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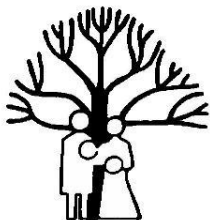
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Peter Ruffner and his Descendants

Second Edition

**Featuring the second child of the pioneers
Peter and Mary Ruffner**

Benjamin Ruffner

1742-1806

And his descendants

**To protect privacy and allow for the widest distribution, the family
history portion of this publication contains no living person's name or
information.**

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*History remembers only the celebrated,
Genealogy remembers them all.*



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INTRODUCTION

Following a long-time delay in its release, this is Benjamin's book—the sixth and last in the Ruffner family series. Benjamin was the second child of pioneers Peter and Mary Ruffner.

The books on the five Ruffner sons and their descendants were first published in 1966 with the book by Olive Taylor Ruffner and Doris Laver Ruffner entitled *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* (1966), followed by *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants—supplement* (1969).

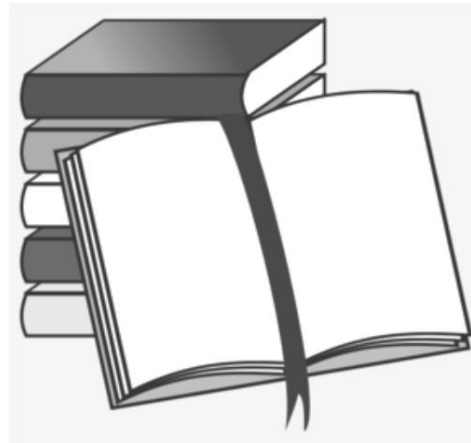
Through the years much has changed, and the Ruffner Family Association several years ago began a project to update those two publications. Now even Elizabeth, the lone surviving daughter, and sister of the Ruffner boys, as of 2015 has her own book. However, some unforeseen missteps along the way have delayed the publication of a book for Benjamin and his descendants. Finally it has arrived.

In our time with the increase in research opportunities this is a book which continues and expands the information on Benjamin's branch of Peter and Mary's family tree. It also corrects some of the errors that have come to light since the earlier publications.

Genealogists each have their own style in presenting a family history and my own is different from that used in the Joseph, Peter Jr., Reuben and Emanuel family histories. Even though different in formatting, Benjamin's book follows the correct genealogical requirements of connection and continuity.

Each chapter in Benjamin's book represents one generation, beginning with Chapter One—Peter Ruffner's and Mary Steinman's story. The + mark before each child's name indicates that his or her story will continue in the next chapter.

Because of a concern for privacy—a major problem in our electronic world—the text of this family history contains no name or information regarding a living descendant of Peter and Mary Ruffner's second child, Benjamin. Thus, in place of the name of a living person, the word private is inserted.



Betty Lou Gaeng – 2017

WELCOME

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As I sit in front of my computer, I cannot help but realize that writing is mostly lonely work. There may be soft music playing in the background, but for the most part, all is quiet and I am alone. Although the research and writing may be done in solitude, in the background there are others who have been of help to me with this project.



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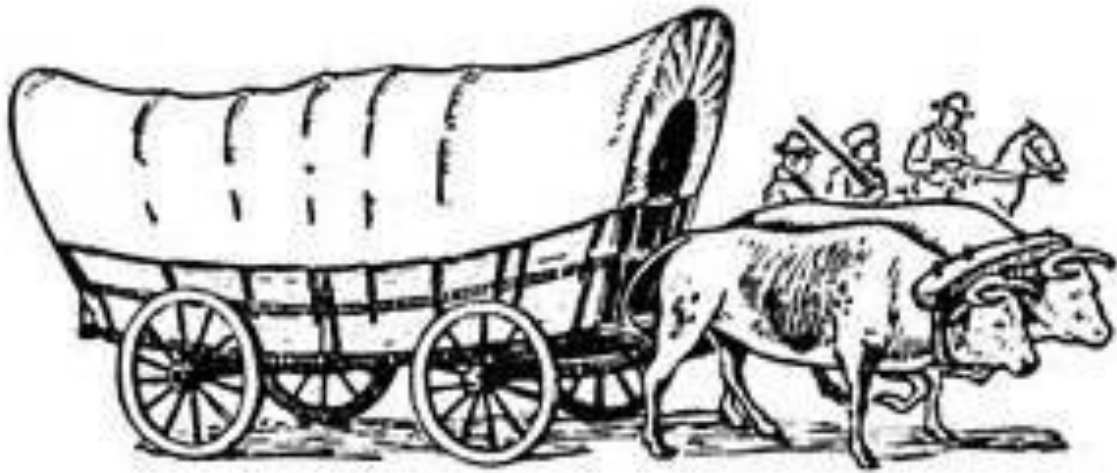
Special thanks go to the following. Although Russell Bushong and Virginia Rigg are no longer with us, the past work they did for the family's history has been of immense help.

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The Beginning
CHAPTER ONE

First Generation



Our Patriarchs

Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman

PETER RUFFNER AND MARY STEINMAN---PIONEER ANCESTORS

PETER RUFFNER¹ was the first of this Ruffner family to come to America. He came to Pennsylvania from Switzerland—probably the Canton of Zurich, along the shores of Lake Zurich. A majority of the Swiss Mennonites who settled in what became Lancaster County in the early 1700s had originated from either Zurich or Bern. Those from the Canton of Zurich included Peter Ruffner's brother-in-law, Abraham Strickler, the husband of his sister Mary *Ruffner* Strickler.

Tradition places Peter Ruffner's date of birth as 1713—however, we have no verification for that date.

Dr. John W. Wayland in his 1927 book *A History of Shenandoah County, Virginia*, refers to our patriarch Peter Ruffner as a Swiss Mennonite. The vast majority of the first settlers in what became Lancaster County, Pennsylvania were Mennonites from Switzerland. Dr. Wayland in his book especially stresses the fact that the first settlers in Shenandoah County, Virginia were also mainly from the Canton of Zurich in Switzerland. As Anabaptists in Switzerland, they were persecuted because of their beliefs and immigrated to America because of that persecution; and in addition they no doubt heard glowing reports of the opportunities in the New World.

It is tradition that Peter Ruffner came to this country as a young man in 1732. He settled in Pennsylvania, in Lancaster County, and it was there he met his future wife, Mary Steinman, the daughter of Joseph Steinman/Stoneman and his wife Frances. Joseph was a Mennonite from Wurttemberg, Germany, who had changed his name to Stoneman (the English version of Steinman) in order to conduct business with the English.

Shenandoah County court records show that later in his life Peter Ruffner was several times appointed by the court to oversee the apprenticeship of certain young boys in order to instruct them in the weaver's trade. Even though we cannot know whether our Peter had learned the trade prior to coming to America, or while living in Pennsylvania, we can safely determine that Peter Ruffner himself had at some time learned the weaver's trade. It is something he had in common with his friend and brother-in-law Abraham Strickler. Abraham Strickler was a man well known as a very talented weaver, a trade much practiced in his hometown of Horgen, near Lake Zurich, in Switzerland.

It does seem that Peter's advancement from weaver to that of a prosperous landholder and farmer came through his marriage to Mary Steinman, the daughter of Joseph Stoneman, a wealthy yeoman and landholder in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Joseph Stoneman was very generous to his daughter Mary and her new husband when with their marriage in 1739, he deeded to them 900 acres of fertile land along Hawksbill Creek in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

It is very evident that even though he was handed a great gift, Peter Ruffner was a man who understood hard work and sharp investment. He and Mary eventually received the remaining acreage of the Hawksbill Patent—a total of 1300 acres. Through the years Peter Ruffner Sr. would accumulate much more land and wealth. It is said that Peter Ruffner's land stretched for over eight miles on both sides of the Hawksbill.

Peter Ruffner's grandson, David Ruffner, son of Peter and Mary's eldest son Joseph, spoke of his grandfather Peter as a quiet and unpretentious man, not of a large size—one who evidently was not usually noticed. However, Peter's quiet nature appears

to have hidden what was the very astute mind of a prosperous and hard-working man. Peter's diligence provided a great start in life for his children. By the time of his death in the early spring of 1778, Peter Ruffner had already provided well for his sons, and his legacies to them following his death further enriched them. As a caring father, Peter had also seen that his sole surviving daughter Elizabeth had married Jacob Stover, a well-established young man descended from the founding family of Strasburg, Virginia.

Peter Ruffner's will dated 15 January 1778 was filed for probate on 28 May 1778. This indicates that our ancestor probably died in late April or early May of 1778. A transcription of Peter Ruffner Last Will and Testament is included on Page 10.

MARY STEINMAN, was born in 1714 in Chester County, Pennsylvania (later this would become Lancaster County). Her birth may have been at a place called Willow Street, which was the home place of her parents, Joseph and Frances "Fronica" Stoneman. Mary was the first member of our Ruffner family to be born in America. Mary's father Joseph Steinman/Stoneman came to this country from Germany several years before Mary's birth. Mary's mother Frances died prior to 1754 and Joseph then married a widow by the name of Anna. Anna Stoneman was still living when Joseph died. Records indicate that she was very likely a financially independent woman and she was not provided for in Joseph's 1756 will. However, Joseph Stoneman's widow Anna was one of the administrators of his estate.

When Mary Steinman married Peter Ruffner in 1739 she would have been 25 years of age, a very advanced age for a woman to marry in colonial times. She was several years past the age when most girls married and was most likely referred to as a spinster—perhaps even as being on-the-shelf. Mary's grandson David Ruffner, described his grandmother as *a very large masculine woman, possessed with a loud voice which she used to remind people of the fact that what the family possessed came to them because of her father*. However in spite of this, it is well noted that Peter nurtured what they were given and during their union added much to the land holdings and riches of the family.

Mary was one of seven children named in her father's will. She was mentioned as having previously been well-provided for, a statement evidently referring to the Hawksbill property which she and Peter received from her father Joseph Stoneman. As a final inheritance from her father, Mary received *one English shilling*.

After her husband's death, Mary Ruffner continued living on the pioneer farm at Big Spring with her third son Peter Ruffner Jr. and his wife Elizabeth, until her own death in 1798. As noted in the will of Peter Ruffner Sr., his son Peter Jr., inherited the original family farm from his father.

Though their graves are not marked, it is assumed that both Peter and Mary are buried on the land of their Big Spring farm along the Hawksbill Creek in what is today Luray, Page County, Virginia.

THE HAWKSBILL PATENT

Because of the generous wedding gift of land to Mary and Peter from her father Joseph Stoneman, the newly married couple traveled to the Shenandoah Valley in the Colony of Virginia to set up their home in 1739.

Joseph Stoneman was a very successful yeoman (farmer) who had settled in the Pequea Valley in Pennsylvania with his first wife Frances, the mother of his children. Because of his business acumen, Joseph was able to purchase many parcels of land in both Pennsylvania and Virginia. He acquired the *Hawksbill Patent* from Francis Thornton in 1737.

At, or about the time of the marriage of his daughter Mary Steinman to Peter Ruffner in 1739, Joseph Stoneman deeded 900 acres of this land along the Hawksbill to Mary and her new husband. Later the remaining 400 acres of the *Hawksbill Patent* would be added to Peter and Mary's land holdings. Here Peter and Mary settled following their marriage. They called their home *Big Spring* because of the spring that cascaded down the adjacent hillside. They built their home on this land, lived, worked hard, reared their family, acquired more land, eventually died, and are now buried on their property.

It seems that from the beginning Peter and Mary worked well together as a team. They raised their family and prospered as they developed their farm. They greatly expanded their holdings. During one five-day period in May of 1761, Peter is recorded as buying more than 1100 acres of land from Thomas, the Honorable Lord Fairfax. Peter made a purchase on each of those five consecutive days.

It is believed that at one time, Peter and Mary's land extended up both sides of Hawksbill Creek for more than eight miles in what is now Page County, Virginia. Although the original home has been changed and expanded through the years, it still has its original foundation. Most of their homeland is now, owned by others, but a certain aura is very much still in evidence. As a reminder of the past and Peter and Mary's *Big Spring* home, waters from the spring continue to cascade down the nearby hillside.

GENERATIONS OF DESCENDANTS

When Peter and Mary were joined in the union of matrimony they began a journey that had its beginning aboard a flat boat on the Susquehanna River near Conestoga in Pennsylvania. Heading south on the river, their boat loaded with the necessary items to establish a farm in an undeveloped land, they began a lifetime together—a lifetime that would establish generations of descendants.

For well over 250 years the descendants of Peter and Mary Ruffner have been instrumental in the development of our nation's towns, our schools and universities, religion, our military, our infrastructure, newspapers, the food chain, our roads, aerospace music and entertainment, and many other fields of endeavor. Just from this one union of two people in 1739—look at what their descendants have added to our world! Some travelled far from their Virginia roots to help settle new frontiers, some have had ups and downs, there has been tragedy, loss, and a few have completely fallen through the cracks, while others have had great prosperity and notoriety. Through it all, the strong genes and sense of adventure inherited from our two pioneering ancestors, the descendants of Peter and Mary Ruffner have contributed to the building of our great nation.

As descendants of Peter and Mary Ruffner through their children; Joseph, Benjamin, Peter Jr., Reuben, Elizabeth and Emanuel—we have been entrusted with a special opportunity to make known the history of this truly American family.

Like branches on a tree, our lives may grow in different directions yet our roots remain the same.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PETER RUFFNER, SENIOR

IN THE NAME OF GOD, Amen. I, Peter Ruffner senr of the Parish of Beckford in the County of Dunmore being of sound mind and perfect memory thanks to God for the same do make & ordain this my last will and Testament in the manner of form following that is to say first of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in a Christen like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter mentioned and as to what worldly goods and estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose thereof in the manner (viz)

Imprimis, my Will and Desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be first Paid and satisfied.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Peter Ruffner all that Tract or Parcell of land whereon I now live except the part that is surveyed to the Mill Tract to him and his heirs forever my wife Mary Ruffner thirds excepted he pay in to the following-person the sums of money hereafter mentioned That is to say One Hundred and fifty pounds to Jacob Stober my son in law as the same is stated that is to say the first year after my Death he shall pay Twenty five pounds and so at the same rate till the whole Twenty five pounds a year is paid and three hundred fifty pounds to be paid to my beloved wife Mary Ruffner in the manner following that is to say fifty pounds a year from my Death until the whole is paid to her to be given to her and her heirs and at the Disposal of my Beloved wife Mary Ruffner at her decease so that my beloved wife pay unto my son Manuel Ruffner the sum of fifty pounds on the day of his marriage so that its One year after my Decease...Item. I give unto my son Joseph Ruffner One shilling besides the lands already given...Item. I give unto my son Benjamin Ruffner One shilling besides the land already given...Item. I give unto my son Ruben Ruffner One shilling besides the land already given...

Item. It's my will and desire that my son Manuel Ruffner shall have the mills and the tract of land joining the same with the Price that was surveyed of the Tract that I now live on which I think was Twenty-five acres The line is marked I give and Bequeath all my Horses etc. that I am now Possessed with to my son Emanuel Ruffner except the Blue Roan Horse and white horse which I bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ruffner her & her heirs...

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ruffner all my moveable estate not yet mentioned she paying all my Just Debts in During her natural life or widowhood and after her Decease or Marriage the same or to equal to be divided among my children...

Last, I do hereby make and constitute and appoint my loving wife Mary Ruffner Executrix and my loving son Joseph Ruffner and my friend Benjamin Strickler Exors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking, disaffirming, and make void all other Wills by me hereunder made declaring and confirming this only to be my last will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of January 1778.

Peter Ruffner (Seal) P.R. – His Mark

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator to be his last will and Testament in the presence of

Edwin Young
Jacob J.B. Burner
Selby Foley
Christian C.G. Groves
Jacob (written in German)

At a Court held for the County of Shenando the 28th of May 1778 the last will and Testament of Peter Ruffner deceased was presented.



Ruffner Family Tree

The children of Peter and Mary (Steinman) Ruffner

Joseph Ruffner² – 1740-1803
+Benjamin Ruffner² – 1742-1806
Catharine Ruffner² – 1744-1760
Peter Ruffner, Jr.² – 1746-1811
Reuben Ruffner² – 1748-1822
Tobias Ruffner² – 1752-1767
Elizabeth Ruffner Stover² – 1755-died bef.1810
Emanuel Ruffner² – 1757-1848

End of Chapter One

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF BENJAMIN RUFFNER

In the Name of God, amen: I Benjamin Ruffner Senr of Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia being sick in body yet in perfect mind and memory calling to mind the uncertainty of life do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner as follows, to-wit:

It is my will that all the perishable part of my Estate be sold as the Law directs immediately after my death and the money arriving therefrom all my Just debts and funeral expenses be paid; after payment of my Debts and funeral expenses I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth the one third of the residue of my personal Estate it is further my Will that she shall remain in full possession of the place whereon I at present reside and have full enjoyment of the Land and premises for and during the Term of one year after my decease provided she shall continue single and shall educate board and maintain such of my Children as Shall be under age for that Term and after the expiration of said Term I give her the one third of all the land and Tenements of which I may die possessed during the Term of her natural life.

It is my desire that the residue of my Lands after my Wifes third is taken off be rented out in such manner as to my Exers hereafter named shall see most advantageous until all my Children are of age this also I desire may be done with the one third of my Lands herein before my youngest Child shall have arrived lawful age as aforesaid. In addition to what I have already given my son Peter I desire my Exers to pay unto his Two children their names unknown to me the sum of Forty Pounds and as part thereof to their Mother Peters Wife which is to be considered as in full of his share of my Estate real or personal.

5thly, in addition to what I have already given my son Benjamin I bequeath him the further sum of five pounds which I consider as amounting to the Equal Sum with what I herein bequeath to any of my sons herein named Which is to be considered as in full of his share of my Estate real and personal.

6thly, it is my Will and desire that after all my Children arrive at Lawful age that all my lands remaining after my Wife's thirds is taken off and that also after her death shall be sold by executors at public Sale in manner as to them may seem best and most advantageous to my heirs and do here Impower and direct them to make and convey and execute the Title on Said Lands as also to Give Possession to the Purchaser or Purchasers and the monies arising from the sale thereof after all the legacies herein made and expressed are paid Shall be equally divided between my other Children To-wit: Mary, Regina, Martin, Anna, Emanuel, Barbara, Abraham, Reuben, Catharine, Michael, and Elizabeth Except my daughter Mary to whom I have already paid Seventy Pounds and whose Share I desire to be subject to a deduction of that Sum by my executors hereinafter named.

7thly, I further Give and bequeath to my two youngest Children by my first Wife Martin and Anna, each the sum of Eleven Pounds it being their part of the Estate due in right from their Mother from the estate of Jacob Burner dec. provided it is recovered of the said Esta 8thly, I desire that at my decease my daughter Mary or Regina may take my Daughter Anna and take care of her maintain her for Which of them so doing Shall be allowed and paid by my Executors the sum of Eight Pounds (each) year out of my Estate

until the Land is sold and distribution made and in case both of them should decline taking her the same Sum Shall be Given to any other person with whom my Executors think proper to place her.

9thly, at the decease of my daughter Anna it is my Will and desire that her share of my Estate shall go to her daughter Susanna Ruffner or the remaining part whatever there be.

10thly, Lest my Children under age should conduct themselves improperly or undutifully Towards their Mother or that she by Intermarriage Should treat or suffer them to be treated ill it is my Will and desire that my executors exercise a Power of discretion to bind the boys Apprentices to Some Good trade or mechanical art at any time they See Cause.

11thly, It is my Will and desire that my executors provide for the well educating of Such of my children as are under age at the time of my death & that the expense of such education is to be paid out of my Estate.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Christian Forrer & John Roads Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking al other or former Wills and Testaments by me hereafter made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal this 9th day of May in the year of our Lord 1806 and in the 30th year of the Commonwealth.

Signed Sealed and Published & declared
as the Last Will of the Benj Ruffner Senr
in the presence of u
Joshua Ruffner
Peter Heistand [written in German script]
Isaac Wright

Benjamin Ruffner (SEAL)
[Written in German script]

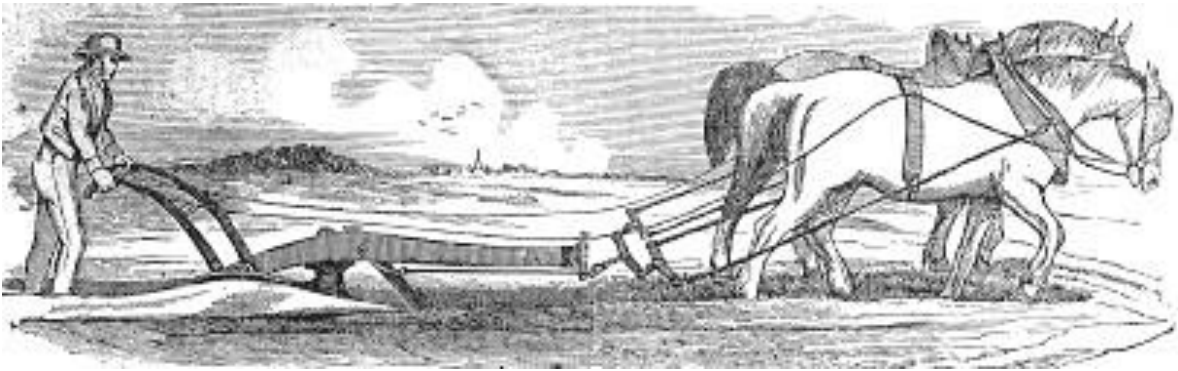
At a court held for the County of Shenandoah on Monday July 7th 1806 The Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Ruffner was proven by the oath of Joshua Ruffner and affirmation of Peter Heistand and ordered to be recorded And on motion of Christian Forrer and John Roads the executors therein named a certificate is granted them for obtaining Probate in due form they having entered into bond with Andrew Keyser, George Mayberry, Isaac Strickler and George Bouserman their securities in Penalty thirty thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs.

Attest: *P. Williams*, Clerk Shenandoah County

Entered for probate in Shenandoah County, Virginia Will Book F, 456 (1806)
Inventory Shenandoah County, Virginia Will Book G, 035 (1807)
Sale Shenandoah County, Virginia Will Book G, 042 (1807)
Settlement Shenandoah County, Virginia Will Book I, 106 (1814)
Settlement Shenandoah County, Virginia Will Book O, 042 (1827)
Final Settlement Shenandoah County, Virginia Will Book O, 111 (1827)

Every family has a story.

Welcome to ours.



CHAPTER TWO

Second Generation

Benjamin Ruffner

Son of Peter and Mary Ruffner

CHAPTER TWO – BENJAMIN RUFFNER

Benjamin Ruffner² (Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was the second child born to the Ruffner family pioneers Peter and Mary (Steinman) Ruffner.

Benjamin was born 14 August 1742 at Big Spring, the Ruffner home beside Hawksbill Creek in the Shenandoah Valley, Old Frederick County in the Colony of Virginia.

Benjamin grew up on his parent's farm where he learned the art of husbandry from his father. He acquired 640 prime acres of farmland from his father when he came of age. Like his brothers, he was a tall and burly man of unusual strength. He served in the local militia—Michael Rader's Company, during the American Revolution. He saw duty along with his brother at Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) in 1775.

His first marriage was to **Ann Burner**, the daughter of Jacob Burner. Ann was a sister to Elizabeth Burner, the wife of Benjamin's younger brother Peter Ruffner, Jr.

Benjamin's farm, located on the Big Hawksbill, just one mile south of his brother Joseph's farm at Mundellsville is where he took his new wife Ann, and where they lived with their six children before Ann's death. Their home is shown here as it appears in our day.



A recent photo of the Benjamin home by Joan *Ruffner* Reid of Columbus, Ohio

Benjamin, no doubt built the original house for his family. It was first a two-story log home built on a stone foundation, much like his parent's original house. The house was long with the major portion of the north end built into the hillside; thus it was well sheltered from the cold winter winds. There is a lot of stonework on the first story. A large kitchen with a fireplace faces south. The next room going toward the hill is the dining room. There is a cellar back of that which is mostly underground. The superstructure was partly log, and partly frame.

After the house was purchased by the Warren E. Frank family in the 1950s, height was added to the house making it three stories.¹

The old home place of Benjamin and his two wives still stands today, a short distance from Luray. This house is one of the best preserved of Page County's early dwellings. The original log walls are now encased in the exterior walls.

Ann *Burner* Ruffner died sometime prior to April 5, 1785, which was the date her father Jacob executed his will. At that time her father noted that she was deceased.

After his wife's death, Benjamin wed a second time—this time to **Elizabeth Heistand**². Together they had seven children.

Upon his death in 1806, Benjamin left an extensive will and estate inventory, indicating a certain amount of financial success. His will was written on 9 May 1806, and he died shortly thereafter at the age of 63. His will was then proved in court on 7 July 1806. In his will, Benjamin left his farm to his second wife, Elizabeth.

When Benjamin executed his will, he knew his eldest son Peter had died in Ohio. He did not mention Peter's widow in his will, nor did he appear to know the names of his grandchildren by this son. Even so, Benjamin did provide for any possible grandchild in the distribution of his estate.

Before 1812, Elizabeth moved to Ohio with their 13-year-old son Michael. All of Benjamin's children eventually migrated to Ohio, except Reuben, Elizabeth and Catharine.

Shortly before Elizabeth and her son Michael followed the other family members who had previously gone to Ohio, the Samuel Forrer family acquired Benjamin's farm. Abram Kendrick later owned the house and property, and then his son Timothy took possession. Both of these Kendrick men are buried in the Benjamin Ruffner Burial Ground. Later, the house was owned by the Moyer family, and then by Warren Frank. In 1956, the Frank family sold the farm. Over the years the farm land has been reduced in size to only 75 acres.

