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MILLER, LOYDENE KAY, 1957-





Dear Contributor to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection:

So that your family history can be made more useful to historians and others studying American families, we are asking you to fill out the forms below. This will take you only a few minutes, and will be easily made over into an index which will permit archive users ready access to just those kinds of family histories needed.

## I. SURVEY

Office Use Code

1. Your name Loydene Kay Miller (ID # \_\_\_\_\_)  
Date of form April 6, 1977 (ID # \_\_\_\_\_)

2. Your college: Rock Valley College  
Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

     Before 1750         1750-1800         1800-1850  
  X   1850-1900         1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

     New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.)      X   Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J. Va.)  
  X   South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.)      X   East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn., Ky.)  
     West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.)  
     East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)      X   Pacific (Cal., Wash.)  
  X   (Hawaii, Alaska)      X   (Ill., Wisc.,)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

  X   Farming         Mining      X   Shopkeeping or small business  
  X   Transportation         Big Business         Manufacturing  
     Professions      X   Industrial Labor         Other \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

     Roman Catholic         Jewish         Presbyterian      X   Methodist  
     Baptist         Episcopalian         Congregational      X   Lutheran  
     Quaker         Mormon         Other Protestant         Other (name) \_\_\_\_\_

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

  X   Swedish      X   Other Scandinavian      X   German         French  
     Blacks         Indians         Mexicans         Puerto Ricans         Eastern Europe  
     Jews         Central Europeans         Italians         Slavs  
  X   Irish         British      X   Native Americans over several generations  
     East Asian         Other (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

  X   Interviews with other family members      X   Family Bibles         Family Genealogies  
     Land Records         The U.S. Census  
     Vital Records  
  X   Photographs         Maps         Other \_\_\_\_\_



II. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Orlo Delyle Miller Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth Sept. 27, 1908 Place of birth Corona, South Dakota

Date of death Jan. 27, 1973 Place of burial Glenn Cemetery, Rockford

Education (number of years);  
grade school 8 high school 1 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st Farmer Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Excavating Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th Barry Road Dates 1945-1973

Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Rockford date Jan. 20, 1927

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Grace Violet Windhurst Current Residence 3630 Sandy Hollow Rd,

Date of birth July 23, 1909 Place of birth Rockford

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
grade school 8 high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st clerk Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Barry Road Dates 1945-1973

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th Sandy Hollow Rd. Dates 1973-

Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather Rockford date Jan. 20, 1927

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

## A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

C. Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name John Howard McGraw Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of birth Aug. 1, 1910 Place of birth Holine, IL  
 Date of death Nov. 10, 1962 Place of burial Riverview Cem. Oregon, IL  
 Education (number of years):  
 grade school 8 high school 2 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 1st delivery boy Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd machine operator Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 3rd set-up man Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Sawyer Rd. Dates 1944-1956  
 4th service engineer Dates 1950-1962 4th Sandy Hollow Rd. Dates 1956-1962  
 Religion Lutheran  
 Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
member of the Moose Lodge  
 Place of marriage to your grandmother Belvidere, IL date Oct. 31, 1933

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1).

D. Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Maude Ellen Brown Current Residence 3040 Sandy Hollow Rd.  
 Date of birth Aug. 25, 1912 Place of birth Allenwood, Penn.  
 Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education (number of years):  
 grade school 8 high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 1st waitress Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Sawyer Rd. Dates 1944-1956  
 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th Sandy Hollow Rd. Dates 1944-  
 Religion Lutheran  
 Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

member of Women of the Moose  
 Place of marriage to your grandfather Belvidere, IL Date Oct. 31, 1933

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Raymond Clifford Miller  
 Place of birth Rockford, IL date Aug. 19, 1928  
 Number of years of schooling 11 Occupation excavating  
 Residence Rockford, IL Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 4 Death \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name Richard Leroy Miller  
 Place of birth Rockford, IL date Dec. 7, 1937  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Salesman  
 Residence Green Bay, Wis. Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 4 Death \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name Sharon Sue (Miller) Carter  
 Place of birth Rockford, IL date March 24, 1943  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation housewife  
 Residence Rockford, IL Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 3 Death \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name Katherine May (McGraw) Miller  
 Place of birth Rockford, IL date Jan. 21, 1935  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation housewife  
 Residence Rockford, IL Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 4 death \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name Sandra Ellen (McGraw) Niday  
 Place of birth Rockford, IL date Oct. 23, 1939  
 Number of years of schooling 11 Occupation book-keeper  
 Residence Rockford, IL Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 2 death \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_



Your Father

Name Raymond Clifford Miller Current Residence Rockford, IL

Date of birth Aug. 19, 1928 Place of birth Rockford, IL

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school 8 high-school 3 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home) \_\_\_\_\_

1st USO Dates 1942-1946 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Excavating Dates 1944- 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Barry Road Dates 1945-1954

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th Sandy Hollow Rd, Dates 1955-

Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Democrat  
Place of marriage to your mother Rockford, IL date Sept. 25, 1954

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Katherine May Miller Current Residence Rockford, IL

Date of birth Jan. 24, 1935 Place of birth Rockford, IL

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home) \_\_\_\_\_

1st clerk Dates 1951-1954 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd posting-clerk Dates 1954-1957 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th Sandy Hollow Rd, Dates 1955-

Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Democrat  
Place of marriage to your father Rockford, IL date Sept. 25, 1954

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-2 Stepfather

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

F-2 Stepmother

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2, F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

1. Name Loydene Kay Miller  
 Place of birth Rockford, IL Date of birth Aug. 16, 1957  
 Number of years of schooling 15 Occupation student  
 Residence Rockford, IL Marital Status single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name James Orlo Miller  
 Place of birth Rockford, IL Date of birth June 28, 1960  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation student  
 Residence Rockford, IL Marital Status single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name Dawn Ray Miller  
 Place of birth Rockford, IL Date of birth July 28, 1961  
 Number of years of schooling 11 Occupation student  
 Residence Rockford, IL Marital Status single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name Doyle Howard Miller  
 Place of birth Rockford, IL Date of birth July 28, 1961  
 Number of years of schooling 11 Occupation student  
 Residence Rockford, IL Marital Status single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

III. ASSIGNMENT OF LITERARY RIGHTS (If you and your family are willing)

I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford Illinois

Signed Loydene Kay Miller  
 Date April 6, 1979



GENEALOGY CHAR.

B Sept. 11, 1878  
M Feb. 11, 1898  
D 1934

Hanna Rosenquist  
B July 21, 1878  
D Dec. 21, 1967

Charles Edward Windhurst  
B Feb. 1887  
M Oct. 25, 1908  
D 1954

Bessy Louella Beck  
B Jan. 1893  
D 1951

Frank Walter McGraw  
B May, 1885  
M 1906  
D Sept. 7, 1950

Selma May Gripp  
B 1880  
D June 20, 1940

George Brown  
B Sept. 11, 1888  
M 1908  
D July 2, 1973

Pearl Gray  
B Feb. 2, 1890  
D Nov. 6, 1975

Orlo Delyle Miller  
Grandfather  
B Sept. 27, 1908  
M Jan. 20, 1927  
D Jan. 27, 1973

Grace Violet Windhurst  
Grandmother  
B July 23, 1909  
D

John Howard McGraw  
Grandfather  
B Aug. 1, 1910  
M Oct. 31, 1933  
D Nov. 10, 1962

Maude Ellen Brown  
Grandmother  
B Aug. 25, 1912  
D

Raymond Clifford Miller  
Father  
B Aug. 19, 1928  
M Sept. 25, 1954  
D

Loydene Kay Miller  
Born: Aug. 16, 1957  
Married:  
Died:

Katherine May McGraw  
Mother  
B Jan. 24, 1935  
D



## Sources of Information

Ann Brown

James Brown

Evelyn Marshall

Frank McGraw Jr.

Maude McGraw

Roy McGraw

Grace Miller

Katherine Miller

Raymond Miller

Sandra Niday

Brown-McGraw Family Bible

Letters from Berna Rosenquist





## Henry Miller

Great Grandfather, (my Father's, Father's, Father)

Born: September 11, 1878, New Milford, IL

Died: 1934, Rockford, IL

Buried: Alpine Cemetery, Rockford, IL

Married: February 11, 1898, Janesville, Wis.

Henry's Family moved to a house on East State street When he was a boy. Later his wife to be moved in next dood to them, with her parents.

Henry was of a German nationality, but it is not known when the family migrated to the U.S.

The occupation Henry had was that of a farmer. He farmed several places throughout his life in the Rockford area and in Corona, South Dakota, and Hancock, Wis.

## Hanna (Rosenquist) Miller

Great Grandmother, (my Father's, Father's, Mother)

Born: July 21, 1878, Sweden

Died: December 21, 1967, Rockford, IL

Buried: Alpine Cemetery, Rockford, IL

Married: February 11, 1898, Janesville, Wis.

Hanna was born in Sweden and they came to Rockford when she was three. She attended school at the Nelson School on 9th street. Her family lived on East State street, next door to her husband to be Henry.

## Henry and Hanna Miller

Their life together.

Henry and Hanna were married on February 11, 1898 in Janesville Wis. They were very strict Methodist, attending church every sunday.



Hanna was a housewife and Henry was a farmer. When they were first married they lived in Rockford, then they moved to Corona, South Dakota, then to Hancock, Wis., and finally back to Rockford, where they lived the rest of their lives.

Children (five)

1. Arthur

Born: July 1, 1899, Rockford, IL

Married: Pearl Carlson

Children (one)

1. Maryln

Born: August 28, 1933, Rockford, IL

Married: Ronald Kozeliski

Children (two)

1. Karen

2. Kathy

2. Doris

Born: 1901, Rockford, IL

Died: 1901, Rockford, IL, at five days of age.

Buried: Alpine Cemetery, Rockford, IL

3. Irvin

Born: November 2, 1901, Rockford, IL

Died: 1929

Buried: Alpine Cemetery, Rockford, IL

4. Orlo Delyle (see page 13)

5. Floyd

Born: April 25, 1916, Rockford, IL

Married: Florence Griffith

Children (two)

1. Alan, adopted

2. Carol



Charles Edward Vindhurst  
Great Grandfather (my Father's, Mother's, Father)

Born: February, 1887, Lightsville, IL

Died: 1954, Rockford, IL

Buried: Wilwood Cemetery, Rockford, IL

Married: October 25, 1908

Charles was of German and Dutch descent.

Charles lived in Rockford most of his life. His occupation was as a molder, he worked at Rockford Iron Works, Sundstrands, and Mattison Foundry.

Bessy Louella (Beck) Vindhurst  
Great Grandmother (my Father's, Mother's, Mother)

Born: January 1893, Foreston, IL

Died: 1951, Rockford, IL

Buried: Wilwood Cemetery, Rockford, IL

Married: October 25, 1908 and 1935

Bessy was of German and Dutch descent.

Bessy worked as a seamstress after her marriage, first at Rockford Dry then at E&W Clothing House.

Charles and Bessy

Their life together.

Charles and Bessy were married on October 25, 1908. They lived in Rockford their entire married lives. He worked as a molder and she worked as a seamstress. In 1934 they were divorced.

Children (four)

1. Grace Violet (see page 13)



## 2. Evelyn Ruth

Born: March 3, 1915, Rockford, IL

Married: 1935, Leonard Smith.

They were divorced in 1945.

Children (one)

## 1. Chuck

Born: February 27, 1936, Rockford, IL

Married: December 10, 1966, Lucille Martz.

Children (two)

## 1. Pat

Born: November 15, 1970

## 2. Cindy

Born: November 4, 1972

Evelyn was remarried on January 15, 1948, to Bill Marshall. They have lived in Rockford all of their married lives.

## 3. Louise Margeret

Born: January 27, 1917, Rockford, IL

Married: 1935, to Harry Gregory.

Louise and Harry lived in Rockford until 1960. They then moved to Florida where they built several homes. In 1970 Harry died. Soon after this Louise moved back to Rockford, then decided to move to Alabama where one of her sisters lived.

Children (one)

## 1. Robert

Born: 1936

## 4. Irene Alice

Born: February 7, 1919, Rockford, IL

Died: January 20, 1977

Buried: Byron, IL

Married: 1936 to Gene Delany.

They got a divorce but the date is unknown.





Children (one)

1. Patsy

Born: 1937

Married: 1956 to Roy Mead.

They were divorced in 1967.

Children (three)

1. Gene

Born: 1956

2. Larry

Born: 1959

3. Gary

Born: 1962

Patsy remarried Floyd Robbins in 1969.

Children (one)

1. Renne

Born: 1970

Irene was remarried to Joe Still, date unknown.

Bessy remarried Carl Raymer in 1934.

Children (one)

1. Caroline

Born: August 23, 1935, Rockford, IL

Married: 1954, to Tom Hanson.

They met while they were both in the Air Force. They lived in various parts of the world and then stayed in Alabama for Quite a few yers, then in 1975 they moved to Salt Lake City, Utha.

Children (three)

1. Sheryl Lynn

Born: 1955

2. Micheal

Born: 1957, California

3. Robert

Born: 1959, England



Frank Walter McGraw

Great Grandfather (my Mother's, Father's, Father)

Born: May, 1885, Cuba, IL

Died: September 7, 1950

Buried: Mt. Olive, Chicago

Married: 1906, 1921, and 1926

Franks education went through the fourth grade.

Frank was a salesman.

Selma May (Gripp) Galberth

Great Grandmother (my Mother's, Father's, Mother)

Born: 1880, Galisberg, IL

Died: June 20, 1940

Buried: Greenwood Cemetery,

Married: 1906 and 1922

Selma was a Methodist.

Selma and Frank were divorced in 1918.

Children (three)

1. Roy

Born: May, 1907

Married: February 25, 1928, to Leona Stevenson.

Children (four)

1. Barbara

Born: October 12, 1928

Married: Dave Hamm

Children (four)

1. Jeffery

2. Joseph

3. Julie

4. Jennifer

2. Roy

Born: February 16, 1930



Married: Micky McGee

Children (four)

1. Diana
2. Sheryl
3. Dean
4. Chuck

3. Robert

Born: April 8, 1933

Married: Nancy Jones

Children (five)

1. Kathy
2. Terrica
3. Jeannie
4. Tom
5. Pite

4. Gary

Born: July 15, 1938

Married: Karen Jore

Children (two)

1. Patty
2. Steve

2. John Howard (see page 17)

3. Paul

Born: 1911

Died: 1929

Selma remarried George Galbreth, 1922.

Frank remarried Grace Haerr in 1921. She died in 1926.

Children (one)

1. Frank Henry

Born: Sept. 11, 1922



Married: Helen Klossner on July 5, 1947 in Chicago, Ill.

Children (four)

1. Janis

Born: Nov. 3, 1949

2. Frank

Born: June 21, 1953

3. Renee

Born: July 5, 1963

4. Lance

Born: March 14, 1966

Frank Walter married Crystal Haerr in 1928 .





## George Brown

Great Grandfather, (my Mother's, Mother's, Father)

Born: Sept. 11, 1888, Durant, Penn. Union County

Died: July 2, 1973, Rockford, IL .

Buried: Riverview Cemetery, Oregon, IL

Married: May 1908, Watsontown, Penn.

George was of a Irish and Penn. Dutch descent.

George's education went through the 8th grade.

The occupation George had was as a teamster, this he started when he was fifteen. He hauled the logs from a logging camp to the water.

## Pearl (Gray) Brown

Great Grandmother, (my Mother's, Mother's, Mother)

Born: February 2, 1890, Watsontown, Penn. Union County

Died: November 6, 1975, Oregon, IL

Buried: Riverview Cemetery, Oregon, IL

Married : May 1908, Watsontown, Penn.

Pearl was of a Irish and Penn. Dutch descent.

Pearl's education went through the 8th grade.

At about fifteen years of age Pearl started working at a knitting factory, and she quit when she was married.

## George and Pearl Brown

Their life together. . .

George and Pearl were Married in May of 1908 by the Justice of the Peace in Watsontown. They lived in Goosetown as newlyweds with George working as a teamster hauling bricks for the brick factory.

In the spring of 1914, they moved to Oregon, IL. George and Pearl joined the Lutheran Church in Oregon.



When they first moved to the area the Brown's lived on a farm about one mile north of Oregon, and George farmed the land. Two years later they moved into the town of Oregon. George then became a teamster again, hauling dirt, gravel, etc.

George and Pearl divorced in 1936:

Children (five)

1. James Grant

Born: August 22, 1911, Whitdeer, Penn.

Married: August 15, 1948

James moved to Oregon, IL, when he was three. He attended the Lutheran Church in Oregon.

James had an education through 7th grade.

Jim, as everyone calls him, has had several occupations which include working as a common laborer, during the depression, drilling wells, and in his later years he woned a farm, had a milk route, and ran a feed grinder.

On August 15, 1948 Jim married Ann Joesten at the Nazarene Church in Oregon, IL

In 1976 they retired.

2. Maude Ellen (see page 17)

3. Hillery Gray

Born: November 15, 1914, Oregon, IL

Married: March 21, 1936

Hillery was born in Oregon, IL. As a boy he attended the Lutheran Church in Oregon. Hillery's education was through the 8th grade. Hillery worked as a common laborer and during the depression he was in the CCC (Civil Service Camp) in 1933 and 1934 working in California.

On March 21, 1936 Hillery married Alice Wernick in Dixon, IL

The occupations Hillery has had since then are, working at Gunitite Foundry, then as a carpenter and he now owns a Leather shop in California.



Children (two)

1. Patricia Ann

Born: February 17, 1937

Married: 1955 to James Stacy (divorced)

Children (one)

1. Hillery

Born: November 4, 1955

Married : 1957 to Frank Buchanan (divorced)

Children (one)

1. Bobby

Born: May 1957

Married: 1959 to Ernie Anderson (divorced)

Children (three)

1. Wayne

Born: 1960

2. Alicia

Born: 1961

3. Billy

Born: 1965

2. William Gray

Born: January 23, 1939

Married: December 11, 1972 to Gay Johnson

4. George Henry

Born: August 20, 1916, Oregon, IL

Married: January 29, 1939

George was born in Oregon, IL, and attended the Lutheran Church of Oregon. His education was completed at the 7th grade.

George worked as a common laborer until he was drafted into the army in 1945. He served for three years stationed in Germany for two of those years.

In 1948 when George came home he started in carpentry work.

George married Florence Lundsum on January 29, 1939.



Children (two)

1. Douglas Ray

Born: October 20, 1940

Married: August 24, 1962 to Arletta Swartz in Franklin Grove, IL

Children (one)

1. Danial Ray (adopted)

Born: February 9, 1970

2. Steven

Born: April 13, 1966

5. Ralph Kenneth

Born: February 18, 1920

Died: November 1947

Buried: Riverview Cemetery, Oregon, IL

Married: 1940

Ralph was nicknamed Shorty when he was a boy.

Shorty's education was through the 8th grade.

Until November 21, 1942 when he was drafted into the army, Shorty worked as a common laborer. In the army he was in the Coast Artillery for three years, stationed in California. He got out of the Army in 1945.

In 1940 he married Louella Lupkes in Oregon, IL

Children (two)

1. Dixie Ann

Born: December 4, 1943

2. Donna Lee

Born: May 17, 1945





## Orlo Delyle Miller

Grandfather, (my Father's, Father)

Born: September 27, 1908, Corona, South Dakota

Died: January 27, 1973

Buried: Wilewood Cemetery, Rockford, IL

Married: January 20, 1927 in Rockford, IL

Orlo was born in Corona, South Dakota, in Roberts County. In the fall of 1909 the family moved to Hancock, Wis, and later to Rockford, IL. As a child he attended the Methodist church every Sunday, and he was baptized at the Methodist Church in Corona, South Dakota.

Orlo attended schools in small towns outside of Rockford, because his father was a farmer and worked on several farms. He completed his first year of High School at Kishwaukee High, near Stillman Valley, IL.

The first job Orlo had was with his father as a farmer, he then went to work at Drop Forge, and in 1926 he went to work for himself and with his brothers as Miller Bros. Trucking, later changed to Miller Trucking and Excavating.

## Grace Violet (Vindhurst) Miller

Grandmother, (my Father's, Mother)

Born: July 23, 1909, Rockford, IL

Married: January 20, 1927, Rockford, IL

Grace was born in her parents home in Rockford. When she was three she started going to the Brethren Church on Morgan and Ferguson St., and she went until she was sixteen. She wasn't confirmed until 1943 at Calvery Lutheran Church.

The schools Grace attended consisted of Kent School, first through fifth grades, then she went to Lincoln Park School sixth through eighth grade.

When she was seventeen she started her first job at Rockford Dry. She quit work when she got married and didn't work for anyone else again, but she did teach classes in ceramics, as a hobby.



## Orlo and Grace Miller

Their life together.

Orlo and Grace were married in Rockford on January 20, 1927. They rented various homes in Rockford until 1945, when they bought a nine room house on Barry Road. They lived here until Orlo's death in 1973. Grace then bought a smaller house on Sandy Hollow Road.

Orlo and Grace attended Calverly Lutheran Church when their children were young. In 1950 they started attending Bethlehem Lutheran Church where Grace is still a member.

## Children (three)

1. Raymond Clifford (see page 20)

2. Richard Leroy

Born: December 7, 1937, Rockford, IL

Married: June 14, 1958, Rockford, IL

Richard started his schooling at Hallstrom for first grade, he then went to Rock River School and Lincoln Jr. High and graduated from East High School in 1955.

In 1943 Richard was baptized at Calverly Lutheran Church, he started to go to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in 1950 and was confirmed there in 1952. He became a Sunday School teacher there in 1954.

One of the neighborhood projects Richard was involved in was as a teen-chairman for the teen-canteen at Ken - Rock Community Center.

When he was thirteen Richard started selling cards and magazines door to door. At fifteen he started working at Grant Park Pharmacy on Kishwaukee St. When he was nineteen Richard had the opportunity to run his own grocery store. It was a small building on Ninth Street, but in less than a year competition with the large chain grocery stores caused him to close. Richard then went to Kramer-Urban Drug Co. as a salesman. In 1962 Richard went to work for American Greeting Card Co.

Richard married Elenora Georger on June 14, 1958 at Bethlehem



Lutheran Church.

Richard and Elenora lived in Rockford for quite a few years, then they moved to Streamwood, IL when he got a permotion. In the summer of 1975 he was transfered and they moved to New Jersey, and in May of 1976 he was transfered again and they moved to Greenbay, Wis.

Children (four)

1. Richard Wayne

Born: March 23, 1959, Rockford, IL

2. Laurie Lynn

Born: May 12, 1961, Rockford, IL

3. Michelle Denise

Born: February 5, 1966, Rockford, IL

4. Tabatha Ann

Born: May 1, 1971 , Streamwood, IL

3. Sharon Sue

Born: March 24, 1943

Married: September 1, 1962

Sharon was born in St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford. She was baptized as a baby at Calvery Lutheran Church. In 1945 the family bought a house on Barry Rd. Sherry, as everyone called her, started Sunday School in 1950 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church when her parents joined.

Sherry went to Kindergarden at Ken-Rock Community Center. She then started attending Rock River School, then Riverdaul School, and went on to Jefferson Jr. High and graduated from East High in 1962.

When Sherry was sixteen she started working at D.J. Stewart's, she then worked at the Chamber of Commerace until her marriage.

She was married to Dennis Carter September 1, 1962 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. After their marriage they lived in Japan and Hawiawi



for two years because Dennis was in the Navy. After he was discharged they came back to Rockford and still live here.

Children (three)

1. David Orlo

Born: October 19, 1964, Rockford, IL

2. Christina Grace

Born: April 9, 1966, Rockford, IL

3. Rebecca Lynn

Born: June 19, 1969, Rockford, IL





John Howard McGraw

Grandfather, (my Mother's, Father)

Born: August 1, 1910, in Moline IL

Died: November 10, 1962 in Rockford, IL

Buried: Riverview Cemetery, Oregon, IL

Married: October 31, 1933

John was six years old when the family moved to Rockford. He finished his sophomore year of high school.

John and his family attended a Methodist Church.

John had various odd jobs until he was eighteen when he started to work at D. J. Stewarts as a delivery boy. After this he worked at Chaple Bros., now known as Quaker Oats, and then at Gunite Foundry until 1942 when he started at Sundstrands Corp. as a machine operator. He was later promoted to set-up man of machines, and then to Service Engineer. As a Service Engineer he traveled to different cities, this he did from 1950 until his death in 1962.

John was a member of the Moose Lodge.

Maude Ellen (Brown) McGraw

Grandmother, (my Mother's, Mother)

Born: August 25, 1912, Allenwood, Penn.

Married: October 31, 1933

Maude moved from Penn. to Oregon, IL with her family when she was two.

As a child she attended St. Paul Lutheran Church of Oregon. When she was fifteen she was baptized and confirmed at the Lutheran Church.

Maude attended the Oregon public school through the 8th grade.

Maude's first job was at the Oregon Cafe as a waitress when she was sixteen, where she worked until she was married.

Maude is a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and also of the Women of the Moose.



## John and Maude McGraw

Their life together.

John and Maude were married on October 31, 1933 by the Justice of the Peace in Belvedere, IL. They lived all their married life in Rockford. They lived in various homes until they moved to Sawyer Rd. in 1944 where they rented a home. Then in 1956 they built a home on Sandy Hollow Rd. where Maude is still living.

## Children (two)

1. Katherine May (see page 21 )

2. Sandra Ellen

Born: October 23, 1939, Rockford, IL

Married: July 12, 1958

Sandra was born in Swedish-American Hospital.

Sandra attended Kindergarten at Ken-Rock Community Center, then went to Rock River School from first through eighth grades, then to Lincoln Jr. High and the twelfth grade at East High School.

When Sandy, as everyone called her, was a teenager she played soft-ball on the Ken-Rock Community Center teams, and went to teen dances at the center.

When Sandy was sixteen she started working at Blue Cross and Blue . Sheild, filing.

At eighteen Sandy was married to Richard Niday on July 12, 1958 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She was a housewife until she went to work in 1968 for Rockford Alternator, in 1970 she started working for Applied Motors.

## Children (two)

1. John Walter

- Born: June 2, 1960, Rockford, IL



2, Dennis Richard

Born: June 28, 1963 Rockford, IL



## Raymond Clifford Miller

## Father

Born: August 19, 1928, Rockford, IL

Married: September 25, 1954, Rockford, IL

Raymond Clifford Miller was born in Rockford, IL, in the home of his parents on Burbank Ave. The first son of Orlo and Grace Miller. As a baby he acquired the nickname of "Buddy" from his mother, this was later changed to Bud. He was the only grandson and nephew for many years so was very spoiled from all sides.

When he was nine his brother Richard was born. The family moved around Rockford and lived in rented houses until 1945. In 1943 Raymond's sister Sharon was born. At this time Raymond was baptized and confirmed soon after. The family then decided more room was needed so they bought their first home. A nine room house on Barry Road.

Raymond started working at the USO—United Service Organization, in 1942, when he was thirteen. They had the USO for the service men because of the big Camp Grant located at the present Greater Rockford Airport. He started working for \$25¢ an hour. Checking coats, working in the soda fountain, and also the Physical Ed. department. He worked in his spare time until 1946 when the USO folded.

In the summer of 1944 Raymond started working for his father in Miller Bros. Trucking, he drove a truck, even though he was only fifteen. He could do this if someone was with him. Then in Sept. he got his drivers license.

In October of 1944, during his Jr. year at East High, he dropped out of school because he was going to have to go an extra year of school to graduate, for flunking gym in the Eighth grade because of a broken ankle. So then he started working full time for his father.. until he was drafted into the service. He was drafted December 4, 1950, during the Korean War. In April 1951 he was sent overseas and





stationed in South Korea. He was the Engineer Mechanic on Heavy equipment. He came home in November 1952, and was discharged in December of that year.

When he came home Raymond and his father became partners and changed the name of the business to Miller Trucking and Excavating.

In January of 1953 Raymond met Katherine, whom he met through his brother Richard. But they didn't start dating until June of that year. They went together for a year before they became engaged in May of 1954. They were then Married on September 25, 1954 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Katherine May (McGraw) Miller

Mother

Born: January 24, 1935, Rockford, IL

Married: September 25, 1954, Rockford, IL

Katherine May McGraw was born January 24, 1935 in Swedish- American Hospital in Rockford, The first daughter of John and Maude McGraw.

As a toddler she aquired the nickname of "Boots" because all she would wear were boots. She later lost the nickname of "Boots" when her mother met a woman named Boots and didn't like her. In the sixth grade Katherine aquired the nickname of Kay because there was another girl in the class named Katherine also, and the name Kay has stuck ever since.

The family attended several churches including Methodist and the Church of the Nazarine.

When Kay was four years old her sister Sandra was born. The family moved to about four different apartments until they rented a house on Sawyer Road.

Katherine first went to Hall School. Then when they moved to Sawyer Rd. she started at Rock River School in the third grade. She attended Rock River through out grade school, then she went to Lincoln Jr. High and she graduated from East High School.

Through out her life her major sport has been horse-back riding.



There was always at least one horse in the family, which were kept at varopis places. As a girl she was a tomboy and used to play with the boys alot. She liked to play softball, basketball, and she'd go fishing when someone would take her.

As a teenager she was very active in Ken-Rock community Center. Kay participated in the various sports programs and was on the Jr. board, and helped start the Friday Night dances at the Center.

Kay started her first job when she was sixteen, at the Woolworth Dime Store on Broadway. After about two years she left there and went to Rockford Dry downtown.

Kay met Bud when she was eighteen through his brother Richard. She Graduated in June of 1954 and they got married on September 25, 1954 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Rockford. She was baptized and joined the church right before this.

#### Raymond and Katherine Miller

Their married life together

When they were first married they lived in a small trailer on Sandy Hollow Rd. Bud was in partnership with his father and Kay was working for Alis-Chalmers as a posting clerk.

They bought sixteen acers in the spring of 1955 which was situated next to where they were living in the trailer. They built the basement of their house and lived there. The front was exposed so it looked like a flat roofed house. They did this with plans to build the upstairs in a few years, because they couldn't afford the house at this time. Finally fifteen years later they moved into the upstairs. When they bought the land the business of Miller trucking and Excavating moved there and has been there ever since.

Bud and Kay are active members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They attend very regulary and Bud is Vice Chairman of the Board of Decons, and on several committees including Recreation and Christian Education. Together Bud and Kay are the youth directors at the Church. They really enjoy working with the youth very much.



## Children (four)

## 1. Loydene Kay Miller (see page 25)

## 2. James Orlo

Born: June 28, 1960, Rockford, IL

James was born at Swedish-American Hospital. He was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in November 1960,

James attended Kindergarden at Brook Road Methodist Church. All through grade school he attended A.C. Thompson school, then for Jr. High he went to Eisenhower Middle School, and finally for High school he went to Jefferson High School.

In 1975 James was confirmed at Bethlehem.

When he was fifteen he started working for his Dad. Eventually he will become a partner in the business.

Jim, as everyone calls him, has several hobbies including horse back riding, motorcycle riding, football, swimming and softball. He owns three horses now, but he wants to raise them and sell them eventually. Every spring since he was eight, he has been on a softball team through the church.

## 3. Dawn Ray

Born: July 28, 1961, Rockford, IL

Dawn was the first of twins. She was born in Swedish-American Hospital and baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in August.

She attended Kindergarden through sixth grade at A.C. Thompson School. Dawn then went to Eisenhower Middle School, then on to Jefferson for High School.

She was confirmed in 1976 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church and since then has helped on the Christian Education Committee.

In 1975, when Dawn was fourteen she became a volunteer at St. Anthony Hospital. But her ideals are not orientated towards the Medical profession, she would like to be a teacher of deaf children eventually.



Dawn's hobbies includes horseback riding and ceramics. She owns her own horse and has to take care of him.

#### 4. Doyle Howard

Born: July 28, 1961, Rockford, IL

Doyle was born five minutes after his twin Dawn in Swedish-American Hospital, and he was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in August 1961.

Doyle attended Kindergarden through sixth grade at A.C.Thompson School. He then attended Eisenhower Middle School, then went to Jefferson High School.

Doyle was confirmed in 1976 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He has participated on the church's softball team since he was seven.

Doyle started working for his Dad when he was fourteen and eventually wants to become a partner in the business.

The main interests Doyle has are motorcycle riding, bicycle riding, softball, swimming, tennis and ping pong. he also likes to play the drums, and has his own set.





## Loydene Kay Miller

Myself

Born: August 16, 1957

The first child of Raymond and Katherine Miller. I was born in Swedish-American Hospital and baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in November of the same year.

What I always remember about my childhood was how I had so much room to play and with a large variety of things to do. We lived a little ways away from the city so we were sort of isolated, with only a few neighbors including my Grandma and Grandpa McGraw, whom lived next door.

I went to Kindergarden at alpine Lutherine Church then went to A.C. Thompson through the sixth grade. Then I went to Buckbee Middle School and on to East High School where I graduated from in 1975.

I was confirmed in 1972 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and I've been on the Recreation Committee and helped in the Nursery during the Church service. We were raised to go to Church regularly and that trait has been kept up.

My first job I got in June of 1973 at Grant Park Food Mart, a small grocery store on Kishwaukee St. It was only suppose to be a summer job, but the owner asked me to stay on. I worked there until the next June when I left for vacation, because my family was going on alot of weekend trips and it would be hard to take off so much I' just quit. The next job I got I heard about it through the HERO program at school, (Home Economics Related Occupations) it was designed as a co-op class. The job was as an aid in a Day care, which I was interested in working with children. So in October of 1974, I started at the Learn N'Care Day Care. While I was there I decided I wanted to teach in a Pre-school or a Day Care. I also got a certificate that said I was qualified to teach in a day care because I had the intension of getting a degree in teaching. In October of 1976 the Day Care closed down because the people in the church it was in wanted to sell This was a very sad time for everyone because the employees and the



children had all grown very close in the last two years.

The next job I got was at Goldblatt's Department Store in the Rockford Plaza. This was mostly to tide me over the Christmas season. In March of this year I left there and began working at Applied Motors Inc. The job consists of bookkeeping and filing.

My hobbies are ceramics, motorcycle riding, tennis and swimming.

The only awards of any kind I've ever received were through the HERO program at East High and a Kiwanis award for outstanding youth participation in church. But I have never really participated in very many organizations or groups.

I now attend Rock Valley College and I will graduate in May. Next fall I plan on going to Rockford College and Major in Elementary Education. Right now my main goal is to teach and help young children in a Day Care or Pre - School situation.



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## A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Floyd Edward Milligan Current Residence Rockford, Win., Illinois  
 Date of birth November 16, 1904 Place of birth Esmond, DeKalb, Illinois  
 Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years);  
 grade school 8 high school 2 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st <u>Farming</u>	Dates <u>1920-1940</u>	1st <u>Kirkland, Ill.</u>	Dates <u>1920-1930</u>
2nd <u>Department head</u>	Dates <u>1940-1970</u>	2nd <u>Fairdale, Ill.</u>	Dates <u>1931-1940</u>
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd <u>Kirkland, Ill.</u>	Dates <u>1941-1944</u>
4th _____	Dates _____	4th <u>Rockford, Ill.</u>	Dates <u>1945-1976</u>

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Republican

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Monroe Center, Illinois date August 31, 1927

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

## B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Ruby Elmira Bergeson Current Residence Rockford, Win., Illinois

Date of birth March 12, 1909 Place of birth Creston, Ogle, Illinois  
 Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
 grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 1 1/2  
 college 0

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st <u>General Office</u>	Dates <u>1930-1935</u>	1st <u>Kirkland, Ill.</u>	Dates <u>1926-1930</u>
2nd <u>Sales Clerk</u>	Dates <u>1940-1948</u>	2nd <u>Fairdale, Ill.</u>	Dates <u>1931-1940</u>
3rd <u>Inspector</u>	Dates <u>1948-1954</u>	3rd <u>Kirkland, Ill.</u>	Dates <u>1941-1944</u>
4th <u>General Office</u>	Dates <u>1956-1974</u>	4th <u>Rockford, Ill.</u>	Dates <u>1945-1976</u>

Religion Protestant

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Republican

Place of marriage to your grandfather Monroe Center, Ill. date Aug 31, 1927

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

## A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## C. Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Joseph Glenwood Spunkler Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of birth December 21, 1898 Place of birth Haggertown, Maryland  
 Date of death October 25, 1972 Place of burial Rockford, Winn. Illinois  
 Education (number of years):  
 grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)  
 1st Farming Dates 1919-1937 1st Winnebago, Ill. Dates 1919-1930  
 2nd Machine Scraper Dates 1938-1963 2nd Pecatonica, Ill. Dates 1930-1938  
 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Rockford, Ill. Dates 1938-1972  
 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion Protestant  
 Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Democrat

Place of marriage to your grandmother Rockford, Illinois date April 16, 1919

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

## D. Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Mabel Evelyn Stanley Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of birth March 19, 1900 Place of birth Winnebago, Winn. Illinois (P)  
 Date of death March 10, 1946 Place of burial Rockford, Winn. Illinois  
 Education (number of years):  
 grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)  
 1st Housewife Dates 1917-1946 1st Winnebago, Ill. Dates 1917-1930  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Pecatonica, Ill. Dates 1930-1933  
 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Rockford, Ill. Dates 1933-1946  
 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion Protestant  
 Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Democrat

Place of marriage to your grandfather Rockford, Illinois Date April 16, 1917

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to

## C-2 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Roger Neil Milligan  
 Place of birth Kirkland, DeKalb, Ill. date November 11, 1932  
 Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Sale Executive  
 Residence Lunaster, Pa. Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 2 Death \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name Marlene Gayle (Johnson)  
 Place of birth Kirkland, DeKalb, Ill. date November 27, 1935  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife  
 Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 2 Death \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Madelyn Margaret (Lundqvist)  
 Place of birth Winnebago, Illinois date Dec. 6, 1919  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Cashier  
 Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 3 death \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name Pauline Mae Spickler  
 Place of birth Winnebago, Illinois date Sept. 1924  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death March 24, 1925
3. Name Bruce Glenwood Spickler  
 Place of birth Winnebago, Illinois date May 26, 1927  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Fireman  
 Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 3 death \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name Phyllis Irene (Schneider)  
 Place of birth Winnebago, Illinois date March 25, 1932  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence Shannon, Illinois Marital Status Widow  
 Number of children 4 death \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name Barbara Ann (Milligan)  
 Place of birth Winnebago, Illinois date October 15, 1933  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence Lancaster, Pennsylvania Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 2 death \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name Roger Duane Spickler  
 Place of birth Winnebago, Illinois date May 12, 1936  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Cattle buyer  
 Residence Shannon, Illinois Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 3 death \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name Kevin Spickler  
 Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date May 26, 1951  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation ?  
 Residence ? Marital Status Single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

E. Your FatherName Roger Neil Milligan Current Residence Lancaster, Pa.Date of birth November 11, 1932 Place of birth Highland, Illinois

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college 2

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)1st Draftsman Dates 1950-1955 1st Rockford, Illinois Dates 1955-19752nd U.S. Navy Dates 1955-1957 2nd Lancaster, Pa. Dates 1975-19763rd Sales Service Dates 1958-1961 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_4th Sales Dates 1962-1976 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Republican, Jaycees, Y's Men ClubPlace of marriage to your mother Rockford, Ill. date November 12, 1955

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

F. Your MotherName Barbara Ann Spickler Current Residence Lancaster Pa.Date of birth October 15, 1933 Place of birth Winnebago, Illinois

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)1st Clerk-Typist Dates 1952-1955 1st Rockford, Ill. Dates 1955-19752nd Sales Clerk Dates 1973-1975 2nd Lancaster, Pa. Dates 1975-1976

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Methodist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Womens Club, St. Anthony Auxillary BoardPlace of marriage to your father Rockford, Ill. date November 12, 1955

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (F-2).

E-2 Stepfather

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

F-2 Stepmother

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_



## CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2, F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

1. Name Michael James Milligan  
 Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth April 17, 1957  
 Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation Student  
 Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name Kellie Gayle Milligan  
 Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth January 12, 1963  
 Number of years of schooling 7 Occupation Student  
 Residence Lancaster, Pa. Marital Status Single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed Michael J. Milligan

Date April 26, 1976



B June 6, 1871

M June 30, 1897

D December 27, 1961

Floyd Edward Mulligan

Grandfather

B November 16, 1904

M August 31, 1927

D

Roger Neil Mulligan

Father

B November 11, 1932

M November 12, 1955

D

Ruby Eimara Bergeson

Grandmother

B March 12, 1909

D

Berge Bergeson

B February 24, 1875

M March 23, 1906

D September 1, 1963

Josephine Quinn

B February 2, 1876

D April 7, 1966

Samuel Spickler

B 1858

M

D 1933

Margaret Michard

B 1860

D

D 1937

Joseph Glenwald Spickler

Grandfather

B December 21, 1898

M April 16, 1919

D October 25, 1972

Barbara Ann Spickler

Mother

B October 15, 1933

D

Mabel Evelyn Stunney

Grandmother

B March 17, 1900

D March 10, 1976

John Stunney

B May 17, 1868

M

D December 9, 1941

Katherine Patrick

B November 7, 1867

D July 9, 1915

Michael James Mulligan

Born: April 17, 1957

Married:

Died:



Sources of Information

Roger Milligan

Barbara Milligan

Floyd Milligan

Ruby Milligan

Marlene Johnson

Alberta Cedarholm

Peg Lundquist

Bruce Spickler

Clifford Milligan



## KVITNO

This is a farm in Norway where some of my ancestors were from. The Kvitne Creek is located on the borderline between Odda and Ullensvang. The southern part of Kvitno belongs to Odda, Norway while the northern part belongs to Ullensvang, Norway but is registered under mage. The creek runs from Folgefonn through the Rounsdag Lake down the Kvitne Valley making waterfalls. In 1333 the name of the farm was written "i Kiupnum." In 1436 the name was written as "i Kveipno," 1667: "Quitne," 1723: "Qvitne". Today it is written as "Kvitno" which corresponds to the local pronunciation of the word.

Population:	1665:	6
	1701:	7
	1801:	14
	1875:	24
	1900:	11

Livestock numbers:	1657:	2 horses, 10 cows, 1 calf
	1723:	1 horse, 6 cattle, 2 calves, 18 sheep
	1865:	1 horse, 14 cattle, 67 livestock
	1900:	1 horse, 14 cattle, 42 small livestock
	1955:	1 horse, 5 cows, 3 calves, 12 sheep

On the farm they have raised mostly barley and potatoes. There are also 505 fruit trees.





Jon SAMSONSON (1752 - 1837)

This was my great-great-great-great-great grandfather. He was regarded as an excellent fisherman, but did not like farm managing. In 1783 he was married with Ingegjørd HELLELAND. Lived in Norway all their lives.

Children: 1. Sam Kvitno  
2. Ingebjørg  
3. Ingegjørd.  
4. Samson Jr.  
5. Sigrid  
6. Knut  
7. Jon (Went with his family to U.S.A.)



Samson JONSON (1784 - 1862)

This was my great-great-great-great grandfather. He was a non-commissioned officer and sergeant. In his genealogy, written in 1954 he tells that he was a farmer for 39 years. He owned and ran the Kvitno sawmill from 1823 and onwards. He was married in 1816 to Anna Jorgensdotter DIGRANES. Lived in Norway all their lives.

Children: 1. Jon Kvitno  
2. Jorgen  
3. Lars  
4. Samson Kvitno  
5. Ingegjard  
6. Anna  
7. Torbjorg (1830 1869)  
8. Jahob Kvitno (1832 - ?) Went to U.S.A. in 1856. He participated in the Civil War and was wounded. He later lived in LaCrosse, Washington.



Jon SAMSONSON (1816 - ?)

This was my great-great-great grandfather. In 1869 he went to the U.S.A. with his family and lived in Lee, Illinois. He wife's parents and their other children had settled there before them. He was married in 1846 to Kari Kristoffersdotter KVALNES. (1821 - 1895)

Children:

1. Anna (1847 - 1924)
2. Gyrid (1849 - 1876)
3. Samson (1851 - 1919)
4. Kristofer (1854 - 1926)
5. Jahob (1857 - 1939)
6. Johan (1859 - 1935)
7. Karolina (1863 - 1947)



Andrew MILLIGAN and Margaret HANNAH (great-great grandparents).  
Lived all of their lives in Scotland. Andrew lived from October, 1824  
until October, 1882. Margaret lived from July 25, 1832 until December 14,  
1878.

Children: 1. Mary  
2. Maggie  
3. John  
4. Jessie  
5. Jane  
6. William  
7. Grace  
8. Andrew  
9. James  
10. Alexander  
11. Robina





Christopher and Lena QUITNO (great-great grandparents). Christopher lived from 1854 until September 27, 1926. Lena lived from 1860 until October 8, 1944. They lived and farmed in Creston, Ogle County, Illinois.

- Children:
1. Charles (1879 - Jan. 24, 1962)
  2. Sam (Feb. 10, 1861 - Dec. 30, 1971)
  3. Harvey (1883 - Sept. 9, 1912)
  4. Clara (Oct. 10, 1882 - July 6, 1939)
  5. Josephine (Feb. 10, 1886 - April 5, 1966)
  6. Elsie (June 18, 1890 - Jan. 31, 1975)



Carrie Rebecca JARVIS

She was born on December 29, 1871. She and her family lived near Esmond (DeKalb), Illinois where they owned a farm. Her parents both came from England. Her brothers and sisters were Edward and William who were twins and Elizabeth. Carrie attended Patton School near Esmond, where she completed her education after 8th grade.

James MILLIGAN

He was born in Scotland on June 6, 1871. He came from a large family with ten brothers and sisters besides himself. Both of his parents had died by the time he was eleven. In 1883 he and two of his brothers, Alexander and Andy came over the the U.S. by boat. When they arrived they were met by an uncle, Peter Hannah, who brought them by train back to Hampshire, (Kane), Illinois. They were then given homes with different farmers near Huntley, (McHenry), Illinois. Here he worked on a farm and during the winters went to school for three months when there was not as much work.



James MILLIGAN and Carrie Rebecca JARVIS (great grandparents)

They were married in Edmond (DeKalb), Illinois on June 30, 1897. They had met when James was hired by Carrie's father. to work on his farm. The first house in which they lived was in Elgin (Kane), Illinois. A few years later they moved to South Grove Township in Illinois where they lived on a farm with a two story house. From here they moved to Fairdale (DeKalb), Illinois where they also farmed. Here they raised cattle, hogs, poultry, oats, barley, corn and some wheat. They had four children who helped with the work on the farm. When the kids were in school they had hired help that received room and board and so much money per month. The first car the family owned was a 1914 Ford Model A with a brass radiator cap. The farm they had in Fairdale consisted of a two-story house, a machine shed with a building attached for the car and fuel, a corner crib and grainery, a barn with the basement for the cows, a main floor for horses and loft used to store hay, a brick silo, a hog house, an extra corn crib, a shed for the milk cows and a windmill to run the water pump. From 1924 until 1933 James worked for the Illinois Highway Department doing engineering and construction of roads and bridges. Two of his sons, Floyd and Clifford and a brother-in-law helped run the 240 acre farm because James only got home on weekends. However during the depression the farm was lost. After their children had grown they moved to another farm around Kirkland (DeKalb), Illinois. Around 1940 they bought a house in Kirkland. During WorldWar II, James went to work for a hemp mill, making rope, for two years. On May 14, 1946 Carrie passed away. James then went to Sycamore (DeKalb), Illinois and worked in a machine shop for three years. He then retired and for a short time lived in the home of his daughter Ethel and her husband Pete Blake in Kirkland. After this he moved to Sycamore where he lived in a private home. He passed away on December 27, 1961.

Children: 1. Clarence (March 6, 1899 - Dec. 30, 1964)  
2. Ethel (Aug. 7, 1902)  
3. Floyd Edward (Nov. 16, 1904)  
4. Clifford (Sept. 2, 1912)



Berge BERGESON

He was born on February 24, 1875 near Creston (Ogle), Illinois. He worked on his parents farm when he became old enough. He had an eighth grade education. He had one brother, John and two sisters, Alice and Susie.

Josephine QUITNO

She was born on February 10, 1886 in her parents home in Creston (Ogle), Illinois. There were no hospitals close and there were very few at that time. She had an education equivilant to the ninth grade. She had three brothers and two sisters.





Berge BERGESON and Josephine QUITNO (great grandparents)

They met at a square dance at a farm home. They were married on March 23, 1904 in Creston Lutheran Church, (Illinois). Josephine made her own wedding dress. They lived for a time on a 320 acre farm which they rented from the owner who lived in Maywood (Cook), Illinois. The house, barn, corncrib, chicken house and machinery sheds were unusually good and well kept. Both great grandparents were from good homes. The men who were hired to help on the farm lived in the household. However it was never crowded because the house was large. Corn, oats and alfalfa were the main crops grown. Milk cows, horses, pigs and chickens were also raised. The first car the family had was a 1904 Maxwell. In 1918 everyone in the family including their two children had the swine flu which many of their neighbors died from. The doctor traveled from Creston (Ogle), Illinois which was three miles to the farm by horse and buggy. Their children Gayle and Ruby walked to school to Steward Grade School which was a one room school with one teacher and 20-25 students. The pot bellied stove provided heat. Berge played the violin and harmonica and called for dances in peoples homes or barns. Josephine played the piano in church. Box socials, reunions, chatauquas and family get togethers provided entertainment.

Berge and Josephine along with their children moved to Rockford (Winnebago), Illinois. Berge worked at J.I. Case and they lived in a nice two story house on School Street. In 1923 the family moved to Fairdale (DeKalb), Illinois. Here they bought three farms near Monroe Center (Ogle), Illinois which they rented out. During the depression in 1929 all the farms were lost including the one they lived on. Josephine compensated for the loss by doing sewing in Rockford. They lived quite comfortably in spite of the hard times. Later they moved to a farm near Rockford and rented again. After this they moved to Rockford where Berge was employed at National Mirror on Kishwaukee Street. They rented a house on School Street and later owned a house on North Winnebago Street.

Berge was the more dominant parent and a very good father. He and Josephine especially liked Franklin and Teddy Roosevelt as Presidents.



BERGESON AND QUITNO (great grandparents) continued

Their first television was purchased in 1950 and the first radio in 1932. Berge retired from National Mirror when he was 75 years old and continued to live in Rockford until his death on September 1, 1963. They belonged to Our Savior's Lutheran and both had been confirmed in Creston Lutheran Church. Josephine passed away three years later on April 4, 1966.

Children: 1. Gayle Ellsworth (Sept. 1906 - Aug. 27, 1935)  
2. Ruby Elmira (March 12, 1909)



Floyd Edward MILLIGAN

He was born on November 16, 1904 in Esmond (DeKalb), Illinois. He had lived in three different houses by the time he was five. His family they moved to Fairdale (DeKalb), Illinois where he was to live for the next 29 years. The first school he attended was Cronktown named after a man who lived on a farm near the school. There were 10 - 12 students and the school was heated by a coal burning stove. Two of his teachers there were Gertrude Horn and Ester Wright. The second school he went to had 70 - 75 students. The principal was Mabel Gilchrist. Each week a music instructor, Mr. Jonnigas came from DeKalb and gave lessons. Floyd played the trombone in the Fairdale band which was very good. His parents owned a 160 acre farm at the time on which they raised cattle, hogs, poultry, oats, barley, corn and some wheat. By the time he was seven his chores involved milking cows, gathering eggs, bringing in split wood for the kitchen stoves and hauling straw into the barn for bedding. As he got older he was depended on more to share the work load. Some of the events that took place in Fairdale were the Memorial Day and Fourth of July parades and dinners at the church. He attended Sunday School almost every week to a church a mile and a half away. He teacher was Jenny Wikler. When he was twelve his father bought him his own horse. He named the strawberry rhone horse Prince who was always full of pep but didn't have a mean hair on him. Floyd also hunted, mostly for rabbits by using a ferret which he had tied 50 feet of cord around its neck. He also pulled such pranks as helping put a buggy on top of a barn on Halloween, and during study halls they would drown out gopher holes next to the window. Also for entertainment he played pool in Fairdale on Saturday nights and attended Grange meetings twice a month.



Ruby Elmira BERGESON

She was born on March 12, 1909 in Creston (Ogle), Illinois. She attended Steward Grade School which was a one room, one teacher county school. In 1918 she had the swine flu along with the rest of her family. When her family moved to Rockford (Winnebago), Illinois, she attended Rockford Central High School until 1923 when her family moved again, this time to Fairdale (DeKalb), Illinois. Here she played the violin in the high school orchestra. She also played basketball on Fairdale's High School girl's basketball team. They played some of the other smaller towns around the area including Esmond, Rochelle and Kirkland. The uniforms they wore consisted of black bloomers and middy tops. The games in Fairdale were held above a store in town which had a stove right in the middle of the court. Ruby was captain of the team, which won almost all of their games. She was also very active in school plays. After graduating from Fairdale High School in 1925 her teacher, Mr. Small and his wife, who was also a teacher along with the other graduate in the class, and Ruby went to Washington D. C. They traveled in a Model A Ford and camped in a tent along the way. They went through the White House and she was able to shake hands with President Calvin Coolidge. They also stopped at other places of interest along the way including Gettysburg, Pa. The next year she moved to Rockford and attended the Rockford School of Business for a year and half.

While growing up on the different farms she and her brother Gayle both had duties that were expected of them as they grew older. They carried in fuel, helped to husk corn and Ruby helped her mother churn butter which they always used for their own use. She and her brother had a brown and white pony which they rode. One time the horse became scared while she was on him and ran under a clothesline which caused her to catch her chin and neck on the line and thus making her fall very hard. Some of the games she played included red light and pom pon pullaway (tug-o-war). During the summer she roller-skated on the top floor of the barn which was very large. When she was older she participated in box socials. The girls cooked food and put it in a box to which they attached some form of recognition, such as a ribbon for their husbands or boyfriends, to try to identify which was theirs. Then the men would bid on the different boxes.





