney) Whitt. They were married 9 July, 1964.

   Children

   1. Conley Stephen Lester, born 1 August, 1965 in Mullens, WV. married Tina Louise Thomas. Tina is the daughter of Jimmy and Stella Thomas. They were married on 26 June, 1969. No children resulted from this marriage.

   2. Judy Ilene Lester was born 7 December, 1971 in Mullens, West Virginia.

9. Frank Junior Lester, son of Walter Columbus and Isabelle (Belcher) Lester was born 1 September, 1945. Frank married Barbara Ann Lester, daughter of John W. and Betty (O'Neal) Lester. They were married 6 February, 1951. They were divorced. No Children resulted from this marriage.

10. Roy Roger Lester, son of Walter Columbus and Isabelle (Belcher) Lester was born 5 April, 1948. Roy married Mary Marie Smith. Mary was born 6 March, 1954. They were married 10 October, 1970.

   Children


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Children


11. Ruby Charlene Lester, son of Walter Columbus and Isabelle (Belcher) Lester was born 26 March, 1951. She died 4 February, 1952. Age 10 Mo. and 9 days.

12. Mildred Diane Lester, daughter of Walter Columbus and Isabelle (Belcher) Lester was born 2 November, 1953. She married Dallas "Tink" Gean Goode, son of Leonard L. and Hattie (Thomas) Goode on 30 August, 1951.

Children

1. Myra Renee Goode was born 29 January, 1979 in Beckley, West Virginia.

2. Crystal Diane Goode was born 19 September, 1980 in Beckley, West Virginia.

3. Heather Jean Goode was born 11 June, 1984 in Princeton, West Virginia.

Note:

Archie Lee Lester and Willie Everett Lester married sisters, daughters of John Lewis and Melissa (Green) Whitt.

Mason Gale Lester and Harold Conley Lester married sisters, daughters of Elmer Earl and Edith (Mckinney) Whitt. Elmer was a brother of John Lewis Whitt, and they were sons of George Calvin and Lurinda Jane (Bishop) Whitt.

Ord Herman Lester and his sister, Mildred Diane Lester married sister and brother, Children of Leonard Levi and Hattie Rebecca (Thomas) Goode.

4. Cora Lester, daughter of William Floyd and Mariah E. (Lane) Lester, died as an infant.

5. Polly Lester, daughter of William Floyd and Mariah E. (Lane) Lester, died as an infant.
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6. Leonard Lester, son of William Floyd and Mariah E. (Lane) Lester, was born 16 June, 1908. He married Ethel Shrewsbury on 30 August, 1930. Leonard died 20 July, 1985. Ethel was the daughter of Robert and Lucinda Lane Shrewsbury. She was born 29 June, 1913, and died 5 June, 1990.

Children

1. Dewie Monroe Lester

2. Dewane Lester. Dewane was drowned at the age of 19 or 20 during his second year of college. (Other children died at a young age)


Children

1. Raymond Howard Lester
2. Naoma June Lester
3. William Floyd Lester
4. Lonnie Lewis Lester
5. Kenneth Wayne Lester
6. James Russell Lester
7. John Andrew Lester Jr.
8. Ida Mae Lester

1. Raymond Howard Lester, son of John Andrew and Ethel Ruth (Browning) Lester was born 14 May, 1937. He married Joann Carol Snyder on 22 November, 1963. Joann was born 20 January, 1946.

Children

1. Jeffrey H. Lester son of Raymond Howard and Joann Carol (Snyder) Lester was born 8 April, 1967. Jeffrey married Michele L. Shrewsbury who was born 28 June, 1970.

Children

1. Andrew Jeffrey Lester was born 26 October, 1992.

2. Randy Michael Lester was born 29 June, 1994.
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2. Scott Alan Lester, son of Raymond Howard and Joann Carol (Snyder) Lester was born 16 March, 1970.

2. Naoma June Lester, daughter of John Andrew and Ethel Ruth (Browning) Lester was born 7 February, 1939. She married Kenneth D. Cochran who was born 21 September, 1940. They were Married 31 October, 1962.

Children


   Children


3. William Floyd Lester, son of John Andrew and Ethel Ruth (Browning) Lester born 11 November, 1940 married Martha Levern Ratcliff who was born 4 November, 1941. They were married 16 June, 1979. Martha had a son by a previous marriage. Martha was the daughter of Frank W. and Pearl Louise (Lester) Ratcliff.


4. Lonnie Lewis Lester, son of John Andrew and Ethel Ruth (Browning) Lester, born 12 July, 1943 married Judith Pearl Ratcliff who is the sister to William Floyd’s wife Martha. Judith was born 13 July, 1945. They were married 23 June, 1962.

Children


   Children

   1. Michael Lewis Lester was born 5 Nov., 1989.

2. David Wayne Lester, born 18 June, 1965 married Michelle R. Beckelheimer who was born 14 July, 1968. They were married on 4 June, 1988.
Children


5. Kenneth Wayne Lester, son of John Andrew and Ethel Ruth (Browning) Lester was born 7 October 1947. He married Jo Ann Miller who was born 24 August, 1944. They were married 5 September, 1970.

Children

1. Kevin Wayne Lester was born 1 June, 1975.

6. James Russell Lester, son of John Andrew and Ethel Ruth (Browning) Lester was born 17 January, 1951. He married Margaret Ann Bailey who was born 12 October, 1950. They were married 25 August, 1990. Margaret Ann had a child by a previous marriage. Namely...

1. Heather Nicole Orren, who was born 3-20-85

7. John Andrew Lester Jr. son of John Andrew and Ethel Ruth (Browning) Lester was born 29 August 1945. He married Patricia Ann Evans on 13 May 1967. Patricia was born 8 March, 1947.

Children

1. Christopher S. Lester was born 24 July, 1970.

2. Elizabeth Ann Lester was born 9 July, 1976.

8. Ida Mae Lester, daughter of John Andrew and Ethel Ruth (Browning) Lester was born 8 February, 1953. Ida married Charles A. Terry who was born 22 January, 1954.

Children

1. Jason Andrew Terry was born 7 December, 1978.

Gilbert Howard Lester, son of William Floyd and Mariah E. (Lane) Lester was born 13 April, 1912. Gilbert married Mary Frances Mills on 6 August, 1933. Mary was born 18 November, 1918, and died on 27 August, 1983. Gilbert died 11 February, 1985.

Children

1. Dillard W. Lester

2. Sherman W. Lester
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3. Archie Hillard Lester
4. Lucy Edna Lester
5. Joann Frances Lester
6. Mary Charlotte Lester
7. Gilbert Howard Lester Jr.

1. Dillard W. Lester, son of Gilbert and Mary Frances (Mills) Lester was born 27 April, 1934. Dillard married Florence Renhardt.

Children
1. Dillard Lester Jr.

2. Sherman W. Lester, son of Gilbert and Mary Frances (Mills) Lester was born 23 July, 1935.

3. Archie Hillard Lester, son of Gilbert and Mary Frances (Mills) Lester was born. Archie married Barbara Blankenship.

Children
1. Christopher Mark Lester
2. Timothy Dell Lester
3. Shelly Dawn Lester

4. Lucy Edna Lester, daughter of Gilbert and Mary Frances (Mills) Lester was born 31 March, 1938. She married Gene Millard Manning Sr. Gene was born 25 April, 1935.

Children

5. Joann Frances Lester, daughter of Gilbert and Mary Frances (Mills) Lester was born 30 December, 1947. She married Richard Donald Brannen on 30 June 1967. Richard was born 23 September, 1943.

Children
1. Frances Ann Brannen
2. Barbara Lynn Brannen


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1. Kendra Renee Brannen, born 10 January, 1988

2. Patrick Aaron Taylor, born 3 January, 1992


Children

6. Mary Charlotte Lester, daughter of Gilbert and Mary Frances (Mills) Lester, married Roger Lee Carter.

Children
1. Virginia Edna Carter
2. Jerry Bradley Carter

7. Gilbert Howard Lester Junior, son of Gilbert and Mary Frances (Mills) Lester was born 17 June, 1950. He married Sue Richardson.

Children
1. Brian Christopher Lester
2. Melissa Jo Lester

9. Pearl Lester, daughter of William Floyd and Mariah E. (Lane) Lester, died at the age of 6.

10. Lewis Lester, son of William Floyd and Mariah E. (Lane) Lester, died at the age of 6.

11. Siatti Lester, daughter of William Floyd and Mariah E. (Lane) Lester, died soon after birth.

12. Kenna Monroe Lester, son of William Floyd and Mariah E. (Lane) Lester, was born 4 December, 1915. Kenna married Cathleen Honysukle who was born 6 August, 1924. Kenna died 17 May 1988. Cathleen died 11 July, 1984. It is believed that Kenna was the most decorated man in West Virginia during World War II.

3. Alifair Lester, daughter of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester was born in 1880. She married Ingram Mills on 24 November, 1902. No other information.

4. Alexander "Zander" Lester, son of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester born 1883, married Anna Lane, daughter of
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Alexander Martin and Polly Ann (Lester) Lane. Anna was born 1882. They were married 6 December, 1902.

Children

1. Kelly Lester married Dora Belcher
2. Dona Lester married Eliza Belcher
3. Edward Lester
4. Sadie Lester married Clarence Milam
5. Dolly Lester married Howard Bennett

Noah Lester, son of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester, born 1886 married America Lester. They had 3 Children. I have been unable to get any other information on Noah. One person said he drowned while trying to swim his horse across a stream during flood stage. It is believed to have been Pinnacle Creek. Another source says that he was shot and killed. Police knew the killer but my source could not remember the name. Noah died 25 February, 1918.

William "Will" Owen Lester, son of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester was born 1889 and died 1934. Will Owen married Cosby Catherine Stanley who was born 25 June, 1893. They were married 16 June, 1910.

Children

1. Flora Edna Lester
2. Martha Olga Lester
3. Ezra Elva Lester
4. John Wesley Enoch Lester
5. Troy Abraham Lester
6. Tyre Quinten Lester
7. Polly Margaret Lester
8. Issac Roy Lester
9. Annie Magdalene Lester
10. Maudie Madeline Lester


Children

1. Beatrice Lusk married Leonard Thomas
2. William Lusk married Dollie Bishop
3. Melvin Lusk married Ellen Bishop
4. Geniva Lusk married Eugene Colbird
5. Jeanetta Lusk married Dewey Godsey
6. Rachael Lusk married Nelson Blankenship
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7. Ona Lusk married Jerry Warf

2. Martha Olga Lester, daughter of Will Owen and Cosby Catherine (Stanley) Lester was born 22 April, 1913. She married Ada O'Neal on 25 December, 1928. Ada was killed in a mining accident on 29 February, 1939. Olga later married George Sizemore.

Children by Ada O'Neal

1. Roy Leo O'Neal
2. Lawrence O'Neal
3. Jackie O'Neal
4. Betty O'Neal
5. Jessie O'Neal

Children by George Sizemore

6. Thelma Sizemore
7. George Sizemore
8. Roger Sizemore
9. Rodney Sizemore
10. Sharon Lynn Sizemore

1. Roy Leo O'Neal, son of Martha Olga (Lester) O'Neal was born 28 November, 1929. Leo died 15 April, 1980. He married Joann (Ellis) Gillispi on 12 April, 1952.

Children

1. Shelly Jean O'Neal
2. Ray Lee O'Neal
3. Stella O'Neal
4. Kitty O'Neal
5. Drema O'Neal

1. Shelly Jean O'Neal was born 25 November, 1952. She married David Lee Graham.

Children

1. Davina Lea Graham
2. David Shawn Graham
3. Darla Jean Graham

2. Ray Lee O'Neal was born 31 July, 1954.

Children

1. Ray Lee Junior O'Neal
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Children

1. Eugene Chelsy
2. Kellie Jo

6. Lawrence O’Neal, was born 13 November, 1931.

Children

3. Margie O’Neal was born 20 September, 1970.

3. Jackie O’Neal is deceased


Children

1. Barbara Lester
2. Warren Lester
3. Marietta Lester married Everette Burks
4. Anna Jane Lester
5. Louisa Lester
6. Randy Lester


Children.

1. Tammy & Missey born 17 July, 1972

3. Marietta Lester was born 16 March, 1956. Married

Children


4. Anna Jane Lester, born 17 December, 1958. Married Bill Burks
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Children

1. Connie
2. Billy Jo
3. Bobby

   1. Jennifer Bishop
   2. Tessie Bishop

   Children
   1. Mary Katherine Lester born, 30 December, 1981.


Children

1. Wanda Tilley married ?
   Children

2. Sandra Tilley, born 15 October, 1959 married ?
   Children
   1. Michael Tilley
   2. Mathew Tilley

3. Bobby Tilley was born 21 October, 1966

6. Thelma Sizemore, born 31 December, 1941 married Tom Allen.

Children

1. Dean Allen born 10 June, 1973
2. David Allen 27 June, 1976

7. George Sizemore born 10 February, 1944 married Barbara Raye.
Children

2. Sherry Dawn Sizemore, born 2 November, 1972

Roger Sizemore born 15 December, 1945 married Sandy Lester. Roger was killed in a mining accident.

Children

1. Jimmy Lee Sizemore, was born 20 September, 1966
2. Wendy Sue Sizemore, was born 31 March, 1970
3. Roger Lee Sizemore Jr. was born 28 March, 1972


Children

1. Angela Dee Sizemore, was born 16 April, 1968
2. Rodney Allen Sizemore, was born 29 August, 1970


Children

1. Johnny Ray Zeboskey
2. Amy Lynn Zeboskey

3. Ezra Elva Lester, son of Will Owen and Cosby Catherine (Stanley) Lester married Linda Jane Belcher. Linda was the daughter of John Wesley "John High" and Nancy Jane (O'Neal / Lester) Belcher. John and Nancy were married 7 October, 1905. John was the son of High and Polly Belcher.

Children

1. Alice Louise Lester
2. Ethel Yvonne Lester
3. Ray Elva Lester
4. Willa Mae Lester
5. Lonnie Samuel Lester
6. Mary Jane Lester
7. Betty Lou Lester
8. Earl Lester
9. Pauline Lester
10. Sharlene Lester

4. John Wesley Enoch Lester, died at the age of six.
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5. Troy Abraham Lester, son of Will Owen and Cosby Catherine (Stanley) Lester was born 22 July, 1919. He died 1 September, 1969. Troy married Ethel Mae Belcher on 15 September, 1941. Ethel was born 8 June, 1924 and was the daughter of John Wesley "John High" and Nancy Jane (O'Neal / Lester) Belcher. Ethel's paternal grandparents were Hiram and Polly (Bishop) Belcher who were married 27 September, 1882.

Children
1. Wesley Owen Lester
2. Nancy Catherine Lester
3. Herbert Homer Lester
4. Rosa Madeleene Lester
5. Malinda Joann Lester
6. Vivian Louise Lester
7. Curtis Eugene Lester

1. Wesley Owen Lester, son of Troy Abraham and Ethel Mae (Belcher) Lester was born 17 September, 1942. Wesley married Lilly Irene Hale who was born 7 June, 1942. She was the daughter of Mike and Edna Hale.

Children
1. Edna Mae Lester
2. Michael Troy Lester
3. Mary Catherine Lester
4. John Wesley Lester


Children


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Children of Darlene by a previous marriage


3. Mary Catherine Lester, born 7 July, 1971
   married Albert Myers II, son of Albert Myers I
   and Lucille Myers. They were married on 11
   June, 1988. Albert II was born 27 October,
   1961.