Benjamin and his first wife Ann are buried in the family burial ground on Benjamin's home farm.

Benjamin's second wife Elizabeth *Heistand* Ruffner died 20 January 1820 in Fairfield County, Ohio, and she is buried on her brother-in-law Emanuel's farm at the Ruffner-Friend Cemetery in Fairfield County, Ohio. The grave of Abraham Ruffner, Elizabeth and Benjamin's son is next to her burial spot.

During his two marriages, Benjamin had 13 children, all born at the home place.

¹ *A Short History of Page County, Virginia* (1952) by Harry M. Strickler.

² The surname Heistand is sometimes written Heiston.

Following are the six children of Benjamin and Ann *Burner* Ruffner.

- +Peter Ruffner³ – 1770-1805 – died young left a wife and two children.
- +Benjamin Ruffner II³ – 1772-1831 – married Anna (Nancy) Coffman.
- +Regina Ruffner³ – 1773-1855 – married David Brumbach.
- +Mary Ruffner³ -- 1777-1807 – married Jacob Musselman.
- +Martin Ruffner³ – born circa 1780-died 1812 – killed by Indians.
- +Anna Ruffner³ – born perhaps 1782—died before 1818.

These are the seven children of Benjamin and Elizabeth *Heistand* Ruffner:

- +Emanuel Ruffner³ b.c.1787 – married Elizabeth Shenk.
- +Barbara Ruffner³ – 1789-1860 – married Richard Glenn Hughes.
- +Abraham Ruffner³ – 1791-1867 – unmarried.
- +Reuben Ruffner³ – 1792-1857 – married Nancy Compton.
- +Elizabeth Ruffner³ – born circa 1793?) – married Westley Thomas.
- +Catharine Ruffner³ – c. 1794-1842 – married (1) Peter Clem, (2) John Bushong.
- +Michael Ruffner³ – 1798-1877 – married 3 times.

END OF CHAPTER TWO

*A family tree can wither if
no one tends to its roots.*

THE NEXT GENERATION.....LEAVING HOME

The wanderlust which seemed indicative of the Germanic people appeared to grip the family of Benjamin Ruffner. Following his death most of Benjamin's family left their well-settled homes in the Shenandoah Valley to move west to a more primitive land in Fairfield County, Ohio. For them it was to be a new beginning—a fresh start on fallow ground—land never touched before by a plow. Since Ohio was the major destination, the following depicts what the family may have encountered in their quest for a new beginning.

In his book *A Complete History of Fairfield County, Ohio 1795-1876*, Hervey Scott in 1877, gave a look into pioneer life as people moved west early in the first decade of the 1800s.

In 1800, 1801 and 1802, emigrants continued to arrive, and settlements were formed in the most distant part of the county. Cabin-raisings, clearings and log-rolling were in progress in almost every location. The settlers lent each other aid in their raisings and other heavy operations requiring many hands. By thus mutually assisting one another they were all enabled in due season to provide themselves cabins to live in.

The log-cabin was of paramount consideration. After the spot was selected, logs cut and hauled, and clapboards made, the erection was but the work of a day. The cabins were of rude construction, but not always uncomfortable.

Most of the homes during this pioneer settlement of the West and Northwest of our country were primitive buildings. The tools the first settlers managed to take with them were generally limited to axes, hatchets, knives, and a few augers. There were no sawmills, few carpenters, and neither bricks nor masons, nails or glass.

The cabins they constructed consisted of logs notched on the ends and laid across each other at the ends, making a pen in the form of a square or parallelogram, similar to what is quoted and pictured here.



with mud, inside and out. If small the plastering alone was sufficient. The earth was often the floor; but in general, floors were made of puncheons, or slabs split from logs hewed smooth, and resting on poles.

The gable-ends were constructed of the same materials, kept in place by large poles, extending lengthwise the entire length of the building. Up and down upon these poles, lapping over like shingles, were laid clapboards split out of oak logs, and resembling staves, which were kept in their place by other poles laid upon them, and confined at the gable-ends. Roofs of this sort, well-constructed, were a sufficient protection from ordinary storms. The crevices between the logs, if large, were filled with small stones, chips, or bits of wood, called chinking, and plastered over

From the description in Scott's book, when completed, the exteriors of the log homes of the Fairfield County pioneers would have looked much like the illustration shown here.

Inside each cabin, the furniture was hewn from the same logs as the exterior—simple, made for utility, much like the cabin itself. The floors were sometimes only dirt, more often they were made from puncheon—flattened logs. A ladder often led to a sleeping loft above.



Hervey Scott's book described the early settlers of Fairfield County as hardy and industrious people. The clothing they wore was simple and comfortable. Along with her many chores, the woman of the house made the clothes for her family—no cabin was found without a *spinning* wheel—much like the illustration shown here.

The people brought their religion with them. They were thankful and worshipped whenever the opportunity allowed. In 1806, with the coming of the majority of the Ruffners and their kin and friends from Shenandoah County, Virginia, the Pleasant Run Baptist Church was established and this became the place of worship for many with the familiar names so often connected to the land along the Hawksbill back in Virginia.

Always practical, the men were sometimes seen at worship with their rifles nearby—not only for protection, but often in case a deer or other game was sighted while the family was enroute toward home.

This short version of what early life may have been like for Benjamin's descendants as they settled into their new homes in Ohio, sets the stage for much of the history of the Ruffner family and their descendants as they grew and prospered.



CHAPTER THREE

THIRD GENERATION

THE GRANDCHILDREN of
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Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman Through son Benjamin Ruffner and first wife Ann Burner

Peter Ruffner³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Peter was born in the year 1770 in Old Frederick County, Virginia at the family's home nearby Hawksbill Creek. He was eldest child of Benjamin Ruffner and Ann Burner.

One of the earliest of the family to move to Ohio, in 1803, he relocated to Fairfield County, Ohio, where he lived on the old State Road. He was a farmer and a distiller. It is assumed that what was meant by "old State Road" referred to Route 22, which is known as the Cincinnati-Zanesville Road. In his will, Peter states that he was a resident of Richland Township in Fairfield County—Route 22 ran through that township. According to his will it appears that Peter owned approximately 300 acres of land. To pinpoint the location of Peter's property you can do so by noting that he lived near Edward Murphy. Murphy was said to live in a section south of Emanuel Ruffner and William Wilson, where he farmed and kept a tavern. It would appear that Murphy didn't have far to go for his supplies since Peter Ruffner and William Wilson were both distillers.³

Peter died in his mid-thirties leaving his wife **Catharine** and two small children surviving him. He executed his will 8 April 1805. Doris and Olive Ruffner, the publishers of *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* (1966) had the chance to view this will and wrote the following regarding the will and their transcription of it is shown at the end of Peter's story. This transcription included not only a copy of the interesting will, but also an accounting of the distribution of the assets and a statement by the two executors, Andrew Hite and Jacob Musselman.

We examined the original will and all the brown, brittle pieces of paper covering the settling of this estate – many of the papers were scraps used as receipts and bills – the settlement taking some 15 years due to the minor children – Sevilla and Peter Jefferson Ruffner. It was firmly established that Peter was the son of Benjamin I when said Benjamin's own will made a cash settlement to his grandchildren Sevilla and Peter Jefferson⁴ about 1807 – all noted in the packet of papers.⁵

A statement left by the two executors of Peter Ruffner's estate indicates that Peter was deceased by 24 May 1805. Peter and his wife Catharine had these two children.

+Savilla Ruffner⁴ – 1801-1829 – married David Iles.

+Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴ – 1805-1884 – married twice.

³ Ruffner Roots & Ramblings, Vol. 6, Issue #1, March 2003.

⁴ Actually when Benjamin Ruffner, Peter Ruffner's father, executed his own will after the death of his eldest son, he appeared to know that Peter was deceased—however, even though Benjamin seemed to be aware he had two grandchildren by his son Peter, the names of these two grandchildren were apparently unknown to him.

⁵ *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* (1966).

Doris and Olive Ruffner were correct in their statement in *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* (1966) that ...it should be noted that Wiseman's "Pioneers of Fairfield County" errs in listing his sons [Peter's]. Those listed were Peter's brothers, NOT his sons.

The publication *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* (1966) also makes the statement that Peter Ruffner's widow Catharine later married one of the executors of her husband's estate. No evidence of this has been found.

As part of Peter Ruffner's estate, his two minor children, Savilla and Peter Jefferson Ruffner were assigned two land patents: to-wit:

On 20 July 1810, in the State of Ohio, Ohio River Survey, Township 17 North, Range 17 West, Section 32, Fairfield County; and on 10 June 1811, State of Ohio, Ohio River Survey, Township 18 North, Range 17 West, NE1/4, Section 19, Perry County. Both documents signed by James Madison, 35th President of the United States.⁶ Note: one section is 640 acres and one quarter section is 160 acres. Also, it should be noted that according to the wording of Peter Ruffner's will regarding remarriage by his widow, it appears that by 20 July 1810, his widow Catharine Ruffner had remarried. It should also be noted that a man by the name of Jacob Waggoner acted as the legal representative for the minor heirs.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PETER RUFFNER³⁷

In the name of God, Amen. I Peter Ruffner of Richland Township in Fairfield County & State of Ohio considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound and perfect Mind and Memory Blessed be almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following. (That is to say)

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catharine Ruffner one hundred and fifty acres of land of this half section I now live on, Together with all the improvements and out buildings and appurtenances & whatever to the said land Messuage or farm belongs. (Except one spring of water which rises near the south line and near the south corner of this half section). Together with all and singular the profits and rents and issues of the same during her widowhood.

I further will and order that the remaining part or quarter section in this half section shall be leased together with the above excepted spring of water, for the benefit of my heirs,

And I further will, and order, that at or immediately after the Marriage or Death of my widow, that the land Messuages and appurtenances whatsoever I have bequeathed to my wife shall be leased out for the benefit of my Heirs also and I further give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catharine Ruffner one feather bed and Bedding. Forever.

⁶ Bureau of Land Management (BLM) records.

⁷ Remember this is the Peter Ruffner who was the son of Benjamin, and grandson of the pioneers Peter and Mary (Steinman) Ruffner.

I also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife one horse beast in value not above twenty pounds and a Saddle and bridle during her widowhood which Beast, saddle & bridle shall be paid for out of my Estate.

I also give and bequeath unto my wife all the grain on my Premises forever. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife one cow & a calf, one ewe & a lamb which she shall take at the Appraisement which stock & the increase thereof shall be hers during her widowhood. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife one third part of my Personal Estate.

And I further will and order that the monies arising from the sale of my Personal Estate shall be paid out for the Land which land when bought shall be leased for the benefit of my Heirs.

I further will and order that the stills and vessels be sold with my personal property. And I further will and order that my Executors shall make Isaac Ijams as good a Title as I myself could do provided he the said Ijams do well and truly pay his share of said land and agree to the Division line that was when I bought said land.

And I do hereby appoint Andrew Hite senior, and Jacob Musselman both of Pleasant Township in county and state aforesaid and Catharine Ruffner my beloved wife my Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Eighth day of April in this year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Five.

PETER RUFFNER

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the above named Peter Ruffner to be his last will and Testament in the Presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our names as Witnesses in the Presence of the Testator.

Christian Cagy

Isaac Hite

Jesse Smith

Among the interesting items disposed of at the sale of personal property:

John Hite	small bell	.82
Widow Ruffner	spade	1.03
John Hite	frow	1.00
Widow Ruffner	piggen, jug, trowel	.51
Ebenezer Lorrimore	1 barrel whiskey	19.00
Edward Murphy	1 cask whiskey	5.01

Included in the inventory were the following items:

1 Dutch Bible	1.50
3 pair spectacles	.75

Rifle, shot pouch and powder horn	11.00
Dark gray mare	62.50
Bay horse and bell	45.00
31-1/2 pounds nails	9.00
16-3/4 pounds nails	3.00
26 pounds nails	7.00
2 hymn books	1.25

The following information was added by Doris Laver Ruffner and Olive Taylor Ruffner in their publication *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* (1966).

We found the following statement in the packet of estate papers:

The conditions of this vendue made this 24th day of May Anno Domini 1805. The property of Peter Ruffner, Deceased in Richland Township in Fairfield County and State of Ohio. Any person buying to the amount of two dollars and a half or upward shall have 9 months credit on giving satisfactory security. All less sums cash shall be paid immediately to the Executors. Any person buying at this vendue and not complying with these conditions shall return the goods or property and pay immediately 16 cents per dollar to the executors on disappointment or non-compliance.

*Andrew Hite
Jacob Musselman*

The personal property amounted to some \$964.22 – the widow Catharine Ruffner receiving \$322.20 as her share as outlined in the will.

Joseph Ruffner of Cincinnati signed a receipt for \$15.00 dated 4 May 1819 to be used for schooling expenses of Savilla Ruffner, daughter of Peter.

The following was also found among the estate papers.

Kanawha Salines, Virginia
4 November 1815

I do hereby certify that I have this day paid Jacob Musselman \$90 on a bond due by A. Coleman of Kentucky to Peter Ruffner, deceased, which appears from letters received by Ben Johnson of Kentucky to be all that can be collected on it at the present.

J. Ruffner

Information on the children of Benjamin Ruffner, Sr. and Ann Burner continues:

Benjamin Ruffner II³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin II. was born 13 January 1773 in Dunmore County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Ruffner, Sr. and Ann Burner. The birthdate given here is the one engraved on his headstone.

He married **Anna (Nancy) Coffman** on 23 June 1801. She was born 30 June 1778 in Virginia, the daughter of David Coffman (1750-1830) and Elizabeth Strickler (1760-1843).

Benjamin settled in Fairfield County, Ohio in the early 1800s. He died 5 September 1831, and he is buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery (aka Pleasant Run Cemetery), Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. Anna died 21 April 1853 at the age of 74 years, 9 months, and 21 days in Champaign County, Ohio and she is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio. They had 14 children:

- +Mary Ruffner⁴ – 1802-1865 – married Levi Ross.
- +David C. Ruffner⁴ – 1803-1846 – married Catherine Ann Ruffner.
- +Elizabeth Ruffner⁴ (David's twin) – 1803-1826 -- married David Trickler
- +Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴ – 1805-1842 – Elizabeth Leith.
- +Ann Ruffner⁴ – 1806-1898 – married Manoh Howell.
- +Easter/Esther Ruffner⁴ – 1807-1809 – died young.
- +Rebecca Ruffner⁴ – 1809-1839 – unmarried.
- +Benjamin Ruffner III⁴ – 1810-1876 – married Mary Lamb.
- +Noah Ruffner⁴ – 1812-1844 – married Sarah Friend.
- +Lydia Ruffner⁴ (twin of Noah) – 1812-1819.
- +Catharine Ruffner⁴ – 1813-1825 – died young
- +Aaron Ruffner⁴ – 1815-1816 – died young
- +Dorothy Ruffner⁴ – 1817-1894 – married Lewis Hite.
- +Cynthia Ruffner – unknown-1825.

Regina Ruffner³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Regina was born in the year 1773 in Dunmore County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner and Ann Burner.

On 23 September 1800 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, Rev. John Koontz officiated at the marriage of Regina Ruffner when she married **David Brumbach**. David was born in Dunmore County in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, the son of Henry Brumbach, Sr. and Anna Kauffman (the daughter of Martin Kauffman/Coffman and Barbara Stauffer). Two separate dates are given for David's birth 12 March 1774 and 19 August 1771) and both may be in error since carved into his gravestone is the date of his death: 24 September 1824 at the age of 52 years—thus, the year of his birth may be 1772.

According to *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* 1966, Regina and David Brumbach were very early settlers in Fairfield County, arriving at Liberty Township in 1803. They settled just south of the town of Basil, and then moved to land on Poplar Creek. In the fall of 1965, Olive and Doris Ruffner found a small family cemetery on land the Brumbachs once owned. They stated that the Brumbach family history lists a

Rebecca Ruffner as the wife of David Brumbach, this they found to be an error. When Olive and Doris uncovered a fallen stone next to David's gravestone, it said Regina, wife of D. Brumbach—proof that Regina was the correct name of the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner who married David Brumbach.

Hervey Scott in his book *A Complete History of Fairfield County 1795-1876* (1877) wrote: *David Brumbach came in 1803 and settled one-half mile south of the present town of Baltimore, near Walnut Creek bridge, on the west side of the present pike. He later moved to Poplar Creek, where he died. His son Martin lived a long life upon his farm, where he was a farmer and grape grower.* Actually, it was said the Martin Brumbach's had the most extensive vineyard in the whole county.

Also in the history of Fairfield County above cited, Mr. Scott after interviewing a pioneer of Fairfield County wrote these comments regarding David Brumbach:

Our old pioneer, David Brumbach, was the undertaker in our township. He buried, or rather made all the coffins when I was a small boy. I remember once I went with my grandfather to a funeral at Showley's,⁸ and as screws were scarce in those primitive times, nails were used to fasten down the lid of the coffin; and I heard my grandfather tell my mother this: "Barbi, wenn ich sterbe, will ich nicht mit dem Hammer zugenagelt sein." Translation: Barbara, when I die I will not have my coffin held shut by nails.

David Brumbach died 24 September 1824 at the age of 52 years and is buried at Poplar Creek Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. Joan Ruffner Reid in her *Guide to Ruffner Grave Sites in Fairfield County and Vicinity* (2013), lists Poplar Creek Cemetery as the Brumbach Family Cemetery—its location on the east side of Snake Run Road, just north of Richland Road, outside of Rushville, Ohio. She shows that Regina is also buried there, as is their son Martin (1808-1882). Regina Ruffner Brumbach died 15 May 1855 at the age of 82 years.

The DAR records show that David's father, Johann Heinrich Brombach (Henry Brumbach, Sr.) was born 4 February 1739 in what is now Norheim-Westfalen, Germany. He arrived in America 30 September 1754 on the ship *Neptune* out of Rotterdam. He died 23 September 1799 in Rockingham County, Virginia, very likely on his estate *New Glasgow*, near Mole Hill⁹, about four miles from Harrisonburg, where he was living with his second wife Anna Catharine Strickler (1759-1817).

Henry Brumbach, Sr. was a Mennonite lay preacher, served in the Revolutionary War and in DAR records is registered as a *Patriot*. David Brumbach's mother, Anna Kauffman (1740-1778) was the first wife of Henry Brumbach, Sr. When Henry Brumbach, Sr. died his will was probated in Rockingham County. He left his 400-acre Spring Farm property (near what is today Luray) to his two sons David and John. It is believed that Henry Brumbach, Sr. is buried at the Brumbach Cemetery at Mole Hill in Rockingham County. However, there is no record that the cemetery still exists.

⁸ Showley Weist Liberty Cemetery. Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

⁹ According to Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, Mole Hill is an isolated, rounded, tree-covered hill in an otherwise relatively flat valley, surrounded by farmland. It is composed of basalt, a volcanic rock, formed during the Eocene epoch of the Paleogene period. It is the eroded remnant of what was an active volcano approximately 47 million years ago, making it one of the youngest volcanos on the east coast of North America. It is located west of Harrisonburg, Virginia in Rockingham County.

Anna *Kauffman* Brumbach (David's mother) probably died at Spring Farm, the family's home in Shenandoah County, Virginia.¹⁰

Jennie Ann Kerkhoff's 1962 book *Old Homes of Page County, Virginia* gives the following information: *Spring Farm is the property conveyed by Lord Fairfax in 1754 to Michael Coffman for the orphans of Martin Coffman. (Martin was the Mennonite minister in Massanutten who died in 1749.) The original farm was in the shape of a rectangle and was 348 x 189 poles. One of Martin's orphaned children was Ann, who married Henry Brumbach, ancestor of the Brumbachs in the Valley.*

The children of Regina and David Brumbach were:

- +Isaac Brumbach⁴ – 1802-1884 – married (1) Hannah Bury (2) Catharine Zerkle.
- +Nancy Brumbach⁴ – 1803-1881 – married George Zerkle.
- +Martin Brumbach⁴ – 1808-1882 – unmarried.
- +Benjamin Brumbach⁴ – 1806/08-1893 – married Catharine Hans.
- +Mary Brumbach⁴ – unmarried (?) – see next chapter for explanation.
- +Phebe Brumbach⁴ – 1820-1886 – married Jacob Snider.

Mary Ruffner³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born in 1777 in Dunmore County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner and Ann *Burner*.

She married **Jacob Musselman** on 11 January 1797 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. Jacob was born 14 September 1769 in old Frederick County, Virginia.

Jacob and Mary moved with the other members of the family to Fairfield County, Ohio. *A Complete History of Fairfield County, Ohio* (1877) lists Jacob as a member of the Pleasant Run Church. If Jacob Musselman is the same one who was an executor of Peter Ruffner's 1805 will, he and Mary were residents of Fairfield County by 1805.

Mary died soon after that on 17 September 1807 at the age of 30. However, before her early death, she gave birth to at least four children. She is buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery (aka Pleasant Run Cemetery), Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Jacob Musselman married (2) Susanna *Bibler* (1775-1818), and (3) Elizabeth, who died 7 June 1853 at the age of 86.

Jacob died 8 September 1825 in Fairfield County, and he is buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery in Lancaster. The confirmed children¹¹ of Mary and Jacob Musselman were:

- +Benjamin Musselman⁴ – 1797-1846 -- married Susannah Walers
- +Joseph Musselman⁴ – 1798-1848 – married Catharine Evert.
- +Jacob Musselman, Jr.⁴ – 1801-1820.

¹⁰ Find A Grave

¹¹The book *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants—Supplement* (1969) shows Rebecca Musselman as a child of Mary *Ruffner* and Jacob Musselman. However, Rebecca's gravestone gives her birth date as 1809—if that date is correct, since Mary died in 1807, Rebecca appears to be a daughter from Jacob Musselman's second marriage to Susanna Bibler—thus, her name is not included on this list which shows only Mary's children. Rebecca never married and died in 1903.

+Isaac Musselman⁴ – 1805-1806.

Martin Ruffner³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martin was born in Virginia's Shenandoah County. His father in writing his will, places Martin as younger than his sister Mary. Perhaps this then makes his birthdate closer to 1780, rather than 1775 as usually shown.

According to his father Benjamin's will, Martin was his youngest son by his first wife Ann *Burner*, and also Benjamin spoke of Martin as being one of the two youngest children of theirs—Anna being the other child mentioned.

Sometime after the death of his father, Martin left Virginia to settle in Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. He was accompanied by his stepmother Elizabeth *Heistand* Ruffner, his half-brother Michael, and his half-sister Barbara, and her husband Richard Hughes.

Later Martin returned to Shenandoah County, Virginia and on 6 October 1808 he married **Margaret Newman**. Margaret, born 16 October 1783, was the daughter of Walter Newman Ruffner and Catharine Margaretha *Lair*. Margaret's father was a wealthy plantation owner in Virginia.



After his marriage, Martin returned to Fairfield County with his bride. A son, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴ was born to them in 1810.

Even though an impending war with Britain was in sight, Martin settled in the wilderness of Richland County, Ohio. In the spring of 1812, he and his relatives located on what is now Staman's Run, in Mifflin Township, half a mile and a little north of west of the present village of Mifflin in what is now Ashland County, Ohio. Ashland was not officially created until 1849, and in 1812 it was still

part of Richland County.

A few days before the violent act which ended his life, Martin Ruffner had recorded his land title in Canton in preparation for permanent settlement. Actually the date of the official land patent was shown of record on 2 October 1812—after Martin's death. The patent stated that full payment had been made for the southwest quarter of section fourteen of township twenty-three in range seventeen, land office Canton, Ohio River Survey.¹²

Following his arrival near Mifflin, Martin built a cabin on the brow of the hill, not far from Black Fork. While building his cabin and clearing around it, he had the help of a bound boy named Levi Bargahiser. Martin's stepmother and half-brother Michael boarded a short distance away with Barbara and Richard Hughes. Because of the Indian unrest in the neighborhood, Martin had sent his wife Margaret and Walter, their small

¹² Bureau of Land Management (BLM) records.

son, to live with her uncle Richard Lair in Licking County, near Utica. Meanwhile, Martin and Levi kept bachelor quarters at the cabin.

The setting of the stage for the scenario leading up to the tragic death of Martin Ruffner and his neighbors had its beginnings at nearby Greentown, an Indian village on the Black Fork. The village contained from 150 to 200 Indian families who lived in pole cabins. In the center of the village was the council house built of logs. The majority of the Indians were Delawares, but there was also some Mingoes living among them.

When the white settlers began arriving in 1807, they maintained a friendly relationship with the Indians for several years, but a war with Great Britain seemed to be impending and it was noticed that both the Greentown Indians and others were making frequent trips to visit British occupied Sandusky, Ohio. When they returned they were always well supplied with blankets, tomahawks and ammunition for their guns. Thus, it was thought that these supplies came from the British agents.

There have been several versions of the story surrounding the death of Martin Ruffner at the hands of what was believed to be Delaware Indians. With a few changes, corrections and additions, this version is mostly taken from an article in *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, Volume 2, Issue #2, April 1999. It seems to adequately depict this tragic happening on our country's frontier in 1812.

In June of 1812, the United States declared war against Great Britain. This led to strained relations between the white settlers and the Indians, and American troops were organized to protect the settlers.

The Americans fearing that the local Indians who were being courted by the British forces would continue to harass the settlers, decided to force the Indians into evacuating Greentown and relocating to another location. To effect this relocation without any fighting, the officer in charge of the troops persuaded a local man, Rev. James Copus to meet with the Indians.

An agreement was reached and the Indians were promised that their rights, lives, and property would be protected. They were to be moved to a location near the present site of Mansfield. Leaving Greentown enroute to their new and thought-to-be temporary home, the Indians looked back and saw their entire village being burned by the troops left behind to guard their homes.