Floyd Edward MILLIGAN and Ruby Elmira BERGESON (grandparents)

They met in a cemetery on Memorial Day, 1924. Floyd was playing the trombone at the ceremony and Ruby was helping place wreaths on the soldiers graves. On August 31, 1927 they were married in Monroe Center (Ogle), Illinois in the Monroe Methodist Church. For their honeymoon they went to the Wisconsin Dells. The first house they had was in Fairdale (DeKalb), Illinois. At the time Fairdale consisted of a general store, a blacksmith shop, a pool hall, Grange Hall, a post office, a Methodist church and the school. Ruby played the piano in the church and also taught Sunday school. They both belonged to the Grange and later to the P.T.A. When the depression hit, they were well off compared to many since both of their parents helped financially and also gave eggs, milk and chickens to them. They also raised a vegetable garden to help the situation. During this time Floyd worked on his father's farm. In 1932 they had their first child, a son, Roger. In 1935 a daughter, Marlene, was born. Both of the children were baptized in the home. For entertainment there were parties in the church basement and many barn dances in the area. Occasionally they would go to a movie in Rockford or Belvidere, Illinois. There were also many social gatherings among neighbors. One of these was the galloping tea. Many of the families in town would gather once a month and drop in unannounced on another home. The people living there were to then supply good and refreshments for the people. Between 1930 and 1935 Ruby worked doing general office work. They then lived in Kirkland between 1940 and 1943. They moved back for Fairdale in 1944 and then in 1945 moved to Rockford (Winnebago), Illinois. They have lived in very comfortable homes having bought three; each one being a little improvement over the others. During the 1940's the family took many trips to Lake Kegonsa in Wisconsin during the summer. Ruby and Marlene also took several nice vacations in the 1950's to such places as California, New York and South Carolina. The first television they had was an RCA which they bought in 1954. In Rockford, Ruby has worked at Allens Crockery, Free Sewing Machine, Montgomery Wards where she worked as a sales clerk in the early 50's and from 1956 - 1974 at Greenlee Bros. and Co. doing general office work. Between 1945 and 1970 Floyd



MILLIGAN and BERGESON (grandparents) continued

worked at Rockford Screw Products as a department head. Both Ruby and Floyd are Republicans and consider Eisenhower as their favorite president because of his leadership and if there were any military decisions to be made he was the man to do it. They still live in Rockford in a very nice home and are living very comfortably. They often have friends or relatives over for get-togethers and Ruby belongs to a club with many of her friends. They almost always have their children and grandchildren over for holiday celebrations and birthdays besides other get-togethers. Their daughter Marlene and her husband Jim Johnson live in Rockford along with their two boys Jeff and Mark. Their son Roger and his wife Barbara now live in Lancaster, Lancaster, Pa., with their daughter Kellie. Their son Michael has stayed in Rockford to attend Rock Valley College.

Children: 1. Roger Neil (Nov. 11, 1932)  
2. Marlene Gayle (Nov. 27, 1935)



Joseph Glenwood SPICKLER

He was born on December 21, 1898 in Haggerstown, Maryland. His parents were Samuel Spickler (1858 - 1933) and Margaret Wishard (1860 - 1937). His parents did not have much money and Joseph worked on their farm while he was growing up. He attended grade school and high school and graduated in 1916. After he graduated he left the home and moved to Winnebago, Illinois by way of train.

Mabel Evelyn STANLEY

She was born on March 19, 1900 in Winnebago, Illinois. Her parents were John Stanley (1868 - 1941) and Katherine Patrick (1867 - 1915). Her parents also lived on a farm near Winnebago and she along with her two sisters Hazel and Beulah and her brother Lloyd were expected to help out on the farm. She also attended grade school and high school and graduated in 1918.



Joseph Glenwood SPICKLER and Mabel Evelyn STANLEY (grandparents)

They were married in Rockford (Winnebago), Illinois on April 16, 1919. After they were married they lived in a home in Winnebago, Illinois. On December 6, 1919 their first child Madelyn Margaret was born. During this time Joseph was working on different farms within the area. In 1924 their second child Pauline Mae was born. Tragedy struck the family in March of 1925 when Pauline died at the age of only six months. In 1928 their first son, Bruce Glenwood was born. Between 1919 through 1930 they lived in five different homes in Winnebago, Illinois, plus two farms there. They were small homes but comfortable enough for the family. In 1932 another daughter Phyllis Irene was born and the next year their fourth daughter Barbara Ann was born. In the 1930's the family moved to a farm in Pecatonica, Illinois where conditions became more crowded with the four children that they now had. In 1936 their second son Roger Duane was born. Around 1938 the family moved to Rockford (Winnebago), Illinois where they lived on the west side of town. Joseph had a job as a machine scraper at Barber Colman in Rockford where he worked for 25 years. He was well liked by his fellow employees and got along well with the management. When their daughter Madelyn was married in the early forties to a Carl Lundquist they lived at the home for a short while. Because of the crowded sleeping conditions a leather davenport in the dining room was used each night as a bed.

Both Joseph and Mabel were Protestant but religion played only a small part in the family life. Both of them were also democrats and thought highly of Franklin Roosevelt. The family did not take many vacations because they had to struggle to make ends meet. They did have many family get togethers with their relatives in Winnebago and Rockford and later started a family reunion which still exists today. The family was very close but raising a family of five was difficult. Then on March 10, 1946 Mabel Evelyn Spickler died.

This was very hard on the family especially with three of the children still living at home. The two girls at home Phyllis and Barbara helped with the housework and the fixing of meals. During the summer of 1948 Joseph bought a lot and started to build a cabin at Lake Witter near Wautoma,





SPICKLER and STANLEY (grandparents) continued

Wisconsin. In the late forties he married again to Doris Showen. In 1951 they had a son Kevin. Later however they were divorced. In 1959 Joseph and son Bruce went to Florida by car and bought some lots on the west coast near Port Charlotte. The next year they took a trip to Mexico which they also enjoyed. Joseph lived with his daughter Phyllis for a while during the sixties and lived on Mulberry Street in Rockford which was a two-story house. On September 28, 1968 he was married to Margaret Champlain in Rockford, Illinois on October 24, 1971. She died at the age of 79. After this he moved to an old age home. He died on October 25, 1972.

- Children:
1. Madelyn Margaret (Dec. 6, 1919)
  2. Pauline Mae (Sept. 1924 - March 24, 1925)
  3. Bruce Glenwood (May 26, 1928)
  4. Phyllis Irene (March 25, 1932)
  5. Barbara Ann (October 15, 1933)
  6. Roger Duane (May 12, 1936)
  7. Kevin (May 26, 1951)



Roger Neil MILLIGAN

He was born on November 11, 1932 in Kirkland (DeKalb), Illinois. He went to Fairdale School for first and second grade. When his family moved to Kirkland in 1941 he attended Dustin School for third grade and then Kirkland's grade school for fourth and fifth. For sixth grade he again went to Fairdale before his family moved to Rockford (Winnebago), Illinois in 1944. While in Fairdale he began playing the trumpet which he did so for the next few years. On V-J Day he remembers the factory whistles and sirens going off and also that his family went to his mothers' parents farm just south of Rockford and that he blew his trumpet out of the car window all of the way. Some of the games he and his sister Marlene played while growing up were kick the can, redlight and baseball. After moving to Rockford he attended Lincoln Junior High School and graduated from Rockford East High School in 1950. In 1945 the children were confined to the house all summer because of the polio epidemic in this area that year. He remembers the B-29's that flew over Rockford and sprayed DDT over the city which was to kill the housefly which was believed to spread the disease. He and his sister played many games together and played records or listened to the radio to help the time pass. He enjoyed listening to Harry James along with Jack Benny, Amos and Andy and The Shadow. At East he was involved in R-Club, the geology club and also played on the baseball team. He was also active in Boy Scouts during junior high school. During one summer he worked at DeKalb Hybrid detasseling corn. He also worked at Bowl Mor Lanes in Rockford as a pin setter. He bowled the first ball ever bowled there and got a strike. Also in the summer he went to ballgames in Chicago to see the Cubs. His family went to Wisconsin on most of their vacations and he enjoyed the fishing there. After graduating from high school he played baseball in the Tri-County League that summer. He also had a job at Bartelt's Engineering Co. as a draftsman that summer. In the fall he attended Northern Illinois State Teacher's College in DeKalb, Illinois where he studied engineering for two years. He continued to work at Bartelts during the summers and full time after leaving Northern.



Barbara Ann SPICKLER

She was born October 15, 1933 in Winnebago (Winnebago), Illinois. She lived for two years in Winnebago and then her family moved to Rockford (Winnebago), Illinois. Here they lived on Mulberry Street on the west side. She went to Ellis School for first through sixth grades. She had four brothers and sisters and got along very well with them. They played blind man's bluff and baseball as they grew up. The family was considered average and everyone was very close. She shared a bedroom with her sister in the two story house in which they lived in. She attended Roosevelt Junior High School for grades 7, 8, and 9. Here she played the trombone in the Roosevelt band. During the summers of 1946 and 1947 she played softball in the West End Girl's League as a pitcher. She also had tap dancing lessons when she was younger. She enjoyed listening to such shows as the Lone Ranger and The Shadow on the radio. Almost every Saturday she would go to the State Theatre and watch the weekly serials. When old enough, she also did alot of babysitting in the neighborhood including Mike Lenker who was later a P.O.W. in the Vietnam War. After Roosevelt she attended Rockford West High School where she was active in the girl's Glee Club and G.A.A. During the summer of 1949 she worked as carhop at the Cottonwood Drive In. During tenth grade she worked after school and on weekends at Rockford Memorial Hospital as a kitchen aide. She would bring the meals to the patients and sometimes work in the kitchen when needed. During eleventh grade she worked after school and on Saturdays at an insurance company working as a clerk typist. She graduated from West in 1952. After graduating she began working at Sundstrands again as a clerk typist from 1952 until 1955. She enjoyed going to movies and barndances that were held on Saturday nights in Pecatonica (Winnebago), Illinois. One summer she flew to Florida with one of her girl friends for a vacation. Also during this time she belonged to the Women's Club in Rockford.



Roger Neil MILLIGAN and Barbara Ann SPICKLER (parents)

They met on a blind date in 1953. On November 12, 1955 they were married in Rockford (Winnebago), Illinois at Centennial Methodist Church Reverend Timothy Reeves. For their honeymoon they went to Florida. They rented a three room apartment on 22nd Avenue in Rockford for 5 years. Between 1955 and 1957 Roger served in the U. S. Navy. He received basic training at Great Lakes in Waukegan, Illinois, then was restationed to Norfolk, Virginia before leaving the mainland. He was a draftsman in the Seabee's in Antigua, Cuba and Bermuda for these two years. He was the pitcher for the Navy softball teams at these three places. In 1957 the first child, Michael was born. When Roger returned from the service he continued to work at Bartelts but now in sales service. He held this position from 1958 until 1961. In 1960 the family moved to 2515 - 15th Avenue in Rockford. During 1961 a niece, Paula Hewitt lived three months with them. In 1962 Roger was promoted to sales at Bartelts. In 1963 the second child, a daughter, Kellie was born. In February of 1966 they moved to 4805 Augustana Drive in Rockford. Since the early 60's they belonged to Broadway United Methodist Church in Rockford. They along with their children attended very regularly. Barbara was a Sunday School teacher for two years and Roger one. Roger also narrated the Christmas contatas that were held in the church in the 70's. Roger also played softball for the church team. For vacations the family went to Wautoma, Wisconsin where Barbara's father had a cabin on Lake Witter. They also traveled to Mackinaw Island in Michigan, the Badlands in South Dakota and through Colorado. During Christmas of 1970 they took a trip with Roger's parents to Florida. They have also taken family trips to So. Louis, Missouri, and Niagara Falls.

Roger has also belonged to the Jaycees, the Y's Men Club and was also President of the Board of Trustees at church. Barbara donated much of her time to the St. Anthony Auxillary Board where she was a volunteer and Information Desk Chairman. From 1973 until 1975 she also worked part-time at Marshall Field and Co. as a sales service manager. There were many family get-togethers with relatives from both sides of the family that included reunions, parties, birthdays, holidays and picnics.





MILLIGAN and SPICKLER (parents) continued

During the 60's and 70's Roger was very active in sports. With Bartelt (which later became Riegel and then Rexham) he pitched two perfect games, one no-hitter and 4 one-hit games. In 1971 Riegel won the industrial league tournament as Roger won four games in six days. He has also pitched against the King and His Court. He also played basketball for many years for Bartelt once scoring 35 points. In the early 70's he was player-coach and in 1974 and 1975 played volleyball with the company team.

In August of 1975 they moved to Lancaster (Lancaster), Pa. Their son remained in Rockford to attend Rock Valley College. Here Roger works from his home covering Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. They live in a very nice tri-level house and like the area very much. Roger still works for Rexham.

Roger is a Republican while Barbara is an independant. Roger's favorite F.D.R. because he led the country out of the depression with the New Deal programs. Barbara liked E. L. Eisenhower because of his strong leadership qualities. When decisions are made in the family they are joint decisions. The first car they owned was a 1950 Cadillac which they drove to Florida on their honeymoon in 1955. The first television they bought was in 1957.

Children: 1. Michael James (April 17, 1957)

2. Kellie Gayle (Jan. 16, 1963)



Michael James MILLIGAN

I was born on April 17, 1957 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford (Winnebago), Illinois. The first house I remember was one on 15th Avenue in Rockford.

In the fall of 1962 I started kindergarten at Hallstrom School. It was only five blocks from our house so I walked almost everyday. There were many children in the neighborhood who were around my age so we often walked together. In the winter the mothers would form car pools. I belonged to the Cub Scouts starting in second grade up until we moved in February of 1966 when I was in third grade. Many of my friends from school were in it and I enjoyed it very much. On November 22, 1963 I remember our principal, Mr. Meyers telling us over the P.A. system that President Kennedy had been shot. We all stopped and took time for prayer but about half an hour later the final word came. We all understood what had happened but none of us could understand why. In second grade I received straight A's for the whole year from my teacher Mrs. Trotter. At the beginning of second grade I was in a split class with first graders. This did not work out and after about two weeks we were divided up into the other second grade classes. In both second and third grades I was in the S.R.A. program. There were only myself and another girl, Aileen Crandall picked from our grades for these two years. I was also in a speech class that met once a week. The last day that I went there in third grade, my class had a party for me and they presented me with a booklet of stories about me. When we moved I then went to Spring Creek School in Rockford. Because we lived so far away I had to ride the bus everyday which was a new experience for me. I made friends quickly and the change wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. I went there to the end of sixth grade. I was in the choir in both fifth and sixth grades and also was on the basketball team in sixth grade that played during halftime at one of the Guilford games. During grade school we played such games tag, kick ball, four square, baseball and tetherball. Every year a fun fair was held, which I always looked forward to. In fifth and sixth grades we also had to do science projects. The best part of the year was when we took field trips. We went to such places as the Planetarium and the Museum of Science



Michael James MILLIGAN continued

and Industry both in Chicago (Cook), Illinois

In seventh and eighth grades I went to Marsh Junior High School in Rockford. Here I played basketball both years. However about halfway through the season in eighth grade I broke my wrist during a practice and had to sit out the rest of the season. In seventh grade I began to take French which I had all through high school. In eighth grade I was on the publications staff of our school paper the Marsh Mercury. At the end of eighth grade we had a graduation in the gym and also a party at the Brookview Swim Club in Rockford. Then I went to Guilford High School in Rockford. In my freshmen year I again played with the basketball team. We finished in second place in a tournament at the end of the year. I had an English, French, History, Geometry and P.E. class that year. I also was on the golf team for my freshmen and sophomore years. As sophomores we finished about fourth in basketball. During the summer of my sophomore and junior years three other friends and I held a bumper pool marathon in our garage. We played for 100 straight hours taking two hour shifts in the day and three hour shifts at night. We raised over \$230 which we donated to Muscular Dystrophy. During my junior year I took driver's education and then got my licence in April of 1974. In basketball I worked my way from the jayvee team to starting on the varsity team. We were second in the conference and lost in the sectional finals at Rock Valley to Crystal Lake who we were picked to defeat. That summer I attended a basketball camp and lifted weights at Guilford about three times a week. In my senior year I had Chef's Class, French, P.E., English and Copolecs (comparing the U.S. and U.S.S.R.). In basketball we finished sixth in the Big Nine conference but played well the last third of the season. Our first game of the regional was against East who had won the conference championship and it was played at East. This game was my biggest thrill in sports because we beat them 46-45 after being down by 10 points in the third quarter. It was especially exciting for me because I scored our last four points in the last thirteen seconds including 2 free throws with 3 seconds left. Then on the day of the regional final against Harlem I was sick all day and played only half the game. It was very close but we lost by



Michael James MILLIGAN (continued)

2 points. During my senior year I was voted captain and most valuable player by the team. I was second in the league in scoring with 20.5 average and was voted both all-state and all-conference. I was also involved in R-Club during my senior year. During Easter vacation of my senior year I went to Miami, Florida with a friend of mine from the basketball team, Randy Kittle. In May I was inducted into the National Honor Society. Earlier in the year I was also named as an Illinois State Scholar. I graduated in June of 1975 which kept a 25 year tradition intact. My grandmother graduated in 1925 and my father in 1950. During the summer I worked at Cole Chemical Company as a packer. On the day I started going to Rock Valley College my parents and sister left for their new home in Lancaster (Lancaster), Pa. I continued to live in Rockford with the Kimmel family. I played basketball my freshman year at Rock Valley and our record was 19-10 overall.

I believe I have had an excellent family life. We did many things together as a family that made us close. We took many vacations together during the summers and also went to fairs, baseball games, reunions, family and holiday celebrations, the circus and many other things that they took time to do with my sister and myself. They also did little things that other parents might not have. They both provided rides when I was in bowling leagues from 7th to 10th grades, to the golf course from when I was 10, and everynight after all those basketball practices for five years. They also went through winters eating late because they always waited for me to get home from practice. My father always took time to play catch or basketball and was the one person who really got me involved in sports. Between 1972 and 1975 we both played on our church baseball team, he pitched and I played first base. I feel very lucky to have had such wonderful parents and also my sister Kellie who I have been very close to over the years.





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7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?  
 Blacks \_\_\_\_\_ Indians \_\_\_\_\_ Mexicans \_\_\_\_\_ Puerto Ricans  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jews \_\_\_\_\_ Central Europeans \_\_\_\_\_ Italians \_\_\_\_\_ Slavs  
\_\_\_\_\_ Irish \_\_\_\_\_ British \_\_\_\_\_ Native Americans over several generations  
\_\_\_\_\_ East Asian  Other LITHUANIAN

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?  
 Interviews with other \_\_\_\_\_ Family Bibles \_\_\_\_\_ Family Genealogies  
family members  
 Vital Records \_\_\_\_\_  Land Records \_\_\_\_\_ The U.S. Census  
 Photographs \_\_\_\_\_  Maps \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



## I. FAMILY DATA

## A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name JOSEPH NIKODIMAS MISUNAS Current Residence 319 GRAND AVE.  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth MATARAKIA, LITHUANIA Date of Birth JANUARY 4, 1890

Education (number of years): LITHUANIA  
 grade school 4-5 yr. high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational  college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)	PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)
1st <u>MACHINIST FOREMAN</u> Dates <u>1910-1957</u>	1st <u>418 ISLAND AVE.</u> Dates <u>1910-18</u>
2nd _____ Dates _____	2nd <u>319 GRAND AVE.</u> Dates <u>1918-Pres</u>
3rd _____ Dates _____	3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____	4th _____ Dates _____

Religion ROMAN CATHOLIC

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. LITHUANIAN CLUB

OF ROCKFORD  
 Place of Marriage to your grandmother ROCKFORD, STS PETER + PAUL date SEPT 10, 1915

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

## B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name JOSEPHINE ANNA MOCKUS Current Residence 319 GRAND AVE.  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth GIRDISKIS, LITHUANIA Date of birth SEPT. 25, 1895

Education (number of years):  
 grade school 1-2 yr. high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)	PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)
1st <u>DRESSMAKER SCHOOL</u> Dates <u>1907-1911</u>	1st <u>1422 N. CHURCH ST.</u> Dates <u>1913-5</u>
2nd <u>ZEKE'S KNITTING FACTORY</u> Dates <u>1913-1915</u>	2nd <u>418 ISLAND AVE.</u> Dates <u>1915-8</u>
3rd <u>HOUSEWIFE - SEAMSTRESS</u> Dates <u>1915-PRES</u>	3rd <u>319 GRAND AVE.</u> Dates <u>1918-Pres</u>
4th _____ Dates _____	4th _____ Dates _____

Religion ROMAN CATHOLIC

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. LITHUANIAN CLUB

OF ROCKFORD  
 Place of marriage to your grandfather ROCKFORD DATE SEPT. 10, 1915

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

1st _____	Dates _____	1st _____	PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home) Dates _____
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2nd _____	Dates _____	2nd _____	Dates _____
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3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
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4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____
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Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

1st _____	Dates _____	1st _____	PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home) Dates _____
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3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
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Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name FRANK E. PELLANT Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death JULY 18, 1923

Place of birth FON DU LAC, WIS. Date of birth SEPT 16, 1874

Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school X vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st FARMER OF TOBACCO Dates 1892-1899 1st JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN Dates 1899-1900

2nd FACTORY WORKER Dates 1900-1904 2nd MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN Dates 1900-1904  
(ELECTRICIAN - LABORER)

3rd NATIONAL LOCK Dates 1904-1910 3rd ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Dates 1904-1923

4th MALLEABLE IRON WORKS Dates 1910-1923 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion ROMAN CATHOLIC

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN date NOV 29, 1899

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name IDA H. BICK PELLANT Current Residence RIVER BLUFF NURSING HOME

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth BEAVER DAM, WISCONSIN Date of birth APRIL 28, 1879

Education (number of years)  
grade school 6 high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st BLIND INSTITUTE Dates 1891-1899 1st JANESVILLE, WIS. Dates 1899-1900

2nd HOUSEWIFE - GARDENER Dates 1899-1969 2nd MILWAUKEE, WIS. Dates 1900-1904

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Dates 1904-PRES

Religion ROMAN CATHOLIC

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN date NOV. 29, 1899

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name ANTHONY J. MISUNAS  
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS date NOV 23 - 1916  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation PATE CLERK  
Residence 3506 18th St Marital Status DIVORCED - MARRIED  
Number of children 5
2. Name ROSE MISUNAS BLECKER  
Date of birth MARCH 19, 1919 place LOVES PARK  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation SECRETARY  
Residence 316 MERRILL AVE Marital Status WIDOW  
Number of children 2
3. Name FRANCES MISUNAS MILLER  
Date of birth AUG 30, 1921 place LOVES PARK  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation HOUSEWIFE  
Residence 312 MERRILL AVE. Marital Status MARRIED  
Number of children 2
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name ROSEMARY VIRGINIA PELLANT MISUNAS  
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS date DEC. 24, 1921  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation SUPERVISOR  
Residence 3506 18th STREET Marital Status DIVORCED - MARRIED  
Number of children 7
2. Name JOSEPH E. PELLANT  
Place of birth MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN date FEB. 14, 1901  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children 0
3. Name SYLVIA DELORAS PELLANT HARDEN  
Place of birth MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN date FEB. 17, 1903  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status ~~SINGLE~~ MARRIED  
Number of children 1
4. Name LEL A. PELLANT  
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS date July 13, 1904  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation AUDITOR  
Residence SOUTH BELT Marital Status MARRIED  
Number of children 2
5. Name EUGENE C. PELLANT  
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS date MARCH 30, 1906  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation BARTENDER  
Residence 3209 LAPEY ST. ROCKFORD Marital Status MARRIED - WIDOW  
Number of children 1
6. Name GEORGE W. PELLANT  
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS date FEBRUARY 27, 1908  
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation RETIRED  
Residence 2017 13th STREET Marital Status MARRIED  
Number of children 7
7. Name DANAE J. PELLANT GUSTAFSON  
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS date MAY 10, 1913  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation OFFICE CLERK  
Residence PELLEY ROAD, ROCKFORD Marital Status MARRIED  
Number of children 5
8. Name JOHN FRANCIS PELLANT  
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS date MAY 23, 1915  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation RETIRED  
Residence ADELPHI, MARYLAND Marital Status MARRIED  
Number of children 1
9. Name KATHLEEN LUCIE PELLANT BUSH  
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS date MAY 13, 1923  
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation UNEMPLOYED  
Residence CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Marital Status WIDOW  
Number of children 0
10. Name LAWRENCE H. PELLANT  
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS date APRIL 29, 1911  
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation RETIRED  
Residence 3305 8th Street, Rockford Marital Status MARRIED  
Number of children 1

Your Father

Name ANTHONY J. MISUNAS Current Residence 3506 18th Street  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Date of birth NOV. 23, 1916  
 Education (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school X vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

## Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st FACTORY WORKER Dates 1936-1942 1st MADISON WISCONSIN Dates 1936-1942

2nd ARMED FORCES Dates 1942-1945 2nd ARMED FORCES Dates 1942-1945

3rd RATE CLERK Dates 1952-PRES 3rd 3506 18th STREET Dates 1951-PRES

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion ROMAN CATHOLIC

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. MOOSE CLUB, VFW

AMERICAN LEGION, LITHUANIAN CLUB, FORRESTERS, WHITE EAGLES

Place of marriage to your mother ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS date JULY 24, 1951

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name ROSEMARY VIRGINIA PELLANT Current Residence 3506 18th Street  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Date of birth DEC. 24, 1921  
 Education (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school X vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

## Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st FACTORY WORKER Dates 1941-1952 1st NORTH MAW ROAD Dates 1942-1945

2nd OFFICE CLERK Dates 1953-1972 2nd SOUTH 2ND STREET Dates 1945-1952

3rd SUPERVISOR TRUCKING Dates 1977-PRES 3rd 3506 18th Street Dates 1951-PRES

Religion ROMAN CATHOLIC  
FIRM

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. MOOSE CLUB, FORRESTERS

LITHUANIAN CLUB  
 Place of marriage to your father ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS date JULY 24, 1951

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

F-2 Stepmother

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name JOSEPH ANTHONY MISUNAS  
 Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Date of birth DEC. 24, 1954  
 Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation FIELD MARKER  
 Residence 3506 18th Street Marital Status SINGLE  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name JAMES RICHARD MISUNAS  
 Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Date of birth DEC. 23, 1954  
 Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence 3506 18th Street Marital Status SINGLE  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name JOHN PAUL MISUNAS  
 Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Date of birth JANUARY 24, 1953  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation TELETYPE REPAIR  
 Residence PHILLIPINES Marital Status MARRIED  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name JUDIE ANN MISUNAS  
 Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Date of birth NOVEMBER 30, 1953  
 Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation PHONE OPERATOR  
 Residence 3506 18th Street Marital Status SINGLE  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

III. ASSIGNMENT OF LITERARY RIGHTS (If you and your family are willing)

I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois

Signed Joseph A. Misunas  
 Date May 20, 1974



IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART  
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)

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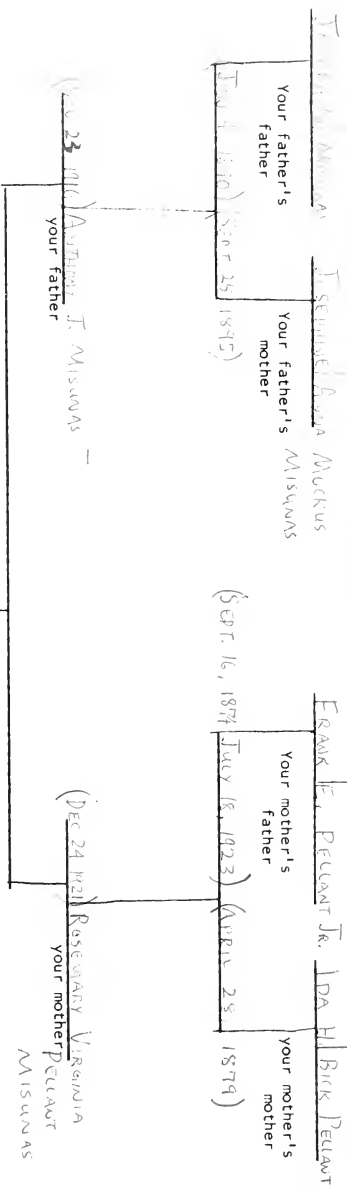
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FRANK E. PELCANT FLORENCE

JACOB BICK  
IDA LEMWITZER

(MAY 20, 1913) (DEC. 25, 1946)  
(BICK)



(Dec. 24, 1954) JOSEPH MOSKUS  
Your name

(Dec 24 1954) ROSEMARY VIRGINIA  
your mother  
MOSKUS





sSources of Information

1. Interview with Paternal Grandfather
2. Interview with Paternal Grandmother
3. Letter to American Genealogical Society
4. Rockford City Directory (1915-1930)
5. Interview with Father
6. Interview with Mother

Source of Information

1. Interview with paternal Grandfather
2. Interview with paternal Grandmother
3. Letter to American Genealogical Society
4. Hookford City Directory (1919-1930)
5. Interview with Father
6. Interview with Mother

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

I was unable to interview either of my mother's parents due to her father's death and her mother's age condition. It was also difficult to get in such early information about my other grandfather.



## FATERNAL GRANDFATHER

Joseph Nicodimos Misunas was the oldest son of Nastasia and Anthony Misunas. He was born on January 4th, 1870. He had four sisters; Eva, Constance, Karisa, and Elizabeth. His younger brother was named Benny. All the children were born and raised in Katarakia, Lithuania.

The Lithuanians speak a very ancient language. Under the old Russian rule since the eighteenth century an attempt was made to stamp out their nationality. They were forbidden to teach or use their language in the schools. Joseph learned the Russian language while attending school for either four or five years. While there he learned the art of making picture frames which proved quite useful later in life.

Joseph then began working on the farm on which he lived. They like many other peasants had times of poverty and hardship. Their primitive ways included the making of their own tools, furniture and wagons with their own hands. The soil where Lithuania is located is marshy and much of it is unfertile. Many problems arose from conditions such as these. The climate however was quite mild and they had a reasonably long growing season. They grew large quantities of wheat, barley, oats and potatoes with rye being the leading cereal.



In addition to cattle, other farm animals like chicken and geese were popular. Joseph continued to help his family until he was twenty when his sister Eva sent him a ticket for passage to America. Eva had married to Edward Merkel who also helped in this endeavor. Joseph left Bremen, Germany on way to Baltimore on the P. & O. Main North German Lloyd Line. He arrived on November 20th 1901. Joseph made his trip to Rockford where shortly after he began to work at W. H. & John Barnes as a technician.





### PATERNAL BACKGROUND

Josephine Anna was the younger of two daughters born to Jeronimus and Jouxana Mockus. Her sister's name was Marijonne. Josephine was born in the small agricultural town of Girdiskis on September 25th 1890.

Her family lived on a small farm with about ten acres of land. The house located in Southern Lithuania was a three room log cabin structure. The family of four lived in somewhat crowded conditions. The relatives lived a couple miles away in Isdagu.

Farming was the most important occupation within the family. They basically lived off the land growing such crops as cabbage, carrots, turnips, potatoes, barley and oats. They also owned a cow and a few horses. Josephine attended school for only a year. The women were to work in the home and afterwards would help the man in the fields.

In town was the small Catholic Church which they would attend regularly. Easter and the Holy Week Services were the most important religious days during the year. Weddings were similar as those in the United States. Funerals however, differed in that the people would come to the house of the deceased and afterwards join in a meal to ease the bereaved.



Her father died in 1901 when he fell from the barn roof. She continued to work on the farm until she was fourteen when she went to dressmaker's school. She made her own clothes out of woolen and linen goods. Many times she also repaired and mended torn clothes.

Josephine became interested in America thru her friends, "Bragged about America and came back with nice clothes and money." Her two half sisters sent her a ticket from the States. She took a train to Hamburg, Germany where the agents would take you over the Russian and German lines. The guards stayed awake all day and night watching you until it was time to board ship. The journey took fourteen days and cost about seventeen dollars. She arrived at Philadelphia on November 20th 1913.

Josephine came to Rockford and lived in extremely crowded conditions with her two half sisters. She received seventy-five cents for a ten hour work day with room and board. After one week her pay at Zeke's Knitting Factory was increased to a dollar a day.



LIFE TOGETHER

Joseph continued working at W. J. John Barnes. He met Miss Lockus through one of his sisters. They went together for almost two years. Josephine's sisters did not approve of him as he was characterized as being a little wild. She consented however, and on September 19th 1915 they were wed at Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church by a Lithuanian priest. Their first residence was on 419 Island Avenue on Rockford's southwest side.

In 1916 Joseph bought a two story house with two acres of land and a cow for seven hundred and fifty dollars. At 319 Grand Avenue in Loves Park they would make their home. Josephine soon quit her job where she left after making a dollar fifty a day. The lady of the house tended the chores around the house. Transportation to work was provided by a horse and buggy which was let r sold, or the streetcar which ran the length of North and South Second streets.

Three children were conceived; Anthony Joseph on November 23rd 1916, Eose on March 10th 1917, and Frances on August 30th 1921. Saint Bridget's Church was their place of worship. As the years went by Josephine became an expert seamstress. She was able to make dresses and alterations on coats and



dresses. She enjoyed tirelessly doing an hour's worth of her hands to make clothes for other people. Joseph took great pride in his garden which he started to grow. Canned jelly of jellies and wine have been produced from his vineyard. He became quite handy with tools and made benches, stools, and picture frames with relative ease.

In 1931 Joseph was promoted to the position of foreman at Barnes. Three years later he became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Josephine also became a citizen in 1944. Joseph finally retired in 1977 after working for forty-seven years. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September nineteenth 1963. After spending over fifty years in Loves Park they are certainly two of the longest term residents in the city.

Although Joseph has become quite dependent on his wife the last few years, he still retains pride in reaping the lawn and garden next. Josephine even today is sewing and fixing tattered clothes as well as presenting a warm hospitable atmosphere for any visitors. She on occasion will make the most mouth watering peanut butter cookies and chocolate cakes that you have ever tasted. She wishes that someday she may be able to return to her home country.





FRANK J. PELLAUT

Frank J. Pellaut Jr. was born on September 16th 1874, to Frank and Florence Pellaut, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. His father manufactured box-wood cigars. The family moved to Milwaukee and later to Campville, Wisconsin. Frank's younger brothers were Emory, Adolf, and George. His sisters were respectively May, Marie, Florence, Josie, and Ivy. About all the members attended school. The socially prominent Pellaut family was considered to be quite influential at this time.



Family Background

Ida Helen McLean was the 4th of 11 children of Jacob and Ida Wash on June 7, April 1851 in Wisconsin. Her father who served in the Civil War was a farmer and a carpenter. His house was in the town of Austin, Kentucky. Other children included Annie, who at the age of four could read the Bible, Elizabeth, Daniel, Mary, John, Jacob, another Mary, Henry, Joseph, George, Frank and Hannah. The family being this time over to Danville, Wisconsin.

Ida attended a German speaking school until the sixth grade. She then began to work at the Blind Institute where she combed their hair and cared for the children. She received no. and boarded two classes at K.

The household was a little short of space as might be expected. Father Jacob worked the land while receiving an average income. Holidays were important to the well being of the family members. They generally celebrated in nearby parks.

Religion was very essential to the family structure. Ida's mother who formerly was a Lutheran even tried to convert her minister. The father had to consent before anyone could marry. He would also discipline the children. The greatest conflict was making certain that everyone had been clothed and



fed. The youngsters were boarded out when they could not find some type of work. The men would find work on the farms while the women would do housework, laundry or cooking.

The family value system was very strong. Many of the family members worked at the unit in this industry which was the first industry of New South Wales. Country clubs and golf courses became a major industry.



Life in Wisconsin

The boys' father was still in the service. The illent family did not think that was good enough for their number one son. They relieved the difficulties and were married on November 29th 1899. Frank assisted his father for a short time and decided to go to Rockford to escape because he no longer wished to go the family business. They had three children before Edwin, Joseph, Sylvia, and Leo.

Actually they made a move to Milwaukee before moving to Rockford in 1904. Frank worked for a time as a laborer and electrician. He then began a stay at Rockford to operate Iron Works feeding a blast furnace. Other children included Eugene, Clarence, Idama, John, Rosemary and Kathleen. The family left their first home at 302 W. Mason. Soon after the father borrowed money from the bank to make the \$20 down payment on a three room house on the east side. They owned a small city lot in which they grew vegetables and kept their cow.

Frank met an untimely end on July 1st 1913 at 9:5 in the evening. Pneumonia as well as a 12 hour twelve hour work day took its toll. Relatives came forward while to help out but the family became very poor. Salvation Army and Relief helped save. The boys participated in semi-recreational sporting events. They would pass the hat and other layers





would split the money. Leo was supposedly major league baseball material but never got the opportunity. Gene worked for the railroad and others got any job they could. The family was concerned about each other and everyone contributed something so the younger children could be clothed and fed. Religion was essential. Saint James was attended in the morning and the afternoon on Sunday. When Ida was busy the oldest around would take charge. Ida had a yardstick to help discipline the youngsters. The mother made elderberry and dandelion wines and canned jellies and butter. She canned home goods and produced sweet, sour, and dill pickles. Although the family had a telephone they did not own a car. Transportation was provided by bus or trolley car.

One interesting incident occurred in 1908. Joseph, Sylvia, and Leo came down with diphtheria. The house was quarantined. Sylvia was in a sickly condition and Aunt Rose came over to wash her hair. Later Sylvia began coughing and Leo was told to get the medicine. He was too young to read and took the wrong bottle. Ida gave the three of them a spoonful of shampoo. This caused Sylvia to start vomit. It brought the inflammation out of her lungs. The object was a solid rock. The doctor said later that she would have certainly died.

In 1928 a tornado struck the city. George who was working at the Hotel Faust at the time saw the storm move up the river. It destroyed the Elco Tool Factory across the railroad tracks from the house. Houses were uprooted and put out in the middle of the streets.



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from... High School. She first worked as...  
went into factory work. Traveled with a rodeo...  
and square dance rider. Factory worker, later...  
work in truck line by helping assist someone the...  
filing and other clerical work. Obtained work...  
progressing from manifest clerk, to billing clerk, to...  
to supervisor. Played softball during summer with...  
tennis, golf, dancing, amateur dramatics, ice skating, fishing,  
horseback riding, and various other outdoor activities. Favorite  
subjects in school were English and History. Wanted to take  
Anthropology but classes too filled, during sophomore year so  
opportunity never again presented itself. Enjoyed...  
thoroughly after much illness during grade school... with a  
bout with double pneumonia in 4th grade. Perfect attendance throu-  
out the balance of school years. Helped with child care younger  
sister on wash days and while mother went shopping. Took care of



any and all neighborhood children while their mothers went grocery shopping. Entertained all children with fairy tales and games of drop the handkerchief, ring around the rosy, hide and seek. It was always like a kindergarten which was her secret mission.

One funny incident was; she was taking care of her younger sister who was always putting things in her mouth. Mother had gone to the store while she was gone. Kathleen picked up a marble put into her mouth, my mother took it out of her mouth and threw it up on the dining room baftly which had a large plate glass mirror. The mirror was broken but my mother did not know it until several days later when her mother was cleaning and found the marble near the broken glass.





today I have been very busy.

My first job was to go to the office.

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Re: Mary Bellantret Antikay, born in 1901

was working at Jones Transfer Company where her sister [unclear] was employed. They were married in 1951 and made their first trip to California. They decided to purchase a home on the east side of Rockford. Their first night at home was on [unclear] 23rd 1951. The house was very cold; [unclear] was written on an old calendar. Their children were John, Judie and two twins, James and Joseph, who were born on different days. James (1953) was born on December 23rd 1953 and Joseph (1954) on December 24th 1954. Anthony has been employed as a tractor operator since 1958 where he now makes about \$10,000 a year. He has been in the Moose Club, V.I.S., Lithuanian Club, Foresters, White [unclear], Citizen Band Radio Club, Chicago Feter Club, Teamsters and St. Edward's Catholic Church. He enjoys golfing and bowling. Anthony regularly attends amateur and professional baseball, football and basketball games throughout the year. His favorite teams are the Chicago Cubs and Bears. The favorite athlete is George [unclear] of the professional football league. George formerly worked as a tractor operator during the off season. Blanda however continues to kick field goals at age forty-seven. Tony has always encouraged his young [unclear] to participate. Many trophies at home is proof of the interest that he instilled in them.



Rosemary has been involved in the League Club and projects in Beckfield. She has encouraged her children to lead active lives. She contributes money to organizations that help the poor and Vietnam, to feed and clothe the needy. She currently is employed at Cooper-Jarret Freight Company as a supervisor. She wants her children to be able to attend college, something which she is unable to do. Her ebullient personality keeps the household cheerful throughout the year. She also takes an active part in disciplining the children. Rosemary although she has a high blood pressure condition extends herself to make certain that the wants and needs of her family are satisfied.



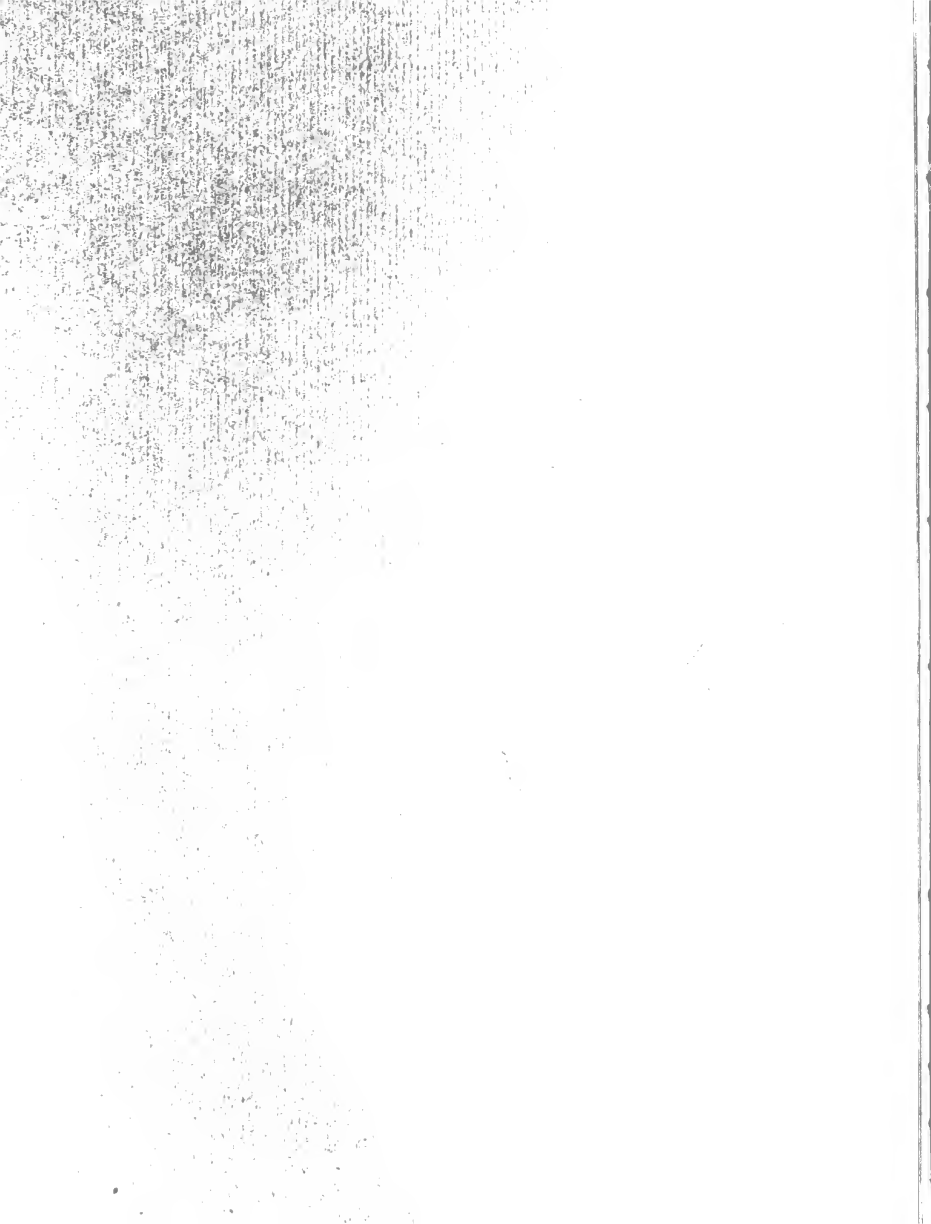
ADDITONS

Ida Fellant (Grandmother) today has twenty-five grand children, forty-three great grand children and two great great children. Frank' PellantSenior's mother was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.





MONSON, DONNA LOUISE, 1955-



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1. Your name Donna Louise Monson  
Date of form May 2, 1974

2. Your college: Rock Valley College  
Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

Before 1750         1750-1800         1800-1850  
  X   1850-1900         1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

     New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.)         Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)  
     South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.)         East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn., Ky.)  
     West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.)         East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)  
     Pacific (Cal., Wash)         (Hawaii, Alaska)      X   Illinois      X   Eastern North Dakota

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

  X   Farming         Mining      X   Shopkeeping or small business  
     Transportation         Big Business         Manufacturing  
     Professions         Industrial labor         Other

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

     Roman Catholic         Jewish      X   Presbyterian         Methodist  
     Baptist         Episcopalian         Congregational      X   Lutheran  
     Quaker         Mormon      X   Other Protestant         Other

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

     Blacks         Indians         Mexicans         Puerto Ricans  
     Jews         Central Europeans         Italians         Slavs      X   Scandinavian  
     Irish         British      X   Native Americans over several generations  
     East Asian         Other

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

  X   Interviews with other         Family Bibles      X   Family Genealogies  
     Family members  
     Vital Records      X   Land Records         The U.S. Census  
  X   Photographs         Maps         Other



FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name John Monson Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death February 2, 1973

Place of birth Fjarlov, Gumlosa, Sweden Date of Birth February 24, 1875

Education (number of years):  
grade school 7 (?) high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

<u>1st farm hand</u>	Dates <u>1893</u>	<u>Bement, Ill.</u>	<u>1893</u>	tes
<u>drove ice wagon</u>	<u>1893</u>	<u>Chicago, Ill.</u>	<u>1893</u>	
<u>2nd farmer</u>	Dates <u>1894-1942</u>	<u>Monticello, Ill.</u>	<u>1894-1904</u>	tes
		<u>Argenta, Ill.</u>	<u>1904-1907</u>	
<u>3rd sold land</u>	Dates <u>1918-1922</u>	<u>Monticello, Ill.</u>	<u>1907-1914</u>	tes
		<u>Hooppole, Ill.</u>	<u>1914-1917</u>	
<u>4th ran meat market</u>	Dates <u>1940</u>	<u>Yorktown, Ill.</u>	<u>1917-1922</u>	tes
		<u>Milton, N.D.</u>	<u>1922-1932</u>	
Religion <u>Lutheran</u>		<u>Osnabrook, N.D.</u>	<u>1932-1942</u>	
		<u>Walnut, Ill.</u>	<u>1942-1968</u>	
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternal		<u>Decatur, Ill.</u>	<u>1968-1973</u>	ca

Independent Order of  
Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Monticello, Illinois date 11-28-1903

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Ida Nelson Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death March 10, 1962

Place of birth Askustorp, Hastveda, Sweden Date of birth May 5, 1878

Education (number of years):  
grade school 7 (?) high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

<u>1st a domestic</u>	Dates <u>1900-1902</u>	<u>1 New York City, N.Y.</u>	<u>1900-1902</u>	
		<u>Monticello, Ill.</u>	<u>1903-1904</u>	
<u>2nd housewife</u>	Dates <u>1903-1962</u>	<u>2 Argenta, Ill.</u>	<u>1904-1907</u>	
		<u>Monticello, Ill.</u>	<u>1097-1914</u>	
<u>3rd</u>	Dates _____	<u>3 Hooppole, Ill.</u>	<u>1914-1917</u>	tes
		<u>Yorktown, Ill.</u>	<u>1917-1922</u>	
<u>4th</u>	Dates _____	<u>4 Milton, N.D.</u>	<u>1922-1932</u>	
		<u>Osnabrook, N.D.</u>	<u>1932-1942</u>	
Religion <u>Lutheran</u>		<u>Walnut, Ill.</u>	<u>1942-1962</u>	

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Rebecca Lodge, Church Clubs

Place of marriage to your grandfather Monticello, Illinois DATE 11-28-1903

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).



Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Henry J. Roemich Current Residence Mendota, Illinois  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_Place of birth LaSalle County, Illinois Date of birth May 20, 1878Education (number of years):  
grade school third high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)1st farmer Dates 1893-1941 1st farm near Sublette, Ill. Dates 1893-19412nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Sublette, Illinois Dates 1941-19733rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Mendota, Illinois Dates 1973-

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion EvangelicalPolitical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Registered Republican,  
Farm Bureau Organization, PTAPlace of marriage to your grandmother Lee County, Illinois date 2-8-10Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18)  
give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Sadie M. Schamberger Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death January 10, 1957Place of birth Lee County, Illinois Date of birth August 31, 1888Education (number of years)  
grade school 8 high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)1st worked in boarding house and Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st farm near Sublette, Illinois Dates 1910-1941  
bakery2nd housewife Dates 1910-1957 2nd Sublette, Illinois Dates 1941-1957

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion EvangelicalPolitical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Church Clubs, PTAPlace of marriage to your grandfather Lee County, Illinois date 2-8-1910Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18)  
give that data on the back of this page (D-2)





CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

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1. Name Walter Monson  
Place of birth Argenta, Illinois date December 29, 1904  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death November 26, 1905
2. Name Margaret Clara (Monson) Albright  
Place of birth Argenta, Illinois date December 29, 1906  
Number of years of schooling 2 public 1 college Occupation homemaker  
Residence Decatur, Illinois Marital Status widow  
Number of children one
3. Name Phillip John Monson  
Place of birth Monticello, Illinois date July 1, 1911  
Number of years of schooling 12 public Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status married  
Number of children two Date of Death August 31, 1965
4. Name child born but never named because died soon after birth  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name Melvin Roy Monson  
Place of birth Yorktown, Illinois date December 16, 1918  
Number of years of schooling 12 public Occupation factory worker  
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status married  
Number of children four
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_



CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

Name Esther Louise (Roemmich) Zimmerlein  
Place of birth Sublette, Illinois date December 16, 1910  
Number of years of schooling 12 public Occupation housewife  
Residence Mendota, Illinois Marital Status married  
Number of children one

Name Wilson Henry Roemmich  
Place of birth Sublette, Illinois date November 6, 1912  
Number of years of schooling 12 public Occupation Supervisor of Assessments for  
Residence Princeton, Illinois Marital Status married Dureau County  
Number of children one

Name Florence Wilhelmina (Roemmich) Daehler  
Place of birth Sublette, Illinois date March 1, 1915  
Number of years of schooling 12 public Occupation housewife  
Residence Dixon, Illinois Marital Status widow  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name Ralph Frederick Roemmich  
Place of birth Sublette, Illinois date March 23, 1918  
Number of years of schooling 12 public Occupation farmer  
Residence Sublette, Illinois Marital Status married  
Number of children two

Name Gertrude Kathryn (Roemmich) Fitzgerald  
Place of birth Sublette, Illinois date January 26, 1924  
Number of years of schooling 12 public Occupation housewife  
Residence Mendota, Illinois Marital Status widow  
Number of children four

Name Robert Henry Roemmich  
Place of birth Sublette, Illinois date October 27, 1926  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death November 2, 1926

Name Lillian Marie (Roemmich) Monson  
Place of birth Sublette, Illinois date March 2, 1928  
Number of years of schooling 12 public Occupation housewife  
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status married  
Number of children four

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_



Your Father

Name Melvin Roy Monson Current Residence Rockford, Illinois  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Yorktown, Illinois Date of birth December 16, 1918  
 Education (number of years)  
 grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)  
 1st factory worker Dates 1939 1st Propherstown, Illinois Dates 1939-1940  
 2nd U.S. Navy employee Dates 1942-1945 2nd Atlantic and Pacific Ocean Dates 1942-1945  
 3rd sales agent Dates 1945-1954 3rd LakMoille, Illinois Dates 1945-1954  
Price clerk 1954- 1954 Joliet, Illinois 1954-1954  
 4th TBA truck driver Dates 1954-1968 4th Rochelle, Illinois Dates 1954-1966  
 5th office and factory worker 1968- 5th Rockford, Illinois Dates 1960-

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Religion Presbyterian Masonic Lodge, American Legion,  
PTA, PTO, Church clubs. Registered Republican

Place of marriage to your mother Bureau, County, Illinois date 2-7-54  
 NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back  
 of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Lillian Marie Monson Current Residence Rockford, Illinois  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Sublette, Illinois Date of birth March 2, 1928  
 Education (number of years)  
 grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)  
 1st Bank teller and book-keeper Dates 1946-1954 1st Mendota, Illinois Dates 1950-1954  
 2nd housewife Dates 1954-1954 2nd Joliet, Illinois Dates 1954-1954  
housewife 1954-1954 Rochelle, Illinois 1954-1966  
 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Rockford, Illinois Dates 1966-

Religion Presbyterian  
 Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Church clubs, PTA, PTO  
Registered Republican

Place of marriage to your father Bureau, County, Illinois date 2-7-54  
 NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back  
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CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Wanda Marie Monson  
 Place of birth Rochelle, Illinois Date of birth August 22, 1955  
 Number of years of schooling 12 public, 2 college Occupation student  
 Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name Donna Louise Monson  
 Place of birth Rochelle Illinois Date of birth August, 22, 1955  
 Number of years of schooling 12 public, 1 1/2 college Occupation student  
 Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name Leon Charles Monson  
 Place of birth Rochelle, Illinois Date of birth March 29, 1957  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence Dixon State School, Dixon, Illinois Marital Status single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name Scott Allen Monson  
 Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth October 7, 1966  
 Number of years of schooling kindergarden - second Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

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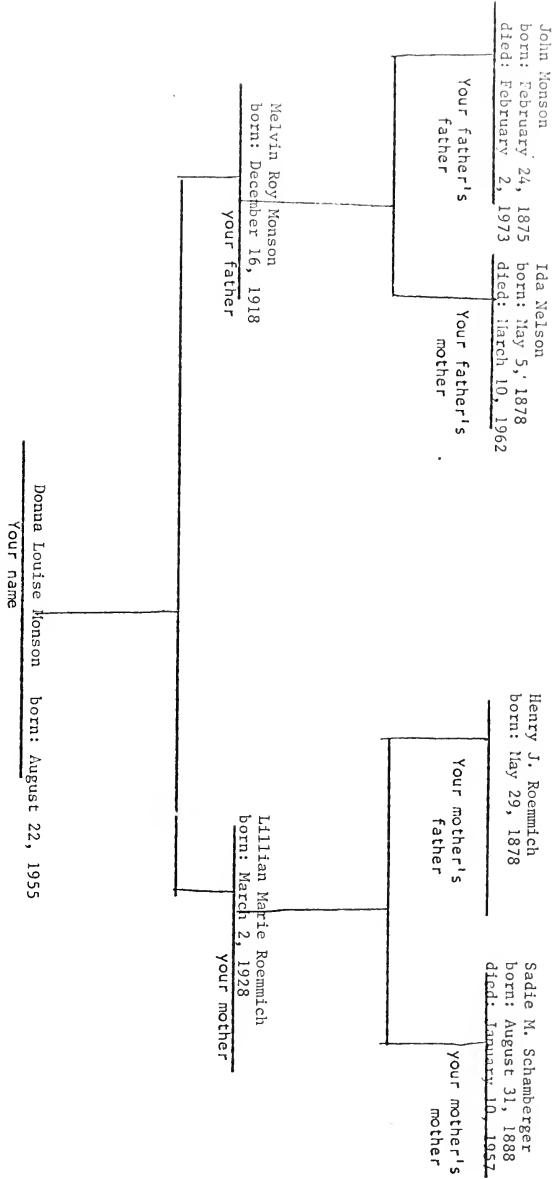
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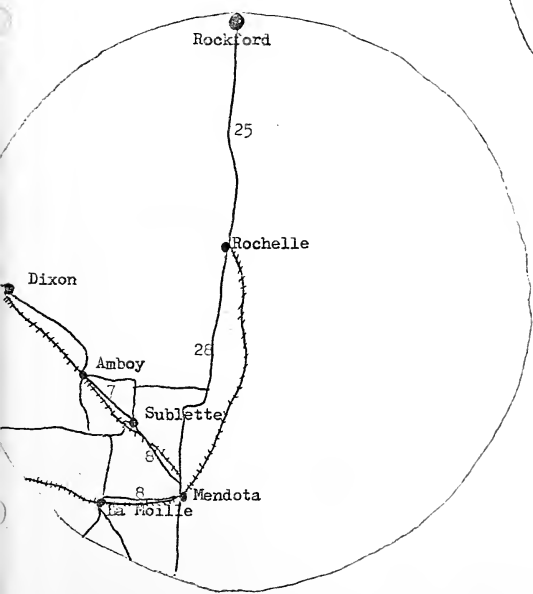
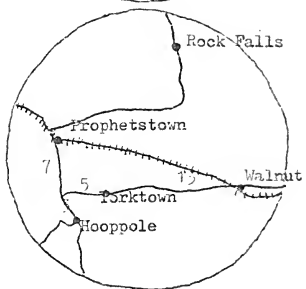
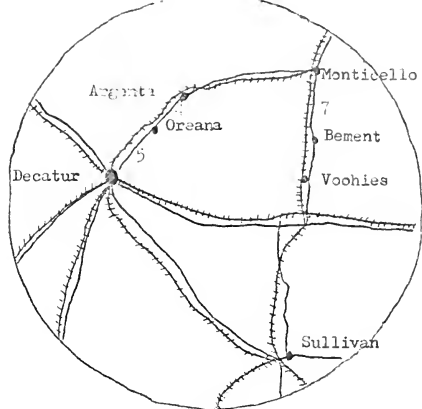




IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART  
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These maps show the places that are talked of in this report. The numbers between the towns are mileage.