   Children
   1. Tiffany Darnelle Myers was born
      14 December, 1989.

4. John Wesley Lester, born 18 September, 1974
   died as an infant.

2. Nancy Catherine Lester, daughter of Troy Abraham
   and Ethel Mae (Belcher) Lester born 9 March, 1944
   married Dennis Ray Blankenship who was born 6 May,
   1939. They were married on 3 April, 1960.

   Children
   1. Billy Ray Blankenship
   2. Donald Eugene Blankenship
   3. Jeffery Lee Blankenship

   1. Billy Ray Blankenship, born 7 November, 1961
      Marnita was born 6 October, 1961. Marnita is
      the daughter of George Alfred and Janice Marie
      Pennington.

      Children
      1. Hally Celeste Blankenship, born
         7 September, 1986.
      2. Alexerandria Deny Blankenship, born
         6 June 1995.

   2. Donald Eugene Blankenship, born 21 June, 1962
      married Mary Ellen Harris daughter of Thurman
      Lee and Betty Jane Harris. Mary was born 10
      January 1953. They have one foster child and
      one step child.
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1. Christina Elaine Koontz. Foster Child
2. Bernice Joe McCrnank. Step Child

3. Jeffrey Lee Blankenship, born 23 December, 1964 married Caprice Hope Thompson who was born 26 December, 1969. They were married 9 January, 1988. Caprice is the daughter of Jimmy Franklin and Edith Elizabeth Thompson.

Children

1. Rachelle Hope Blankenship, born 2 Sep. 1988


Children

1. Tressie Lynn Lester
2. Lorrie Ann Lester

1. Tressie Lynn Lester, born 1 May, 1970 married Scotty Ray Byrd Who was born 19 December, 1964. They were married 4 March, 1989. He is the son of Annie Dillion. His father is deceased.

Children


Children


4. Rosa Madelene Lester, daughter of Troy Abraham and Ethel Mae (Belcher) Lester born 24 November, 1948 married Carl Norman Graybeal II. Carl was born 13 October, 1938.

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5. Malinda Joann Lester, daughter of Troy Abraham and Ethel Mae (Belcher) Lester, born 7 April, 1951
married Rickey Junior Gilbert on 7 January, 1969.

Children

1. Rickey Joe Gilbert was born 3 July, 1970.

6. Vivian Louise Lester, daughter of Troy Abraham and Ethel Mae (Belcher) Lester born 22 September, 1953
married Jerry Donald Farley on 29 January, 1970.

Children

1. Devona Mechelle Farley
2. Virginia Mae Farley

Children

1. Joshua Blake Farley, born 8 May, 1992

2. Virginia Mae Farley, born 2 March, 1974

Children


7. Curtis Eugene Lester, was born 3 January, 1961.
Curtis married Kathryn Sue Morgan and they were divorced in 1985. Curtis later married Trena Reed
who was the daughter of Denny and Judy Reed. They were divorced 5 May, 1995.

Children by Kathryn

1. Andy Lee Caleb Lester was born 13 April, 1984.

Children by Trena

2. Stevie Dawn Lester was born 28 January, 1989.

6. Tyre Quinton Lester, son of Will Owen and Cosby Catherine (Stanley) Lester married Elsie Mae Spencer
on 21 October, 1943. Elsie is deceased.
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Children

1. Carol Faye Lester was born 21 May, 1944.
2. William Owen Lester was born 15 August, 1946.
3. Tyre Quinton Lester II was born 28 February, 1948.
4. Cosby Sue Lester was born 24 December, 1949.
5. Linda Dale Lester was born 28 January, 1951.
6. Dennis Michael Lester was born 8 December, 1951.
7. Drema Ann Lester was born 12 March, 1955.
10. Timothy Lewis Lester was born 7 July, 1959.
11. Jeanie Raye Lester was born 11 March, 1961. Twin
12. Reannie Kaye Lester was born 11 March, 1961. Twin
13. Richard Eugene Lester was born 11 April, 1962.
15. Lawrence Dewayne Lester was born 5 April, 1966.

7. Polly Margaret Lester, daughter of Will Owen and Cosby Catherine (Stanley) Lester married Paul Shrewsbury.

Children

1. Louellen Shrewsbury
2. Reva Shrewsbury
4. William Shrewsbury
5. Dewey Shrewsbury
6. Robert Shrewsbury

8. Issac Roy Lester, son of Will Owen and Cosby Catherine (Stanley) Lester married Maudie Wood.

Children

1. Issac Robert Lester
2. Catherine Jane Lester
3. Maudie Ruth Lester
4. Shirley Jean Lester
5. Tammy Rose Lester

9. Annie Magdalene "Maggie" Lester, daughter of Will Owen and Cosby Catherine (Stanley) Lester was born 3 June, 1928. Maggie married Luther Stewart Goodwin who was born 12 March, 1928. They were married 31 March, 1948.

Children

1. Dwaine Stewart Goodwin
2. Earl Jackson Goodwin
3. Alma Ann Goodwin
4. Zora Catherine Goodwin
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5. William Dwight Goodwin
6. Jeanne Cecile Goodwin
7. Howard Ray Goodwin
8. Teresa Nadine Goodwin
9. Tracy Nelson Goodwin
10. Tavis Neilson Goodwin

1. Dwaine Stewart Goodwin, son of Luther Stewart and Annie Magdalene (Lester) Goodwin, was born 17 April, 1949. He married Connie Jean Lusk who was born 16 December, 1953. They were married on 31 January, 1970. This marriage ended in divorce.

   Children
   1. Deana Michelle Goodwin was born 17 August, 1970.
   2. Adam Stewart Goodwin was born 24 August, 1978.

2. Earl Jackson Goodwin, son of Luther Stewart and Annie Magdalene (Lester) Goodwin, was born 11 November, 1950. He married Sandra Wall who was born 14 July 1950.

   Children
   1. Tiffany Lynn Goodwin was born 6 July, 1973.

3. Alma Ann Goodwin, daughter of Luther Stewart and Annie Magdalene (Lester) Goodwin, was born 21 March, 1952. She married Roger Cress. Alma and Roger are divorced.

   Children
   1. Kerie Amanda Cress, was born 11 October, 1974.

4. Zora Catherine Goodwin, daughter of Luther Stewart and Annie Magdalene (Lester) Goodwin was born 22 August, 1953. She married John Marvin Milam on 4 December, 1971.

   Children
   1. Cynthia Gaye Milam
   2. Daniel Stewart Milam
   3. Olivia Catherine Milam

   2. Daniel Stewart Milam was born 21 February, 1977
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3. Olivia Catherine Milam was born 9 May, 1990.


   Children
   1. William Russell Goodwin was born 8 June, 1977.
   2. Phillip Wayne Goodwin was born 27 Dec., 1980.

6. Jeanne Cecile Goodwin, daughter of Luther Stewart and Annie Magdalene (Lester) Goodwin, was born 22 January, 1960. Jeanne married Bobby Ray Turner Jr. who was born on 21 April, 1957. They were married on 24 June, 1989.

   Children
   1. Andrew Garett Turner was born 26 August, 1992.

7. Howard Ray Goodwin, son of Luther Stewart and Annie Magdalene (Lester) Goodwin, was born 4 April, 1961. Howard died 11 September, 1980.


   Children
   1. Lauren Ann Lawson was born 20 December, 1992.


10. Travis Neilson Goodwin, son of Luther Stewart and Annie Magdalene (Lester) Goodwin, was born 10 June, 1969. Travis married Carla Jeanine Acord on 26 December, 1987. Carla was born 24 June, 1970. Travis is a twin to Tracy.

   Children
   1. Dustin Stewart Goodwin, was born 13 May, 1991.
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10. Maudie Madeline Lester, daughter of Will Owen and Cosby Catherine (Stanley) Lester was born 6 February, 1931. Maudie married Raymond Sizemore on 16 June, 1948.

Children

1. Mildred Madeline Sizemore
2. Violet Ester Sizemore
3. Raymond Jay Sizemore

   Children
   1. Brian Chauncy
   2. Pamela Chauncy

2. Violet Ester Sizemore married marshall Ross Jr.
   Children
   1. Michelle Chauncy
   2. Jody Chauncy

3. Raymond Jay Sizemore married Janet Batty.
   Children
   1. Jason Sizemore died shortly after he was born.
   2. Heather Sizemore

Mathias Harmon Lester, son of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester born 1892 married Polly Jane Lester. (See later in this chapter under Polly Jane Lester for the ancestry of Polly.)

Children

1. Mazie Ellen Lester
2. Estel Kermit Lester
3. Cecil Edgar Lester
4. Calvin Coolidge Lester
5. Maxine Lester
6. James Harmon Lester

Polly’s children by Warren Ray

7. Lucille Ray
8. Surber Ray
9. Vivian Ray
10. Teresa Ruth Ray
11. Charles Eugene Ray
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1. Mazie Ellen Lester, daughter of Mathias Harmon and Polly Jane (Lester) Lester was born in 1918. She married Lawrence Green who was the son of Jahu and Victoria (Williams) Green. Lawrence was born in 1910 and died in 1972.

Children

1. Lawrence Green Junior
2. Melvin Richard Green
3. Daisy Mae Green
4. Hazel Lee Green
5. Nelva Jean Green
6. Vesta Carolyn Green
7. Sherry Lynn Green
8. Arnie Dale Green

1. Lawrence Green Junior, son of Lawrence and Mazie (Lester) Green was born 3 March, 1941 married Patricia Rhodes on 3 July, 1965. Patricia was born 21 January, 1947. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Darell Rhodes. Lawrence works for Boeing Aircraft. He and his family live in Kent, Washington.

Children

1. Lonnie Carl Green
2. Brenda Kay Green

1. Lonnie Carl Green, born 4 March, 1966 married Cindy _?

Children

1. Carissa Frances was born 19 July, 1986.
2. Jeremiah Green was born 27 August, 1987.

Step children of Lonnie Carl Green

3. Aimee Nicole Green was born 1981.
4. Aaron Green was born 7 December, 1983.

2. Brenda Kay Green was born 23 December, 1969.

2. Melvin Richard Green, son of Lawrence and Mazie (Lester) Green born 25 April, 1943 married Ethel Nancy Ruth Reeves on 16 March, 1968. She was born 20 December, 1948. She is the daughter of Charles & Nellie Reeves. Melvin is Retired from General Telephone Co. and lives at Welch, West Virginia.
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Children

1. Frances Diane Green
2. Melvin Richard Green Junior
3. Bonnie Michelle Green

1. Frances Diane Green, born 1 July, 1969 married Ranal Vince Morgan, son of Clete and Betty Morgan.

   Children

   1. Courtney Nicole Green (Frances had previously) was born 14 April, 1989.


3. Bonnie Michelle Green was born 18 November, 1979.

3. Daisy Mae Green, daughter of Lawrence and Mazie (Lester) Green born 31 December, 1944 married #1 Cecil Howard Criss Jr. They were married 14 September, 1965. Cecil was born 29 December, 1945. He is the son of Cecil and Charlotte (O’Neal) Criss. They were divorced and Daisy then married Larry Cline Lilly on 15 August, 1976. Larry was born on 2 May, 1948. In 1991 Daisy divorced Larry Lilly and remarried Howard Criss Jr. on 30 January, 1993. Larry is the son of Archie and Gladys (Lane) Lilly.

Children by Cecil Criss Jr.

1. Sheila Dawn Criss
2. Cecil Howard Criss
3. Sherry Renay Criss

Children by Larry Cline Lilly

4. Lisa Michelle Lilly, born 1977
5. Amy Carol Lilly, born 1981


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2. Cecil Howard Criss, born 18 November, 1968
   married Jennifer Lea Montoya, daughter of
   Anthony and Karen Montoya. They were married

   Children with Elizabeth Frigate

   Children with Jennifer Lea

   Lonnie Samuel Lester Junior. Lonnie was born
   24 March, 1973. He is the son of Lonnie S.
   Senior and Patty Lester and grandson of Ezra
   and Linda (Belcher) Lester.

   Children
   1. Lonnie Lester Junior III, born 2 August,

   2. Kody Lawrence Lester was born 28 May, 1995.

   4. Lisa Michelle Lilly, daughter of Larry Cline
      and Daisy Mae (Green) Lilly 23 May, 1977.

   5. Amy Carol Lilly, daughter of Larry Cline and
      Daisy Mae (Green) Lilly was born 23 Feb. 1981.

4. Hazel Lee Green, daughter of Lawrence and Mazie
   (Lester) Green was born 29 July, 1946 married
   Ronnie Gale Coomes who was born 10 April, 1943.
   He is the son of Howard and Lola Coomes. They
   were married 8 July, 1972.

   Children
   1. Robin Ellen Coomes
   2. Michael Howard Coomes
   3. Ronnie Gale Coomes Junior
   4. Jonathan Carr Coomes
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1. Robin Ellen Coomes, born 4 June, 1969 married Mark Scales, son of Samuel and Doris Scales. They were married on 4 October, 1989.

Children


2. Michael Howard Coomes, born 2 December, 1972 has a son by Angela Short.

Children

1. Tyler Scott Short was born 14 Jan. 1993.

3. Ronnie Gale Coomes Jr. was born 21 July, 1976.


5. Nelva Jean Green, daughter of Lawrence and Mazie (Lester) Green, born 11 May, 1948 married Benny Wayne Cannady, son of Ben and Anna Mae Cannady. They divorced and Nelva then married Bobby Calfee and they were divorced.

Children by Benny

1. Dana Marie Cannady, born 30 March, 1974
2. Benny DeWayne Cannady, born 19 December, 1975
3. Regina Lynn Cannady, born 21 March, 1979

6. Vesta Carolyn Green, daughter of Lawrence and Mazie (Lester) Green, born 15 July, 1949, married Harry Lee Nester. Harry was born 14 May, 1933. He was killed as a result of a truck falling on him on 4 September, 1979. He is buried at Bluewell, West Virginia. Vesta then married Clinton Donald Green who was born on 2 July, 1934. Donald died from a heart attack on 19 July, 1986. On 31 August, 1990 Vesta married Thomas Lee Hurley who was born 28 April, 1943. He is the son of Edward and Agnes Hurley. They were married on 31 August, 1990.

Children by Harry Nester

1. Bessie Carol Nester
2. Harry Lee Nester Jr.

1. Bessie Carol Nester, born 27 November, 1970 married Robert Lee Bishop Junior on 12 October, 1993. He is the son of Robert Senior and Helen Bishop. Bessie also has a son by John Wagner
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Children

1. Justin Tylor Wagner (Had before her marriage to Robert) Born 29 February, 1992
2. Taylor Elaine Bishop, born 8 June, 1994
2. Harry Lee Nester Jr. was born 22 November, 1975
7. Sherry Lynn Green, daughter of Lawrence and Mazie (Lester) Green was born 18 February, 1954. She married Paul Wesley Phipps on 31 July, 1972. Paul was born 4 June, 1954 and is the son of Wake and Hazel (Nester) Phipps. Sherry divorced Wesley and married Jerry Lee Morgan on 17 August, 1990. Jerry was born 27 April, 1950 and is the son of Willie and Helen Morgan. Sherry and Jerry were married on 31 August, 1990.