Meanwhile, Martin Ruffner and his brother-in-law Richard Hughes having erected cabins for their families about a half mile west of Mifflin continued the work of proving their land. One of their nearest neighbors was the Zimmer family, consisting of the father Frederick Zimmer, his wife, daughter Kate, and his 19 year-old son Phillip. Other close neighbors were the James Copus and James Lambright families.

Frederick Zimmer and his family had come to the area about the same time as did Martin Ruffner. Mr. Zimmer settled on his land and built his cabin about two and a half miles southeast of the Ruffner cabin. Frederick Zimmer was an older man and not able to do much farm work. His desire was to prepare 15 or 20 acres for the planting of corn. Thus, he employed Michael, Martin Ruffner's young half-brother, to help his son Phillip with the work around his farm.

In the afternoon of September 10, after a day of work at the Zimmer place, and while walking along a trail leading to his half-brother's cabin, Michael Ruffner met two well-armed Indians. The Indians seemed friendly and asked if the Zimmers were at

home. Michael replied that they were and continued toward Martin Ruffner's cabin. Upon arrival, Michael told Martin of the meeting on the trail. Martin suspecting trouble took down his rifle, mounted a fast horse, and hurriedly rode to warn the Zimmers and the other settlers. He arrived at the Zimmer home before the Indians and sent Phillip Zimmer to warn Rev. Copus and Mr. Lambright. When told about the situation Rev. Copus and Mr. Lambright accompanied Phillip back to the Zimmer cabin.

By now it was evening, and finding no lights in the cabin or any sign of life, Rev. Copus slightly pressed against the cabin door. He placed his hand on the floor of the cabin and found it wet with blood. Reluctant to enter, he ran back to Lambright and Phillip who were concealed a short distance away. Fearing for Phillip's safety, Lambright and Rev. Copus convinced the distraught young man to accompany them. The three then journeyed to the blockhouse to sound the alarm.

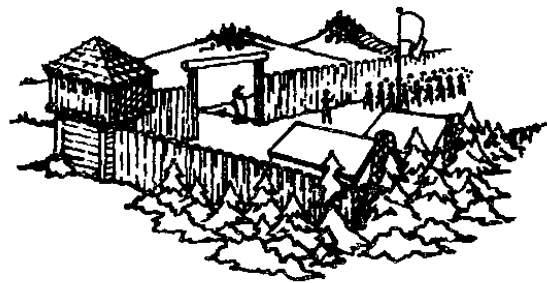
The next morning, the men accompanied by a number of well-armed soldiers proceeded to the cabins of Martin Ruffner and Richard Hughes. Finding them undisturbed and everyone safe, the group hurried down the trail to the Zimmer cabin.

Inside the cabin they found the bodies of Mr. Zimmer, his wife and daughter Kate, all three had been mutilated and scalped. They also found the table had been set with refreshments for the Indians, and most of the food still remained.

Martin Ruffner's body was lying in the yard. It was apparent he had made a desperate effort to save the Zimmer family. His gun was nearly bent double and he had lost several fingers in the struggle. He had been shot twice through the body and scalped. The attack must have been very sudden and unexpected; for Martin with his trusty rifle, would have been more than a match for just two Indians. There can be little doubt that the massacre was carried out by more than two Indians—it was thought that at least eight or ten Indians were at the cabin during this time.

Five days later on September 15, another tragic attack by the Indians took place at the cabin of the Copus family, leaving three militiamen and Rev. James Copus dead; and two other militiamen and the Copus daughter wounded.

On a lonely field near Mifflin, Ashland County, Ohio, a monument marks the joint gravesite of Martin Ruffner and Frederick Zimmer, his wife and daughter Kate. This monument is on the site where the Zimmer's cabin was once located about one mile south of Mifflin, where all four were buried soon after the massacre. The monument was dedicated on 15 September 1882. A similar one was placed on the property of the Copus family, about 1.5 miles south and dedicated the same day.



The Hon. Henry C. Hedges of Mansfield at the unveiling and dedication of the Ruffner/Zimmer monument said: *Martin Ruffner over whose dust and in whose memory we here and now unveil this monument at a distance of seventy years from the date of his tragic death in his heroic, but hopeless defense of the Zimmer family, was no common man, no ordinary personage. It is sad to contemplate what possibilities of good to and for all the settlers of the valleys of the Mohican in the early days of perplexity,*

distress and danger were forever lost by his death.....His was a nature free from the uneasy or painful emotion produced by an apprehension of danger, on the contrary he was fearless and bold....A man of wonderful physical strength, endurance and activity, of a large kind heart and a generous soul, in every fact such a one as we would look for if we were seeking a pioneer, one who goes before to remove obstructions and prepare the way for others.

Along State Route 603, about five miles south of Mifflin, Ohio, an Ohio Highway Historical Marker was placed in the year 2000 by The Johnny Appleseed Heritage Center and The Ohio Historical Society. It reads: *Frontier Violence during the War of 1812. Tensions between Native Americans and Euro-American settlers remained high on the Ohio frontier during the War of 1812. Grievances mounted rapidly following the removal of the Greentown Delawares to Piqua in the late summer of 1812. On September 10, British-allied Indians attacked and killed the Frederick Zimmer family and neighbor Martin Ruffner one mile north of here. Five days later on September 15, Reverend James Copus and three militiamen – George Shipley, John Tedrick and Robert Warnock – were killed while defending the Copus family from a raiding party one mile south of this site.*

With his death on 10 September 1812, Martin Ruffner left behind his wife Margaret and his two-year old son. A descendant of Martin Ruffner through his son Walter Newman Ruffner reported that Margaret *Newman* Ruffner died in April of 1817. This was proven by an action in Chancery Court entitled *Walter N. Ruffner vs. Martin R. Coffman and David Coffman*.¹³ The court papers state that in 1816, Margaret Ruffner married David Coffman and they had a child born 1816, to-wit: Martin R. Coffman, and she died 1817. Bernice Ashby in her book *Shenandoah County, Virginia Marriage Bonds, 1772-1850* states that Kaufman, David [sic] and Ruffner, Margaret, widow of Martin were married 4 March 1816 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

One child was born to Martin Ruffner (killed by the Indians) and his wife Margaret.

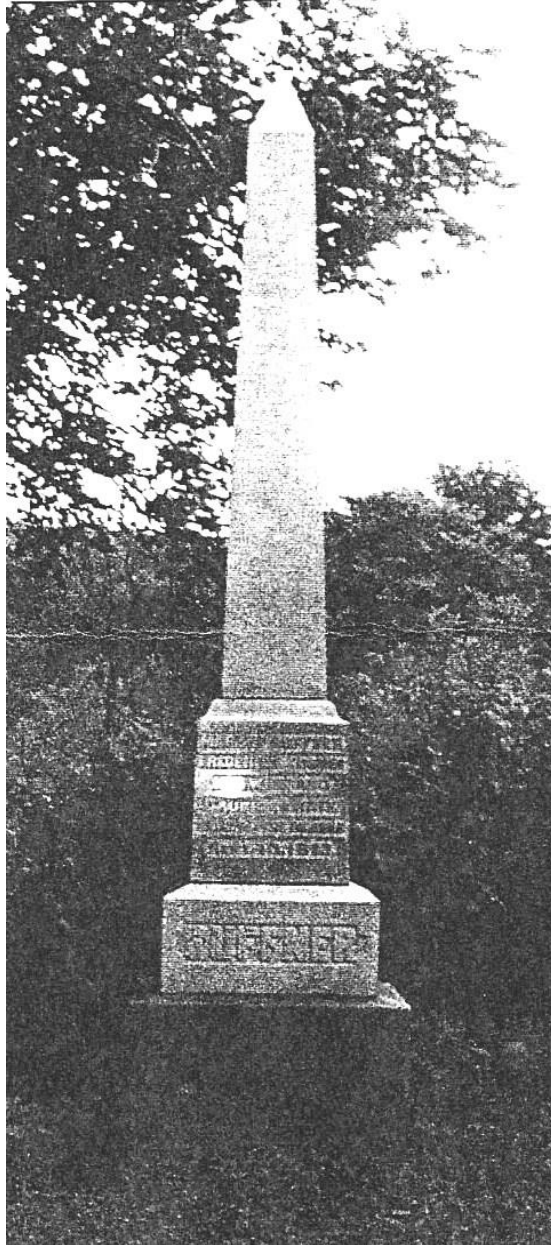
+Walter Newman Ruffner⁴ – 1810-1890 – married Elvira Mindwell Kelley.

*Remember me in the family tree;
My name, my days, my strife;
Then I'll ride upon the wings of time
And live an endless life.*

¹³ Richland County, Ohio Newspapers 1830-1849 Abstract of *David Coffman vs. Martin R. Coffman and David Coffman* in Chancery Court, published in Howe, Henry, LL.D.: *Historical Collections of Ohio in Two Volumes*. Cincinnati, Ohio, C. J. Krehbel & Co. 1907. See Chapter Four, Walter Newman Ruffner, for further information on the Chancery Court action.

Ruffner/Zimmer Monument

Set far back from the road in a farmer's field on the site where the Zimmer family's cabin once stood, the monument shown here marks the common grave of heroic Martin Ruffner and the Zimmer family. The monument erected and dedicated in 1882, is on private property and is not accessible to visitors. Martin Ruffner and the Zimmers were buried together at this spot by Rev. James Copus and the others immediately following the Indian raid and killings on September 10, 1812.



The Ruffner-Zimmer Memorial

Levi Bargahiser

Even though Levi Bargahiser was not related to the Ruffner family, the story of what became of Martin Ruffner's "bound boy" may be of interest to some.

Erroneously called Levi Franghiser in some publications, his correct name was Levi Bargahiser. Levi was not truly a boy—he was born in November of 1791, and was 21 years old at the time of the massacre of his employer. He was at Martin Ruffner's cabin through the night following the tragic happening at the Zimmer cabin and learned of the death of Martin Ruffner the next morning. The Indians had not disturbed him, nor had they been to Richard and Barbara Hughes' cabin.

Levi became one of the prominent citizens of Richland County, Ohio, his biography appearing in A. J. Baughman's *History of Richland County, Ohio from 1808 to 1908*, Vol. II (1908).

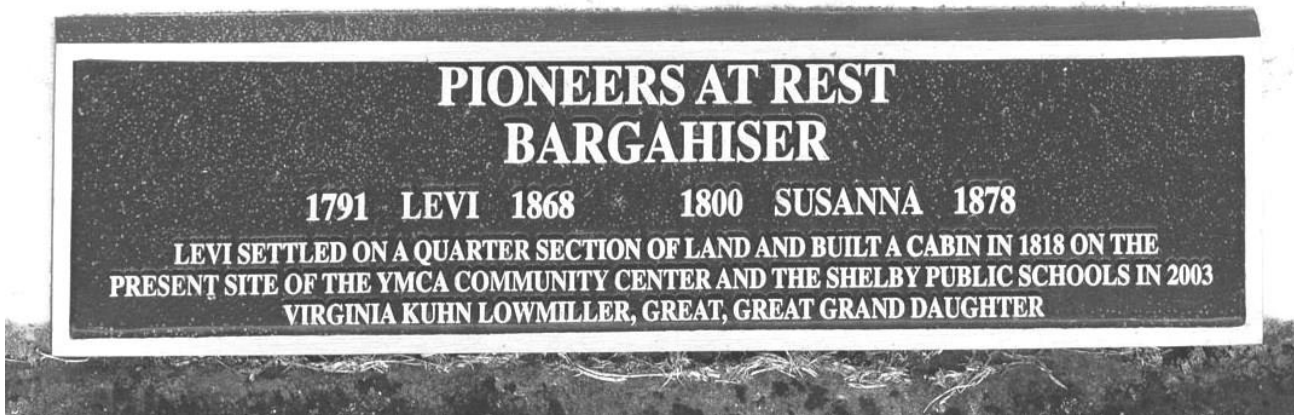
Levi was born in Pennsylvania—then located at Rockingham County, Virginia, and in October of 1803 he moved to Fairfield County, Ohio. He returned to Rockingham County and then went back to Ohio, this time to Richland County, where he subsequently worked for Martin Ruffner.

Following the loss of his employer, Levi became a soldier, enlisting in the War of 1812 at Norfolk, Virginia. He then served at the front until the hostilities came to an end.

In 1818 Levi received a deed to the Richland County wilderness land which he had been farming following the war.

He married Susannah Eshelman in 1819, and they had five children: Washington, Lavina, Elizabeth, Rebecca, and Jacob. Levi spent the rest of his life on his land.

Levi Bargahiser died on Saturday morning, 26 December 1868—having lived through yet another war. Levi is buried at Shelby-Oakland Cemetery, Shelby, Richland County, Ohio. His wife Susannah died ten years later and is buried beside him.



Continuation of Benjamin Ruffner Sr. and Ann *Burner*, with information on Anna, their youngest daughter.

Anna Ruffner³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anna was born in Virginia. No confirmed birthdate has been found for her. She was the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner and his first wife Ann *Burner*. Along with Martin, Anna's father called her one of the two youngest of his children by his first wife. Thus, an estimation of her birthdate may be circa 1784. She died sometime prior to October of 1818.

From reading Benjamin's will regarding Anna, she seemed to suffer from some form of health or mental problem, as in the 8th item he stressed that after he was deceased he desired his daughters Mary and Regina to take care of his daughter Anna. For that they were to receive eight pounds each per year out of his estate until distribution. If they were disinclined to do so, another person whom the executors thought proper could do so with the same stipulation. Further, in the 9th item, Benjamin states that when his daughter Anna was deceased, it was his will and desire that her remaining share of the estate go to her daughter Susanna Ruffner. This seems to indicate that Anna suffered from a health problem of some sort. Evidently, Susanna was born to Anna out of wedlock.

A deed recorded in Book Z of the Shenandoah Deed Book on 27 October 1818, mentions Anna Ruffner was deceased before that date, and her daughter Susanna, her only child, was still living. Evidently, Anna never married, and only gave birth to the one daughter: Susanna Ruffner⁴

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and second wife Elizabeth *Heistand***

Emanuel Ruffner³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emanuel may have been born circa 1786 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was perhaps the first child born to Benjamin Ruffner and his second wife Elizabeth *Heistand*.

Records show that Emanuel married **Elizabeth *Shenk*** on 3 October 1807 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. However, he is an enigma—and it is difficult, in fact it seems impossible to discover a link to his life story. Emanuel evidently chose not to follow the rest of the family to Ohio.

Barbara Ruffner³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Barbara was born in 1789 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner and his second wife, Elizabeth *Heistand*.

At her parent's home in Shenandoah County, Virginia on 20 April 1809, Barbara married **Richard Glenn Hughes**, who was born in 1785 in Virginia. Richard's birth name was Richard Glenn; however, he went by the surname Hughes, which was his stepfather's last name.

Shortly after the birth of their first child, Elizabeth (Betty) Hughes, on 5 March 1810, Barbara, Richard and little Betty moved to Ohio. Accompanying them in their covered wagon was Barbara's unmarried brother Abraham Ruffner. Some records indicate that Barbara's mother, half-brother Martin Ruffner, and younger brother Michael traveled with them.

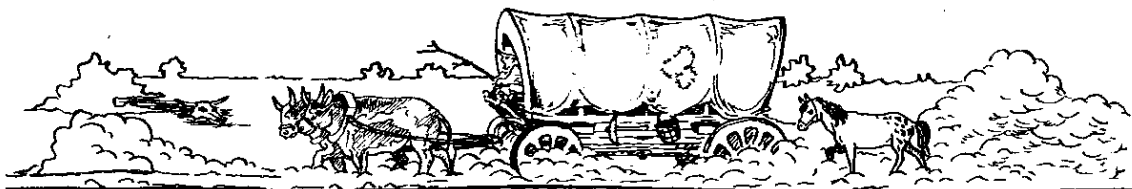
They were living near Mifflin, Richland County, Ohio, only a short distance from Martin Ruffner's cabin when Martin was killed by the Indians on 10 September 1812 while defending the neighboring Zimmer family. Her mother Elizabeth and brother Michael were boarding with Barbara and Richard Hughes at that time, and they were all undisturbed.

The following article regarding the kidnapping by local Indians of Betty Hughes, the baby daughter of Barbara and Richard Hughes in 1810, is excerpted from "Kidnapped! A Nightmare on the Ohio Frontier," an article written by Mari Serebrov and published in *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, Volume 14, Issue 3, Fall 2011. RR& R is the newsletter for the Ruffner Family Association.

Mari Serebrov, a journalist, is herself a descendant of Barbara Ruffner and her husband Richard Hughes. This story is based largely on the account told by Elizabeth (Betty) Hughes Marion (1810-1898) to her granddaughter Lucile Tarbell. It evidently took place just prior to the massacre of Martin Ruffner and his neighbors, the Zimmer family. An especially interesting story, it is a wonderful example of family lore.

Kidnapped! A Nightmare on the Ohio Frontier **By Mari Serebrov**

Lured by the promise of land and the invitation of kinfolk, Richard Hughes and his wife, Barbara Ruffner Hughes, loaded their belongings and their baby daughter Elizabeth into a covered wagon and headed for the frontier of western Ohio. Accompanied by Barbara's brother Abraham, they made the long trek to claim their homestead near Black Fork.



When they arrived, the family lived in the wagon while the men cleared the land, split logs, built a cabin, and plowed and planted the fields. It was slow work, but they embraced it, knowing they were putting down roots for the future. Their biggest concern was the Delaware Indians, who lived and hunted in the thick forests.

Several of the Delaware women often came to the cabin for milk. Although they were friendly, Barbara didn't trust them, especially when she noticed them watching the black-haired Betty. They were captivated by the toddler's big blue eyes. The milk was kept cool in a cave a short distance from the cabin, but Barbara saved out a portion each day for the Indians so she wouldn't have to leave Betty alone with them.

For several days, the Indians didn't come for milk. When Barbara commented on it on night at supper, Richard informed her that the whole village was setting out on a hunting trip. Barbara breathed a big sigh of relief. The next morning, she didn't set aside any milk for her Indian neighbors.

To her surprise, a few women showed up, asking for milk. Glancing at Betty sleeping in her bed, Barbara grabbed a pitcher and ran out to the cave. She poured the milk as quickly as she could and headed back to the cabin. But the women were gone. Her eyes darted to Betty's bed. It was empty!

Seized with fear, Barbara ran into the clearing, hoping to see some sign of the women or her daughter. No one was in sight. The young went to the dinner bell that summoned the men from the fields and rang it frantically.

Out in the field, Abe and Richard looked up at the first sound of the bell. It was too early for lunch, which meant only one thing—danger! Grabbing their axes, they ran to the cabin, where Barbara, through her panicked tears, told them Betty was missing. The men summoned their nearest neighbors, from miles around, to help in the search. All that night and the next day, the frontier community looked for the youngster, but it was as if she had vanished.

Convinced that indeed they had taken little Betty, the men spent the second night watching the Indian camp from a forested bluff. Just before dawn, Abe settled into a gulley on the hillside on the edge of the camp. Richard carefully covered him with branches and leaves before heading back to the cabin to see if there was any news of Betty. Abe remained hidden in the gulley all that day, watching as the men of the tribe set out for their hunting trip and the women prepared to follow. Whenever he saw any children playing, Abe looked closely, hoping against hope for a glimpse of Betty.



At dusk, Abe saw a woman carrying a bundle step out of the forest shadows near where he was lying. Odd, he thought. He hadn't seen her leave the village. Perhaps she had been hiding with Betty in the woods in case the village was searched. He watched as she walked past him toward the village. As she turned, he saw a tiny white hand extending from the blanket. It was grasping a brightly colored wildflower. Abe knew it was Betty the woman was carrying. Through the gathering twilight, he traced the women's steps to the longhouse in the middle of the village.

Richard returned after dark, bringing Abe some dinner. Abe told his brother-in-law what he had seen, adding that the women were moving out in the morning. If they were going to get Betty back, it would have to be that night. Abe had a plan, but he'd have to do it by himself. He sent the weary Richard back to Barbara with the news.

Abe waited hours for the Indians and their dogs to quiet down for the night. When the moon hid behind a cloud, Abe wiggled out from under the pile of brush and crept quietly toward the camp. At any noise, he stopped, melting into the darkness. Then he would begin again, crawling Indian-style close to the ground. At last, he reached the edge of the village. He rested, fearful that the dogs would start barking. Instead, the dogs came over and sniffed him. Recognizing him from his friendly visits in the past, they laid down next to him.

Taking heart, Abe cautiously circled the dwellings, knowing that one snap of twig could awaken the village. He listened to the restless, fretful children in the longhouse, certain he could hear Betty's piteous cry. He slowly crept into the longhouse. As his eyes became somewhat accustomed to the darkness, he saw sleeping forms on the ground about him. If he was cautious before, he was doubly so now. Working his way around the sleeping women and children, he moved toward the sound of Betty's cry. He gathered her into his arms and headed toward the entrance. But just as he got there, one of the women woke and sounded the alarm. Holding Betty tightly to him, Abe ran from the village.

For Betty's parents, the joy of their daughter's return was tempered by fear of reprisal, especially after the Indians came back from their hunting trip. Richard and Abe headed out to the fields together each morning with guns in hand and a wary eye on the horizon. And as soon as the men left, Barbara barred the door and anxiously watched through the cabin windows. The men would check in at the cabin throughout the day, just to make sure Barbara and Betty were safe. At night, Bozo, the family's big brindle dog slept at the foot of Betty's bed. By day, he was her constant shadow.

Mari Serebrov in her story *Kidnapped* wrote of the time following the Indian uprising of September 1812. She said:

At long last, the Indians were subdued, and the settlers began to return to their cabins. After several long discussions, Barbara and Richard decided they'd had enough of frontier living. They moved on to Fairfield County where several of Barbara's relatives lived. Here, surrounded by Ruffner kin, Betty grew to womanhood and fell in love with Calvin Marion, the son of Elyat Marion whose farm made up much of modern-day Columbus. Calvin and Betty were married in 1828. A few years later—20 years to the day that Betty had come to Ohio—they moved to Groveland, Illinois, where they developed a prosperous farm and raised 11 children.

Barbara and Richard Hughes also moved to Tazewell County, Illinois, and were living there when Richard died 19 December 1855. He is buried at Roberts Cemetery, Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Barbara died on Independence Day, 4 July 1860. She is buried at Roberts Cemetery beside her husband Richard. Barbara and Richard Hughes had four children:

+Elizabeth (Betty) Hughes⁴ – 1810-1898 – married Calvin W. Marion.

+Mary Hughes⁴ – 1816-1866 – unmarried.

+Louisa Hughes⁴ – 1821-1903 – married Samuel Ramsey Mooberry.

+Christine M. Hughes⁴ – 1825-1885 – married William Huddleston.



The graves of Richard and Barbara Hughes at Roberts Cemetery, Morton, Illinois

Abraham (Abe) Ruffner³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Abraham was born in February of 1791 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was a son of Benjamin Ruffner and his second wife Elizabeth *Heistand*.

Abraham traveled to Ohio with his sister Barbara and her husband Richard Hughes. He is the Abe mentioned in the *kidnapped* story about his niece Betty Hughes. It was evidently his heroic action in rescuing little Betty from the Indians which led her back to the arms of her mother and family. It is very probable that Abe was severely and permanently injured during a retaliatory attack by some of the Indians while he was working in the fields alone. Abe never married and apparently lived a quiet life.

When he died on 3 March 1867 at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 2 days, Abe was buried beside his mother Elizabeth *Heistand* Ruffner at the Friend-Ruffner Cemetery, West Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio.¹⁴

Reuben Ruffner³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Reuben was born 13 March 1792 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Ruffner and his second wife Elizabeth *Heistand*. The *Family Search* Database showing Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912 confirms the date shown here for Reuben Ruffner's date of birth, as does the Louisa County, Virginia Death Records which state that Reuben Ruffner died 8 August 1857 at the age of 65 years, 4 months and 26 days. Reuben had served in the War of 1812, and after his death Nancy received a widow's pension as a result of his service.

Reuben and **Nancy (Ann) Compton** were married 9 March 1818 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Richard and Ann Compton.

The federal census records show Reuben and Nancy lived in Shenandoah and Madison Counties in Virginia. By 1840 they were settled in Louisa County, where they

¹⁴ A cemetery located on land that belonged to Abe's uncle Emanuel Ruffner.

remained. However, at some time they also lived in Orange County, where some of their children were born.

Reuben's biography in *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* (1969) states as follows:

On 15 January 1845, Reuben purchased the Bakers River Mill on the South Anna River not far from Louisa, the county seat of Louisa County. The mill subsequently became known as the Ruffner Mill and was still standing as late as 1927 when washed away by flood waters. The mill was very old, dating back to prior to the Revolutionary War. At the mill, Reuben ground grain and later bought spinning machines which were apparently never used. He nevertheless prospered with the mill and was well-to-do as from time to time he purchased several pieces of property adjacent to the mill.

His house was built on the side of a hill so arranged that the spring water ran through the basement to form a natural cooler for his dairy products and other foods.

Nancy outlived him by many years and the property was kept intact until after her death.

Less than three months before his death Reuben Ruffner executed his Last Will and Testament. Doris and Olive Ruffner in their book *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants, First Supplement* (1969) included a transcript of Reuben Ruffner's will and it is shown here:

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF REUBEN RUFFNER

I, Reuben Ruffner of the County of Louisa, and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid.

Secondly, after the payment of my debts, I give to my wife Nancy Ruffner all my estate both real and personal so long as she shall remain my widow, and in case my said wife shall cease to be my widow by death or otherwise, I desire and will that my executors hereinafter named shall keep the entire estate both real and personal together until my youngest child shall become of lawful age—provided the same shall be thought best. But in case my mill property shall not prove profitable and my executors shall think it best, I will and desire that my said mill property shall be sold on a reasonable credit – and the money when collected put in one of the savings banks of Virginia and the interest appropriated to the support of my said wife and children, giving as I do, all my unmarried children a home with my wife as long as they shall remain single.