## Family History

My grandfather, John Monson, was born in Fjarlov, Gumlosa, Sweden on February 24, 1875. He left Sweden on April 4, 1893 and arrived on the continent of North America on April 26, 1893. He came over the ocean on a cattle boat to Halifax, Nova Scotia, then took an emigrant train to Detroit, Michigan, traveled by train to Bement, Illinois where he met a wealthy uncle. There were many factors influencing his immigration to the United States. One of the main reasons was to escape the mandatory draft in Sweden. Another was the influence of a wealthy uncle, Nels Larson, who lived near Bement, Illinois in a small castle named Voorhies. My grandfather was always an adventurer and wanted to explore the United States.

After being employed by Nels Larson for a while as a farm hand, my grandfather went to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois in 1893. He was so impressed with Chicago that he decided to remain there for approximately one year. He drove an ice wagon and worked in taverns to earn money to live off of. When he came over from Sweden, my grandfather was unable to speak much English. He quickly learned the English language because he knew he had to in order to communicate with others.

In approximately 1894 he moved back to central Illinois. On July 25, 1899 he was naturalized by the Circuit Court of Mountrie County at Sullivan, Illinois. Also, in 1899 after his naturalization he returned to Sweden for a short three week visit. When he returned from his visit to Sweden he started farming near Monticello, Illinois. Then, in 1902, he was introduced to Ida Nelson, my grandmother.



Ida Nelson was born in Askustorp, Hastveda, Sweden on May 5, 1878. She left Sweden on September 17, 1900 and arrived at Ellis Island, New York on October 1, 1900. She went through the inspection policies that the immigrants must go through and then landed in New York City. She was greeted by a cousin in New York City. This cousin was working for a prominent family in the city and helped my grandmother obtain a job as a domestic in the same family. It was either in the Pierpont Morgan household or the Cornelius Vanderbilt III household where they were employed. I was not able to find the date my grandmother left New York City or why she left. It was approximately in 1902 when she took a train to Chicago and then another train to central Illinois where she had acquaintances. Also, I was unable to find out where she lived or what she did for a living until she met my grandfather.

She met John Monson at a Swedish gathering, a common event among the Swedes in central Illinois. They were married on November 28, 1903 at my grandfather's home in Monticello. In 1904 they took a delayed honeymoon to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, Missouri. My grandmother automatically became a naturalized citizen when she married my grandfather.

They lived south of Monticello in the house they were married in for a while and then moved near Argenta, Illinois to a small farm. During this time a son Walter (December 29, 1904-November 26, 1905) and a daughter Margaret Clara (December 29, 1906) were born to them. The family then moved north of Monticello on a small farm. My grandfather also ran a livery stable besides farming. In 1909 my grandmother received a cablegram from Sweden informing her that her mother was very ill. Soon after receiving this she took a train to New York City, sailed on the Lusitania to England, and took a ship to her home town. She stayed three months, from April to June, and when she returned she took a train to England, the Lusitania





to New York City, and a train to Monticello. During the time that the family was living north of Monticello a son Phillip John (July 1, 1911-August 31, 1965) was born to them. It was also during this time that John got his first car, an EMF.

In 1914 the family moved to a farm near Hooppole, Illinois. because of the availability of land there. The furniture, some animals, and farm machinery were shipped by box car. My grandfather rode in the box car so he could take care of the animals. My grandmother and the two children rode on a passenger train. In 1917 the family moved to a farm near Yorktown, Illinois where my father, Melvin Roy (December 16, 1918) was born. My grandfather's primary occupation was farming but he also dealt in cattle, horses, automobiles, and other commodities. He was always a trader at heart and enjoyed dealing with people. One of the crops grown at the Illinois farms was corn. This was picked by hand in the field. The cattle were shipped by train to Chicago to the stockyards. In those days the farmer got a free pass to ride along in the train with the cattle.

When the family lived near Hooppole and Yorktown the clothes and groceries were ordered from a Sears catalogue. It was exciting when the big boxes came by freight from Chicago. When the family lived near Yorktown they drove by car to Prophetstown on Saturday evenings. They either went to a silent movie with a lady playing the piano while the show was on, walked up and down the main street to see who they would meet, or sat in the car watching the people. They also bought the groceries that they needed and hadn't gotten from Sears.

It was also in 1918 when my grandfather became interested in buying and selling vast land acreage in North Dakota. He traveled back and forth to and from North Dakota in the summer months in an Overland car, and in the



winter months he used the train. There was no such thing as a driver's licence and gasoline was only seven cents per gallon. During World War I it was easy to trade because demand was good and the family prospered .

In the spring of 1920 the family went to North Dakota for the summer. They drove there in an Essex car. They had written on the side of the car with chalk "North Dakota or Bust". It was an open car so if it rained the side curtains had to be put on in a hurry. The roads were graveled in places, but a lot of them were dirt and very muddy when it rained. They returned to Illinois in November 1920 and lived on a farm near Hoopole until March 1922.

In the spring of 1922 My grandfather purchased 2000 acres of land in North Dakota for 50 to 60 dollars an acre. They sold their 160 acres in Illinois for 200 dollars an acre and moved to North Dakota. When they moved this time it was by rail. They sent some furniture, two Waterloo Boy tractors, household items, and other things. My grandmother had some beautiful antique dishes that were packed in a trunk, but most of them had been broken by the time they reached North Dakota. The family drove an Essex to Milton, North Dakota.

While in North Dakota, my grandfather grew wheat, rye, oats, barely, and potatoes a most important crop. He also had cattle, hogs, sheep, chickens, and turkeys.

My grandmother cooked many of the same dishes that we eat today. She cooked such things as Swedish meat balls, rice, lutefish, and lefse. She made her own soap, canned meats, smoked and cured hams and bacons, and made the family sausages. The house the family lived in had no running water and often times the pages of the old Sears catalogue were used as toilet tissue. There was a stove in middle of the living room that used coal and wood to heat the house. The upstairs rooms had no heat stoves and used smoke



pipes which ran exposed in the upstairs rooms. This did not heat to a good degree, because many times upon waking up in the morning there would be frost on the bed covers. To get water the family had to walk one fifth of a mile. It was brought back to the house in a bucket and set on the counter of the kitchen and a ladle was put in the bucket and used to drink out of. In the winter melted snow was used to wash the clothes.

The town of Milton had a population of approximately 300 people. It had one school with all twelve grades contained in it, a grocery store, four churches, and a train running by the town, which was most important to the town.

The depression did not greatly affect my grandfather and his family because they were farmers and could produce their own food. In 1932 the family moved to a farm outside of Osabrook, North Dakota and lived there until 1942. My grandfather farmed until approximately 1940 when he opened a meat market until 1942. Margaret, the eldest child was married in 1932, and Phillip, was married in 1934. After the youngest, Melvin, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942, my grandfather and grandmother moved to Walnut, Illinois where my grandfather dealt in real estate, served as a policeman, and worked in a small factory.\* On March 10, 1962 my grandmother passed away at the age of 83 and was buried at Walnut. My grandfather then became semi-retired. In 1968 he moved to Decatur, Illinois to live with his daughter Margaret. My grandfather passed away in Decatur on February 2, 1973 at the age of 97 and was also buried at Walnut.

\*During World War II the family received rationing stamps for such things as sugar, meat, tires, and gasoline.



My grandfather, Henry J. Roemmich, was born on May 29, 1878 at home in Troy Grove Township, LaSalle County, Illinois one mile south of Mendota, Illinois. When he was four or five years old the family moved to another farm four miles south and one half mile west of Sublette, Illinois. He attended a one room school house and attended only through the third grade. In 1893 his family moved to another farm two miles west and one half mile north of Sublette where my grandfather remained until 1941. The family purchased a farm house and 206 acres. He helped his father and brother farm and my grandfather rented 40 acres of land in the neighborhood and farmed that too. It was the custom in those days when a son turned twenty-one years old to give him a team of horses.

The main social activities of this time were square dances. Many times they were held in the homes in the neighborhood. They would move all the furniture out of a room for dancing. The music was an accordian or violin or both. My grandfather always liked working with wood, so when he was seventeen he carved a violin out of wood and often played it at the square dances. Another form of activity was getting together in a home and playing cards.

In 1904 during the building of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, Missouri, my grandfather went down to help build it. They advertised in the papers for help so my grandfather went alone. He soon returned home because he did not belong to a union and the union members ran out the non-union members.

My grandmother, Sadie M. Schamberger, was born on a farm in Lee County, Illinois on August 31, 1886. She attended a one room school house up to the eighth grade. She was then employed in a boarding house and a bakery in Mendota.

My grandfather and grandmother had known each other ever since my grandfather moved to the farm west of Sublette. She lived only three fourths of a mile down the road from him. They were married on February 8, 1910 in Lee County at my grandmother's home. On March 1, 1910 they bought the farm that my





grandfather's father had bought in 1893 and continued farming the land.

A daughter, Esther Louise (December 16, 1910), a son, Wilson Henry (November 6, 1912), another daughter, Florence Wilhelmina (March 1, 1915), another son, Ralph Frederick (March 23, 1918), another daughter, Gertrude Kathryn (January 26, 1924), another son, Robert Henry (October 27, 1926-November 2, 1926), and another daughter, my mother, Lillian Marie (March 2, 1928) were born to my grandfather and grandmother during the time they lived on this farm.

My grandfather farmed soybeans, oats, corn, alfalfa, and potatoes. He had cattle, chickens, pigs, and horses. Butchering always took place in either January or February. They butchered several beef and hogs for the family to eat. In February and sometimes March it was time to take the pigs to market. The neighbors helped each other put eight to ten pigs in a truck and hauled them to the train in Sublette to take to Chicago, Illinois to the stockyards. When it came time to pick the corn in the fall, a box was put on the side of the wagon and the good ears of corn were saved for planting in the spring. The ears hung all winter in the house. When early spring came the family would shell the corn and get it ready for planting in May. My grandfather grew more potatoes than the family needed. He loaded the extra potatoes on a truck and went to Mendota to sell them to the people in the town. My grandfather had a reputation as a good potatoe grower and had many orders. He was also active in community affairs. He was on the elevator board in Sublette and active in St. Paul's Evangelical Church where the family attended. From 1937 to 1948 he sold insurance for the Bradford Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

In 1918 my grandfather bought a Ford touring car with a top and side curtains. The side curtains were used in case of rain. The car was not taken out when it was cold or muddy. In 1924 they bought a four door Dodge Sedan.



In 1928, because the family was getting larger, my grandfather bought a four door Model A Ford Sedan.

My grandmother made her own soap in the summer. She used lye and lard that had not been used for canning. It was mixed together outside and then poured into heavy pans and set in the attic to harden. Just before it was too hard, it was cut into squares. She used lye soap for the laundry and dishwashing. My grandmother was considered a very good cook. She canned fruits and vegetables from her garden. She used the cold pack canning technique and open kettle canning technique. She made her own noodles from eggs and flour. The mixture was rolled into a circle twelve to fourteen inches in diameter and as thin as possible. It was then cut and hung over chairs to dry. After milking the cows, some of the milk was taken to the basement and let set and later the cream would be skimmed off the top and put in a cream crock. This was used for butter and also it would be sold in town. What was left was set on the back of the kitchen range and made into cottage cheese. When threshing season came, she and her daughters would prepare a twenty pound roast beef with peas, potatoes, and cake for the sixteen to eighteen men. She was actively involved in the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. Also, she would get together with other ladies and make quilts and sew rags to make rugs. The daughters would help with these projects.

In 1919 the first remodeling of the house took place. This was when the heating system was put in. Before this the family had one range in the kitchen and wood stoves in other rooms. In 1919 the radiators were put in and the kitchen was remodeled. The total cost of this was \$2544.25. In 1923 a garage was added and also the smokehouse was built in the yard. In 1919 a pump was installed in the house so water could be pumped into the kitchen. This was also when the windmill was built. In 1936 electricity was installed in the house, so no more kerosene lamps were used.



The village of Sublette was formed around the train that went by the village. It was a small town with one grocery store, a few churches, a school, and an elevator. Groceries were gotten from the Sublette store and two times a year a trip to Mendota was made. Other items that were needed were gotten from the Sears catalogue. Peddlers were common in the summer, selling such things as fabrics, socks, and pants. Purchases were also made from a Raleigh dealer.

Activities outside the farm area were county fairs and circuses. The first Roemmich Reunion was held in September 1919. In 1933 everyone in the family but the two youngest, Gertrude and Lillian, attended the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago. A relative drove with them into the city. In 1934 the family went again. This time the oldest son, Wilson, drove into Chicago.

Activities around the farm would be reading the magazines that the family received, such as the Ladies Home Journal, Prarie Farmer, and Farm Journal. No daily newspaper was gotten by the family, only the Mendota Reporter, Amboy News, and Lee County Farmer. A player piano was purchased in about 1925. That was great entertainment for the family. My grandmother and three daughters, including my mother played the piano without the player. The first radio was purchased in about 1928. It was an Atwater Kent with earphones. My grandfather listened to the farm programs at noon, and the rest of the family would listen to programs such as Moose Heart at other times in the day. In the summer they would pick dandelions and make dandelion wine. In the winter sledding was popular.

There were no funeral homes in the area. The wake was held in the deceased's home and a service was held there too. There was another service held at the church and then the casket was taken to the grave yard to be buried.

My grandfather and grandmother were host and hostess to the family on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. The Christmas gatherings started when the children started leaving home after getting married and returned every year with



their families.

During World War II the family received rationing stamps for sugar, meat, tires and gas. On May 4, 1942 the schools closed because of registration for sugar rationing.

On March 27, 1941 the family moved to the village of Sublette and my grandfather became semi-retired. My grandmother died on January 10, 1957 and was buried in Mendota. My grandfather lived in his house in Sublette until December of 1973 when he moved to Mendota where he presently resides.





My father, Melvin Roy Monson, was born on December 16, 1918 on a farm near Yorktown, Illinois. When he was four years old the family moved to a farm outside Milton, North Dakota where he remained until 1939.

The school that my father attended in Milton had all twelve grades contained in it. There were two grades to one room in the first through eighth. In high school he took such subjects as English, U.S. History, Algebra, Commercial Law, and General Science classes. He graduated from Osnabrook High School in a graduating class of six in May 1936.

For activities in the winter my father would ice skate, ski, play cards, and when he got older he also went to school parties and basketball games at the school. It was not uncommon for him to hunt jack rabbits which the family would eat, and sell the fur for twenty-five cents a piece. In the summer he would swim, hunt gophers, prairie dogs, and rabbits. When he got older he would go out with the girls. An annual event in Milton was the Chautauqua which came in the summer months. It was a musical variety show and brought animals such as a sea lion that many children in North Dakota had never seen. Another event that came not so often to Milton was the circus. My grandfather encouraged his family to go to the circus. Also in the summertime there appeared tramps and gypsies to find work in the fields. Because the gypsies' life style was so different than the farmers, they often scared the young children of the area. In the late summer and early fall berry picking was a special event. When that time came they picked either the blueberries, pincherries, choke-cherries, wild plums, and cranberries. There was a picnic the day of the picking. Afterward the berries were made into preserves, jams, jellies, and sauces.

The family received such magazines as the Prairie Farmer, Successful Farming, Collier's, and the Saturday Evening Post. They also read the



Grand Forks Herald, a daily newspaper. The first radio was purchased in 1924 for family entertainment. It was a Crosley having two headphones and no speakers. The first stations they listened to were WLS in Chicago and CKY in Winnipeg, Manitoba,, Canada. They listened to popular music, the Barn Dance on Saturday night, Amateur Hour, and Eddie Cantor. My grandfather listened also, to the grain and livestock market reports.

There was no such thing as a funeral home in Milton. The casket was placed in the home of the deceased person and someone sat up with the corpse all night. There was a service in the decesses home and then another service at the church. Since most of the churches had the cemetery in the churchyard, the casket was then carried out right from the church and buried.

All holidays were spent together with the families around the area. Each family had a particular holiday they would host at their home. Christmas was passed around from family to family, but Thanksgiving was always held at a certain uncle and aunt's home. Swedish food was always served. The fourth of July was always a big celebration in the town of Milton. The village celebrated this together by having firecrakers, parades, baseball games, and picnics..

My grandfather did not like to talk Swedish at home and did so only on those occasions when he did not want the children to understand what he was saying to my grandmother. But, at all the Swedish gatherings, Swedish was always spoken.

In North Dakota the weather conditions were always severe in the winter months. The snow would often get as high as a telephone pole. Horses were driven during ..... five months of the year. The family did not get more than seven miles away from home from November to May. If an emergency arose the train was used, but it many times was not able to get through for a week at a



time. The doctor used a snow plane to get from home to home. The snow plane, which could go 60 miles per hour and got  $3/4$  mile to the gallon, was a sleigh with a propeller on the back and could go anywhere over the countryside. My grandfather planned for the rugged winter by storing extra food in the cellar of his house. The family would have ten to twelve 100 pound sacks of flour, twelve boxes of apples, dry stores such as apricots, prunes, raisins, rice and beans, and two 100 pound bags of sugar. Many of these groceries came from the Sears catalogue whose pages were later used for toilet tissue.

After graduating in May of 1936 from high school my father worked on farms around the area for \$1.50 a day plus room and board. In 1936 he bought his first car, a 1925 Dodge.\* Then, in 1939 he went to Prophetstown, Illinois with a cousin because he wanted adventure. He roomed with old friends of his father's and worked in an Eclipse Lawnmower factory for 35 to 37 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents per hour.

In 1940 he went back to North Dakota and worked in potatoe houses until 1942. On July 9, 1942 my father enlisted in the U.S. Navy for the war's duration plus six months. His basic training was at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Illinois. He then had four months training at Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana, and an additional three months training at Treasure Island Naval Base at San Francisco, California for being an electrician mate. In April of 1943 he was around the Aleutian Islands, January 1944 he came back to the states for leave and then sailed between the southwest Pacific Ocean and San Francisco and San Diego. In May of 1945 he sailed for France and after returning to the states again he then sailed once again to France. My father was discharged on October 1, 1945. He took a train from New York City to Walnut, Illinois where his mother and father had moved. He did not regret being in the Navy and admits it was interesting

\* In those days there was no written driver's license tests. One only needed to fill out an application and send to Bismarck, the state capital.



in many points. It was fun and yet at times it was hard work.

After a brief visit to North Dakota, my father started in November of 1945, as a sales agent for Standard Oil Company. He received \$200 a month guaranteed, plus commission, equaling about \$6500 a year. He lived in LaMoille, Illinois rooming in a home. He was involved in such activities as being a volunteer fireman, belonging to the Masonic Lodge and American Legion. In 1949 he purchased the Standard Oil gas station in LaMoille. He tore down the old building and built a modern station on the site in 1950. During this time he was still the Standard Oil agent in that area.

In 1953 my father was first introduced to my mother, Lillian Roemmich.





My mother, Lillian Marie Roemmich, was born on March 2, 1928 in the Angear Hospital in Sublette, Illinois. When my grandmother and mother were well enough to leave the hospital they went to their farm two and half miles outside of Sublette. When my mother was old enough to play outside she had a playmate only three fourths of a mile down the road. She also was entertained by the farm cats. She was never an active farm girl in that she never rode many horses or cared to help with the farm chores around the farmyard. She was happier when she could be in the house helping her mother with the house duties.

In 1934 she started school in Sublette. She was transported to school in a truck converted into a bus. It picked up only ten to twelve children from the surrounding farms. The village school operated as a two room school under the County school system. Two teachers were employed, one for the upper grades, fifth through eighth, and the other for the lower grades, first through fourth. Once a year they were taken to Mendota or Amboy to see a puppet show put on by a traveling company. It was always an annual event at the end of the school year to have a picnic.

My mother was a regular attender of St. Paul's Evangelical Church on the old Chicago Road near LaMoile, Illinois. The Sunday school was in a small building separate from the church and was heated in the winter by a coal burning stove. The ice cream social was one annual event that the family always attended. They not only went to their own church's ice cream social, but also the surrounding area churches. My mother enjoyed going to these because she could see children of her own age group. Another annual event at the church was the Harvest Home Feast. Since most of the congregation was made up of farmers, they brought flowers, fruits, and vegetables that they had harvested and would decorate the church. This feast occurred in October.

Being the youngest member of the family, my mother got a lot of hand me downs



from her sisters and brothers. Nothing was ever wasted. After she outgrew a piece of clothing and it was still in good condition it was given to another relative to wear. My mother would spend many hours sitting on the wooden glider or wooden swing in the yard playing with dolls or reading in the summer. In the winter, a large room upstairs served as a playroom. Other forms of entertainment were listening to the radio and such programs as Little Orphan Annie, and when she was older the Hit Parade. She enjoyed reading and was a Shirley Temple fan. She embroidered doll blankets, dishtowels, table cloths, and pillow cases. She also helped her mother sew rags together for the making of rugs. The first movie she attended was in 1939 and it was Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Amboy theatre. Also in 1939 she started taking piano lessons from a lady in Sublette costing fifty cents for half an hour.

My mother helped take care of the garden during the growing season. They grew flowers, turnips, tomatoes, beets, green beans, peas, carrots, and sweet corn. In the fall she would help her mother can the garden products. In the late summer and early fall it was a common thing to see hobos and tramps wandering around the countryside. Many times they would come to <sup>the</sup> door of the farmhouse and ask for food, money, or work. They were not feared by the farmers. If the summer nights got extremely warm the children of the family would take a blanket and go outside to sleep. Two of the most important events during the year was the picking of the blackberries in the grove behind the house and the changing of the calendars at the end of the year. After picking the berries, my mother would help make the jams for the winter eating. Calendars were seen all over the house in most farmers' homes. They were good advertising for the shops around the area. Since there were so many calendars hanging in the house it was like redecorating.

During the harvest season, the neighbors got together and helped everyone



harvest each others' crops. My mother helped prepare for the meal for the sixteen to eighteen men. She and a sister also had the job each year of taking a mirror out to a nearby tree and hanging it on the tree and then taking a wash basin out under the tree so the men could wash up before coming in the house for lunch. When it was time to harvest the potatoes, someone would dig them up and my mother would come behind them and pick the potatoes up.

Holidays were usually spent with the family. There was a Christmas eve program at St. Paul's Evangelical Church. Christmas Day, after Santa Claus had come, was spent with members of the family at a dinner. On Good Friday noodles and prunes were always served by my grandmother and Easter Day the family again got together for a meal. Every Memorial Day the family would visit the cemeteries where they had relatives buried. The fourth of July was spent in Sublette seeing parades, having picnics and seeing fireworks. In the summer months there were many family picnics, many of them held at White Pines State Park. In September the Roemmich Renion was held and the family attended. Thanksgiving Day was also spent with the family at a dinner.

On March 27, 1941, when the family moved from the farm to the house in Sublette, my mother was in seventh grade. The next year, while in eighth grade, she was able to walk to school. She graduated from eighth grade on May 14, 1942. In the fall of 1942 she started high school at Amboy High School, Amboy, Illinois, and rode a bus from Sublette.

During this time on Friday summer evenings there were outdoor movies shown in Sublette. The family would take a chair or blanket and go down town and watch them. On Saturday evenings sometimes the family would go to Mendota to meet with friends and relatives and go shopping. It was always an exciting event to go shopping in a "larger" town like Dixon, Illinois for the day.



In high school my mother took the required subjects of English, Math, Science, History and Physical Education. She especially enjoyed the electives of Business classes and Home Economics classes. She learned much from her sewing classes and sewed clothes for her nephew and neice, and herself. Later she sewed for her twin daughters. She also belonged to the Chorus, not a class but an outside activity. She was still taking piano lessons (the price had now raised to one dollar for half an hour) and for two years accompanied chorus programs. She attended the home football games, went to movies, and bowled with boy friends and girl friends. When big name bands played in Mendota, she would attend these dances.

In 1945 my grandfather taught my mother how to drive in a 1941 Chevy. There were no driver's education classes in high school. She then took a State written and driving test in Amboy to obtain a license. In May of 1946 my mother graduated from Amboy High School in a graduating class of 75. Ten of the 75 were considered Honor Students and my mother was among the ten.

On August 2, 1946 she started working at the Sublette State Bank as a bookkeeper and teller. She received \$60 a month starting salary. She was employed there until 1949. In 1950 she started working at the Mendota State Bank as a bookkeeper and teller, and roomed with her oldest sister and family who resided in Mendota. For activities she would go to movies, dances, and bowling as well as date. In the fall of 1949 the First Annual Sweet Corn Festival was held in Mendota as a promotion stunt. My mother attended along with the other 20,000 people who enjoyed themselves with the festive events. and all the free sweet corn one could eat. Mendota still holds this Festival.

In July of 1949 my mother and one of her sisters took a train to Denver, Colorado to visit relatives and see the sights. They then flew to Kansas City, Kansas and took a train home. This was the beginning of annual vacations for





my mother. In June of 1950 she went with some friends in a car to Denver again. In August of 1951 she went with a sister and a friend by airplane to San Francisco, California, and took a train home. In March of 1952 she got her first car, a Plymouth costing \$2200. In May of the same year she drove with a friend to Washington D.C.. In September of the same year she went with friends to the Ozarks with some friends. The last trip my mother took before she was married was with a friend to Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon. by train.



My father, Melvin, and my mother, Lillian, had known each other because of my mother working at a Mendota bank and my father banked at that bank. They went out together for a while and became engaged in November of 1953. They were married at St. Paul's Evangelical Church on February 7, 1954 and took a short honeymoon to Chicago. They lived in Joliet, Illinois in a furnished apartment for two months while my father worked as a price clerk in the Standard Oil office in Joliet. In April of 1954 they took a longer honeymoon to Washington D.C.. Also, in April of the same year they moved to Rochelle, Illinois to an unfurnished apartment. My father was transferred to Rochelle to become a TBA (Tires, Batteries, and Accesories) truck driver for Standard Oil out of Rochelle. My mother worked part time in a bank in Rochelle. They played cards with friends, went to movies, and out to dinner for entertainment. On June 18, 1955 they bought their first television. Neither my mother or my father had had a television when they lived at home.\*

On August 22, 1955 twin girls were born to them. My sister (who is only half a minute older), Wanda Marie, and I, Donna Louise were born at the Rochelle Community Hospital. Because of the arrival of two babies instead of one, my father and mother needed a larger place to live so they rented a house on the same street. In the fall of 1956 they bought their first home on the same street, next door to the one they rented, for \$1350.00. and moved in on November 1, 1956. and remained there until August of 1966. A son, Leon Charles, was born to my mother and father on March 29, 1957 who was later found to have brain damage and placed in 1960 in the Gandy Home for Handicapped Children until 1962 when he was transferred to the Dixon State School in Dixon, Illinois where he still remains a resident.

In the spring of 1958 my father started driving to Rockford, Illinois every<sup>work</sup> day because Standard Oil Company changed the loading station for the \*Favorite reading material was the Rockford Register Republic, Mendota Reporter, Reader's Digest, National Geographic, and Better Homes and Gardens.



TBA drivers.

I started kindergarden on September 6, 1960 at Linclon Grade School in Rochelle. The school was close enough so that my sister and I could walk to it. I attended Lincoln through fifth grade, until the spring of 1966.

While growing up in Rochelle in the summer I would play with dolls, swim, ride bikes, roller skate, and went to the near by park with my sister and friends that lived on the street.\* In the winter we would sled, skate, and play with our dolls in the house. We attended the First Presbyterian Church in Rochelle and there were many church activities to go to. When I was older the church sponsored a one week camp at Stronghold Castle in Oregon, Illinois. In connection with the school I was a Bluebird and then a Camp Fire Girl for a few years. One of the most entertaining objects around the house was the television. The Captain Kangaroo Show was a favorite.

We visited relatives often and got together every Thanksgiving and Christmas , if the weather permitted. Summer picnics were common and were usually held at White Pines State Park. The third Sunday of September was always set aside for the Roemmich Reunion, which we would attend.

In June of 1960 my sister and I took our first long vacation with my father, my mother, an uncle, and an aunt. We went as far west as Las Vegas, Nevada. This was the beginning of a group of six I was to take before we left Rochelle. The other five go as follows: in July of 1962 my family went to North Dakota to visit relatives, in June of 1963 my family went to Kentucky, Mammoth Cave, and Blue Ridge, in June of 1964 my family went to Washington D.C., in July of 1965 my family went to the Black Hills, Yellowstone, and Teaton National Park, in June of 1966 my family went to Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, and New York City. In addition to these long trips shopping trips were taken

\* In the spring of 1959 my Grandfather Monson partially assembled a playhouse for our backyard. When it was brought from Walnut, my father finished assembling it. We spent many hours playing in the five feet by eight feet house.



to Rockford and Chicago.

On August 13, 1966 my family moved to Rockford so my father would not have to drive to Rockford every work day. We moved with a moving van and had much help from the neighbors in Rochelle and friends.

I started sixth grade at Rolling Green School in the fall of 1966. On October 7, 1966 my youngest brother, Scott Allen was born.

In the fall of 1967 I started junior high school at Jefferson Junior High. I attended Jefferson as a junior high through ninth grade and since the city of Rockford was in the process of making Jefferson into a high school, I also attended it in tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. While in junior high there was held almost every Friday night a Rec Night where I went to the school with friends to swim, watch movies, play volleyball and basketball in the gym, or walk around and talk with other friends. While in high school there were dances, proms, and plays to attend. On October 12, 1971 I received my driver's license after taking the driver's education classes at Jefferson. On June 7, 1973 I graduated from Jefferson High School in a graduating class of 435. The ceremonies were held at the Rock Valley College Field House.

In the spring of 1968 my father stopped driving the TBA truck, and started making city deliveries for Standard Oil in the mornings and then worked in the office in the afternoons. In January of 1969 he was pensioned off due to a company employee cutback after his 23 years of service. In July of 1970 he became employed by Goss Printing Press Company where he is presently employed. In June of 1969 my family took a vacation to Colorado to sightsee and too see a relative attending a college there. Also, in September of 1969 the Roemmich Reunion celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, and the attendance was larger than usual.





In August of 1970 my family took its last long vacation. This was to New York, Boston, and the New England states. The total cost of the trip for five people was \$425.00. Also, in July of 1970 my father sold the gas station in LaMoille.

An exciting event took place in December of 1971. We received a telephone call that my father had won a car by registering at a gas station in a contest. In February of 1972 we got the 1972 Buick Skylark, the car we won.

On April 9, 1972 I started working<sup>part-time</sup> at St. Anthony's Hospital as a dietary trainee. My starting wage was \$1.70 per hour. I left St. Anthony's on January 13, 1973. On January 22, 1973 I started working<sup>part-time</sup> at the Rockford Public Library. My starting wage was \$1.60 per hour and after six months I received a raise of \$1.75 per hour. I am presently employed by Rockford Public Library.

I started Rock Valley College on June 13, 1973 for the summer session. I attended Rock Valley in the fall of 1973 and am presently enrolled in the spring of 1974 session.



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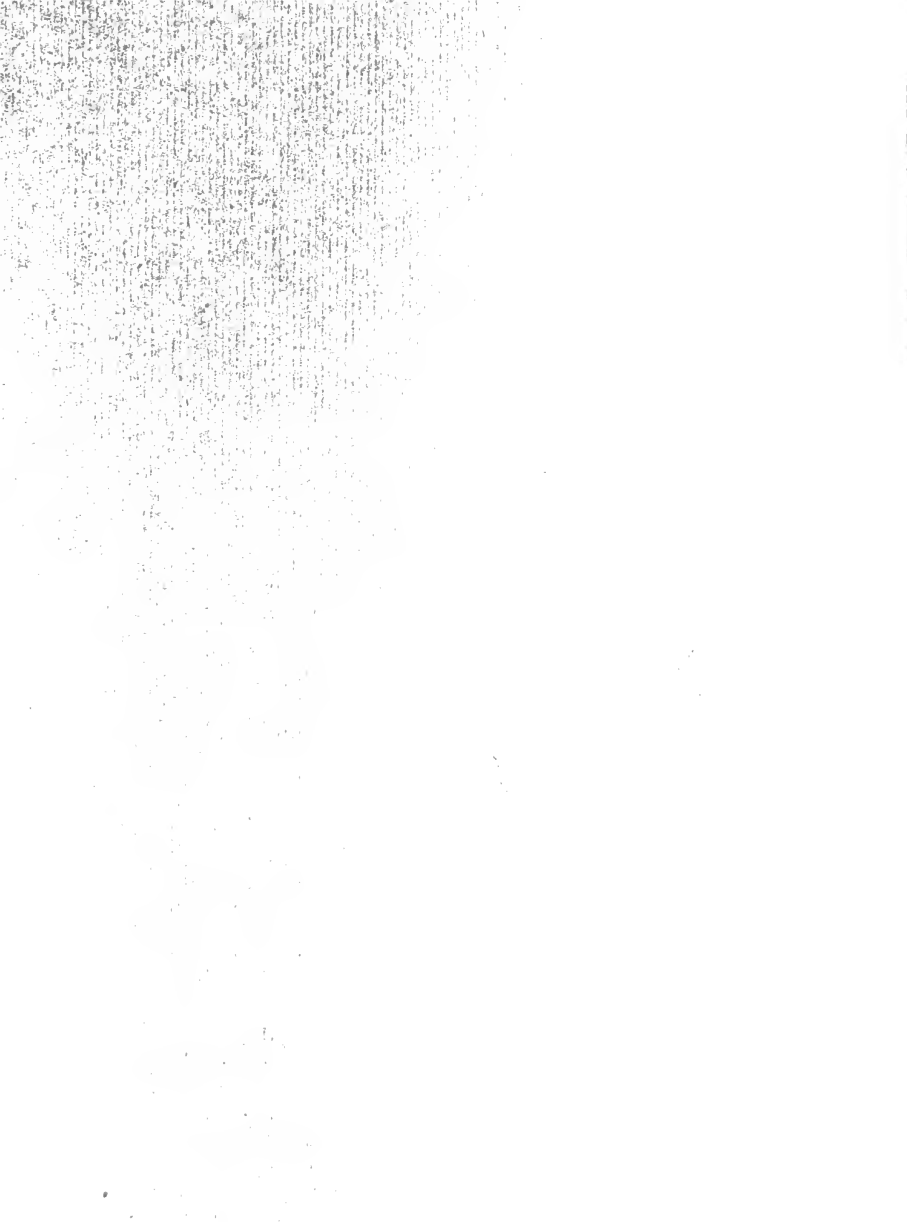
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Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

     Before 1750         1750-1800         1800-1850  
   1850-1900         1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

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5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

     Farming         Mining         Shopkeeping or small business  
     Transportation         Big Business         Manufacturing  
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6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

     Roman Catholic         Jewish         Presbyterian         Methodist  
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     Irish         British         Native Americans over several generations  
     East Asian         Other (Name)                     

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

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     Land Records         The U.S. Census  
     Vital Records  
   Photographs         Maps         Other





II. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Karl Joseph MOSBACHER Current Residence deceased  
Date of birth November 14, 1880 Place of birth Wichita, Kansas  
Date of death May 18, 1970 Place of burial Wichita, Kansas

Education (number of years);  
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational - college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st Jewelry Store Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Wichita, Kansas Dates 1910

2nd Cadillac Salesman Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Wholesale Grocery Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th Hudson Dealer Dates 1921-1953 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican

Wichita Country Club

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Wichita, Kansas date Sept. 1910

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Anita HENDERSON Current Residence Deceased

Date of birth September 3, 1890 Place of birth Wichita, Kansas  
Date of death January 12, 1960 Place of burial Wichita, Kansas

Education (number of years):  
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Wichita, Kansas Dates 1926

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Catholic/Episcopalian

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican

Junior League of Wichita, Wichita Country Club

Place of marriage to your grandfather Wichita, Kansas date Sept. 18, 1910

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

## A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_

college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_

college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Walter Robert Current Residence Rockford, Illinois

Date of birth 1870 Place of birth Rockford, Illinois

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home) Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Methodist  
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date 1900

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1).

D. Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Sigrid Marie SPECTOR Current Residence Rockford, Illinois

Date of birth June 6, 1880 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home) Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Lutheran  
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather Rockford, Illinois Date 1901

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-2 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Karl Joseph MOSBACHER  
 Place of birth Wichita, Kansas date August 16, 1917  
 Number of years of schooling 17 Occupation Engineer  
 Residence Cincinnati, Ohio Marital Status Susan DICKERSON  
 Number of children 3 Death \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name Bruce Henderson MOSBACHER  
 Place of birth Wichita, Kansas date May 29, 1919  
 Number of years of schooling 17 Occupation Engineer  
 Residence Deceased Marital Status Helen STURM  
 Number of children 4 Death December 8, 1966
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

Your Father

Name Ernest E. [unclear] Current Residence [unclear]

Date of birth May 28, 1919 Place of birth [unclear]

Date of Death Nov. 1, 1971 Place of burial [unclear]

Education (number of years)  
grade school 6 high school 9 vocational          college 4

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st Eng./Insulation Corp. Dates 1942-45 1st [unclear] Dates 1942-45  
2nd Eng./Insulation Corp. Dates 1945-47 2nd [unclear] Dates 1945-47  
3rd Eng./Insulation Corp. Dates 1947-49 3rd [unclear] Dates 1947-49  
4th Gen. Mgr. [unclear] Dates 1949-50 4th [unclear] Dates 1949-50

Religion [unclear]

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. [unclear]

A.S.I.E.  
Place of marriage to your mother [unclear] date [unclear]

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Helen Marie [unclear] Current Residence [unclear]

Date of birth October 1, 1905 Place of birth [unclear]

Date of death [unclear] Place of burial [unclear]

Education (number of years)  
grade school 6 high school 4 vocational          college 1

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st Consulting Dept. [unclear] Dates 1931 1st [unclear] Dates 1931  
2nd Proof Reader/Div. [unclear] Dates 1931-1933 2nd [unclear] Dates           
3rd Travel Agent Dates 1933 3rd [unclear] Dates           
4th [unclear] Dates          4th [unclear] Dates         

Religion Lutheran/Congregation 1

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. [unclear]

Rockford College, April 1931  
Place of marriage to your father [unclear] date August 1, 1940

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-2 Stepfather

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

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Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

F-2 Stepmother

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(after leaving home)

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4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_



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 Number of children [unclear] death [unclear]
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 Number of children [unclear] death [unclear]
- 3. Name John Forest [unclear]  
 Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth Oct 20, 1909  
 Number of years of schooling 15 Occupation [unclear]  
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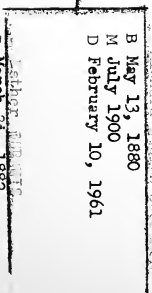
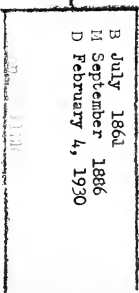
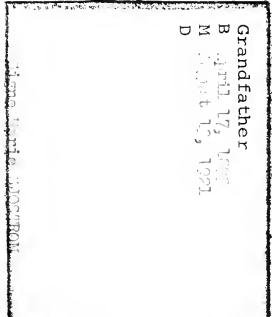
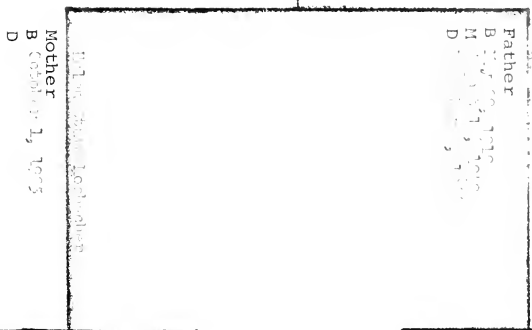
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GENEALOGY CHART

Julia Fern Larson Hochstetler  
 Born: Oct 19, 1875  
 Married:  
 Died:



Grandmother  
 B June 9, 1902  
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Richard Adolph Erickson

Leiber, Edw. Eric



SOURCES

FAMILY RECORDS

OLD LETTERS

INTERVIEWS with:

Karl J. Mosbacher, Jr.  
Walter Forest Sturm, Sr.  
Edna Sturm  
Daisy Lindstrom  
Helen Shoudy  
Helen Mosbacher



Karl Joseph MÖSEBACHER, Sr. was the son of Charles Joseph MOSBACHER and Maude Packer JONES born in Wichita, Kansas on November 14, 1880. His brother Frank was born two years later. His family was on of the early families in Wichita and he could remember the wooden sidewalks and the doctor's office being in the local drug store. His father was a fine watchmaker and owned the Mosbacher Jewelry Store in downtown Wichita.

As a boy he helped in his father's store and later became a name in the wholesale grocery business. He left that calling to sell Cadillac cars for a far-sighted man who started an agency when the automobile was a novelty. In the late Twenties, Karl started his own automobile business which became the Mesbacher Motor Company and was the distributor for Kansas of the Hudson car. He was an early fan of the automobile and never lost his interest. He traveled to all of the 48 states in his lifetime, starting when road maps were non existant and directions were written to tell you which barn to look fer to make a turn to arrive at one's destination. The family traveled extensively each summer, sometimes on one lane roads through the mountains in Colorado and often had to be pulled from a water filled dip in the road by a famer and his team.

As much as he loved cars, he was also very fond of horses and had his own carriage and horse, Babe, in which he did his courting.





His one love was Anita HENDERSON. One day he took her for a ride in his tuggy and seeing a bank of lilac bushes stopped and cut her a hugh bououet which he presented to her. He always said she was the most beautiful woman in the world. They were married on September 18, 1910 at her home. Her father had died recently and so it was a small wedding for the family only.

During the depression, it was difficult to keep his home and business. Through stringent economy, it was accomplished and he went on to recover his former economic standing. He sold the agency in the early fifties after suffering a heart attack and spent a lot of time traveling or just enjoying the family home.

He died May 18, 1970 after a long and happy life only dimmed by the fact his wife preceded him by ten years.



Anita HENDERSON was the eldest daughter of Anna Barbara GRIEBI and Cash HENDERSON. She had a sister, Barbara and a brother CASH, who died in an airplane crash in the mountains of Colorado after surviving World War I and a bout with T.B. Her Mother's family came from Switzerland to Wichita and were one of the early settlers. Grandfather Griebi became a builder and during his lifetime built many of the larger buildings in the downtown area. They too suffered from the crash but were able to salvage a good bit of former affluence.

Anita's father came from New York and started The New York Store, a rather elegant emporium for the times. He kept a stable of race horses and enjoyed the sport.

Anita was a lovely young lady and attracted many beaux. Once, while walking down the street, Karl MOSBACHER saw her and contrived an introduction from a mutual friend. He told the friend that she was the girl he was going to marry.

The Henderson enjoyed a fine life in a lovely home. They were always anxious for their father to come home from his buying trip to new Yerk, a twice yearly event. He would bring back a dozen dolls for the girls and as many dresses. Also toys for young Cash. There were always barrels of coffee beans, spice, etc. in the storeroom and they loved to go in and just inhale.



After Anita and Karl were married, they lived in the family home and did not moved to 434 North Belmont Pl. until 1923. This is in a lovely section of large homes and is still a "good address", although the town has expanded far beyond them. Anita loved her home and it was a source of pleasure for her until her death. She was not educated beyond high school but was a well read person with vas t knowledge in medicine and politics. She especially loved her yard and garden and spent a lot of time and effort on them, which they reflected.

She died of cancer in 1960.



Bruce Henderson MOSBACHER was the second and youngest son of Karl and Anita MOSBACHER. He was born on May 29, 1919 in Wichita Kansas. His brother, Karl Joseph, Jr. was born in August of 1917. They were close as young boys and although lived in different cities as grown men stayed close.

Their early life was one of affluence and they enjoyed the material things as well as the affection of a loving family. They had traveled throughout the 48 states before they were in their teens. Their father was a horse lover and bought them a pony but since both the boys were more interested in cars, they were not thrilled with the pony and it was later sold.

As small boys the family lived with their mother's family but in 1926 they moved to a new home in a newly developed part of the city. In the vacant lots they built huts from lumber and odds and ends of the construction in the area. Later they became engrossed in automobile and spent a good amount of time on them.

At an early age, Bruce showed a bent for engineering by taking the knobs from doors, without tools. He was always inventive and rigged up an alarm system that doused the lights when the outer door to their suite of rooms was opened. He also rigged up a window closer for cold winter mornings.





Summers he worked for his father at the agency. He was happiest tinkering with the trade-ins or driving to Pike's Peak in a promotional stunt for the Hudson Motor Company. They usually had some type of promotion to advertise the cars and the boys enjoyed participating in them.

Bruce went to local schools. After graduating from East High in Wichita, he went to Wichita University for two years and then to Kansas State in Manhattan, Kansas where he got his degree in Engineering. He moved to Cincinnati, Ohio and worked for the Crosley Corporation on high level military projects. He was one of the engineers on the proximity fuse project which carried priority second only to the atom bomb.

After the war he moved back to Wichita and worked for Buckminster Fuller on his Fuller House, a round house on the pre-fab line. In 1947 he moved to Rockford, Illinois to work for the Sunstrand Corporation. In 1950 he left Sunstrand over a patent dispute which was later settled. After a year on his own he went to work for the Roper Corporation in their pump division. He attained the position of General Manager of the Aviation and Special Projects Division until his death in 1966.

He met Helen STURM on a blind date in 1947 and they were married August 13, 1949.



Walter Forest STURN was the only son of Jacob STURN and Sena MAIER. He was born in Argyle, Indiana on April 17, 1893. He had three sisters; Daisy Sena, Edna Juliet and Bessie Salome. Walter's father was a barber and at one time had a shop where he also sold candy and school supplies. He later traveled for a furniture company and also sold real estate. His mother was a gentle lady who imparted love along with great wit although she had very little schooling. She was a beautiful seamstress and her daughters were always well-dressed.

Walter attended Turner School and graduated from Rockford Central High School. After graduation he worked as salesman for a furniture store. At one time he walked to Omaha, Nebraska and worked there for a few months and then returned to Rockford. When he was 25, in 1918 he went into the army and served ten months in Trier, Germany after only two months training in the States. After returning from Germany he worked for the Winnebago Manufacturing Company. In 1936 he moved his family to Geneva, Illinois where he established the Fox Cabinet Company. He was engaged in making wood cabinets for table radios. The advent of plastics forced the company out of business and in 1940 the family moved back to Rockford where Walter became a salesman which he continued until he retired. The family moved back to the same neighbor-



hood and he and Signe live in a house on Princeton Avenue two blocks from their first home,

Walter was an avid golfer for forty years and is a member of Forest Hill Country Club. Although he no longer plays golf, he and his wife enjoy the social aspects of the club.

Walter takes great pride in his lawn and garden. He is a member of The Men's Garden Club and of the Retired Men's Club at the YMCA. He is also a member of the Shrine but is no longer active.

They are members of Trinity Lutheran Church where Walter, as a young man, taught Sunday School.



Signe Marie SJOSTROM was born on June 8, 1902 in Ornskoldsvik, Sweden, the eldest child of Richard Adolph SJOSTROM and Esther Euranis Sjostrom. When she was three she came to America with her mother and baby brother, Bengt to join their father who had come to America earlier to find work and a home for his young family. Richard had been a stone mason in Sweden and started working in America digging basements for new homes. From this start he built Sjostrom and Sons, Inc., a construction company in Rockford, Illinois. Esther was one of the hardy women of Sweden who came alone with two small children on a ship from Sweden.

Signe was the oldest of seven children; Bengt, Conny, Phillip, Helen, Richard, Jr. and William were her five brothers and one sister. Their first home was on Charles Street. Signe attended Jackson School and Rockford Central High School where she completed her junior year. After leaving school she worked in an insurance office. When she attended high school they lived on Rural Street. In the winter they would take their skates and walk to the river where they skated to school and back.

In June of 1920 she met Walter Forest Sturm at a Sunday School picnic when he tied her leg to that of another girl for a three legged race. They continued to see one another and on August 13, 1921 they were married.





For the first year they lived with Walter's parent on Clinter Place in Rockford. His sister Edna also lived with them. Walter's father traveled and his mother did not want to be alone so much. Their first child was born a year later and they moved to a new home on Paris Avenue. There was no real street and the electricity had to be brought from State Street so they used kerosene lamps until a line could be brought in.

The neighborhood quickly grew and was populated with families with small children. By then Signe and Walter had three children and it was a wonderful area for children. In the summer they roller skated, played hop-scotch, had carnivals in the back yard and put on plays in the garage. In the evening there was always a game of Kick-the-Can under the streetlight on the corner.

Signe was an avid golfer and the family belonged to Forest Hills Country Club. She still enjoys bridge, bowling and is a very active lady. They now live on Princeton Avenue near the original house on Paris.



Helen Marie STURM was the only daughter of Walter Forest STURM and Signe Sjostrom STURM. She was born on October 1, 1925. She has an older brother, Walter Forest Sturm, Jr. born November 24, 1922, and a younger brother Jay Richard Sturm born on his father's 66th birthday, April 17, 1929. Helen attended Highland School and when in the 6th grade attended school in Geneva, Illinois where the family had moved. On returning to Rockford, she entered East High School with the first class to attend all 3 years and graduate. After Graduation in 1943, she worked as a riveter at the J. I. Case Company on bomber wings. After the summer she entered Rockford College but attended only one year.

Wanting to go to Art School in Chicago, she worked at the Barber-Colman Company in the billing department until her parents allowed her to live in Chicago and attend classes. After art school she worked as a proof-reader and assistant art buyer for Howard H. Monk and Associates.

In other summer jobs, she worked for the postoffice, Sears, Rockford Newspapers and other part time jobs.

In the summer of 1947, a mutual friend arranged a blind date for her with Bruce Mesbacher. They dated for two years and were married August 13, 1949. Their first apartment was on 8th Street, a half block from the Illinois Central Track. When the trains went by, dishes and windows would rattle and the noise was



deafening. In 1952, after the birth of their first daughter they moved to Indian Terrace and it was hard to get used to the relative quiet.

In 1954 they moved to Spring Brook Road with their three young daughters. Barbara was born in January 1953 and Jean in October of 1954. In 1957 Julie was born.

Helen has continued to live in the family home since the death of her husband in 1966. After years of staying home with the children, she is now working for her older brother, Walter at Lindstrom Travel.



Ann Helen [redacted] is the first born daughter of Bruce [redacted] and [redacted]. She was born in Rockford, Illinois on November 10, 1951.

Ann went to school at Spring Creek Elementary through sixth grade. After that she went to Marsh and then to Lincoln for ninth grade. She attended Guilford High and after graduation she went to Northern Illinois University. She graduated in 1973 with a B.S. in Nursing.

After school she returned to Rockford and worked at Swedish American Hospital. In August of 1975 she moved to San Diego, California and worked in a Convalescent Home. At the present time she is a pharmacy assistant at a new Scripts Clinic in LaJolla.

Ann enjoys travel and has been twice to Mexico and toured Europe for eight weeks right after her graduation from college. She enjoys California sun, swimming, jogging and has taken up the hobby of photography. As a young girl with her sisters, she studied ballet and is hoping to take it up again soon.





Barbara Bruce MOSBACHER is the second born daughter of Bruce and Helen Mosbacher. She was born in Rockford, Illinois on January 10, 1953.

Barb attended Spring Creek Elementary and then Marsh Jr. High. She graduated from Guilford High in 1970. After high school she went to Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois where she majored in Geography. She did her student teaching at Davenport, Iowa East High but found she did not like teaching. She now is an Urban Planner for the City of Rock Island and is working toward her master's in Urban Planning.

On June 7, 1975 she was married to Kurt Arthur Anderson whom she met at Augustana where he graduated with a degree in Business. He now works for the John Deere Company in Moline, Illinois.

Barb, like her sisters, also studied ballet and did some teaching in that field before leaving for college. She and her husband are sports enthusiasts and enjoy watching as well as playing.



Jean Forest MONEACHER is the third daughter born to Bruce and Helen Monbacher. She attended Spring Creek School, Marsh Jr. High School and graduated from Guilford High School. She attended Milton College for two years but left to get married. She has since been divorced from her husband and is living in Edgerton, Wisconsin where she works as a clerk and Nurse's Aide at the Edgerton Hospital.

Jean was born on October 29, 1954. She has always enjoyed singing and took voice from a local teacher while in high school. She appeared in a minor role in the musical "The King and I" her senior year at Guilford. While in college she took voice and piano. Like her sisters, Jean studied ballet.

Jean hopes to soon return to school and get her degree in nursing.



Julie Henderson MOSBACHER is the fourth and last born daughter of Bruce and Helen Mosbacher. She was born on June 19, 1957.

Julie attended Spring Creek Elementary through the fourth grade. She transferred to Keith Country Day School where she repeated fourth grade when it was discovered to have dyslexia, a learning disability. She also attended Rockford College Reading Clinic to help her deal with this problem. She then attended Marsh Jr. High and Eisenhower Jr. High. She graduated from Guilford High School in 1976 and now attends Rock Valley College.

While in high school she was a photographer for the newspaper and yearbook. She enjoys photography and hopes to make it her career. She was also active in D.E.C.S. and has worked at Krock's and Brentano's book store since her senior year.

She hopes to attend Southern Illinois University to study photography and become a professional.

In addition to ballet, Julie plays the guitar and is learning to play the piano. Like her mother and three sisters, Julie is a dog lover and has her own Dalmatian, Molly. There are eight dogs in our family.