Children by Sherry Green and Paul Phipps

1. Trisha Lynn Phipps was born 19 April, 1975.
2. John Albert Phipps was born 24 August, 1980.

8. Arnie Dale Green, born on 1 October, 1956 was the son of Lawrence and Mazie (Lester) Green. Arnie married Linda Lane in 1975. Arnie died on 22 July, 1986 of a massive heart attack. He is buried at the Palm Memorial Gardens in Matheny, West Virginia.

Children

1. Daniel Lawrence Green, born 13 May, 1978
2. Estel Kermit Lester, son of Mathias Harmon and Polly Jane (Lester) Lester was born in 1919 and died in 1973. He married Mae Whitt who was born in 1926 and died in 1980.

Children

1. Lola Mae Lester
2. Estel Quinten Lester (Deceased)
3. Clinton Lee Lester
4. Lois Jean Lester
5. Lena Lester

Cecil Edgar Lester, son of Mathias Harmon and Polly Jane (Lester) Lester was born in 1921.

Children

1. James Edgar Harmon Lester
2. Polly Pearl Lester, died as an infant.

4. Calvin Coolidge Lester, son of Mathias Harmon and Polly Jane (Lester) Lester was born in 1924. He died in 1978.

5. Maxine Lester, daughter of Mathias Harmon and Polly Jane (Lester) Lester was born in 1926. She married Harold Woosley,

Children

1. Butch Woosley
2. Benny Woosley
3. Sherry Woosley

6. James Harmon Lester, son of Mathias Harmon and Polly Jane (Lester) Lester was born in 1928 and died in 1948.

7. Lucille Ray, daughter of Warren Ray and Polly Jane (Lester) Lester married William Shrader. Her second husband was Norman Drake.

Children by William

1. Jimmy Shrader
2. Eddie Drake

8. Surber Ray, son of Warren Ray and Polly Jane (Lester) Lester was born in 1933. He married Ethel Whitt.

Children by Ethel


2. Thomas Ray

Children by

3. Diane Ray
4. Bernice Ray
5. Teresa Ray
6. Stephine Ray

Children
1. Donna Shrewsburry
2. Debra Shrewsburry
3. Diane Shrewsburry


Children
2. Susan Cross
3. Wendy Cross
4. Beverly Cross

11. Charles Eugene Ray, was the son of Warren Ray and Polly Jane (Lester) Lester.

Children
1. Charles Ray
2. Warren Ray
3. Tamara Ray

8. Ralph Bogle Lester, son of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester, born 28 April, 1894 married Rebecca Frances Mitchem who was born 3 March, 1898.

Children
1. Vada Mae Lester
2. Letha Louise Lester
3. Elzie Eula Lester
4. Susie Alice Lester
5. Polly Frances Lester
6. Lacy Edward Lester
7. Viola Lee Lester
8. James Connelley Lester
9. Luther Preston Lester

1. Vada Mae Lester, daughter of Ralph Bogle and Rebecca (Mitchem) Lester was born 28 April, 1918. She married Kelly Wiles in 1940.

Children
1. Lee Wiles was born 29 March, 1941. He married Marcella Smith.
Children
1. Charles Lee Wiles
2. Kathy Wiles
3. Melissa Wiles

2. Letha Lester, daughter of Ralph Bogle and Rebecca (Mitchem) Lester was born 12 April, 1921. Leatha married William Fred Sizemore on 31 July, 1936.

Children
1. Loretta Marie Sizemore
2. William Ambrose Sizemore
3. Calvin Emmett Sizemore
4. Glenna Kaye Sizemore


Children
1. Donna Loraine Lawson, married Gary Wayne Asbury

Children

2. William Ambrose Sizemore, was born 3 April, 1940. He married Florina Faye Shrewsbury in 1965.

Children
1. William Gregory Sizemore was born 19 May, 1966.
2. Lenora Rena Sizemore was born 19 May, 1967.


Children
1. Kenneth Lester, stepson
2. Wayne Lester, stepson
3. Brian Laxton, stepson
4. Kandie Sizemore
5. Kellie Jo Sizemore
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4. Glenna Kaye Sizemore, born 30 December, 1948
   married Lyndall Wayne Dunn on 7 September, 1968

   Children
   1. Teresa Lynn Dunn, born 24 July, 1970
   2. Anthony Wayne Dunn, born 31 December, 1977

3. Elzie Eula Lester, son of Ralph Bogle and Rebecca
   (Mitchem) Lester was born 29 June, 1923. He married
   Bertha Louise Toler. She was born 11 January, 1926.
   Died 7 October, 1975. Elzie then married Zida Athlene
   Cook on 2 May, 1976.

   Children
   1. Larry Dale Lester
   2. Rebecca Lynn Lester
   3. Elzie Eugene Lester
   4. Esther Kay Lester

   1. Larry Dale Lester was born 30 September, 1937.

   2. Rebecca Lynn Lester born, 5 November, 1952 married
      Sonny Ray Hopkins.

   3. Elzie Eugene Lester born, 4 December, 1956 married
      Rose Darlene Combs.

      Children

4. Esther Kay Lester, born 8 May, 1958 married Michael

      Children

4. Susie Alice Lester, daughter of Ralph Bogle and Rebecca
   (Mitchem) Lester born 26 June, 1927 married Alford
   Miller in 1950. Susie was killed in a car accident.

   Children
   1. Phillip Miller
   2. Gary Miller
   3. Ralph Miller
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5. Polly Frances Lester, daughter of Ralph Bogle and Rebecca (Mitchem) Lester was born 26 March, 1929. She married Millard Frank Sizemore on 7 April, 1945. Children

1. Connie Sue Sizemore
2. Wanda Louise Sizemore
3. Janice May Sizemore
4. Mary Frances Sizemore
5. Jesse Howard Sizemore


Children
1. Sherri Cook
2. Carla Cook


Children
1. Tina Louise Smith
2. Amanda Lea Smith


Children

5. Jesse Howard Sizemore married Peggy Jean Paugh on 1 April, 1975.

Children
1. Christopher Jason Sizemore

6. Lacy Edward Sizemore, son of Ralph Bogle and Rebecca (Mitchem) Lester was born 28 March, 1931. He married Mary Iva Cook on 12 April, 1952.

Children
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1. Kenneth Edward Lester
2. Daniel Joe Lester
3. Teresa Carol Lester

1. Kenneth Edward Lester married Dianne Riley
   Children

   1. Jessica Lester
   2. Andrea Lester

2. Daniel Joe Lester was born 5 July, 1954.

3. Teresa Carol Lester was born 5 July, 1955.

7. Viola Lee Lester, daughter of Ralph Bogle and Rebecca
   (Mitchem) Lester was born 4 November, 1932. She
   married Max Correll Jr. They divorced and she then
   married James Dickerson on 25 April, 1980.

8. James Connelley Lester, son of Ralph Bogle and Rebecca
   (Mitchem) Lester was born 14 July, 1936. He married
   Lillie Pickeron. They divorced and James married
   Patricia Johnson on 19 January, 1969.

   Children by Lillie

   1. Keith Lester
   2. James Lester
   3. Kathy Lester
   4. Richard Lester

   Children by Patricia

   5. Jaime Lester
   6. Timothy Lester
   7. Letha Gail Lester

9. Luther Preston Lester, son of Ralph Bogle and Rebecca
   (Mitchem) Lester was born 24 June, 1938. He

9. Lewis Lester, son of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester
   was born 5 February, 1896. Lewis married Polly Bishop.
   Polly was born 10 November, 1898. Lewis served in the
   U. S. Army during the late teens.

   Children

   1. Bessie May Lester
   2. Ruby Ethel Lester
   3. Jack Thomas Lester
   4. Carl Fraley Lester
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5. Nellie Charlotte Lester
6. Alonzo "Lonnie" Boyd Lester
7. Bernard Eugene Lester

1. Bessie May Lester, daughter of Lewis and Polly (Bishop) Lester was born 10 November, 1918. She married Otto Duscha. Otto was born October, 1907. Bessie and Otto both are deceased.

Children

1. Jimmy Duscha
2. Ruby Ethel Lester, daughter of Lewis and Polly (Bishop) Lester was born 11 February, 1921. Ruby married Otto Ferguson on 6 November, 1943. Ruby lives in Florida. Otto is deceased.

Children

1. Ernest O. Ferguson
2. Daniel Lee Ferguson
3. Gary Eugene Ferguson

1. Ernest O. Ferguson son of Otto and Ruby (Lester) Ferguson was born 8 September, 1944. He married Mary Ann Gephart who was born 23 August, 1953. They were married in 1980.

Children

1. Sean Patrick Ferguson
2. Jenny Suzanne Ferguson


Children

1. Lauryn is Sean's step-daughter, probably Laura's daughter by a previous marriage.


Children
1. Matthew Daniel Ferguson
2. Rachel Laine Ferguson

1. Matthew Ferguson was born 5 June, 1974


Children
1. Melissa Marie Ferguson
2. Natasha Nicole Ferguson
3. Amanda Kay Ferguson

1. Melissa Marie Ferguson was born 15 July, 1978.
2. Natasha Nicole Ferguson was born 12 April, 1981.
3. Amanda Kay Ferguson was born 30 December, 1985.

3. Jack Thomas Lester, son of Lewis and Polly (Bishop) Lester was born 18 May, 1922. He married Stella Erick. Jack and Stella either divorced or she died and Jack married Lena Majors.

Children
1. Linda Sue Lester

1. Linda Sue Lester married Billy/Bobby Joe Wright who killed her in a fit of jealousy. He then took his own life. This happened in 1988.

4. Carl Fraley Lester, son of Lewis and Polly (Bishop) Lester was born 21 April, 1925. Carl married Lessie O'Neal who was the daughter of Andy and Laura O'Neal. Carl and Lessie live at Herndon Heights, West Virginia.
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Children
1. Charlotte Lester
2. Bonnie Lester

Step-children
1. Larry Sansom
2. Clara Sansom
3. Kathy Sansom

5. Nellie Charlotte Lester, daughter of Lewis and Polly (Bishop) Lester was born 2 February, 1927. She married Herbert Peppel in 1950. Herbert was born 13 February, 1927.

Children
1. Temperance Peppel
2. Connie Peppel
3. Patience Peppel


Children
1. Kenny Frey
2. Heather Frey

2. Connie Peppel married Joseph Haragin

Children
1. Tiffany Haragin
2. Terezia Haragin

3. Patience Peppel married Cliff hammock

Children
1. Tamara Hammock
2. Rachel Hammock

6. Alonzo "Lonnie" Boyd Lester, son of Lewis and Polly (Bishop) Lester was born 27 March, 1929. Lonnie was never married. I have many fond memories of playing with Lonnie when we were young boys. At the time I knew we were related but didn’t know in what way. Lonnie is deceased.
7. Bernard Eugene Lester, son of Lewis and Polly (Bishop) Lester was born 15 October, 1930. Bernard was adopted at a young age by his Uncle John and Aunt Vida Martin. Bernard goes by the name of Martin. He married Charlotte Arfa who was born 30 November, 1936. They live in Michigan.

Children

1. Alan Martin
2. Linda Martin
3. Karen Ann Martin


Children

1. Peter Martin
2. Jaclyn Martin

1. Peter Martin was born 10 October, 1986.
2. Jaclyn Martin was born 28 March, 1990.

2. Linda Martin, daughter of Bernard and Charlotte (Arfa) Martin, born 1 October, 1958 was married and divorced.

Children

1. Rebecca Donn was born 9 March, 1991.

3. Karen Ann Martin was born 25 September, 1962. She was married and divorced and has no children.

10. Susie Lester was the daughter of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester. John was the son of Abner Hulon and Mariah (Wolf) Lester. Anna was the daughter of William Floyd Jr. and Mary (Milam) Belcher. Susie married Jesse Yates.

Children

1. Floyd Yates
2. Oma Lee Yates
3. Henry Yates
4. Mabel Yates
5. Annie Yates
6. Mary Yates
7. Harold Yates
8. Lucille Yates
1. Floyd Yates burned to death in a housefire in Maryland.

11. Lee McChesney Lester, son of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester was killed at a railroad crossing at Herndon, West Virginia. Lee was in his teens.

3. Ray Bogle Lester, son of Abner Hulon and Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester was born 10 March, 1856. Ray married Sarah Alifair Bishop on 25 September, 1880. Alifair was born circa 1857. Alifair died sometime later and Ray Bogle married Sarah E. Belcher on 2 October, 1901. Sarah E. was born 1873. Ray became a very well known and respected doctor. He died 15 February, 1924. He is buried in the Bud Cemetery at Bud, West Virginia. Dr. Bogle could have had children with Sarah E. Belcher, but at this time I have no information.

Here is a brief rundown of the ancestry of Sarah Alifair Bishop...

William F. Belcher Sr. and Sarah Elizabeth (Kingrey) Belcher were the parents of William F. Belcher Jr. who married Mary Milam. They were the parents of Sarah Belcher who married John W. Bishop. They were the parents of Sarah Alifair Bishop. Alifair was the sister to Rebecca Bishop who married William Floyd Lester, brother to Dr. Ray Bogle Lester.

Children of Dr. Bogle and Sarah Alifair

1. Johnny Lester
2. David Lester
3. Betty Lester married William Jenkins
4. Della Lester
5. Erma Lester
6. Rebecca Levica Lester
7. Polly Lester
8. William Floyd Lester
*9. Polly Jane Lester

6. Rebecca Levica Lester, daughter of Ray Bogle and Sarah Alifair (Bishop) Lester was born 1881. She married Willie Anderson Rinehart, son of Eliza, on 24 November, 1900.

7. Polly Lester, daughter of Dr. Ray Bogle and Alifair (Bishop) Lester, born 8 January, 1883, married Riley McKinney. Polly And Riley were school teachers. They taught at many of the little schools such as Spider, Bud and Hickory Ridge in Wyoming County, West Virginia.

Children

1. Daisy McKinney married Joe Barbagllo
2. James McKinney married Lola Adams. James is deceased
3. Lucy McKinney married Joe Cella. Lucy is deceased
4. George McKinney married Ruby Udy. George is deceased
5. Mossie McKinney married Kelly Sizemore, son of Allen Sizemore. Mossie was born 10 April, 1914. Kelly was born 17 September, 1916.
6. Tom McKinney married Katie (Beverly) Gorby
7. Betty McKinney married Lloyd Howerton
8. Marie McKinney married Johnny Burgess

8. William Floyd Lester, son of Ray Bogle and Sarah Alifair (Bishop) Lester born 1 September, 1884 married Gennie Maynard on 22 July, 1908. Gennie was born 1878.

* According to information given to me by Daisy Green, Dr. Ray Bogle Lester also had a child with Sarah Rebecca O’Neal. The child was......

* 9. Polly Jane Lester, married Mathias Harmon Lester. Polly was born 11 February, 1898. She died 19 March, 1984. For the descendants of Polly and Mathias Harmon see Mathias Harmon Lester earlier in this chapter.

Note: All names that has a (-) after the number are not necessarily set on the right generation scale and are for general information only.

Children of Sarah (Belcher) Bishop and John W. Bishop

1- John Turner Bishop married Charlotte Lester.
2- David Crockett Bishop married Paridine Lester.
3- William Patton Bishop married Charlotte Levienne O’Neal.
4- Sarah Alifair Bishop married Dr. Ray Bogle Lester.
5- Betty Bishop married Hiram O’Neal.
6- Mary Ann Bishop, born 1886 married Floyd O’Neal.
7- Nancy Ann Bishop born 1870 married Samuel Patton Mitchem born 1870. They married 2-4-1890.
8- Rebecca Bishop born 1873 married William Floyd Lester born 1867. Married on 18 July, 1892.