Thirdly, I desire that my two sons James B. Ruffner and John Hersey Ruffner, and my son-in-law Robert Wright shall have the privilege jointly or singly as they may see best to take my estate in hand and manage the same, to keep the mill property in good repair and the landed estate in an improving condition with the understanding that he or they shall in consideration support comfortably my wife and daughters, and after their support, any profits arising that he or they shall be entitled to the same. The above provision does not embrace any money that I may have at my demise, and therefore I desire that any money in cash or bonds that shall come into the hands of my executors

shall be placed by them in one of the savings banks of Virginia where interest may be used in the education or support of my family.

Fourthly, in case my mill property should become unmanageable or unprofitable, and should be sold as provided herein before, I desire that my wife and daughters shall occupy my landed estate and make any repairs to the buildings to make them comfortable. I also desire that my carding machines and any other property that may not be necessary for the family shall be sold.

Fifthly, after the death of my said wife and the youngest child shall be of lawful age, then I will and desire that my entire estate shall be sold, and the proceeds equally divided between all my children.

Lastly, I hereby appoint my friends Thomas R. Dunn and Hamilton Johnson executors of this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of April 1857.

REUBEN RUFFNER – Seal

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Thomas Waldrop

Drury Wood

Elisha Butler

There was a notation that the estate was left intact until after the death of Nancy Ruffner, the widow, in 1865, then sold as Reuben Ruffner requested. At this sale on 24 November 1885, his son John H. Ruffner purchased an 8-day clock for \$6.35 and the mill property and four acres of land for \$1,100. Son James B. Ruffner bought 107 acres of land at \$4 per acre; one cross-cut saw for 50 cents; a pair of steelyards for 65 cents; and three carding machines, framed, 50 cents.

As stated above Reuben died 8 August 1857, and his wife Nancy died in 1885, both in Louisa County, Virginia. Their burial place was not found.

The confirmed children of Reuben and Nancy are listed as follows.

+Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann Ruffner⁴ – 1820-1862 – unmarried.

Nancy (Nannie) Ruffner⁴ – born circa 1822

+James B. Ruffner⁴ – 1829-1906 – married twice.

+Eliza Jane Ruffner⁴ – born circa 1830 – never married.

Maria K. Ruffner⁴ – 1834

+America Virginia Ruffner⁴ – c. 1836 – married Robert Wright.¹⁵

+John Hersey Ruffner⁴ – 1839-1917 – married Mary (Mollie) Scott Brooks.

+Alsinda J. Ruffner⁴ – 1840-died before 1880 – m. Daniel M. Jerdon/Jordon.

+Caroline Ruffner⁴ – born circa 1845 – no records verify any marriage.

+Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴ – c. 1846 – m. (1) Walter Smith (2) Charles H. Moss.

+Diana M. Ruffner⁴ – 1848-1923 – married George Washington Reynolds.

¹⁵ America Virginia Ruffner's story in the next chapter includes an interesting and mysterious family tale regarding a mysterious and probably erroneous report of her early death.

Elizabeth Ruffner³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elizabeth's date of birth has not been proven, although the 1966 Peter Ruffner book does give her birthdate as 1792. However, her brother Reuben has been shown to have been born in that year, thus, unless they were twins, she must have a different birth date. Elizabeth was the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner and his second wife, Elizabeth *Heistand*.

From the abstract of the deed executed by her brother Michael on 27 October 1818, it appears that Elizabeth was still living at the time Michael signed the document. The information also shows that she married a man by the name of **Westley Thomas** prior to October of 1818.

Westley Thomas and his family were enumerated on the 1820 federal census for the Eastern Division of Monongalia County, Virginia (West Virginia). The record shows that the family consisted of one white male less than 10 years of age; one white male 26-45 years; two white females less than 10 years of age; and one white female 16-26 years of age. No other records were found for Westley Thomas. However, evidence was found that indicated a possibility that the family may have moved and settled in Tennessee.

*On all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know
our heritage—to know who we are and where we came
from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a
hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in
life, there is still a vacuum, emptiness, and the most
disquieting loneliness.*

*On every conceivable manner, family is the link to our
past, bridge to our future.*

Alex Haley

Benjamin's children continued on next page:

Catharine Ruffner³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Catharine was born circa 1794 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner and his second wife Elizabeth *Heistand*.

Even though Catharine was mentioned in her father's will and several times as his estate was going through the court system, she was mistakenly forgotten, and ultimately erroneous *hearsay* information has been published about her. Catharine did not follow her mother Elizabeth and other members of the family as they moved to Ohio—whether that was her choice or that of the family is unknown.

Many family researchers have confused Catharine³ with her aunt Catharine² who had died young. This is probably part of the reason why there have been so many falsehoods presented regarding these two Catharines.

Catharine³ had a child born out of wedlock—a fact proven by a court action. That child, a daughter was born 3 July 1809 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. This daughter was given the name Christiana or Christena Revercomb/Rivercomb. The Rivercomb name was very familiar in connection with the Ruffner family—the two families were friends, and the name often came up in business matters. At times Christiana was called by the surname of Clem by other researchers, but until her marriage, Christiana was always known by her Rivercomb birth name.

Christiana's mother Catharine later married **Peter Clem**, son of David Clem, and the nephew of Dedrick (Teeter) Clem. However, Peter Clem was not Christiana's birth father, he was her stepfather—Christiana's natural father remains unknown.

After the death of Peter Clem in 1830 Catharine married (2) in 1833 widower **John Bushong**, also of Fort Valley. John Bushong was born in Shenandoah County 19 January 1781—his first wife was Magdalena *Bauserman*.

Catharine lived in Fort Valley on the other side of the Massanutten Mountains, far from the Hawksbill for a good share of her life, returning to Luray a short time before her death to live with her daughter Christiana and her husband, John Fox.

Catharine Bushong died in the year 1842 in Luray, Page County, Virginia and is buried there. Her will was entered into probate 27 June 1842.

The following story appeared in the Ruffner family's newsletter *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, Vol. 14, Issue 2, summer 2011. The facts presented herein were very carefully researched using official records—not hearsay. The author has made a few adjustments to her original article to fit this publication. The purpose of this careful research and writing was to refute erroneous and much published information regarding two different Ruffner girls named Catharine.

One young lady is Catharine Ruffner², the daughter of our pioneers, Peter and Mary (Steinman) Ruffner.

The other is Catharine Ruffner³, granddaughter of Peter and Mary Ruffner, and daughter of Benjamin Ruffner and his second wife Elizabeth Heistand.

Please, all who read this, take note that the relationship between the Clem family and the Ruffner family first happened in 1813 when Catharine Ruffner³ married Peter Clem. This Ruffner family has no marital connection to Dedrick (Teter) Clem—the only connection is the fact that Teter Clem was the uncle of Peter Clem.

A PUZZLE AND THE GIRL WHO WAS LEFT BEHIND

By Betty Lou Gaeng

Several years ago, I became curious as to why there was any doubt as to whether or not Catharine², the daughter of our pioneer ancestors Peter and Mary Ruffner died young. After all, David Ruffner (1767-1843) is an excellent first-hand witness as to her early death. David was the son of Joseph, the eldest of Peter and Mary's children. In David's own handwriting we can read *Catharine [born] 13th May 1744 (she died when a young woman)*.

David was a first-hand witness. Later writings, such as the *genealogy* by William Staige Marye,¹⁶ are based on hearsay. Just as our courts do not accept hearsay evidence, the same is true in genealogy. Thus, we can rid ourselves of any thought that Catharine Ruffner², daughter of Peter and Mary Ruffner, led a full life with a husband and children. She did not—she died young. We should also make a note of pioneer Peter Ruffner's 1778 Last Will and Testament. Neither Catharine nor her brother Tobias are mentioned in their father's will. Of course not—obviously, they were both deceased. We have David's word as proof.

David knew his grandparents; he was often in their home. He also knew his uncles and aunts. *David Ruffner's Notes* make an excellent source—a primary one; not hearsay.

Doubts have been expressed because of the stories published by many authors that Catharine Ruffner² married a man named Dedrick Clem and had nine children by him. Another book published decades ago, stated that Dedrick Clem married Catharine Ruffner³, the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Heistand—and that they had children. Very unlikely! Dedrick Clem was at least 50 years older than Benjamin's daughter Catharine³. Church records from Ittlingen, Baden, Germany, show that Dedrick Clem was baptized November 10, 1741. According to this document, Dedrick Clem was even older than Catharine's father Benjamin Ruffner².

Numerous legal documents show that Dedrick Clem was indeed married to a lady by the name of Catharine. An indenture was enacted as late as 1820 mentioning Dedrick Clem's wife as Catharine. As shown in the settlement of Dedrick's estate in 1827, he left a widow. However, after lengthy research, no record giving the surname of Dedrick

¹⁶ The most damaging information as to the true history of Peter and Mary Ruffner is related in a document called the Ruffner Genealogy written by William Staige Marye, who had married into the Ruffner family *after* the death of the patriarchs. The genealogy is dated July 4, 1835 and addressed to Marye's son James Theodosius Marye. William Staige Marye did not have personal knowledge regarding the beginnings of the Ruffner family. Since David Ruffner did have that personal contact with the patriarchs, his words mentioned above are a primary source and override Marye's hearsay genealogy of the family. Marye's erroneous information is often repeated because the contents of his genealogy was included in the popular research book *A Short History of Page County, Virginia* by Harry M. Strickler which was first released in 1952 (with numerous reprints). This questionable information is not the fault of Strickler, the book's author; the *Notes* of David Ruffner were not readily available at the time Strickler wrote his book. Also, since the well-educated Marye was held in high regard, his words were usually accepted. The original *Notes* written by David Ruffner are archived at the West Virginia University Library in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Clem's wife was to be found. It is puzzling to understand why so many people assumed Dedrick Clem's wife was Catharine Ruffner.

At the very beginning of my own search regarding Catharine³, the solution to the puzzle became clear. It was errors made in not examining records close enough. Also, using transcriptions of records instead of copies of originals certainly added to the confusion.

The following is probably the reason for much of the confusion. Dedrick Clem had a nickname, which later in his life was even used in legal documents. The nickname was "Teter" Clem. I often found that the person doing the transcribing had substituted Peter in place of Teter, and even at times Teter in place of Peter.

It was **Peter Clem**, son of David Clem, and the nephew of Dedrick (Teter) Clem, who married Catharine Ruffner³, the granddaughter of our pioneers Peter and Mary Ruffner, and the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner. Catharine³ was the girl who was left behind and sometimes overlooked—such as in the listing of Benjamin's children by the above-mentioned William Staige Marye. Along with other errors in his writings, for some unknown reason, Marye omitted Catharine's name as one of the children of Benjamin Ruffner.

In past issues of *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, much has been written about the descendants of Benjamin Ruffner² who migrated to Ohio and became part of that state's history. However, little has been told of Catharine, the daughter who remained in Virginia. In fact, Catharine was more or less forgotten, even though she was named in her father's 1806 will and in the estate settlement records for several years. Catharine was Benjamin's daughter by his second wife, Elizabeth Heistand, and as indicated by census records and the dates of the births of her children, Catharine was probably born between 1791 and 1795.

On July 3, 1809 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, an unmarried Catharine Ruffner³ gave birth to her first child, a daughter, Christiana Rivercomb. Catharine's unmarried state was verified by an action in Shenandoah County's Chancery Court in March of 1859. The court action involved property owned by Reuben Clem⁴, deceased son of Catharine³ (Ruffner) Clem-Bushong. In the papers, the eight heirs of Reuben Clem are named. These are Reuben's brothers, sisters and half-sisters, and included is the name of Christiana⁴, married to John Fox. In this record Christiana is designated as Reuben's half-sister, the *bastard* daughter of his mother. This was certainly a crude way to identify her, but nonetheless it does give proof that Christiana Rivercomb Fox was the daughter of Catharine Ruffner³, and that she was not the child of Peter Clem.

Four years following the birth of Christiana, Catharine Ruffner married into the Clem family, a family who were pioneers of Powell's Fort Valley in Shenandoah County. On June 7, 1813, the bond for the forthcoming marriage between Peter Clem and Catharine Ruffner was issued. The document was signed by Peter Clem and his father David Clem. A Photostatic copy is shown following this article.

During their marriage, the couple lived at Fort Valley in Shenandoah County. They had children: Elizabeth, Mary (Polly), Emanuel, Eliza, Barbara, Reuben, and William Clem.

Peter Clem died late in the year of 1830 and his estate was administered in Shenandoah County. Peter and Catharine's minor children were named in guardianship papers.

On February 25, 1833, Christiana Rivercomb, Catharine's illegitimate daughter, now almost 24 years old, married John Fox in Page County, Virginia. John was the son of Adam and Catherine Fox. As shown on John's gravestone, he was born January 16, 1812.

Before the final settlement of Peter Clem's estate, his widow Catharine married for a second time. A Marriage Bond was issued on April 2, 1833 for the marriage of **John Bushong** and Catharine Clem, a widow. John Bushong, was born 19 January 1781, the son of John Bushong and Elizabeth *Windle*. John was a widower—one with several older children. After their marriage, John Bushong became the legal guardian of the minor children of Catharine *Ruffner* Clem and Peter Clem, deceased.

Catharine and John Bushong became parents of a child of their own—a daughter, Sarah Bushong, who according to Bible records was born 25 June 1834.¹⁷

John Bushong died in March of 1839. He is buried at the Bushong Cemetery, Seven Fountains, Shenandoah County. John Bushong's grave is the only marked grave in the cemetery. It lies beneath a walnut tree about 200 yards southwest of the house.

John Bushong's estate was settled in 1841, and a guardian was appointed for Sarah. On 9 May 1841 fifty-seven and one-half acres of land in Powell's Fort Valley was awarded to Catharine Bushong as her dower land from the estate of her deceased husband John Bushong.

Prior to the settlement, Catharine's health was failing and she evidently could no longer care for her children. The youngest Clem children were taken into the households of relatives in the Valley. Christiana Rivercomb had married, and Sarah Bushong became a member of the household of her Heiston/Heistand relatives.¹⁸

Soon after the death of her husband John Bushong, an ailing Catharine left Powell's Fort Valley to live with her daughter Christiana *Rivercomb* Fox and Christiana's husband John Fox near Luray, Page County, Virginia. There, on December 2, 1840, Catharine executed her Last Will and Testament. In her will she devised to her son-in-

¹⁷ Bushong family Bible: Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments, American Bible Society, New York, N. & J. White. (1841)

¹⁸ The identities of Catharine's Clem children became lost as each child was absorbed into different households. Because the census records until 1880 did not list the relationship of the members of a household, Catharine's Clem children were then apparently assumed to be children of the head of the household they were living in. The 1859 Shenandoah Chancery Court case 59.03.059, March 1859, sets out that the Clem children mentioned therein were the children of Catharine and Peter Clem, both deceased. Certain siblings had brought suit against the heirs of deceased siblings regarding rights to Reuben Clem's estate. Reuben who had died in 1854 was unmarried and died intestate. There was evidently a difference of opinion among the siblings and/or their heirs as to who was entitled to Reuben's estate—since the dispute to be settled in equity was entitled *William Clem; Albert G. Yager and Eliza, his wife; et.al. v. Polly (Mary) Munch, deceased; heirs of Emanuel Clem; and Ann Munch*. This equity case is very important to this family's history because it establishes proof as to the actual children belonging to Catharine, all the way from her first daughter Christiana to her six children from her marriage to Peter Clem, and her last daughter Sarah, who was born during Catharine's marriage to John Bushong.

law John Fox and his heirs, her interest in the tract of land in Powell's Big Fort, Shenandoah County which was her dower right from John Bushong's estate

Catharine died in 1842 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, and her will was entered into probate in Page County on June 27, 1842, as shown in Will Book B, page 259. The appraisement value of her estate was given in Will Book B, page 272, as a little over \$53.17 and the Settlement was made August 22, 1842. The bulk of her estate was left to her son-in-law John Fox and his heirs, the legal custom of that time. A bequest of a side saddle and a bed quilt was made to daughter Sarah Bushong.

Catharine is most likely buried near her daughter and son-in-law in the old Adam Fox Cemetery near Luray.

Christiana *Rivercomb* Fox died March 17, 1887, and her husband John Fox died January 27, 1899. The cemetery where she is buried is located on the property of the old Fox homestead and is described as being in the Kemp Hollow Section of Page County, a few miles from Luray. A survey of the old cemetery lists one fieldstone marked grave with no inscription. How ironic it would be if that unmarked grave turned out to be Catharine *Ruffner* Clem-Bushong's resting place—her name forgotten in death as it was so much during her lifetime.

Very little information was found as to what finally became of Sarah Bushong, Catharine's youngest child; although, one record which was found was a listing in the 1850 federal census which showed Sarah Bushong as a 17-year-old orphaned pauper living with John and Elizabeth Heiston, who were the proprietors of a house for the poor in Luray, Virginia. Another mention of Sarah Bushong was in 1851, when at the age of 18 her guardianship under Isaac Coverstone was concluded.¹⁹

Through her eldest daughter Christiana *Rivercomb* Fox, Catharine left many descendants in Page County. Many miles west of Luray there are many more of Catharine's descendants. These are from Catharine's Clem children who remained in Fort Valley.

The often forgotten Catharine *Ruffner*³ became the founding mother of a large family of *Ruffner* descendants. Catharine *Ruffner* Clem-Bushong had the following children.

- +Christiana *Rivercomb*⁴ – 1809-1887 – married John Fox.
- +Elizabeth Clem⁴ – born circa 1814 – married twice (Alther & Shenk).
- +Mary (Polly) Clem⁴ – c.1817-1842 – married Silas Munch.
- +Emanuel Clem⁴ – c. 1819—died between 1842 and 1859.
- +Barbara Clem⁴ – 1820-1902 – married Aaron McInturff.
- +William Clem⁴ – 1822-1869 – married Matilda McInturff.
- +Eliza Clem⁴ – 1824 – married Albert G. Yager.
- +Reuben Clem⁴ – 1828-1854 – unmarried.
- +Sarah Bushong⁴ – 1834-1874 – married Philip Bushong, a cousin.²⁰

¹⁹ In June of 2015, new evidence was found regarding the later life of Sarah Bushong, the daughter born to Catharine during her second marriage to John Bushong. The complete story of this lucky find will be told in the next chapter under the listing for Sarah Bushong.

²⁰ Sarah's death date and her husband's name are a small part of the new evidence recently found.

Ruffner/Clem Marriage Bond

KNOW all men by these presents, that we *Peter Clem*
and David Clem

are held and firmly bound unto *James Barbour* Esq. Governor
of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which
payment well and truly to be made, to the said Governor or his successors, we
bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly
and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this

7 Day of *June* 18 *13*

THE CONDITION of the above Obligation is such, that whereas there is a
Marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bound *Peter*

Clem and Catharine Ruffner

now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above Ob-
ligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed Sealed and delivered }
in the presence of

A. Hoffman

Peter Clem *David Clem*
his *his*
mark *mark*

Michael Ruffner³ (Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Michael was born 24 August 1798 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was the youngest son of Benjamin Ruffner and Elizabeth *Heistand*.

After his father Benjamin's death, Michael migrated to Fairfield County, Ohio with his mother Elizabeth, his sister Barbara, her husband Richard Hughes, and half-brothers Martin and Abraham. Only 14 years old in 1812, he moved with his mother to Richland (now Ashland) County, Ohio. When Martin was killed by the Indians in September of 1812, Michael and his mother were boarding with Barbara and Richard Hughes, as was Abraham.

Following the tragic death of Martin, the family gave up living in the wilderness frontier and moved back to Fairfield County. As shown in the following record of assignment of deed, by October of 1818, Michael was once again a resident in Fairfield County sometime before that date.

A record in Shenandoah County, Virginia in Deed Book Z, page 21, 27 October 1818, shows that Michael Ruffner executed an assignment to Jacob Rivercomb on that date. The information was abstracted by Amelia C. Gilreath and published in her Deed Book Series, Volume 9. The information is shown here:

Between Michael Ruffner of the County of Fairfield & State of Ohio, one of the children & heir at law of Benjamin Ruffner dec'd [to] Jacob Rivercomb of County of Shenandoah in consideration of twelve hundred and fifty dollars...undivided moiety of Land lying and being on the waters of the little Hawksbill adjoining the Lands of Samuel Forrer Jr., Samuel Hershberger, Christian Hoffman's heirs and others is being all that tract of Land devised by said Benjamin Ruffner dec'd to his eleven children to be divided and disposed of...wherein John Roads and Christian Forrer were appointed by said Benjamin Ruffner dec'd executors of said dec'd estate...said Benjamin Ruffner dec'd died leaving eleven children Viz: Mary Mussleman wife of Jacob Musselman, late Mary Ruffner; Benjamin Ruffner; Martin Ruffner; Ragenor Brumbach wife of David Brumbach, late Ragenor Ruffner; Emanuel Ruffner; Barbara Hughes wife of Richard Hughes, late Barbara Ruffner; Abraham Ruffner; Reuben Ruffner; Catharine Clem wife of Peter Clem²¹, late Catharine Ruffner; Michael Ruffner; Elizabeth Thomas wife of Westley Thomas, late Elizabeth Ruffner; & Anna Ruffner who is since dead leaving Susannah Ruffner her only child...and Michael Ruffner doth sell unto said Jacob Rivercomb all his right, title, claim and demand in and to the said Lands of Benjamin Ruffner dec'd agreeable to his last will and testament wherein said Michael is made an equal heir ...

In 1823 in Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio, Michael married **Louisa Coulson**, the daughter of William Coulson.

As told in *Peter Ruffner and His Descendants* (1966), Michael's first business venture was a tin and copper shop in Rushville. In 1828, he was in Pleasantville in Fairfield County, with another small business. In 1829, Michael was in Baltimore, also

²¹ Clem/Klem is the correct name – the transcriber erroneously had written Klein.

in Fairfield County, a few miles distant. There he was engaged in a general mercantile business with John and Coulson Davenport.

In 1882/83, the Davenports withdrew from the company and Michael's father-in-law William Coulson joined with him in the firm of M. Ruffner & Company. They then erected a flouring mill on the canal.

Michael's wife Louisa died a few years later and in 1836 he married **Sara Nichels**. There is no record of any children from Michael's first marriage to Louisa.

In 1838/39 he sold his share of the business to William Coulson and moved to Illinois, near Greenup in Cumberland County. Michael opened a pharmacy in Greenup and practiced medicine.

At least seven daughters were born to Michael and his second wife Sara.

After the death of his second wife Sara, Michael married (3) **Elizabeth Jane Westall** in Cumberland County, Illinois. Jane (as she preferred to be called) was born 31 March 1827. Michael and Jane had at least four children: Hiram, Eliza Ellen, Laura Belle and Abraham Lincoln—all born in Illinois.

In later years when Michael's eyesight failed, his wife Elizabeth accompanied him on his house calls, acting as his eyes.

It was noted in the 1966 Peter Ruffner book of descendants that the authors discovered a record of Michael's will in Cumberland County, Illinois, but the will was not found, presumably destroyed in a courthouse fire in 1884. By that time, the estate should already have been probated—thus, perhaps the whole record of the probate of his estate may have been lost in the fire.

Michael Ruffner died 15 September 1877 and was probably buried near Casey, Clark County, Illinois. Elizabeth Jane *Westall* Ruffner died 5 April 1892.

The children of Michael Ruffner and Sara Nichels were:

- +Mary (Mollie) Louise Ruffner⁴ – 1837-1910 – married (1) Welker (2) Jones, (3) Elstun.
- +Catharine E. Ruffner⁴ – born 1838
- +Lydia C. Ruffner⁴ – born 1840
- +Martha A. Ruffner⁴ – born 1842
- +Sarah M. Ruffner⁴ – 1843-1889 – married Rufus T. Jones.
- +Rebecca H. Ruffner⁴ – born 1845

The children of Michael Ruffner and Elizabeth Jane Westall were:

- +Hiram N. Ruffner⁴ – 1850-1926 – unmarried.
- +Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴ – 1853-1906 – married John C. Freeman.
- +Laura Belle Ruffner⁴ – 1859 – 1860 – died almost 9 months old.
- +Abraham Lincoln Ruffner⁴ – 1863-1938 – married Sarah Ann (Nettie) Tutwiler.

End of Chapter Three



CHAPTER FOUR

Fourth Generation

*The Great Grandchildren of
Peter and Mary Ruffner*

CHAPTER FOUR.....THE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

The descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman* Through son Benjamin Ruffner and grandson Peter Ruffner

Savilla Ruffner⁴ (Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Savilla was born 12 April 1801 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Peter and Catharine Ruffner.

On 15 June 1820 in Fairfield County, Ohio, she married **David Iles**, who was born 17 August 1795 in Rockingham County, Virginia, the son of Henry Iles (1749-1814) and Mary M. *Stine* (1764-1832).

David's father Henry Iles led an interesting life. He was born in England and reared there. Henry was forced to fight for England in the Revolutionary War as a British soldier, but was not in sympathy with their cause. He was taken as a prisoner in New York and made friends with the American prison guards who aided him in escaping. On foot he traveled to Rockingham County, Virginia. There he met Mary M. Stine and they later married.

David's parents Henry and Mary Iles lived in Rockingham County, Virginia and then moved to a farm in Licking County, Ohio, where they raised 10 children, eight sons and two daughters. Henry's occupation was that of a tailor. Henry and Mary Iles are buried in the Iles/Isles Family Cemetery in Homer (Bennington Township), Licking County, Ohio.²²

Savilla and David lived in Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio. Savilla preceded her husband in death. She died 2 May 1829 at the age of 28 years—her husband and two of their young daughters survived her.