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Rockford, Illinois



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at 3<sup>24</sup> P. M. on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 1957

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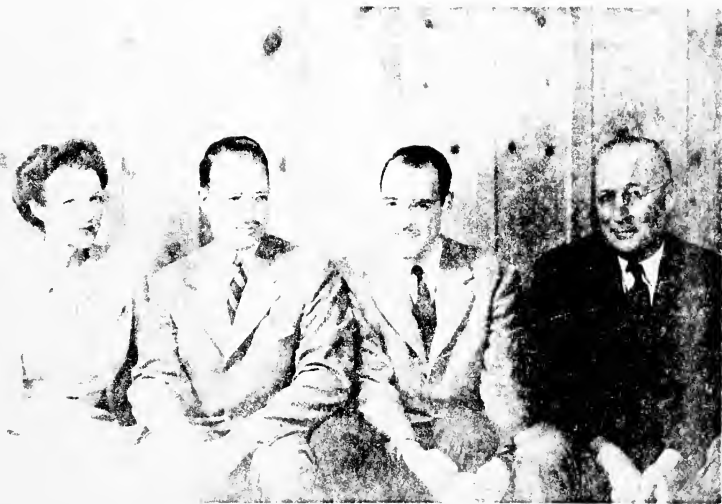


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Attending Physician

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ANITA HENDERSON

KARL, JR.

BRUCE and KARL MOSBACHER, SR.





BARBARA MOSBACHED + KURT ANDERSON





JULIE MOSBACHER



EDWARD SIEGEL (left) and JULIE MOSBACHER



JAN MOSBACHER



BARBARA  
MOSBACHER



BRUCE MOSBACHER



HELEN STURM MOSBACHER

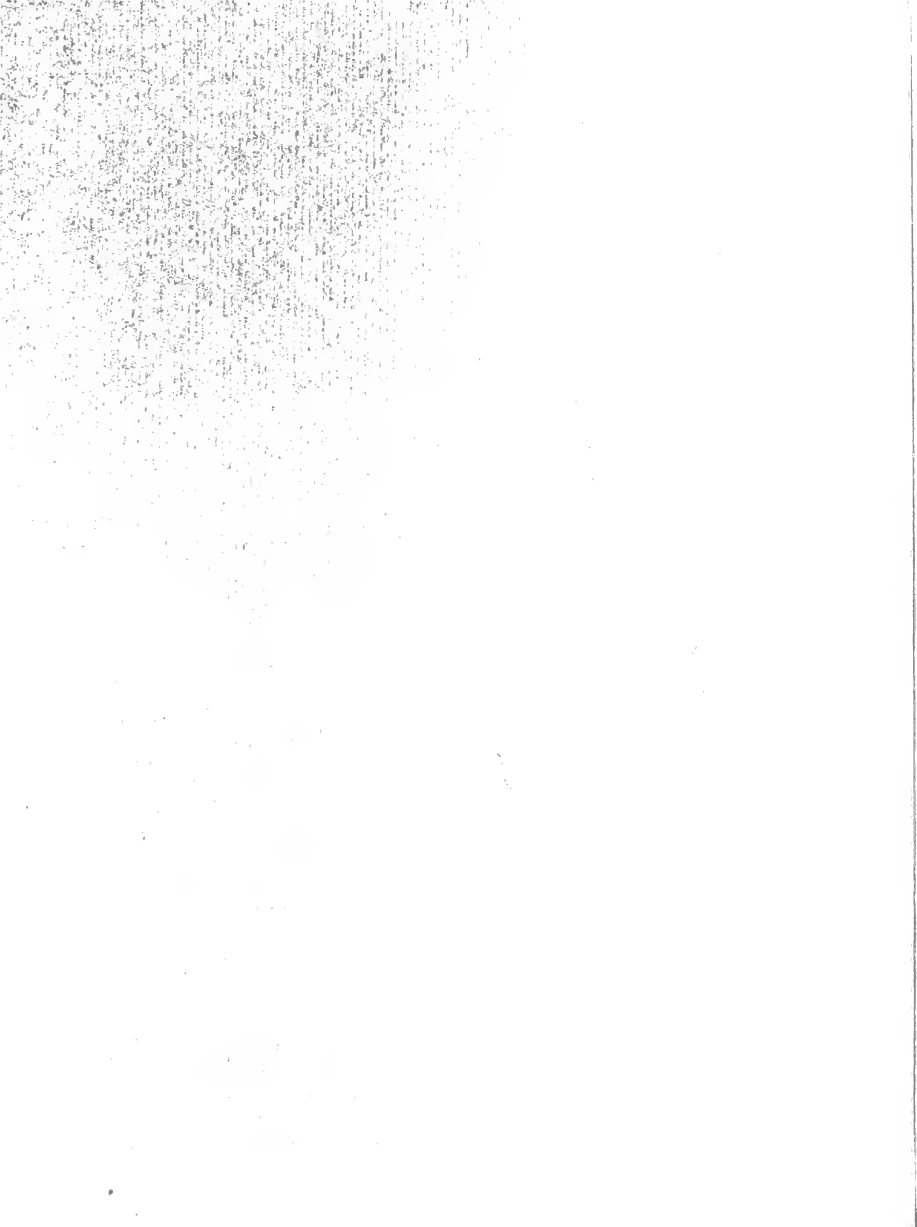


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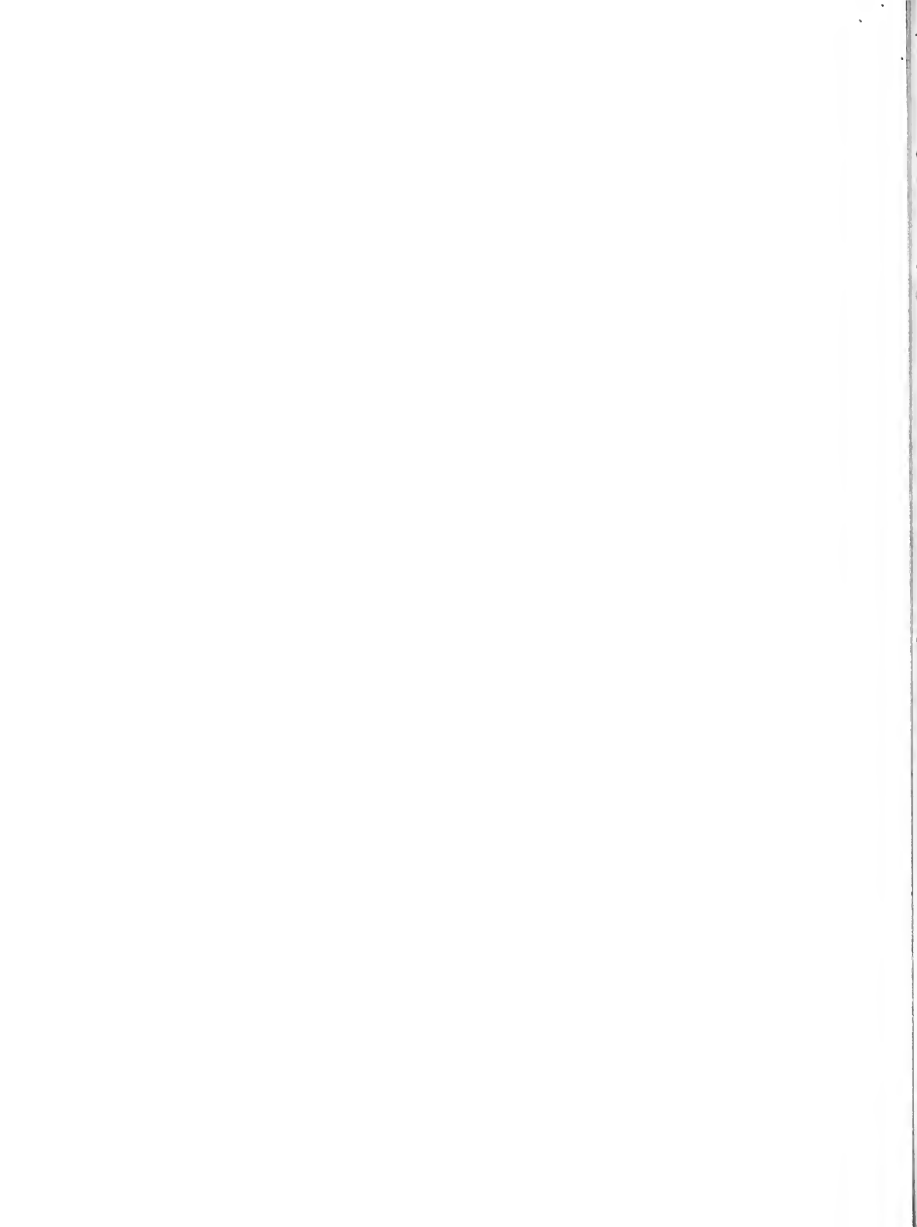
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\_\_\_\_\_ Photographs \_\_\_\_\_ Maps \_\_\_\_\_ Other



## II. FAMILY DATA

## A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Guy Moser Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 If dead, date of death 1944

Place of birth Grand Detour, Ill. Date of Birth Unknown

Education (number of years):  
 grade school X high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st <u>Factory worker</u>	Dates <u>Unknown</u>	1st <u>Dixon, Ill.</u>	Dates <u>1917</u> <u>1928</u>
2nd <u>Mechanic</u>	Dates <u>Till Death</u>	2nd <u>Unknown</u>	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
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Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Unknown

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Dixon, Ill. date 1917

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

## B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Emma (Fisher) Moser Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 If dead, date of death 1928

Place of birth Dixon, Ill. Date of birth Unknown

Education (number of years):  
 grade school X high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st <u>Housewife</u>	Dates _____	1st <u>Dixon, Ill.</u>	Dates <u>1917</u> <u>1928</u>
2nd _____	Dates _____	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Unknown

Place of marriage to your grandfather Dixon, Ill. DATE 1917

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side) - (My Father's Uncle) -

Name Harold Fisher Current Residence Monroe Center, Ill.  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Unknown - Peoria, Ill. Date of Birth Jan. 2, 1900

Education (number of years):  
 grade school x (8 yrs) high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)  
 1st Farmer Dates (As long as my father can remember) 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Franklin Grove, Ill. Dates Can't be sure of  
 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Monroe Center, Ill. Dates exact date  
 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Unknown

Place of marriage to your grandmother Unknown date Unknown

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name Beryl Fisher Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 If dead, date of death 1962

Place of birth Unknown Date of birth Unknown

Education (number of years):  
 grade school x (8 yrs) high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)  
 1st Housewife Dates Her married life 1st Franklin Grove, Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Oregon, Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Monroe Center, Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Unknown

Place of marriage to your grandfather Unknown Date Unknown

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Tomas Macadangdang Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death Manila, Philippines

Place of birth Manila, Philippines Date of birth September 13, 1900

Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college x(4 yrs.)

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st High School Teacher Dates 1920 1st Manila, Philippines Dates 1920

2nd Police Captain Dates 1930 2nd Manila, Philippines Dates 1940

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Roman Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Liberal Party

Place of marriage to your grandmother Manila, Philippines date 1918

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Caridad (Albano) Macadangdang Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death November 18, 1970

Place of birth Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, Phil: Is Date of birth April 10, 1900

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college x(4yrs.) Education

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Housewife Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Manila, Philippines Dates 1918-1950

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Roman Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Liberal Party

Place of marriage to your grandfather Manila, Philippines date 1918

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Gladys (Moser) Koronde  
 Place of birth Dixon, Ill. date 1917  
 Number of years of schooling 8 yrs. Occupation Housewife  
 Residence Deceased Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 6
2. Name Guy E. Moser  
 Place of birth Dixon, Ill. date March 25, 1917  
 Number of years of schooling 11 yrs. Occupation Custodian  
 Residence Olympia, Washington Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 6
3. Name Donald Moser  
 Place of birth Dixon, Ill. date November 28, 1910  
 Number of years of schooling 11 yrs. Occupation Auto Mechanic  
 Residence Oregon, Ill. Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 2
4. Name Eva (Moser) Lyman  
 Place of birth Dixon, Ill. date March 3, 1921  
 Number of years of schooling 12 yrs. Occupation Housewife  
 Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 3
5. Name Daniel Moser  
 Place of birth Dixon, Ill. date September 6, 1923  
 Number of years of schooling 10 yrs. Occupation Service Manager (Tire Co.)  
 Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 5
6. Name Leona (Moser) Gibson  
 Place of birth Dixon, Ill. date 1927  
 Number of years of schooling 12 yrs. Occupation Houswife  
 Residence Dixon, Ill. Marital Status Divorced  
 Number of children 1
7. Name Raymond R. Moser  
 Place of birth Dixon, Ill. date July 3, 1925  
 Number of years of schooling 12 yrs. Occupation Postal Clerk  
 Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 3
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Lucresia (Macadangdang) Palafox  
Place of birth Manila, Philippines date November 23, 1918  
Number of years of schooling 14 yrs. Occupation Housewife  
Residence Manila, Philippines Marital Status widow  
Number of children 5
2. Name Augusto Macadangdang  
Place of birth Manila, Philippines date August 19, 1920  
Number of years of schooling 14 yrs. Occupation Deceased  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name Virginia (Macadangdang) Francisco  
Place of birth Manila, Philippines date February 10, 1921  
Number of years of schooling 14 yrs. Occupation Beautician  
Residence Manila, Philippines Marital Status Married  
Number of children 5
4. Name Lolita (Macadangdang) Vera  
Place of birth Manila, Philippines date March 14, 1923  
Number of years of schooling 14 yrs. Occupation Housewife  
Residence Manila, Philippines Marital Status Married  
Number of children 6
5. Name Luz Macadangdang  
Place of birth Manila, Philippines date December 2, 1923  
Number of years of schooling Died at 6 months Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name Cesar Macadangdang  
Place of birth Manila, Philippines date May 26, 1930  
Number of years of schooling 14 yrs Occupation News Reporter  
Residence San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, Phil Marital Status Married  
Number of children 4
7. Name Tomas Macadangdang  
Place of birth Manila, Philippines date April 30, 1932  
Number of years of schooling 12 yrs Occupation Salesman  
Residence Manila, Philippines Marital Status Single  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name Manuel Macadangdang  
Place of birth Manila, Philippines date August 18, 1934  
Number of years of schooling 12 yrs Occupation Factory Worker  
Residence Manila, Philippines Marital Status Single  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name George Macadangdang  
Place of birth Manila, Philippines date June 5, 1936  
Number of years of schooling 8 yrs. Occupation Deceased (13 yrs. of  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name Antonio Macadangdang  
Place of birth Manila, Philippines date September 26, 1924  
Number of years of schooling 12 yrs. Occupation Sales Manager  
Residence Manila, Philippines Marital Status Married  
Number of children 2



CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

Name Lucila L. (Macadangdang) Mosen

Place of birth Manila, Philippines

Number of years of schooling 16 yrs. date August 26, 1923

Residence Rocford, Ill. Occupation Teacher

Number of children 4 Marital Status Married

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Your Father

Name Raymond Russell Moser Current Residence Rockford, Ill.  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Dixon, Ill. Date of birth July 7, 1901

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school x (12) vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Factory worker Dates 1945 1st Chicago Dates 1945

2nd Army Dates 1946-1949 2nd Manila, Philippines Dates 1946-1949

3rd Factory Dates 1949-1950 3rd Rockford, Ill. Dates 1949-1950

4th Postal Clerk Dates 1950- 4th Rockford, Ill. Dates 1950-

Religion Roman Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican/Democrat  
Rockford Postal Workers Union, Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus

Place of marriage to your mother Manila, Philippines date Dec. 27, 1945

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Lucila (Macadangdang) Moser Current Residence Rockford, Ill.  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Manila, Philippines Date of birth August 26, 1922

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college x (6yrs)

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Secretary Dates 1950 1st Rockford, Ill. Dates 1949 -

2nd Principal Dates 1956-1965 2nd " " Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Teacher Dates 1965- 3rd " " Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Roman Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican/Democrat  
Rockford Education Association, State V.P.-Postal Workers Aux., Catholic School

Place of marriage to your father Manila, Philippines date 12/23/49 (Board)

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

F-2 Stepmother

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Russell T. Moser  
 Place of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth December 9, 1919  
 Number of years of schooling 14 yrs Occupation Computer Programmer  
 Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 2

Name Rosemary P. Moser  
 Place of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth March 13, 1954  
 Number of years of schooling 14 yrs Occupation Student  
 Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name Ruth Ann Moser  
 Place of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth April 11, 1956  
 Number of years of schooling 12 yrs Occupation Student  
 Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

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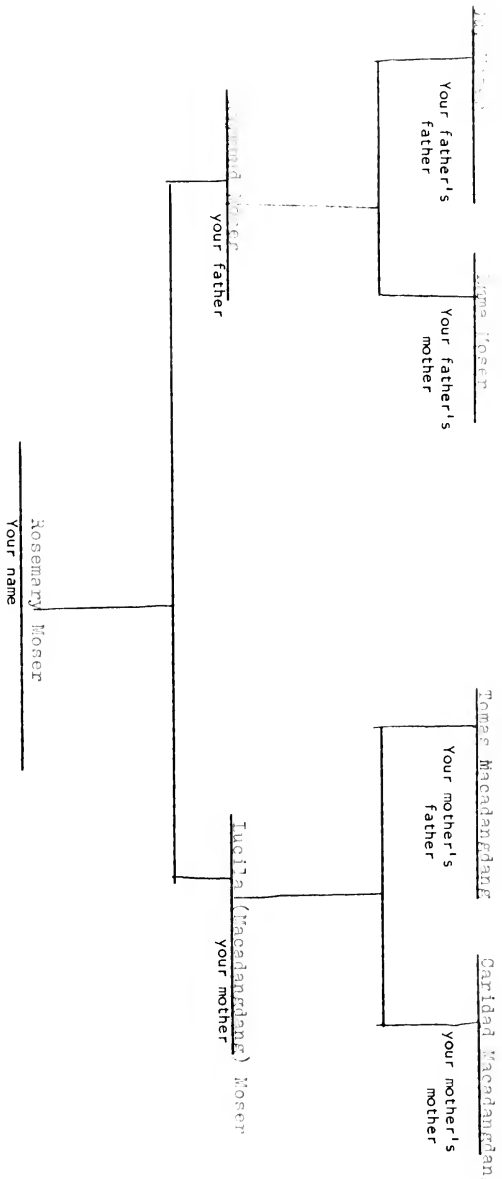
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Signed Rosemary P. Moser

Date 5/7/74



IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART  
 (for each give full name and date of birth; death)











and the other is the "winning" strategy. The winning strategy is the one that results in the highest payoff for the player who chooses it. The other strategy is the one that results in the lowest payoff for the player who chooses it.

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Besides reading, there are many other enjoyable activities. For example, if it is a rainy day, it is a good idea to play a board game. In the U.S., picking up a game of cards and "throwing" them down is only one of the many activities that are fun to do. The stakes can get as high as they want (as they do in poker.)



\_\_\_\_\_ was born April 10, 1890, into a family of \_\_\_\_\_.  
They were descendants of a royal family in Spain. Her parents  
migrated to the Philippines during the Spanish-American  
War, in 1898. (They remained in contact with their relatives  
in Spain through letters and travel, (weddings and funerals).

After arriving to the Islands the family settled in  
one of the northern provinces called Ilocos Norte, about  
500 miles from Manila. There, the family bought 500 acres  
of land. ( In the Philippines, owners do not farm their  
own land, instead it is rented out to other families  
which become their tenants. They farm the land and receive  
part of the crop as their payment, the rest goes <sup>to</sup> the owners.)

Her father was active in politics, during his life  
in the Islands. He was, first, a governor of one of the  
northern provinces, then a mayor till his death.

As an example of their life of wealth-The Allano family  
owned the first few pews in the local Catholic Church.  
(This, of course, meant that no one besides them could sit  
in the pews, at any time.) Another example, as mentioned  
before, the family owned 500 acres of land, and in those  
days, in the Philippines, that was a sizeable amount of land.  
The family, also, had a number of maids. ( The tenants, as  
well, as their sons and daughters served as chauffeurs,  
laundry-women, cooks, and, also, as escorts (maids) to their  
children.)









The family lived on the land they owned and worked, and they grew food, and raised animals, for the children, and money for the old people. (Before, the servants came from the tenant families that lived and farmed the land they owned.)

Before W.W.II, the family followed many traditions. These included, seating for meals-the parents at the head of the table and the children seated from oldest to the youngest starting with the oldest on the right side of the father. Another custom that the well-to-do practiced, was the giving of a party for a child that reaches the age of 18 yrs. This is given to "introduce" them into society. Among the other traditions followed- the oldest inherits the house when the parents are dead. The other children inherit and divide the rest of the estate, among themselves. Also, the father takes care of the managing of money affairs and the property. (The sons also learn, this.) And the daughters are reared with the belief that they should take care of their aging parents. (Some of these traditions are still followed, today, but not all. It depends on the family.)



## Typical Day in the Life of the Macadungdang Family-

Tomás Macadungdang was driven to work by the chauffeur. Caridad Macadungdang stayed home. Sometimes <sup>she</sup> entertained, socially. The children were driven to school by <sup>the</sup> chauffeur with their maid escorting them and picked up the following day. (The children were not always allowed to return to school. They were accompanied by their teachers and minister of education.) Tomás Macadungdang and his wife were not allowed to go to the office until 10:00 in the morning because the house they were in was very noisy, as they. (The family lived in town, but they had a big estate in the mountains where the children could have as their playgrounds from.)

On the weekends, the family went to church. Then they would go to a luncheon at the Manila Club or they would yacht to the Coronado Islands and have a picnic. They would visit places and enjoy themselves.

On celebration holidays, they would have a party with a big breakfast. There would be folk dancing with a lot of people relative being invited. (In the city, in smaller towns, the whole town would be invited to the celebration.) (This included the schools and other people.)

## Funerals-

Families go to funerals together. The mourning period lasts for one year, with everyone wearing black clothes.









made their way. Island after island was recaptured until at last our troops reached the Philippines. The Japanese resisted until the city of Manila was almost destroyed, but the Philippines were finally freed.

### **The surrender of Japan**

The United States fleet, the most powerful collection of vessels the world had ever seen, now prepared to attack Japan. Our bombs spread destruction among the chief Japanese cities. Two Japanese cities were almost wiped out by the *atomic bomb*. The atomic bomb was a powerful and terrible new weapon, used for the first time in Japan. The proud Japanese sur-

rendered, and United States forces took charge of the country.

### **After World War II**

Our troops remained in Japan for many years during the period of the great changes following the war. The Japanese emperor was allowed to remain on his throne, but he was no longer believed to be divine. The Shinto worship was forbidden as a state religion.

A constitution like that of the United States was written. After a time elections were held, and all Japanese citizens, including women, were allowed to vote. Japan had started on the road to becoming a truly democratic nation.

## **A QUICK QUIZ**

### **Words and Terms You Should Know**

atomic bomb      Japan Current      Shinto

### **A Matching Game**

Number a paper from 1 to 3. After each number write the word or term from the list above that matches the definition.

1. The Japanese religion in which spirits, the emperor, and heroes who died in battle were all objects of worship
2. A bomb whose explosive power is due to the release of atomic energy
3. The current of water in the Pacific Ocean which has a warming effect on Japan and many other Pacific lands

### **Can You Answer These?**

1. Why do we have a special interest in the Pacific islands?
2. In what ways was Japan influenced by China in early times?
3. What American persuaded Japan to open its seaports to foreign trade?
4. Why did Japan manufacture rayon?

5. Why is fishing so important in Japan?
6. Why was the capital of Japan moved from Kyoto to Tokyo?
7. What did Japan gain by joining the Allies in World War I?
8. How did religion play a special part in Japanese politics?
9. Why did Japan want to build an empire?
10. Why did the Japanese attack the United States fleet at Pearl Harbor?
11. How did the United States help Japan after World War II was over?
12. Name Japan's principal cities. Give one important fact about each city.

### **Using a Time-Line**

Arrange the following statements in the proper order of time: Commodore Perry visited Japan; Japan surrendered to the Allies; Buddhist missionaries visited Japan; Japan seized Korea; Japan took over Manchuria; Tokyo became the capital city; Japan attacked Pearl Harbor; Japan went to war with Russia. Then add these dates to your time-line.



Lucila Macadungiang Macaraig

She was the youngest girl in the family. She, too, turned out to be the most rebellious.

As I stated before, her father was the central figure at home. He did not ask that something be done, he demanded that it be done. But she didn't always do what he wanted. When she was a small girl, her father wanted her to take piano lessons. She did not want to study piano, though. But, she did. (My mother told me that her father literally 'forced' her to take them.) However, this was not the only time that she "fought" him. When it came time for her to go to college, she decided that she wanted to become a dentist. But she lost, again. (She, now, has a Master's degree in Education.)

It is a custom that at birth the parents of the child arrange for a spouse for the child. (Usually, it is a good friend of the family's, child.) And so it was arranged. But the boy, they picked, that was to be her husband, died in an accident, before the marriage. She was then, free to marry whomver she chose.

Lucila Macadungiang met Raymond Pacer in 1917, in Manila. She was supervisor of the civilian camp, and he was Post Office and he was a postal clerk with the Army, stationed at Fort McKinley in the Philippines. They were married 2 yrs. later by the Army Chaplain, on 10/10/19.











for the races in that area. He had under his supervision 700 men and 75 civilians- including his future bride. He was in charge of transporting the mail from ships or planes to the Post Office in the base. This meant using armed personnel- he carried a .45 cal. revolver, on his person, at all times. And, at times, it was necessary to use convoys to transport the mail- it usually included both a red mail.

He was stationed in the Philippines for 2 years. He was discharged in the States, April 21, 1949.

After his discharge, he worked in Peoria, Ill., and Chicago, Ill., before going to work in the Post Office in Peoria, Ill. He has worked in the Post Office for 15 years, and has been a postal clerk, but, now, works in the business section of the Office.

#### The Relationship of Kaysons and Della Meyer-

They met in the Philippines in 1946. They had a courtship before they were married. But, they were obliged to do what they had to overcome. One was the younger brother, who was sent with them as their chaperone, a young man. It didn't matter whether it was a banana or pickle, it was good. It was custom. (He slept in the back of the car, in the front, in the field, while they were dating.) (course of life that he might have to pick the mail up on the ship, and then, at





... approval, some shortly after she left ... and brought her back.) They were married ... 1948. (Later, after arriving in the U.S. they were married again, in a Catholic church-St. Edwards Church, here, in Rockford. My mother wanted to be married in a church. The first ceremony was done by the Army chaplain.)

#### Life of the Moser Family-

After the discharge, the Mosers lived with his aunt and uncle who raised him, for 2 months. Later, they moved to Rockford, Ill. and settled. He took a factory job, first, in Melvidere, then, in Rockford. In the early 1950's, he went to work in the Post office, where he still works, today.

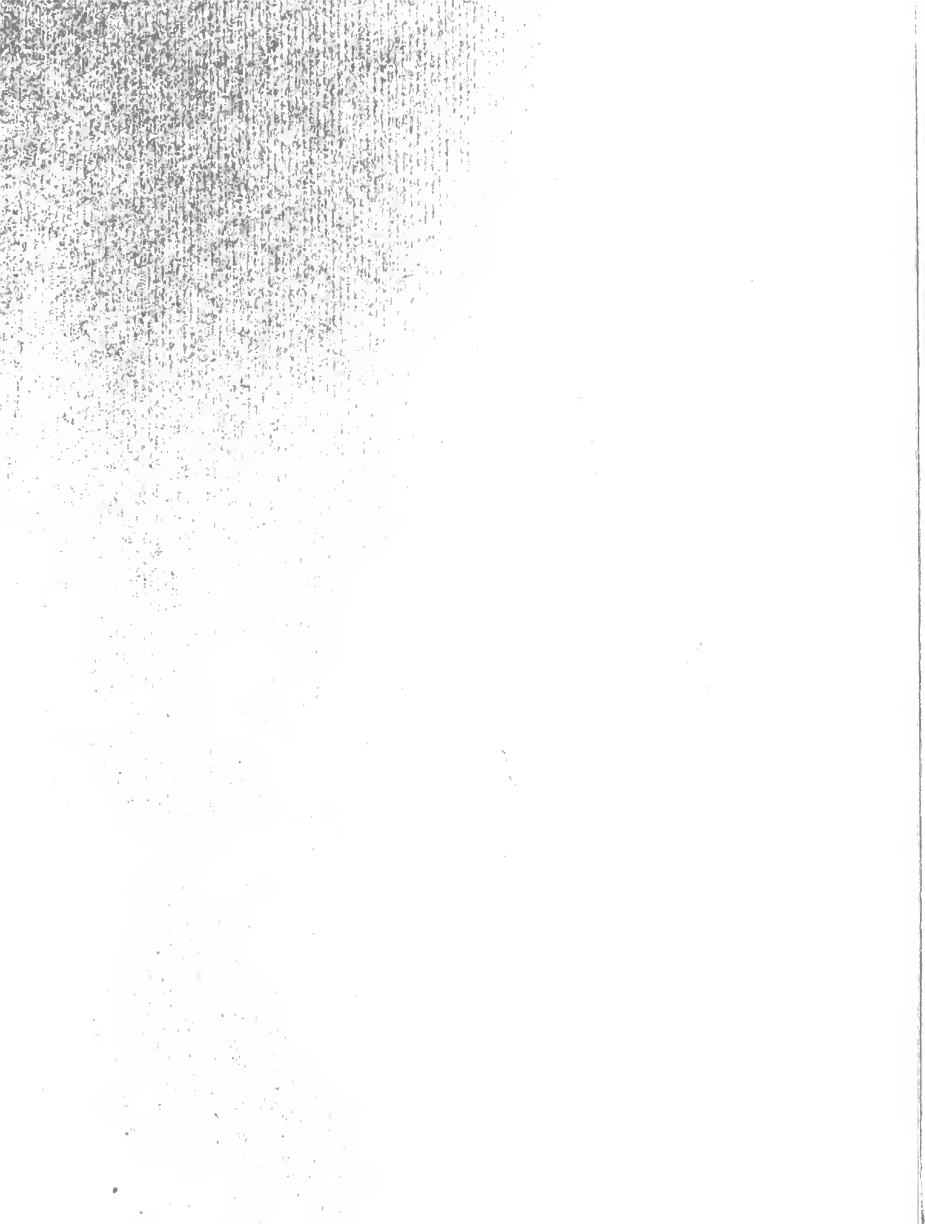
She started out as a secretary and, later, went into teaching (having a Bachelor Degree from the Philippines). In 1956, she accepted a Principal's job in a county school-Harry Morris-(on the Southwest side of Rockford). The school district was later annexed into the city. She, now, teaches











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I. SURVEY

1. Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of form \_\_\_\_\_

2. Your college: Rock Valley College  
Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

Before 1750     1750-1800     1800-1850  
 1850-1900     1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.)     Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)  
 South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.)     East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn., Ky.)  
 West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.)     East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)  
 Pacific (Cal., Wash)     (Hawaii, Alaska)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

Farming     Mining     Shopkeeping or small business  
 Transportation     Big Business     Manufacturing  
 Professions     Industrial labor     Other

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

Roman Catholic     Jewish     Presbyterian     Methodist  
 Baptist     Episcopalian     Congregational     Lutheran  
 Quaker     Mormon     Other Protestant     Other

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

Blacks     Indians     Mexicans     Puerto Ricans  
 Jews     Central Europeans     Italians     Slavs  
 Irish     British     Native Americans over several generations  
 East Asian     Other

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

Interviews with other family members     Family Bibles     Family Genealogies  
 Vital Records     Land Records     The U.S. Census  
 Photographs     Maps     Other

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II. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Charles E. Smith Current Residence 1111 N. 1st St., Chicago, Ill.  
If dead, date of death 12/15/1968

Place of birth Chicago, Ill. Date of Birth 10/1/1897

Education (number of years):  
grade school 8 high school 12 vocational 0 college 0

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)  
1st Electrician Dates 1920-1930 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. None

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Chicago, Ill. date 12/15/1968

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Elizabeth (Liz) Smith Current Residence 1111 N. 1st St., Chicago, Ill.  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Chicago, Ill. Date of birth 7/15/1898

Education (number of years):  
grade school 8 high school 12 vocational 0 college 0

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)  
1st Proctor's Dress Dates 1900-1910 1st Chicago, Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Protestant

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. None

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education (number of years)  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)  
 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education (number of years):  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)  
 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18)  
give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18)  
give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN** of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date 1/5/1931  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date 11/10/1915  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date 7/10/1907  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date 10/19/1914  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date 7/5/19  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Your Father

Name John Louis Current Residence St. Louis, Mo.  
If dead, date of death -----

Place of birth St. Louis, Mo. Date of birth 1877

Education (number of years)  
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational --- college ---

Occupation(s) Tractor Driver PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Tractor Driver Dates 1911-1913 1st St. Louis, Mo. Dates 1911-1913

2nd Tractor Driver Dates 1914-1916 2nd St. Louis, Mo. Dates 1914-1916

3rd Tractor Driver Dates 1917-1919 3rd St. Louis, Mo. Dates 1917-1919

4th Tractor Driver Dates 1920-1922 4th St. Louis, Mo. Dates 1920-1922

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. None

Place of marriage to your mother St. Louis, Mo. date 1907/11

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Elizabeth Current Residence St. Louis, Mo.  
If dead, date of death -----

Place of birth St. Louis, Mo. Date of birth 7/28/18

Education (number of years)  
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational --- college ---

Occupation(s) Tractor Driver PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Tractor Driver Dates 1917-1919 1st St. Louis, Mo. Dates 1917-1919

2nd Tractor Driver Dates 1920-1922 2nd St. Louis, Mo. Dates 1920-1922

3rd Tractor Driver Dates 1923-1925 3rd St. Louis, Mo. Dates 1923-1925

Religion Methodist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. None

Place of marriage to your father St. Louis, Mo. date 1907/11

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 StepfatherName \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

F-2 StepmotherName \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_



CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

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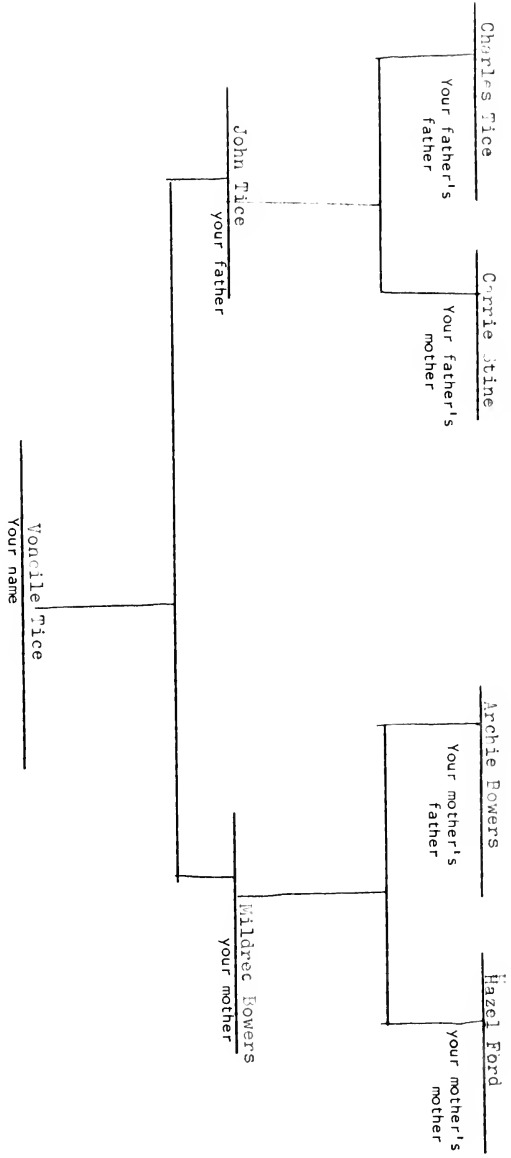
I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois

Signed Genevieve Mueller

Date May 7, 1974



IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART  
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)





Starting in 1965 the Tice's hosted an annual family campout reunion. Everyone would come and spend the weekend camping on the Tice's lawn. On Sunday they would have their grand feast. Some of these feasts included a pig roast, a pot stew, barbeecued chicken and steaks. Of course every year there was a corn boil. All the relatives would thoroughly enjoy themselves with volleyball, the horseshoe tournament, golf, and badminton. Everyone always looks forward for this weekend each year.



## FORGIVEN

Upon doing the research for my family history paper I dug up many interesting items which changed my whole view toward the paper. I did have some problems though. Having only one grand parent living, I found that material was scarce. Although my parents were willing to cooperate they thought I wanted mainly factual data with dates. So my paper lacks their social background.

While working with interviews I inquired about photos and I saw some interesting pictures. My relatives were hesitate about releasing the photos, so here again my paper is lacking.

All in all, this paper took a great deal of time and effort. Even if I did not state all that was related to me, I now know a great deal more about my parents and grandparents and I will be able to give my children a better idea of their lives.

Voncile Mueller





## Archie Powers

On October 24, 1888, Myron and Nellie Bowers were announcing the birth of their son, Archie. He was born on their farm which was located in Hancock County in the state of Iowa. Archie's father owned a pretentious farm for that period of time. One unusual feature was its wash room. This room was set aside as a bathroom which was only used during the night. At other times they used the farm's out house. Their farm house also had a large kitchen, sitting room, parlor, and two bedrooms to complete the downstairs. The upstairs consisted of a wash room for clothes and six bedrooms. Their main source of water came from a hand pump located outside. The family was fortunate to have a hand pump in the kitchen which was connected to a cistern. This cistern would catch the rain water from the eaves and this would supply the family with soft water. Even with these few luxuries the family was not fortunate to have electricity.

Hearl, one of Archie's older sisters, married an older man, George Strate, at eighteen. They moved to Idaho after their marriage where they irrigated land and raised potatoes. After a short period of time they returned to Iowa because the work was more than they were used to. They later moved to a farm in Minnesota where George then died. Archie's second sister, Minnie, also became a farmer's wife. She



married Jay Turbett and lived in Minnesota. Another sister, Archie's youngest sister, graduated from Coe College in Cedar Falls, Iowa. She became a teacher, Junior High Principal, and then married George Kraft. After giving birth to two children, both prematurely, she died of a heart attack at the age of thirty-one. Her children then were three weeks and one year old.

Archie's only brother, Clarence, was a farmer and later became a carpenter. Archie left home when he was twenty years old because of a family disagreement. He went to live with a relative in Nebraska. After three years, he returned to Iowa where he met Hazel Ford and later married her.



## Hazel Thersa (Ford) Bowers

Hazel Thersa (Ford) Powers was born on May 6, 1894 into the John and Mary Ford family. The Ford's lived on a small farm on the outskirts of Garner, Iowa, in Hancock County. The Ford family was not too well off, but happy.

Hazel's oldest brother, Edward, started work as a bank teller and later became an insurance broker and operated a telephone company in Iowa. He lived a typical life of an affluent business man until 1930. After which he worked in his company until its franchise was sold to a bigger telephone company.

Ray Ford, Hazel's youngest brother, was a successive farmer. He owned several farms and was on the board of the bank and local creamery. As a past time, Ray liked to perform in Garner's minstrel shows. These shows were presented by men who sang, danced, and told jokes.

Hazel had always lived at home until she married Archie Bowers on November 28, 1912. Although she then moved from her home, she still remained around Garner, Iowa.



## Archie and Hazel Bowers

On November 28, 1912, Archie Bowers and Hazel [redacted] were married in Garner, Iowa. Their first home was on a farm which they rented from Archie's parents. His parents at that time lived in Garner, Iowa. It was on this farm where four of their five children were born. During World War I, Archie's parents were offered a great deal of money for the farm, so they sold it. The Archie Bowerses then moved to a smaller farm which was one-half a section, 320 acres. They lived here until Archie was in his forties and then they moved into Garner and Archie became a carpenter until Hazel died in 1942. After his wife's death, he moved to Rockford, Illinois, near his daughters. Here Archie worked in a dairy as a cheesemaker.

While living in the rural area, the nearest town was Garner which had a population of 1500. The town had different stores, lumber yard, creamery, and five churches. It also had a sanitation and water system. Archie's farm had neither. Some of the town's entertainment would include medicine shows, carnivals, circuses, revival meetings, and minstrel shows. In later years the town had 4-H shows, baseball games, and horse races.

As a farmer, Archie would rise about 5 a.m. and start





a fire in the kitchen stove with corn cobs and pine  
The green cobs would give off alot of heat but they had to  
be fed constantly. In winter he also took care of a  
heating stove in the sitting room. He would shake down  
the ashes, add hard coal, and then take out the ashes  
from under the stove. Every spring, he would take the  
heating stove outside to be cleaned and painted. When fall  
came around the heating stove was then put back. This  
usually was a difficult job to be done. Archie always  
hand milked the cows morning and evening. The milk was  
then separated from the cream and sold. He usually had  
seven to fourteen cows, so the family was fortunate to  
always have all the milk and cream they needed. The job  
of feeding the cattle, pigs, and horses was always Archie's.  
Archie was a hard worker, but a poor manager of money.

Hazel was a hard worker, too, but a very good manager.  
When living on the farm, she took great care of her chickens.  
She would take the eggs to market and exchange them for  
needed groceries. Sometimes you could fine Hazel talking  
to her old setting hens. Every year Hazel dried apples,  
corn, and pears and stored them in a dry place. When  
they wanted to cook them, she would soak the food for a  
long peroid of time and then used them. Hazel and the  
girls would always have the milk separator clean. It had  
to be scalded with boiling water. In the Bowers's house  
there was always a teakettle of hot water and an old  
granite coffee pot on the stove. Every morning Hazel



flow. I hope that coffee got a good scrubbing. I hope that of the way it had coffee in it.

The children had their jobs to do also. Located on the right end of the stove was a reservoir that was filled with water. The heat from the stove would keep the water hot. This water was used for all cleaning projects. Keeping the reservoir filled was the duty of the children. The water was hand pumped outside and brought in. There was a wind mill on the farm which kept the tanks filled for the stock. If there was a day without wind, everyone took turns pumping water to fill the tanks. Later years they had a gasoline motor to keep the tanks filled. When the boys were older they also helped Archie with the evening milkings. It seemed as if the family's work was never done.

Hazel loved her children as babies but did not really enjoy them until they were old enough to talk. Archie was the opposite. He would rock and sing to his children by the hour. Archie did not care for the noisy confusion of older children. After their children were married, none of them ever lived with them, with the exception of one daughter, Mildred. She stayed with them while her husband was in the service overseas. There was a period of time when Mildred and her first son, Jack, lived with them.

The Bowereses, with the exception of Archie, would spend Decoration Day (Memorial Day) by traveling into Garner to see the parade. Archie would stay home and plow till noon. After watching the parade everyone would then



go to the cemetery to hear the program. There was always a politician for the main speaker. After the program the family would travel to one of the grandparent's house for a picnic dinner. Many relatives from miles around would come. Archie would set off fire crackers and fire works when celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He would never let any of the children touch them but he thoroughly enjoyed himself. For their Thanksgiving feast, the family would have a goose which Hazel raised. Their grandparents would also share in this celebration. Christmas was always spent the same. The children never got too many gifts but they loved that time of year. Their gifts were usually knitted caps, scarves, and mittens. The family never had a tree but sometimes they would decorate a barrell and all the packages were placed init. Weddings during this time were held in the homes. The parents felt that weddings were not the place for youngsters, so children were not allowed to attend. After the newly weds were settled in their homes, everyone would surprise them sometime during the night with noise makers and horns. They would continue with the noise until the newly weds would come outside. Usually they were prepared for the surprise and would have some kind of treat for the group.

Hazel belonged to a Farm Bureau which was for women. Through the Bureau she learned new recipes, new methods of canning, and new crafts. Cheesemaking and basket weaving were a couple of crafts she learned. Both Hazel and Archie



belonged to a Community Club which had all the food for a week in area. They would not need a month from now or so till it was time to start the crops. The club would have a pot-luck dinner and some kind of entertainment. Hazel would usually speak some poetry. In fact Hazel loved to read and would often read to Archie. This was alot of their entertainment.

Archie came from a strict Methodist family, although he did not attend church very often he never changed his way of life because of his strict mother. Hazel loved her church and she taught her children what she could when they were unable to attend Sunday School. She belonged to the Methodist church, but her mother was Catholic and her father was Methodist.

Hazel always thought that education was very important. She wanted all her children to graduate from high school; four of the five children did. If it were possible, Hazel would have love to see her children graduate from college.

Decisions concerning affairs of the family were always discussed by Hazel and Archie. However, the final decisions were made by Archie. At times he could be a very stubborn man.

Archie's parents had a great deal to do with their oldest daughter's up-bringing. Iola was born when Archie's parents still lived with them and they felt that she was their little girl. She would not have been able to attend





high school unless she moved in with her grandparents, which she did.

The first radio which the family owned was in 1928. It was operated by batteries and caused an awful lot of squawking. The radio really was not a success with the family. The family never owned a television but was fortunate to always have a car. Archie was an auto enthusiast and would have spent lots of money on cars if he had it.



Carrie Bell (Stine) Tice

On July 15, 1868, Mary Jenette Stine gave birth to Carrie Bell, the youngest of four in the family. She was born on her parents' farm and was delivered by her grandmother, who was a mid-wife.

Carrie's parents rented their farm from her mother's parents. It was 160 acres located four miles east of Mt. Morris, Illinois, and two miles south of Leaf River, Illinois. Her grandparents did not live with the family but moved into Mt. Morris. The farm house was two stories with six rooms downstairs and five rooms upstairs. The household never had any servants.

Carrie was responsible for filling the reservoir on the side of the stove with water. The heat from the stove would keep the water hot for washing projects. She also ran the washer. This was a tub with a corrugated lining made of wood. She would have to turn the center dolly by hand and then run the clothes through two rinse waters. The clothes were then hung to dry. In the winter the clothes were hung in the workshop. The lye for the soap was made by pouring water over wood ashes. The lye was then mixed with strained grease to produce the washing soap.

At the age of six, Carrie started school. She had to walk one-half mile to her one-roomed school which contained all grades. If it was raining or snowing, Carrie was taken



to school by horses and a lumber wagon or sleigh. The subjects she studied were reading, writing, spelling, history, math, and grammar. The school was in session for nine months. Each day she had a fifteen minute recess and sixty minutes for lunch. The pupils were aged as old as thirty. After taking a standard test at Oregon, Illinois, and passing, she graduated from eighth grade. During that year, twelve pupils graduated.

Later she attended college for two years at Mt. Morris. Carrie stayed in a dorm and went home on weekends. It was here where she met Charles E. Tice.



## Charles and Carrie Tice

Before marrying Carrie Bell, Charles lived on his parents farm. His parents gave him the farm and moved into Mt. Morris, Illinois. Charles at that time hired a couple to help with the farming and housework until his marriage on September 8, 1900. Charles and his new bride maintained a farm of 160 acres. Carrie was responsible for the geese, ducks, and chickens and Charles took care of the cattle, hogs, milk cows, and sheep.

The family never was deeply affected by the depression of wars. They always grew or butchered what they needed. Carrie would spend many hours canning vegetables and fruit. Charles's main concern was to see that the family always had food to eat. Once a week Carrie would sell her eggs and any food which they could not provide for themselves. Charles never made any money off the farm but always broke even. The income from the farm was about \$800 and this went for taxes and farm maintenance.

The family celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July by watching the parade in Mt. Morris or attending the Oregon fair. During Christmas they rarely had guests. The children did not have a tree and received few gifts. However, they always received candy, oranges, and clothing. Rarely were there any toys.

The family was lucky enough to have a phonograph,





however they never had a radio or television set.

Carrie lived on the farm until Charles died. She then moved into Mt. Morris where she presently lives.



John Lewis Tice

The Charles E. Tice family gave birth to John Lewis Tice on July 22, 1918. John had an older sister, Helen. The Tice family lived on a farm two miles northeast of Mt. Morris, Illinois.

John attended a country grade school which averaged eight to twelve pupils with one teacher. Reading, writing, arithmetic, health, and history were some of the subjects he took. After passing a state exam, John was considered a graduate of the eighth grade. One of John's first jobs was to keep a fire going in the school house. He was paid 50¢ a week. Everyday before going to school, John would help with the corn and then walk one-eighth of a mile to school. After his graduation from eighth grade, he attended high school in Mt. Morris. John was on the school's basketball and track squads but had to quit because of the farm work. In 1936 he graduated in a class of a little under two hundred. After high school John's father allowed him to continue farming or to find a job. Since John did not care much for farming he got a job at Kable Printing Company in Mt. Morris in September 1936. At this time he would work five to ten days a month for 40¢ an hour. John kept working until March 21, 1941 when he was drafted into the service. He received his basic training at Camp Roberts



in California and then was transferred to Camp San Luis Obispo in the medical department also in California. At this time he was making about \$30 a month. John then returned back to Mt. Morris on a leave where he married Mildred Bowers.



Mildred Violet (Bowers) Tice

July 23, 1917 was the birth date of Mildred Violet, daughter of Harold and Archie Powers. Because she lived on a farm, she walked three miles to the nearest school. This school was one-roomed and heated by one heating stove. The school's main activity was a basket social. This was where the pupils made baskets and then they were sold. The money went for school supplies. To graduate from eighth grade Mildred traveled to the county seat and took an Iowa state exam. After passing the exam she was considered an eighth grade graduate. At the time of Mildred's graduation there were only five pupils left in school, so the school closed. Mildred went to live with her grandparents in Garner, Iowa, so that she had the opportunity to attend high school. After the first year Mildred moved back home and went back-in-forth to school with a neighbor boy who had a car. Mildred's parents paid him for the ride to and from school. Mildred did not have any outside activities because she had to go straight home. Her graduating class consisted of twenty-five pupils. Every summer during high school Mildred did housework for \$2 a week. After her high school graduation, she moved to Rockford, Illinois, because of the job scarcity in Iowa. She then worked in a Prince's Ice Cream Castle and continued doing housework. At this time she was living with





her older sister who was then married. Mildred later got a job through an employment agency at a restaurant in Mt. Morris. This is where she met John L. Tice and later married him.



John and Mildred Tice

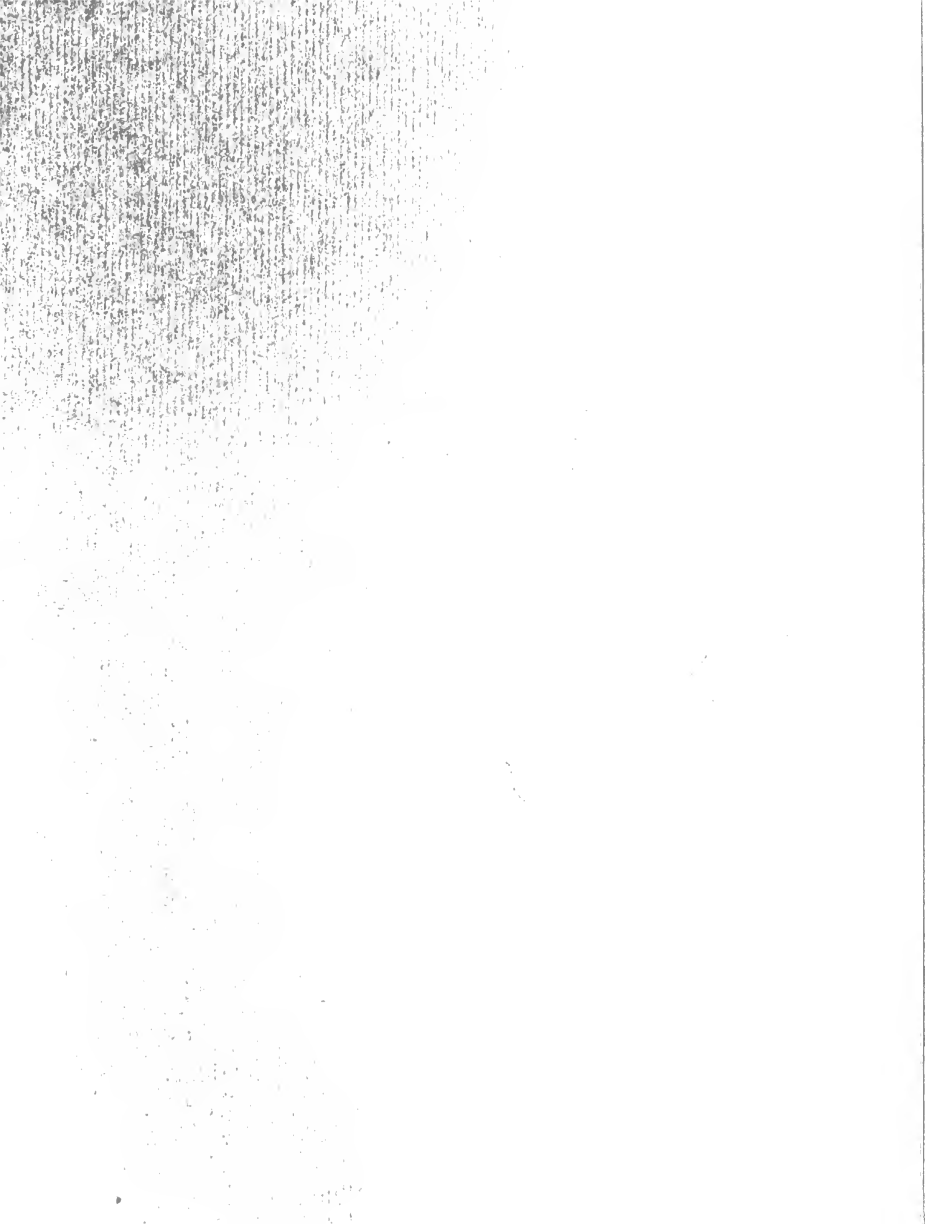
After speaking their wedding vows on September 7, 1941, the newly weds took off for California where John was stationed, Mildred got a job in a restaurant for extra money because John was only making \$30 a month. After the war was declared in 1941, John was transferred to the island of Kauai, Hawaii. At this time Mildred was pregnant with their first child so she moved back to Garner, Iowa, with her parents. The only way for John to be able to see his new son was to apply for OCS (Officers Candidate School). This would keep John in the United States longer. He was accepted and sent to Camp Barkley, Texas, where Mildred joined him. Finally he was shipped overseas to England for the remainder of the war. After five years of active duty, John was discharged from the army. He then joined the reserves after which he retired as a Captain. John also was working at Kable Printing Company where he learned the trade of a printer.

Upon returning to the states the Tice family built a house in Mt. Morris, Illinois. This was where four other children were born. Finally in 1963 the family moved to a ten acre farm north of Mt. Morris.

All the Tice children graduated from high school and two of them from college. Two of the males are presently serving in the Air Force.