The ancestry and descendants of Sarah Rebecca O’Neal is as follows. Jackie Acord married....The parents of Nickiti Cherokee. Nickiti Cherokee married John Wolf O’Neal.

Their Children

1- Sarah Rebecca O’Neal married Jim Hager, John Bishop, and Noah Belcher.
2- William Matthew “Billy” O’Neal married Louisa Elizabeth Lester.
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3- Hiram O’Neal married Betty Bishop.
5- Daniel O’Neal
6- Rim O’Neal
7- Mary O’Neal
8- Joseph O’Neal
9- Andy O’Neal

Sarah Rebecca O’Neal had the following children.

4- Polly Jane Lester, by Dr. Ray Bogle Lester
2- James Acord (Father not known by me.)
3- Nancy Ann Mitchem, (Father unknown by me) married Walter Scott, John Harman, and William Floyd Lester who was previously married to Mariah E. (Lane) Lester.
4- Roby Mills (Father unknown by me) married Rosa Whitt.
5- Hobert Brumfield (Father unknown by me)

4. Polly Ann Lester, (Granny Poll) (Sometimes listed as Mary Ann) daughter of Abner Hulon and Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester was born in 1857. She married Alexander Martin Lane who was born in 1852. Alexander’s father was Rev. John Alfred Lane, who married Stacy Green in 1854 and also married Esther Ramey ??????. John Alfred Lanes father was another Alexander Lane. His mother was Ann Lane, as previously written. See the Lane section in Chapter 2 of this book for her descendents. Also many descendents in this chapter under Mariah Lane, daughter of Polly and Alexander.

5. Louisa Elizabeth Lester, daughter of Abner Hulon and Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester was born circa 1861. She married William "Billy" Matthew O’Neal on 22 January, 1884. William was born circa 1864.

Children
1. William Floyd O’Neal
2. Charlotte Levienna O’Neal
3. Daniel H. O’Neal, born 1891 married Martha Mitchem
4. Rebecca O’Neal born 1896
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5. Marion J. O’Neal (daughter) born 1898
6. Nancy O’Neal married John Woods
7. Isabelle O’Neal married Mike Cannaday
8. Ida O’Neal married Jess Copley, and Dell McCoy
9. Ada O’Neal married Martha Olga Lester, daughter of Will
   Owen and Cosby Catherine (Stanley) Lester. (See Martha
   Olga under Will Owen Lester earlier in this chapter).
10. Andy O’Neal married Laura Mitchem

(The above O’Neal children are not necessarily in the right
order of birth)

1. William Floyd O’Neal, son of William Matthew and Louisa
   Elizabeth (Lester) O’Neal was born 1885. He married Mary
   Ann Bishop, daughter of John W. and Sarah (Belcher) Bishop.
   They were married on 3 July, 1909.
   Children
   1. Tilda Mae O’Neal
   2. Robert Roosevelt O’Neal
   3. Laura Ethel O’Neal
   4. John Edward O’Neal
   5. Abraham Lincoln O’Neal
   6. Grant Hulan O’Neal
   7. Jamaica Mary O’Neal
   8. James McKinley O’Neal
   9. Fay Magdalene O’Neal

2. Charlotte Levienna O’Neal, daughter of William Matthew and
   Louisa Elizabeth (Lester) O’Neal was born circa 1886.
   Charlotte married William Patton Bishop on 1 August, 1903.
   Patton was born circa 1880. He was the son of John W.
   Bishop and Sarah (Belcher) Bishop.
   Children
   1. Lilly Mae Bishop
   2. William Harrison Bishop
   3. Rosa Bell Bishop
   4. Henry David Bishop
   5. Benjamin Franklin Bishop
   6. Christopher Columbus Bishop
   7. Louisa Jane Bishop
   8. William McKinley Bishop
   9. Martha Ethel Bishop
   10. Mary Madeline Bishop
   11. Milas Levon bishop
1. Lilly Mae Bishop, daughter of William Patton and Charlotte Levienna (O'Neal) Bishop, born 25 April, 1905 married Sam Hylton.

Children

1. Mae Hylton
2. Virginia Hylton
3. Sam McDonald Hylton
4. Dora Hylton
5. Henry Hylton
6. Sylvia Hylton
7. Sadie Hylton
8. Goldie Hylton
9. Mary Lou Hylton
10. Bobby Hylton

1. Mae Hylton, daughter of Sam and Lilly (Bishop) Hylton married Clarence Green.

Children

1. William Green married Wanda _____?

Children

1. William Green Junior
2. John Lee Green
3. Wanda Lynn Green

Step-children

4. Robert Charles Ruble
5. Thresa Ruble

2. Virginia Hylton, daughter of Sam and Lilly (Bishop) Hylton married George Ward. George is deceased.

Children


Children

1. Jennifer Renee Ward

3. Sam McDonald "Don" Hylton, son of Sam and Lilly (Bishop) Hylton was born 2 February, 1929. Don married Bobbette Lewis. Don retired from the U.S. Navy. Bobbette is a native of California.
Children

1. Leslie Hylton
2. Mark Hylton
3. Fiona Hylton

1. Leslie Hylton, daughter of Sam McDonald and Bobbette (Lewis) Hylton, born 11 February, 1956 married Gary Bishop, son of Shirley and Alma Jane Bishop, Gary was born 4 September, 1956.

Children

1. Shane Bishop was born 6 October, 1977.

2. Mark Hylton, son of Sam McDonald and Bobbette (Lewis) Hylton, born 20 February, 1958 married Valerie Little who was born 12 August, 1960.

Children

1. Keith Hylton was born 10 October, 1981.
2. Monica Hylton was born 7 August, 1986.


Children

1. Ernie Bennett was born 15 January, 1981.
2. Melanie Bennett was born 21 February, 1982.


Children

1. Butch Sizemore
2. Wanda Sizemore
3. Wayne Sizemore

1. Butch Sizemore, son of Harrison Junior and Dora (Hylton) Sizemore, was born 12 October, 1949. Butch married Donna Mitchum who was born 29 August, 1950.
Children

1. Skip Sizemore was born 8 June, 1971.
2. Deanne Sizemore was born 19 March, 1976.
3. Eric Sizemore was born 22 February, 1974.
4. Kevin Sizemore was born 17 September, 1975.

2. Wanda Sizemore, daughter of Harrison Junior and Dora (Hylton) Sizemore, born 24 August, 1951 married Eddie Dunn.

Children

1. Scott Dunn was born 14 June, 1971.

3. Wayne Sizemore, son of Harrison Junior and Dora (Hylton) Sizemore, born 8 September, 1953 married....

#1 Debbie Lawson
#2 Darlene Belcher
#3 Donna Lipscomb

Children

1. Wayne Sizemore Junior
2. Monica Sizemore
3. Jessica Sizemore

5. Henry Hylton, son of Sam and Lilly (Bishop) Hylton, born 9 August, 1932 married Olia Bell who was born 5 March, 1934.

Children

1. Stacy Hylton
2. Anna Hylton
3. Melanie Hylton

1. Stacy Hylton, born 16 May, 1954 married
   #1 Becky Miller
   #2 Cheryl Lester

Children by Becky

1. Eric Hylton was born 3 April, 1976.

Children by Cheryl

2. Amy Hylton was born 17 August, 1986.
3. Elizabeth Hylton was born 16 June, 1992.

2. Anna Hylton was born 1 September, 1962.

6. Sylvia Hylton, daughter of Sam and Lilly (Bishop) Hylton, born 10 April, 1934 married Donzel Hill who was born 7 April, 1931.

Children

1. Marinda Hill
2. Pamela Hill
3. Timmy Hill
4. Sam Hill


Children

1. Otto Brown Junior was born 17 October, 1977
2. Billie Jo Brown was born 12 May, 1975.
4. Gerrette Hylton was born 23 May, 1992.


Children

2. Amanda was born 3 February, 1976.
3. Chance was born 26 August, 1984.
4. Dakota was born 21 April, 1987.
5. Blaze was born 24 February, 1993.


Children

1. Eric Hill was born 20 April, 1984.
2. Christina Hill was born 19 June, 1985.

4. Sam Hill was born 4 April, 1971.
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7. Sadie Hylton, daughter of Sam and Lilly (Bishop) Hylton, born 5 January, 1936 married David Bishop, son of Alonzo and Virgie Ethel (Billings) Bishop. David was born 5 November, 1934.

Children

1. Rebecca Bishop
2. David Bishop
3. Daniel Bishop
4. Beverly Bishop
5. Glenda Bishop
6. Carlos Bishop


Children

1. Christopher Muncer was born 27 March, 1983.
2. Matthew Muncer
3. David Muncer was born 13 December, 1986.


Children

1. Christopher Bishop was born 23 May, 1986.
2. Robert Bishop was born 26 June, 1991.
3. Daniel Bishop, son of David and Sadie (Hylton) Bishop, born 30 March, 1963 married Joann___?


5. Glenda Bishop, daughter of David and Sadie (Hylton) Bishop, born 3 July, 1964 married Wayne Roberts.

Children

1. Anthony Roberts was born 9 October, 1986.
2. Ashley Roberts was born 9 August, 1987.
3. Amanda Roberts was born 10 June, 1989.

6. Carlos Bishop, son of David and Sadie (Hylton) Bishop, born 28 October, 1971 is not married.

Children

1. Phyllis Jacobs
2. Ivy Lynn Jacobs
3. Barry Jacobs
4. Brian Jacobs

1. Phyllis Jacobs married Ricky Birth.

Children

1. Cheryl Lynn

2. Ivy Lynn Jacobs married David Rucher.

Children

1. David Justin Rucher


Children

1. Randall Isom
2. Kenneth Isom
3. Eddie Isom
4. Bobby Isom

1. Randall Isom, born 25 September, 1960 married Rita ___?


Children

1. Breann Isom was born 6 April, 1990.

3. Eddie Isom, born 12 April, 1966 Married Diana Sparks who was born 5 August, 1967.

4. Bobby Isom was born 6 October, 1968.

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Children


2. Bradley Hylton was born 4 October, 1980.
3. Tracy (adopted) was born 17 September, 1970.


Children

1. Elizabeth June Bishop
2. Monte Bishop
3. Lola Beatrice Bishop
4. Linda Mae Bishop
5. Velma Dean Bishop
6. Oliver Lee Bishop
7. Dorothy Marie Bishop
8. Lewis Wayne Bishop
9. Judy Carol Bishop
10. Nancy Irene Bishop
11. Mary Ellen Bishop
12. Kathy Rebecca Bishop


Children

1. Debra Kay Mills
2. Lisa Carol Mills
3. Tammy Sue Mills
4. Allison Gay Mills
5. Rita Faye Mills

1. Debra Kay mills married Russel Shrewsbury.

2. Lisa Carol Mills married Ronnie O’Neal.

Children

1. Ronnie Mills Junior
2. Laura Ann Mills

3. Tammy Sue Mills married Danny O’Neal

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1. Danny O’Neal
2. Shelia O’Neal

4. Allison Gay Mills married Kermit Lambert
   Children
   1. Kermit Eugene Lambert

5. Rita Faye Mills married David Lambert
   Children
   1. Sandra Lambert
   2. Travis Lambert

   Children
   1. Danny Harrison Bishop
   2. Kelly Leigh Bishop
   3. Monte Bishop Junior
   4. Lorie Ann Bishop
   5. Shari Lynn Bishop

1. Danny Harrison Bishop married Debbie Trail.
   Children
   1. Chastity Dawn Bishop
   2. Linda Sue Bishop
   3. Brandon Corey Bishop

2. Kelly Leigh Bishop married Danny Malmsten
   Children
   1. Daniel Lee Malmsten

3. Monte Bishop Junior married Robin Young.
   Children
   1. Cassandra Bishop
   2. Monte Bishop

   Children
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1. Daniel Bass

5. Shari Lynn Bishop married Emory Watters.
   Children
   1. Adrianne Watters

   Children
   1. Vince Ray McKinney
   2. Judith Darlene McKinney
   3. Sharon Louise McKinney
   4. Sandra Ann McKinney
   5. Charles McKinney
   6. Richard Gayle McKinney
   7. Wanda Kay McKinney
   8. Delta Dawn McKinney

2. Judith Darlene McKinney married #1 Ray Foley #2 Bill Light
   Children
   1. Crystal
   2. Beatrice
   3. Billy Joe
   4. Ray

   8. Delta Dawn McKinney married King Horevath

4. Linda Mae Bishop, daughter of Harrison and Ruby (McKinney) Bishop married #1 Carl Lee McKinney #2 Amos Reed
   Children
   1. Deanna Lynn
   2. Beulah Mae
   3. Billy Ray
   4. Phillip David
   5. Wayne
   6. Charles Quinton
   7. Leona Marie Reed
   8. Melinda Lee

   1. Deanna Lynn married Ray Reed
   Children
1. Coy Lee Reed
2. Randy Reed
3. Christina Reed

   Children
   1. Thomas Wilson

   Children
   1. Renee Ellen

5. Wayne was raised by Kathy and Danny Dunn

8. Melinda Lee married Bobby Kesner

5. Velma Dean Bishop, daughter of Harrison and Ruby (McKinney) Bishop was born 19 December, 1944. She married Virgil Eugene Whitt, son of Virgil Eugene and Aileen (Meadows) Whitt. They were married 14 October, 1961.

   Children
   1. Jesse Eugene Whitt
   2. Larry William Whitt
   3. Aileen Annette Whitt
   4. Jerry Dean Whitt
   5. David Harrison Whitt
   6. Tammy Sue Whitt
   8. Roger Wayne Whitt
   9. Wanda Marie Whitt

1. Jesse Eugene Whitt was born 27 August, 1961

   Children of Jesse and Sharon Mills

   Jesse's Step-children
   1. Michael Lee Mills, born 12 April, 1971
   2. Thomas Eugene Mills, born 29 Nov. 1976
   3. Leanna aren Mills, born 26 July, 1979
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2. Larry William Whitt, born 28 October, 1962
   married Wilma Jean Beaver. They divorced and
   Larry later married Crystal Dorsey.

   Children by Wilma
   1. Tabatha Jean Whitt, born 17 December, 1980
   2. Larry William Whitt, born 23 December, 1982

   Children by Crystal
   4. Elizabeth Louise Whitt, born 1993

3. Aileen Annette Whitt, born 14 May, 1964
   Steven was born 26 February, 1957. They are
   now divorced. Ailene later married Benny Joe
   Hodges on 20 Jan. 1993. Benny was born 7-7-60.

   Children by Michael

4. Jerry Dean Whitt, son of Virgil Eugene and
   Velma Dean (Bishop) Whitt was born 16 July,
   1965. Jerry married Twila Devona Lester,
   daughter of Willie Everett and Freda Lorene
   (Whitt) Lester. Twila was born 11 November,
   1969 in Elkton Maryland. They were married on
   12 March, 1989. This information also listed
   under the Willie Lester family.

   Children
   1. Gerri Devona Whitt was born 26 January,
      1990 in Mt. Airy, North Carolina.
   2. Adam Dean Whitt was born 4 December, 1991
      in Beckley, West Virginia.
   3. Amanda Lorene Whitt was born 22 April, 1994
      in Beckley, WV. Weighed 5 Lb. 13.5 oz.