David Iles died 21 November 1850 in Rushville, Fairfield County at the age of 55 years, 3 months and 4 days. Both Savilla and David are buried at Rushville Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio.

The book *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants*²³ stated that Savilla and David Iles had a son William. However, no record of a son was found. They did have three daughters before Savilla's death in 1829. Those daughters were.

+Savilla Iles⁵ – 1821-1825 – buried at Rushville Pleasant Hill Cemetery.²⁴

+Mary Iles⁵ – 1822-1879 – married Thomas Duncan.

+Matilda Adalin Iles⁵ – 1825-1910 – married Oliver Perry Shaw.

²² *History of Hocking Valley, Ohio*; Chicago; Inter-State Publishing Co. (1883)

²³ Olive and Doris Ruffner: *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants*. 1966

²⁴ Find A Grave gives her birth as 1821 and her death as 17 July 1825. However, the site then gives her age at the time of her death as 5 months and 17 days. If that was her age then she would have been born 1 February 1825. The photo of Savilla's grave stone is illegible.

Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴ (Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) He was the son of Peter and Catharine Ruffner, and was born 25 November 1805 in Fairfield County, after his father's death.

Peter and his older sister Savilla inherited land in Fairfield County, Ohio which was part of their father's estate. Peter went early to Missouri, settling in Boone County in 1832. In Boone County, near Ashland, Missouri, he had a large farm at Twp. 46 N, Range 12 West, Section 15. And, when Lodge No. 156, A.F. & A.M., Ashland Masonic Order was initiated on 1 May 1858, he was a charter member.

On 13 October 1835, three years after he settled in Boone County, Peter Jefferson married a young lady from a pioneer Boone County family, **Jennette E. Wiseman**, who was the daughter of James Wiseman and Mary Carr *Tuttle*. Jennette was born 24 April 1812. Jennette died less than two years later, 12 September 1837, and she is buried at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery. One child was born to them—a daughter.

On 27 October 1839, Peter Jefferson Ruffner married **Zerelda Emergine Wiseman**, the younger sister of his first wife. Zerelda was born 15 January 1818. Peter and Zerelda had five children, all born in Boone County.

Peter Jefferson died 1 August 1884 in Boone County, Missouri. He is buried along with numerous family members at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Ashland, Boone County, Missouri.

Zerelda Ruffner died 3 November 1902 and she is also buried at New Salem Baptist Church. Her obituary follows:

Mrs. Zerelda E. Ruffner departed this life November 3, 1902, aged 85 years. She came to this neighborhood when a child. Her father, the late James Wiseman, settled on the farm northwest and adjoining the town of Ashland early in the last century. Mrs. Ruffner lived most of her long life here, and was well known and highly respected by the whole community. Thus has passed away another of the pioneers of Boone County—one who for three fourths of a century lived in the community, an honored and respected member of society. By her kindly disposition and her quiet and unassuming manners, she endeared herself to her neighbors.

Mrs. Ruffner was not only a homemaker, but a home keeper as well. Such as she looked well to the ways of her household and ate not the bread of idleness. In the training of her children she endeavored to bring them up in the way they should go, and made “home” the most attractive place on earth to them. She led a humble Christian life, adorning the doctrine of God, her Savior, by a pious walk and Godly conversation, trusting in Jesus’ guidance and strength to fulfill the obligations that devolved upon her.

Mother, sister, friend, farewell! “Peace be thy silent slumber” in the rest that remaineth to the people of God. We cherish thy memory and will try to imitate thy virtues. We hope to meet thee where we shall part no more and join in the song of praise unto Him who loved us and hath redeemed us out of every nation, kingdom and people and hath made us kings and priests unto God. Unto Him be power, glory, and dominion forever. Amen.

Peter Jefferson Ruffner had six children—the first was from his marriage to Jennette Wiseman and the last five from his second marriage to Zerelda Wiseman:

- +Catharine Janet Ruffner⁵ – 1837-1901 – married Leonidas Hamilton Burks.
 - +Mary Wiseman Ruffner⁵ – 1840-1915 – married George Milton Nichols.
 - +Savilla Jane Ruffner⁵ – 1842-1881 – married Dr. John Thomas Rothwell.
 - +Charles Drury Ruffner⁵ – 21 January 1845—6 September 1945.
 - +Martha E. Ruffner⁵ – 1846-1935 – never married.
 - +Zerelda Margaret Ruffner⁵ – 1849-1940 – married James Abraham Ellis.
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The descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman Through son Benjamin Ruffner and grandson Benjamin II

Mary Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 20 March 1802 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner II and Anna Coffman.

In the year 1826, Benjamin and Anna (Coffman) Ruffner wrote a three-page letter to their daughter Mary Ruffner. The unstamped letter was addressed to her at Kanawha Salines, Virginia (the original name for what would later become known as Malden, West Virginia). The original letter and the envelope dated 12 March 1826, from Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio, are held in the archives at the Library of Virginia in Richmond. A transcription of the letter was published in *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, Vol. 6, Issue #1, March 2003.

Evidently, this letter was in answer to Mary's letter to her parents dated 28 January 1826. It seems that in her letter Mary had told her mother and father about the possibility of a marriage in the future. Their answer to their daughter was that they wanted her to write and let them know what kind of a coal digger or pit digger her future groom was so they could prepare to meet him when they came to visit.

Mary married **Levi Ross** on 20 February 1827. Levi was born 16 February 1792 in Rockbridge County, Virginia, the son of Jonathan Ross (1748-1832), and his wife Martha Brown.

Soon after their marriage Mary and Levi moved to Champaign County, Ohio where Levi was a farmer, and a 32nd Degree Mason. Mary was active in the Baptist Church. Levi's father Jonathan had also moved to Champaign County and died there 28 May 1832 at the age of 83. He is buried in the old section of Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

Levi died 25 November 1863 and is also buried in the Old Section at Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg, Ohio. Mary died 10 March 1865 at the age of 65. She is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery next to her husband Levi.

Mary and Levi Ross had a very large family of nine children—six daughters and three sons.²⁵

- +Martha Ann Ross⁵ – 1828-1900 – married Rev. Peter McCullough.
- +Minerva Jane Ross⁵ – 1830-1914 – married John H. Thomas.
- +Mary Catherine Ross⁵ – 1831-1834
- +Marion Andrew Ross⁵ – 1832-1862 – executed as a spy during Civil War.
- +Melvina Ellen Ross⁵ – 1834–1913 – married Samuel Bragunier
- +Marine Ruffner Ross⁵ – 1835-1886 – married twice.
- +Morgan Levi Ross⁵ 1838-1838
- +Margaret Elizabeth Ross⁵ 1840-1934 – Isaac P. Pond
- +Maria Louisa Ross⁵ 1843-1924 – married Charles F. Heckler.

David C. Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 30 May 1803 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Ruffner II and Anna *Coffman*, and twin of Elizabeth.

In the March 1826 three-page letter mentioned above written by Benjamin and Ann Ruffner to daughter Mary, it was said that younger brother David had not been home much during the winter as he was at the canal doing business for the contractors—and that he was paid 20 dollars per month for his services. At this time David was still single and evidently when he was home in Fairfield County, he still lived with his parents.

David married 28 December 1829 **Catharine Ann Ruffner**, his cousin, the daughter of Daniel Ruffner and Elizabeth *Painter*. Catharine Ann was born in Virginia on 24 September 1799.

At one time they resided in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. David then purchased a farm between Baltimore and Millersport in Fairfield County, where he remained until his early death. Like his brother-in-law Levi Ross, David was a Mason.

David died 11 June 1846. Two conflicting stories tell of his death. The first relates that he was killed in an accident in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, where he had taken a horse thief he had arrested, and for whom a reward had been posted. The second version of his death was that he died from a leg wound suffered when his horse “ran away.”

David is buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery,²⁶ Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio—Row 11.

Catharine Ann died 24 October 1849 at the age of 50 years and 25 days. She is buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery beside her husband. There were no known children.

²⁵ The 1860 federal census lists a Samuel Ross, age 11, living with the Levi Ross family. However, since the census that year did not identify the members of the household, research indicates that Samuel is probably not a child of Levi and Mary Ross—perhaps he is a nephew or another relative simply living with them.

²⁶ Baptist Corners Cemetery is also known as Pleasant Run Primitive Baptist Cemetery.

Elizabeth Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elizabeth was born 30 May 1803, a twin of David. Their parents were Benjamin Ruffner II and Anna *Coffman*. Very little has been discovered about Elizabeth's short life. However, proof of her marriage is contained in the March 1826 letter mentioned previously. Elizabeth's parents writing to her older sister Mary remarked that on 18 January [1826] Elizabeth was married to **David Trickler**, and was gone to the Ohio River. Also, in the letter it is mentioned that Elizabeth had enjoyed better health for a year past than she formerly did. Elizabeth died on 10 May 1827, fourteen months after the letter was written.

On 20 January 1827, a son had been born to Elizabeth and David Trickler—they named him Benjamin. The only trace of Benjamin that has been discovered is in Roush Cemetery, Cheshire, Gallia County, Ohio where it is noted that Benjamin Trickler, who was born 20 January 1827 is buried—date of death unknown. No burial spot has been located for Elizabeth *Ruffner* Trickler, although there are several unmarked graves in the same cemetery where Benjamin is buried.

It is believed that David Trickler remarried after Elizabeth's death. According to the records of the Harshberger/Hershberger family, David Trickler born 15 April 1805 in Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, died 16 September 1881 in Addison Township, Gallia County, Ohio. Also, the family listing shows he married (1) Elizabeth Ruffner, and on 9 September 1830 in Pleasantville, Ohio, he married (2) Mary Ellen Harshberger, the daughter of Abraham Harshberger,

David is thought to be buried at Earlywine Cemetery in Mount Blanchard, Hancock County, Ohio. The name shown is Trackler—often used in place of Trickler. David's second wife Mary Trackler/Trickler is also buried at Earlywine Cemetery. She died 18 May 1889, age 80 years, 10 months, 4 days.

David Trickler and Mary *Harshberger* had a daughter Mary Jane Trickler, who was born in 1840. She married Charles C. Bennett on 30 September 1875 in Hancock County, Ohio. Charles C. and Mary Jane Bennett both died in May of 1912.

Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Andrew was born 13 April 1805²⁷ in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Ruffner II and Anna *Coffman*.

He married **Elizabeth Leith**, the daughter of Samuel Leith and Elizabeth *Hite*. They were married 25 July 1832²⁸ in Fairfield County, Ohio.

In her book²⁹ cited here, Virginia Rigg tells of the story of when tragedy struck the family of Andrew and Elizabeth Ruffner.

After a brief scouting trip to buy farming land in Illinois, where Andrew planned to move his family, he returned to Ohio and died on January 16, 1842, apparently from cholera, which was very prevalent back then. Harrison was off fetching the doctor at the very moment his father died.

²⁷ Gravestone record – Baptist Corners Cemetery (Pleasant Run Cemetery)

²⁸ Copy of original marriage record—Fairfield County, Ohio. Leith is erroneously spelled Leeth.

²⁹ *Harrison and Catherine Ruffner in the Valley of the Little Wabash, Memories of my grandfather, his siblings and their descendants* by Virginia Rigg (1999).

Harrison's mother had a tough road ahead. Being a widow with five children in 1842 was not an easy thing. But Elizabeth took the courageous step of going ahead and following her late husband's plan, moving the family to Mason, Illinois in 1843. Mason is located in Effingham County, which is in the southern half of Illinois.

As the oldest son, Harrison assumed the role of man of the family. He was 8 years old, and it was a terrible shock to suddenly have all that responsibility, Granpa told me.

I have often wondered how they financially supported themselves. They were farmers and they raised their own food, largely living off the land. He [Harrison] never said they brought cows and pigs from Ohio, but I imagine they did. I don't know how they acquired the land either, but imagine it was some sort of homestead. Granpa said he had to help clear it – it was a complete forest when they first arrived. The family stayed with Elizabeth's brother Lowry Leith, who was a politician and successful businessman, so financially he was probably a big help.

In 1847, Elizabeth was remarried to a man named Joseph Morgan. He was a widower with five children of his own, according to the 1850 Marion County census. The couple would have two children together: Mary Morgan (Henry) c. 1848, and Sarah Morgan (Wright), born sometime after the census was taken. ...

The date Andrew purchased the land for their new home in Illinois was 29 October 1941. The official description of the land was Section 02, Township 02 North, Range 03 East, Meridian 3, Effingham County, State of Illinois. Andrew paid \$1.25 per acre—a total of \$98.63 for 78.90 acres of farmland.³⁰

After his 1842 death, Andrew Ruffner was buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, near the graves of several other members from his birth family.³¹

Andrew's widow, Elizabeth *Leith* Ruffner Morgan who was born in the year 1815 in North Carolina, died 15 June 1866 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois. She is buried in the Leith Cemetery in Mason.³² After Elizabeth's marriage to Joseph D. Morgan in 1848, she had two more children. The children of Andrew and Elizabeth Ruffner were:

+Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵ 1834-1926 – married Catharine M. White.³³

+Samuel Lucas Ruffner⁵ – 1835—circa 1918 – unmarried.

+Marion Andrew Ruffner⁵ – 1837-1884—no record of marriage.³⁴

+Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵ – 1839-1921 – married Charles D. Wilson.

+Dorothy Ruffner⁵ – 1842-1901 – married James Lafayette Warner.

³⁰ State of Illinois: *Illinois Public Land Purchase Records, 1813-1909*.

³¹ Gravestone record – Baptist Corners Cemetery (Pleasant Run Cemetery)

³² Information from Gary Gene Ruffner, gr-gr-grandson of Harrison Newton Ruffner.

³³ The spelling of her name as shown is from their marriage certificate—sometimes spelled Catherine or Katherine—and on her gravestone Kathrine.

³⁴ RFA always showed him as Morris Andrew Ruffner. Called Andy by the family, during the research for this book it was disclosed that his first name was actually Marion, not Morris. See Chapter Five.

Elizabeth *Leith* Ruffner's paternal grandparents were John Leith and Sally *Lowry*. In her book their great-granddaughter Virginia Rigg (1904-2005) mentions that the story of John and Sally Leith's marriage is quite famous in their family. The two met when they were both held captives of the Wyandot Indians. The story of their capture was told in its entirety in the book *A Complete History of Fairfield County 1795-1876* by Hervey Scott (1877). Since it is such an interesting story, it is quoted here.

JOHN LEITH

John Leith was born in the city of Leith, Scotland. His parents being of the Huguenots who immigrated to South Carolina near the middle of the eighteenth century, where they died soon after, he was left without relatives. He was to learn the tailoring business, but soon became dissatisfied and ran away. At Little York, Pennsylvania, he hired with an Indian Trader, and went with him to Fort Pitt (Pittsburg). Soon after, together they took stock of suitable goods and started west, and in due time arrived at the Valley of the Hocking and opened a trade with the Delawares and Wyandots, on the very spot where Lancaster now stands, and it is thought near the foot of Mt. Pleasant.

He had not been there long when he felt a strong desire to return to South Carolina, and resolved to do so; and when he had made his determination known to his employer, the latter proposed to him that he wished to go to Fort Pitt to dispose of the large stock of furs and skins he had on hand and that if he (Leith) would remain and take care of the stores until he returned, he would send him under the guidance of an Indian back to Carolina by a near route. This was agreed to and the trader took his departure.

He had not been long gone when the Indians informed Leith that the whites were marching on them in force to destroy them, and that he must be adopted and go with them or die. He was adopted and the remnants of the goods were parceled out among the tribe, and they left for the north.

He was a captive among the Indians twenty-nine years. He married a white captive girl by the name of Sallie Lowry; and in 1791, with his wife and two children, made his escape and succeeded in reaching Pittsburg, closely pursued by his captors. There was a sister of his wife, also a captive, who was subsequently married to the father of the late Thomas McNaughten of Walnut Township. About the year 1810, John Leith moved to Walnut Township of this county, where he died about the year 1837, and is buried in the Methodist graveyard at New Salem. His son, who was the father of Judge Leith of Wyandot, as well as the Judge, was, I believe citizens for a time of Walnut Township.



Ann Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ann was born 20 March 1806 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner Jr. and Anna *Coffman*.

She married **Manoah Howell** on 18 February 1834 in Champaign County, Ohio. He was born 26 October 1808 in Christiansburg, Montgomery County, Virginia, the son of Daniel Howell (1786-1869) and Phebe *Ross* (1782-1856). Manoah's grandparents were: Joshua Howell (1745-1836) and Mary Howell (1748-1835). Joshua Howell was the founder of the town of Addison, Champaign County, Ohio.

Manoah was a farmer and also owned and operated a general store. Ann and her family had strong ties to the Honey Creek Baptist Church. Ann was baptized into the church on 4 September 1841.

The History of Champaign County, Ohio (1881) contains a biography for L. R. Howell (Levi Ross Howell), a son of Ann and Manoah Howell, which gives us information regarding his father and other members of the Howell family.

L. R. HOWELL, dry goods merchant, Christiansburg; was born in Addison, Champaign Co., Dec. 23, 1839. He is the son of Manoah and Ann Howell, both natives of Virginia. Daniel Howell, the father of Manoah, went to Champaign Co. about 1810³⁵, and entered eighty acres of land just west of Addison, on the line of Champaign and Miami. Here Manoah spent his boyhood days and got such as good education as the schools afforded. He afterward acquired a good business education. On reaching his years of majority, he went into business in Addison, keeping a general store. This was his principal occupation through life. He owned several farms of which he had control.

Manoah and Ann Howell were parents of seven children; five grew to maturity—Louisa C. (wife of J. L. Long), Zilpah A. (now Mrs. E. F. Warner), Rebecca (now Mrs. L. D. Marshall), Levi R. and Mary S., deceased, wife of R. R. Marshall).

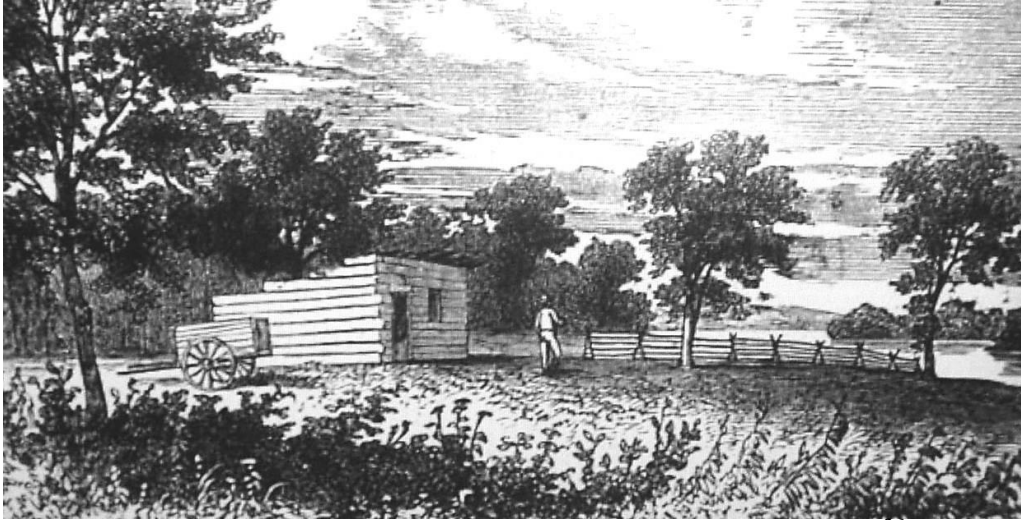
The remaining portion of the biographical sketch will appear under Levi Ross Howell's listing in the next chapter of this history.

The above cited publication about Champaign County also contained a history of the town of Addison, where the Howells settled early and always lived. Speaking the town, the article said that the little hamlet was laid out by Joshua Howell in 1817 on land entered by him earlier. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) records show that Joshua Howell received two land patents as cash sales from the Cincinnati land office, one on 20 January 1814 and the other 11 February 1814 both in Miami's meridian. The town of Addison grew very slowly and in 1820 had only six houses, or rather log huts, used as houses. (See illustration on the following page).

The article continued, stating that the first frame house in the town was built ten years later and used for a grocery store. The town was then called Christiansburg, in memory of the town in Virginia from which the Howell family emigrated. The post office in 1881 still retained the name of Christiansburg, although the name of the town

³⁵ The correct year is 1818.

was changed to Addison in 1842. In 1832, a tannery and other business places were opened. In 1835, the town incorporated, and the officers were elected. Noah Howell was elected as one of the five councilmen. The article then went on to state that in less than a year, when it was determined they were unable to support a municipality, the town charter was relinquished and Addison once again became a hamlet—actually a part of Jackson Township.



An illustration of an early log dwelling in the Addison area³⁶

Manoah Howell died in Champaign County, Ohio on 18 August 1878. The *St. Paris New Era* newspaper on 22 August 1878 published his obituary: ***Noah Howell, one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of Jackson Township, died at his residence in Addison, Sunday evening, the 18th of this month. The same newspaper on 5 September 1878 further stated that Manoah Howell was born October 26, 1808, near the Ohio River, and died August 18, 1878, aged 69 years, 9 months, 22 days. He came with his parents in 1818, settled near Honey Creek, and was married by Joseph Woods, Esq. to Ann Ruffner, February 18, 1834. 7 children, 5 survive.***

Ann Ruffner Howell died in Champaign County, Ohio on 14 August 1898 at the age of 92 years, 4 months and 20 days. Ann and Manoah Howell are buried side by side in the old section of Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio. Their children were:

- +Louisa Catharine Howell⁵ – 1835-1903 – married John Ludlow Long.
- +Zilpah A. Howell⁵ – c. 1836-1902 – married Emery F. Warner.
- +Rebecca J. Howell⁵ – 1838-1915 – married Lemmon D. Marshall.
- +Levi Ross Howell⁵ – 1839-1914 – married Ellen Coddington.
- +Daniel Ruffner Howell⁵ – 1842-1843
- +Albert C. Howell⁵ – born and died 1843
- +Mary Savilla Howell⁵ – 1845-1880 – married Randolph R. Marshall.

³⁶ Illustration from: *The History of Champaign County*. Chicago, W. H. Beers & Co. 1881

Esther Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Esther (sometimes referred to as Easter) was born 5 September 1807 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner II and Ann *Coffman*.

She died 15 December 1809 at the young age of two years, two months and 10 days. Esther is buried with numerous family members in Row 11, Baptist Corners Cemetery, often referred to Pleasant Run Primitive Baptist Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Rebecca Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rebecca was born 1 February 1809 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner II and Anna *Coffman*.

Rebecca never married, and died 1 March 1839 at the age of 30 years and one month. She is buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery with many of her relatives.



Baptist Corners Cemetery in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio—the resting place of many Ruffner family members. It is better known as Pleasant Run Primitive Baptist Cemetery.

Benjamin Ruffner III⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was born 15 March 1810 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Benjamin Ruffner II and Anna *Coffman*.

On 2 February 1837 in Fairfield County, Ohio, he married **Mary Lamb**, who was born 17 October 1816 in Ohio. She was the daughter of William Lamb and Catharine *Cupp*.

Benjamin became a prominent businessman in Ohio. For several years he had a large whiskey distillery near Hebron in Licking County, Ohio. However, he had financial difficulties in the 1840s and lost his inherited land in Fairfield County to foreclosure. In

1850 he closed out his Ohio property and the family moved to a farm near Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 1966, his Ohio property was occupied by Wendell Smith, another descendant of our pioneers Peter and Mary Ruffner.

Benjamin's wife Mary was the eldest of a family of 10 children—she had two brothers and seven sisters. As a child she attended school in a log schoolhouse located on a hill on the west side of the Lancaster road, half a mile south of the village of Thurston, Fairfield County, Ohio. Her father would go with her and her small sister through the woods to help them over fallen trees and to guard against wild animals.³⁷

Benjamin died 8 December 1876 in Shelby County, Illinois at the age of 66 years, 8 months and 23 days. He is buried at the Masonic Cemetery, Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois.

Mary *Lamb* Ruffner died 11 August 1885 in Shelby County, Illinois and she is buried next to her husband at the Masonic Cemetery. Benjamin and Mary Ruffner had eight children.

- +Joachim L. Ruffner⁵ – 1837-1933 – never married.
- +Francisco (Frank) Ruffner⁵ – 1839-1915 – married (1) Coffman (2) Ramsey.
- +Josephine Ruffner⁵ – 1841-1901 – married Henry G. Cady.
- +Noah Ruffner⁵ – born and died 1844.
- +Benjamin Ruffner IV⁵ – 1847-1903 – married Mary Virginia Thomas.
- +Eli Ashbrook Ruffner⁵ – 1850-1934 – married twice.
- William D. Ruffner⁵ – 1852-1858.
- +Mary Catharine Ruffner⁵ – 1860-1946 – married Charles W. Doyle.

Noah Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Noah was born 27 January 1812 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Benjamin Ruffner II and Anna Coffman.

On 18 April 1841 he married **Sarah Friend** who was born 13 December 1815 in Virginia.

Noah died 17 June 1844 leaving a young wife and two small children. He lived and died on the old family farm.³⁸ He is buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery, Lancaster County, Ohio.

Sarah never married again, and when she was older, she lived with her son David and his wife Emma at their farm in Marrowbone Township, Moultrie County, Illinois. After David's early death at the age of 40, she may have continued to live with her daughter-in-law Emma. However, Emma remarried in 1890.

Sarah died in Moultrie County, Illinois on 9 March 1898 at the age of 82. She is buried at Todds Point Cemetery, Moultrie County, Illinois. Her gravestone in this small cemetery is surrounded by numerous plantings and carved into the stone is *Mother, Sarah Ruffner, 1815-1898*. Near Sarah's grave are those of her son David and her infant

³⁷ *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* (1966) *ibid*.