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## II. FAMILY DATA

## A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name John F. Nelson Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 If dead, date of death Jan. 1972

Place of birth Öland, Sweden Date of Birth March 19, 1883

Education (number of years):  
 grade school 8th high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st <u>fishing</u>	Dates <u>1897-1900</u>	1st <u>Stockholm</u>	Dates <u>1900-<sup>2</sup></u>
2nd <u>farming</u>	Dates <u>1897-1900</u>	2nd <u>Rockford, Ill.</u>	Dates <u>1902-</u>
3rd <u>furniture worker</u>	Dates <u>1906-1969</u>	3rd <u>San Francisco</u>	Dates <u>1905-<sup>6</sup></u>
4th <u>upholsterer</u>	Dates <u>1910-1946</u>	4th <u>Rockford</u>	Dates _____

Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Svithiod Club, Öland

~~Society Scandinavian Fraternity of America~~  
 Place of marriage to your grandmother Rockford, Il. date 7-24-1909

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

## B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Nannie Erlandsson Current Residence 1216 6th Ave.  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Öland, Sweden Date of birth 6-29-1885

Education (number of years):  
 grade school 8th high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st <u>millers daughter</u>	Dates <u>til 1900</u>	1st <u>Friedhem Estate</u>	Dates <u>1902<sup>-5</sup></u>
2nd <u>domestic</u>	Dates <u>1900-1905</u>	2nd <u>Friedhem estate</u>	Dates <u>00-05</u>
3rd <u>domestic</u>	Dates <u>1905-1907</u>	3rd <u>Rockford, Il.</u>	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather Rockford, Il. DATE 7-24-1909

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

## A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ (after leaving home) \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## A-2 - Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ (after leaving home) \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name William S. Cameron Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death 8-30-45Place of birth Roodhouse, Il. Date of birth Jan. 21, 1900  
Education (number of years):  
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)1st Security Ins. Co. Dates 1920-24 1st Rockford ILL DAYTON IOWA Dates 1906-8  
2nd National Inspection Co. Dates 1924-45 2nd Rockford, Il. Dates 1908-45  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates 1924-24 3rd KANSAS CITY MO. Dates 1932-4  
4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th CHICAGO, IL Dates 1935-7Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Republican Elks ClubPlace of marriage to your grandmother Rockford, Il. date 8-30-24Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18)  
give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Elsie L. Liden Current Residence 1418 Rebecca Dr.  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_Place of birth Goteberg, Sweden Date of birth 7-23-1902  
Education (number of years)  
grade school 8 high school 2 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)1st office clerk (Mechanics) Dates 1917 1st KANSAS CITY MO Dates 1932-4  
2nd Security Ins. Co. Dates 1917-24 2nd CHICAGO, ILL Dates 1935-7  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd ROCKFORD Dates 1937-?Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather Rockford, Il. date 8-30-24Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18)  
give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

## C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

4.

1. Name Archie E. Nelson  
Place of birth Rockford, Il. date 5-28-1910  
Number of years of schooling 12 yrs. Occupation Purchasing Agent Sundstrand  
Residence 2416 Wyoming Dr. Marital Status married  
Number of children 1
2. Name Jeanette Carlson  
Place of birth Rockford, Il. date 5-15-1911  
Number of years of schooling 12 yrs. Occupation homemaker  
Residence Dassel, Minn. Marital Status married  
Number of children 3
3. Name Alice Johnson  
Place of birth Rockford, Il. date 11-2-13  
Number of years of schooling 12 yrs. Occupation homemaker  
Residence 218 Hollister Ave. Marital Status married  
Number of children 2
4. Name John Nelson  
Place of birth Rockford, Il. date 1920-1921 (deceased)  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name Clarice Nelson  
Place of birth Rockford, Il. date 7-25-1916  
Number of years of schooling 12 yrs. Occupation Retired Rockford Health Dpt.  
Residence 1216 6th Ave. Marital Status single  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name Adelyn Carlson  
Place of birth Rockford, Il. date 9-10-1922  
Number of years of schooling 12 yrs. Occupation homemaker  
Residence 704 27th St. Marital Status married  
Number of children 0
7. Name C. Burton Nelson  
Place of birth Rockford, Il. date 6-29-1926  
Number of years of schooling 18 Occupation Comr. Ill. Commerce Comm.  
Residence 1418 Rebecca Dr. Marital Status married  
Number of children 2
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name William S. Cameron  
Place of birth Rockford, Il. date 7-30-1925-(deceased) 196  
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Air Force  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children 2
2. Name Nancy C. Nelson  
Place of birth Rockford, Il. date 4-28-1928  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation homemaker  
Residence 1418 Rebecca Dr. Marital Status married  
Number of children 2
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
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Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
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Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Your Father

Name C. Burton Nelson Current Residence 1418 Rebecca Dr.  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth 6-29-1926  
 Education (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_  
 grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college 6

## Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st SUNDSTRAND Dates 1951-61 6-9 1st 1229 6th Ave Dates 1950-4  
 2nd GALGER, MFG Dates 1961-2 2nd 1418 REBECCA DR Dates 1954-?  
 3rd FM GAMBINO Dates 1962 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 4th ILL COMMERCE COM. Dates 1969-? 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion LUTHERAN

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. REPUBLICAN, PH. BETH  
 KAPPA

Place of marriage to your mother Rockford, Ill. date 4-22-1950

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Nancy C. Nelson Current Residence 1418 Rebecca Dr.  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth 4-28-1928  
 Education (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_  
 grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

## Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st cashier-theater Dates 1942-44 29st 1229 6th Ave. Dates 1950-54  
 2nd clerk-drugstore Dates 1944-46 2nd 1418 REBECCA DR. Dates 1954-?  
 3rd G. Rogers Clark Ins Dates 1946 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Methodist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican, American Contract  
 Bridge League

Place of marriage to your father Rockford, Ill. date 4-22-1950

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

F-2 Stepmother

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_



CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Andrea K. Nelson  
 Place of birth Rockford, Il. Date of birth 3-29-1955  
 Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation student  
 Residence 1418 Rebecca Dr. Marital Status single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name John C. Nelson  
 Place of birth Rockford, Il. Date of birth 3-15-1957  
 Number of years of schooling 11 Occupation student  
 Residence 1418 Rebecca Dr. Marital Status single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

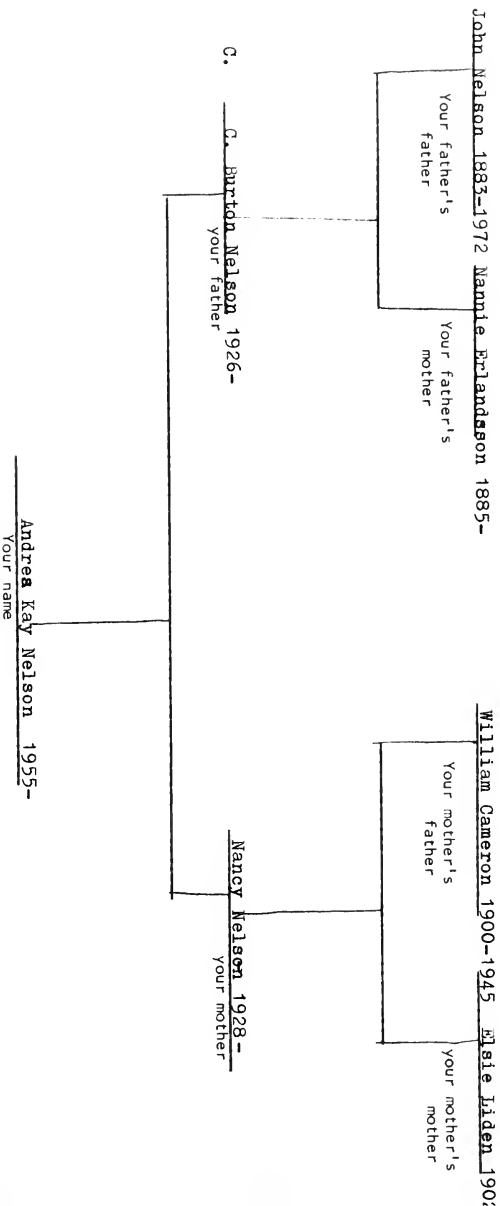
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 Date May 6, 1974



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 (for each give full name and date of birth; death)









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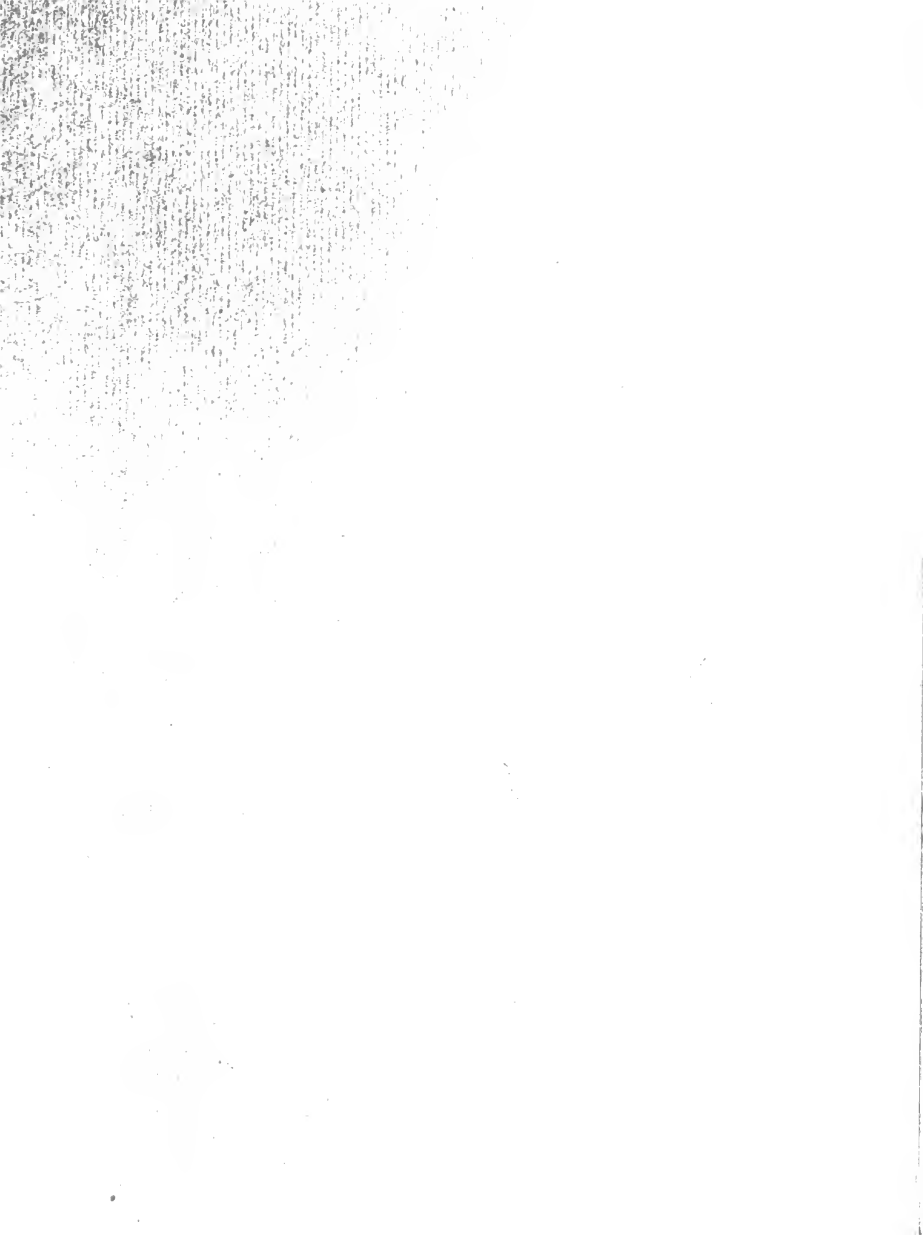
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2. Your college: Rock Valley College  
Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.  
       Before 1750           1750-1800     1800-1850  
       1850-1900           1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.  
       New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.)           Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J. Va.)  
       South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.)           East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn., Ky.)  
       West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.)  
 East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)           Pacific (Cal., Wash.)  
       (Hawaii, Alaska)     (Ill., Wisc.)     MINNESOTA

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.  
 Farming     Mining           Shopkeeping or small business  
 Transportation           Big Business     Manufacturing  
       Professions     Industrial Labor           Other \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.  
 Roman Catholic           Jewish     Presbyterian           Methodist  
       Baptist           Episcopalian           Congregational     Lutheran  
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       Jews           Central Europeans           Italians           Slavs  
 Irish           British           Native Americans over several generations  
       East Asian           Other (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?  
 Interviews with other family members           Family Bibles           Family Genealogies  
       Land Records           The U.S. Census  
 Vital Records  
       Photographs           Maps           Other \_\_\_\_\_



## A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Harry Newcomb Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_Date of birth Sept 20, 1907 Place of birth Kenton, OhioDate of death 1965 Place of burial Waukegan, Ill.Education (number of years):  
grade school 8 high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)1st Auto Mechanic Dates 1921-1924 1st Highland Park Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_2nd Army Dates 1924-1926 2nd Grand Mich. Dates \_\_\_\_\_3rd Taxi Business Dates 1926-1927 3rd Deerfield Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_4th Owned a restaurant Dates 1937-1942 4th Gray Lake Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_Religion Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

DemocraticPlace of Marriage to your grandmother Waukegan Ill. date Nov 20, 1924

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

## B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Saima Aro Current Residence Gray Lake Ill.Date of birth Sept 4, 1907 Place of birth Evelith Minnesota

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)1st maid Dates 21-1925 1st Evelith Minn. Dates \_\_\_\_\_2nd snack bar Dates 67- 2nd Virginia Minn. Dates \_\_\_\_\_3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Highland Park Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th Grand Mich. Dates \_\_\_\_\_Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

DemocraticPlace of marriage to your grandfather Waukegan, Ill. date March 27, 1924

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

## A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

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4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

C. Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Raymond Emil Stueck Current Residence River Forest, Ill.  
Date of birth Ludington Mich. Place of birth Feb. 9, 1907  
Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
grade school 8 high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)  
1st Cotton Hammer Dates 1921-1923 1st Milwaukee Wis Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Harding Business Dates 1923-1930 2nd Wauwatosa Wis Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd Metropolitan Life Dates 1930-1970 3rd Elgin Ill Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th River Forest Ill Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Republican  
Place of marriage to your grandmother Milwaukee, Wis. date Oct 25 1927

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1).

D. Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Evelyn Maetha Schoedde Current Residence River Forest, Ill.  
Date of birth Oct. 21, 1913 Place of birth Milwaukee, Wis.  
Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
grade school 8 high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)  
1st Worked in a Greenhouse Dates 1919-1929 1st Milwaukee Wis Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Wauwatosa Wis Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Elgin Ill Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th River Forest, Ill Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Republican  
Place of marriage to your grandfather Milwaukee, Wis. Date Oct 25 1927

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Daniel Harry Newcomb  
 Place of birth Higland Park date Apr. 30 1930  
 Number of years of schooling 18 yrs Occupation Principal  
 Residence Rockford Ill Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 2 Death \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Diane Joan Strock  
 Place of birth Milwaukee Wis date July 31 1931  
 Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Teacher  
 Residence Rockford Ill Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 2 death \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Name Judy Carla Strock  
 Place of birth Waukesha Wis date April 6 1937  
 Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Teacher  
 Residence Barrington Ill Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 3 death \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_



Your FatherName Daniel Henry Newcomb Current Residence Rockford Ill.Date of birth April 30 1930 Place of birth Highland Park, Ill.

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school 8 high-school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college 6

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Caddy Dates 1940-1944 1st Decatur Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_2nd Cat Pulping Dates 1943 2nd Granite City Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_3rd Tannin Factory Dates 1948 3rd Maywood Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_4th Bricks Factory Dates 1949 4th Lombard Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother Republica River Forest Ill. date July 27 1953

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your MotherName Diane Joan Stack Current Residence Rockford Ill.Date of birth July 13 1931 Place of birth Milwaukee, Wis.

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school 8 high-school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college 4

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Marshall Field Dates 1946 1st Decatur Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_2nd Hostess at Nielsen's Dates 1946-1949 2nd Granite City Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_3rd WLS office worker Dates 1947 3rd Maywood Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_4th Teaching Dates 1954-197 4th Lombard Ill. Dates \_\_\_\_\_Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father Republica River Forest Ill. date June 27 1953

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-2 Stepfather

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(after leaving home)

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Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

F-2 Stepmother

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(after leaving home)

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Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2, F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

1. Name Daniel Steven Newcomb  
 Place of birth OAK PARK ILL Date of birth Nov 17 1955  
 Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Student  
 Residence Rockford ILL Marital Status Single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name Richard Scott Newcomb  
 Place of birth Oak Park Ill Date of birth May 27 1958  
 Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation student  
 Residence Rockford ILL Marital Status Single  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_
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Dick Newcomb

Date

4/25/77



MARY E NEWSOM

B 1884  
M  
D 1909

MARY DUGAN

B 1890  
D 1957

VICTOR ARO

B 1872  
M 1900  
D 1977

MARIE PILLIG-KANGAS

B 1882  
D 1960

(Cecil) WILLIAM STORCK

B 1885  
June 8, 1906  
D —

ANNE ISOTCH

B 1899, 1890  
D —

GUST SCHRÖDIN

B  
M  
D

MIRNE FLACKER

B  
D

HARRY NEWSOM

B Sept 9, 1907  
M 1924  
D 1965

JAMES ARO

B Sept 4, 1907  
D —

RAYMOND STORCK

B Feb 9, 1907  
M 1929  
D —

EVELYN SCHRÖDIN

B Oct 21, 1913  
D —

DANIEL NEWSOM

B Apr. 30, 1930  
M June 27, 1953  
D —

DIANE STORCK

B July 11, 1931  
D —

DICK NEWSOM

B May 27, 1952  
M —  
D —



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## To All Interested In Tracing Back Their Family History

I believe this has been one of the most enjoyable projects I have ever done. Hopefully you too will take time to enjoy the tracing back of your family tree. Allot plenty of time for the project, and don't rush through any part of it. You'll find it a very enjoyable experience. If you interview any relatives, tape record their answers to the questions. By doing this, you can have very accurate notes to write your paper from. Also, you will always have their exact answers and voice to pass on down to your family. Look at this paper as being fun to write, and it can become an entertaining experience.

Good luck,

*Dick Newcomb*



Paternal Great Grandfather  
Victor Aro 1872-1957

Victor was born in Finland in 1872. He traveled as a young boy to America with his parents and settled in Zim, Minnesota. Victor married Marie Mylly-Kangas when he was at the age of twenty-eight. They had happiness in their Finnish community.



**Fraternal Great Grandmother  
Marie Mylly-Kalgas 1882-1942**

Marie Mylly Kangas was born in 1882 in Finland. Her parents moved to this country before she was four years of age. The family settled in Zim, Minnesota, a Finnish community. She had known Victor Aro for many years when she married him in 1900.



Fraternal Great Grand Parents  
Victor and Marie Aro

The Aros were married in 1900 and their wedding was a fantastic celebration. The celebration lasted for about three days. Everyone in the Finnish community was involved.

After the marriage, Victor went to work in the iron-ore mines. He had been working in the iron-ore mines since the age of fifteen. He would shovel large chunks of iron ore into large trucks. Then it would be taken away to the smelting pots.

Marie had a job working in a clothing factory, twenty miles from Zim. The job was short lived as she became pregnant and had her first of nine children.

Victor, after working many years in the iron-ore mine, had to quit because of congestion in his lungs. He became a farmer on unclaimed land which he staked out in the wilderness of northern Minnesota. In the winter, he became a logger cutting down trees on rented land, and dragging them to the St. Louis River where he was then paid for the logs.

The family lived in a four room log cabin until 1911 when they moved to a larger home. The larger home gave everybody their own room. They were still a poor Finnish family even though they had moved to the much improved home.

All of the money they received went for food and clothing. They actually saw very little of the money, as much of the crops were traded for goods and thus, no turn over of actual





cash.

Marie (Myilly Kangas) Arc died in 1942.

Victor Arc died in 1957, leaving his farm to his eldest

son.

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Marie (Willy's mother) and the  
Victor (no date) and the

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Praternal Grandfather  
Harry Newcomb 1907-1965

Harry Newcomb was born on September 9, 1907 in Kenton, Ohio. He was the only child of Harry E. and Mary (Dugan) Newcomb. When Harry was only two years old, his father died of a lung disease.

Harry lived with his mother alone until 1916 when she remarried. Her new husband was a riveter. Unfortunately, in 1918, he fell from a thirty story building that he was working on, and was killed.

Harry's mother remarried again for the third time when he was thirteen years old. His mother married an auto mechanic who gave Harry a job when he was fourteen. he worked in the auto garage with his step-father until 1924.

When Harry was seventeen, he joined the Army. He was very interested in sports, and here played football with the Army. It was during his Army days that he went one evening to a dance. Here at the dance, he met (Betty) a nickname for Saima Aro. They were married later that year.



Praternal Grandmother  
Saima Aro 1907-19\_

Saima Aro was born on September 4, 1907, in Zim, Minnesota. She was born in a four room log cabin to Victor and Maria Aro.

Saima was raised in a poor family. She helped around the house and farm on those hours of her life when she was not attending school. Living on a farm there was always work to be done. The work was important, but school was the number one priority for the children, and most of all to Saima.

When Saima was at home, she spoke Finnish. Her father could speak English to a degree, but Finnish is the language he spoke fluently. Thus, Finnish was the language spoken in the home by all the children. Her mother never learned to speak English, because they lived in a Finnish community where everyone spoke Finnish so it wasn't necessary to learn the language of the land, English.

Saima Aro went to a one room school house that taught wight grades. She had three in her grade. Her teacher was Leary Osborne. The school was a building that contained only the one room and had a wood burning stove for heat. Her responsibility for several years was to come early in the

Fraternal Grandmother  
Saima #ro 1907-

morning to start the fire in the stove that was to be kindled all day long, as Minnesota's Winters were and are very severe. She graduated from eighth grade in 1920 with three other children graduating.

She attended Evelith High School for the next four years. However life was not easy and carefree at this time in her life. While at school, she lived at a home where she worked as a maid for her room and board. Also, she had to do many chores around the house. She graduated from high school in 1924 with 104 people in her class and also with high scholastic achievement.

She was planning to go on to business college, when she met Harry Newcomb. Their meeting came about at a dance. Harry was a private in the Army at the time. Ten months later, she was Mrs. Harry Newcomb.





Praternal Grandparents  
Harry and Saima (Arc) Newcomb)

After getting out of the Army in 1925, Harry became a semi-professional football player. He played in Soldier's Field many times, and traveled as far away as New Jersey.

He soon retired from football and started a taxi business. He kept this job for about five years. While being in the taxi business, Saima became pregnant. They had their only son born on April 30, 1930, and they named him Daniel Harry Newcomb.

The Depression was starting to dig into American's pockets at this time, and the taxi company folded. He soon found another job in Grant, Michigan with the North Shore Gas Company.

Saima began working as a live-in maid. Because the times were so tough, little Danny was sent to live with his maternal grandparents in Zim, Minneasota. Danny lived there until he was five years old. Here he learned to speak Finnish fluently.

In 1935, the Newcombs opened up one of the first drive-in restaurant in the county. It was a very prosperous business untill the Second World War. When the war came, gas became rationed, thus, no one could drive anywhere that was any distance. Because of this situation, the restarrant had to close.



Harry moved his family to Detroit, Michigan, where he worked as a brazier in a steel factory. He disliked the job and quit. He moved his family to Highland, Park, Illinois.

Harry worked as a co-ordinator on the North Shore Railroad for nearly a year when he finally found the job he always wanted. He loved working on mechanical devices. He got a job with the Deep Freeze Company.

Harry worked for Deep Freeze as a delivery man and more important, a repairman. He kept this job for twelve years before the company went bankrupt. During this time, they moved to Grayslake, Illinois. They made this move in 1958.

After being layed-off, he found a job as a security guard. He worked for this company for about six months when he quit and got a job with the Illinois Tollway.

Harry worked for the Tollway about three years when he became very ill with heart problems. He died of heart failure in 1965.

Saima got a job at the Skokie Valley Hospital as the main dietician to the Snack Shop. She still works there today. Also, Saima is still living in Grayslake, Illinois



Father  
Daniel Harry Newcomb 1930-19--

Daniel Harry Newcomb was born on April 30, 1930. He is the only child of Harry and Saima Newcomb.

Dan was born at the beginning of the Depression in Highland Park, Illinois. When he was two years old, his parents sent him up to Zim, Minnesota to live on Saima's parents farm. He could speak both Finnish and English at the age of five years old. He went to a one room school house that held all eight grades for his first year of school.

When he was five years old, his grandparents put him on a train with a nametag pinned to his shirt and this information told where to let him off the train. The trip was over five hundred miles to Deerfield, Illinois. This is where his father was living. His mother at this time worked as a live in maid in Highland Park.

He always got up in the morning, cooked all his meals, got dressed and off to school by himself as his parents weren't around. He did this for grades one through eight, or from ages six to thirteen.

When he was seven years old, his parents sent him to live with another family in Highland Park. When he was eight, he moved back with his parents.



When he was ten years old, he began his first job. He worked as a caddy at a nearby Country Club.

His parents owned a restaurant in 1941 and Dan worked as a chef and busboy. Dan worked there in the summer and after school.

He attended a small school in Waukegan, Illinois. The school was a four room school house with combined grades in each room. He went to the school in Waukegan for only six months before his parents moved to Detroit, Michigan.

Dan went to a larger inner city Jr. High School in Detroit. There he had a hard time adjusting to the large population of children and a hard time adjusting to their actions. He was more of a country boy and it was the first time he ever saw a black person.

During the summer of 1942, he worked on an asparagus farm. He weeded around the plants and helped harvest the crop late in the season.

His parents went back to Illinois and Dan stayed with his Aunt for almost eight months. He moved back to Highland Park, Illinois when he was thirteen. He lived with his father in a two room apartment during the school year.

In the summer, he traveled to Minnesota to help his uncle cut the pulpwood. He did this just for room and board.

When Dan turned fourteen, he moved back to Highland





Park, Illinois and went to high school there. In the summer of his freshman year, he again worked as a caddy.

In the late summer of 1941, he got a job digging graves. The work was boring, low paying and horrible.

In 1945, he worked in the pro-shop. He was happy to see many professional baseball players at the course and even met Bob Hope.

His junior year of high school, he had two jobs in the summer. The first was working in a car wash, washing the cars by hand. The second was working in a grave yard doing odds and ends. He raked leaves, mowed the lawn and then threw away the old flowers.

In 1948, he graduated from Highland Park High School, and made his plans to attend Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois.

In the summer of 1948, he worked in a Tanelum factory in North Chicago. His job included taking the crushed, then pulverized Tanelum and separate it from the impurities by using acid.

After his freshman year of college, he began a job in a brick factory. Standing next to "coke" dryers and taking eight pound bricks off one conveyor and on to another. He had to take two bricks off about every four seconds, ten hours a day, with only five minutes an hour break. By standing next to the "coke" dryer for so long, has permanently hurt his lungs.



During his sophomore school year, he held two jobs. On week-nights, he worked in Sam Lobes Mens Wear and on week-ends, he painted the ceilings of a factory. He did not appreciate the height of three stor~~es~~ on a scaffold.

In the summer after his sophomore year in 1950, he worked for Deep Freeze. He worked in a crew grinding off burrs on metal strips that fit on the refrigerators. While working at this job, he saw a man get his arm cut off by sheet metal. Also, the man working next to Dan was killed when a chunk of metal drove itself through the man's chest.

During his junior school year, he worked as the business manager for the yearbook and made 20% on every ad he sold. During his college years, he also became president of his fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon. He was president of his service fraternity also. He was many times secretary and treasure also. His activities were very numerous in college.

Dan graduated in 1952 and started work as the Assistant Advertiser for Deep Freeze. After working there for six weeks, he was drafted into the army.

While in boot camp, Dan slept in the bunk above Bob Newhart. After bootcamp, he became a secretary to a major, as he knew how to type.

Dan, after three years of knowing Diane Storck, married her while still in the Army in 1953.



Maternal Great Grandfather  
(Carl) William Storck 1885-19\_\_

William Storck was born on Wobember 26, 1885in Dusseldorf, Germany. He is the son of Amila Willamiena and Fred Storck. At the age of four, William Storck's Family moved to the United States, hoping to make a fortune in the new American Democracy. They settled in Ludington, Michigan. Here Bill helped farm until about the age of fourteen years old.

Bill then got a job working for a lumber company. The lumber company did everything by hand. From the felling of trees to the cutting of the logs, Bill worked hard and long. The trees were cut with axes then dragged to a nearby river. This dragging was done by horses. Once the logs reached the river, they were floated about one to three miles down the river to the sawmill. Then the logs were cut to the right dimensions, and then sent by train to different parts of the country.

In 1904, Bill was layed-off from work. He then got a job at the Anchor Block Company. This later became known as the Morton Salt Company. William Storck shoveled salt (which came from salt water) into large ships and then the salt was taken to different parts of the United States. In 1906, Bill Storck quit the Anchor Block Company and became



the foreman of a basket factory. At this time he was twenty-one.

The basket factory was a good job, but only seasonal employment. The factory made all sorts of baskets by hand in the small factory in Ludington.

While working at the factory, he met Anne Geishe at a dance. They were married September , 1906.





Maternal Great Grandmother  
Anne Gotche 1890-19--

Anne Gotche was born on June 12th in the year 1890 in the town of Ludington, Michigan. She the daughter of Adolf Gotche and Mary Sussic. Anne Gotch worked around the house helped her parents with the large farm they worked.

At the age of fifteen, she met William Storck at a dance. They began their courtship, and seven month later they were married. She was sixteen at the time of their marriage.



Maternal Great Grandparents.  
William and Anne Storck

Bill and Anne lived in a rented house in Ludington for their first years of marriage. Anne got a job at a hat factory, and Bill kept working at the Basket Factory.

Bill Storck made about \$1.00 a day working twelve hours a day. He was making bushel-baskets and berry-cartes. The average worker at the factory made around 75¢ a day, for up to fourteen hours of work. When the factory closed it's doors for the winter, Bill Storck became a trapper and a fisherman.

Anne worked strenuously for 50¢ a day at the hat factory. While working there in her first year, she became pregnant. She had to quit her job. On February 9, 1907, they had their first child, Raymond Emil Storck.

Bill Storck made the families total living as a fisherman and a trapper during the winter months. Every other day he would walk the traplines hoping to find a valuable animal in the traps. By the end of the week, he would accumulate close to 200 muskrats and beaver. They sold each for about 2-3¢ a pelt, and minks sold at about 25¢ each. He usually was lucky enough to catch only about 4-5 minks however. On



His of days from walking the traplines, he would go icefishing catching fish to sell to the local markets for an unbelievable low price.

While Bill was working in the Basket Factory and trapping in the winter, Anne worked as an assistant nurse for the Cutler Hammer Company. Cutler Hammer Company did different types of plating, so there were many burned employees, and other injuries. Three times she had to quit to have another child. She had Kurt in 1910, Harry in 1911 and Betty in 1913.

In 1915, Bill and Anne left Ludington and moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He found a job working in the local steel factory. He worked there for about a year before leaving. Bill Storck left because of low pay and poor working conditions. There were bad conditions, consisting of dense heat and poor ventilation.

He soon went to work for Wisconsin Electric Company working on the early electrical lines. The maintenance of the electrical cables was his job. The war was coming and he decided to work in another factory.

In 1917, he began a job working for Skoal Manufacturing. He became the foreman for the kneeling ovens. The kneeling ovens are large furnaces or smelters that separated the steel from the metals. Then the molten steel was used to make munitions and equipment for the war. He was paid by the hour and sometimes worked as many as 18 hours for regular pay.



The pay checks were a type that could not be written out for more than a certain amount usually \$25.00, so sometimes he would come home with more than one paycheck. His job came to an abrupt halt with the end of the war. So he once again had to go out and look for another job.

During this time, Anne also worked for Shoal Manufacturing as an assistant nurse. The pay was low, but it was a steady and not too strenuous job. She worked there for about five years before becoming a full time housewife.

In 1918, Bill became the head of the maintenance department of Greenbaum Tanning Company. He threw out the useless scraps of hide and kept the factory clean. He also was a utility man there doing odds and ends whenever he was needed. In 1920, he found another job working at the Keystone glue Company.

Bill became the Engineer of the Keystone Glue Company. The glue was made from any part of animals that could be found. They used horse's heads, hoofs and ears. The stench from the brewing glue was almost unbearable. Bill worked twelve hours, and in shifts. When the shifts changed they overlapped and he would have to work a 24 hour shift.

While working at the Keystone Glue Company, many of the workers said he would be a good Union leader. He thought it over and decided he would do it. As he started the union, the owner began to put the pressure on and many workers dropped their membership. Soon the Union was destroyed and the owners





He made a deal with one farmer to build a chicken coupe for a male and a female pig. Soon he became the town carpenter, and was getting a few animals to start the farm moving.

Ten years later, Bill had the biggest farm in the area. He had accumulated about 52 cow, 60 pigs, 600 chickens and about 50 ducks and geese. His plan of being a carpenter had paid off. The farm stayed in full production for about 12 years. In 1952, age began to catch up with the Bill Storcks and they began to decrease their stock. By 1964 the only animal on the farm was the pet dog. After 79 years of hard work, Bill retired.

Today Bill is 92 years old and sometimes still helps out the fall hay crops. Anne is 87 and losing her sight and hearing. She still gets up every morning and cooks the best breakfast that I have ever tasted. She bakes bread, puts up all their winter supply of canned goods. They are very much planning for the future. This Fall they carpeted the house and bought a new stove and refrigerator. Bill is planning to have his usual big home garden.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR  
Raymond E. Storok 1907-19\_\_

Raymond Storok was born in Ludington, Michigan on February 9, 1907. He was the eldest son of William Storok and Arne Gotche.

The Storoks lived in a large house that had five bedrooms. The house also had two other bedrooms that were made out of the attic, and a "parlor." Ray's father supported fourteen people at one time in this house. Everybody in the house was a relative from children, to grandparents, to Ray's aunts and uncles.

Ray went to a small church which contained a parochial school in the basement. All the children in grades one thru eight were from a German background and could speak both English and German. Ray was seven years old before he could speak English.

During the First World War, the children were persecuted for being of German background. Children of the public schools would come by the "German School" and torment the children physically and verbally. When the windows of the school were open too far the public students would throw trash in the windows at the kids. One day when Ray was sitting in the class the taunting began and he was hit in

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4. The final part of the document provides a summary and conclusions. It reiterates the key points discussed throughout the document and offers recommendations for future actions. The conclusions drawn from the analysis indicate that the implemented practices have been effective in achieving the desired outcomes, and that continued monitoring and evaluation are necessary to ensure long-term success. The document concludes by expressing confidence in the organization's ability to continue to improve and grow in the future.

the back of the kid" with fish, including fish. After the war all the problems stopped, but Ray still remembers all the great harassment.

During Ray's childhood, money was tight, so the children played games for entertainment. Some of the games played were, "Run or good Sheep man," marbles and "Duck on a Rock." Duck on a Rock was played by putting one person on a rock and the others would take turns throwing a baseball at him. If he was hit off or fell off the rock, the person throwing the ball got to be the Duck.

There was other types of free entertainment also. In the summer "the gang" would get together and go swimming in the river or go dancing. In the winter, everybody went sledding on homemade sleds or ice skating. On Holidays, there were parties which everybody either participated in, or watched. Sometimes the Circus would come through and the Circus parade alone was thrilling.

When a kid did get some money, he could go to the movie for five cents (which were silent until around 1927). At night, there was a live band playing down at the park and for 10¢ you could dance there. If a child had alot of money and hitched a ride, he could get into the professional baseball game for 25¢.

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Many times if the children got bored with the daily routine, they would walk through the stores and window shop. One such store was the Bueller Trothers butcher market. The store actually had sawdust on the floor. A twenty inch liver sausage would cost about 21¢ and eggs about 6¢ a dozen. The only other store in town was Pollard's Coop. It sold everything from food to toys. Ray once bought a suit there for \$3.75. After a day of fun, Ray would go back to his home life.

The family life was very different from school life. Ray spoke English at school and German was spoken at home. Celebrations were German oriented such as Easter, Christmas, and birthdays. All relatives (around 25) showed up for these events and were celebrated with German tradition. Most of the food was of German origin or having to do with salt pork. Some dishes were salt pork and beans, salt pork stew and klups (a German meatball with sweet-sour sauce).

As Ray grew up, he soon began a job. He worked for Cutler Hammer for two years making nickel, zinc, silver and gold plating. His father soon got him a better job in 1923.

Ray went to work for the Heuting cannery working with his father. While working at this job, he went one evening after work to a dance. Here he met Evelyn Schroeder. He "courted" her for over one year and they were married in 1929.





Maternal Grandmother  
Evelyn Schroeder 1913-39\_\_

Evelyn Schroeder was born in Tipplesnoe, Wisconsin on October 21, 1913. She was the sixth child of Gust Schroeder and Minnie Hacker.

The Schroeder's lived in a five bedroom house. The ten children shared four bedrooms.

Evelyn's father owned fourteen acre's of greenhouses and she worked in the greenhouses everyday. She would work at weeding the plants or picking the vegetables. She used the "bunching machine" daily which was a difficult type of work for a girl to do.

Evelyn shared much of the household chores besides doing so much of the greenhouse work. Because of the many children in the family, and having younger sisters, she also learned at a very early age how to be a "young mother". Taking care of the younger children was a common type of chore for girls of that day, as this gave time for the mother to be able to tend to other work.

Going to school was not an easy task, as transportation was rare. She walked miles to school, regardless of the weather conditions. When she was ready to attend Bay View High School, she again had the great problem of getting to



and from school. A very long walk to a streetcar and then a ride and still another walk to get her education.

The town had one store in it called Bill Schmit grocery which carried everything in it. It's main staples were food, but other materials such as hardware could be purchased there also.

One evening while at a dance at the Palma Ballroom, she met Ray Storch. They were engaged for over a year. On October 25th they were married in the year 1929.



CHILDREN'S IDENTIFICATION  
Raymond and Evelyn Storck

Ray and Ev began life together living with their parents, but soon had their own apartment in Milwaukee. Ray kept working with his father in the heating business, while Ev stayed at home as a housewife. Both were enjoying life when the depression hit and Ray lost his job as a heating repairman.

While in the heating business, Ray had bought three different cars. His first car was a 1926 Chevy touring car. It was a red, four door sedan with jiffy curtains. Then in 1928, he bought a 1928 black Pontiac Coupe. Then just before being lyed off, he bought a 1930 tan, Perciss with a rumble seat.

The first year after being married, Ray and Ev bought their first radio. It was a portable made by Victor. Some of his favorite radio shows were, "I Love a Mystery", "The Jack Benny Show", and "Pibber McGee and Molly".

The first year after being married also gave happiness to Ray and Ev, as Ray began his job with Metropolitan Life Insurance. He did such a fine job he was shortly promoted.

Ray was promoted to the job of Assistant Manager. The job was in Wausau, Wisconsin. Ray and his pregnant wife moved from Milwaukee to Wausau. Here Ray made a very good salary. He enjoyed his work very much. Ev soon gave birth



to a girl Diane Joan Storck on July 13, 1931. While Ray was working, he decided to buy a new car. He bought a 1935 Oldsmobile sedan. Ever year afterwards, he has bought a new General Motors product.

Ray stayed in Wausau untill 1939 when he became manager in Elgin. Ray and Ev moved their family once again. This time their move included yet another daughter Judith Carla Storck born on April 6, 1937.

Ray also worked for the war effort during the war years. He couldn't be drafted as legislation was passed that anyone thirtyfive or over couldn't be drafted. He was the head of the War Bond Committee in Elgin. Gas rationing was on and Ray received a "C" card which gave him unlimited gas quantities rather than an "A" card which was very limited in the amount of gas. He organized one large all out effort to sell bonds in both Elgin and its suburbs. In one night with the help of thousands of worker (plus a bonus of an appearance of the Hollywood Movie star Dorothy Lamour) he sold over five million dollars in bonds.

Ray was transferred to manager of Chicago in 1941. Ray and Ev moved to River Forest and enjoyed many happy years there. In 1970, Ray retired.

Today Ray plays golf three times a week at Elmhurst Country club, and spends the rest of his time enjoying





life.

Ev is still a housewife. A full time job with the expressed idea of making a house a home. She is very active in her church and othercommitte endeavors. Golfing and bowling have been her sport interests. Chairman of many events at her Country club keep her very busy. She has been president, secretary and treasurer of both church and community projects.



Mother  
Diane Joan Storck 1931-

Diane Joan Storck was born on July 13, 1931 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was the eldest child of Ray and Ev Storck.

Diane was from a well-off family which resided first in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, then to Elgin, Wisconsin, then to Elgin, Illinois and finally to River Forest, Illinois.

She was a very good student and enjoyed athletics.

In 1941, they moved to a large house in River Forest, Illinois. Diane went to Oak Park High School and graduated in 1949.

Her first job was held at Marshall Field in the candy department. She was earning \$1.15 an hour in 1946. In the summer of 1946 she worked as a hostess for Nielsen a top quality restaurant. She worked there again in 1948-49.

In 1947 she worked for WLS radio station doing office work. In 1949 she began going to college at Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois. While going to school, she made extra money by selling cigarettes to her sorority sisters. She would make 5¢ a pack selling them at the Tri Delta house.

In 1951, she met Dan Newcomb. Both were attending college at the time. They became engaged and one year later they were married.



Parents  
Dan and Diane (Storeck) Newcomb

While Dan was in the Army, Diane became a secretary for Civil service. She received Dan's paycheck every month as it was Army policy to send the paycheck to the soldier's wife.

During their first year of marriage in 1953, they owned three different cars. The first car was a 1937 Pontiac black sedan. It burned too much oil so they traded it off for a 1936 black Ford sedan. The Ford was sold as Diane's parents gave them a 1949 white Chev sedan for a wedding present.

When Dan was discharged from the Army, he began as an Insurance adjuster.

Diane began her teaching career in 1954. She taught kindergartea and music in La Grange Park, Illinois. She taught grades one thru eight. She taught for one year when she became pregnant and took off for a few years. She had her first of ~~two~~ children on November 17, 1956. It was a boy, Daniel Steven Newcomb.

Dan worked as an Insurance salesman for five years, during the years 1955-1959. He bought their first new car while working for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. It was a white on red 1956 two door Chevy. Also while selling insurance, he took night classes and got his teaching degree (Associate of Science in Education Administration).



In 1958, Diane had her second child, Richard Scott Newcomb on May 27, 1958.

Dan, in 1959, began his teaching career at Marker Junior High School. He taught History and was a basketball and baseball coach.

In 1960, Dan moved his family to Glen Ellyn, Illinois. In 1963, he taught at Abraham Lincoln School, as a 6th grade teacher.

Diane started working again in 1963 as a Kindergarten teacher at Main Street School. In 1966, she taught at Spalding School.

Dan got his Masters Degree at Northern Illinois University and became the Principal of Waner School and Park School.

In 1967, the Newcombs moved to Rockford, Illinois as Dan became Assistant Superintendent of Winnebago County. Dan lost his job when Robert Greene was defeated by Frank Farrino in the election in 1971. Mr. Greene was his boss.

In 1972, he became Principal of Maple School in Loves Park, Illinois

Diane became a substitute teacher in Harlem School District in 1971, and is presently a permanent Substitute right now.





still held a grudge against Bill. He soon was fired in 1929. The grounds they said were "Poor worker."

Bill had started a union and his own downfall as the owner put his name on the "blacklist." He applied everywhere and could not find a job. The Storcks were planning to move when he happened to talk to a neighbor who gave him a job in the heating business.

Bill used his common knowledge and read books on the subject. Soon he became an excellent heater repairman. He worked there for about two years when the Depression began to strike. Soon people were repairing their own heaters and Bill was laid off again.

One day while reading the want-ads, he read a strange ad. The ad was looking for someone to trade houses. Bill was having a hard time finding a job, so he decided to look further into the ad. The man was a farmer who had a 400 acre farm with a house in Sanborn, Wisconsin. Bill and Anne went and looked at the house and traded their house for the farm. They moved in 1930 and soon had a new profession, farming.

The farm was made up of about 20 acres of woods and the rest was flat prairie with a small creek flowing through it. The only animals on the farm were old. In fact, scavenger cats and an old cow pretty much made up the livestock.

Money was in short supply, so Bill thought he could use his skills in trade for a few animals to start a farm. He



Richard Scott Newcomb 1958-

Richard Scott Newcomb was the second son born to Dan and Diane Newcomb on May 27, 1958.

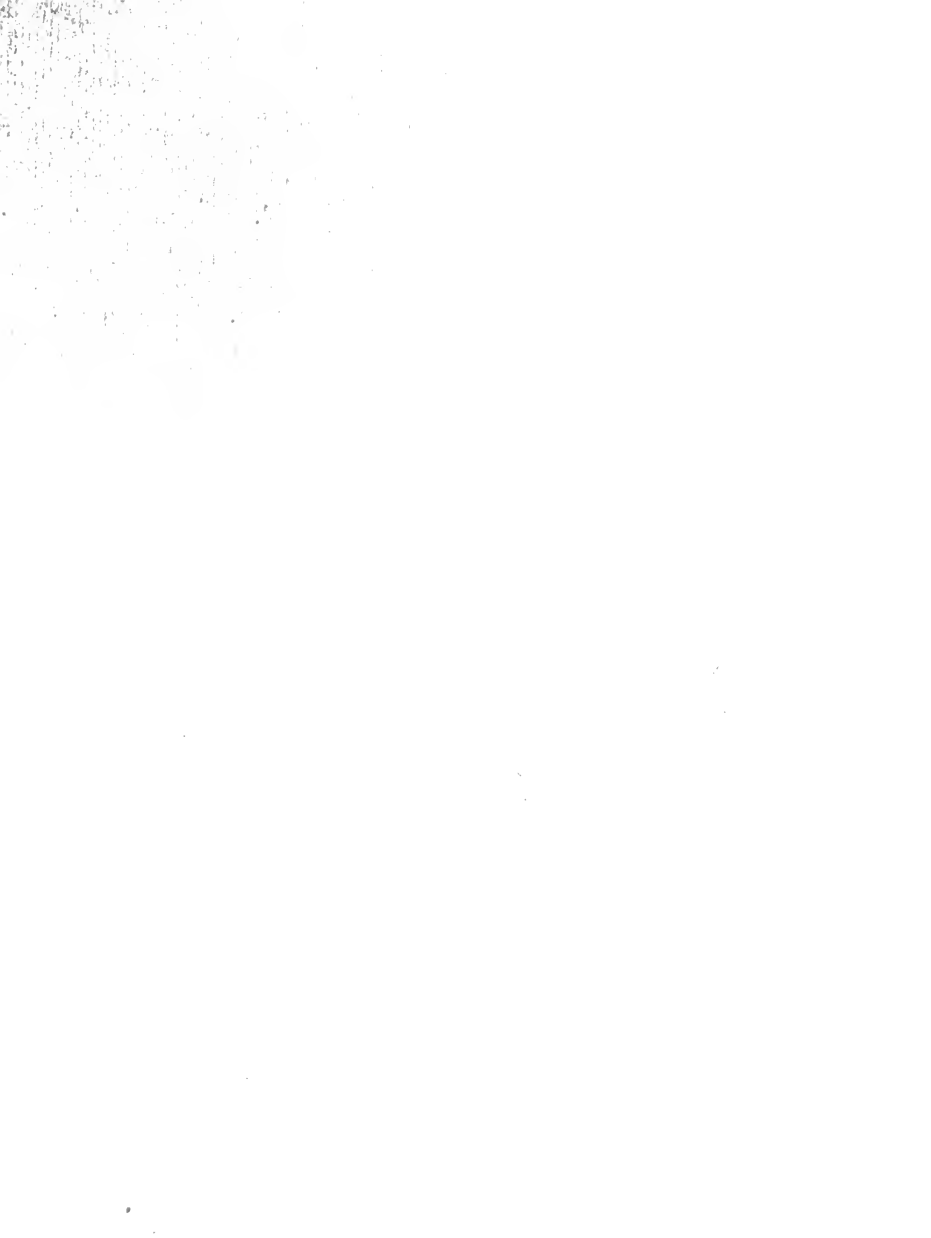
Richard was born in Oak Park, Illinois at West Suburban Hospital. He lived in Lombard for the first two and one-half years, when he then moved, with his parents, and older brother Panny, to Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Richard lived here for seven years of his life, at which time at the age of nine, in 1967 moved to his present home in Rockford, Illinois.

Richard has always been a person, no matter what age to be interested in all types of endeavors. He plays sports (tennis, golf, hockey, bowling, soft ball) along with being very interested in music and the arts, (he plays the drums. He is a very enthusiastic fisherman, and finds along with stamp and coin collecting, snowmobiling is one of his fonder likes.

Richard's schooling up to this point in his life have consisted of Kindergarten thru third grade at Main Street School in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, fourth thru seventh at Marsh School, Rockford, Illinois, eighth at Eisenhower also in Rockford. His high school days were spent at Guildford in Rockford, and presently he is attending Rock Valley College. Here at RVC, Richard is very interested in student government. He is on Student Commission as a Freshman Representative. He plans to become an Optometrist.







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     Irish    X British         Native Americans over several generations  
     East Asian         Other (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

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     Land Records         The U.S. Census  
X Vital Records    X Photographs    X Maps         Other

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II. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Hans Nilsen (Langley) Current Residence -----  
 Date of birth Feb. 16, 1888 Place of birth Christiana, Norway  
 Date of death Oct. 27, 1942 Place of burial Livingston Cemetary  
 Education (number of years);  
 grade school X high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. Boone County, Ill.  
 Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)  
 1st Farmer Dates All Life 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion Luthern  
 Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Marriage to your grandmother B elvidere, Il. date July 3, 1913  
 NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Peulah Mae Hinckley Current Residence -----  
 Date of birth Jan. 30, 1895 Place of birth Janesville, Wisc.  
 Date of death Oct. 8, 1975 Place of burial Livingston Cemetary  
 No. Boone Co. Ill.  
 Education (number of years):  
 grade school X high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
 college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)  
 1st Housewife Dates 1913-1975 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion Methodist  
 Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter Methodist Church Ladies Aid Society  
 Place of marriage to your grandfather Belvidere, Ill. date July 3, 1913  
 Court House  
 NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

## A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

C. Grandfather (your mother's side)

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Name Rudolph Herman Dunklau Jr. Current Residence ---

Date of birth July 7, 1890 Place of birth Chicago, Il.

Date of death Feb. 25, 1950 Place of burial Chicago, Il.  
Mt. Home Cemetary

Education (number of years):

grade school X high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

Chicago--Rockwell (after leaving home)  
1st Railroad Dates 1920-45 1st 4436 S HOMAN Dates 1929-1939

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd 4450 S HOMAN Dates 1939-1940

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd 3926 W 59<sup>th</sup> Pl. Dates 1940-1950

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion St, Phillipus  
Luthern, U.C.C.

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat

Moose Club Railroad Lodge

Place of marriage to your grandmother CHICAGO, IL. date Jan. 30, 1913

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

D. Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Ella Miller Current Residence ---

Date of birth May 27, 1894 Place of birth Chicago, Il.

Date of death April 19, 1969 Place of burial Chicago, Il.

Education (number of years)

grade school X high school \_\_\_\_\_ Beautician \_\_\_\_\_  
vocational X college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

Beautician (after leaving home)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates 1910-1925 1st 3538 S. Rockwell Dates 1905-13  
Chic. Il.

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd 4436 S. Homan Dates 1929-39

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd 4450 S. Homan Dates 1939-1940

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th 3926 W. 59<sup>th</sup> place Dates 1940-41

5th 3405 W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Place Dates 1961-69

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat

President and member of the Railroads Women Lodge (Four Point)

Place of marriage to your grandfather Chicago Il. Date Jan. 30, 1913

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Marvin H. Nilsen Thursday 3:30 pm  
Place of birth Boone Co. Ill. date April 30, 1914  
Number of years of schooling 2 Occupation Factory  
Residence 028 Marie Rkfd. Marital Status married  
Number of children 5 Death -----
2. Name Bernice Margaret Noth Sunday 5:40 am  
Place of birth Boone Co. Il. date May 23, 1915  
Number of years of schooling 2 Occupation housewife  
Residence Tomah, Wisc. Marital Status married  
Number of children 6 Death -----
3. Name Dorothiemae Agnes Wallace Monday 5:10am  
Place of birth Boone Co. Il. date June 25, 1917  
Number of years of schooling 2 Occupation -----  
Residence Loves Park, Il. Marital Status married  
Number of children 4 Death -----
4. Name Lola Amelia Eastham Wednesday 1:20 pm  
Place of birth Boone Co. Il. date September 3, 1919  
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation -----  
Residence Urbana, Il. Marital Status married  
Number of children none death -----
5. Name Eunice Elizabeth Hartley Wednesday 1:20pm  
Place of birth Boone Co. IL date May 25, 1921  
Number of years of schooling 2 Occupation -----  
Residence Tomah, Wisc. Marital Status divorced  
Number of children 12 Death -----
6. Name Robert Boyd Nelson Tuesday 11:00am  
Place of birth Boone Co. Il. date May 9, 1922  
Number of years of schooling 3 Occupation Truck Driver  
Residence New Milford, Il. Marital Status married  
Number of children 3 death ---
7. Name Thomas Calvin Nilsen Saturday 9:30 pm  
Place of birth Boone Co. Il. date March 29, 1924  
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation Truck Driver  
Residence Belvidere, Il. Marital Status married  
Number of children 3 death --
8. Name Martin Eugene Nilsen Saturday 9:30 pm  
Place of birth Boone Co. Il. date September 24, 1927  
Number of years of schooling 9 Occupation Machinist  
Residence Belvidere. 1<sup>st</sup> Marital Status married  
Number of children 4 death ---
9. Name Clifton Lee Nilsen Friday 7:10 am  
Place of birth Boone Co. Il. date November 7, 1930  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Electrician  
Residence Belvidere, Il Marital Status married  
Number of children 3 death ----
10. Name -----  
Place of birth ----- date -----  
Number of years of schooling ----- Occupation -----  
Residence ----- Marital Status -----  
Number of children ----- death -----

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Bernadine Betty Hauser  
 Place of birth Chicago Il. date March 8, 1929  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Secretary-Hospital  
 Residence Evergreen, Park, Il Marital Status married  
 Number of children 1 death ---

2. Name Marilyn Frances Nilsen  
 Place of birth Chicago, Il date November 30, 1933  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Secretary-Clerk  
 Residence Belvidere, Il Marital Status Divorced  
 Number of children 3 death ----

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
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E. Your FatherName Thomas Calvin Nilsen, Current Residence 803 W. 3rd Belvidere, Il.Date of birth March 29, 1924 Place of birth Roone Co. Il.

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school 8 high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(after leaving home)

1st Trucke Driver Dates 1943--1976 1st Fremont Belvidere Dates 1955-562nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd 521 Locust " Dates 1956-573rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd 1218 W. 4th " Dates 1957-644th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th 716 Maple " Dates 1964-71Religion St. John's United Church of Christ 1211 Locust " 1972-74  
904 N. State " 1974-75Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. DemocratMoose ClubPlace of marriage to your mother Board Member St. John's U.C.C. Board of Social Concerns  
Chicago, Il. date December 11, 1954

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

F. Your MotherName Marilyn Frances DunKlau Current Residence 716 Maple Belvidere Il.Date of birth November 30, 1933 Place of birth Chicago, Il.