5. David Harrison Whitt, born 12 July, 1966
   married Tracie Michelle Bobbitt who was born 4
   May 1968. They were married 17 February, 1990.
   They have no children.

Children
1. Lora Loraine McKinney born 5 March, 1985

7. Kenneth Charles is single and "LOVING" it.


Children
1. Heidi Judiette Easques (step-child) born 30 September, 1984
2. Tiffany Lourders Whitt, born 25 July, 1993

9. Wanda Marie Whitt, born 5 March, 1972 married Jose Faustino Castillo who was born 17 February 1965. They were married 12 March, 1989.

6. Oliver Lee Bishop, son of Harrison and Ruby (McKinney) Bishop married Joyce Ann Whitt

Children
1. Melissa Lee Whitt
2. Teresa Yvonne Whitt

1. Melissa Lee Whitt married Melvin Raye

Children
1. Jessica Dione

2. Teresa Yvonne Whitt, Child...Nicole

7. Dorothy Marie Bishop, daughter of Harrison and Ruby (McKinney) Bishop married Jim Green.

Children
1. Ruby Marie Green
2. Mary Susan Green
3. Samuel Ned Green
4. Jaqueline Rose Green
1. Ruby Marie Green
   Children
   1. Terri Lee
   2. Amber Sue

2. Mary Susan Green married Don Hubard.
   Children
   1. Cindy Hubard
   2. Julie Hubard

   Children
   1. Crystal Dawn Green


8. Lewis Wayne Bishop, son of Harrison and Ruby (McKinney) Bishop married Virginia Lester.
   Children
   1. Jennifer Louise Bishop
   2. Tessie Christine Bishop

   Children
   2. Kenneth Ray Lambert

   Children
   1. Charles Quinton Pendry

   Children
   1. Ruby Mae Mullins
   2. Cynthia Lynn Mullins
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3. George William Mullins
4. Van Buren Mullins


Children

1. Daniel Joe Dunn was born 7 December, 1973.
2. Angela Marie Dunn
3. Vanessa Daye Dunn was born 1 February, 1978.

2. Angela Marie Dunn, born 1 April, 1975 married Curtis Ratcliff who was born 23 September, 1974


Children

1. Ted Stanley
2. Ramona Stanley
3. Rosalyn Stanley
4. Jonathan Stanley
5. Amon Stanley
6. Martha Stanley
7. Lewis Stanley
8. Lee Roy Stanley
9. Joyce Stanley


Children

1. Shirley Stanley
2. Dennis Stanley
3. Jane Stanley
4. Barbara Stanley

1. Shirley Stanley, daughter of Ted and Betty (Bell) Stanley was born 29 November, 1952. Shirley married David Burchett.

Children

1. David Burchett was born 15 October, 1973.
2. Scott Burchett was born 14 February, 1980.

2. Dennis Stanley, son of Ted and Betty (Bell) Stanley was born 23 October, 1956 married Cindy Eckman who was born 25 April, 1958.

Children

1. Jason Eckman was born 2 August, 1979.


Children

1. Lorie Rine was born 15 February, 1984.
2. Nicholas Todd Rine was born 22 January, 1985.

4. Barbara Stanley, daughter of Ted and Betty (Bell) Stanley was born 29 July, 1966.


Children

1. Eddie Cordell was born December, 1962.
2. Susie Cordell was born February, 1964 married Steve Lusk.

3. Rosalyn Stanley, daughter of Hobert and Rosa Bell (Bishop) Stanley born 7 September, 1931 married Veldie Whitt. Veldie was born 12 July, 1925.

Children

1. Marilyn Whitt was born 30 October, 1960.
2. Bill Whitt
3. Wendall Whitt was born 3 October, 1963.
4. Patty Whitt was born 21 May, 1967.
5. Gaye Whitt was born 10 February, 1965.
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2. Bill Whitt, son of and Veldie and Rosalyn (Stanley) Whitt was born 25 April, 1962 married Tisha Bailey who was born 9 July, 1974.

Children

2. Cody Bailey was born 21 August, 1993.


Children

1. Kim Stanley
2. Terry Stanley
3. Evelyn Stanley


Children


2. Christin Coleman was born December, 1989.


Children

1. Amy Lennin
2. Nicole Renee Lennin
3. Willard Roy Lennin

1. Amy Lennin was born 25 April, 1984.

2. Nicole Renee Lennin, twin to Willard, was born November, 1985.

3. Willard Roy Lennin, twin to Nicole Renee was born November, 1985.

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Children

2. Veronica Gomez was born 1990.
3. Amelia Rose was born 1 June, 1994.

5. Amon Stanley, son of Hobert and Rosa Bell (Bishop) Stanley was born 17 August, 1937.


7. Lewis Stanley, son of Hobert and Rosa Bell (Bishop) Stanley, born 12 December, 1948 married Debbie Lane. Debbie was born 25 April, 1959.

Children

1. April Stanley
2. Elizabeth Stanley
3. Andrew Stanley

1. April Stanley was born 17 October, 1979.
2. Elizabeth Stanley was born 1 July, 1992.
3. Andrew Stanley was born 18 January, 1994.


Children

1. Tracy Stanley
2. Brian Stanley


2. Brian Elkins was born 25 June, 1976.


Children

2. Bradley Hylton was born 4 October, 1980.

Children

1. Patty Bishop


      Children

      1. Myra Bishop
      2. Marty Bishop
      3. Melanie Bishop

      1. Myra Bishop married Charles Boyd

      Children

      1. Aaron Boyd
      2. Leah Boyd


Children

1. Lola Bishop
2. Lottie Bishop
3. Faye Bishop
4. Patton Bishop
5. Henry Bishop
6. Freddy Bishop
7. Patricia Bishop
8. Bobby Bishop

1. Lola Bishop, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Kathleen (Asbury) Bishop married John Camp.

   Children

   1. Joy Camp married Larry Potter
   2. Philip Camp
   3. Johnny Camp

2. Lottie Bishop, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Kathleen (Asbury) Bishop married Terry Smith.
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Children

1. Nathan Smith
2. Walter Smith
3. Terry Smith

3. Faye Bishop, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Kathleen (Asbury) Bishop married Ernest Wesley.

Children

1. Ernest Bishop Junior
2. Sue Bishop
3. Franklin Bishop
4. Faith Bishop

2. Sue Bishop married Rick Hash

Children

1. Matthew Hash

4. Patton Bishop married Jeanne Widner

Children

1. Christina Bishop
2. Charles Bishop married Bonnie

5. Henry Bishop, son of Benjamin Franklin and Kathleen (Asbury) Bishop married # 1 Lula Short # 2 Bobby Jo.

Children

1. Aaron Bishop
2. Benjamin Bishop
3. Shelly Bishop
4. Chris Bishop
5. Michael Bishop

6. Freddy Bishop, son of Benjamin Franklin and Kathleen (Asbury) Bishop, married Crystal Blankenship.

Children

1. Andrea Bishop
2. Fred Bishop Junior

7. Patricia Bishop, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Kathleen (Asbury) Bishop, married Mike Stafford.

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Children

1. Amanda Stafford
2. David Stafford

8. Bobby Bishop, son of Benjamin Franklin and Kathleen (Asbury) Bishop, married Janet Shrewsbury. Children

1. Bobby Bishop Junior
2. Jennifer Bishop

6. Christopher Columbus Bishop, son of William Patton and Charlotte Levienna (O’Neal) Bishop born 17 October, 1917 married Verla Marie Green. A complete account of the descendents of Columbus and Verla can be found near the beginning of this chapter under Verla Green.


1. Vickie Scott
2. Tommy Scott, Child...Neal Edwin Maxwell

8. William McKinley Bishop, son of William Patton and Charlotte Levienna (O’Neal) Bishop, born 29 September, 1922 married Yvonne Tilley. Yvonne was born 26 April, 1930. Children

1. Mary Catherine Bishop
2. David Keith Bishop
3. Cheryl Bishop
4. Carol Bishop
5. Lisa Bishop

1. Mary Catherine Bishop, daughter of William McKinley and Yvonne (Tilley) Bishop, born 31 March, 1946 married Kelly French. Children

1. Billy French
2. Labon French
3. Joe French
   Children
   1. Crystal Marie French

2. Labon French was born 4 April, 1964.

   Children
   1. Lisa Marie French was born 10 Jan. 1987.

   Children
   1. Nicholas

5. Debbie French was born 2 March, 1971.

2. David Keith Bishop, son of William McKinley and Yvonne (Tilley) Bishop, born 18 August, 1954 married Debbie Goss who was born 26 October, 1956.
   Children
   1. Christopher Allen Bishop

3. Cheryl Bishop, daughter of William McKinley and Yvonne (Tilley) Bishop, born 1 April, 1957 married Terry Wolfe. Terry was born 4 December, 1950.
   Children
   1. Sarah Kathleen Wolfe was born 18 May, 1983.

4. Carol Bishop, daughter of William McKinley and Yvonne (Tilley) Bishop, born 1 April, 1957 married Kenny Pickle. Kenny was born 29 January, 1952.
   Children
1. Tracy Pickle was born 27 January, 1974.
2. William Scott Pickle was born 7 June, 1980.
3. Renee Nicole Pickle was born 26 March, 1983.
4. Amy Lynn Pickle was born 7 September, 1985.


Children

1. Jessica Kristine was born 8 September, 1990.


Children

1. Allen Parr
2. Bernard Parr
3. Betty Parr

2. Bernard Parr married Cindy ____?____

Children

1. Stephanie Parr
3. Betty Parr married Douglas ____?____

Children

1. Tina
2. Terry
3. Lorraine

10. Mary Madeline Bishop, daughter of William Patton and Charlotte Levienna (O’Neal) Bishop, born 19 May, 1928 married Basil Hall.

Children

1. Gene Hall
2. Joyce Hall
3. Diana Hall

1. Gene Hall, born 16 June, 1947 married
   #1 Virginia Cocus  #2 Bernice King
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Children

1. Michael Hall was born 2 October, 1975.


Children

1. Melanie was born 15 September, 1975.


Children

1. Alfred Ronald Cocus Jr. was born 15 Jan, 1981.
2. Mary Evelyn Cocus was born 29 January, 1985.

11. Milas Levon Bishop, son of William Patton and Charlotte Levienna (O'Neal) Bishop, was born 23 July, 1931. Milas was never married.


Children

1. William Allen Shrewsberry
2. John Hulon Shrewsberry
3. William Floyd Shrewsberry
4. Laura Ann Shrewsberry
5. Delilah Frances Shrewsberry
6. Robert Lee Shrewsberry
7. Cora Lee Shrewsberry
8. Mary Elizabeth Shrewsberry
9. Ella Dare Shrewsberry
10. Boyd Preston Shrewsberry

1. William Allen Shrewsberry, son of William Jackson and Rebecca Luvica (Lester) Shrewsberry was born 13 April, 1886. William died 14 May, 1958.

2. John Hulon Shrewsberry, son of William Jackson and Rebecca Luvica (Lester) Shrewsberry was born 15 February, 1888. He died 7 March, 1957.
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3. William Floyd Shrewsberry, son of William Jackson and Rebecca Luvica (Lester) Shrewsberry was born January, 1890. He died October, 1891.

4. Laura Ann Shrewsberry, daughter of William Jackson and Rebecca Luvica (Lester) Shrewsberry was born 6 April, 1892. Laura died 11 December, 1965.

5. Delilah Frances Shrewsberry, daughter of William Jackson and Rebecca Luvica (Lester) Shrewsberry was born 23 November, 1894. She died 25 May, 1941.


7. Cora Lee Shrewsberry, daughter of William Jackson and Rebecca Luvica (Lester) Shrewsberry was born 6 July, 1896. Cora died 19 December, 1974. Cora was twin to Robert.

8. Mary Elizabeth Shrewsberry, daughter of William Jackson and Rebecca Luvica (Lester) Shrewsberry was born 26 November, 1899. She died 10 November, 1967.

9. Ella Dare Shrewsberry, daughter of William Jackson and Rebecca Luvica (Lester) Shrewsberry was born 18 April, 1902. As of this writing (23 April, 1994) Ella is still living and is extremely alert, active, and looks wonderful. Ella married Louie Roosevelt Howerton who was born 7 November, 1900 and died 29 June, 1935. Ella lives with her daughter Carrie Aldridge, and her son Willard Howerton in Princeton, West Virginia.


Children

1. Loyd Earl Howerton
2. Carrie Marie Howerton
3. Mary Lee Howerton
4. Thelma Howerton
5. Helen Virginia Howerton
6. Earnest Edwin Howerton
7. Willard Preston Howerton
8. Elva Frances Howerton
9. Cora Beatrice Howerton

Children

1. Thomas Howerton
2. Carylon Howerton
3. Betty Ann Howerton
4. Paul Howerton
5. George Howerton
6. Ellen Howerton
7. Bernice Howerton
8. Jerry Howerton

2. Carrie Marie Howerton, daughter of Louie Roosevelt and Ella Dare (Shrewsberry) Howerton, was born 3 December, 1921. Carrie married Baker Wallace Aldridge.

Children

1. Betty Faye Aldridge
2. Claude Fredrick Aldridge
3. Shirley Theresa Aldridge

1. Betty Faye Aldridge, daughter of Baker Wallace and Carrie Marie (Howerton) Aldridge, was born 28 September, 1941. Betty married George Benson. No children resulted from this marriage. Betty later married Joe Dean. Betty and Joe had no children. There was one adopted daughter. Namely.....

1. Beth Fay Benson

2. Claude Fredrick Aldridge, son of Baker Wallace and Carrie Marie (Howerton) Aldridge, was born 7 May, 1944. He married Pat Lozro.

Children

1. Jennifer Marie Aldridge
2. Rachel Leigh Aldridge
3. Nicholas Howerton Aldridge


Children

1. Timothy Wayne White

3. Mary Lee Howerton, daughter of Louie Roosevelt and Ella Dare (Shrewsberry) Howerton, was born 26 April, 1923. Mary Lee married Cecil Homer McAlister on 22 December, 1939. Homer was born 28 May, 1916.
Children

1. Louie Dewayne McAlister
2. Carol Lou McAlister
3. Helen Cleo McAlister
4. Audrey McAlister (adopted)

1. Louie Dewayne McAlister, son of Cecil Homer and Mary Lee (Howerton) McAlister was born 1 July, 1941. Louie married Valerie Jean King on 25 March, 1967. Valerie was born 3 March, 1947.

Children

1. Sean Patrick McAlister
2. Scott Erroll McAlister


2. Scott Erroll McAlister was born 21 March, 1970.


Children


Children


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4. Thelma Faye Howerton, daughter of Louie Roosevelt and Ella Dare (Shrewsberry) Howerton was born 14 January, 1925. Thelma married Dennis William McAlister on 10 September, 1944. Dennis was born 9 March, 1910. He died on 24 November, 1991.

Children

1. Edna Faye McAlister
2. William Dennis McAlister

1. Edna Faye McAlister, daughter of Dennis William and Thelma Faye (Howerton) McAlister was born 11 July, 1947. Edna married Larry Randall. Larry either died or they were divorced and Edna married David Ballard.