³⁸ *Guide to Ruffner Grave Sites in Fairfield County, Ohio and Vicinity* by Joan Ruffner Reid, 2013.

grandchild; the only child of David and Emma Ruffner. The two children of Noah and Sarah were both born in Lancaster County, Ohio.

+Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵ – 1841-1912 – married Josiah Berry.

+David F. Ruffner⁵ – 1843-1884 – married Emma Eliza Claypool.

Lydia Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lydia was the twin of Noah, thus she was born 27 January 1812 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner II and Anna *Coffman*.

Lydia died in Fairfield County, Ohio on 23 January 1819, just five days short of her seventh birthday. She is buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio

Catharine Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Catharine was born in the year 1813 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner II and Anna *Coffman*.

She died in Fairfield County, Ohio in the year 1825 and is buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Aaron Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) the youngest son of Benjamin Ruffner II and Anna Coffman was born in May of 1815 and died 2 August 1815 at the age of two months, 27 days. He is buried at Row 9, Baptist Corners Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Dorothy Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dorothy was born 14 July 1817 in Fairfield County, Ohio. She was a daughter of Benjamin Ruffner II and Anna Coffman.

On 10 December 1835 in Fairfield County, Ohio, she married **Lewis Hite** who was born 31 October 1812, also in Fairfield County, Ohio. Lewis was the son of John Squire Hite (1783-1843) and Elizabeth *Seitz*, his second wife.

Dorothy and Lewis Hite lived in Salem, Marion County, Illinois where their children were born. At least two of those did not survive childhood and are buried there.

Lewis Hite was a farmer, a contractor on railroads, and at the age of 26, he served two years as a member of the Ohio Legislature. In 1849 he traveled to the gold fields in California. In 1858, he was the engrossing clerk in the Illinois Senate. He became a lawyer.

Lewis died 24 December 1881 in Potosi, Missouri, and Dorothy died 9 October 1894 in St. Louis, Missouri. They are both buried at Potosi Presbyterian Cemetery in Potosi, Washington County, Missouri.

Dorothy and Lewis had a large family—the 11 children of Dorothy and Lewis Hite were:

- +Lucretia R. Hite⁵ – born 1837, she probably died young.
- +Luke Homer Hite⁵ – 1839-1918 – married Sarah Margaret Larimer.
- +Benjamin Ruffner Hite⁵ – 1841-1906 – married Sarah E. Griffith
- +Infant Boy Hite⁵ – born and died 1843.
- +Lewis Cass Hite⁵ – 1845-1914 – unmarried
- +Elizabeth Ann Hite⁵ – 1847-1932 – married John J. Marion.
- +Dorothy (Dollie) Louisa Hite⁵ – 1849-1864.
- +Virginia Florence Hite⁵ – 1852-1853
- +Fannie Agnes Hite⁵ – 1854-1934 – unmarried
- +John P. Hite⁵ – 1857-after 1931 – married Sue B.
- +Grace Hite⁵ – 1859-1940 – married Edward (Ed) J. Wallis.

Lewis Hite's father, John Squire Hite was a deacon in the regular Baptist Church for 33 years. Deacon John Hite moved from his birthplace, Shenandoah County, Virginia to Fairfield County, Ohio in 1801. His first wife was Barbara Ann Bibler, another well-known name in the Shenandoah Valley. She died in 1810 after giving birth to four children, and when John married again, he married Elizabeth *Seitz*, who became the mother of Lewis. In 1843, John Squire Hite moved from Fairfield County to Marion County, Illinois. He and his wife Elizabeth and some of the family moved back to Ohio. While on a visit to friends in Seneca County, Ohio in August of 1843, John died.

Cynthia Ruffner⁴ (Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Cynthia was the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner II and Anna Coffman, the 14th and last child born to them. She was only 11 months old when she died in 1825. Cynthia is buried at the Baptist Corners Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman Through son Benjamin Ruffner and granddaughter Regina Ruffner Brumbach

Isaac Brumbach⁴ (Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Isaac was born in the year 1802 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was the eldest child of Regina *Ruffner* and David Brumbach.

Isaac married (1) **Hannah Bury** and (2) **Catharine Zerkle**, who was born 13 June 1802 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Hannah *Bury* Brumbach died sometime prior to 1833.

Catharine, Isaac's second wife, died 26 March 1860 at the age of 57 years, 9 months and 13 days. She is buried at Showley Weist Liberty Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

In August of 1850 when the federal census was taken, Isaac and Catharine were living on their farm in Liberty, Fairfield County, Ohio, and living with them were all the children except David, who was at work on another farm.

In 1860, now widowed, Isaac was still living on his farm in Liberty, and only Harriet and Silas were listed with him.

In 1870, now 69 years old, Isaac was living with his unmarried brother Martin Brumbach and their widowed sister Nancy Zerkle on Martin's prosperous farm in Liberty Township, Fairfield County.

In 1880, Isaac was living with his son Noah and Noah's large family in Union Township, Fulton County, Indiana.

Isaac died in Fulton County, Indiana on 28 January 1884 at the age of 82 years, 8 months and 26 days. He is buried at Shaffer Cemetery in Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana in the South Section, Row 18. Isaac had three children during his first marriage to Hannah Bury, and five children during his second marriage to Catharine Zerkle.

+Anna Brumbach⁵ – born 1824-unknown

+Adam Brumbach⁵ – 1827-1910 – married twice – Elizabeth and Sarah.

+David Brumbach⁵ – 1828-1854 – unmarried

+Noah Brumbaugh⁵ -- 1834-1899 – married Maria Apt.³⁹

+Hester Brumbach⁵ – 1835-1870 – married Peter Spangler.

Harriet Brumbach⁵ – c. 1838-unknown. No information was found.

+Silas Brumbach⁵ – c. 1840-1889 -- unmarried

+George Brumbach⁵ – 1842-1866 – unmarried

Nancy Brumbach⁴ (Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Nancy was born 1803⁴⁰ in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Regina *Ruffner* and David Brumbach.

She married **George Zerkle** on 24 January 1822 in Fairfield County, Ohio. George may have died in the 1830s—when the 1840 federal census was taken, Nancy was the head of her household.

In 1850 Nancy was living with her mother Regina, and her two brothers Benjamin and Martin in Basel, Fairfield County, Ohio. When the 1870 federal census was enumerated, Martin Brumbach, age 60; Isaac Brumbach, age 69; and Nancy Zerkle, age 66, were sharing a household.

Again, the 1880 federal census for Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio lists Martin Brumbach as the head of the household (age 70) and living with him is his sister Nancy.

Find A Grave showing the burial place of Martin Brumbach has a photo of Martin and also one designated as Mrs. Martin Brumbach. Since it has always been clear that Martin never married, the lady in the photograph is most likely his sister Nancy *Brumbach* Zerkle.

Nancy died at the age of 78 on 26 November 1881 in Basil, Liberty Township, Ohio—she was still listed as a widow. The cause of death was a paralyzing stroke. No burial location was given, but it is most likely she is buried at Poplar Creek Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, where her brother Martin is buried. There are unmarked graves in the cemetery.

³⁹ Noah seemed to use the Brumbaugh spelling of the name most of the time. However, it has been spelled Brumbach, Bromback, and Brumbaugh—although Brumbach seemed to be the preferred spelling.

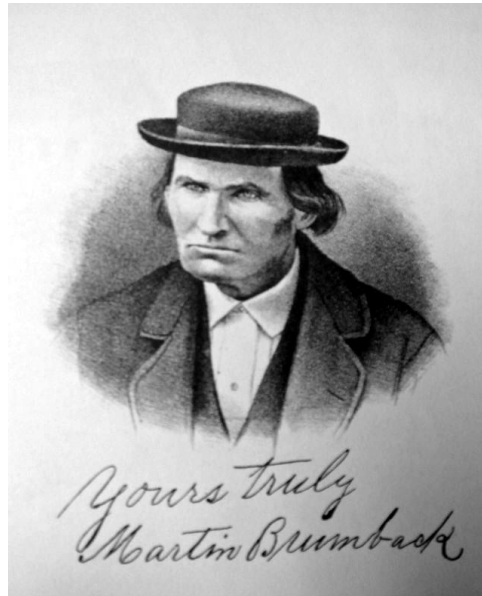
⁴⁰ Date of birth as indicated on her death record in the Probate Records of Fairfield County, Ohio.

Martin Brumbach⁴ (Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martin was born 13 May 1808 in Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Regina *Ruffner* and David Brumbach.

Martin never married and lived his entire life in Liberty Township, making his home on the family farm, and establishing it as one of the best grape-growing farms in the area.

In later years his mother Regina and some of his brothers and sisters lived with him at the farm. His older sister Nancy *Brumbach* Zerkle, who was widowed early, made her home with her brother Martin for several years until her own death in 1881.

Martin died 13 February 1882 and is buried at Poplar Creek Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.



Benjamin Brumbach⁴ (Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was born 1806 or 1808⁴¹ in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Regina *Ruffner* and David Brumbach.

He married **Catharine Hans** on 7 January 1855 following an earlier try on 28 October 1854. They were both well into their 40s when they married so there were probably no children.

According to the 1880 Federal Census, Benjamin was a farmer on their land near Liberty Township in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Catharine died 9 January 1892 in Fairfield County, Ohio, and Benjamin died 1 March 1893 in Fairfield County. They are both buried at Old Basil Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. There was no record of any children.

Mary Brumbach⁴ (Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary, a daughter of Regina *Ruffner* and David Brumbach, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio. She is listed in the publication *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* (1966). It is mentioned in this publication that she never married. No date was given for her birth or her death, and I could find no verifiable records pertaining to Mary's fate in life.

However, Find A Grave database (<http://findagrave.com>)--record added Feb. 22, 2010, without any source states that a Mary Brumbach (1813-1894) was the spouse of John Grove (1810-1886) with both buried in Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Luray, Page County, Virginia. This couple is shown to have 12 children. *Ancestry.com* does have a

⁴¹ Date on Benjamin's gravestone.

record of a John Grove marrying a Mary Brumbach in 1832. However, this Mary Brumbach is shown to have been born in Virginia, whereas Regina and David Brumbach's daughter Mary was born in Ohio.⁴² Census records also show Mary Grove's birthplace as Virginia, rather than Ohio. Since neither *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* nor *Find A Grave* can be proven, there is no confirmation that Regina and David's daughter Mary Brumbach was the wife of John Grove, nor the mother of 12 Grove children.

Phebe Brumbach⁴ (Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Phebe was born 26 May 1820⁴³ in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Regina *Ruffner* and David Brumbach.

She married **Jacob Snider**, who was born 19 July 1815 in Switzerland, the son of John Rudolph Snider (1788-1870) and Anna Maria *Bowman* (1794-1867) both from Switzerland. Jacob father came to America with his father in 1818, and they settled in Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Phebe and Jacob lived on their farm in Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. He spent his life as a farmer.

Phebe died 18 May 1886 in Fairfield County, Ohio at the age of 66 years, one month and 22 days. She is buried at the Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.⁴⁴ Jacob died 28 January 1894 in Fairfield County at the age of 78 years, 6 months, and 9 days. He is buried next to his wife Phebe at the Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. Phebe and Jacob Snider had the following children:

+Noah Snider⁵ – 1843-1923 – married Mary Elizabeth Fritz.

+Sarah A. Snider⁵ – 1846-1861 – 15 years and 25 days old.

+Mary Catharine Snider⁵ – 1855-1882 – married Edward Edwin Fritz.

+Lydia Almeda Snider⁵ – 1860 – married George James Sager.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman* Through son Benjamin Ruffner and granddaughter Mary *Ruffner* Musselman

Benjamin Musselman⁴ (Mary Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was born in the year 1797 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was the son of Mary *Ruffner* and Jacob Musselman., he was born just a few years before the family moved to Fairfield County, Ohio

⁴² *Yates Publishing*. U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc. 2004.

⁴³ This spelling of her name (Phebe) and the birthdate (26 May 1820) are shown on her gravestone.

⁴⁴ The Union Evangelical Cemetery is also known as the New Evangelical Cemetery and Snider Cemetery.

On 20 June 1820 in Fairfield County, Ohio, Benjamin married **Susannah Walers**,⁴⁵ who was born in 1800.

Benjamin and Susannah moved to Miami County, Indiana, and he died there 6 January 1846. Susannah also died in January of 1846, and they are both buried at the Moyer Cemetery in Miami County, Indiana. Benjamin and Susannah had at least three children who were born in Miami County, Indiana.

Lavina Musselman⁵ – 1821-1824

Mary Musselman⁵ – 1824-1893 – married John Grogg – 1823-1905.

Benjamin F. Musselman⁵ – 1843-1928 – married Alice A. Cook – 1847-1928.

Joseph Musselman⁴ (Mary Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Joseph was born 7 December 1798 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the second son of Mary *Ruffner* and Jacob Musselman.

On 9 August 1825 in Fairfield County, Ohio, he married **Catharine Evert**. Evidence of this marriage was found. Joseph died 6 January 1848, two years following the death of his brother Benjamin. Joseph is buried at Lithopolis Cemetery in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Jacob Musselman, Jr.⁴ (Mary Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jacob was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia on 23 November 1801, the son of Mary *Ruffner* and Jacob Musselman.

He died in Fairfield County, Ohio, in September of 1820, not quite 19 years old, and he is buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery,⁴⁶ Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Isaac Musselman⁴ (Mary Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Isaac was born in February of 1805, the son of Mary *Ruffner* and Jacob Musselman.

He died 24 August 1806 and is buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman* Through son Benjamin Ruffner and grandson Martin Ruffner

Walter Newman Ruffner⁴ (Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 3 August 1810 in Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Martin Ruffner and Margaret *Newman*. Walter was the little boy who was not quite two years old when his father was killed by the Indians. Walter never had the chance to know

⁴⁵ Some show Susannah Musselman's birth name as Walters; however, the burial record for Susannah reads Walers, not Walters.

⁴⁶ Baptist Corners Cemetery is also called Pleasant Run Cemetery.

his father; and was left an orphan by the death of his mother in 1817. Before her death Walter's mother Margaret had married (2) David Coffman of Shenandoah County, Virginia, and gave birth to another son, Martin R. Coffman. At that time they were living in the section of Shenandoah County, that later became Page County.

Walter returned to live in Fairfield County, Ohio, although he probably never returned to what had been the family farm in Ashland County—the farm his heroic father labored to prepare for his family. Like so many of the dreams of our brave and dedicated pioneers who struggled to build homes in the harsh wilderness of our young country, the dreams of Martin Ruffner for his family were destroyed that one day in the fall of 1812.

A case in the Court of Common Pleas (Chancery Court) in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio was held in 1832 and 1833 entitled *Walter N. Ruffner vs. Martin R. Coffman and David Coffman*. This was a matter regarding property owned by Margaret Ruffner Coffman before her marriage to David Coffman and prior to the birth of her second son, Martin R. Coffman. The objective was to force the defendants to pay their share of taxes on the 160 acres of land in Richland County, Ohio, or their right and title to the said property would be sold at auction. The two defendants did not reside in Ohio, but rather in Page County, Virginia. Martin R. Coffman, a minor and the half-brother of Walter owned a one-half interest in the estate and David Coffman, the widower of Margaret Ruffner Coffman held a life estate. On 15 January 1834 after a court order one month earlier the right and title to the property in the names of Martin R. Coffman and David Coffman was sold at the court house steps in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio, as ordered by Ellsey Hedges, the Master Commissioner in Chancery on 14 December 1833.

As a young man, in Fairfield County on 24 April 1836, Walter married **Elvira Mindwell Kelley**. Elvira was born 3 April 1810 in Granville, Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of Hugh Kelley and Sarah *Spelman*. Note: Granville is now in Licking County.

In 1843, seven years following their marriage, Walter and Elvira and their three young children, moved to Cumberland County, Illinois, where Walter purchased 600 acres of land in Crooked Creek Township. Three more children were born to them in Illinois.

Walter died 29 June 1890 at the age of 79. He is buried at a small cemetery 3.5 miles from Casey, Illinois. It has the intriguing name of Duck Pond Cemetery; located in Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. See the picture on the following page.

Elvira died 25 April 1893 at the age of 83 years, 22 days. She is buried beside her husband. Over their graves it is inscribed: *Lie Here Dear Parents; Make Thy Rest; God Called Thee Home; He Thought It Best*. Walter and Elvira Ruffner had seven children.

+Margaret Ann Ruffner⁵ – 1837-1907 – married Charles H. Spencer.

Sarah Ann Ruffner⁵ – 13 July 1839—18 August 1839 – Fairfield County, Ohio

+Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵ – 1840-1892 – married William Dill Seymour.

+Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵ – 1842-1917 – married three times.

+Sarah Estelle Ruffner⁵ – 1844-1868 – probably never married.

+Henry Hugh Ruffner⁵ – 1847 – married Josephine Westall.

+Walter Newman Ruffner Jr. – 1853-1933 – married Susan Rebecca Fox.



Duck Pond Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and granddaughter
Barbara *Ruffner* Hughes**

Elizabeth (Betty) Hughes⁴ (Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Betty was born 5 March 1810 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Barbara *Ruffner* and Richard Glenn Hughes.

The story of how Betty was kidnapped by Delaware Indians in Ohio when she was a small dark-haired toddler, and her miraculous rescue by her Uncle Abe, is told in Chapter Three of this book. This event took place in the wilderness area of Ohio near Mifflin in Richland County—close to the farm where Betty's uncle Martin Ruffner had been killed by the same Delaware Indians.

Following this violence, the family returned to a more settled way of life in Fairfield County, Ohio. In 1828 Betty met **Calvin (C. W.) Marion** and they were married 5 April 1829 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. Born in Massachusetts on 25 March 1802, Calvin was the son of Elijah Marion and Lydia Stone, whose farm land became part of modern-day Columbus, Ohio.

In 1833, Betty and Calvin settled at Groveland in Tazewell County, Illinois, where they established a prosperous farm and raised a large family. They are certified in the Tazewell Pioneer Certificate program as pioneers of Tazewell County.

Calvin died in Groveland on 6 November 1891, and he is buried at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

Betty died 13 September 1898 in Groveland, and she is buried beside Calvin at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria, Illinois. The children of Betty and Calvin Marion were:

+Matilda E. Marion⁵ 1830-1914 – married William Mooberry.

+Lydia Marion⁵ – 1833-unknown – married Washington Anderson.

- +Lucinda (Cindy) Marion⁵ 1834-1923 – married Horace Tarbell.
- +Francis (Frank) Marion⁵ – 1838-1887 – married Martha Evelyn McKibben.
- +Elizabeth B. Marion⁵ – 1840-1922 – married John William Mooberry.
- +Mary Ann Marion⁵ – 1840-1893 – married Isaac W. Tarbell.
- +Barbara Marion⁵ – 1841—her date of death is unknown.
- +Eliza Ann Marion⁵ – 1842-1918 – James William Holmes.
- +Sarah Marion⁵ – 1845-unknown – married Robert Roberts.
- +Margaret Marion⁵ – 1849-unknown – Charles Herbert Roberts (divorced).
- Henry Marion⁵ – unknown. No information.

Mary Hughes⁴ (Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born in Fairfield County, Ohio in 1816, the daughter of Barbara *Ruffner* and Richard Glenn Hughes.

Mary never married and she died in 1866 at the age of 50. She is buried at Roberts Cemetery in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois. She left no issue.

Louisa Colson Hughes⁴ (Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Louisa was born 10 November 1821 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Barbara *Ruffner* and Richard Glenn Hughes.

Louisa married **Samuel Ramsey Mooberry**, who was born 18 January 1824 in Franklin County, Ohio, the son of David Mooberry (1798-1850) and Margaret *Stumbaugh* (1801-1890).

Louisa and Samuel always lived in Tazewell County, Illinois, where they both died

Samuel died 24 July 1882 at the age of 58. Louisa died in 1903. They are both buried at Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois.

Louisa and Samuel Mooberry had a very large family—as shown next, they had at least eleven children, all born in Tazewell County, Illinois.

- +David Richard Mooberry⁵ – 1846-1886 – unmarried.
- +George Edwin Mooberry⁵ – 1847-1915 – married Mary Mallon.
- +Luther B. Mooberry⁵ – 1849-1877 – married Mildred Arnold.
- +Floyd Mooberry⁵ – 1851-1853 – died young.
- +Evaline Mooberry⁵ – 1853-1932 – unmarried.
- +Walter Mooberry⁵ – 1854-1858 – died young
- +Alvira Mooberry⁵ – 1856-1934 – married George Pinkham.
- +Milton Mooberry⁵ – 1858-1930 – married Lydia R. Mooberry.
- +Dorcas Jane Mooberry⁵ – 1860-1934 – married Alba Parker O'Brien.
- +Nettie Oliver Mooberry⁵ – 1862-1891 – married William L. Van Dyke.
- +Della Mooberry⁵ – 1863-1877 – died at age 13.



Mooberry Cemetery – located in Groveland Twp., between Morton and Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois

Christine Margaret (Maggie) Hughes⁴ (Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Christine aka Maggie was born c. 1825 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Barbara *Ruffner* and Richard Glenn Hughes.

She married **William Huddleston**, who was born in 1824, the son of Abram (1784-1838) and Nancy (1787-1852) Huddleston.

When the 1885 Nebraska state census was taken for the Ponca Precinct, Dixon County, on 19 June 1885, it was shown that Maggie (Christine) was diagnosed with cancer. Maggie died 2 September 1885 in Dixon County, Nebraska where they lived. She is buried at Ponca Cemetery, Ponca, Dixon County, Nebraska.

Her husband William went to live with their son Newton and his wife Ida in Woodbury County, Iowa. He was living there when he died 25 December 1895 at the age of 71 years, 6 months and 27 days. William is buried at Ponca Cemetery in Ponca, Nebraska.

Christine (Maggie) and William Huddleston had five children; however, only three survived.

+Malinda B. Huddleston⁵ – 1857 – married Edwin D. Allen.

+Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵ – 1861-1935 – married Adonia B. Wilcox.

+Newton Jasper Huddleston⁵ – 1865-1943 – married Ida A. Sawvell.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman* Through son Benjamin Ruffner and grandson Reuben Ruffner

Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann Ruffner⁴ (Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Betsy was born circa 1820, the daughter of Reuben Ruffner and Nancy (Ann) *Compton*. She never married, and died 5 August 1862 in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.⁴⁷

⁴⁷ Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912. Database: *Family Search*.

James B. Ruffner⁴ (Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born circa 1829 probably in Orange County, Virginia. He was the son of Reuben Ruffner and Nancy (Ann) *Compton*.

James was a miller, having learned the trade from his father Reuben Ruffner. On 13 October 1853 at the age of 23, in Louisa County, Virginia, James married 18-year-old **Toretha Evalina Parrish**, the daughter of Willis R. and Nancy Parrish.

James and Toretha were living in Fluvanna County when John Whitfield Ruffner, their only child, was born to them on 27 October 1855.

Toretha died of consumption in January 1864 at the age of 29 in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

About 1865, James married (2) **Mattie Joan Jordan (Jerdone)**. Three children were born to them.

A few years following his father James second marriage to Mattie, teen-age son John Whitfield Ruffner, left home to live in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia.

James B. Ruffner died 17 July 1906—his burial place not found. James had four children; his eldest son was from his first marriage to Toretha, and the last three children are from his marriage to Mattie.

+John Whitfield Ruffner⁵ – 1855-1934 – married Henrietta Julia Fowler.

+Edgar (Eddie) Reuben Ruffner⁵ – 1866-1939 – married Willie Ann Fleshman.

+James Daniel Ruffner⁵ – 1868-1944 – married Sallie Safronia Poore.

Lillian (Lilly) A. Ruffner⁵ – born 1869 – died young—before 1880.

Eliza Jane Ruffner⁴ (Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eliza was born circa 1830, the daughter of Reuben Ruffner and Nancy (Ann) *Compton*.

Her father Reuben had died in 1857, and in 1880 she was living in Louisa County, Virginia in her mother's household. Her mother, named as Ann, was 78 years old that year. Eliza was still single working as a seamstress, and probably never married. Eliza Jane evidently always lived at home—she is also named in the household of her mother in the 1860 and 1870 federal census records.

America Virginia Ruffner⁴ (Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia, as she was usually called, was born circa 1836, the daughter of Reuben Ruffner and Nancy (Ann) *Compton*.

On 29 October 1855, she married **Robert Wright**, the son of James Wright. This is a family whose history is clouded in mystery.

Olive and Doris Ruffner in their book *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* (Supplement) 1969 on page 382 under People and Places, Facts, Fancies and Bits, tell an interesting story about America Virginia Wright's early death prior to the Civil War. As the tale unfolds, Virginia supposedly died as a very young woman—poisoned by a toothache remedy given to Virginia and a sister by a servant in retaliation of a beating



administered by the two sisters. This was an interesting tale involving dried spiders and voodoo.

According to this information, Virginia was survived by her husband and a young son, i.e. Thomas Reuben Wright. Traditional tales such as this one seem to abound in families as through the years of telling they are embellished and exaggerated. Some truth seems to remain, but it is often hard to separate fact from fancy. Here are some facts—facts that seem to confuse and to create a mystery.

When the 1870 census for Louisa County, Virginia was taken it showed Robert Wright, age 42, as a very prosperous farmer. In his household were his wife, Virginia, and three children Thomas R. Wright, age 12; Sarah J. Wright, age 3; and Mary P. Wright, age one.

As told in Olive and Doris Ruffner's book, death came to Robert *when the barn in which he had sought shelter during a storm was struck by lightning*. This may well be truth—Robert Wright was a farmer in Louisa County, Virginia and according to his death record, he died in Louisa County, Virginia on 27 June 1878 at the age of 49.⁴⁸ However, at the time of his death, the record shows that Robert was married—his wife's name was Virginia. Thus we now know that Virginia was still living in 1878—20 years later than the date given by many as the year of her death.