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)

grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school X grad. vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(after leaving home)

1st International Harvest Dates 1951-54 1st Fremont Belvidere Dates 1955-562nd Sundstrand's (Belvidere) Dates 1959-60 2nd 521 Locust " Dates 1956-573rd Ipsen Industries Dates 1966-67 3rd 1218 W. 4th " Dates 1957-644th CamCar Screw Dates 1968-76 4th 716 Maple " Dates 1964-76Religion St. John's United Church of ChristPolitical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. DemocratPlace of marriage to your father Chicago, Il. date December 11, 1954

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E-2 Stepfather

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

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3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

F-2 Stepmother

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

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2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_



## CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2, F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

1. Name Lorel Gae Nilsen  
 Place of birth Belvidere, Il. Date of birth October 2, 1955  
 Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation student  
 Residence 716 Maple Belvidere Marital Status single  
 Number of children none death ---
2. Name Lynda Sue Nilsen  
 Place of birth Belvidere Il. Date of birth June 20, 1957  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation gas station attendant  
 Residence 716 Maple Belvidere Marital Status single  
 Number of children none death ---
3. Name David Thomas Nilsen  
 Place of birth Belvidere, Il. Date of birth November 30, 1960  
 Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation student  
 Residence 716 Maple Belvidere Marital Status single  
 Number of children none death ---
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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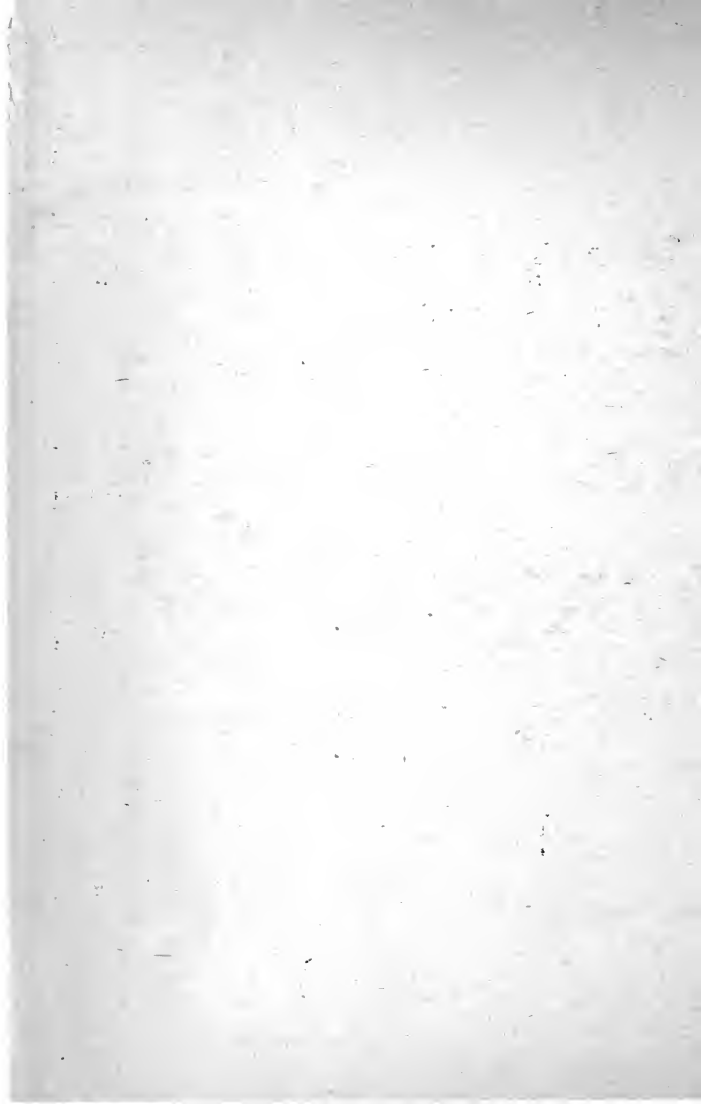
Signed Lorel Gae NilsenDate April 28, 1976



I  
LOREL GAEL  
BORN Oct. 2, 11  
MARRIED  
DIED













### Part I

- A. Paternal Great Gr. Gr. Grandfather -- Nils Nilsen
- B. Paternal Great Gr. Gr. Grandfather -- Nils Nilsen
- C. Paternal Great Gr. Grandfather -- Nils Nilsen
- D. Paternal Great Gr. Grandmother -- Olava
- E. Paternal Great Grandfather -- Nils Nilsen
- F. Paternal Great Grandmother -- Emilie Sandersen
- G. Their Life Together Nils & Emilie
- H. Paternal Great Gr. Grandfather -- Sander Sandersen
- I. Paternal Great Gr. Grandmother -- Maren Sandersen
- J. Paternal Grandfather -- Hans Nilsen

### Part II

- A. Paternal Great Gr. Grandfather -- Francis Hinckley
- B. Paternal Great Gr. Grandmother -- Abbie Sherburn
- C. Their Life Together Francis & Abbie
- D. Paternal Great Grandfather -- William Milton Hinckley
- E. Paternal Great Grandmother -- Ann Elizabeth Terwilliger
- F. Their Life Together -- William & Ann
- G. Paternal Great Gr. Grandfather -- Daniel Terwilliger
- H. Paternal Great Gr. Grandmother -- Emma Hunt
- I. Their Life Together -- Daniel & Emma
- J. Paternal Grandmother -- Beulah Mae Hinckley

### Part III

- A. Paternal Grandparents -- Beulah & Hans
- B. Their Life Together

### Part IV

- A. Maternal Great Gr. Grandfather -- John Dunklau
- B. Maternal Great Gr. Grandmother -- Marie Einsphar
- C. Their Life Together -- John & Marie
- D. Maternal Great Grandfather -- Rudolph Herman Dunklau Sr.
- E. Maternal Great Grandmother -- Emma Babbe
- F. Their Life Together -- Rudolph & Emma
- G. Maternal Grandfather -- Rudolph Herman Dunklau Jr.



Part V

- A. Maternal Great Grandfather -- Herman Miller
- B. Maternal Great Grandmother -- Emma Butenschoen
- C. Their Life Together -- Herman & Emma

Part VI

- A. Rudolph's and Ella's life together
- B. Mother -- Marilyn Frances Dunklau

Part VII

- A. Parents Life Together -- Thomas & Marilyn
- B. My life -- Lorel Gae Nilsen

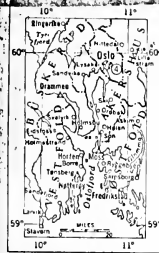


This paper will deal with the family of Lorel Gae Nilsen which has been traced back to Nils Nilsen of Norway born in the late 1700's to the present. Some of the peoples' lives discussed in this paper will be given in greater detail than others, depending on the amount of information that has been obtainable to the researcher. A simple geneology chart accompanies this paper to make the reading easier and more clear.

The oldest traceable member of the Nilsen family was Nils Nilsen, born approximately 1790, and lived in Norway. His son's name was also Nils Nilsen, born in about 1815. The latter's son was also Nils Nilsen who was born in 1850 and died in 1914. Nils Nilsen (the latter) was married to Olava who died in 1912. Their Child's name was Nils Nilsen, born in 1861. Nils was a "coffer's" son and had little chance for advancement. A coffer is somewhat like a tenant farmer. He attended school for  $7\frac{1}{4}$  years and then quit to work on his father's farm. Nil's then went to work for various prominent farmers. By 1909 he had saved enough money to by a farm. He married Emilie Sandersen, a coffer's daughter. Her parents were Sander and Maren Sandersen. Emilie's parents were considered "better off" because they owned a cow in times when others had none, and for this reason they were not exactly pleased with Nils and Emilie's marriage. The farm that Nil's bought is called "Kodalen" (pronounced coo-down) which means Valley of Cows, and consisted of 18 mal. One mal is equal to one quarter acre. Nil's cultivated 14 mal while he farmed. "Kodalen" is still occupied by Nilsens today although most of the land has been sold.

The children and Emilie took part in the work on the place. In Norway (in these days) ther were bad days for the poor and there were many of them. There were great farmers who owned a lot. A coffer's wage was about ten Kroner per week. They had to pay 60-80 kr for a cow (one dollar is about six kr now). They had to live from hand to mouth. They cutted gras by hand. Nils and Emilie never thought they would see a machine that could do this, but he did before he died. Nils got two diploma for his work on the little farm, for his good work. Nils really belieyed in God.. The others believed in a way, I will say.





**SUBDIVISIONS**  
indicated by Numbers  
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3	Storholl.	G 7
4	Öst.	G 7
5	Bohuslän	G 7
6	Östergöt.	G 7
7	Västmanland	G 7
8	Bohuslän	G 7
9	Östergöt.	G 7
10	Manland	G 7
11	Manland	G 7

Date of the administrative center for Åkershus and Öst-Fria Åkershus and Manland and Åkershus

Scale: 1:100,000

**NORWAY, SW. FINLAND and D.**

COMIC PROJECTION  
SCALE OF MILES

SCALE OF STATUTES

Capitals of Countries  
Administrative Centers  
International Boundaries  
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Drammen 12/4-76.

Dear Loni.

I am a daughter of Randi, who you send a letter in the beginning of March. You see, my mother does not understand very much English, and not at all wright. My mother gave me your letter and asked me to do what I could.

I am going to a nurse school. The last month I have had a lot school work to do (various examinations) So you see I have not had so much time for your project.

I asked my grandfather (brother of Hans) what he could remember.

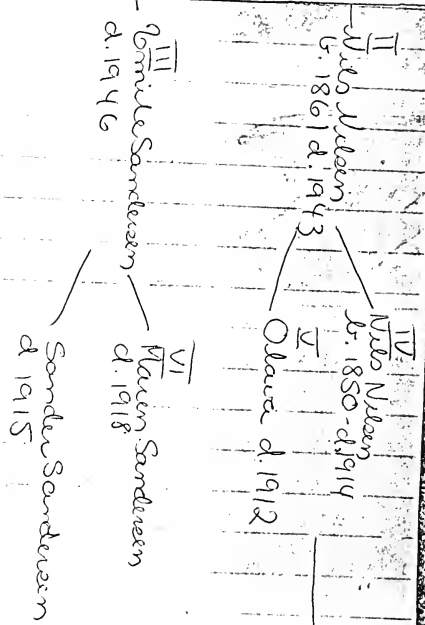
I think this is too little for your project, but it is what I have found out.

Love from Ellen Johansen.

P.S. If you put this with things you can find in a history-book, it might be something.



I  
 Agnes b. 1886  
 Karna b. 1888  
 Martin b. 1889  
 Helene b. 1892  
 Wils b. ?  
 Ziegen b. 1897  
 Øyend b. 1900  
 Gabriel b. about  
 1902



Nils Nilsen  
 Cyle did not  
 more cetera



I The sisters and brother of Hans.  
Agnes is dead, Hans dead, Martin is alive, but not in good  
health, Foleid died 17 years old. Nils died in 1949  
of leukemia. Bögen is in good health for his age.  
Oyind has been ill in 12 years. Gabriel is in good  
health.

## II Nils Nilcen

He went 7  $\frac{1}{4}$  years on school, he had not time  
for more he said. Nils was a cotten's son, and  
had no chance to advance very much.  
Nils worked under various great farmers. In 1909  
he had saved so much that he could move his  
big family to a better place, more fertile.  
He made the house bigger. They had one horse,  
two cows and pigs. The place is 8 mål  
one mål is 1/4 acre, 14 mål was cultivated.  
His place is called Kodalen (the valley of cows).  
Bögen and Jenny are living there now. Most of  
the land has been sold now, one two mål left.  
The children and Emilie took part in the work  
at the place. In Norway (in these days) there were  
days for the poor, and there were many of them.  
There were great farmers who owned a lot.  
Her's wage was about 10 kr. pr. week.  
He had to pay 60-80 kr for a cow.  
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You asked about their religion. Nils really believed in God. The others believed in a way, I will say.

### III Emilie Sandersen.

She came from a cotten's farm.

The parents of Emilie were richer than the parents of Nils. They had one cow, the others had no one. So they did not like that Emilie & Nils married.

Emilie was a good wife and mother.

As long back in the ages, my grandfather know, ~~he~~ he could not tell about anyone that not lived as cotten's.





"Kodalen" is located in Asker, Norway Near Oslo, the capitol. Nils and Emilie had nine children; Gabriel, Agnes, Hans, Martin, Adeleid, Nils, Eugene, Øivind and Gabriel. Their geneology is included here from the first Nils Nilsen to present day Nilsens,

Generation VII	NILS NILSEN	b. approx. 1790	father of
" VI	NILS NILSEN	b. approx. 1815	father of
" V	NILS NILSEN	b. 1840	d. 1914
"	married to OLAVA	b.	d. 1912
" IV	NILS NILSEN	b. 1861	d. 1943
"	married to EMILIE SANDERSEN	b.	d. 1946
" V	SANDER SANDERSEN		d. 1918
	married to MAREN SANDEPSEN		d. 1915

IV NILS & EMILIE'S CHILDREN:

III<sub>A</sub> Gabriel Nilsen was born about 1884 and died soon after.

III<sub>B</sub> Agnes Nilsen b. Dec. 28, 1885 d. Feb. 5, 1950  
was married to Jens Alfred Martinsen b. Mar. 16, 1882  
d. Apr. 22, 1946

CHILDREN OF THIS MARRIAGE

II<sub>A</sub> son: Sigurd Martinsen b. June 11, 1906  
was married July 6, 1929 to Alvilde b. Jan. 3, 1909

I<sub>A</sub> dau: Berit Synnøve b. July 6, 1932 married w/ children

I<sub>B</sub> dau: Anne Lise b. June 6, 1937 married w/ 3 children

II<sub>B</sub> son: Hans Martinsen b. Sept, 9, 1907 d. Mar. 21, 1930

II<sub>C</sub> son: Einar Martinsen b. Oct. 19, 1909

II<sub>D</sub> dau: Asta Margrthe Martinsen b. Dec. 11, 1913  
married July 7, 1934 to Rudolf Kristian Pedersen, b. Aug, 11 1911

I<sub>A</sub> dau: Solveig Pedersen b. Jan. 18, 1935  
married with 3 children

I<sub>B</sub> son: Svein Pedersen b. Apr. 16, 1938  
married with 2 children

II<sub>E</sub> son: Erling Martinsen b. Jan. 16, 1916  
married Oct. 8, 1939 to Liv Mabel Judit Hirkjølen  
b. Aug. 28, 1915

I<sub>A</sub> dau: Grethe Marit Martinsen b. Dec. 3, 1944  
married with 1 child

I<sub>B</sub> son: Gunnar Martinsen b. Oct. 8, 1948  
married with 1 child

II<sub>F</sub> dau: Elsa Martinsen b. Apr. 24, 1919 d. Feb. 1, 1932

II<sub>G</sub> dau: Anna Martinsen b. Dec. 22, 1920  
married Sept. 28, 1946 to Dagfin Olaf Fjeldstad  
b. Apr. 28, 1922

I<sub>A</sub> dau: Turid Fjeldstad b. Oct. 1, 1953  
married



NILSENS IN NORWAY

NORWAY 1943 1-r

Emilie, U Nils, Nils  
U Eugene, Nils' sister  
A Jenny, Øivind w/Kari  
Linda, Nad family friend



NORWAY 1975 1-r  
Øivind, Linda, Eugene

NORWAY 1975 1-r

back row: Øivind, Martin, Eugene  
Gabriel

front row: Linda, Lagertha, Jenny  
Randi





HANS NILSEN 1913

Harvard, Ill. 5

Beulah and Hans Nilsen

Strom Farm Caledonia, Ill. 6



Strom Farm on the right  
Hans Nilsen 7











No. 6020

MARRIAGE LICENSE  
ADULT

Mr. Hans Nelsen Langly

with

M. Beulah Hinckley

Issued July 1 1913

Married July 3 1913

Filed July 3rd 1913

Wm Bowley

State of Illinois, ) County Clerk  
County of Boone. ) ss

I, Wm Bowley, County Clerk and Clerk of the County Court do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Marriage License between Hans Nelsen Langly and Beulah Hinckley as fully and completely as the same appears from the records of this Court now in my office remaining.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the said Court this 6th. day of November, A.D. 1942.

Wm Bowley  
County Clerk

H. C. MILLER CO., CHICAGO

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THIS LICENSE VOID 30 DAYS AFTER ISSUANCE. GOOD IN BOONE COUNTY ONLY.

# MARRIAGE LICENSE

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
BOONE COUNTY  
TO ANY PERSON LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE

**GREETING**  
MARRIAGE MAY BE CELEBRATED

Between Mr. Hans Nelsen Langly of Poplar Grove  
in the County of Boone and State of Illinois  
of the age of Twenty-five years and  
Miss Beulah Hinckley of Poplar Grove  
in the County of Boone and State of Illinois  
of the age of eighteen years

Witness: Wm. Bowley, County Clerk,  
and the seal of said County at his Office in Belvidere, in said County  
this 1st day of July A.D. 1913.  
(L.S.) Wm Bowley County Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS }  
BOONE COUNTY }

ss.

I, Rev. W. T. McKee  
a Minister of the Gospel do hereby

certify that Mr. Hans Nelsen Langly and  
Miss Beulah Hinckley were united in Marriage by me at  
Belvidere in the County of Boone  
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## ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

RETURN OF A MARRIAGE TO COUNTY CLERK

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- Occupation farming
- Age next Birthday 26 years. Color W Race Cau
- Place of birth Christiana Norway.
- Father's name Nels Nelsen
- Mother's maiden name Amelia Sanderson
- Number of groom's marriage 1st
- Full name of Bride Beulah Hinckley
- Maiden name, if a widow
- Place of residence Poplar Grove, Ills.
- Age next birthday 19 years. Color W Race Cau
- Place of birth Janesville Wis
- Father's name Wm. Hickley
- Mother's maiden name Elizabeth Terwilliger
- Number of bride's marriage 1st
- Married at Belvidere in the County of Boone and State of Illinois, the 3rd day of July 1913.
- Witnesses to marriage Lydia M. Kerr  
Wm Bowley

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc., marriage of each. At 17 give names of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give name of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

July 3 1913  
 We hereby certify that the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Hans Nelsen (Groom)

Beulah Hinckley (Bride)

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of a Marriage solemnized by me.

Rev. W. T. McKee

Belvidere Illinois

Dated at Belvidere this 3rd  
 day of July 1913.

This Return is to be carefully filed out and returned with the Marriage License. This Return does not take the place of the Certificate which comes attached to the License, but is IN ADDITION THEREUNTO.

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because in Norway families were identified by the  
name of the farm they lived on. The names  
"NILSEN" "NELS NELSEN" "AMELA SANDERSON" ARE ALL MISPELLED







Strom Farm: 1933  
Robert, Martin, Thomas,  
Clifton and Mutt<sup>9</sup>



Strom Farm →  
Beulah and Robert<sup>10</sup>  
← Alexander Farm  
1924 Thomas<sup>11</sup>

Strom Farm  
Thomas w/ niece  
"Jackie" Hartley<sup>12</sup>

Strom Farm  
Hans Nilsen  
w/ new team  
Sandy on the  
right<sup>13</sup>







STROM FARM 1933

back: Dorothy, Lola  
 Marvin, friend, Bernice  
 2nd: Robert, Eunice  
 Thomas, Clifton  
 front: Martin 14



Nilsen's fall 1975 b:Marvin,Robert,Thomas  
 Martin, Clifton f: Bernice, Dorothy, Lola  
 Eunice

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Nilsen's fall 1975: b: Harold, Bernice Lola  
 Ay, 2nd: Eleanor, Jean, Norma, Dorothy,  
 Eunice, Hazel f: Marvin, Clifton, Martin  
 Phyllis, Thomas, Mervin and Robert 16



Nilsen's children Dec. 1962:Kathi w/ Shelli  
 Chris, Sherri, Rodney, 2nd: Lynda, Curt,  
 Debra, Caryl, Lorel f: David 17

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- III<sub>C</sub> son: HANS NILSEN b. Feb. 16, 1898 d. Oct. 27, 1943  
married July 3, 1913 to BEULAH MAE HINCKLEY in Belvidere, Ill.  
b. Jan. 30, 1895 d. Oct. 8, 1975
- II<sub>A</sub> son: Marvin H. Nilsen b. Thursday Apr. 30, 1914 3:30 pm  
married Oct. 2, 1947 to Eleanor Bergman  
b. July 22, 1928
- I<sub>A</sub> son: Roger Allen Nilsen b. Apr. 21, 1948  
married to Judy Ann Crull
- I<sub>B</sub> son: William John Nilsen b. Apr. 14, 1951
- I<sub>C</sub> son: Jeffrey Lee Nilsen b. Jan. 15, 1953  
married to Juanita Alvarez b. Apr. 14, 1955
- I<sub>D</sub> dau: Constance Patricia Nilsen b. Aug. 6, 1956
- I<sub>E</sub> son: James Kevin Nilsen b. Aug. 30, 1958
- II<sub>B</sub> dau: Bernice Margaret Nilsen b. Sunday May 23, 1915 5:40 am  
married to Harold Noth b. June 28, 1914
- I<sub>A</sub> son: Marvin Douglass (Butch) Noth b. May 22, 1943  
married to Sharon Parlow  
children:  
Christopher Scott Noth b.  
Brian Noth  
Jamie Lynn Noth
- I<sub>B</sub> dau: Wanda Louise Noth b. Dec.
- I<sub>C</sub> dau: Faye Lorraine Noth b.  
married to Donnie Nietzel  
children:  
Corrinne Nietzel  
Amanda Nietzel
- I<sub>D</sub> dau: Joan Marie Noth b.  
married to David Parr b.  
children:  
Jennifer Lynn Parr  
Lynn Parr  
Eric Parr
- I<sub>E</sub> dau: Janice Rae Noth b.  
married to Dennis Pedersen b.  
child:  
Kristen Marie Pedersen
- I<sub>F</sub> dau: Jean Marie Noth b.  
married to Steven McGinnis  
Child:
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- II<sub>C</sub> dau: Dorothiemae Agnes Nilsen b. Monday June 25, 1917, 5:10 a  
married to Mervin Wallace b. Sept, 2, 1913
- I<sub>A</sub> son: Donald Mervin Wallace b. Sept. 25, 1939  
married to Eva Marie b. July 24, 1942  
children:  
Alan Henrey Wallace b. June 16, 1961  
Daniel Andrew Wallace b. Oct, 31, 1966  
Kristina Marie Wallace b. Sept. 8, 1967



- I<sub>B</sub> Son: Robert Gerald Wallace b. Sept. 15, 1944  
married to Catherine Marie b. Aug. 7, 1944  
children:  
Anne Marie Wallace b. Feb. 11, 1969  
Matthew Robert Wallace b. Jan. 4, 1971
- I<sub>C</sub> dau: Mary Louise Wallace b. Aug. 8, 1946
- I<sub>D</sub> son: Thomas Wayne Wallace b. Mar. 12, 1953
- II<sub>D</sub> dau: Lola Amelia Nilsen b. Wednesday Sept. 3, 1919 1:20 pm  
married to A. Eastham b. June , 1910
- II<sub>E</sub> dau: Eunice Elizabeth Nilsen b. Wednesday May 25, 1921  
married Everal Hartley divorced
- I<sub>A</sub> dau: Eunice Eunita (Jackie) Hartley b. Aug. 15, 1941  
married Dec. 16, 1958 to Russell William Scott  
children:  
Donna Lynn Scott b. July 9, 1959  
Dawn Lynette Scott b. Sept. 6, 1962  
Russell William Scott Jr. b. Jan. 30, 1967
- I<sub>B</sub> dau: Cecil Carol Hartley b. Apr. 17, 1943  
married Oct. 27, 1962 to Aca Edward Rowell b.  
children:  
Nancy Ann Rowell b. July 18, 1963  
Randy Edward Rowell b. Nov. 30, 1964  
Jeffrey Todd Rowell b. July 13, 1968
- I<sub>C</sub> son: David Lee Hartley b. Sept, 10, 1944  
married Dec. 2, 1967 to Doris Faye  
children:  
Dorina Marie Hartley b. July 10, 1968  
Douglas Lee Hartley b. Sept, 25, 1970  
Deborah Jo Hartley b. Dec. 13, 1971
- I<sub>D</sub> son: Harold LaVerne Hartley b. Feb. 25, 1946  
married July 25, 1970 to Lynn Diane b.  
children:  
Robert Harold Hartley b. Sept. 18, 1972  
Amy Lynn Hartley b. May 9, 1975
- I<sub>E</sub> son: Byron William Hartley b. Apr. 10, 1948  
married Feb. 2, 1971 to Bonnie b.  
Child:  
Bunny Michelle Hartley b. Jan. , 1973
- I<sub>F</sub> dau: Victoria Jean Hartley b. Nov. 14, 1950  
married to James Tuttle b.  
Children:  
Timothy James Tuttle b. June 21, 1973  
Stacey Ellen Tuttle b. Nov. 7, 1971
- I<sub>G</sub> son: Vincent Levi Hartley b. Sept, 14, 1952  
married Oct. 21, 1972 to Kathy Ann  
child:  
Kristina Rose Hartley b. Mar. 19, 1975
- I<sub>H</sub> dau: Vera Mae Hartley b. Dec. 22, 1953

















Chris Martinsen returned to Norway and my grandfather made plans to journey to America. Chris' boss, Embert Johson, sent the money for my grandfather's passage and assured him of a job. Hans came to the U.S. in 1907 and worked on Embert Johnson's farm near Belvidere, Il. He worked on Johnson's farm until 1909 when he hired on as a farmer on Roy Bound's farm, south of Poplar Grove, Il, for one year. In 1910 he went to work for Joe Rhodes. He worked there for three years.

My paternal great great grandfather was Francis Hinckley a country Doctor in Minnesota. He married Abbie Sherburn whose parents came from England and traveled from out East to Janesville, Wisc. in a covered wagon. She was brought up in a Quaker environment. Their first son William Milton Hinckley was my great grandfather. They had two more children, George Hinckley and Harriet (Hattie) Hinckley Coule. They grew up in Janesville, Wisc..

William was a windmill repairman and also dug wells. He had a very good business. William met Ann Elizabeth Terwilliger in Janesville, Wisc. where they married and had seven children. Ann Terwilliger was previously married to James Watt and there was one child from this union. Mayme Watts was my grandmother's half sister.

Ann Elizabeth's parents (my great great grandparents) were Daniel Terwilliger and Emma Hunt. Daniel was born in Canada. It has always been rumored that somewhere in our ancestry there is Indian. Daniel is referred to as French-Canadian. If there is Indian perhaps it is Daniel's mother (name unknown). Emma Hunt's parents were from England. Daniel and Emma met in Minnesota.

Another story passed around is that a relative drowned on the TITANIC. I checked the names Hinckley, Hunt Sherburn and Terwilliger against the passenger list and found that a Mr. George Hunt died on the TITANIC. It could be a relative.

William and Ann had seven children and their geneology is included. My grandmother Beulah Mae Hinckley was the third child of William and Ann. She attended grade school in Janesville, Wisc.. The family moved to Harvard between 1902 and 1906. They lived in a nicely furnished 7-room house.





BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF BEULAH HINCKLEY

Form 120  
3-10-10M

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BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF BEULAH HINCKLEY

Form 100  
4-1-1936

This record MUST be made in black ink.

PLACE OF BIRTH } County of Rock #3426 No. [REDACTED]  
 of Janesville }  
 city (Cross out two)

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
 Board of Health—Bureau of Vital Statistics  
 ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORD—DELAYED

FULL NAME AT BIRTH Beulah May Hinckley  
 Sex Female Color of Hair White Social Security No. 324-20-0072 Date of Birth Jan. 30, 1895  
 Father's Full Name William Milton Hinckley Mother's Name Ann Elizabeth Tattiliger

Signature of Registrant Beulah M. Hinckley Subscribed and sworn to before me September 10, 1957  
 (To be given by registrant if 15 years of age or over)  
 My Commission Expires January 14, 1957

Do NOT write below this line.

APPROXY OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE  
 Name and kind of document, and by whom issued and signed

1	Affidavit of Frances Delia Kidd, White Oak Dr. Beloit, Wis. (Older sister of applicant)	Notarized 9/18/57
2	Birth Record; Certified copy of birth record for Bernice Marguerite Nelson born at Boone County, Ill. Shows data on applicant	5/23/15
3	Marriage License: Copy of marriage license for Hans Nelson Langley & Beulah Hinckley married at Belvidere, Ill.	7/1/15

INFORMATION CONCERNING REGISTRANT AS STATED IN DOCUMENTS

Age	Residence	Name of Father	Maternal Name of Mother
1 Jan. 30, 1895	Janesville, Wis.	William Milton Hinckley	Ann Elizabeth Tattiliger
2 (20) 5/23/15	Wis.		
3 (18) 7/1/15	Janesville, Wis.	Wm. Hinckley	Elizabeth Tattiliger

Additional Information:

I certify that no prior certificate filed before 1 year of age has been found for this registrant in the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health, and I further certify that the evidence as set forth in the foregoing abstract has been submitted to this department and is the basis on which this certificate has been filed as a delayed birth record.

Signature Samuel W. Murphy Registrar of Deeds  
 Rock County Date filed Oct. 10, 1957



William was a strict Republican and a Methodist and reportedly was very partial to Buicks. He owned a Buick Touring car. Ann belonged to the Salvation Army. They owned a radio with ear phones and could listen to organ music from the old Apollo theater in Belvidere. Ann died in January 1911. Ann Sherburn Moved in to live and take care of the children. My grandmother went to work for Joe Rhodes. Beulah's half sister, Mayme's 2<sup>nd</sup> husband was Charles Rhodes, Joe's brother.

HINCKLEY \*\*\* TERWILLIGER FAMILY

England--

- V Son: Francis Hinckley b. approx. 1850  
married to Abbie Sherburn b. app. 1850 d. June 1927
- VII son: William Milton Hinckley b. Apr. 21, 1871 d. 1955  
married to Ann Elizabeth Terwilliger  
b. , 1869 d. Jan. , 1911  
had one daughter by James Watts
- VIIA dau: Mayme Watts b. Apr. 1, 1888 d. Aug. 1943  
married to William Deline b. approx. 1860-70
- V son: Daniel Terwilliger b.  
married Emma Hunt b. d. 1889
- II children of Mayme and William Deline
- IIA dau: Lauwa Deline
- IIB Son: Hex Deline
- IIC dau: Dorothy Deline  
after William died Mayme remarried to Charles Rhodes

Children of Ann & William Hinckley

- IIIA dau: Frances Adelia Hinckley b. May 8, 1892 d. 1976  
married May 6, 1916 to Oscar Kidd b. 1890
- IIA son: Earl Lawrence Kidd b. approx. 1920  
married to Grace Freet
- IA dau: Sylvia Kidd
- IB son: Carl Kidd
- IIB dau: Dorothy Kidd b. approx. 1920  
married Russell Sigwell
- IIC son: John Oscar Kidd b. Aug. 2, 1927  
married to Patricia
- IA son: Steven Kidd b. May 3, 1956
- IAB son: David Kidd
- IC son: Ronald Kidd
- IIIB son: William Arthur Hinckley b. 1894 d. 1957  
married
- IIIC Dau Beulah Mae Hinckley b. Jan. 30, 1895  
married Hans Nilsen  
same family as in Nilsen geneology
- IIID Harriet Emogene Hinckley b. May 23, 1899 d. 1940  
married Edward Deline (son of Wm Deline)  
7 children
- IIIE dau: Abbie Bell Hinckley b. July 7, 1901 d. , 1975



Abbie Bell Hinckley

married Edgar Willis Zimmer b. Dec. 26, 1907

II<sub>A</sub> dau: Evelyn Jeanne Zimmer b. Jan 20, 1927

married Robert Ruhl b. Aug. 5, 1927

I<sub>A</sub> son: Gary Ruhl b. Feb. 1, 1951

married Apr. 27, 1974 Donna b. Nov. 25, 1955

son: Michael Seth Ruhl b. Apr. 6, 1976

I<sub>B</sub> son: David Ruhl b. June 20, 1952

I<sub>C</sub> dau: Linda Ruhl b. Jan. 18, 1955

I<sub>D</sub> son: John Ruhl b. Dec. 22, 1961

II<sub>B</sub> son: Edgar Willis Zimmer Jr. b. Aug. 7, 1932

married July 5, 1953 to Carol Neuffer b. Nov. 12, '34

I<sub>A</sub> dau: Kelly Zimmer b. Sept. 20, 1954

I<sub>B</sub> dau: Sally Zimmer b. Oct. 7, 1956

I<sub>C</sub> dau: Susan Zimmer b. May 25, 1962

III<sub>H</sub> dau: Genevieve Hinckley b. July 24, 1904

marry May 23, 1926 Rozell Herman Frazer b. Mar. 24,

II<sub>A</sub> son: Rozell Maustin Frazer Jr. b. May 11, 1927 1903

married Jan 1, 1953 Florence Pochenek

b. Aug. 29, 1929

I<sub>A</sub> dau: Pamela Marie Frazer b. Feb. 27, 1954

married June 24, 1972 James Michael LaMont

children b. Apr. 23, '51

Stephanie Marie LaMont b. Sept. 14, 1973

I<sub>B</sub> dau: Susan Genevieve Frazer b. Feb. 18, 1955

married Aug. 4, 1973 Charles Diamond

I<sub>C</sub> dau: Nancy Christine Frazer b. Mar. 9, 1957

married Dec. 12, 1975 Richard Ludwig

I<sub>D</sub> dau: Lesly Ann Frazer b. Aug. 7, 1959

I<sub>E</sub> dau: Patricia Rose Frazer b, May 8, 1963

III<sub>G</sub> son: ~~George Hinckley~~ b. ~~1873~~ d. ~~1959~~

II<sub>B</sub> son: Donald Cleave Frazer b. May 27, 1931

d. June 14, 1938

III<sub>G</sub> son: George Mark Hinckley b. Apr. 8, 1905 d. Jan. 13, 1959

married

IV<sub>C</sub> son: George Hinckley b. approx. 1873 d. 19

IV<sub>D</sub> dau: Harriet Hinckley b. approx. 1875

married Herbert Goule

III<sub>A</sub> son: Goule

III<sub>B</sub> son: Goule

Beulah Hinckley was working on Joe Rhodes farm from 1909-1913 when Hans Nilsen arrived from Norway. They met and married July 3, 1913 at the Boone County Court House, Belvidere, Il. by the Rev. W.T. McKee. They lived and worked on various farms while raising their family of nine.

In 1914 they farmed in Capron, Il. on the Godfrey Karlson farm where Marvin H, was born April 30, 1914. They moved to the Oscar Anderson farm near Cherry Valley.





Beulah Hinckley worked and lived on the Joe Rhodes farm from 1909-1913. She was working there when Hans Nilsen arrived from Norway. They met when Hans started work for Rhodes.

They were married on July 3, 1913 in the Boone County Court House, Belvidere, Il. by the Rev. W.T. McKee. They lived and worked on various farms while raising their family of nine.

In 1914 they farmed in Capron, Il. on the Godfrey Karlson farm and Marvin was born there on April 30, 1914. They moved to the Oscar Anderson farm near Cherry Valley, Il. Bernice was born May 23, 1915 on the Anderson farm. Their next move was across the road to the Swan Anderson farm and Dorotheimae was born there on June 25, 1917. Lola Amelia was born Sept. 3, 1919 on the Ben Harling farm on Genoa Rd. near Belvidere, Il.

The family then moved to the Alexander farm which was owned by The Keene Canning Co. and located north of Belvidere. Eunice Elizabeth was born there on May 25, 1921, Robert Boyd was born on May 9, 1922 and my father, Thomas Calvin, was born March 29, 1924. In 1926 they moved to the last farm, the Strom farm located near Caledonia on Livingston Road. The Livingston cemetery was about one mile down the road.

Martin Eugene was born Sept. 24, 1926 and Clifton Lee was born Nov. 7, 1930. On October 27, 1943 Hans was kicked in the spleen by one of the plow horses and died of a ruptured spleen. He is buried in Livingston Cemetery beside my Grandmother who died October 8, 1975 of lung cancer.

Thomas Calvin Nilsen was born March 29, 1924 at home on Saturday at 5:35 am. He attended grades 1-8 at Livingston Grade School. He then quit school to help on the farm. He worked short periods of time on neighboring farms. He started hauling milk for the Church Bros. to the Our Own Dairy in Poplar Grove, Il. from 1943-45. In Sept. 1946 Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Ft. Belvoir, Va.. He boarded a ship for Japan On November 23, 1946. He was stationed in Japan for six months. Upon returning home in spring of 1947 he traveled around the country for a few months. Tom started hauling milk for Roy Dorn from Sept. 1947- May 1949. He hauled grain for Ralph Teuscher until 1951. dd



DISTRICT NO. 101  
REGISTERED NUMBER 1371

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Type or Print in PERMANENT INK See Funeral Director's, Hospital, or Physician's Handbook for INSTRUCTIONS

DECEASED—NAME FIRST

1. Beulah

RACE White, NEGRO, AMERICAN INDIAN, ETC. (SPECIFY) AGE—LAST BIRTHDAY (YR)

4. White So. 80

CITY, TOWN, TWP. OR ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER

7b. Rockford

BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY) CITIZEN OF W

8. Wisconsin 9. U.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER USUAL OCCUP

12. 324-20-0072 13a. Housew

RESIDENCE STATE COUNTY

14a. Illinois 14b. Winne

FATHER—NAME FIRST MIDDLE

15. William

INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE

17a. *Shelby A. Hall*

18. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:

PART I. IMMEDIATE CAUSE

1a1. *Car*

DOE TO OR AS A CONSEQU

CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GIVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a)

1b1. *Car*

DOE TO OR AS A CONSEQU

1c1.

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS, OR

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DATE OF OPERATION, IF ANY MAJOR FINDING

20a. 20b.

I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM: (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

21a. 10-1-75 to 21b.

I CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE ON THE DATE, AT THE TIME AND PLACE,

SIGNATURE

22a. *Bernard E O*

MAILING ADDRESS—CERTIFIER STREET AND NUMBER

23. 5670 E. S

BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY) CEMETERY OR CREM

24a. Burial 24b. Livingsto

FUNERAL HOME NAME

25a. Buck-Wheeler-Hyland Funer

FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE

25b. *Ross G. L...*

LOCAL REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE

26a. *J. G...*

*Original*



REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 101  
REGISTERED NUMBER 1371

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DECEASED—NAME  
1. Beulah Mae Nilsen  
SEX Female  
DATE OF DEATH 3 October 8, 1975

RACE White  
AGE—LAST BIRTHDAY (YRS.) 5s. 80  
MIDDLE 5s. 80  
LAST 5c. 80  
DATE OF BIRTH 4 January 30, 1895  
PLACE OF BIRTH Winnebago

CIT. TOWN, TWP. OR ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER 7b. Rockford  
INSIDE CITY (YES/NO) 7c. Yes  
HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME 7d. St. Anthony Hospital

BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY) 9. Wisconsin  
CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY 10. U.S.A.  
MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY) 11. Widowed  
NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE (HIDDEN NAME, IF WIFE) 11. \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 12. 324-20-0072  
USUAL OCCUPATION 13a. Housewife  
KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY 13b. Homemaking  
U.S. WAR VETERAN (YES/NO) 13c. No  
WAR OR DATES OF SERVICE 13d. \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE STATE 14a. Illinois  
COUNTY 14b. Winnebago  
CITY, TOWN, TWP. OR ROAD DISTRICT NO. 14c. Rockford  
INSIDE CITY (YES/NO) 14d. Yes  
STREET AND NUMBER 14e. 515 Seminary St. Apt. 301

FATHER—NAME 15. William Hincley  
MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME 16. Ann Elizabeth Terwilliger

INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE 17a. *Sherry A. Hagan*  
RELATIONSHIP 17b. Daughter  
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET AND NO. OR R. F. D., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP) 17c. 3006 Lotus Lane, Rockford, Illinois 61111

18. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:  
PART I. IMMEDIATE CAUSE  
(a) *Cardiorespiratory failure*  
(b) *carcinoma of lung*  
(c) \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GIVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (d) BEYOND THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LIST.

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS, CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (e)  
*myelocytosis of bone marrow*

DATE OF OPERATION, IF ANY MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION  
20a. \_\_\_\_\_  
20b. \_\_\_\_\_  
20c. \_\_\_\_\_  
20d. \_\_\_\_\_

21a. I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM: (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 10-1-75  
21b. (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 10-8-75  
21c. (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 10-8-75  
21d. HOUR OF DEATH 7:25 P. M.

I CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THIS DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE, AT THE TIME AND PLACE, AND FROM THE CAUSE(S) STATED  
NOTE: IF AN INJURY WAS INVOLVED IN THIS DEATH, THE COXONER MUST BE NOTIFIED.

SIGNATURE 22a. *Bernard E O'Malley MD*  
DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 22b. 10-9-75  
ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER 22c. 36-47589

MAILING ADDRESS—CERTIFIER STREET AND NUMBER OR R. F. D. CITY OR TOWN STATE ZIP  
23. 5670 E. State St Rockford Ill 61108

BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY) 24a. Burial  
CEMETERY OR CREMATORY—NAME 24b. Livingston Cemetery  
LOCATION 24c. Boone County, Illinois  
DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 24d. October 11, 1975

FUNERAL HOME NAME STREET AND NUMBER OR R. F. D. CITY OR TOWN STATE ZIP  
25a. Buck-Wheeler-Hyland Funeral Home, 218 W. Hurlbut Ave, Belvidere, Illinois 61008

FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE 25b. *Ross G. Wheeler*  
FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER 25c. 7539

LOCAL REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE 26a. *Joseph J. Schaefer DVM*  
DATE REC'D. BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 26b. OCT 9 1975

VR 200 (1971) Illinois Department of Public Health - Office of Vital Records  
BASED ON 1968 U.S. STANDARD CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the death record for the decedent named on item 1, and that this record was established and filed in my office in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Vital Statistics Act.

SIGNED *Joseph J. Schaefer DVM*  
Deputy Registrar  
OFFICIAL TITLE REGISTRAR  
AT Rockford Illinois.  
DATE OCT 10 1975

The original record of this death is permanently filed with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH at Springfield. County clerks and local registrars are authorized to make certifications from copies of the original record. The Illinois statutes provide that the certification of a death record on the above document is not valid unless countersigned by the Registrar.



Death Certificate of Beulah  
Nilsen

## Obituaries

### MRS. BEULAH MAE NILSEN

Mrs. Beulah Mae Nilsen, 80, Rockford, died at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday, at St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford.

Mrs. Nilsen was born in Janesville, Wis., Jan. 30, 1895, daughter of William and Ann Elizabeth Terwilliger Hinckley. She was married to Hans L. Nilsen, July 3, 1913, in Belvidere.

She was a past member of the Ladies Aide Society for the Hunter Methodist Church.

Surviving are five sons, Marvin, Loves Park; Robert, New York; Thomas and Martin, Belvidere; four

daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Wallace, Loves Park; Mrs. Lola Eastham, Urbana, Mrs. Bernice Noth and Mrs. Eunice Harley, both of Tomah, Wis.; two sisters, Mrs. Frances Kidd, Atlanta, Georgia, and Mrs. Genevieve Frazer, Belvidere, 40 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Buck-Wheeler-Hyland Funeral Home. Rev. John B. Vautrin, pastor of the Evans United Methodist Church in Loves Park, will officiate. Burial will be in Livingston Cemetery in Boone County.

Visitation will be Friday evening from 7 - 9.





# GERMANY

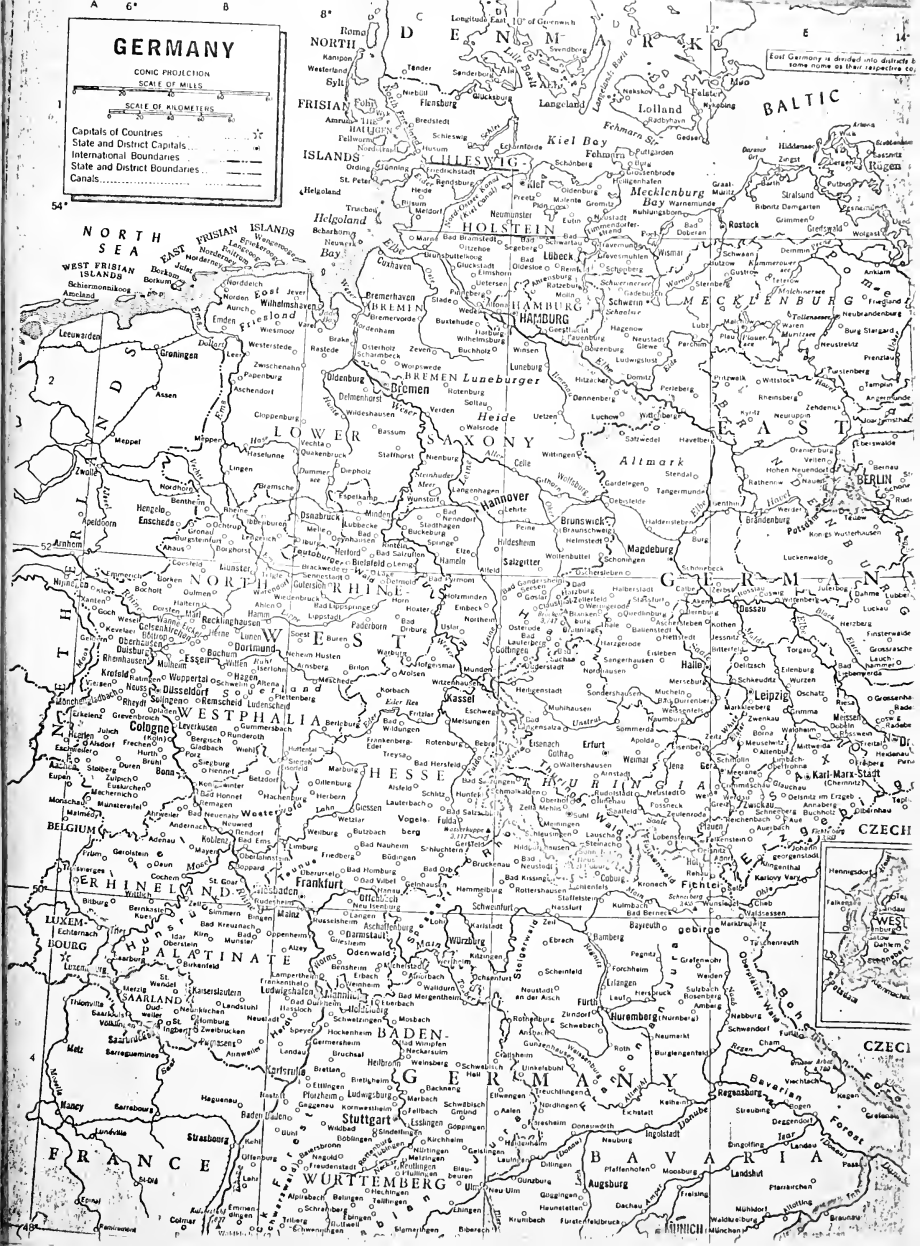
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- State and District Boundaries
- Canals

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Tom then started hauling steel to Chicago, Il. until 1955. He met Marilyn Dunklau at International Harvester where she worked as a shipping clerk.

My maternal Gr. G. Grandfather was John Dunklau born approx. 1835 in Germany in the Scheswig-Holstein area. He married Marie Einsphar who was born approx. 1835. They had seven children John, Rudolph, Edward, Paul William, Louise, and Willhelminia.

John Dunklau Jr, came to America first and crossed the country to California. He is referred to in family as "Injun John" because it is rumored that he married an Indian Princess.<sup>4</sup> It is assumed that he is the oldest as know one knows for sure.

My Great Grandfather Rudolph Herman Dunklau Sr. was born in September in 1861 in Germany. He came to America from the Schleswig-Holstein area in 1881 and filed his first papers in Hasting, Neb. in 1883. Due to the confusing history of the Schleswig-Holstein States he was listed as a Dane although he considered himself a German. The Danish Government had ruled the bordering state of Schleswig for many years. A series of revolutions occurred and Schleswig-Holstein were reunited with Germany. Rudolph filed his second papers in the Circuit Court in Chicago, Il..

Emma Babbe was born in the Schleswig-Holstein area, Germany on November 17, 1863. She came to Chicago and met Rudolph. It is ironic that they lived so near one another in Germany and then met in America. They were married and had five children. Their names were Hugo, Rudolph, Alfred, Edna and Hulda.

The family lived at 3538 Rockwell in Chicago in a house that Rudy had built. It was a two story frame house. Rudy worked at The Chicago Stockyards as a carpenter for Wilson Packaging. He walked to and from work every day although the street cars were in service. He often brought bread home to have Emma make blood pancakes. Rudy was a very peaceful and quiet man who loved to smoke his pipe. Emma would holler at him for the smoking and make him go in the basement. Their first car was a 1926 Studebaker. They enjoyed listening to the old radio. The family was a strong Luthern family. Rudy liked to read Zane Grey but only if it didn't have women in it. The following is the Dunklau family geneology. 25



Robble Family Tree

(Noting last names of grand-children)

1. Elizabeth Robble - Johanas Solmanns  
 B. 8/23/1824  
 D. 12/2/1890

2. Anna Robble - Johanas Solmanns  
 B. 1/19/23  
 D. 6/1/1875

3. Maria Robble  
 B. 1824

4. Elina Robble - Johanas Solmanns  
 B. 1824

5. Robert Robble  
 B. 1824

6. Michael Robble - Catharina Solmanns  
 B. 8/26/1807  
 D. 5/27/1907

Child

7. Michael Robble - Katharina Solmanns  
 B. 1805  
 D. 1905

8. Robert Robble - Catharina Solmanns  
 B. 1805  
 D. 1905

9. Patricia Robble - Catharina Solmanns  
 B. 1805  
 D. 1905

10. Robert Robble - Catharina Solmanns  
 B. 1805  
 D. 1905

11. Anna Robble - Johanas Solmanns  
 B. 1824  
 D. 12/2/1890



Edward Baker - Lucille Long  
 Edward Jr - Susan ???  
 B. 2/3/1910  
 B. 11/11/1975  
 B. M. II

William  
 Edward III B

William B  
 XI

new Robin - Friedrich's Daughter  
 B. 11/17/1823  
 B. 9/26/1861  
 B. 1/25/1852  
 M. 7/26/1844

Hungary Robin - Harriet's Kindergarten  
 B. 11/17/1945  
 B. 7/25/1885  
 B. 9/29/1873  
 M. 3/1/1910

Leiter - Alpha ???  
 B. 9/17/1917  
 B. 8/31/1926  
 M. 4/24/1945

Sons B (died at birth)

1 boy B. 5/6/1949

Lucas B.

Jim Glen B. 9/12/1951

Robin James - Eileen's Sons  
 B. 3/18/1971  
 B. 1/5/72  
 M. 10/21/1941

Thelma's sons - John's M. Williams  
 B. 7/31/1948  
 B. 11/15/1947

Sons B. 5/14/1965

Robin Eileen - Phillip & Eileen's  
 B. 10/21/1975  
 B. 3/1/72  
 M. 8/5/1915

Gregory B. 5/6/1964

Lynette Eileen } B. 1/17/1966

Lyette Robin }





Bernardine - William H. ... B. 2/2/1929 B. 9/1/1954

James Lyons B. 9/6/1955

Trudie - Minnie ... B. 10/2/1955 M. 10/2/1957

Leet ... B. 10/2/1955

Lynda ... B. 1/20/1957

... B. 11/25/1970

Edward ... B. 6/11/1944 B. 5/12/1913

Edward ... - Samuel ... B. 10/8/1891 B. 9/23/1889 M. 2/21/191

Margaret ... - Charles T. ... B. 12/27/1970 B. 12/28/1921 M. 12/28/1973

Richard ... B. 4/7/1947

Pauline ... - Philip J. ... B. 11/5/1952 B. 12/12/1970 M. 5/27/1973

Richard ... - Walter ... B. 6/19/1965 B. 1975 M. 9/29/1975

Luis ... - Henry J. ... B. 7/22/1926 B. 3/6/1954 M. 4/5/1945

Richard ... - Janet ... B. 10/10/1971 B. 8/25/1971 M. 12/2/1972

Richard ... B. 8/10/1971

Michelle ... B. 2/10/1974

Amy ... B. 9/30/1975



Barbara Ann - Richard Duncanson B 1/24/1949 E 2/2/1979 M 4/2/1967

David Richard B 4/12/1965

Lina B 1/1970

Linda Marie - William King Jr. B 1/3/1953 E 2/2/1953 M 5/4/1973

Mary Kay B. 6/29/1957

Walker Duncanson - Bernard White

B 5/6/?  
D 3/2/1915 M. ?

Robert - Victoria Cabela B. 1/29/1948 B 5/21/1952 M 5/1/1971

5 - Victoria Babcock - Mary ???

B B.  
D. M.

Victoria - Thomas Leady B D 2/15/1952 M

Solani

Ernest - Arlene ??

children (?)

Edward - Charlotte ??

children (?)

4 - Lina Warner

B. 7/29/1961 D 11/1/1970 M. 10/8/1995

Thomas - Mary Helmut B. 7/14/1899 D 11/9/1995 M. 12/1/1922

Mary Jr. - Mary Alice James B. 11/30/1914 D 4/24/1966 M. 9/10/1957

2 daughters (?)

Walter B.



unknown - Elmer ?? B. 9/11/1961 B. M.

3 children B

5 - Hermann's <sup>Other</sup> - Augusta H. Meyer B. B. 8/16/7 M.

Henny L. Weiss - ?? Johnson B. B. M.

daughter

et al - ?? Blum B. B. M.

Sons B.



Christine Margaretta

There is no more information about her. I have talked to Aunt Hilda to see if she could tell us anything and all she remembers is going to ~~and~~ Germany and while there they visited with her. Why she stayed in Germany and why nothing was ever mentioned about Christine, Aunt Hilda does not know.

Rudolph Babbe, Sr.

When he was a small child he was adopted by his Grandmother and brought to the U. S. A. Since then had name of Babbe.

Elmer Babbe

His 1<sup>st</sup> wife died leaving him with 3 small girls - His parent adopted them

Henriette (Kegenmister) Revachinski

She had been married & divorced with 2 small sons when she married Hugo Dusk low.

(not sure if spelling)





Katherine Rudolph Babbe died here in U.S.  
(I think Chicago)

Fritz Babbe Sr. - never heard where.

Christine Babbe Johannesen somewhere  
in Germany

Rudolph Babbe }  
Anne Freitag } Chicago

Elmer Babbe - Wisconsin (West Allis)

Mildred Babbe Clausen - Chicago

Edward Babbe - Chicago

Emma Babbe Denslow } Forest Home  
Rudolph Babbe Sr. } Cemetery Park  
Forest Park, Ill.

Hugo Denslow - Forest Home Cemetery  
Forest Park, Ill.

Henriette K.R. Denslow - Chester, Va.

Lester Denslow - California

Rudolph Babbe Jr. }  
Ella Miller } Chicago

Alfred - Forest Home Cemetery  
Forest Park, Ill.