Children by Larry Randall

1. Patricia Faye Randall

Children by David Ballard

2. Kevin Ballard
3. Marie Daniel Ballard

1. Patricia Faye Randall, legally adopted by the Ballards was born October, 1969. Patricia married James Ng.

Children

1. Caleb Quinn Ng

1. Caleb Quinn Ng was born 18 June, 1992.

2. Kevin Ballard was born 11 July, 1977.

3. Marie Daniel Ballard was born 15 February, 1980.

2. William Dennis McAlister, son of Dennis William and Thelma Faye (Howerton) McAlister was born 13 April, 1952. He married Donella Anderson.

Children

1. Jessica Leandra McAlister
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2. Matthew John McAlister

1. Jessica Leandra McAlister was born 19 February, 1980.


5. Helen Virginia Howerton, daughter of Louie Roosevelt and Ella Dare (Shrewsberry) Howerton, was born 6 October, 1926. She died at the age of 6 years and 11 months.

6. Earnest Edwin Howerton, son of Louie Roosevelt and Ella Dare (Shrewsberry) Howerton, was born 14 February, 1930. He died at the age of five.

7. Willard Preston Howerton, son of Louie Roosevelt and Ella Dare (Shrewsberry) Howerton, born 2 December, 1931 was never married. I (Dale Green) went to high school with Willard during the 1940’s. We didn’t see each other for about forty five years until one day Willard came into a store where I was working. It was quite a surprise, and also a pleasant one.

8. Elva Frances Howerton, daughter of Louie Roosevelt and Ella Dare (Shrewsberry) Howerton, was born 17 July, 1934. Elva married Bobby Southern on 3 March, 1957. Bobby was born 6 June, 1936.

Children

1. Sandra Kay Southern


Children

1. Amanda Via
2. Chad Via

1. Amanda Via was born 24 April, 1983.

2. Chad Via was born 29 March, 1989.

9. Cora Beatrice Howerton, daughter of Louie Roosevelt and Ella Dare (Shrewsberry) Howerton was born 14 December, 1935. Cora married Jack McKenzie.

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1. Jack McKenzie
2. Wayne McKenzie
3. Timothy McKenzie
4. Jeanie McKenzie


7. William Floyd Lester, son of Abner Hulon and Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester, born 16 February, 1867 married Rebecca Bishop. Rebecca was the daughter of John W. and Sarah (Belcher) Bishop. Rebecca was born circa 1874. They were married 18 July, 1892. Floyd fell from a high bank above the road and hurt his head. He needed to go to the doctor but waited several days before going. When he did go, the doctor told him that he needed to go to the hospital immediately. While the hospital was shaving his head so they could operate, he died. As told to me by his niece, Ella Dare (Shrewsberry) Howerton.

Children

1. William M. Lester
2. Ray Bogle Lester
3. Patrick H. Lester
4. Mary J. Lester
5. Robert Lester
6. Edna Lester
7. Effie Lester (Died at a young age)
8. Jesse James Lester
9. Lucinda "Cindy" Lester (Died at a young age)
10. Rosa Ethel Lester (Died at a young age)

2. Ray Bogle Lester, born 1894 married Martha Whitt.
4. Mary J. Lester, born 1899 married Red Cox.
5. Robert Lester married Stella Edwards
6. Edna Lester, daughter of William Floyd and Rebecca (Bishop) Lester, married Claude Maynard. Edna was born 20 July, 1906. They were married 17 June, 1924.

Children

1. Claude Maynard Junior
2. Malinda Maynard
3. James Maynard
4. Gideon Maynard
5. Jesse Maynard
6. Louise Maynard
7. Norville Maynard


7. Effie Lester, daughter of William Floyd and Rebecca (Bishop) Lester, married Harry Estes.

Children

1. Jesse Estes
2. Robert Wayne Estes
3. Patrick Henry Estes

1. Jesse Estes, daughter of Harry and Effie (Lester) Estes married Virgil A. Shrewsbury Senior.

Children

1. Virgil Anderson Shrewsbury Junior
2. Gary Shrewsbury married Gloria McKinney
3. Jess Shrewsbury
4. Carolyn Shrewsbury married Brian Smith


Children

1. Bobby Ellen Estes
2. Patrick Wayne Estes
3. Sharven Lee Estes
4. Barry Hans Estes
5. Tena Marie Estes
6. Ricky Allen Estes


1. Patrick Henry Estes Junior
2. Bobby Estes

8. Jesse James Lester, son of William Floyd and Rebecca (Bishop) Lester, was born 10 November, 1910 and died 3 February, 1940. Jesse married Julia Titta. This couple had one child to die at the age of six months. I don’t know the order of her birth but her name was Margie Marie.

Children
1. William Mathew Lester
2. Terry Moore Lester
3. Harry Eugene Lester
4. Ellen Jack Lester

1. William Mathew Lester, son of Jesse James and Julia (Titta) Lester, married Betty Jane Green.

Children
1. William Mathew Lester Junior

2. Terry Moore Lester, son of Jesse James and Julia (Titta) Lester, married Jean Dixon. Terry is deceased.

Children
1. Rockella Jean Dixon


Children
1. Mary Ellen Lester
2. Theresa Dianna Lester
3. Harry Eugene Lester Junior
4. James M. Lester
5. William Terry Lester
6. Julia Kay Lester
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Children

1. William Wayne Bailey Junior

8. Charlotte Lester, daughter of Abner Hulon and Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester was born circa 1872. Charlotte married John Turner Bishop who was born circa 1865.

Children

1. Ray Bogle Bishop
2. Floyd Bishop
3. Aaron Bishop
4. Alonzo Bishop
5. Liza Bishop
6. Polly Bishop
7. Vida Bishop
8. David Crockett Bishop
9. Augusta Bishop

1. Ray Bogle Bishop, son of John Turner and Charlotte (Lester) Bishop, born 1890 married #1 Bertha Knuckles who was the daughter of John and Barbara Lottie (Bell) Belcher.

Marriage #2, Cora (Lusk)/Belcher who was the daughter of Will Lusk and widow of Lewis Belcher.

Children

1. Homer Bishop married Virgie Lane
2. Helen Bishop married Ernest Lane
3. William Bishop was killed in Europe in World War II
4. Donald Wayne Bishop married Joyce Ray
5. Shirley Bishop married Alma Jane Asbury
6. Noel D. Bishop married Ruth Cordell
7. Robert Eugene Bishop married Evelyn Wingo
8. Rodney Dean Bishop married Patty White

2. Floyd Bishop, son of John Turner and Charlotte (Lester) Bishop, born 1895.

3. Aaron Bishop, son of John Turner and Charlotte (Lester) Bishop married Augusta Cox. I believe this Aaron Bishop was James A. Bishop. If so, he was born 1900.

Children
1. Arlene Bishop
2. Ruby Bishop
3. Virginia Bishop
4. Drema Bishop
5. Boyd Bishop
6. Vida Bishop
7. Ernie Bishop
8. Zelma Bishop

4. Alonzo Bishop, son of John Turner and Charlotte (Lester) Bishop married Virgie Ethel Billings, daughter of Arthur and Burdetta (Green) Billings.

Children

1. John Martin Bishop, married Patsy Bishop.
2. David Crocket Bishop married Sadie Hylton.
3. Loretta Bishop married Robert Clark, Loretta was killed in a car accident at New Richmond, West Virginia.
4. Janice Bishop married #1 Joseph Helmick and #2 married Robert Clark.
5. Gaye Bishop married Lemuel Palmer.
6. Charlotte Bishop married Donald Fish.

5. Liza (Luiza) Bishop, daughter of John Turner and Charlotte (Lester) Bishop, born 1892 married Ken Ellison.

Children

1. Alphon Ellison
2. Chester Ellison
3. Ivan Ellison
4. Charlene Ellison

6. Polly Bishop, daughter of John Turner and Charlotte (Lester) Bishop, born 1897 married Lewis Lester. See Lewis Lester earlier in this chapter for descendants of Polly and Lewis.

7. Vida Bishop, married John Martin

Children

1. Alice Martin stillborn
2. Mary Martin stillborn
3. Bernard Martin was the son of Lewis and Polly (Bishop) Lester, but was adopted and raised by his Uncle John and Aunt Vida (Bishop) Martin. Look under Lewis Lester for descendants.
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8. David Crocket Bishop, no information


Children

1. Augusta Bishop Junior
2. Brian Bishop
3. Beth Bishop
4. Barbara Bishop
5. Carol Bishop
6. Denise Bishop
7. Nancy Bishop

9. Matilda Lester, daughter of Abner Hulon and Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester was born 1874. She married David Bishop on 28 January, 1889.

10. Halie Lester, daughter of Abner Hulon and Mariah Elizabeth (Wolf) Lester (died as a young girl, with croup)

7. Frances Myhelia Wolf, daughter of Elkenah and Frances (Becklehimer) Wolf was born 1839. She married James Addison Belcher who was born 1834. They were married 7 June, 1857.

8. Matilda Wolf, daughter of Elkenah and Frances (Becklehimer) Wolf married Addison Robinett on 15 December, 1852. I have no more information on them at this time.

This is the end of the Lester information at this time. As more information is gathered it will be inserted or added.

Since my maternal grandmother was Mariah E. (Lane) Lester the information I could gather on her family follows.
In Chapter 1 of the previous pages the Lester and the Belcher tree merged when John Thomas Lester married Anna Belcher. Then the Lanes merged with them when Polly Ann Lester married Alexander Lane. Since Polly and Alexander had several sons, the Lane tree continued. Mariah Lane married William Floyd Lester, and also Anna Lane married Alexander Lester. The following pages show the ancestry and descendants of the LANES.
The following information was compiled by... David A. Lane, and I wish to thank him for all the hard work he did in gathering it. I have written, to the best of my ability the same facts he put in his book entitled "LANE". The only changes I have made is the format, added some dates, and also added some information taken from census books. I am copying his "FORWARD". Again, Thanks David.

Arlie Dale Green

FORWARD

In an effort to better understand the relationship of the descendants of Alexander M. Lane and Polly Ann Lester Lane, I have tried to bring our family ties together in a way that we all can see. To really know our family tree, it is necessary to go backward in time to another Alexander Lane. The grandfather of our common ancestor, Alexander, was also named Alexander. Born in Surry County NC around the turn of the 19th century, Alexander and his wife, Ann, raised their family of sons and daughters. One son, John Alfred, is the next branch on our family tree. It was the Rev. John Alfred Lane who was the father of Alexander Lane, husband of Polly Ann Lester, and the progenitor of the Lane clan we all know as uncles, aunts, cousins, and kin.

Although I have tried to get all the information correct, any additional information will be greatly appreciated. Space has been left for individual notations. This booklet has been produced for your personal reference and record.

I would like to personally thank the following for their assistance in compiling this genealogy:

Mr. Melvin Lane
Mrs. Erma Lane
Mrs. Rachel Haga
Mrs. Bertha Lane
Mrs. Ruie Quesenberry
Mrs. Ruth Bradley
MR. & Mrs. Amos Lane

David A. Lane
(His Signature)
June 19, 1993
ALEXANDER LANE born 1797 and wife ANN LANE born 1807 or 1808
(Born in Surry County N.C.) Their Issue: 9 Ch.
Year of birth taken from 1880 census

In 1870 Alexander was 73, Ann was 62, Martin was 17 and the only child still at home. The year of their birth could be in error as much as one year, depending on the time of year they were born. Census was taken around June 1st. The 1880 census shows Ann was widowed and 74 living with Martin E. Lane & his wife Harriet. At that time Martin & Harriet had one daughter Nancy E. who was 4 yrs. old. This indicates that Alexander died during the 1870s. That would make Ann's year of birth be 1806 instead of 1808 as stated above. ??????
1860 census says Ann was 53, Making her year of birth 1807 ????

Children
1. Rev. John Alfred Lane
2. David Lane (B) 1835 (M) Nancy Stanley (B) 1839.
3. Alexander M. Lane (B) 1841 (M) Mariah Workman (B) 1848
4. Martin Lane (B) 1854 (M) Harriet Workman (B) 1859
5. Miller W. Lane (B) 1857 (M) Martha Lester (B) 1851
7. Polly Lane ? (M) John Rowe
8. A.W. Lane ? (M) Joshua Owen
9. Lydia Lane ?

1. Rev. John Alfred Lane, son of Alexander and Ann Lane married #1 Stacy Green #2 Esther Ramey. John was born 1833. He married Stacy on 14 July, 1854.

Children
1. Alexander Martin Lane
2. Simeon Lane born 1856 married Lucinda Ramey who was born 1860.
3. William Lane
4. Lewis Lane
5. John Lane

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The 1880 Census Book of Wyoming County Says that Esther Ramey was the mother-in-law, and living with Simeon & Lucinda at that time at the age of 41 making her birth year at 1839.

1. **Alexander Martin Lane**, son of Rev. John Alfred Lane was born 1852. He died 1926. He married **Polly Ann Lester** "Granny Poll" (Daughter of Abner and Mariah (Wolf) Lester. (Born) 1857 (Died) 1949. They were married 27 March, 1875. (See chapter 1)

Children

1. William Floyd Lane
2. Henry Lane
3. Simeon Lane—m. Rhoda Hamilton
4. Ray Bogle Lane
5. Delilah Lane
6. Lucinda Lane
7. Mariah E. Lane
8. Anna Lane

1. William Floyd Lane, son of Alexander Martin and Polly Ann (Lester) Lane married Luvinia Lusk.

Children

1. William Ernest Lane
2. Ruby Lane married Opie Bolen
3. Elsie Lane married Mazel Whitt #2 ??
4. Alexander "Alec" Lane married Billie Lester
5. Irene Lane married Harlan Lambert
6. Ona Lane married Jr. Dickerson #2 Virgil Bell

7. Paris Lane, married ? Issue: Eastridge Lane

1. William Ernest Lane, son of William Floyd and Luvinia (Lusk) Lane married Helen Bishop.

Children

1. Billy Ray Lane
2. Bonnie Faye Lane married Benny Smith
3. Ernest Eugene Lane married Thelma__?__
4. Eddie Dean Lane
5. Victor Arden Lane married Yvonne Mitchem

1. Billy Ray Lane, son of William Ernest and Helen (Bishop) Lane married Mary__?__

Children
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1. Barbara Diane Lane
2. Donna Ray Lane
3. Linda Lane
4. Rita Lane
5. Christopher Lane

2. Bonnie Faye Lane, daughter of William Ernest and Helen (Bishop) Lane married Benny Smith.

   Children
   1. Mark Smith
   2. Allen Smith
   3. Jeannie Smith

3. Ernest Eugene Lane, son of William Ernest and Helen (Bishop) Lane married Thelma ____?

   Children
   1. Ernie Lane
   2. Chance Lane

2. Henry Lane, son of Alexander Martin and Polly Ann (Lester) Lane married Sarah Tolliver.

   Children
   1. Dolly Lane
   2. Amos Lane
   3. Carrie Lane married Avery "Abe" Dunford
   4. Walter Lane married Pancy Mullins
   5. Martin Lane married Laura McComas
   6. Bertie Lane married Leonard Mullins
   7. Bethel Lane Not married

   Note...Oscar, Lacy, Faye "Bluie", and Cora Died as infants

   1. Dolly Lane, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Tolliver) Lane married Freeman Buchanan.

   Children
   1. Henry Buchanan married Toni Hall
   2. Ina May Buchanan married Ray Cook
   3. Bonnie Buchanan married Lacy Taylor
   4. Edith Buchanan

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5. Raymond Buchanan
6. Wilbur Buchanan (Drowned in Baltimore)
7. Judy Buchanan married Terry Lusk
8. Melvin Buchanan
9. Sarah Ann Buchanan married Denny Lester
10. Betty Buchanan married David Santon
11. Terry Buchanan
12. Harold Buchanan
13. Virgil Buchanan

2. Amos Lane, son of Henry and Sarah (Tolliver) Lane married Mazie McComas.

Children
1. Annie Lane married Roy Hagy
2. Ruby Lane married Paul Burrell
3. Shirley Lane married Burl Coffman
4. Martin Lane married Barbara Weaver
5. Estell Lane married Phyllis Burgess
6. Joann Lane married Patton Lester
7. Jerry Lane married Tammy Lester
8. Laura "DeeDee" Lane married Ronnie Lusk
9. Debbie Lane married Dewayne McKinney

3. Carrie Lane, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Tolliver) Lane married Avery or Abe Dunford.

Children
1. David Dunford (Killed in action, Vietnam)
2. Darrell Dunford married #1 Brenda Johnson
   #2 Rhonda Sizemore

4. Walter Lane, son of Henry and Sarah (Tolliver) Lane married Pancy Mullins.

Children
1. Donnie Lane married Diane  
2. Freddie Lane
3. Sidney Lane married Sherry Bailey
4. Walter (Rusty) Lane

5. Martin Lane, son of Henry and Sarah (Tolliver) Lane married Laura McComas.

1. Nelson Lane married Debbie Hale
2. Rachel Lane married Roy Lester
6. Bertie Lane, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Tolliver) Lane married Leonard Mullins.