The wonders of our electronic world have brought to light records which show that Robert and America V. Wright had a daughter, Martha A. Wright, who was born in 1855 and died at the age of one year on 30 November 1856—in Louisa County.

Further records indicate that a daughter Sarah J. Wright was born to Robert and Virginia A. Wright on 2 May 1867 in Louisa County. Further, that in the month of July 1869, another daughter, Mary P. Wright, was born to Robert and Virginia A. Wright in Louisa County, Virginia.⁴⁹ Following is the listing of the children.

Martha A. Wright⁵ – 1855-1856—born and died in Louisa County, Virginia.

+Thomas Reuben Wright⁵ – 1858-1933 – married Emma E. Morris.⁵⁰

Sarah J. Wright⁵ – born 2 May 1867 in Louisa County, Virginia.

Mary P. Wright⁵ – born July 1869 in Louisa County, Virginia.

John Hersey Ruffner⁴ (Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born circa 1839 in Orange County, Virginia, the son of Reuben Ruffner and Nancy (Ann) *Compton*. Even though several sources do refer to him as John Henry Ruffner, since his father when he executed his will wrote his son's name as John Hersey Ruffner, it is assumed that John's correct middle name was Hersey—not Henry.⁵¹

⁴⁸ Virginia, Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912; Database: *Family Search*.

⁴⁹ *Family Search* records.

⁵⁰ In Chapter Five read more about young Thomas Reuben Wright and the mystery of the happenings in the Wright household.

⁵¹ See page 35 for transcript of the last will and testament of Reuben Ruffner³, son of Benjamin.

On 1 November 1865, in Louisa County, Virginia, John married 22-year-old **Mary (Mollie) Scott Brooks**. She was born in 1843 in Hanover County, Virginia, the daughter of Jeff and Jane Brooks.⁵²

John and Mollie lived in Whitehall Township, Albemarle County, Virginia, where John worked as a wheelwright. John died 13 May 1917. John and Mollie had nine children.

- +Walter Ruffner⁵ – 1866-1939 – he never married—always lived at home with family.
- +Gertrude Ruffner⁵ – 1869-1964 – married William Bowles Gautier.
- Eugene Ruffner⁵ – born 1871—nothing found for him after the 1880 census.
- +William D. Ruffner⁵ – 1872- died bef. 1910 – married Lula Kidd.
- +Lena Blanch Ruffner⁵ – 1875-1952 – married Virgil L. Hughes.
- +Lucy (Lula) Sally Ruffner⁵ – 1877-1963 – married James Leonard Herring.
- +John Thomas Ruffner⁵ – 1877-1953 – married Grace Emma Warriner.
- +Addie Lydia Ruffner⁵ – 1881-1955 – she never married.
- +Robert Russell Ruffner⁵ -- 1883-1963 – married Alice Noble

Alsinda Ruffner⁴ (Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alsinda was born circa 1840 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Reuben Ruffner and Nancy (Ann) *Compton*.

On 4 December 1870 Alsinda at the age of 31 married 40 year-old **Daniel M. Jerdon/Jordon**. Daniel was born December of 1825 in Fluvanna County, Virginia, the son of John and Joanna Jerdon. The Jerdon spelling of the name later faded away and became Jordan.

Before his marriage to Alsinda, Daniel M. Jordan served in the Civil War as a private in Co. A, 23rd Regiment, Virginia Infantry, Confederate Army.

Alsinda died between 19 December of 1873 when her son John was born and June of 1880 when the federal census was taken. The 1880 census shows Daniel at the age of 53, a widower, and a farmer, living at Columbia Township, Fluvanna County, Virginia with the two children, ages 8 and 6.

In 1900, Daniel was 75 years old, still living on his farm in Columbia Township, Fluvanna County, Virginia. Living with him were his two children, Laura J. Jordan and John H. Jordan; both still single. Neither death dates nor burial places for either Alsinda or Daniel were found. Their two children were:

- +Laura Johnson Jordan – born September 1871 – no marriage records were found.
- +John H. Jordan⁵ – 1873-1939 – unmarried

Caroline Ruffner⁴ (Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Caroline was born circa 1845, the daughter of Reuben Ruffner and Nancy (Ann) *Compton*.

⁵² Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940. Database *Family Search*.

When the 1880 federal census was taken (June 1, 1880) Caroline was living in Louisa County, Virginia with her widowed mother, along with her older sister Eliza Jane Ruffner. At that time, Caroline's age was given as 35, and her marital status was shown as single.⁵³

Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴ (Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clara was born 17 June 1846, the daughter of Reuben Ruffner and Nancy (Ann) Compton.

Clara married (1) 19 March 1877 **Walter Smith**. She married (2) **Charles Henry Moss**. Charles was born 17 September 1849. Clara and Charles lived in Louisa County and Fluvanna County in Virginia.

Charles died 17 March 1902 and is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia. Clara died 31 October 1914—she is buried beside her husband at Hillcrest Cemetery. From her marriage to Charles Moss, Clara had two children, both sons.

+John Franklin Moss⁵ – 1881-1962 – married Ada Maude Carneal.

+Andrew Compton Moss⁵ – 1883-1962 – married (1) Hicks (2) Johnson.

Diana Marie Ruffner⁴ (Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Diana was born in Louisa County, Virginia, in April 1848, the daughter of Reuben Ruffner and Nancy (Ann) Compton.

On 30 June 1870, she married **George Washington Reynolds**, who was born 4 December 1848 in Louisa County, Virginia. George was the son of William Garrett Reynolds (1811-1868) and Mary (Polly) E. Diggs (1812-1861)

Diana and George first lived in Louisa County, Virginia, and later moved to Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia, where they were living in the Beverly Manor District when the 1900 federal census was taken. George was a farmer.

George died at his home in the city of Staunton, Virginia, at the age of 71, at two a.m. on 2 June 1919. The cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton, Staunton City, Virginia.

Following her husband's death, Diana lived with their son Samuel and his family in Beverly Manor, Augusta County, Virginia.

Diana died at 10 p.m. at home on 23 September 1923 at the age of 75. She is also buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton. Diana and George had at least seven children.

+Elizabeth Ann Reynolds⁵ – 1871-1953 – married Richard Walker Hall.

Herbert Reynolds⁵ – 1875 – last information was the 1880 federal census.

Claudius Reynolds⁵ – 1876 – last information was the 1880 federal census.

⁵³ Even though some sources, including Peter Ruffner and His Descendants (1966) state that Caroline Ruffner married an Alexander Reynolds in 1880/1881, lived in Staunton, Virginia and had a large family, no record has been found to support this claim, and she was still single and 35 years old at census time, June 1880.

- +Samuel Washington Reynolds⁵ – 1878-1935 – married Mattie Mahala Rohr.
 - +Mary Sue (Susie) Reynolds⁵ – 1882-1931 – married Harry Charlton Gregory.
 - +Cora Elizabeth Reynolds⁵ – 1884-1962 – married (1) Gaddy (2) Wine.
 - +Addie Olivia Reynolds⁵ – 1890-1952 – married Preston Alvin Sensabaugh.
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**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and granddaughter
Catharine Ruffner Clem-Bushong**

Christiana Rivercomb⁴ (Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Christiana was born 3 July 1809 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Catharine Ruffner, a young single woman. Christiana's birth father's name is unknown, although since she was given the surname of Rivercomb, it is very probable that Rivercomb was her father's family name. Christiana's out-of-wedlock birth status was affirmed by a court case decided in Chancery Court in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia many years later.

It will most likely always be a mystery as to why Christiana's mother Catharine did not accompany her mother Elizabeth *Heistand* Ruffner and other family members when they moved to Fairfield County, Ohio after the death of her father Benjamin² in 1806. From the small amount of information found, it appears likely that eventually Catharine went to live with her maternal Heistand/Heiston relatives east of the Ruffner home and across the Massanutten Mountains in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia. The Heistand farm adjoined Clem family land.

It was in Fort Valley where Catharine met and married Peter Clem, the son of David Clem, who was the nephew of the oft-mentioned Dedrick (Teter) Clem. The Clems (sometimes spelled Klemm) were a large and well-known family in the Fort Valley vicinity.⁵⁴ Soon after their marriage bond was issued on 13 July 1813 in Shenandoah County, Catharine and Peter were married.

Peter Clem became the stepfather of four-year old Christiana. However, even though some researchers have given Christiana's name as Clem, her legal surname always remained Rivercomb until her marriage to **John Fox**. Christiana's true birth father's identity has never been revealed. Cruelly referred to as a *bastard* in the court case mentioned above, Christiana appears to have led a seemingly normal life, despite her clouded birth.

In Page County, Virginia, on 28 February 1833, Christiana married **John Fox**, who was born 16 January 1812 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. His parents were Adam Fox (1767-1843) and Catharine Fox (1770-1851).

Christiana died in Luray, Page County, Virginia on 17 March 1887 at the age of 77. She is interred at the Fox Family Cemetery in Luray. The cemetery was located on the Batman Ranch property to the east of the town.

⁵⁴ Through the years, many publications have wrongfully confused Catharine's identity, her marriage partner and the identity of her children. These errors include publications by the DAR and the Ruffner Family Association, as well as others. Because of this, on page 43 I have included a copy of the marriage bond between Catharine Ruffner³ and Peter Clem on Page 43 of this publication.

John Fox died 27 January 1899, and he is buried beside his wife Christiana at the Fox Family Cemetery. Christiana and John Fox had at least seven children—all born in Page County, Virginia. This family mainly remained close to their birth home and much of the population of Page County, Virginia descends from them.

- +Mary Ann Fox⁵ – 1834-1874 – married William Branson Lehew.
- +Delila Fox⁵ – 1835-1907 – married Samuel H. Heiston.
- +Isaac Fox⁵ – 1837-1921 – married Eliza Ellen Shenk.
- +Amanda Catherine Fox – 1838-1911 – married John Vanburen Batman.
- +John William Fox⁵ – 1840-1918 – married Susannah C. Ponn.
- +Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵ – 1844-1911 – married Elizabeth Ann Alther.
- +Jonas A. Fox⁵ – 1847-1854.

Elizabeth Clem⁴ (Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elizabeth was born circa 1814 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Catharine Ruffner and Peter Clem.

She married (1) **Jacob Alther** on 19 January 1837. The marriage bond was issued on 16 January 1837 in Page County, Virginia with Jacob Moyer as the bondsman.

When the 1840 census was taken for Page County, they were living in Page County. It is believed that two sons were born to them before the early death of Jacob Alther sometime between 1840 and September of 1842.

Elizabeth Clem Alther married (2) **George Shenk, Jr.** on 20 September 1842 in Page County, Virginia. The marriage bond was issued in Page County on 17 September 1842 with Emanuel Clem, Elizabeth's brother, as bondsman.

Elizabeth Shenk died sometime between 1870 and 1880. Her husband, George, several years Elizabeth's junior, was still living when the 1880 federal census was taken. At that time he was 60 years old and living with his son James H. Shenk, James' wife Susan and their children in Springfield, Page County, Virginia.

Elizabeth Clem Alther-Shenk is believed to have had nine children—two from her first marriage to Jacob Alther, and seven from her second marriage to George Shenk, Jr.

- +William (Billy) Christopher Alther⁵ – 1839-1914 – married three times.
- +Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵ – 1842-unknown – married (1) C. Lillard, (2) M. B. Bruce.
- +James Henry Shenk⁵ – 1845-1926 – married Susan V. Alther.
- +Mary Catharine Shenk⁵ – 1846-1936 – married Silas Thomas Lillard.
- +Benjamin Franklin. Shenk⁵ – 1849-1933 – married Mary Jane Moyer
- +Eliza Ellen Shenk⁵ – 1850-1872 – married Isaac Fox.
- +Eva Ann Shenk⁵ – 1851-1884 – married Benjamin Franklin Batman.
- Jennie Shenk⁵ – born 1853—last information was 1860 census—7 years old.
- Sarah E. Shenk⁵ – born 1856—last information was 1860 census—4 years old.

Mary (Polly) Clem⁴ (Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Polly was born circa 1817 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Catharine *Ruffner* and Peter Clem.

She married **Silas J. Munch**, who was born at Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia on 21 August 1812. Silas (shown here) was the son of Daniel Munch (1784-1852) and Mary *Ritenour* (1791-1856).



Polly died 25 February 1842—she is buried at Dry Run Cemetery located at Seven Fountains, Shenandoah County, Virginia. The only child born to Polly Munch, a daughter, was less than two years old when Polly died.

In 1843, Silas married (2) Rebecca Jane Barr (1825-1897), and they had children.

Life on the frontier was fraught with dangers, and accidents on the farms brought sorrow to many families. In 1861, Silas Munch and his second wife Rebecca suffered such a loss when their 15-year old son Benjamin Franklin Munch died from blood poisoning after he cut his foot with a scythe while working on his father's farm.

During the Civil War, Powell's Fort Valley, the little valley hemmed in by mountains on both sides, became an even more dangerous place to live. For Silas Munch and his eldest son, George Washington Munch, the perils lying in wait for them were the Confederate *bushwhackers*. Silas Munch was a Union sympathizer and the only man in the precinct who had voted for Abraham Lincoln. This put him at the top of the list as an abolitionist, targeted for death at the hands of these Confederate guerillas. Several of the Fort Valley men had already been set upon and murdered by bushwhackers, including young Absalom Clem who had been taken from his home and killed; his body left in the woods, not to be found until several days later. Several more men had just disappeared.

In June of 1862, Silas and his son fled for their lives from the valley to take up residence in Hebron, Ohio. Following the end of the war, Silas returned to his home in Fort Valley. It was reported that on his return home, when he crossed the top of the mountains and looked down at Fort Valley, he cried.⁵⁵

Upon his return, Silas took up the work of reconstruction of the South. After his death in 1893, his obituary stated that following the war he served as a Justice of the County Court, assisted in the adoption of the State Constitution and performed many public duties. Those days were days of peace for Silas. It was said that his death was mourned by many of his neighbors who had once been his bitter enemies during the years of the war between the North and the South.⁵⁶

Silas Munch died 24 August 1893 at Fort Valley, Shenandoah County and he is buried at Munch Cemetery, Seven Fountains, Shenandoah County, Virginia. The daughter of Mary (Polly) *Clem* and Silas Munch was:

+Ann Elizabeth Munch⁵ – 1840-1918 – married Francis (Frank) Marion Barr.

⁵⁵ Munch, Orie. *Echoes of the Civil War* .

⁵⁶ Munch, Orie. *Echoes of the Civil War*.

Even though Rebecca, the second wife of Silas Munch does not follow the Ruffner direct lineage, her story of living through the horrors in the valley during the Civil War is of great historical value. Thus, the travails of Rebecca Jane *Barr* Munch will follow.⁵⁷ Rebecca's stepdaughter must have been very fond of the woman who raised her, as two of Ann Elizabeth Munch's own children carry the names from Rebecca's family. Annie, as she was called even married into her stepmother's family when she married Francis Marion Barr.

REBECCA JANE *BARR* MUNCH

Rebecca Jane *Barr* was born 12 August 1825 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Stephen Boyd Barr and Rachel Caroline *Hester*. She died 14 February 1897 in Fort Valley and is buried at Dry Run Cemetery, Seven Fountains.

As we learned previously, Silas Munch, the husband of Rebecca, was a Union sympathizer living in a place where he faced danger every day from the Confederate *bushwhackers*, as well as from his neighboring Southern sympathizers. When facing imminent danger, he fled to Ohio taking with him his and Rebecca's son George, for the duration of the war. Rebecca stayed behind to take care of the farm and the younger children. This situation may seem strange to us, but times were different during that war—a war which was fought right on the doorstep of our ancestors in Fort Valley. The following is taken from *The Love Letters of Addison Munch to Anna Rebecca Cullers*, by Margaret Boyce (Peggy) Miotto.⁵⁸

Rebecca's son, George, enlisted twice from Ohio into the Union Army, serving until the end of the war, except for that time he was recovering from illnesses, for which he had been medically discharged. They kept his service from Rebecca till after the war; she was alone with the younger children in the Valley. George would write letters to her, send them to his father in Ohio, who then sent them to Rebecca as though George had written them from there with him.

Her brother-in-law Addison escaped once from the conscript officers, who were on their way to kill him, by hiding in Rebecca's house. After arriving there and finding no place to hide, he pulled off his shoes, tied the laces together, hung his shoes around his neck and climbed up the inside of the chimney. There he literally clung to life while they searched for him throughout the house. One can only imagine the terror that Rebecca, and children, must have felt at that time. After they left, Addison descended, covered with soot, his hands and feet bloodied, and minus some finger and toe nails; but alive.

Rebecca and the children at home had another scare, when Jackson's troops commandeered all their food stores one time. When the troops left, they went behind them picking up what they could of what fell from their saddle bags, though it was trampled by so many hoofs and soiled by horse droppings.

⁵⁷ *Find A Grave*, database and Images (<http://findagrave.com>) created May 18, 2015.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*

Rebecca's son, George, was George Washington Munch (1844-1905). His half-sister Ann Elizabeth Munch married Francis Marion Barr, and she named one of her sons George Washington Barr. Another she named William Hester Barr, a family name from her stepmother Rebecca.

Addison Munch (1822-1908), the young man mentioned above, and the one who wrote the love letters was the younger brother of Rebecca's husband Silas J. Munch. He and his sweetheart, Anna Rebecca Cullers, did marry; he was 31 and she was 19. Anna Rebecca died before the devastating war, at the age of 26 years and one month. They had three children: two sons who died as infants, and a daughter who did survive. Addison, a merchant in Seven Fountains, Shenandoah County, Virginia, went on to have two more marriages and three more daughters, but no sons survived him. Addison and his first love, Anna Rebecca, are buried at Dry Run Cemetery in Seven Fountains, Virginia.⁵⁹

Peggy Miotto in the introduction to her book stated: *The first thing I was struck with when I saw the original letters Addison wrote to Anna Rebecca Cullers, was the beauty of his writing form. One could only imagine the careful hours he spent in so lovingly lavishing them with decorative flourishes. And, as if he were moved by some irresistible and spontaneous urge, artfully written poems appear within the pages of his letters, with adoring, scrolled repetitions of her name: "Anna Rebecca Cullers."*

It was a romantic and long courtship—followed by a sad ending to a marriage cut short too soon.



Addison Munch (1822-1908)

*Deep in the earth my love is
lying,*

And I must weep alone. —

Edgar Allen Poe

Emanuel Clem⁴ (Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emanuel was born circa 1819 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Catharine Ruffner and Peter Clem.

When Emanuel's father died in 1830 and his mother remarried to John Bushong, Mr. Bushong became his guardian. At the time the School Commissioners of Shenandoah County for Tuition of Poor Children reported on 20 children attending school for the first half year ending 31 March 1837, one named was Emanuel Clem, age 17—John Bushong, guardian. Emanuel had been in school for 21 days.

⁵⁹ Find A Grave Database and Images (<http://findagrave.com>)

On 17 September 1842 when the marriage bond was posted for the marriage of Elizabeth *Clem* Alther, his sister, and George Shenk, Jr. in Page County, Virginia, Emanuel was the bondsman. Both their mother and John Bushong had died by that time.

Emanuel was mentioned in the Chancery court case in 1859 as being deceased—thus, he died sometime between 1842 and 1859. It appears he never married.

Barbara Clem⁴ (Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Barbara was born 6 February 1820 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Catharine *Ruffner* and Peter Clem.

Barbara married **Aaron McInturff**, a member of another prominent Powell's Fort Valley, Shenandoah County family. Aaron was born 27 September 1820 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Daniel McInturff (1786-1859) and Mary *Clem* (1787-1862).

Although married and a father, Aaron saw service in the Civil War on the Confederate side in Co. E of the 146th Virginia Militia. He went back home to his farm in the Fort Valley and he and Barbara lived there for their entire lives.

Barbara died 23 April 1892 in Fort Valley, where she is buried at the McInturff Cemetery Kings Crossing, Powell's Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

In 1900, Aaron, age 80, and widowed, was still living on his farm in Powell's Fort Valley. His son Benjamin was living there along with Benjamin's wife and children. He was working the farm for his father.

Aaron died 5 August 1902 at Fort Valley, and is also buried at McInturff Cemetery, Kings Crossing, Powell's Fort Valley, Shenandoah County. Small primitive homemade concrete grave markers are over each of their graves. Barbara and Aaron McInturff had five children:

+Daniel R. McInturff⁵ – 1848-1863 – died 14 years, 10 months, 2 days.

+Benjamin Greenbury McInturff⁵ – 1856-1942 – married (1) Bowman (2) Bowman.

+Mary C. McInturff⁵ – 1859-1885 – unmarried.

+Sarah F. McInturff⁵ – 1862-1864 – died 1 year, 9 months, 21 days.

+Marcus Edward McInturff⁵ – 1865-1940 – married Sarah Virginia Bowman.

William Clem⁴ (Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 18 February 1822 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Catharine *Ruffner* and Peter Clem.

On 13 January 1845, he married **Matilda McInturff**, who was born 29 December 1823 in Fort Valley, the daughter of George McInturff (1794-1853) and Sarah *Ross* (1800-1853).

They always lived on their farm in Fort Valley. William was one of the plaintiffs in the 1859 Chancery Court case regarding the estate of his brother Reuben Clem. That case is cited under his mother Catharine's listing in the foregoing chapter.

William died 9 May 1869 at the age of 47 years, 2 months and 19 days. Matilda continued to live on the family's farm with her children until her own death on 17

October 1885. Both William and Matilda Clem are buried at the McInturff Cemetery at Kings Crossing in Shenandoah County, Virginia. They had four children:

- +James Monroe Clem⁵ – 1846-1847 – died 3 months, 4 days old.
- +George W. Clem⁵ – 1849-1929 – married and divorced Mentura (Minnie) Ross.
- +Amanda S. Clem⁵ – 1853-1915 – married Manoah McInturff.
- +Ella Virginia Clem⁵ – 1856-1935 – married James William Bixler.

Eliza Clem⁴ (Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) was born 1824 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Catharine *Ruffner* and Peter Clem.

Eliza married an older man **Albert G. Yager**, who was born circa 1803 in Virginia.

Albert served in the Southern Army in the Civil War in the 1st Battalion, Co. H, of the Virginia Reserves.

When the 1860 federal census was taken Eliza (age 36) and Albert (age 59) were living in District No. 4, Page County, Virginia. In July of 1870 Eliza and Albert were living in Piedmont, Rappahannock County, Virginia and Albert was working as a farm laborer. No children have been found for them. Also, no records of their deaths or burial place were confirmed.

Reuben Clem⁴ (Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Reuben was born 24 September 1828 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the birth son of Catharine *Ruffner* and Peter Clem.

Reuben was just about two years old when his father died, and he was still a young boy when his mother Catharine married her second husband John Bushong. After the marriage John Bushong became Reuben's step-father as well as his legal guardian.

At the time the School Commissioners of Shenandoah County for Tuition of Poor Children reported on 20 children attending school for the first half year ending 31 March 1837, one named, along with his 17-year old brother Emanuel, was Reuben Clem, 9 years old—John Bushong, guardian. Reuben had been in school for 21 days during this first half of 1837.

In 1841 after the death of Reuben's guardian, the guardianship account was settled in court. With his mother ill and living in Luray, Page County, Virginia, Reuben probably went to live with relatives in Fort Valley, as did his siblings.

By 1854, now in his 20s and unmarried, Reuben owned a small tract of land in Powell's Fort Valley. He had eight and one half acres with a house and a tanning yard. Reuben died 14 November 1854 in Fort Valley at the age of 26, still a single man. In 1955 his estate was inventoried, sold and his debts paid.

In March of 1859, a court case was held in equity (Chancery Court). The courts at this time recognized and set forth the names of Reuben's natural parents, his living siblings as well as the heirs of those previously deceased.

Find A Grave records erroneously shows his family link, naming as his parents John Clem (1787-1838) and Mary Elizabeth *Coverstone* (1788-1866).⁶⁰ Court records in Woodstock, Shenandoah County regarding guardianship of Catharine and Peter Clem's children, as well as the 1859 case in Chancery Court are proof of Reuben's correct parents Catharine and Peter Clem, and his sibling. Reuben was evidently raised in the home of John and Mary Elizabeth Clem, but he was not their child by birth.

Reuben is buried at Slate Hill Cemetery, in Dilbeck, Shenandoah County, Virginia. His grave appears to be unattended and forgotten.

Sarah Bushong⁴ (Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sarah was born 25 June 1834 in Powell's Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Catharine *Ruffner* Clem and her second husband John Bushong.⁶¹

With the death of her father John Bushong in March of 1840 and two years later, the death of her mother Catharine *Ruffner* Clem Bushong, Sarah was left an orphan at a young age.

Evidently not welcomed by the Bushong family, when the 1850 federal census was taken, 17-year-old Sarah was listed as a pauper and living in Luray, Page County, Virginia, in the household of John and Elizabeth Heiston, who were the proprietors of a house for the poor.

Sarah was 18 years old in 1851, and at that time her guardianship under Isaac Coverstone was terminated. For a long time this information was the last to be found regarding Sarah Bushong. Assuming she had probably married and not knowing her married name, nor finding a record for her marriage in Page or Shenandoah counties, I ended my search.⁶²

However with renewed research now required for the Book of Benjamin, the continuation of the history of Peter Ruffner's and his descendants, I again began searching for a record of the fate of Sarah Bushong, Catharine's daughter and granddaughter of Benjamin.