- Lester & Melvin James ~~said~~ the  
They used the name Dunkelau and  
it wasn't until 2 or 3 years before  
Hugo died that he adopted the 2 boys

- Alfred

He was 19 yrs. 9 mos. 7 days when he  
died. Grandma was in Germany when  
he took sick (she was over there 3 mos.)  
It was treated as a very bad cold which  
developed into T.B.

- Edna Conisa Margarette Wilhemine

Walter Babbe

He died as a small child

I do not know if I have Grandma  
Dunklau's brother is the right  
Order



Edna Dusklow Mcker - Forest Home Cem.,  
Forest Park, Ill.

Walter Raygo - Florida

Bernard Siler - Florida

Fritz Babbe jr. }  
Mary } Chicago

Ella Babbe Leahy }  
Thomas Leahy } Chicago

John Babbe - ?

John Babbe }  
Louise Werner Babbe } Chicago

Walter Babbe - Chicago

Frieda Babbe Schuster }  
Harry Schuster } Indiana

Arthur - California

Herman Babbe }  
Augusta K. Babbe } Chicago



Germany Generation V John Dunklau b. approx. 1835  
married to Marie Einspahr

- IV A son: Rudolph Herman Dunklau Sr. b. Aug. 16, 1861 d. Jan. 29, 1952  
married Emma Babbe b. Nov. 17, 1863  
d. Nov. 7, 1945
- III A son: Hugo Dunklau b. July 29, 1888 d. Aug. 23, 1960  
married Henreitta Kegenmister b. Sept. 29, 1893  
sons previous marriage d. Feb. 9, 1974
- II A son: Lester Dunklau b. Oct. 21, 1914 d. 1973  
married Alpha b. \_\_\_\_\_  
died at birth approx. 1947
- I A son: \_\_\_\_\_ died at birth approx. 1947
- IB dau: Sherilyn Dunklau b. May 6, 1949
- IC dau: Luanna Dunklau b. \_\_\_\_\_, 1950
- ID son: Jan Alan Dunklau b. Sept. 10, 1951
- II B son: Melvin James Dunklau b. Feb. 18, 1917  
married Eileen Bloom b. Jan. 5, 19\_\_\_\_\_
- I A dau: Starlette Ann Dunklau b. July 3, 1942  
married John M. Whitman  
child son b. May 4, 1969
- I B dau: Maria Elena Dunklau b. Oct. 21, 1943  
married Philip C. Evenson b. May 5, 19\_\_\_\_\_  
children  
son: Gregory Evenson b. May 5, 1964  
dau: Lynette Eileen Evenson b. Jan 17, 1966  
dau: Yvette Maria Evenson b. Jan. 17, 1966
- III B son: Rudolph Herman Dunklau b. July 7, 1890 d. Feb. 25, '50  
married Jan. 30, 1913 Ella Miller b. May 5, 1894  
d. Apr. 19, 1969
- II A dau: Bernadine Betty Dunklau b. Mar. 8, 1929  
married Sept. 11, 1954 Werner Hauser b. \_\_\_\_\_
- I A dau: Donna Lynn Hauser b. Sept. \_\_\_\_\_, 1955
- IB son: Werner Rudolph Hauser b. Aug. \_\_\_\_\_, 1957  
died same day
- II B dau: Marilyn Frances Dunklau b. Nov. 30, 1933  
married Dec. 11, 1954 Thomas C. Nilsen
- I A dau: Lorel Gae Nilsen b. Oct. 2, 1955
- IB dau: Lynda Sue Nilsen b. June 20, 1957
- IC son: David Thomas Nilsen b. Nov. 25, 1960
- III C son: Alfred Dunklau b. 1891 d. May 18, 1912
- III D dau: Edna Louisa Margarita Wilheminia Dunklau  
b. Oct. 8, 1897 d. Oct. 27, 1970  
married Samuel Holton McKee b. Dec. 26, 1\_\_\_\_\_
- II A dau: Margaret McKee b. Dec. 26, 1921  
married and divorced
- I A dau: Kathleen Carol b. Apr. 7, 1947
- IB dau: Judith Marie b. Nov. 15, 1952  
married May 5, 1973 Phillip J. Niekelski
- III E dau: Hulda Dunklau b. June 19, 1905  
married & divorced Waltor Raygo b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. 1975
- II A dau: Lois Ann Raygo b. July 22, 1926  
married dec. 15, 1945 George J. Kerstein





- I<sub>A</sub> son: Richard James Kerstein b. Oct. 10, 1947  
married Janet Crotty b. Aug. 28, 1947  
children:  
son: Richard Kerstein b. Feb. 10, 1971  
dau: Michelle Kerstein b. Feb. 2, 1974  
dau: AmyMarie Kerstein b. Sept. 30, 1975
- I<sub>B</sub> dau: Barbara Kerstein b. Jan 24, 1949  
married Richard Drawdy b. Feb. 2, 1949  
children:  
son: David Richard Drawdy b. Apr. 12, 1968  
dau: Lisa Drawdy b. , 1970
- I<sub>C</sub> dau: Linda Marie Kerstein b. Jan. 13, 1953  
married William King Jr. b. Feb. 28, 1953
- I<sub>D</sub> dau: Kary Kaye Kerstein b. June 29, 1957
- III<sub>E</sub> dau: Hulda married Bernard Siler b. May 6, 1957  
d. Mar. 15, 1973
- II<sub>A</sub> son: Robert Siler b. Jan 29, 1947  
married Aug. 7, 1971 to Victoria Aubele b. May 31, 1952
- IV<sub>B</sub> son: John Dunklau Jr. b. approx. 1855-60  
married Jenny
- IV<sub>C</sub> son: Edward Dunklau b. approx. 1850-70  
married Dora
- III<sub>A</sub> dau: Martha Dunklau  
married Blank
- II<sub>A</sub> dau: Edna Blank
- IV<sub>D</sub> son: Paul Dunklau  
married Hulda
- III<sub>A</sub> dau: Ella Dunklau  
married Jack Witious
- II<sub>A</sub> dau: Elvina Witious b.(1910-30)
- III<sub>B</sub> son: John Dunklau b. (1900)  
III<sub>C</sub> son: Carl Dunklau b. (1900)
- IV<sub>E</sub> son: William Dunklau b.(1850-70)  
married Pauline
- III<sub>A</sub> son: William P. Dunklau b.(1880-1900)  
married
- II<sub>A</sub> dau: Marie Dunklau b. (1910-30)  
married Reutenauer
- III<sub>B</sub> son: Frank Dunklau  
III<sub>C</sub> son: George Dunklau
- IV<sub>F</sub> dau: Louise Dunklau b(1850-70)  
married Martin Hennings
- III<sub>A</sub> son: Martin (Matt) Hennings Jr.  
married
- II<sub>A</sub> dau: Hennings
- III<sub>B</sub> dau: Alice Hennings  
married Joseph Yell
- II<sub>A</sub> son: Gene Yell  
II<sub>B</sub> son: Yell



III<sub>C</sub> dau: Marie Hennings  
          married Ben Nilson

II<sub>A</sub> dau: June Nilson  
II<sub>B</sub> son: Kenneth Nilson

IV<sub>G</sub> dau: Wilhelmenia Dunklau  
          married August Miller

III<sub>A</sub> dau: Bertha Miller  
          married Frank Horn

II<sub>A</sub> son: Franklin Horn

III<sub>B</sub> dau: Mary Miller

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My maternal great Grandfather was Herman Miller and his wife's name was Emma. They had seven children together : Herman, Emma, Anna, Ida, Dora, Ella, Martha and Paul. My Grandparents worked a truck farm in Chicago until Herman died. They were very poor.

Emma and her family moved to 3538 S. Rockwell, the same home that Rudolph Dunklau had built. At this time the Dunklau's lived a few houses down the street in a 2-story gray stone.

This is how my grandparents met, they were neighbors. Ella grew up as a Lutheran and was a very strong Christian. She went to beautician school and worked for about ten years as a beautician.

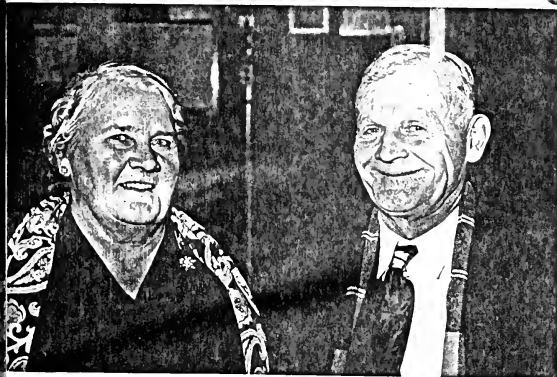
Ella Miller and Rudy Dunklau Jr. were married at the Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church on January 30, 1913 in Chicago. They lived at 4436 S. Homan from 1929-1939. Their first child was Bernadine Betty and she was born March 8, 1929. Ella stopped working as a beautician. She did work as a cleaning lady to help during the depression. Rudy worked on the Chicago-Rockwell railroad as an engineer. Marilyn Frances was born on November 30, 1933. In 1939 the family moved to 4450 S. Homan and lived there until 1940. Their next address was 3926 W. 59th Pl. and they moved again to 3910 W. 61st Pl. and both girls grew up there. On February 25, 1950 Rudolph Dunklau Jr. died after a very long illness. Ella continued to live in the house until she remarried to George Lange in Dec. 1961. Ella Lange died of a heart attack on April 19, 1969.

Marilyn Frances Dunklau was born Nov. 30, 1933 and attended 4 different grade schools they were Gonzales, Peck, Hubbard and Eberhart. She graduated from Lindblom High School in June 1951.

Marilyn worked at Kresges for a few weeks during Christmas in 1949. She also worked at another dime store- Neisners for six



Dec. 11, 1954



← Anna (Miller) and Edward Beilfuss 27

Anna (Miller) and Herman Pump 28 →



← Paul and Marie Miller 29





Ella Miller  
Dunklau 1918 <sup>30</sup>  
←

Rudy Jr.  
holding  
Marilyn,  
Bernadine →  
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Rudolph and Ella Dunklau Chicago, Ill.  
Marilyn and Bernadine <sub>32</sub>

Dunklau Home Chicago, Ill. 1952  
<sub>33</sub>









← Rudolph Dunklau Jr.  
Marilyn and Bernadine

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Marilyn Dunklau

1951 35



← Dunklau Home 3510 W. 61<sup>st</sup> Place  
Chicago, Ill.

l-r Bernadine and Ella  
summer 1954 36



*Summer*





Marilyn Dunklau  
Dec. 11, '54 and Ella Dunklau 37



Thomas Nilsen and Marilyn  
given away by S.H. Mc Kee

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Bernadine Hauser, Marilyn, Ella Dunklau

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Summer 1959 3 generations  
grandmother, mothers daughters.

Ella Dunklau

Donna Hauser, Lorel Nilsen  
Bernadine Hauser, Lynda and Marilyn

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Ella Lange Chicago 1967 41



Summer 1965  
Lake Superior  
Thomas  
Lorel, Lynda, David

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Last letter written by my grandmother to my mother  
before she passed away.

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April 1st -

Hi Mother.

You must be pretty busy working  
every day. It's like that you don't have  
much time to sleep so here are some hot  
cross buns for good Fridays, the cookies  
are home made. Now if Lydia can't eat any  
if she has her trouble out, some some for  
her, I hope that she is getting along ok.

Marilyn hi. I hope you and all the  
that she got the money, cause I put  
it in my package, and Bernadine has  
not seen I don't want her to think that  
I sold out on her get the point?

Now Marilyn if you have some  
problems just use your head and don't  
do anything foolish. What ever you  
do don't neglect these kids just

FORMED OR FABRICATED TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS

lives, sustain our faith, O God, and enable us to push on with  
faith that in His strength we can manage life with good  
cheer. Amen.

Heat the buns in to oven for four minutes





so the law must have a case against  
you. they are wonderful kids all  
three of them, if you want to write  
some to me and don't want to lead to  
see it send it to Bernardino's house  
and I'll get it, I always say the least -  
any body knows the better it is -  
we please let me hear from you  
just so that I know that you are ok,  
just keep the kids going to Sunday  
schools and you to go to church, my  
prayers are with you till next time  
time then, as always. Love, Mother

When disappointment and disillusionment threaten our  
lives, sustain our faith, O God, and enable us to push on with  
faith that in His strength we can manage life with good  
cheer. Amen.

Heat the tins in its own for 4 minutes



← Thomas Nilsen summer 1954 with 1950 Mercury 44



Thomas with Lorel  
1952 Chrysler  
Spring 1956 45 →



Dodge Station Wagon  
vacation 1966 47 →

← Old Pontiac vacation 1962 46







← Marilyn F. Nilsen 48

Lorel David  
Lynda Marilyn  
Nilsen → 49



← Lynda, Lorel, David 50

Phyllis and Thomas Nilsen → 51





months in 1950. She then worked at Burny Bros. for seven months. Her next job was at International Harvester in the exports parts department. While on strike she worked at a Kool-Aide factory for two weeks and also for two days at the stockyards as a secretary.

Thomas Calvin Nilsen and Marilyn Frances Nilsen met at the International Harvester Co. and later married on December 11, 1954 at the Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church in Chicago, Il. Her Uncle Holton McKee gave her away. They came to live in Belvidere, Il. and stayed a few months with Tom's mother on Madison St.. They found a small apartment on Fremont St. and lived there for awhile. Tom worked as a truck driver for Over Nite from 1955-57. Their first child was born on October 2, 1955. They named her Lorel Gae Nilsen. They soon moved to a larger place on Locust St. Their Second daughter was born on June 20, 1957 and she was named Lynda Sue Nilsen. In August 1957 they moved to 1218 W. 4th St. and they lived there until 1964. <sup>26</sup>

David Thomas Nilsen was born on November 30, 1960. He was born the same day as John Kennedy Jr. The family took many vacations all over the U.S. We visited places from Maine to Colorado and Canada and Texas. In August 1964 the family moved to 716 Maple Ave. and we still live here today. The house is 2½ blocks from Washington Grade School where all of the children attended grade school. It is also only 2-3 blocks from the Jr. High School. All Of the children attended Belvidere Jr. High School.

Tom and Marilyn were divorced in 1971. The children live with Marilyn. Tom remarried to Boris Shelby in 1972 and also divorced her in 1972, He remarried June 1, 1974 to Phyllis Jean Wascher, He currently works for Perkins Transfer and willsoon complete his 20th year with that company. He is a member of St. Jon's United Church of Christ and is on the board of social concerns. They are also members of the Moose Club.

Marilyn, Lorel, Lynda and David are all members of St. John's United Church of Christ in Belvidere, Il. Marilyn and Lynda are very active in bowling and have great success in their efforts.

Marilyn is currently working at CamCar Screw & Co. after 9 years on the job as secretary- shipping clerk. Lynda works at a local gas station and David attends Belvidere High School and is finishing his sophomore year.





Miller Family

- IV            Herman Miller  
              married Emma
- III<sub>A</sub>    son:    Herman Miller  
                  married Lena
- III<sub>B</sub>    dau:    Emma Miller  
                  married Henry
- II<sub>A</sub>     son:    Henry  
                  married Betty
- I<sub>A</sub>     \_\_\_:        \_\_\_\_\_
- I<sub>B</sub>     \_\_\_:        \_\_\_\_\_
- III<sub>C</sub>    dau:    Anna Miller  
                  married Edward Beilfuss
- II<sub>A</sub>     son:    Edward Beilfuss  
                  married Ester
- I<sub>A</sub>     dau:    Donna Beilfuss
- I<sub>B</sub>     dau:    \_\_\_\_\_ Beilfuss
- II<sub>B</sub>     dau:    Elsie Miller  
                  married \_\_\_\_\_  
                  married \_\_\_\_\_
- I<sub>A</sub>     dau:    Marlene
- II<sub>C</sub>    dau:    Dorothy Beilfuss  
                  married Alvin
- I<sub>A</sub>     \_\_\_:        \_\_\_\_\_
- I<sub>B</sub>     \_\_\_:        \_\_\_\_\_
- III<sub>D</sub>    dau:    Ida Miller  
                  married Herman Pump
- II<sub>A</sub>     son:    George Pump  
                  married Lorraine
- I<sub>A</sub>     son:    \_\_\_\_\_
- I<sub>B</sub>     son:    \_\_\_\_\_
- II<sub>B</sub>     dau:    Dorothy Pump  
                  married Peter Beers
- I<sub>A</sub>     son:    Ricky Beers  
                  married \_\_\_\_\_ Peterson
- II<sub>C</sub>    dau:    Florence Pump  
                  married ~~WALTER ROWALDT~~ Herbert
- I<sub>A</sub>     son:    Ronnie
- I<sub>B</sub>     dau:    Arlene
- I<sub>C</sub>     son:    Herbie
- II<sub>D</sub>    dau:    Ethel Pump  
                  married Walter Rowaldt
- I<sub>A</sub>     dau:    Frances Rowaldt
- I<sub>B</sub>     dau:    Carol Rowaldt
- III<sub>E</sub>    dau:    Dora Miller  
                  married William
- II<sub>A</sub>     son:    William







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Zimmer, Edgar Willis, Belvidere, IL.



## REFLECTIONS

I found that although I have presented the factual picture I have left out the human side. Hans Nilsen was a very quiet man and very gentle with the girls as they grew up. Beulah Nilsen was a hard worker and always gave of herself. She was very artistic and could make something from nothing and would then give it away.

I never knew my grandfathers but everyone says that Rudy Dunklau was a very kind man who rarely lost his temper. My grandmother, Ella, was a beautiful woman. She always had us call her Nanny in stead of grandma. We always looked forward to Easter because every year she sent us hot-cross buns for Good Friday, Her house always smelled of moth balls and for me the smell of moth balls is a very pleasant one.

I am just now beginning to see my parents as people. My father is a man who works hard and has all of his life. My mother has the feelings and emotions that most people do and more and more I am beginning to recognize that people every where are much the same.

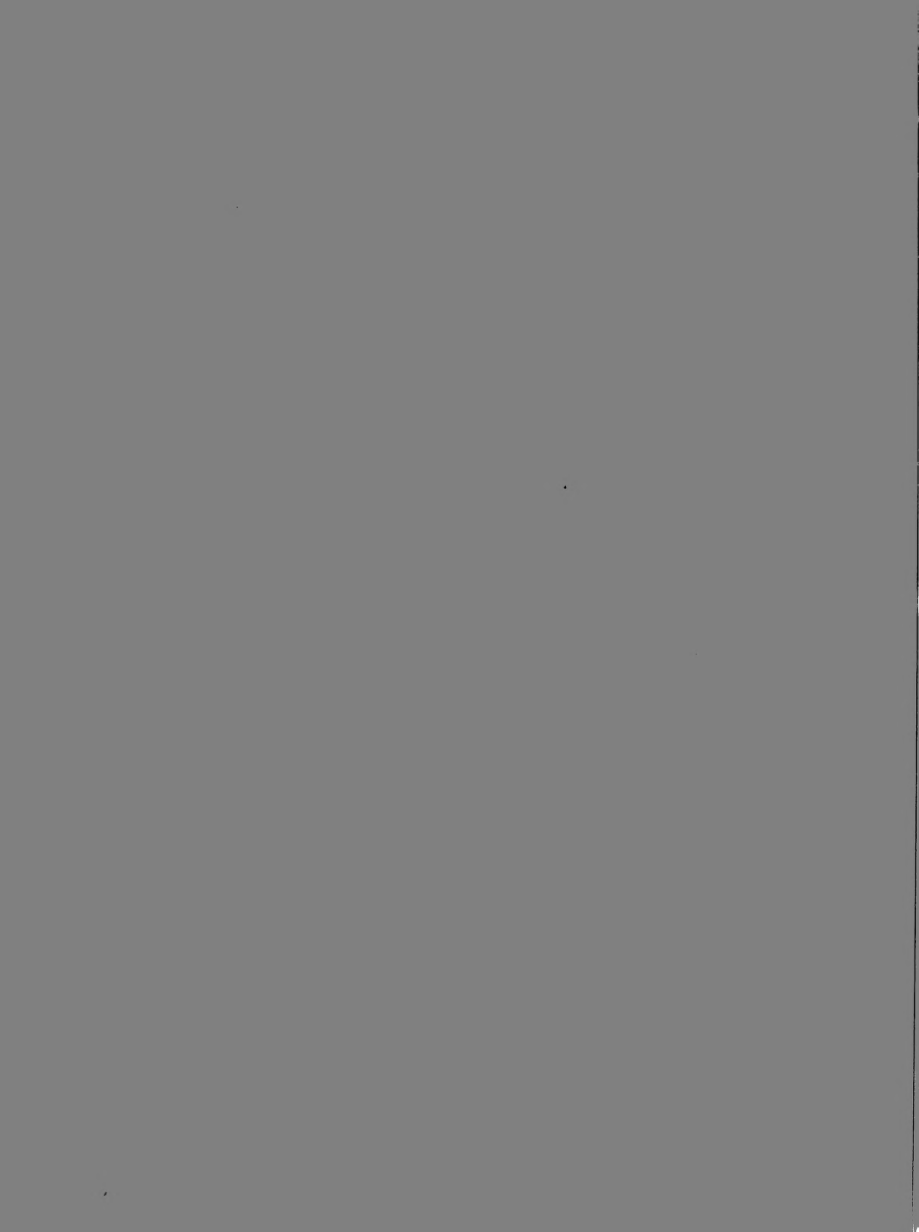
During the research for this paper I have become much closer to my family. The people who used to be just "relatives" are really people with problems and lives also. I met some relatives that I probably never would have met . I wrote to a cousin in Norway and it is a big dream of mine to go to Norway someday and meet all of my family that live there.

I only hope that those who read this will enjoy it as much as I did researching it. I hope that the picture presented is as accurate and factual as it can be.

It is my hope that others will add to this and update it as the years go on.



NOLAN, TERRANCE MICHAEL, 1955-



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2. Your college: Rock Valley College  
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3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.  
Before 1750 \_\_\_\_\_ 1750-1800 \_\_\_\_\_ 1800-1850 \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.  
\_\_\_\_ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)  
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\_\_\_\_ Pacific (Cal., Wash) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hawaii, Alaska) \_\_\_\_\_ Ill. Wis.)  
 Plains (ND, SD, Neb., Kan., Iowa, MO)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.  
 Farming \_\_\_\_\_ Mining \_\_\_\_\_  Shopkeeping or small business  
 Transportation \_\_\_\_\_  Big Business \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturing  
 Professions \_\_\_\_\_ Industrial labor \_\_\_\_\_  Other

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.  
 Roman Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian \_\_\_\_\_ Methodist  
\_\_\_\_ Baptist \_\_\_\_\_ Episcopalian \_\_\_\_\_ Congregational \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran  
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 Irish \_\_\_\_\_ British \_\_\_\_\_ Native Americans over several generations  
\_\_\_\_ East Asian \_\_\_\_\_ Other

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?  
 Interviews with other \_\_\_\_\_ Family Bibles \_\_\_\_\_ Family Genealogies  
\_\_\_\_ family members  
 Vital Records \_\_\_\_\_ Land Records \_\_\_\_\_ The U.S. Census  
 Photographs \_\_\_\_\_ Maps \_\_\_\_\_ Other





FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Jerome Eugene Nolan Current Residence deceased  
 If dead, date of death 12/26/1972

Place of birth Norfolk Nebraska Date of Birth September 20, 1896

Education (number of years):  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st <u>Detective</u>	Dates <u>1917</u>	1st <u>Fordville Wisconsin</u>	Dates <u>1903</u>
2nd <u>Special agent</u>	Dates <u>1924</u>	2nd <u>Milwaukee Wisconsin</u>	Dates <u>1919</u>
3rd <u>Director of security</u>	Dates <u>1950</u>	3rd <u>New York City</u>	Dates <u>1950</u>
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. None

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Chicago, Illinois date 1920

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Hazel Agnes Coppersmith Current Residence Rockford, Illinois  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Green Bay, Wisconsin Date of birth August 16, 1895

Education (number of years):  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st <u>Housewife</u>	Dates _____	1st <u>Milwaukee, Wisconsin</u>	Dates <u>1920</u>
2nd <u>Store clerk</u>	Dates <u>1912-1920</u>	2nd <u>Green Bay Wisconsin</u>	Dates <u>1912</u>
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. None

Place of marriage to your grandfather listed above DATE listed above

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education (number of years):  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)  
 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education (number of years):  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)  
 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Harold Dent Current Residence deceased  
If dead, date of death 2 October 1962Place of birth Antioch, Wisconsin Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college 2/

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st	<u>Pharmacist</u>	Dates <u>1925</u>	1st <u>Madison, Wisconsin</u> Dates <u>1921</u>
2nd	_____	Dates _____	2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd	_____	Dates _____	3rd _____ Dates _____
4th	_____	Dates _____	4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Catholic convert  
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. RepublicansPlace of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date 1918  
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18)

give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Veronica Aileen Brady Current Residence Madison, Wisconsin  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_Place of birth Appleton, Wisconsin Date of birth 2 October 1896  
Education (number of years):  
grade school 8 high school 2/ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college 1

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st	<u>Housewife</u>	Dates _____	1st <u>Madison, &amp; Tigerton, Wisconsin</u> Dates <u>1914</u>
2nd	_____	Dates _____	2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd	_____	Dates _____	3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion Catholic  
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. RepublicansPlace of marriage to your grandfather Some where date Some whereNote: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18),  
give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

## C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education (number of years)  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)
1st _____	Dates _____	1st _____	Dates _____
2nd _____	Dates _____	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education (number of years)  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)
1st _____	Dates _____	1st _____	Dates _____
2nd _____	Dates _____	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____

Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Aileen Veronica Dent  
Place of birth Madison, Wisconsin date 1924, December  
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Housewife, colorist,  
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status MARRIED  
Number of children 5
2. Name Donald James Dent  
Place of birth Madison, Wisconsin date 1915 15 December  
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation State accountant  
Residence Madison, Wisconsin Marital Status MARRIED  
Number of children 3
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name Jerome Francis Nolan  
Place of birth Milwaukee, Wisconsin date 1924 7 November  
Number of years of schooling 16+ Occupation law enforcement  
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status MARRIED  
Number of children 5

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
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Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
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Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Your Father

Name Jerome Francis Nolan Current Residence Rockford, Illinois  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Milwaukee, Wisconsin Date of birth 1924 ~~7~~ November  
 Education (number of years)  
 grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college 4<sup>+</sup>

## Occupation(s)

## PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(after leaving home)

1st <u>Special agent</u>	Dates <u>1951</u>	1st <u>Falls Church, Virginia</u>	Dates <u>1951</u>
2nd _____	Dates _____	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Elks clubs, Rotary

Place of marriage to your mother Salinas, California date 1944

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Aileen Veronica Dent Current Residence Rockford, Illinois  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Madison, Wisconsin Date of birth 1924, 15 December  
 Education (number of years)  
 grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college 2

## Occupation(s)

## PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(after leaving home)

1st <u>Housewife</u>	Dates <u>1944</u>	1st <u>Salinas, California</u>	Dates <u>1944</u>
2nd <u>Colorist</u>	Dates _____	2nd <u>Madison, Wisconsin</u>	Dates <u>1950</u>
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____

Religion Catholic  
 Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republicans

Place of marriage to your father listed above date listed above

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Political parties, CIVIL OR SOCIAL clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

F-2 Stepmother

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
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3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Political party, CIVIL OR SOCIAL clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_



CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Jerome Thomas Nolan  
Place of birth Madison, Wisconsin Date of birth 11, November, 1947  
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation social agent, F.B.I.  
Residence Detroit, Michigan Marital Status Married  
Number of children 2

Name Timothy Patrick Nolan  
Place of birth Hammond, Indiana Date of birth 18 April, 1954  
Number of years of schooling 11 Occupation Factory Worker  
Residence Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois (I.S.) Marital Status MARRIED  
Number of children 1

Name Terrance Michael Nolan  
Place of birth Hammond, Indiana Date of birth 26, September, 1956  
Number of years of schooling 12 1/2 (So Far) Occupation Student, Store Clerk  
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name Colleen Marie Nolan  
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth 28, January 1959  
Number of years of schooling 10 (So Far) Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name Kathleen MARY Nolan  
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth 28 January 1959  
Number of years of schooling 10 (So Far) Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

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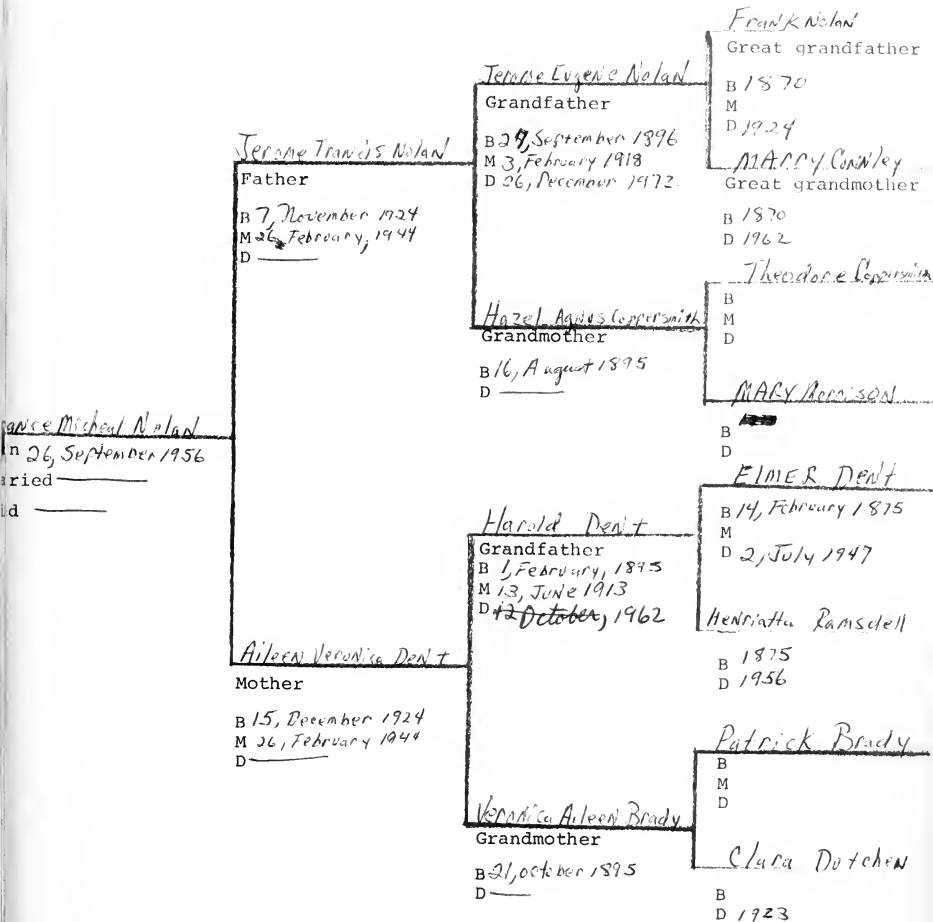
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Signed Terrance Nolan

Date 1, November, 1974



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## List of Sources

### A. People Interviewed

Hazel Nolan (Paternal Grandmother)

Veronica Dent (Maternal Grandmother)

Aileen Nolan (My Mother)

Jerome Nolan (My father)

### B. People Written To And Other Sources

John and Rita Nolan (My Grandfather Nolan's Brother)

Picture albums from my mother's parents and grandparents

Coat of Arms and origin of the Nolan name from Catholic  
charities for donations.



Part I

A. Paternal Grandfather

Jerome Eugene NOLAN

Jerome Eugene NOLAN was born in Norfolk, Nebraska, 27, September, 1896. His parents, Frank and Mary NOLAN, came from Ireland to settle in Nebraska. His parents probably came from the area of County Carlow, southeastern part of Ireland. About the 1860's, his parents who were farmers, moved to the United States because of the crop failure of potatoes due to dry seasons. In Nebraska they bought and sold cattle. At one time they were visited by Buffalo Bill Coty who bought horses from them. Later in life his father became chief police at Fondulac, Wisconsin.

During his early life he had two paper routes, one in the morning and the other in the evening. Jerome was employed by the railway express agency for 43 years prior to retirement in 1962. He was transferred for promotions in mainly the state of Wisconsin, and in Minnesota. He retired as director of security for this company in New York. While he was in Wisconsin he was demoted twice in Milwaukee. This demotion was due to discrimination, because he was an Irish Catholic and his boss was a Mason, who wanted more people in the security of Railway Express, masons also. His demotion consisted of being transferred to small towns and going from a special agent to a regular agent. He was troubled by the demotion because he did not know much about the work of an agent, who was in charge of





all the truck drivers. From New York, he moved to Rockford, Illinois to live closer to their only son. In Rockford he was self employed for many years as a polygraph operator.

My grandfather was a very religious man, a devout Catholic who went to church every Sunday. He enjoyed hunting and fishing during his entire lifetime. Duck hunting with his father in Horicon Marsh, Wisconsin, where he would bring home one-hundred ducks a day; the daily bag limit. During his later years of life he enjoyed watching sport events on television and "pan" fishing at Rock Cut State Park. He was respected for his honesty and integrity by many people, had many friends through out the United States. Failing health resulted with his death on 26, December, 1972.



## B. Paternal Grandmother

### Hazel Agnus COPPERSMITH

Hazel Agnus COPPERSMITH was born 16, August, 1895.

She was born right at her home in Green Bay, Wisconsin. There were not many hospitals in the town, so the doctor coming to a persons house to deliver a baby was a common thing. At the home there was no electricity, cars, and the bath tub was in the kitchen. Had kerosene lights and bracket lamps. No running water. had a well connected to the kitchen sink where they would pump the water. The house was large enough for the family, consisting of a front room, parlor, three bedrooms and an upstairs. There were five children in the family.

Her grandfather came from Belgium and her grandmother came from France. It took her grandmother from France on a boat, about two months to get to the United States. Both parents were devout Catholics. Her mother was a traditional clean French lady. During high school she worked in a candy store until the age of twenty-four. The wages of the job were six dollars a week, eight hours a day, six days a week. Before the job at the candy store, at the age of thirteen she worked at a grocery store her parents owned. She would scrub the stores floor with no pay, just glad enough to get food and a place to live from her parents. By taking many music lessons at St. Joseph Academy she played the organ in a theater during the silent movie era of the 1920's.

One of the major community events was to go on a sleigh ride party. Two horses would pull the sleigh consisting of about ten to fifteen couples who would go way out in the



country and have diners at a rode side "house-like" restaurant. Another event in Green Bay was people swimming and dancing on Bay Beach. The circus was a big part of the community. People would come to the side of the streets and watch the Ringling Brothers parade. Medicine shows also attracted thousands of people. At the medicine shows people would buy bottles for a dollar a bottle. They believed it when they were told that these bottles would "cure all illnesses, grow hair on your head. and take away aches and pains." All the bottles really contained just alcohol and water. Probably the biggest event was the establishment of the professional football team, Green Bay Packers. She was acquainted with Curly Lambeau, one of the original players and coach of the Packers.

She frequently talks about her father, a rural route employee who carried mail by horse and buggy. During the long winter months her father would put large heated stones into the buggy which was the only heater to keep himself warm. Her entertainment was usually going to a park with picnic diners, playing cards, and watching the main sports such as football, baseball, basketball and track. At this time many injuries occurred in sports because of the lack of equipment, helmets and shoulder pads, which protect people today. There were frequent family reunions taking place in Green Bay. All the relatives, married brothers and sisters with their children would attend usually in a park.

Large celebrations were held every Thanksgiving when people would go downtown and eat in a large building.



She lived twenty-four years in Green Bay. Before she was married and moved out of town she would ride the trolley car, three cents a ride, to work at a seed factory for the good wages, considered at that time of about a dollar a day. She would work on the assembly line picking the good seeds from the bad ones. By the weight of the bad seeds determined the amount she was paid for the day. The town consisted mainly of people who learned trades such as putting in windows, a glazer. According to her drinking alcohol was unpopular, Most people liked soft drinks. A women never went to the bars. Her parents, especially ner mother, were strict. Made the family go to cnurch every Sunday. Family decisions were made and agreed on by both parents.





### C. Paternal Grandparents Life Together

They both met each other during World War I. Hazel was employed at the candy store where my grandfather, Jerry, was a United States Marine during World War I. He came to Green Bay and asked her for a date. My grandmother says she fell in love with the Marine Corps. uniform as my grandfather wore his "dress duties". They were married in 1918, just after World War I in Chicago, Illinois where they spent their honeymoon. Grandmother proceeded to have five boys, only the last one lived which is my father. My grandfather was employed by the Railway Express Company and were a middle class family. Due to frequent job transfers they had to move twenty-eight times. They usually lived in apartment complexes.

Many of the relatives they visited in Milwaukee were on my grandfathers side. Many of their relatives, aunts and Uncles visited them in Green Bay also. One of their aunts husbands father, Minor, was a congressman. They had their first automobile ( a Ford) when they were married and have had many automobiles during their life. Their first radio was purchased in 1928 and their first television set in 1950. They had a middle class income and owned their furniture as they moved from place to place. My grandfather worked six days a week, ten hours a day.

Listening to the radio was a major enjoyment as well as going to the movies, playing golf, hunting and fishing. They also enjoyed taking long walks and shopping in



stores. Swimming on the beach was a major enjoyment for them. Religion played a very important role. They never missed church on Sunday and both were devout Catholics. The church also played an important role on their actions in community life such as what movies they could see and what movies they could not see. Their only son was disciplined strictly. If he smarted off to them he would be walloped with a stick or slapped by his mother in the face. My grandmother was knocking on death's door several times during her earlier years and at one time was given the last rights by the Catholic church shortly after my father was born. She is now still living at seventy-nine and is stronger than my dad. When they were married she was a housewife and remained unemployed. In 1962 my grandfather retired. He moved to Rockford and lived in retirement ten years prior to his death on 26 December 1972. They were married fifty years. At first they could not get married without dispensation which was to get the Bishop's approval of their marriage. Also both had to receive communion before getting married. Before the Bishop gave his approval of the marriage he would ask their priest if they were good Catholics. My grandmother remained a widow and is presently living in an apartment in Rockford, Illinois.



#### D. Father

##### Jerome Francis NOLAN

Jerome Francis NOLAN was born on 7, November, 1924. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He attended five Parochial grade schools and three different high schools due to frequent transfers of his father. When his parents moved he made new friends and was always interested in sports such as track and especially he most enjoyed football. From the age of nine he has been hunting and fishing to this present day. He always favors outdoor activities. He attended college in Minnesota and graduated from Wisconsin University in 1950. Served three years in the army during World War II. Two of the years were spent on Good Enough Island in the South Pacific of Japan. Later served in New Guinea and the Phillipians and was honorably discharged a sargent.

In high school during the summer he worked on a farm pitching hay, milking cows and worked in the corn fields. He started work at 5:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. six days a week for a dollar a day. Sunday night he would have to milk cows also. During his junior and senior years of high school he also set pins in a bowling alley. While attending the University of Minnesota and Wisconsin he worked part time for the Railway Express Agency loading and unloading freight from trains. By working all summer on the farm he earned thirty dollars which paid for his first car at the age of fifteen. A 1929 Model A Ford. Before going to school he would go hunting geese and



shoot two to four every morning. After school he would go fishing. Also, he hunted with the Indians on a Indian reservation in Ashland, Wisconsin. During duck season he was gone hunting twice a week and missed some school also due to the deer hunting season. Missing part of school due to hunting seasons was perfectly alright with the principle. He was taught by the Indians in Ashland how to hunt and fish. Some of the Indians could walk up as close as four feet to a deer before they would be noticed. Ten ducks per person was the limit. There were plenty of wild game and fish such as Walleyes and Northerns. The main diet for my father and the Indians was deer meat. Ashland was a rural town of about eight thousand people. Entertainment in the town was roller skating, dance after a basketball game on Saturday night. There was a hired instructor to teach people how to dance the Waltz, Fox Trot and Polka. Lunch in school was five cents. If you didn't have the nickel it was free.

Holidays, especially the Fourth of July, was celebrated by having picnics and get togethers of his grandfathers family. His family had closely related relatives on his mothers side. They would visit them quite often from Milwaukee and Ashland to Green Bay. The major community event in Ashland was the oardock. This was extracting oar from the ground and shipped off the dock of Lake Superior to smelting plants in Pennsylvania. He was brought up and raised a Catholic and was very important to him to go to church every Sunday.





## Part II

### A. Maternal Grandfather

Herold DENT

His parents were printers in Canada and came to the United States to Vermont. The family sometimes was called "blue-bellied yankee" which meant to them that they have been in America a long time. He was born in Antigo, Wisconsin and attended high school in Tigerton, Wisconsin. After graduating from high school he worked for his father who owned a small weekly newspaper by working on the press and set type. Before entering college to become a druggist at the University of Wisconsin he went on from seventh grade to high school. He felt he knew more than what he could be taught from the books in eight grade. When he entered high school they asked for his grade school diploma but kept putting it off and telling them "he would bring it the next day". He put it off from not showing his grade diploma through high school and graduated from college without ever going to eight grade. One of the main routines in his life before getting married was going fishing before school. Being unsatisfied working with the newspaper was the reason why he went to four years of college to become a druggist.

He came from a middle class family. He was an average common man who came from a small town in Wisconsin where farming was a large part of the town and hunting and fishing was a large recreation. Also for entertainment he played golf every Wednesday and enjoyed watching football



games. Reading books was also enjoyed such as classics and new novels. His favorite author was Thomas Wolfe and Taylor Caldwell, in Look Homeward Angel. His family was visited by relatives (dads, cousins and uncles) from O'Clair, Wisconsin. They played the game of chess for hours as entertainment.



## B. Maternal Grandmother

Veronica Aileen BRADY

Her father was a twin who came from Ireland to the United States at the age of three. In Ireland they lived in a castle and were wealthy with cattle and horses. War broke out and the British came to take control of Ireland. Her father John Brady was driven out of his castle by the English in which he lost everything and had to flee to the United States. She was from a family of ten. Born in Appleton, Wisconsin. Most of her sisters became teachers in high school. Her future father-in-law was the principle of the high school she graduated from. Other various jobs held by the family members was her brother raising horses on a farm and her father tired of working indoors as a cabinet maker, later in order to work sold lumber. Because he sold lumber the family had to move from Appleton to Tigerton for this type of job. The family members were devout Catholics which most of them sang in a choir know as the "Brady Choir". Working and going to school was the main routine of the family. Most of the relatives were in Milwaukee. They visited their grandmother and sisters for three weeks every summer. The family was of common people who lived in a middle class home in small Wisconsin towns.

One of the greatest events she experienced was in Antigo, Wisconsin where she saw the Wright Brothers flight. After the plane had landed the Wright Brothers had a tent where they went and laid down to rest after the amazing experience



of the flight.

The typical living style of the household was for the children after graduating from high school around the age of eighteen was to leave home to work. The older children helped the younger ones to get ready for school and work. All of the ten children were a close family. Their father strictly disciplined the family as well as the mother with a strap. None of the children were allowed to talk back to their parents. One of the exercises they had to do was to prevent round shoulders by putting the arms at the edge of the door frame and moving back and forth. The older children had the say so over the younger ones. At first they had well water but eventually they had running hot and cold water. Altogether the family moved five times with the major decisions made by the father with the help of the mother. Many of the schools recreation was croquet, baseball, basketball, tennis and football. Another major event of the community which brought a lot of publicity was the big ship called Lucitania which ran into an ice burg up north and sunk. All of the major holidays (Christmas, Thanksgiving and etc.) were celebrated with family members coming home usually gathering around a guitar or piano singing. The Fourth of July was always celebrated by having picnics. All the family members when they left home either went to Green Bay or to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The oldest sister died so her mother took care of the four children. After the mother Clara Brady died the father lived with their childrens families until he died.





### C. Maternal Grandparents Life Together

Both Harold Dent and Veronica Brady met in Tigerton, a small town in Wisconsin. They were married 13 June, 1913. Harold was twenty-two years old, four years older than his wife. After Harold graduated from college and became a pharmacist. They started their married life in a house which he built right above the drug store where he was self-employed at in Madison, Wisconsin. Madison was a University town with little industry, mostly cultural. The house was one mile down town and since it was just built it was a modern house with modern facilities. He worked long hours in the store, from eight in the morning until ten at night. Neighborhood girls were hired to work in the store. After work he enjoyed reading usually until midnight. He was very well liked by the neighborhood children who came in the store. He would tell jokes to them and help them with their homework. His store was generally noted for very little theft from people compared to the surrounding stores. Whenever he did catch a kid stealing he bawled them out and told them if they wanted anything ask him for it and he would give it to them. He was noted for being friendly, kind and witty. His wife Veronica Dent, helped in the drug store and remained also a housewife. When the depression came they sent boxes of essentials (toothpaste, soap and etc.) and gave money to his wives relatives who couldnt get jobs. By getting a loan from the bank he was able to build the store on credit. But when the depression came money was very tight and the bank which



promised him a loan, turned their back on him and would'nt loan him any more money. He could'nt buy any more store supplies so he did what the bank advised him to do. The business went bankrupt. His stock but not the building. The bank at first encouraged him to build a store and a house over the store. After the depression, when money was loose again, the same bank after going back on their word and not loaning him money asked if he would stay with their bank. Since the bank did'nt show good will toward him when he really needed them he went to a different bank. Shortly afterwards they rented their drug store to a wealthy man who owned a grocery store located close by there. The man owned the store but they still ran the drug store. While they still worked there, his niece and cousin lived with them without paying rent, while attending Wisconsin University. They had somewhat of a barter system between his drug store and the dentist. Whatever the dentist bill was for the drug supplies he bought it would be equal to their dentist bill. Since my grand-parents kept medicine for doctors in their store refrigerator the doctors would always come to their house when someone was ill. My grand-parents only son, besides my mother, Don is presently working for the state department accounting. He also teaches vocational accounting. He also started a fencing club in Madison, Wisconsin where he is presently teaching young people and people from the University of Wisconsin.

Since nineteen-twenty-five he was a druggist and retired at the age of seventy. They were about average



family income people. Very simple and common family that didn't care much for money. Their social activities was working, going to school, reading, going to a few movies, going golfing and my grandmother belonged to three bridge clubs. This and going out to eat every Sunday was their daily routines of their life. When they were married my grandfather was converted into a Catholic which meant going to church on holy days and Sundays and were not allowed to eat meat on Friday. Their discipline was mostly setting examples for their two children. They taught politeness and manners as very important part of the family. When the children knew right from wrong they accepted what they were taught with great respect for their parents and an attitude of the family not to displease their parents. They were very quiet people who lived day by day. One time the drug store was robbed and everyone knew about it in town except their daughter and son who was told about it from neighborhood people.

Family reunions were held by having large picnics in Milwaukee. Later in life their children's grandfather lived with them and was very close to them doing things such as playing chess, helping with the homework and played other games with the children. My grandmother afterwards didn't like him staying so long in the house because of the loss of privacy. Many of the community events were sail boating on Lake Mendota, winter carnivals, making ice statues, and watching the major sports such as boxing, wrestling, baseball, football and basketball. My grandfather died on the twelfth of October, nineteen-sixty-two and my grandmother is presently living with my Aunt and Uncle in Madison, Wisconsin.



## D. Mother

Aileen Veronica DENT

She was born in Madison, Wisconsin and lived there all her life up until marriage. It was an eventful childhood with the same friends and neighbors. Worked in many department stores during the summer quit these jobs to go back to school. The first department store she worked in she was earning fourteen dollars a week plus twenty per cent off on all merchandise. The department store was especially designed for older ladies clothes so she never bought anything there. Since World War II she first started taking pictures in a department store but she had an extreme liking for art so she went to work in a photo studio. There she colored pictures and later drew sketches of people. For drawing she earned eighteen dollars a week. At this time there was much propaganda for people to work in defense which led her to work for a rail battery factory and eventually quit the job at the photo-center.

She went to a private high school which was very strict. The school teachers would put a needle on the floor and made the student girls kneel on the floor and if the skirt didn't touch the needle they had to go home and change. The boys and girls were strictly separated from one another by dividing stairways to classes. The school teachers were very serious about the dress code regulations but most students although they obeyed the dress code felt it was very funny. After graduating from high school she went to two years of college at the University of Wisconsin. There was great





obedience and respect for her parents. She was somewhat guarded by her family and was not allowed to have a bike since the streets were too busy with traffic. Her home above the drug store was located in the middle of wealthy people in front of them and factory workers behind them in the neighborhood. The main community entertainment was swimming and ice skating on Bay Lake. Very common lady who lived like her parents, a very ordinary and quiet life. Before marriage she attended dancing school at the age of three and her parents let her quit at the age of twelve.



### Part III

#### A. Parents Life Together

Jerome and Aileen NOLAN

My parents met on a blind date through mutual friends at a basketball game. Because of World War II they decided to get married before my father finished four years of college. After World War II it was almost impossible for them to find a place to live. There were so many people coming back from the war and buildings were'nt being built fast enough to handle the sudden increase of the population. It was common for people to read the obituary columns to find where a place might be. At this time they had to live with my mothers parents. They later found an apartment near the University of Wisconsin in Madison. It was a two house apartment called "New Project Homes". Meanwhile my father was working asa salesman for Good Year company while waiting for a job application in the Federal Bureau Of Investigation. Six months after graduating from the University of Wisconsin he was accepted as a special agent in the F.B.I. and has served at that capacity for the past twenty-four years. Due to frequent job transfers they moved nine times. They first moved from Madison to Falls Church, Virginia. Then to Little Rock, Arkansas. To Sene King, Pennsylvania and Hammond, Indiana, taking a train to work in and out of Chicago. Then finally to Rockford, Illinois where we moved three times in this town. Each home was a little better than the last home they moved out of. The advancement



of his job was periodical raises and has served as senior resident agent in Rockford for the past seventeen years. My parents family is a little more economically wealthier than that of their parents.

My mother remained a housewife and other family members usually spent their time working, going to school and occasionally going out to diners or movies. My parents visited my mothers brother and his wife in Madison, Wisconsin. Family reunions used to be held in Milwaukee and Madison. At first the relatives were very close but now family reunions are not held anymore due to the reason that everyone is always tied up in their work. They traditionally obeyed the church laws and sent all five of their children to the neighborhood schools unless a parochial was near by they were sent there.

Marriage was by mutual agreement. There was no interference from their parents. At the beginning of their marriage they lived on a "G. I. Bill". The government paid the family for going to college (ninety dollars a month). Since my father had malaria during World War II in New Guinea he was entitled to one hundred and twenty dollars a month. This income plus generous contributions from their parents they were fairly well off economically at the start of their marriage which began in Salinas, California 26 February, 1944.

His discipline was fairly strict. Father disciplined more than his wife. My mothers punishment was usually being grounded to the room. My fathers punishment was more when his children grew older. His punishment was more physical punish-



ment. One of the main family problems was that my father would be working on a couple road trips for usually two weeks. My mother didn't like being left alone with five children. Was given their first automobile from their parents when he just got out of college. Bought their radio record player shortly after World War II. They also bought a second hand television in Philadelphia. Their entertainment was my mother coloring pictures and photography between having babies. The main family entertainment was having picnics, having people over, dancing and my Dad enjoyed hunting wild game and taking summer vacations up north fishing with the family. Both are Catholic and go to church every Sunday. Their homes always provided enough room for their children.





### Part III

#### B. My Life

Terrance Michael NOLAN

I was born in Hammond, Indiana, twenty minutes after my mother arrived at the hospital. I was the third son, and at nine months, due to my fathers transfer, we moved to Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois (U.S.) in nineteen-fifty-seven. Our first house was located at 2311 Sherman Street near Auburn High School. The grade school kindergarden class was divided into three sections, two hours each section, due to the overcrowding of the school. My parents felt it was not worthwhile going to kindergarten for only two hours. With five children in the family more rooms were needed. We moved in September of nineteen-sixty-two to Pinecrest Road near Guilford High School. I started first grade in nineteen-sixty-two at Marsh Grade School. After eight years at Marsh I went for four years at Guilford High School. During this time I had numerous paper routes, starting with the delivering of the Chicago Daily News and then to delivering an evening paper of the Register Republic. I joined a basketball team at the Boys Club downtown in Rockford for one season. Two years later in my senior year, I played on another city basketball team called the JC-Boys Basketball League in the Senior Division. I played on this team called the "Tenors" for one season also. One of my greatest experiences was meeting J. Edgar Hoover personally in Washington D.C. when I was in eighth grade. I



had the opportunity to have a picture taken with him. After graduating from Guilford High School I am presently enrolled full time at Rock Valley College. For the past two years I have been working thirty to forty hours a week at a department store (Union Hall) located on East State Street. I am working as a stock boy in the drug department.

I have a wide variety of interests of most all sports. Football, basketball, tennis, softball and swimming. Above all hunting wild game and fishing is most enjoyed. Every year in November I go hunting deer with my father and second oldest brother in Galena, Illinois. Most fishing is done in Wisconsin and Minnesota lakes. Presently my daily life routine is working at Union Hall and attending college. For two to four hours a week, the two days I have off at work, I volunteer to work at the Illinois Extended Care Center for the mentally retarded. I'm interested mainly in a career of law enforcement but I have not selected what field in law enforcement I would be interested in. I have been born and raised as a Catholic and I am presently attending Holy Family Parish.



PALMER, JEAN ELLEN, 1956-



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  X   Photographs           Maps           Other





FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Arthur Jerome Palmer Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death October 1962

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth January 20, 1884

Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st farmer Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Chicago, Illinois \_\_\_\_\_ September 23  
Place of Marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Wilhemina Dombreau Palmer Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death December 10, 1948

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth Feb. 15, 1888

Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

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4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather Chicago, Illinois DATE September 23

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education (number of years):  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)  
 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
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 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education (number of years):  
 grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)  
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 Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name William Byron Wald Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death Dec. 7, 1964Place of birth Williston, Wisconsin Date of birth Sept. 10, 1886Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)1st factory worker Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

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4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Baptist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18)  
give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Leah Senecal Wald Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
If dead, date of death June 6, 1964Place of birth St. Paul, Minn Date of birth Sept. 27, 1887Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Baptist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18)  
give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN OF A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Louise Charlotte Palmer Baumann  
Place of birth Seward, Nebraska date Aug. 1, 1910  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation housewife  
Residence Rt. 1 Clinton, Wis Marital Status Married  
Number of children 4
2. Name Florence Marguerite Palmer Edwards  
Place of birth Seward, Nebraska date May. 4, 1912  
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Saleslady  
Residence Rt. 1 So. Beloit, Ill Marital Status married  
Number of children 4
3. Name Kenneth Jerome Palmer  
Place of birth Seward, Nebraska date Nov. 1, 1914  
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation Farmer  
Residence Rt. 3 Janesville, Wis Marital Status married  
Number of children 4
4. Name George Arthur Palmer  
Place of birth Seward, Nebraska date March 31, 1919  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Real Estate Salesman  
Residence Rt. 1 So. Beloit, Ill Marital Status married  
Number of children 3
5. Name Robert Allen Palmer  
Place of birth Seward, Nebraska date Sept. 2, 1925  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation toll collector  
Residence 5850 Hugh Drive So. Beloit, Wis Marital Status married  
Number of children 3
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name William George Wald  
Place of birth Menominee, Mich. date Sept. 2, 1912  
Number of years of schooling 9 Occupation factory worker  
Residence Lowell Ave. Beloit, Wis. Marital Status married  
Number of children 6
2. Name Elizabeth Leah Wald Singletary  
Place of birth Menominee, Mich. date May 12, 1914  
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation housewife  
Residence Beloit, Wis. Marital Status married  
Number of children 6
3. Name Pearl Louise Wald Olson  
Place of birth Menominee, Mich. date Feb. 14, 1916  
Number of years of schooling 6 Occupation saleslady  
Residence Oakhill Ave. Janesville, Wis. Marital Status Married  
Number of children 2
4. Name Violet Emma Wald Eranoff  
Place of birth Kipling, Mich. date Oct. 25, 1918.  
Number of years of schooling 6 Occupation housewife  
Residence 2412nd st. Cedar Grove, Wis. Marital Status married  
Number of children 5
5. Name Vernon Chester Wald  
Place of birth Menominee, Mich. date May 21, 1920  
Number of years of schooling 5 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Ritscher St. Beloit, Wis. Marital Status married  
Number of children 2
6. Name Geraldine Elda Reddy  
Place of birth Escanaba, Mich. date Oct. 10, 1921  
Number of years of schooling 9 Occupation factory worker  
Residence Rt. 3 Janesville, Wis. Marital Status married  
Number of children 3
7. Name Dorothy Margaret Agnes Wald Palmer  
Place of birth Menominee, Mich. date Sept. 8, 1924.  
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation housekeeper  
Residence 5859 Hugh Dr. So. Beloit, Ill. Marital Status married  
Number of children 3
8. Name Keith Winston Wald  
Place of birth Beloit, Wis. date March 19, 1927  
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Photographer  
Residence Waterford, Wis. Marital Status married  
Number of children 3
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Your Father

Name Robert Allen Palmer Current Residence 5859 Hugh Drive  
 if dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_ So. Beloit, Ill.