Children
1. Richard Mullins
2. Debbie Mullins married Darrel Jones
3. Susan died as an infant

7. Bethel Lane, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Tolliver) Not married.

Children
1. Linda
2. Charlotte married James Sizemore
3. Eddie
4. Angie

3. Simeon Lane, son of Alexander Martin and Polly Ann (Lester) Lane married Rhoda Howerton.

Children
1. Oakley Ernest Lane
2. Claude Allen Lane
3. William Vesker Alvin Lane
4. Norma Ruth Lane
5. James "Pemm" Simeon Lane
6. Ruie Joeda
7. Martha Rachael

Note...Opal, Paradine, and Albert died as infants

1. Oakley Ernest Lane, son of Simeon and Rhoda (Howerton) Lane married Erma Simpson.

Children
1. Barbara Lane
2. James Lane
3. Betty Lane
4. Kenneth Lane
5. Carol Lane

1. Barbara Lane, daughter of Oakley Ernest and Erma (Simpson) Lane married Jan Caldwell.

Children

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 <---Generation Guide 2-5
1. Kevin Caldwell
2. Chris Caldwell

1. Kevin Caldwell married Vickie Thomas

Children
1. Janna Caldwell
2. Allison Caldwell
3. Christen Caldwell

2. Chris Caldwell, (no information)

2. James Lane, son of Oakley Ernest and Erma (Simpson) Lane married Joyce Fraley.

Children
1. Cheryl Fraley
2. Jimmy Fraley married Robin Sears
3. Lee Fraley married Linda Lilly

3. Betty Lane, daughter of Oakley Ernest and Erma (Simpson) Lane married Eric Pack.

Children
1. Jeanie Pack
2. Joel Pack

1. Jeanie Pack married Johnson

Children
1. Jeremy Johnson

2. Joel Pack married __?

Children
1. Jatania Pack

4. Kenneth Lane, son of Oakley Ernest and Erma (Simpson) Lane married Marlene Craddock.

Children
1. Kenneth Jr. Lane
2. Barry Lane
3. Janice Lane

1. Kenneth Junior Lane and ?
Children
1. Kyle Lane
2. Barry Lane (No information)
3. Janice Lane and ?
   Children
   1. Aaron
5. Carol Lane, daughter of Oakley and Erma (Simpson)
   Lane married Steve Thom.
   Children
   1. Stephanie Thom, married Anthony Tortorici
   2. Joseph Thom
2. Claude Allen Lane, son of Simeon and Rhoda (Howerton)
   Lane married Bertha Ellen Graham.
   Children
   1. Charlotte Ann Lane
   2. Mary Kathryn Lane
   3. Norma Kay (Stillborn)
   4. David Allen Lane
   1. Charlotte Ann Lane, daughter of Claude Allen
      and Bertha Ellen (Graham) Lane (No information)
   2. Mary Kathryn Lane, daughter of Claude Allen
      and Bertha Ellen (Graham) Lane married Larry
      Shrewsbury.
      Children
      1. Todd Heath Shrewsbury
      2. Jessica Paige Shrewsbury
      3. Mark Andrew Shrewsbury
4. David Allen Lane, son of Claude Allen and Bertha
   Ellen (Graham) Lane married Treasa Large.
   Children
   1. Tracy Lynn Lane
   2. David Paul Lane
3. William Vesker Alvin Lane, son of Simeon and Rhoda (Howerton) Lane married Ina Graham.

Children
1. Imogene Lane married Ronald Lusk
2. Devon Lane married Sue Bailey

4. Norma Ruth Lane, daughter of Simeon and Rhoda (Howerton) Lane married #1 Conway McGraw #2 Ralph Bradley.

Children
1. Russell McGraw
2. Steve McGraw
3. Vickie McGraw

Children
1. Kathleen McGraw
2. Russell McGraw
3. Christine McGraw


Children
1. Steve McGraw


Children
1. Rachel Yonke
2. Erin Yonke

James Simeon Lane, son of Simeon and Rhoda (Howerton) Lane married Irene Bane.

Children
1. Albert Lee Lane married Renee—?

Children
1. Sheldon Lane
6. Ruie Joeda Lane, son of Simeon and Rhoda (Howerton) Lane married Homer Quesenberry.

Children

1. Karen Quesenberry
2. Trina Quesenberry
3. Sheila Quesenberry

1. Karen Quesenberry married Randy Hodgekinson
2. Trina Quesenberry married David Guiger

Children

1. Nathan Davie Guiger
2. Matthew Jonathan Guiger
3. Jacob Lane Guiger
4. Sarah Lynn Guiger

3. Sheila Quesenberry married Michael Thornton

7. Martha Rachel Lane, daughter of Simeon and Rhoda (Howerton) Lane married Robert Carl Haga.

Children

1. Robert Carl Jr. "Buck" Haga
2. Angela Dawn Haga

Children

1. Justin Lane

4. Ray "Rafe" Bogle Lane, son of Alexander Martin and Polly Ann (Lester) Lane, married Frances Stanley. Rafe was shot and killed on 8 December, 1929.

Children

1. Harvey Lane married Louise Dickerson
2. Homer Lane married Bea Steadhorn
3. Silas Lane married Ruth Snyder
4. Mae Lane married Patton O'Neal
5. Virgie Lane married Homer Bishop
6. Gladys Lane married Archie Lilly

5. Delilah Lane, daughter of Alexander Martin and Polly Ann (Lester) Lane married William (Boss) Milam.
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Children

1. Cecil Milam married Ruby Gross (Blankenship)
2. Clarence Milam married Sadie Lester
3. Edna Milam
4. Lanie Milam married Joe Walls
5. Dolly Milam

6. Lucinda Lane, daughter of Alexander Martin and Polly Ann (Lester) Lane was born 5 December, 1877. She married Bob Shrewsbury.

Children

1. Polly Shrewsbury married Lawrence Smith
2. Ammon Shrewsbury married #1 Dorsey Shrewsbury
   #2 Diane Foose
3. Ethel Shrewsbury married Leonard Lester

Mariah E. Lane daughter of Alexander Martin and Polly Ann (Lester) Lane married William Floyd Lester, son of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester. Mariah was born 1880 and died 1918. William Floyd Lester was Born 1877 and Died 1935. They were Married on 30 May, 1898. A near complete account of Mariah & Williams descendents can be found near the beginning of Chapter 1 in this book.

Anna Lane, daughter of Alexander Martin Lane and Polly Ann (Lester) Lane was born 1882. Anna married Alexander W. Lester, son of John Thomas and Anna (Belcher) Lester. Alexander was born 1883. They were married 6 December, 1902. (See chapter 1)

Children

1. Kelly Lester married Dora Belcher
2. Dona Lester married Eliza Belcher
3. Edward Lester
4. Sadie Lester married Clarence Milam
5. Dolly Lester married #1 Howard Bennet
   #2 ?

END OF DAVID LANES WRITING

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Note: There are many various spellings for given names and surnames. Many nicknames are used for females such as....

Agnes= Nancy
Cynthia= Sithy
Elizabeth= Betsy, Betty
Elvina= Vina, Vinney
Hester= Husta
Leah= Lear
Louise= Levisa
Mahala= Hale
Maleta= Leeta, Lita
Margaret= Peggy
Martha= Patsy
Mary= Polly
Melissa= Leesa
Missouri= Masura
Sarah= Sally
Virginia= Jenny

WHO IS RELATED TO WHOM??

Your first cousin is the child of your parent’s brother or sister. His/her child is your first cousin once removed. Your cousin’s grandchild is your first cousin twice removed, and so on.

Your second cousin is your grandparent’s brother’s or sister’s grandchild. Your second cousin’s child is your second cousin once removed.

The great grandchild of your great grandparent’s brother or sister is your third cousin.

Your ancestor is a person from whom you directly descend, such as a grandparent. Your descendant is your child, grandchild, etc.
Abner had been found guilty of chewing off a man's thumb! After the marriage they moved to West Virginia in Mercer County. We do not know about this life in Mercer County.

Abner & Mariah then moved to Wyoming County to Macajah Ridge about the time of the civil war in 1860. The reason for the move was to escape being in the war, but they were forced to fight in the war anyway.

Abner and Mariah were attacked by the Rebels twice. Abner was not at home. The Rebels talked about taking their quilts. One Rebel told another Rebel not to take the quilts. They did not take the quilts. Some older family members remembered the Rebels gray uniforms.

Mariah's brother Bill was killed by the Rebels in his own home while he was patching his moccasins.

The next move for Abner and Mariah was from Macajah Ridge to Bud. By this time Rebecca Lester, Abner, and Mariah's daughter, who was about five years old and could remember crossing Barkers creek between what was known as the Tipple Bridge and Titas Store. Grandma Rebecca said she could remember her older brother John carrying her across the creek and going back to the other side of the creek to get her brother Floyd.

While they lived at Bud, they lived in a small log house about sixteen feet long and about sixteen feet wide. The house was located very near where Riley & Polly McKinney's house stood. The house was very close to the place where they had crossed the river.

We assume the house was built by Abner and his sons. Since Rebecca was five years old when they moved, it establishes a date for the house about 1870. Rebecca said they lived at Bud about ten years.
The little log house was later owned by Abner & Mariah's son, Bogle Lester, who was a doctor of medicine. Bogle remodeled the house and used it to store his medicine. My mother, Ella Shrewsberry Howerton, remembers when Dr. Bogle used the log house to store his medicine. She went with Dr. Bogle to the building. She said there was many jugs of medicine in the cabin. Mother's visit to the house was about fifty years from its original beginning. The house rotted and fell down about 1931. It had stood there about sixty years.

It is interesting to know how wild and unsettled the area was when Abner & Mariah first moved to Bud in 1870. Rebecca could remember the wolves howling in the cliff rocks not far away. Rebecca said her father always kept several hunting hounds. The hounds would chase the wild deer into Barkers Creek and her family would watch the frightened deer swim. His hounds paid off in more ways than one, for Rebecca said Abner always kept plenty of wild game for food.

Abner owned many acres of land at Bud, that stretched all the way from Alpoca to Eliza Howertons. This land was later transferred to Abner & Mariah's son, Bogle Lester. Bogle sold the land to the coal company. The story of Bogle & his land and his profession as a doctor, is a long story within itself.

The next move for Abner & Mariah was to Devils Fork, (Now Stephenson) about 1880. Living conditions at Devils Fork were simple. They lived in a one room house with two stories. They did their cooking on the fireplace.
Abner soon accumulated several acres of land as he had done at Bud. Before his death he divided the land among his children. Rebecca received two acres for her share. She sold her land for twenty two hundred dollars and put her money in the bank at Mullens. Rebecca's sister, Matilda's land sold for back taxes. Matilda "Diddle" married a Bishop.

It is assumed that Abner died at Devils Fork. He died the year mother, Ella Shrewsberry was born- 1902. According to previous accounts, he was 73 years old.

Some of the family members know the exact location of Abner & Mariahs house at Devils Fork. Remains of the old house were present until recent years. A slate dump now covers the original location.

The names of Abner & Mariahs children are as follows:

1- John Thomas Lester
2- Ray Bogle Lester
3- Polly Ann Lester LANE
4- Eliza Lester ONEAL
5- Martha Lester
6- Floyd Lester
7- Rebecca Lester- Shrewsberry
8- Charlotte Lester- Bishop
9- Matilda Lester- Bishop
10- Halie Lester

Halie (girl) died as a young child with croup:

(Inflammation of the throat)

After the death of Abner, Mariah kept house with her granddaughter for awhile. (until the granddaughter married)
Before Abner died, he asked his children and his in-laws to help take good care of Mariah. They did as they had promised, for Mariah went to live with her children, staying a short time with each one.

Mariah was first remembered by mother when she started coming to grandfather Jack Shrewsberry & grandmother Rebecca Shrewsberry's home on Barkers Ridge. She came with her son-in-law, Alexander and Polly Ann Lane. They all walked from Hickory Ridge. The distance between the two homes was about 8 or 10 miles.

Mother was a little girl when this began to take place. She could not tell the difference between Mariah and her daughter Polly Ann. She knew Aunt Polly Ann wore false teeth, the one distinguishing factor that helped mother know the difference between Mariah and Polly Ann.

Mariah finally went to Jack and Rebecca's to make it her permanent home. It was about 1916. She was considered an honored guest at grandfathers & grandmothers. No one was allowed to question her regardless of what she did. She was about five feet tall. She had brown hair and brown eyes. She was very quiet. She spent much of her time in the evenings sitting in a rocking chair by the fireplace, while other members of the family sat on the porch.

While Mariah lived with Jack & Rebecca, mother remembers an interesting incident that showed that Mariah indeed was from Dutch background. The teacher, Polly McKinney from Barkers Ridge School, came to see Mariah. She wanted Mariah to tell her some words in the Dutch language, and mother remembers Mrs. McKinney writing them down.
One incident about Mariah may describe her best of all, as it was
told by her daughter Rebecca. One evening Mariah could not be found by
Abner. When she finally appeared on the scene, Abner scolded her, Where
have you been he said. She said, "Well Abner aren’t you going to give
me time to pray?"

Mariah’s death was caused by a quick pneumonia according to
Dr. Bogle, Mariah’s son. All her children were called to grandfathers
home at the time of her death. On the evening before her death she told
the family she would like to have help to the door so she could look
out. Mother said Aunt Cora & Aunt Mary supported her on each side and
walked her to the door. Mother said she seemed to look right & left &
up. Then she said she was ready to go to bed. Rebecca went to her in the
night & asked her if she was alright. Mariah answered by saying, "Me and
my Lord are doing alright." She died in the night, probably
in the early morning. She died in March 1922. Her soul was quickly
ushered into Heaven where she is resting and waiting for her people who
were to live after her. She was 88 when she died.