Place of birth Seward, Nebraska Date of birth Sept. 2, 1925

Education (number of years)  
 grade school 8 high school 4 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

## Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)

1st farmer Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd toll collector Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Presbyterian

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.  
Roscoe Lions Club Odd Fellows

Place of marriage to your mother 1st presbyterian church Beloit date March 6, 1948  
 NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back  
 of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Dorothy Margaret Agnes Wald Palmer Current Residence 5859 Hugh Drive So.  
 if dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Beloit, Ill.

Place of birth Menominee, Mich Date of birth Sept. 8, 1925

Education (number of years)  
 grade school 8 high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational 2 college \_\_\_\_\_

## Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
 (after leaving home)

1st factory worker Dates 43-48 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd housekeeper Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Presbyterian

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father Beloit, Wis date March 6, 1948

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 this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

F-2 Stepmother

Name \_\_\_\_\_

If dead, date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_



CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

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Name Mary Jane Palmer Swanson  
Place of birth Beloit, Wis. Date of birth June 29, 1949  
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation teacher  
Residence Huron rd. Rockford, Ill. Marital Status married  
Number of children 0

Name Carol Ann Palmer  
Place of birth Beloit, Wis. Date of birth Dec. 25, 1951  
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation Paraprofessional  
Residence 5859 Hugh Drive So. Beloit Marital Status single  
Number of children 0

Name Jean Ellen Palmer  
Place of birth Beloit, Wis. Date of birth Aug. 3, 1956  
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Library Aide  
Residence 5859 Hugh Drive So. Beloit, Ill. Marital Status single  
Number of children 0

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

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Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
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Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

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Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

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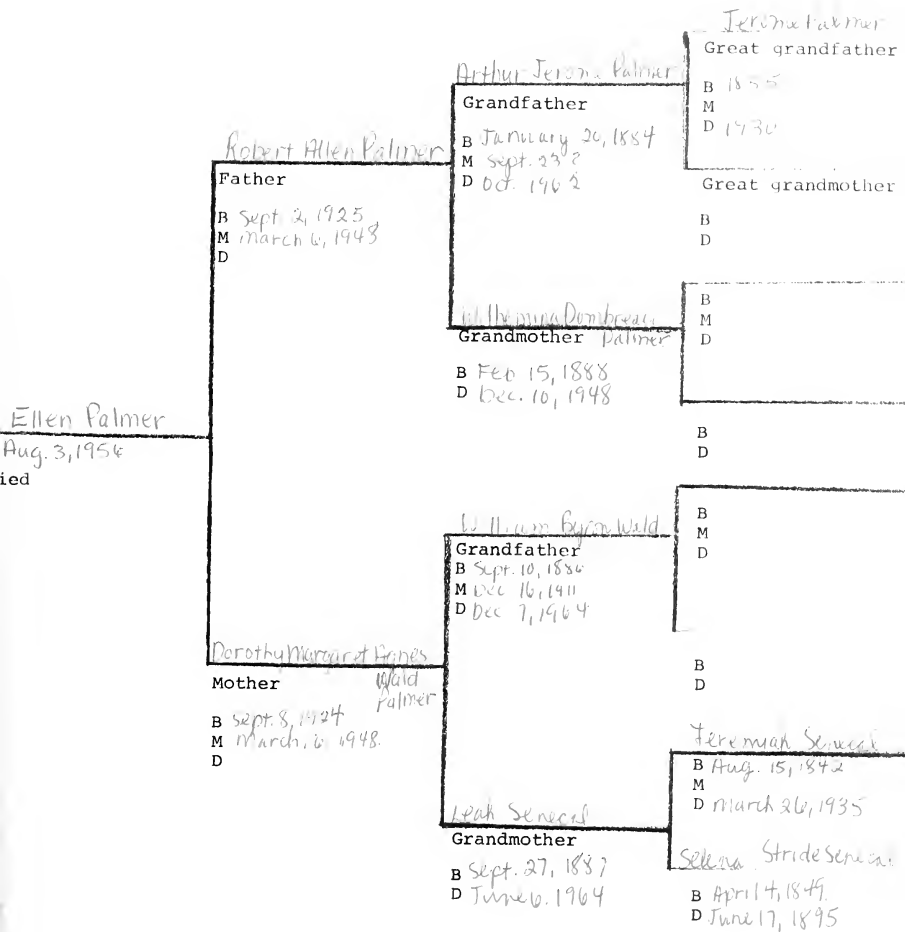
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Chapter One  
Maternal Great Great Grandfather  
(Grandmother&Great Grandmother side)



J.R.Stride

J.R.Stride came to Canada from England as some sort of official or supervisor of lands for owners in England. He married a Canadian girl whose name is not known. In a predominantly Roman Catholic country he remained a devout Episcopalian and his family seems to have been brought up in the Protestant faith.





Chapter Two  
(maternal great grandfather)  
grandmother's side



## Jeremiah Senecal

Jeremiah Senecal was born in Cheryble Province of Quebec, Canada on August 15, 1842. He died in St. Paul, Minnesota on March 26, 1935 at the age 93. On the Quebec Province I have been unable to find Cheryble. A baptism certificate belonging to the late Jim Senecal shows that he had a brother Joseph who was baptized at St. Cyprian on January 1, 1857. There are two localities shown on the map by this name. One is about 125 miles northeast of Montreal. The other is about 50 miles southeast of Montreal. The second appears more likely. It would seem that Jeremiah lived in this place at that time and that he was one of the older children in his family. He was 15 when his brother Joseph was baptized.

I have more complete information however, about the homestead at St. Valerin, which lies about thirty miles east of Montreal. They lived on a farm located near the Black River. Six of the ten children were in all probability born at St. Valerin. Remi was born on November 30, 1870, William - December 20, 1871, Lucy - October 12, 1872, John Baptist - December 17, 1874, Elizabeth - August 1, 1877, and Israel on July 3, 1880. This is the place the family vacated in the early part of March, 1882 when they left for the United States.

As to why Jeremiah Senecal left Canada to come to the United States I can only offer certain plausible conjectures. There was probably an economic reason for it. Quebec was backward and conservative. Jeremiah was at the time of his decision to leave forty years old. He had a wife and seven children to feed and clothe.



Lena, the oldest was 13, Remi was 12, William was 11, Lucy was 10, John-Baptist 8, Elizabeth 5, and Israel 2. They left the old home in March and arrived in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota about the middle of the month.

In the United States the pioneer days were well past but the cities were booming and jobs were plentiful, especially for men of the building trades as Jeremiah was. He was an excellent mason and carpenter. He became a contractor and builder on his own soon after arriving in the city.

But why did Jeremiah select St. Paul as his place of residence in America? It was really a long way from Quebec. The answer seems to be in fact that he had a sister living there. Her married name was St. Marie and she lived on the north side of the city in what was called Little Canada. She and her husband ran a rooming and boarding house for railroad men working in the vicinity. The predominantly French nature of this settlement was also denoted by the name given to it. It was also also Frog Town. The west side of the city was called "the Flats" where the Senecal family settled upon arrival which was also predominantly French. It would seem that Jeremiah and his family were following the stream of settlers from Canada to this city.

The other reason for the exodus was no doubt religious. Jeremiah had become an avowed and enthusiastic follower of Father Chinque in his reform movement in the Roman Catholic church. Father Chinque seems to be the family priest. Jeremiah however, went further than the reformer. He left the church. Louis Chinque did not leave the Roman Catholic Church until many years later when he and entire congregation of St. Ann, Ill., entered the Presbyterian church in the U.S.A.



That such a step must have taken a great deal of courage can be seen by the fact that the Province of Quebec was at least ninety per-cent Roman Catholic. Also, at least one of Jeremiah's brothers was priest in that church. The attitude toward Protestant in the Province may be illustrated by a statue of St. Ignatius in Montreal. He is shown standing with one foot on the neck of a Protestant heretic. The heretic, they say, strongly resembles Martin Luther.

Life for Jeremiah must have become very unpleasant, to say the least, though, according to Remi Senecal, his wife Helena who became a Catholic when she married him, refused to leave the Catholic Church with him.

Jeremiah's family lived in the west side flats of St. Paul long enough to make its first contact with a Protestant Church. This was the Clinton Avenue Methodist Church, begun in 1865 as a mission and by this time was the brick church, still standing, but for many years now used as a synagogue. Jeremiah, according to Great Aunt Louise, broke with the church in a dispute over a chancel carpet. He had no carpets in his house, he said, and he didn't see any reason for having them in the church. He refused to contribute and quit the church.

How long the family lived on the west side "flats" I do not know but in September of 1890 Grandma Senecal received a letter from her father, J.R. Stride, St. Simon, Quebec Province, Canada. It was addressed to her at Oakdale Avenue and Annapolis Street. This was the address of the Barch Store where mail was distributed before there was any delivery service. There was another such mail distribution point in the Krej Store on Robert and Annapolis.





The Senecal family lived in the house on Annapolis Street just one block west of the Riverview Cemetery.

The family made their second contact with Protestants in this new locality. This was a mission work of the First Baptist Church in St. Paul and the outgrowth of a Sunday School and services conducted in the McClung School. A church building to be known as Oakdale Chapel, was erected on a knoll at the corner of Oakdale Avenue and Brompton Street. This building was put up in 1888, shortly before the Senecal family moved to the community. Jeremiah, according to his youngest son Jim, dressed the children and took them to Sunday School. Jim remembered the Christmas programs and of decorating the tree with hand made stars that they covered with tin foil. It is assumed that Jeremiah attended the services there conducted by the Rev. Gamble who supplied them from the Hebron Baptist Church. For a time he took care of the building and heating it for services.

For several years the family lived in the Cobb house on the west side of the McClung School. It was probably at this time that Jeremiah bought six lots on Oakdale Avenue between Brompton and Haskell streets. Cousin Harold Senecal says he has a clear childhood memory of his building the two story red brick house on the Brompton end of the property because of the fall of his sister Ruth through the opening left in the first floor for the basement steps. Fortunately, she landed on the soft, damp earth between two boulders. Jeremiah may have built this house for his son, Israel. For a time Jeremiah lived in the basement of this house that he had finished off as a large room with windows and door on the south side. Israel's daughter, Bernice, Mrs. John Horback, now lives in this house. Her sister, Evelyn, Mrs. Carl Horback, lives on what must be very nearly the site of the Cobb house. Their brother, Ira has his home on the south end of the property.



Some years later Jeremiah purchased the block on Oakdale Avenue between Stanley and Butler. Here he built a six room house for the Will Huff family who had been his neighbors on Annapolis Street. Some time later he built the house in the middle of the block. This house is very similar in construction but is built on higher ground. It has a porch on the east and south sides (since enclosed) and a full basement with a ground floor entry that he used for his living quarters. The Butler Avenue corner of this property he gave to Remi Senecal to build a house.

Some of the time, Jeremiah lived with his daughter Louise in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Eventually he was no longer able to take care of himself so he entered the Ramsey County Home for the Aged. He passed away on March 26, 1935 after a long hard and useful life of 92 years, six months and 21 days and was laid to rest near his wife Madlena in the Riverview Cemetery east of the south entry.

Of earthly goods he left very little, no wardrobe to speak of and only the rudiments of household fixtures. The most important part of his possessions was, no doubt, his large chest of tools. This moved into Remi Senecal's shed after his death. It was full of hammers, trowels, levels, squares, planes, drills, chisels, plumb lines etc. Some of his tools were already out of date.

Out of necessity, but also out of ideals and beliefs, Jeremiah believed in hard work. He lived in the days before power tools and short work days and weeks. Every board had to be sawed and planed by hand. Plaster and cement were mixed with cement and water in a mortar box by pushing it back and forth with a hoe. It was then carried on a mortarboard and applied with a trowel. All of it was hard work.



Outstanding traits of Jeremiah's character were his courage, stubbornness, and independent-mindedness. These are well illustrated in his participation in the Father Chinque movement and his decision to unite with the Protestant church. The fact that he never found Protestant church where he could make a spiritual home for himself and his family is a cause for sadness. His daughter Louise says that he had his own ideas about what the Bible taught.

Jeremiah retained his spirit of independence and self reliance to the end. The following incident was related to me by James J. Senecal: "When father was very old and living at the County Home for the Aged his walk became unsteady from his high blood pressure. He was in danger of falling and hurting himself. I bought him a stout cane and told him to use it to steady himself. He refused it with a scoff saying that canes were for old men. He was then in his eighties.



Chapter Three  
Maternal Great Grandmother  
(Grandmother's side)





Selina Stride Senecal

Selina Stride Senecal, wife of Jeremiah, was born in St. Simon Province of Quebec, Canada on April 4, 1849. She died in St. Paul, Minnesota on June 17, 1895 and was buried from the King Street Methodist Church. J.J. Senecal said of his mother that she was also called Helena, Elena, and at other times Lena.



Chapter Four  
Maternal Grandfather



William Wald

William was born on September 27, 1887. He spent his childhood days in the towns of Millston and Marinette, Wisconsin. He met his wife Leah in the home of her sister, Elizabeth. They got married on December 6, 1911. William spent a lot of time hunting and fishing. When he lived in Beloit, Wisconsin he worked at the Beloit Knife Works. The last years of his life were spent in the Blair Home at Beloit. He died on December 7, 1964.



Chapter Five  
Maternal Grandmother





Leah Senecal Wald

Leah was born September 27, 1887. She spent her growing up years in St. Paul, Minnesota. She married William Wald on December 6, 1911. They spent quite a few years in the towns of Menominee and Escanaba, Michigan since 7 out of 8 children were born in these towns. They eventually moved to Beloit, Wisconsin where their children grew up. Leah spent her last years in quite a few nursing homes. Her last months were spent in the Rock County Hospital in Janesville, Wis. She died there on June 6, 1964.



Chapter Six  
Mother



Dorothy Wald Palmer

Dorothy was born September 8, 1924 in Menominee, Michigan.

The family moved to Beloit, Wisconsin shortly after Dorothy was born. She attended Parker Grade School in Beloit. For entertainment she went roller skating, ice skating and riding in the back of her sister's boyfriend's car. When she was in her teen years they had roller skating rink in Beloit at Waverly Beach. She met Robert Palmer at the wedding of Leona Rhead. They got married in the 1st Presbyterian church of Beloit on March 6, 1948. She then went to live on the farm which my parents rented from Grandpa Palmer. This was a new and different experience for her since she had always lived in town. She was a housewife and then <sup>also</sup> became a mother when she had her first child, Mary Jane on June 29, 1949. She had her second child on December 25, 1951. She was named Carol Ann. On August 3, 1956 she had her third girl, ~~me~~, Jean Ellen.

After we got our own farm she started working at the Beloit Memorial Hospital as housekeeper. She is still working there today.



Chapter Seven  
Paternal Grandparents





Wilhemina&Arthur Palmer

Wilhemina and Arthur got married in Chicago. They went to live Seward, Nebraska where all their children were born. They had a farm that they rented there. This was their home for 18 years. When my father was around two years old which would have been in 1926 they moved to a farm near South Beloit, Illinois. They lived there till my grandmother's death in 1946. My grandfather then moved into the house next door. He also lived with my Aunt Florence for quite a few years. The last year of his life he stayed at a nursing home called Caravilla between Beloit and Janesville, Wisconsin. He died in October of 1962.



Chapter Eight  
Father



Robert Palmer

Robert was born September 2, 1925 in Seward, Nebraska. When he was two years old his family moved to Illinois. He grew up on the farm. He attended a one room schoolhouse called Nichols School. After he got married to Dorothy Wald he farmed this farm in Illinois which he rented from his father. He now is an employee of the Ill. Tollway Authority. He has a position as a toll collector. We now have brand new home near South Beloit, Illinois in Prairie Hill Estates.



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\_\_\_ Transportation X Big Business \_\_\_ Manufacturing  
X Professions X Industrial Labor \_\_\_ Other

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

\_\_\_ Roman Catholic \_\_\_ Jewish \_\_\_ Presbyterian X Methodist  
X Baptist \_\_\_ Episcopal \_\_\_ Congregational X Lutheran  
\_\_\_ Quaker \_\_\_ Mormon \_\_\_ Other Protestant X Other (name) Greek Orthodox

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

X Swedish \_\_\_ Other Scandinavian \_\_\_ German \_\_\_ French  
\_\_\_ Blacks X Indians \_\_\_ Mexicans \_\_\_ Puerto Ricans \_\_\_ Eastern Europe  
\_\_\_ Jews \_\_\_ Central Europeans \_\_\_ Italians \_\_\_ Slavs  
\_\_\_ Irish \_\_\_ British \_\_\_ Native Americans over several generations  
\_\_\_ East Asian X Other (Name) Greek

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

X Interviews with other \_\_\_ Family Bibles \_\_\_ Family Genealogies  
family members \_\_\_ Land Records \_\_\_ The U.S. Census  
\_\_\_ Vital Records  
X Photographs X Maps \_\_\_ Other



## A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Theodore William Pappas Current Residence 625 Greenwood Ave.Date of birth March 28, 1898 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):

grade school 7 high school 0 vocational 0 college 0

Occupation(s)

1st grocery store - ingreese Dates 1913 PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st easy maire Dates 19132nd perfume factory Dates 1913 2nd 7th St. Rfd Dates 1915-3rd ice cream parlor Dates 1914 3rd walnut st. " Dates 19234th greek factory Dates 1923 4th Kishwaukee St Dates 1923-Religion Greek Orthodox

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Republican - Eagle Club Court St. JPlace of Marriage to your grandmother Methodist Church date Aug. 30, 1923

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

## B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Anna Christine Nordgren Current Residence 1625 Greenwood Ave.Date of birth March 9, 1899 Place of birth Bollnes, Sweden

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):

grade school 8 high school 0 vocational 0  
college 0

Occupation(s)

1st Spangler - Doors Dates 1916 PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)  
1st Pencil Co. Dates 19232nd J. L. GIKRES Dates 1917 2nd N. Church St. Dates 1924-19283rd Halper Diction Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Walnut St. Dates 1928-294th GIKRES Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th S. Madison Dates \_\_\_\_\_Religion Lutheran -  
McClean Ave.  
2nd Ave.

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Republican - no clubs -Place of marriage to your grandfather Coury Street - date Aug. 30, 1923  
Methodist

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years):  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_  
college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

C. Grandfather (your mother's side)

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Name Olliver Robert Hood Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth July 30, 1894 Place of birth Rock Mills, Alabama

Date of death March 11, 1959 Place of burial Lagrange, Georgia

Education (number of years):

grade school 8 high school 0 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st McGeest Street PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home) Dates 7

2nd Mill worker Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates 1918-1959

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Baptist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother Lagrange, Ga. date 1918

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1).

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Easter Mandy Nappier Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth September 30, 1892 Place of birth Lishland, Alabama

Date of death October 1962 Place of burial Lagrange, Georgia

Education (number of years)

grade school 8 high school 0 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home) Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd McGeest Lagrange, Ga. Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Mill worker Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates 1918-1962

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather Lagrange, Georgia date 1918

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to

age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-2 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Tassios William Pappas  
 Place of birth Rockford, IL. date 1923  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Barkeeper  
 Residence 15th Avenue Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 7 Death \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name Scanne Nicole Madsen  
 Place of birth Chicago, IL. date 1936  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Secretary  
 Residence Rockford, IL. Marital Status Divorced  
 Number of children 3 Death \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name Daniel Theodore Pappas  
 Place of birth Rockford, IL. date April 22, 1934  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation REATOR  
 Residence Rockford, IL. Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 2 Death \_\_\_\_\_

Name Mary Ann Kallenbach  
 Place of birth Rockford, IL. date 1940  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife  
 Residence Brookway Marital Status Married  
 Number of children 6 death \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Death \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

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 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

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 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name EVA MAE PITS NOV. 22,  
 Place of birth LAGRANGE, GA. date 1919  
 Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation College Student  
 Residence LAGRANGE Marital Status Widow  
 Number of children 1 death \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name Lillian Leona Manley May 17,  
 Place of birth LAGRANGE, GA. date 1921  
 Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation manager  
 Residence ATHENS, GA. Marital Status divorced  
 Number of children 5 death \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name ELSON ROYD HOOD  
 Place of birth LAGRANGE, GA. date 1924  
 Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation vice president  
 Residence ATHENS, GEORGIA Marital Status married meecorary  
 Number of children 3 death \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name Glider Julian Hood  
 Place of birth LAGRANGE, GA. date 1926  
 Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Owner-INS.  
 Residence PENNSYLVANIA Marital Status married - adjustor-  
 Number of children 6 death \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name BILLIE RAY HOOD  
 Place of birth LAGRANGE, GA. date 1929  
 Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Executive, Sales  
 Residence MIAMI, FLA. Marital Status married  
 Number of children 2 death \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name Marlon Vincent Hood  
 Place of birth LAGRANGE, GA. date NOV. 1932  
 Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Salesman-Ins.  
 Residence ATLANTA Marital Status married - vice president  
 Number of children 2 death \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name Naomi Ruth Cook  
 Place of birth LAGRANGE, GA. date Dec. 13, 1933  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Secretary  
 Residence West Point, Georgia Marital Status divorced  
 Number of children 3 death \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name HILDA Jean Pappas  
 Place of birth LAGRANGE, GA. date May 13/1935  
 Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Receptionist-  
 Residence Beckford, IL. Marital Status married June  
 Number of children 2 death \_\_\_\_\_

9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_



E. Your Father

Name Daniel Theodore Pappas Current Residence 1603 Wisteria - Rockford

Date of birth April 22 1934 Place of birth Rockford IL

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_  
grade school 8 high school 11 vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

1st Restaurant owner Dates 1957-1961 1st Rockford PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home) Dates 1956  
5th Street

2nd Insurance Salesman Dates 1961-1967 2nd Milson Pl. Rd. Dates 1951

3rd Real Estate Dates 1967-1976 3rd Stratford Ave. Dates 1959-64

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th Columbus, GA Dates 66-67

Religion Greek Orthodox

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother Columbus, GA date May 4, 1956

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Hilda Jean Hood Current Residence Wisteria Rd. Rockford, IL

Date of birth May 13 1935 Place of birth Orange, Georgia

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_  
grade school 8 high school 11 vocational QMO. BEAUFY ACAD college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

1st Secretary Dates 1954 1st Atlanta, Ga. PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home) Dates 1954

2nd Dance Instructor Dates 1954-56 2nd Columbus, GA Dates 1955

3rd Secretary Dates 1961-67 3rd Rockford IL Dates 1956

4th Beautician Dates 1968-76 4th Columbus, GA Dates 1966

Religion Methodist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father Atlanta date May 4 1956

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-2 Stepfather

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

F-2 Stepmother

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_

Education (number of years)  
grade school \_\_\_\_\_ high school \_\_\_\_\_ vocational \_\_\_\_\_ college \_\_\_\_\_Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF RESIDENCE  
(after leaving home)

1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of marriage to your father \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2, F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

1. Name Tracey Denise Pappas  
 Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth April 15, 1957  
 Number of years of schooling 13 1/2 Occupation Student  
 Residence 1602 W. Maria - Marital Status Single  
 Number of children 0 death \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name Theodore Daniel Pappas  
 Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth August 7, 1960  
 Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Student  
 Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single  
 Number of children 0 death \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years of schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_

4. ASSIGNMENT OF LITERARY RIGHTS (If you and your family are willing)

I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford Illinois

Signed Tracey Pappas

Date April 26, 1976



This paper is a family history of our family. The Pappas family and the Hood family. On each side I have traced back information to the grandparents .

In my interviewing on the Pappas family, I interviewed my grandparents, Ted & Ann Pappas. I also interviewed my father Daniel Pappas. On the Hood family, I interviewed my mother, Jean Pappas, and also information from an aunt in LaGrange, Georgia, Elva Pitts. I looked at many photographs and read letters.



PART I- The Pappas Family

- A. Theodore William Pappas
- B. Anna Christine Nordgren Pappas
- C. Theodore & Anna Pappas
- D. Daniel Theodore Pappas





THEODORE WILLIAM PAPAVALSILEOUS

Theodore was born on March 28, 1898 in Patras, Greece. He was the son of a priest and his mother took care of the household. Theodore grew up in a small village (approximately 1000 families) outside of Patras where he lived in a stone house with only two rooms. They kept their farm animals in the basement. Because their family had ten children, it was quite crowded. The children usually slept on the floors. For heat, Theodore's father had an oven outside under the stone porch. The household had no lights and therefore used lamps, candles, or burned wood in large fireplaces. The family would then sit all around the fireplace as a gathering place to get together. (Also for heat.) Considering the conditions of these times, Theodore said his family considered itself average.

His father was a priest of the Greek Orthodox faith. He also had vineyards which he and his sons worked in. Theodore recalled working in his father's cherry tree orchards. His father also raised many farm animals including goats, horses, sheep, pigs, chickens. There was always enough work for the children. Theodore enjoyed spending his time working around the cherry trees and olive trees.

Every Sunday was considered a day for getting together with friends and family. They would have a large dinner with meat. (On weekdays the family only ate vegetables.) Greek

Greek families never celebrated birthdays as Americans do. They would celebrate Name Day. Each person at birth is given the name of a Saint. Whenever that day comes around of the Saint one is named after, a celebration is given similar to that of our birthdays. Theodore recalled other important celebrations as being Christmas and Easter. On these days the families would get together and have large dinners and sometimes entertainment:



On New Years Eve, all of the village families would gather and talk after a large dinner and later play cards or listen to music. Other celebrations consisted of having big reunions with family or friends from the closer villages. Theodore recalled baptisims as special occasions also. He used to watch his father conduct the baptisims. The child would be placed in a large urn and their heads dunked three times in the water. Then olive was placed on their head. A little hair was also clipped.

Religion played a very important part in Theodore's family life, also do to the fact that his father was a priest. There were many small villages together which formed a small town. In each village, there were a number of churches, on all of the hills. In Theodore's village, he remembered these churches: St. James, St. George, St. Dimitrius, St. John, St. Joseoh, St. Mary. Each little neighborhood would have its own church. Each church also had a specific day where as many people as possible would attend that church for that one day.

Theodore's father made all of the key decisions in their family. Theodore also recalled that his mother never really spoke of her own opinions concerning family matters. His father was expected to have all of the say in all matters. The father in the household of Greek families was also expected to take all discipline into his own hands also. The forms of punishment consisted of spanking and occasionally the pulling of ears. Theodore stressed the fact that the children usually did not have to be punished. They knew what was expected of them and usually did not disobey. He also said the children respected their parents more and would not dare be disrespectful. It was not right for the children to question decisions made by their parents.

Bigger problems or conflicts usually consisted of getting the children to go to school. Theodore recalled that he hated to go to school and



was forever trying to think up excuses.

As far as marriage was concerned, the parents usually arranged it for their sons and daughters.

Another important event in his life was the first airplane he ever saw. It was in 1913, when he was 15 years old. The plane went up in the air and came straight down. A favorite event of his was one which occurred annually on August 29. (It still continues today.) It is a Greek celebration which continues for four straight days and nights. There is all kinds of food, and many bands playing Greek music. It is known as the St. John Annual Festival. Other events remembered were soccer games and hiking along the mountains.

As far as Theodore's overall life as a child in Greece, he described it as being very happy and comfortable. People were close and did not have the worries of today to deal with such as crime.

A turning point in my grandfather's life came at the young age of 15. He had heard that in America there were great opportunities. He then decided to leave Greece and head for America. At 15 years of age, and not speaking any English he boarded a boat for our country. He then decided to go to Rockford, Illinois because he had an uncle from Greece in East Moline, near Rockford. His first job was as a janitor. After that he never returned to school.

After he had been in the states for awhile, he thought it was "just like Heaven." Everyone was so free to do as they pleased. "Pitch-free, to do anything," was the way he described it here in the United States. The first winter he spent in this country, it was so cold that he wanted to go right back to Greece. Theodore never returned to Greece and his family until 1937, twenty-four years after he had first left at age 15. When he did return at age 39, he found one brother had gone on to Ger-



many to become a doctor, another to be a lawyer.





ANNA CHRISTINE NORDGREN

Anna was born on March 9, 1899, in Bollnes, Sweden. She was the oldest of eight children. Anna remembered her father saying that their family was almost considered to be Laplanders, because of their location in Sweden. All of Anna's childhood really took place in the United States.

When Anna was two years old, her father left Sweden and went to the United States, specifically Rockford, Illinois. He was hoping to find a job there, before sending for his entire family from Bollnes. Anna's father remained in Rockford for one full year working before his wife and children arrived.

The rest of the Nordgren family arrived in Rockford in 1901. Anna was not quite two years of age. Her father had rented a house on Seminary Street. They had two bedrooms. In later years, Anna recalled how the family had to crowd up to four people into one room. Everything in their home was purchased second hand, including all dishes and silverware.

No other relatives or close friends lived with the Nordgren family. In one of the homes they lived in, they lived upstairs, while another family occupied the downstairs. In later years, married sons or daughters never returned home to live with their parents again.

Anna's father was a very tall, largely built man. He became a furniture factory maker. He was also an iron works molder. Her mother remained at home rearing the eight children.

Anna remembered when she and her brothers worked in factories at age 15 or 16, that conditions were really bad. She began working at age 15. She began working at Spangler-Loomis Pencil factory. She worked ten hours a day and received a dollar a day. There were no labor unions then and pay was cheap, but she recalled pretty good employer-employee relations.



Workers usually did not leave one job very often , for another one. They were not that easy to come by. The usual year span on one job could be as long as seven years.

Anna's family considered itself to be average with the conditions of the time. The family's income was spent strictly for food and rent. Times were not the best, and money was not usually spent for trivial things. Anna recalled how her father could not wait for her turn so that she could begin working and add income to the family. At 15, Anna quit school to begin working at Spangler-Loomis.

The family's daily routines really consisted of "eating and sleeping and making ends meet each day."

On Sunday afternoons, the Nordgren family would take long walks out to Blackhawk Park or have picnics in the park,. Anna said that she and her brothers and sisters always liked Sundays because they would get all dressed up and even wear shoes. (During the week the kids always went barefoot.) During the week the children would remain in their own neighborhood.

The family did have celebrations or family get-togethers, although they did not have frequent visitors. After a few years, when the family had a larger home, Anna's parents did take in a couple boarders.

Christmas was remembered as the biggest holiday. The family would all go out and pick out a tree and spend the entire evening decorating it. Anna said their family never received wrapped presents for Christmas. At the foot of the children's beds in stockings, would be fruit and candy for the children.



Weddings were held in neighborhood churches. Anna's family attended Zion Lutheran Church. Anna's mother was quite religious, but because her father was not as religious the family did not attend regularly. They later changed to the Methodist church when the children were older to attend church on their own.

Anna's father made practically all of the decisions in their home. Her mother never had much say and would go along with her husband's word. Anna remembered that her "Papa" could be very strict with punishment if the situation called for him to be. Spanking was the general form of punishing the children. If they were extremely bad, they would not be allowed to go to the Saturday matinee. (It cost the children five cents to see matinees on Saturday afternoons.) Anna being the oldest of the eight children, was often put in charge of taking care of the younger ones.

Marriages were not arranged but rather decided upon as they are today.

The worst conflicts to occur in the family were during the period of 1913-1916. With the depression it was so very difficult to keep any type of job. Their family always tried to manage as best they could. They remained close and believed the bad times would soon pass.

Anna described her community life as being pleasant. Her family did move quite a bit, within the city of Rockford. Anna really enjoyed living out in the country on Dawn Avenue. She used to love to go to the Wolworth store on 7th Street as a child. She always looked at the "big diamond rings". The amusements usually consisted of movies, Blackhawk Park, ice skating on the Rock River, playing marbles or attending the circuses whenever they came to town.

Anna's parents did want their children to finish school, although Anna did have to quit so she could go to work. Later she did attend



night school and received her high school diploma. To show how much her family did move around, during grade school, Anna attended six different schools.





TED & ANN PAPPAS

Their Life Together

Ted Papavasileous and Anna Nordgren met when they were both employed by Spangler-Loomis Pencil Factory, in Rockford, Illinois in 1921. After a couple years of courting they decided they would be married. Ann recalled the first time she ever spoke to Ted. He made a smart remark to her regarding her weight, and she never believed she would one day be married to him.

Ted and Ann were married in 1923 at Court Street Methodist Church in Rockford, Illinois on August 30. After their marriage they remained in Rockford, but did have various residences. They lived on Kishwaukee St., right after they were married. From 1925-1928, they lived on N. Church St. In 1928 they moved to Walnut St. and remained there until 1930. Within the following years they lived at S. Madison St., McClean Ave., 4th Avenue and finally over to Greenwood Avenue in 1952 where they are presently living.

Because of the difficulty people had in spelling their last name, Ted decided to have it shortened to Pappas, shortly after 1923.

Ted decided after he and Ann were married, that he wanted to go into the restaurant business. Around 1925, he opened his first cafe called the Crystal Cafe on Elm Street, behind the Court House. His next restaurant was in 1932, called The New Deal Restaurant named after President Franklin's policy. He ran that until the early 50's. Then he sold that to begin the Pappas-American Restaurant. Later he bought the Rockette-Drive-In.

Ted and Ann remained living in Rockford, Illinois all of their lives. They did make three trips to Greece to visit Ted's relatives.

Ted and Ann had four children. A son, Tassius born in 1928, a



daughter, Joanne, born in 1930, Daniel born in 1934, and Marianne, born in 1940. Today all four live in Rockford.

As of today, Ted and Ann Pappas remain living in Rockford, on Greenwood Avenue. Ted has long been involved in the Eagles Club. He is retired and Ann spends much time gardening, sewing, and visiting their four children and nineteen grand-children.



DANIEL THEODORE PAPPAS

Dan was born on April 22, 1934 to Ann and Ted Pappas, in Rockford, Il. Dan had one brother and one sister at the time he was born.

Dan was quite as easy going and independent boy growing up. His father was just starting new businesses while Dan was growing up and because his dad worked such long hours, he was never able to spend a lot of time with him.

He always enjoyed school. Dan attended White Elementary school, Lincoln Junior High, and East High School. Dan was quite involved in school activities and wrestled during high school.

One of his hobbies was cars, and at age 16, he bought a 1929 Model A Ford for \$140.00. He spent a lot of time on it. (To this day, Dan still has his model A.)

At age 12, he began working for his father part time. During high school he had various jobs. He saved his money and at age 18, he bought his first property. From then on he was very interested in real estate.

As a child, Dan always had a dog. He recalled that he continually named his dogs Mike. He really loved pets, but his parents would only allow dogs.

Dan's mother always said what a great child Dan was. He worked hard in school and never really misbehaved. Dan described his childhood as being perfectly normal. He remembered going to many baseball games and vacations out west, when he was in high school.

Right after Dan graduated from high school in 1952, he went into the Naval Reserves, until 1954. He was on the largest battleship of that time, the Battleship Iowa. They went around Norfolk, Virginia on a 15-day cruise. They also went around the Great Lakes Area and it was really exciting.



After the Naval Reserves, Dan was drafted into the Army. He had a choice between Germany and Georgia, and he chose not to go overseas. He was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was in the army from 1954 - 1956. He was a cook in the army and said that it was not that bad.

Dan enjoyed his two years in Georgia and would tell people that he was a "misplaced southerner." He just fit right in to their easier lifestyle.

Dan has always been a very well liked person, with a great personality and a person who really enjoys living. He has always been very good in sports and an all around great person to be around.





PART II- THE HOOD FAMILY

- A. Oliver Robert Hood
- B. Easter Maudy Nap,ier Hood
- C. Oliver & Easter Hood
- D. Hilda Jean Hood



OLIVER ROBERT HOOD

"DADDY HOOD"

Daddy Hood was born on 1894. He was raised in Rock Mills, Alabama. His parents were homesteaders. Oliver's mother was a pure Cherokee Indian with long blue-black hair and deep coloring. Oliver was always a very big, rugged looking man. Many said that his profile resembled the profile on a silver nickle. In his younger years, he was a boxer. Because he always loved music, he began writing it at an early age.

Oliver decided to leave Alabama for LaGrange, Georgia, around 50 miles from Rock Mills. He began working at the mills in LaGrange.

Oliver Hood was an extremely interesting man, who was known by people from all over Georgia and Alabama. Everyone who came in contact with him loved him dearly. He just seemed to have a way with people and became attached in lasting friendships. In the town of LaGrange, everyone seemed to know him, and the rest of the Hood family, after all it was a large family. Oliver was such a talented man. He never had more than an eighth grade education. But to talk to Oliver was like talking to a very educated man. He had such a manner of speaking. He was known for his sayings and one of his favorites, was "Anything that makes a memory is not a waste."

Oliver was a very religious man. He read and studied his Bible daily. His children remembered getting up late at night and he would be sitting in his favorite chair reading his Bible.

People from all over South Georgia would come to have discussions with him. He had a kind of "personal psychology" and he was never too busy to help anyone whether he knew the person or not. He believed we were all here to help others in any way we might be able to.



Oliver was well known for giving musical lessons. Though he never had had any lessons himself, he was able to teach many string instruments. His band played on a radio station and also for community benefits. Oliver also taught each of his eight children at an early age, to play a musical instrument. Today, each of his children can play a variety of instruments and also many of his grandchildren are able to play.

With his musical talent, Oliver recorded many records. His greatest and most loved piece of music was a song which has been one of the most popular for a number of years. It was the one piece of music he wrote which he never received credit for, and could greatly have helped his family.

One day, in Rock Mills, Alabama, Oliver was sitting under an apple tree, and began writing the words to a song which he titled "You Are My Sunshine." He never really thought anyone would be very interested in his music beyond hearing it played on radio stations in South Georgia. Oliver made the mistake of playing the song without a copyright. One day Jimmy Davis, a country singer, inquired about the copyright on the song. When he found out that there was not one, he had the song copyrighted claimed it as his own. Not one word was ever changed from the original verses which Oliver wrote. After he realized what had happened, he wrote "Somebody Stole My Sunshine Away." He then received a letter from a firm in California, which wanted to have it copyrighted for him. For personal reasons, he did not. One of his sons today, has the original copy of "You Are My Sunshine", on the brown paper bag, which his father wrote the original song on, under that apple tree in Rock Mills, Alabama.



EASTER MANDY NAPIER

"Mama Hood"

Easter was born on Sept. 1892 in a small town in Alabama. She was the daughter of Le and Julianne Nappier. She had three brothers and one sister.

Easter had a twin sister named Ester <sup>Nancy</sup> Candy.

Her father died at an early age, leaving a general store to her mother.

Easter and her sister quit school at 14 to help their mother run the store and to help raise the younger children.

"Mama" left Alabama in her late teens, when she obtained a job in LaGrange, Georgia working for Callaway Mills.

Mama was always very loved by everyone. She was described by one of her children as a colorful character, who always worked much too hard. After forty years in a cotton mill and raising ten children, she was a very tired woman, who always had her hands full.

Mama always loved Sundays because of the large dinners and family gatherings. Everyone who knew the Hood family, also knew that they were welcome for dinner anytime. She cooked everything homemade and fresh vegetables. On Sunday mornings, she was the first one up and would begin her cooking for the day. One meal might consist of chickens, roast, liver, rolls, biscuits, cornbread, mashed, baked, potatoes, squash, black-eyed peas, sweet peas, butter beans, string beans, cream corn, and at least a couple of homemade fudge cakes and pies. Mama believed that she had to cook a variety of everything because not everyone liked the same thing.

Mama Hood's mother lived with the family. Everyone called her Granny Nappier. She and Mama spoke in analogies. One of Mama's favorites was





in reference to the ways that the younger generation dressed. She would tell them, "You look like a horse that has been run hard and put away wet." Granny was always sharp with the sayings too. She always referred to the girls as looking like "wolfie gods." One of Mama's daughters asked her to explain what thunder was. Mama answered that she had nothing to worry about. It was only the "devil hitting his wife with a frying pan." According to Granny, whenever it was raining hard, it was raining "cats and dogs, and pitch-forks to kill them with."

Whenever a big story would circulate around town, you could be sure to hear the whole truth by cutting in half whatever Mama repeated.

Mama was a woman who worked very hard all of her life. Yet she was always able to fill their home with enough love for all thirteen people. Though she stayed in the background most of the time, allowing her husband the limelight, she was the one parent which taught the children to work hard and really try in life. The children agree that they received their stamina in life and will to work from their mother. Nowhere else but in the Hood family could such love, caring, and closeness be found, which Mama insisted upon.

Mama Hood died in October 1962, at the age of 70. She would have lived longer, had she not taken care of her invalid mother for so many years. She was a remarkable woman, very loved and very missed.



"MAMA & DADDY HOOD"

Oliver and Easter met each other at a fair in 1916, and decided later after courting, that they would be married.

Oliver and Easter lived in the town of LaGrange, Georgia, in Troup County. LaGrange is a smaller town south of Atlanta, about 70 miles. They lived at 111 McGee Street, in a six room house. Oliver and Easter had eight children, with quite a variety of names: Elva Mae, Elson Boyd, Oliver Julian, Billy Ray, Marlin Vincent, Lillian Leuna, Naomi Ruth, and Hilda Jean. Two nieces of Easter's also grew up in the Hood family. Easter's mother lived with the family and occasionally other relatives for a time. Although there were thirteen people living under one roof, the home was always kept immaculate.

Married daughters came back to live periodically, with their parents while their husbands were in the service.

Oliver and Easter always had a black maid to work for them and help out with the ten children. Because LaGrange was primarily a cotton mill town, most of the adults were employed by the mills. Easter worked for the Callaway Mills for forty years right across the street from her home. Because there were no labor unions, labor was extremely cheap. Oliver taught music in a studio underneath their home. He never had had any lessons, but was able to teach all string instruments. He also had a band and would play for dances in the community.

Considering the number of children and the conditions of the time, the Hood family considered itself to be average.

Daily routines consisted of school for the younger children and washing, cleaning up and ironing for the older girls and Easter. Even though there were six girls in the family, their maid was very much needed. The



ironing was done with an iron heated on a wood stove. All of the washing was done by hand.

Birthdays usually were not celebrated. The biggest holidays to be celebrated were Christmas and Easter. Sunday dinners were like huge banquets and many people usually came from South Georgia. Family reunions were not regular, although the family present in LaGrange, was large enough to be a reunion at all family gatherings. Weddings were performed by the Justice of the Peace, or in a small chapel in the church. Wakes were always held at the family's home, and funerals at the family church rather than at a parlor. Relatives from all over would attend these gatherings.

Oliver and Easter provided their family with an enjoyable religious freedom. They would never force religion on their children, although the entire family was quite religious. Because Oliver was so well versed on The Bible, almost an authority, the entire family was always very interested in the Bible. Oliver kept a study of the Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, and Baptist religions. His philosophy was that one should take every advantage to attend as many different religions as possible to see what others were like.

In the Hood family, Easter made most of the decisions concerning all aspects of the family. Easter and Oliver did raise each child to be responsible to make decisions.

Discipline in the Hood family consisted of talks, and after that for "real" punishment, switches or belts. Easter usually took the punishing into her own hands. Disrespectfulness was considered one of the biggest causes for punishment. Oliver was not as forceful and at times, his children recalled him as being much too lenient.



The first radio in the Hood family, was in 1923. Their first television was bought in 1957, by their daughter Jean. The family never owned a car. Means of transportation consisted of walking or taking a bus.

Oliver and Easter always kept their family very close. With ten children to raise they always maintained very close relationships and a loving, enjoyable life. Oliver and Easter were always so very proud of their eight children and encouraged all of them to continue education if they could to better their lives. Their children really worked for what they hoped to achieve. All four daughters were married and had children. Three of the four daughters remain living in Georgia and one in Illinois. Their four sons really made great achievements in their jobs. The oldest son, "Bud", remembers his first job being to sweep the floors at Woolworths at age 15. Today he is the vice-president of a chain of stores similar to that. Julian branched out into an insurance salesman in Jacksonville, Florida and for the last ten years has played in a group he and his wife started in Florida. They play large clubs in Atlanta, Jacksonville, Miami and presently out East. Marlin is the vice president of a large piano and organ company in St. Louis. "Billy Ray" is a top executive salesman for Metropolitan Life in Miami Beach.

Prestige in the Hood family increased with generations. Today the Hood relatives are as close as ever and all eight children and other family members remember the wonderful life Oliver and Easter gave them.





## HILDA JEAN HOOD

Hilda Jean was born on May 13, 1935, to Oliver and Easter Hood. She was the youngest of eight children and two cousins living in their home. Jean (Southerners are called by their middle name) was born in the home of Oliver and Easter at 111 McGee Street, in LaGrange, Georgia. A midwife was present at the birth. Because Easter had had so many children, she was running out of names by the time Jean was born. The oldest child Elva, named her youngest sister.

The day Jean was born, Elva quit school so that she could stay home and help her mother with the new baby and nine other children. Elva was 14 years old at the time.

Jean recalls having a very beautiful and loving childhood. She claims the reason being that her parents insisted on the entire family being very close, and showing a lot of affection for one another.

In grammar school, Jean would write poetry often. In the third grade her teacher kept every poem that Jean wrote, through the sixth grade. On the last day of school at an assembly, the teacher had all of her students read Jean's poetry. Later she had the poems bound for Jean. Other hobbies of Jean's were taking dancing lessons for twelve years, and competing in sports in which she earned many letters.

Because LaGrange was such a small town, there was always a lot to do. It was one of those towns in which everyone knew everyone else. It was a mill town, and practically everything was owned by the Callaways. Callaway provided all facilities in the community. The town was divided into into sections according to which mill was in that particular district. Each district was provided with community centers at no charge, and mainly for the younger people whose parents worked for Callaway. Most of the



families rented their homes from the Callaways.

On Sundays, Jean remembers how all of the families would get together at St. John's Church on McGee St. and after services, have large picnics. The entire community would attend.

Jean has wonderful memories from high school. After classes, all of the kids would gather at the neighborhood cafe and play records and drink cokes. There was never a loss of anything to do in LaGrange. On weekends, groups of kids would drive to Pine Mountain, Georgia. They would go to Callaway Beach, the largest man-made beach in the world. It is a beautiful resort. They would also drive to Panama City, Florida which is about a three hour drive from LaGrange. As many as twenty or thirty kids would meet there.

Jean seemed to spend more time with her father, only because her mother worked all of the time and was so busy with the home. She and her father would stay up late at night and the best discussions. She said her father could carry on the best conversations about anything. He always gave such good advice.

At the time Jean was graduating from high school, her older sisters were married with children and after the war, her brothers had worked their way through the University of Georgia. After graduating, Jean went to Atlanta in 1954 where she had an office job. Then she moved to Columbus about 50 miles from LaGrange. She worked for three lawyers and at night she taught dancing lessons.



PART III

A. Dan & Jean Pappas

B. Tracey Denise Pappas



DAN & JEAN PAPPAS

" Their Life Together"

Dan and Jean met in Columbus, Georgia in 1956. Dan was stationed at Fort Benning in Columbus. Jean was giving dancing lessons. A friend of Jean's was dating Dan's best friend. Dan decided the best way to meet her would be by taking dancing lessons from Jean, which he did.

Three months later they decided to be married. When Jean brought Dan home ( In LaGrange) to meet her parents, they had a large Sunday dinner.

Dan said he had never had such good food in all his life, and was embarrassed at how much he ate, Jean later told him that he had nothing to worry about. As far as Jean's mother was concerned, Dan was the perfect husband. She told Jean that anyone who could eat like Dan had to be good in her book. Jean and Dan knew that they had her parents' blessings.

Dan and Jean were married on May 4, 1956. They were married at Fort Benning at Sand Hill Chapel. Their wedding was quite an experience. Jean had just had a tooth pulled and was in quite a bit of pain. The flowers did not arrive until after the ceremony. The best man was ill, and one of Jean's nephews became sick during the wedding. They began to wonder if they were meant to continue the rest of the wedding. After they were married, they remained in Columbus for awhile and then moved to Ill. Jean recalled a couple experiences she had when she moved to the north. She asked a grocer for sweet milk and he did not know what she was talking about. She also asked for a "hunkie" referring to an ice cream bar, and received no answer.

Dan began working for his father in the restaurant business. They lived on 8th Street and Charles for awhile. In 1957, on April 15, Dan began running a new restaurant his father opened. Also on that day, a





daughter was born to Dan and Jean. In 1957 they bought a home on Stratford Avenue. In 1960, a son was born to Dan and Jean. Theodore Daniel. During the years 1960-1966, Dan remained working for his father and Jean remained at home caring for Tracey and Ted.

In 1966, one day in June, Dan decided the family was due for a change. They put the house up for sale, sold in a hurry, and moved to Columbus, Georgia. They rented an old, huge, spanish type home in an old section of Columbus, very beautiful and peaceful. Dan and Jean both worked for Insurance companies. Tracey was in the 4th grade and Ted in the 1st grade.

Dan and Jean both remember that year in Georgia as one of the most enjoyable years spent. Unfortunately in June of that year (1967) Dan's father asked Dan to return to Rockford, Illinois to take over his business. In August the Pappas returned to Rockford. They bought a home on Wisteria Road, where they are presently living today.

Dan did not take over the business. His father sold it and Dan went into the real estate business. He began working for Stavros-Helfand Realtors. Jean decided she did not want to remain at home everyday, and in October, she began school at Alberto's School of Cosmetology.

Since 1967, Dan and Jean have remained living in Rockford. Dan is in his ninth year of real estate and has own office. Jean is in her eighth year as a beautician and has her own salon behind Dan's office at 2517 Auburn Street. Both are kept very busy but they do love their work. Each year the family takes their annual vacation for two weeks to Georgia. The entire family loves to travel. During the year, Dan and Jean each take off ten days and go to Georgia to visit their relatives. They remain very close to Jean's relatives. Two years ago, Dan and his father went to Greece for five weeks, to visit relatives. They also take weekends off to St. Louis to visit one of Jean's brothers. Dan and Jean are not sure



if they will remain in Rockford always. They may decide to return to Georgia. Right now it is very hard to determine just what they will do in the future. They are both very happy and kept busy with their careers and their son and daughter.



TRACEY DENISE PAPPAS

I was born on April 15, 1957 in Rockford, Illinois. We lived on Stratford Avenue and I attended Bloom School through the third grade.

In August, 1960 my brother Ted was born. Ted and I both recall having a wonderful childhood. Our parents have always been very close to us and we did a lot together as a family.

While living on Stratford Avenue, we had many good times. The neighborhood was really close and there were many children our ages. I remember the summer in 1966 when we were moving to Georgia, and the entire neighborhood gave us a going away party. It was really great.

Though I was only nine years old when we moved to Georgia, it was one of my most memorable years. I was in the 4th grade and my brother was in the first grade. Even at the young age of nine, I realized how very different our lifestyle was in Georgia compared to that of living in Illinois. Columbus was a town about the size of Rockford, the second largest in Georgia. Because both of our parents worked my parents hired a black "maid" for my brother and me. I found out right away at school that all of the kids had these maids. She did our cooking and cleaning and watched us after school.

One of the largest differences I realized occurred on my first day of school. All southerners expect their children to have the best of manners. I was to answer my teachers with "yes ma'am, yes sir", and when answering a question, "what" was never said. One politely answered "ma'am", or "sir?" This same way of speaking still holds today, and the same when adults address older adults.

Our weekends in Georgia were usually spent in LaGrange about 50 miles from Columbus. Beginning in March, every weekend was spent with relatives at Pine Mt. Georgia at Callaway Beach.



I remember our experience spending Christmas in Georgia for the first time. It was 70 outside and we just could not get into the Christmas spirit with all of our doors and windows open.

Following March, when we returned to Rockford, Illinois, I knew immediately that I was terribly homesick for Georgia. One reason I knew was because I missed all of cousins and relatives so much. Still, I missed the lifestyle of the "Southern Hospitality" which certainly exists. The friendliness of everyone, and the entirely different setting. I remained very "homesick" for the next six years, and always vowed that there was no place like Georgia, and that I would always return to live there.

My brother and I attended Guilford Center School. I enjoyed it very much. After that I attended Guilford High. Unfortunately, I was not one of those kids who was so excited about high school. I did not enjoy my first two years as much. Junior year I was meeting more kids and by senior year I had a wonderful time. All through high school, I would spend my Christmas break in Atlanta. In the past two years I made some wonderful friendships in Georgia and last year (1975) made four trips to Georgia to see friends and relatives.

I have always felt it very important to have a great relationship with one's parents. As far as I am concerned, there couldn't be two people anywhere better than the two parents I have. They have always maintained a close relationship with my brother and me. They have given us both a lot of freedom which we do not take advantage of or abuse.

The best year of my life so far has been this past year. I had planned to go away to school for my first year, but had not applied in time. This past year I have met so many great people and throughly this year, even school. I work part time at Ace Hardware at Edgebrook Center near home. I spend a lot of time studying and believe weekends are the greatest





and go by much too quickly. On weekends large groups of people from school usually get together in Beloit and we all really enjoy it. My brother and I really have a good relationship. He is 16 (almost) and we attend concerts together in Chicago and share the car.

This next year will be a very big change for me. I hope to be at the University of Georgia this time next year. I have a lot to do to prepare for this next year and I am really looking forward to it. I hope to major in merchandising, and remain living in the south. I'm afraid the south is going to be stuck with me, for my views and feelings have only grown stronger. I would also like to try to work for the airlines one day. Right now, I want to enjoy life and try to make it through this year of school. I better finish this line for I really have a lot of homework to get to. Come to think of it, I have five more pages to read in History.











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