After Mariah’s death, Uncle Allen, Will Lusk, and Simeon Lane made a
coffin for her from white poplar boards. They put the boards in hot
water to help shape the coffin. They covered the inside of the coffin
with white sateen cloth, and with eyelet embroidery around the edge of
the inside. They covered the outside with black sateen cloth. Mariah
had a small featherbed for a half bed. It was placed in the coffin for
a cushion for her body.
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Mariah was more than likely hauled to the cemetery on the family sled made by Uncle Allen. A team of horses & sled was the only means of transportation. Sometimes a wagon was used, but much of the time the road was not sufficient to accommodate a wagon.

We assume both Abner & Mariah were buried very near where their home was located at Devils Fork. Do we have any definite proof of this?

One thing we all do know is that we, like Abner & Mariah will be going away someday. Someone said it is not important how we die, but how we live. Have you made preparation to meet Mariah & Abner & other family members when your path in life comes to an end? More important than meeting Abner & Mariah is to be ready to meet Jesus Christ, the precious Son of God, Who gave himself for your sins & mine.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement" Hebrews 9:27

This account of Abner & Mariah Lester was written by Carrie Aldridge, daughter of Ella Shrewsberry Howerton.

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(Was signed by)

Carrie Aldridge

CARRIE ALDRIDGE GAVE ME PERMISSION TO PRINT THE STORY ABOUT MARIAH ON 11-11-93

Dale Green
THE HOWERTON FAMILY

There were nine of us children: Lloyd (2-8-20), Carrie Aldridge (12-3-21), Mary Lee McAlister (4-26-23), Thelma McAlister (1-14-25), Helen (deceased), born 10-6-26, Earnest (deceased-born 2-14-30), Willard (12-2-31), Elva Southern (7-17-34), and Beatrice Funk (12-14-35). Our father was the late Louie Howerton and was born November 7, 1900. Our mother, Ella Shrewsbury Howerton, was born April 18, 1902. Our father was a coal miner and had worked in the mines at Bud and Alpoca but was working as a check weighman for the Tams Coal Company in Raleigh County at the time of his death. He was president of that local union.

The best we can learn the Howertons were Dutch and came to America from Holland around 1663. They settled in Maryland and later moved into Wyoming County. Our mother’s ancestors, the Shrewsberrys and Lesters, came from England and settled in Pennsylvania.

We were reared on a small farm on Mill Branch (Karo Hollow) near Bud. At one time this property had been owned by our great-grandfather, Abner Lester, who owned much of what later became Bud and extended up the hollow to where we lived and even beyond.

At one time within a few hundred feet of our home there had been a gristmill and a sawmill. Our mother as a young girl and then living on Barker’s Ridge, remembers taking corn there to be ground into meal. She can also remember seeing stacks of lumber piled near the mills. The mills were owned by her father, Jack Shrewsberry, and an uncle, Dave Bishop. She thinks this is how Mill Branch got its name.
Although slate dumps, driftmouths, and tramroads, dotted our countryside, much beauty lined our pathway as we walked to church, to the store, out to the spring, or through the woods to look for the cows on a summer evening. Hemlock, rhododendron, mountain ivy, trillium, jack-in-the-pulpit, jewelweed, and many other plants flourished in abundance. Blackberry vines produced luscious berries which we picked by the gallon. In many places water trickled over the rocks on the steep hillside.

In June 1935 tragedy struck in our home. Early in the morning on June 29 while our mother was preparing breakfast, the house caught fire from some roofing paint which our father was heating on the cookstove. Father lost his life trying to put out the fire and Earnest, only five years old and still in bed upstairs, also died. After the house burned, under the supervision of our uncle, Willie Rhinehart, and the combined efforts of relatives, neighbors, Alpoca Coal Company, Thermo Coal Company (Bud), and the Tams Coal Company a new house was built on the same location as the former one. There was a dedication service on Labor Day 1935 in which the house was dedicated. Many people attended and brought household items which were greatly needed.

We attended the Bud-Alpoca School. We walked to school, often going barefoot in warm weather, carrying our lunch in a lard bucket in one hand and perhaps an Elson Reader in the other. We sometimes got into trouble with the black children because we passed each other on the way to and from school. Their school was at one end of the coal camp and ours at the other. Upon arriving at school we would play until the bell rang and then we would line up by grades, stand at attention and say the flag salute.
Sometimes on Friday afternoon all the children and the teachers would go into the lunchroom to sing. Our principal, Brady Church, led the singing and Ruth Matney, one of the teachers, played the piano. We sang such songs as "Way Down Upon the Swanee River", "Old Kentucky Home", and "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean". After grade school we attended Herndon High School and some of us attended Concord College.

We attended church in the old company store which had been converted into a church. Some of us were baptized in Barker's Creek. Two of our ministers which we especially remember were Hiram Rhinehart and his son, Johnny. It was here that we formed the pattern of church attendance which we have continued to follow.

One of the highlights of our life was to catch the train, "The Virginian", and ride to Mullens. How big and loud those trains were as the smoke belched from their smokestacks. What a treat to go in Murphy's and do a little shopping!

Lloyd and Willard started building houses in Valley Springs and have continued construction work since that time. Willard's major endeavor has been as owner and developer of Sunny Meadows Subdivision near Princeton. Thelma taught school a short time at Sand Gap, Elva at Hickory Ridge and Beatrice at Oceana. Carrie has also followed the teaching profession.

None of us live in Wyoming County now although the older ones married and lived there for sometime. Mary Lee and Beatrice both live near Staunton, Virginia. Thelma lives in Long Beach, California. The rest of us live near Princeton in Mercer County. We all have Precious memories of our early life in Wyoming County.

(written by Elva H. Southern)
GROWING UP WITH GRANDPA
By Shirley Steele

As a young child growing up, my favorite getaway was a visit to Grandpa’s house on Pinnacle Creek. As I look back to those simple and pleasurable times, I cannot imagine how a person with Grandpa’s unique personality could fit into today’s world.

Grandpa fathered twelve children, and, with much help from grandma, raised eleven of those children to adulthood. Somehow he always retained an air of youth, and, even at the age of 80, his personality never gave a hint to the harshness of his life. I am told that Grandpa worked twelve-hour days for just one dollar each day. A hard week of toil was barely enough to feed his large family, and there were no luxuries in his home. Although my grandfather’s life would be considered extremely hard by today’s standards, there was never a hint of harshness in his personality.

Summers, Holidays, and Sundays always found my family at Pinnacle Creek. One had to fight a two-mile obstacle course before arriving safely at Grandpa’s front door. The winding Pinnacle Creek crossed the winding dirt road in several places, and my parents had to drive their automobile through the creek at each point where the creek crossed the roadway. On rare occasion, I can recall shedding socks and shoes for the long trek up the dirt road. Occasionally, a snake or frog had to be reckoned with before the journey was completed. At the end of this stretch of hazardous road was Grandpa’s modest home; home was a weathered frame house with two large swings creaking lazily on the long front porch. A few blades of grass in the front yard showed their hopeless struggle with children’s feet; years of children playing in the yard had reduced the yard to hard-packed dirt. Grandpa’s home was enchanting to me, and I eagerly anticipated games of hide-and-seek and hopscotch in the front yard.

Today this primitive dwelling would be considered a shack, but to all who visited there it was a haven. Summers were spent admiring Roy, the horse, and sharing the yard and meadows with many turkeys, chickens, and a couple of dogs. One area of the clear sparkling stream was dammed for swimming, and the fallen trees in the area made excellent hiding places for children. Many sand castles were expertly built on the creek bed. I enjoyed the company of aunts and uncles my age, and there were always numerous cousins around and about the yard to play tag with. Grandpa’s home did not have electricity, and water was obtained from a well by dropping a bucket from a long rope. Many evenings were spent sitting around a potbellied stove listening to The Shadow on a battery-operated radio. A kerosene lamp afforded light until bedtime, and then everybody retired very early to rest comfortably on huge over stuffed feather mattresses. Grandpa had a strict policy in his home; everybody was required to get out of bed at sunrise. If the many roosters did not awaken you, Grandpa felt that a sprinkling of cold water was just the trick. Son-in-laws were not exempt from this policy, and they quickly learned to rise early.

Everybody was expected to roll out of bed when Grandpa said, "It’s time to get up." He was such a good-natured and humorous fellow that his rigid rules were treated with humor by all who knew him. Apple orchards lined the pathway to the house, and these trees were probably
the delight of Grandpa’s life. Many different varieties were grafted onto a single tree, and each tree was cared for diligently and lovingly with my grandfathers worn and calloused hands. We were allowed to climb these trees, sit under these trees, and eat any of the fruit found under these trees. However, Grandpa had a steadfast rule for the many children who invaded his orchards each summer; nobody was allowed to pick any of the apples from the trees until harvest. Many times I have scurried around the corner of the house, and Grandpa would be waiting there to closely scrutinize the stem of my large red apple. The stem of the apple quickly darkens after leaving the tree, and a fresh white end on the stem was a sure sign that somebody had been tampering with the apples on the tree. This was not a catastrophe, however, and usually warranted a gentle lecture.

Many of the rules Grandpa made were very necessary. The hordes of children who invaded the orchards each summer might have wiped out all the apples in one day, but Grandpa had recruits who played watchdog over his fruit trees. I can recall balancing precariously on the edge of a storage shed to eat one apple while it still hung from the tree. This feat was met by good humor from all, especially Grandpa, and was quickly copied by a few skillful exhibitionists in the family. Grandpa treated everything with good humor, and years later would mention the apple episode; he also admitted that he knew all along that I was the culprit who raided his carrot patch.

My grandfather retained his youthful attitude until his death in 1969. He was always ready to share some humorous story, and I cannot recall an incident where he was at odds with any man. He never owned an automobile, and in fact walked many miles to obtain his groceries and mail while in his late seventies. He had lost one eye chopping kindling wood for his family, but this was never a hindrance to Grandpa. Quite to the contrary, I recall him reading for hours with just that one eye.

Each year the Green family gathers to enjoy a family reunion Camp Creek State Park. Everybody brings a covered dish, and there are games of volleyball and badminton. Shutterbugs are busily snapping pictures of those caught in precarious situations; there are always pictures of somebody caught vigorously devouring a chicken leg. Many states are represented at this gathering, and there is a closeness in the family that neither distance nor time can change. There is never a serious discussion of politics nor any weighty matter; obviously, these people are here to enjoy the company of each other. Ice chests replace the mountain streams that once chilled the watermelons, and reunions once each year have replaced the spontaneous Sunday visits. Grandpa left no material wealth to his many descendants, so there can be no argument over who might have gained a greater share. The legacy Grandpa gave his children is evident in the keen sense of humor possessed by all present at these gatherings.

Note: "Growing Up With Grandpa" was written by Shirley Steele who is the daughter of Lola B. Green Steele and Sherman J. Steele. It was one of Shirley’s assignments in college. She received an "A" plus which was well deserved. It was about "John Pierson Green"
I WONDER WHY

I wonder why I’m lonely,
I wonder why I’m blue,
I wonder why I’m longing dear,
Just for the sight of you.

I wonder why I’m lonely,
I wonder why I’m sad,
I wonder why I miss so much,
That, which I never had.

You’ve never said you loved me,
You’ve never said you cared,
You’ve never told me anything,
Perhaps you never dared.

You’ve never given me any cause,
To feel the way I do,
But somehow, something tells me,
You might feel this way too.

I can’t tell why I feel this way,
Therefore, I’ll not try,
But I’m feeling blue, and lonely too,
And still, I wonder why.

(Author Unknown)

This poem was on a little decorated card which was given to my mother, Ida Mae Lester, by my father John Pierson Green, during, or at the beginning of their courtship. Probably around 1914 or 1915. They were married in 1916. The card stayed in our old family trunk until it was destroyed when our house burned in 1958 or 1959. I took it out and read it many times during the years. I never dreamed that any of the other children remembered the poem, or even the card. I could only remember the first four verses. Then one evening sometime during 1992, my wife, Frances E. Green and I went to visit my sister Lola and her husband, Sherman Steele, and I casually mentioned the card, and to my pleasant surprise she remembered it. She not only remembered the card, she also remembered the last verse which had completely left my memory.

Arlie Dale Green
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TWO OF A KIND

Blue mountains, green fields, a glimpse of a deer or the flight of a hummingbird are just a few of the sights that can instantly bring back memories of my childhood and my family's regular trips to West Virginia. Two men that I greatly admire and respect go hand in hand with my memories of "Back Home" (The way in which my parents referred to West Virginia.) Uncle Charlie and Uncle Dale two men who share a zest for life that is hidden by the laid back attitude and slow country drawl they both share.

Brothers of my mother, two of twelve children, they were brought up by a man who instilled upon them many of the morals and values that I'll try and teach my own children. Charlie is a bulldog of a man quick with a smile or joke about his own balding head. Not tall, yet thinking back I never thought of him as short, and I didn't realize he was balding until I was much older. A man with many skills he has been a teacher, a gardener, a carpenter, and a horse trader in his own right. And like the tenacious bulldog, he is determined to master all he attempts. Uncle Dale is tall with a head of thick unruly black hair. I have always considered him to be strong in appearance and in spirit. Dale is always smiling and insisting the joke Charlie told us was stolen from him. You feel welcome when ever you visit with him and leave his home with a great reluctance. Both my uncles are characters in their own ways. In a story related
to me with pride from Charlie himself was of the time he bought a lawn mower wheel. Uncle Charlie likes to go to yard sales looking for bargains and building on his reputation as a keen bargain hunter. On this day he spotted a lawn mower a gentleman was trying to sell. He came up with the notion to buy just one of the wheels from the mower for his own at home. As I was told the story I was struck by the nerve of someone who would try and buy just a wheel from someone who obviously wanted to sell the whole mower. At the end of the bargaining Charlie ended up with the whole mower at the price of just a wheel and is proud to say he has gotten many years use of the wheel and all. In his younger days Charlie used to love to water ski at a place known as Stevens Lake. On one of his frequent outings to the lake Charlie decided to find out what it would feel like to jump out of boat traveling at a very high rate of speed. Even though he is reluctant to admit it I am sure he must of been slightly inebriated at the time to even entertain such a hare brained idea as this. I have listened to Charlie relate this story many times over the years and it has always amazed me as to how the hardness of the water and the amount of flips he made as he jumped from the boat has increased with each time I hear it.

One memory of Uncle Dale that shows me just how unselfish and caring a person can be, happened at our yearly family reunion. Dale had gotten up early to make certain we would have a spot in the near by park to hold the reunion. The event went
off without a hitch and it was not until later did I learn that Dale had been in serious pain throughout the affair and not wanting to spoil it for anyone he waited until it’s conclusion to go the hospital.

Uncle Dale and his practical jokes are well known amongst all my relatives, so much so that we are all leery of any gadget or gizmo he will try to show any of us. The most famous of all his pranks must be the WEST VIRGINIA DEER CALLER. This is basically a piece of quarter inch copper tubing that is bent in such a way that the end you would assume the sound would come from is pointed directly at your face. The directions on the horn states that anyone attempting to use the device should blow hard so as to achieve the desired results. In truth the deer caller is filled with baby powder and anyone who tries out the horn will end up with a face full of powder and an embarrassed look on their face because they know Uncle Dale has struck again.

Growing up my brothers and sister always had a favorite between Dale and Charlie. I myself could never choose which was my favorite. If pressed to answer I would have to say which ever one I am with at the moment is my favorite. Both my uncles are special in their own ways and together they share a place in my memories and in my heart.

By Gary Stigall