While browsing through some older submittals on Rootsweb, one regarding a Sarah Bushong came to my notice. I then contacted Russell Bushong, the submitter of the article. Immediately, a very welcome answer came back to my query. Not from him; instead from his wife, telling me that Mr. Bushong had died a few years earlier. Luckily, his wife is continuing her deceased husband's work regarding the Bushong family. She forwarded to me information in the form of photo copies of actual documents. These records left me with no doubt—Sarah Bushong from Henry County, Indiana, was the daughter of Catharine *Ruffner* Clem Bushong. Our family's lost Sarah Bushong had actually been found! Sometimes social media does have merit.

To continue Sarah's story from her days in Luray when she was 18 years old and her final discovery, It has now been found that upon reaching her majority, Sarah had

⁶⁰ See footnote regarding Reuben's mother Catharine Ruffner Clem-Bushong's listing for an explanation of what often happened when children were orphaned and/or could not be cared for by a parent and then placed in homes of relatives.

⁶¹ Bushong Family Bible showing the hand-written listing of the birth date and parents of Sarah Bushong.

⁶² A Puzzle and the Girl Who Was Left Behind: *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, Vol. 14, Issue 2, Summer 2011.

traveled east across the Massanutten Mountains to her birth home, Powell's Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia. Sarah's reason for this action was to settle the matter of her often disputed entitlement to a portion of the estate of her late father John Bushong.

When her business was successfully completed, Sarah moved on to Henry County, Indiana, where other members of the Bushong family had earlier settled.

While living in Fall Creek Township, Henry County, Indiana, Sarah Bushong, now almost 26 years old, on 15 March 1860 married her cousin, 38-year-old **Philip Bushong**.⁶³ This marriage brought no name change for Sarah—a development which was a revelation and a reminder to always expect the unexpected—to always remember in genealogy research, we should never forget to look for the unusual happenings which are sometimes hidden in plain sight. Having imagined Sarah married, it never occurred to me that she would have married a cousin with the same surname.

Philip Bushong was born in Virginia in 1822. His parents were Peter Bushong (1793-1868) and Elizabeth *Fertig* (1790-1855). Philip's mother died in Rockingham County, Virginia and is buried there. Philip and his father evidently went to Indiana sometime after this, between 1855 and 1860—just in time for Sarah and Philip to meet. Or, maybe being cousins, they had met before.

After their marriage, Sarah and Philip lived on their farm in Fall Creek Township, Henry County. They had at least six children. Sadly, Sarah lost two of her children when they were young, and she did not live long enough to see another lose his life, nor her three surviving children grow to adulthood and have families of their own. Sarah died in 1874 at the age of 40.

Sarah's husband Philip remained in Fall Creek and when the 1900 census ushered in a new century, he was living with their oldest child Catherine, her husband William Hodson and their six children.

Philip died in 1906, and he is buried next to Sarah at Painter Cemetery in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana. These were the children of Sarah and Philip Bushong:

- +Catherine Elizabeth (Lizzie) Bushong⁵ – 1861-1941—married William Albert Hodson.
- +Andrew Jackson (Jack) Bushong⁵ – 1862-1949 – married Emma T. Lewis
- +John P. Bushong⁵ – died at the age of 2 years, 2 months and 21 days.
- +Hannah Bushong⁵ – 1864-1867 – died age 3 years, 7 months, 4 days.
- +Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵ – 1867-1956 – married Samuel S. Hodson.
- +Charles (Charlie) Bushong⁵ – 1869-1880 – died age 10 years, 6 months, 15 days

The picture on the next page shows Painter Cemetery at Middletown, Henry County, Indiana in the winter time. This cemetery is the final resting place for Sarah Bushong, an orphan, a girl who led a very troubled life, one who at long last had found a place to call home and a family of her own.

⁶³ Henry County, Indiana, marriage certificate for Philip Bushong and Sarah Bushong.



Painter Cemetery in Henry County, Indiana

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and grandson Michael Ruffner**

Mary (Mollie) Louise Ruffner⁴ (Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mollie was born March 1837 in Ohio, the daughter of Michael Ruffner and Sara *Nichels*.

Mollie was a public school teacher. When Mollie first married, it was in 1856 to **John Welker, Jr.**, a much older man. He was born 24 February 1809 in Stark County, Ohio, the son of John Welker, Sr. (1776-1870) and Elizabeth *Tumelson* (1779-1869). John had previously been married to Mary *Apley/Epley* in Ohio and they had eight children. His first wife died in 1855. Evidently Mollie and John's marriage did not last, although they had one daughter before they were divorced. John Welker died 24 August 1895, and he is buried at Hazel Dell North Cemetery, Hazel Dell, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Mollie then married (2) **Joseph J. Jones** in the spring of 1859 in Cumberland County, Illinois. He died in 1865. Four children came from this marriage.

She married (3) another man many years her senior, **Dr. Eli Elstun**, who was born 13 November 1814 in Clermont County, Ohio. Dr. Elstun was a widower, having previously been married to Christianna Anderson (1814-1865). He and his first wife had a son, Edward E. Elstun (1854-1948). Mollie and Eli Elstun had three children during their marriage.

Dr. Elstun died 14 October 1879 in Cumberland County, Illinois, at the age of 65 years, 11 months and one day. He is buried at Greenup Cemetery, Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Still widowed in 1880, Mollie and five of her children were living at Crooked Creek, Illinois. Along with daughter Ida, as well as two of Mollie's sons, Michael Jones and Samuel Elstun, Mollie then headed west to Colorado and New Mexico.

According to *R. L. Polk's City Directory* for Trinidad, Colorado City, Colorado (1907) Mary L. Elstun (widow of Eli Elstun), was a dressmaker, living at 325 Pine in

Trinidad, Colorado, and Samuel F. Elstun, a brakeman for C & S Railway, was living with her.

Mary L. (Mollie) Elstun died 24 February 1910 in Clayton, Union County, New Mexico and she is buried at Clayton Cemetery in Clayton, New Mexico. Mary had seven children from her three marriages.

+Ida A. Welker⁵ – 1857-1928 – married (1) English, (2) Gibson.
+Michael Richard Jones⁵ – 1863-1947 – married Elizabeth Miller.
+Marcus L. Jones⁵ – 1863-1909 – married to Emma
+E. Jane (Jennie) Jones⁵ – born 1865 – listed in 1870 and 1880 census records.
+Sarah Louisa Elstun⁵ – 1869-1959 – married (1) Cliver (2) Palmer
Howard Elstun⁵ – 1874-1881 – died at the age of six.
+Samuel Frederick Elstun⁵ – 1876-1909 – married Mabel Claire Davis.

Catharine E. Ruffner⁴ (Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Catharine was born 1838 in Illinois, the daughter of Michael Ruffner and Sara *Nichels*.

She was 22 years old and still single when the 1860 federal census was taken. She was still living in the home of her father and her stepmother in Long Point, Cumberland County, Illinois, at that time. She was a public school teacher. This was the last verifiable record found for Catharine. It has been reported that she married a man named Dickerson, but no record was found to support the marriage.

Lydia C. Ruffner⁴ (Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lydia C. Ruffner was born 1840 in Illinois, the daughter of Michael Ruffner and Sara *Nichels*.

The last verifiable record to be found for Lydia was when she was listed in the 1850 federal census at the age of 10 years living with her father Michael and her stepmother at Long Point, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Martha A. Ruffner⁴ (Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martha was born 1842 in Illinois, the daughter of Michael Ruffner and Sara *Nichels*.

Martha was 18 years old and living with her father Michael and her stepmother at Long Point, Cumberland County, Illinois, when the 1860 federal census was taken. That was the last verifiable record found for Martha.

Sarah M. Ruffner⁴ (Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sarah was born 13 March 1843 in Illinois, the daughter of Michael Ruffner and Sara *Nichels*.

Sarah was a public school teacher in Cumberland County, Illinois. On 2 January 1867 in Effingham County, Illinois, she married **Rufus T. Jones**, who was born 22 September 1834 in Ohio, the son of Samuel and Sarah Jones, both from New England. In 1850 the Jones family lived in Liberty, Licking County, Ohio.

Rufus served in the Civil War on the Union side in Co. E, 12th Illinois Volunteers.

Sarah died 13 April 1889 at the age of 46 years and one month. She is buried at Marrowbone Township Cemetery, Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois.

In 1900, Rufus and their two daughters were living in Marrowbone Township at Bethany Village. Rufus had not remarried and his occupation was given as an engineer. He died 13 May 1908 and is also buried at Marrowbone Township Cemetery in Bethany, Illinois. Sarah and Rufus Jones had two daughters, both born in Illinois.

+Nellie Jones⁵ – 1872-1926 – married Henry Edward Myer.

+Irene Jones⁵ – 1875-1958 – married Irvin Roney.

Rebecca H. Ruffner⁴ (Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹)
Rebecca was born 1845 in Illinois, the daughter of Michael Ruffner and Sara *Nichels*.

When the 1860 federal census was taken, Rebecca, age 15, was living with her father, her stepmother, and the other members of the family at Long Point, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Rebecca was still living with her father Michael and her stepmother at Crooked Creek, Cumberland County, Illinois when the 1870 federal census was taken. Rebecca was 22 years old and single at that time. That was the last record for her that could be verified.

Hiram N. Ruffner⁴ (Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹)
Hiram was born 22 May 1850 in Dark County, Illinois, the eldest child of Michael Ruffner and Elizabeth Jane *Westall*.

Hiram was a farmer and lived in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois. He was not married.

He died in 12 May 1926 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, and his body was sent back to Greenup, Illinois, where he was buried at the Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. He left no children.

Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴ (Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹)
Eliza was born 11 March 1853 in Illinois, the daughter of Michael Ruffner and Elizabeth Jane *Westall*.

On 13 March 1874 in Clark County, Illinois, Eliza married a widower, **John C. Freeman**, who was born Sept. 1850 in Moultrie County, Illinois. John was a farmer on their farm near Casey, Clark County, Illinois.

Eliza died 1 September 1906, and she is buried at the Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. John died 6 August 1926. He is also buried at the Ruffner Cemetery in Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. Eliza and John had six children.

+Susan R. Freeman⁵ – 1875-unknown -- married William Franklin Spenny.

+Guy A. Freeman⁵ – 1877-1879 – Cumberland County, Illinois.

+Margaret A. Freeman – 1879-1968 married Edward William Zink.
+Iva M. Freeman⁵ – 1881-1956 – married Otis Barnett Hedges.
+Elsie M. Freeman⁵ – 1882-1963 – unmarried.
+Arthur Clemens Freeman⁵ – 1891-1972 – unmarried

Laura Belle Ruffner⁴ (Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹)
Laura Belle was born 27 September 1859 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Michael Ruffner and his third wife, Elizabeth Jane *Westall*. Laura Belle died 22 June 1860, not quite nine months old. No record was found as to the place of burial.

Abraham Lincoln Ruffner⁴ (Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹)
Abraham was born 4 October 1863 in Greenup Township, Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Michael Ruffner and Michael's third wife, Elizabeth Jane *Westall*.

Abraham married **Sarah Ann (Nettie) Tutwiler**, who was born 1863 in Greenup, Illinois. Abraham was always a farmer in Cumberland County, Illinois.

In addition to maintaining his farm, Abraham took an active interest in the affairs of the area where he lived. On 24 October 1884, he was appointed as postmaster for Vevay, Cumberland County, Illinois. According to *Peter Ruffner and His Descendants* (1966), he was an honorary member of the Kline Memorial Library in Casey, Illinois, as well as a county judge, a merchant, a bank vice-president, and he served two terms in the Illinois State Legislature.

He died at the age of 75 years on 25 October 1938 at Crooked Creek, Cumberland County, Illinois, and he is buried at the Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. His death record says that he had been a resident of Crooked Creek for over 50 years.

After Abraham's death, Nettie lived in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana with her daughter Mildred and her second husband, Leon Leroy Graham. Nettie died 26 December 1942 and is buried beside Abraham at the Ruffner Cemetery in Vevay Park. Abraham and Nettie had seven children all born in Cumberland County, Illinois.

+Bonnie Ruffner⁵ – 1886-1923 – she never married.
+Glen Ruffner⁵ – 1889-1970 – married Lela Rhoads.
+Harley Maris Ruffner⁵ – 1891-1961 – Never married.
Thomas Ruffner⁵ – died young
+Rachel Ruffner⁵ – 1895- 1980 – married George L. Robinson.
John Ruffner⁵ – born circa 1897, and died as an infant.
+Mildred Anne Ruffner⁵ – 1905-1950 – married (1) Boles (2) Graham (3) Heap.

End of Chapter Four

CHAPTER FIVE

Fifth Generation



The Gr-Gr-Grandchildren of
Peter and Mary Ruffner

CHAPTER FIVE.....THE GR-GR-GRANDCHILDREN

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter Savilla Ruffner

Savilla Iles⁵ (Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter³, Benjamin², Peter¹) Given the same name as her mother, Savilla was born either in 1821 or 1 February 1825 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Savilla Ruffner and David Iles.⁶⁴

Baby Savilla died 17 July 1825. She is buried at Rushville Pleasant Hill cemetery, Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio, where her parents are also interred.

Mary Iles⁵ (Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born in 1822 in Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Savilla Ruffner and David Iles.

Sometime after 1840, Mary became the second wife of **Thomas Duncan**. Thomas was born in 1811 in Fairfield County, Ohio. His father and mother were both born in Scotland. Thomas was a farmer. He had previously been married to Jane C. Shaw, who was born in 1820 and died in 1840—she is buried at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio. Thomas had no children from his short first marriage.

However, Mary and Thomas did have a large family. Mary and Thomas Duncan always lived in Fairfield County, and all their children were born there.

Mary Iles Duncan died in 1879. Thomas Duncan died at Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio on 11 August 1894 at the age of 83. Mary and her husband Thomas are buried at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. They had ten children.

- +David Iles Duncan⁶ – 1843-1910 – married Lillie Hewitt.
- +Thomas J. Duncan⁶ – 1844-1920 – married (1) Phifer and (2) McKelvy.
- +Mary Savilla Duncan⁶ – 1846-1936 – married Oscar Armstrong Ashbrook.
- +Matilda M. Duncan⁶ – 1851-1937 – married Mathew Scott (Scotty) Anderson.
- +James W. Duncan⁶ – 1853-1932 – married Alice E. Ward.
- +Emma Duncan⁶, born 1855 – twin of Clara. Unmarried
- +Clara Duncan⁶ – 1855-1933 – married Meredith Melancthon Myers.
- +John Duncan⁶ – 1857-1922 – married and divorced Wilmata.
- +Etta Duncan⁶ – 1861-1942 – married Henry C. Beck.
- +William Duncan⁶ – 1866-1925 – unmarried.

Matilda Adalin Iles⁵ (Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Matilda was born 22 December 1825 at Rushcreek Township, Ohio, the daughter of Savilla Ruffner and David Iles.⁶⁵

⁶⁴ The birth information for Savilla is confusing since Find A Grave shows her birth year as 1821 and her death as 17 July 1825. Then it gives her age at time of death as 5 months 17 days. The photo of the grave stone is unreadable.

Matilda married **Oliver Perry Shaw**, who was born 15 June 1813 also at Rushcreek Township, Ohio. Oliver was a farmer all his life. Early in their marriage Matilda and Oliver lived in Licking County, Ohio, but soon moved permanently to Fairfield County.

Considerably older than Matilda, Oliver preceded her in death. He died on 23 September 1897 at the age of 84. Oliver is buried at West Rushville Cemetery in West Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Matilda and Oliver's two unmarried sons, Washington and Jefferson, continued to live on the family's farm with their mother. Matilda lived a long life, well into the next century, dying 30 March 1910 also at the age of 84. She is buried beside her husband at West Rushville Cemetery.

The 1900 federal census noted that Matilda had given birth to nine children and at census time there were only three surviving her. These are the children of Matilda and Oliver Shaw.

- +Benjamin Franklin Shaw⁶ – 1845-1848 – died at age 3.
- +Abigail (Abbie) Shaw⁶ – 1849-1920 – married William H. Wehr.
- +G. Washington Shaw⁶ 1849-1928 – unmarried.
- +David I. Shaw⁶ – 1851-1887 – married Martha (Mattie) E. Dick.
- +Jefferson Ruffner Shaw⁶ – 1853-1942 – unmarried
- +Savilla A. Shaw⁶ – 1857-1888 – unmarried.
- +Oramintha Shaw⁶ – 1859-1892 – unmarried.
- +Mary Jane (Jennie) Shaw⁶ -- 1864-1885 – unmarried.
- +Charles Shaw⁶ – 1868-1895 – unmarried.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-grandson Peter Jefferson Ruffner**

Catharine Janet Ruffner⁵ (Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Catharine was born 16 May 1837. Even though her gravestone gives the year of her birth as 1838, the first date should be the correct one, since her mother Jennette died 12 September 1837. Catharine was the daughter of Peter Jefferson Ruffner and his first wife Jennette E. Wiseman.

On 6 June 1869, Catharine married **Leonidas Hamilton Burks**, who was born 28 March 1841 in Callaway County, Missouri. Leonidas was a wagon maker and a dealer in agricultural implements.

Catharine and Leonidas had at least two children, David and Mary. It is possible they had another child who may have died at a young age.

Catharine died 5 February 1901 in Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska. She is buried at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Ashland, Boone County, Missouri.

⁶⁵ Find A Grave gives her name as Matilda Ann *lles* Shaw. The inscription on her headstone shown on the site is in very poor shape. The Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953 Database shown on Family Search, gives her name as Matilda Adalin Shaw, nee *lles*.

After his wife's death in 1901, Leonidas moved to Texas with their son David and they both continued in the same business. In 1903, their home and carriage making business was in Houston, Texas. They called the business L. H. Burks & Son.

Leonidas married a second to a lady named Ella. He died 18 August 1921 in Texas, and is buried next to his first wife Catharine at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Ashland, Missouri.

The two known children of Catharine and Leonidas Burks were:

+David Faulk Burks⁶ – 1876-1962 – married Bonice Vanelle Deaderick.

+Mary Burks⁶ – 1878-1938 – married Walter Aaron Dunnahoo.

Mary Wiseman Ruffner⁵ (Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 17 October 1840 in Boone County, Missouri, the daughter of Peter Jefferson Ruffner and his second wife Zerelda Emergine *Wiseman*, the younger sister of his first wife Jennette.

On 8 March 1876 in Boone County, Mary married **George Milton Nichols**, who was born 10 October 1838. They owned a farm in Cedar, Boone County, Missouri.

George died 26 August 1897. After her husband's death Mary stayed on the family farm, dying there 13 July 1915. They are both buried at New Salem Church Cemetery in Ashland, Missouri. Mary and George had at least one child.

+Edwin Nichols⁶ – 1879-1964 – married (1) Pearl Claypool (2) Pearl Holt.

Savilla Jane Ruffner⁵ (Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Savilla was born 11 October 1842 in Boone County, Missouri, the daughter of Peter Jefferson Ruffner and his second wife Zerelda Emergine *Wiseman*.

On 2 May 1860, she married **Dr. John Thomas Rothwell**, who was born 11 July 1840, in Garrard County, Kentucky, the son of Fountain B. Rothwell (1799-1884) and Jane (Jennie) *Roberts* (1803-1875).

Dr. Rothwell, a physician, was a prominent citizen of Ashland, Boone County, and his biography was published in the 1882 *History of Boone County, Missouri*.⁶⁶ Information from the biography of Dr. Rothwell's follows:

Dr. Rothwell was born in Garrard County, Kentucky, July 11, 1840. His father, Fountain Rothwell, a native of Virginia, now resides in the above named county, where he has spent the greater part of his life, being a large farmer and stock-raiser. His mother, Jennie Rothwell, was a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of Naaman Roberts, an officer in the War of 1812. John was the fifth child and fourth son of a family of seven children. Of his brothers, Rev. W. W. Rothwell, M.D., now resides in Moberly; James M. Rothwell was a captain in the Federal Army, and is now an extensive coal miner in Kentucky; Samuel D. Rothwell was a lieutenant in the Federal Army; Gideon B. Rothwell is now living on the old

⁶⁶ Switzler, Col. Wm. F.: *History of Boone County, Missouri*. St. Louis; Western Historical Company. 1882.

homestead in Kentucky. His sister is the wife of Rev. W. A. Cravens of Carthage, Missouri. The doctor received a liberal education in his native state, graduating at Danville Central College in 1857.

He commenced the study of medicine in March of 1858 with Dr. W. A. Rothwell, who then lived in Callaway County, Missouri, and he continued with this gentleman until May 1860, entering St. Louis Medical College in the fall of the latter year. He was married in St. Louis to Miss Anna M. Cuthbert, daughter of Mrs. [Eugenia] Cuthbert, principal of the Cuthbert Academy in St. Louis, Missouri.⁶⁷

In March of 1861, he commenced the practice of his chosen profession in Boone County, Missouri. During a part of the years 1861 and 1862, he was surgeon in the Confederate Army; he then resumed the practice in this county, and continued it until the year 1874, when he went to Colorado with his invalid wife [Savilla Jane *Ruffner* Rothwell]. Returning from that state two years later, he again commenced his practice in Ashland, this county, where he still lives.

He was married May 2, 1860 to Miss Savilla J. Ruffner, who was a daughter of Peter J. Ruffner, a large farmer and one of the early settlers in Boone County. Of this marriage, one son and one daughter were born, of whom the son is still living. Dr. Rothwell is now practicing with Dr. W. T. Lemon; is a member of the Methodist Church and of the town council of Ashland; an excellent physician, and an estimable citizen.

Savilla never completely recovered her health and she died 31 March 1881, a few years following their return to Ashland. She is buried at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Ashland, Boone County, Missouri.

Dr. Rothwell married again. His second wife was Anna M. *Cuthbert*. They had three children, with only one surviving—Eugenia B. Rothwell, born circa 1890. Anna Rothwell died in 1917 and is buried at Centralia Cemetery, Centralia, Boone County, Missouri.

Dr. Rothwell died 30 July 1900. He is buried at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Ashland, Missouri. As mentioned in the above biography, Savilla and Dr. Rothwell had two children.

+Wells Rothwell⁶ – 1866-1893 – never married.
Unnamed daughter who died at a young age.

Charles Drury Ruffner⁵ (Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 21 January 1845 in Boone County, Missouri, the first son of Peter Jefferson Ruffner and Zerelda Emergine *Wiseman*. Charles did not

⁶⁷ The marriage information in this biography is rather confusing. Dr. Rothwell's first wife was Savilla Ruffner and after her 1881 death, in 1882, Dr. Rothwell married Anna M. Cuthbert. It appears that Savilla had been in poor health for many years and he took her to Colorado for treatment—probably to the well-known and very popular Manitou Springs, the mineral springs in the mountains west of Colorado Springs, where many people went seeking the curative power of the mineral waters.

survive for long, dying 6 September 1845. He is buried at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Ashland, Boone County, Missouri.

Martha E. Ruffner⁵ (Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martha was born 27 November 1846 in Boone County, Missouri, the daughter of Peter Jefferson Ruffner and Zerelda Emergine *Wiseman*.

Martha was a school teacher in Ashland, Boone County. She never married and continued to live at home with her mother Zerelda until her mother's death.

In 1910, she was living at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Zerelda and James Ellis. In the 1920s and 1930s she made her home in Los Angeles, California.

Martha died 17 September 1935, and she is buried with her birth family at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Ashland, Boone County, Missouri. Having remained single, she left no issue.

Zerelda Margaret Ruffner⁵ (Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Zerelda was born 20 April 1849 in Boone County, Missouri, the daughter of Peter Jefferson Ruffner and Zerelda Emergine *Wiseman*.

She married on 14 September 1871 in Boone County, **James Abraham Ellis**, who was born 26 April 1850, the son of Elisha P. Ellis.

James was a merchant in the grocery field in Boone County. James died 25 October 1930, and Zerelda died 11 February 1940. They are both buried at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Ashland, Boone County, Missouri. Zerelda and James had two children, both born in Ashland, Boone County.

+Clarence William Ellis⁶ – 1873-1945 – married once and divorced.

+Mary Ellis⁶ – 1875-1876 – died age nine months and 26 days.

+Nellie Ellis⁶ – 1883-1969 – married Henry H. Tyrrell.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through their son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Mary Ruffner Ross

Martha Ann Ross⁵ (Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martha Ann was born 26 June 1828 in Jackson Township, Ohio, the daughter of Mary *Ruffner* and Levi Ross.

On 14 October 1847 in Champaign County, Ohio, she married **Rev. Peter McCullough**, a very well-known Christian clergyman. Rev. McCullough was born 8 February 1826 in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio, the son of William McCullough and Susan *Shideler*.

They always lived in Ohio—in Montgomery, Preble, and Lucas Counties. Martha's death date is not found, although it probably was sometime between 1900 and

February of 1906, since Rev. McCullough was listed as a widower when he died that year.

Rev. McCullough died 23 February 1906 in Troy, Lucas County, Ohio. No burial location was found for either of them.

Martha and Peter McCullough had five children—four were shown as still living when the 1900 census was taken.

+Charles Edgar McCullough⁶ – born 1848/1849 – he probably never married.

+Mary J. McCullough⁶ – 1866-1910 – married Henry Theobald.

+Mellie Dell McCullough⁶ – 1868-1917 – married Steven B. Powers.

+Alice May McCullough⁶ – 1871-1913 – married Joseph E. Pearson, Jr.

Minerva Jane Ross⁵, (Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Minerva was born 23 May 1830 in Jackson Township, Ohio, the daughter of Mary *Ruffner* and Levi Ross.

In 1854, Minerva married **John H. Thomas**, who was born 6 Aug. 1823 in Virginia. Minerva was his second wife. John's first wife was Elizabeth *Grafton* Thomas, who had died 28 January 1852 at the age of 26 years, two months and 26 days. John and Elizabeth had two children before her early death: Mary Virginia Thomas and William Ambrose Thomas (1851-1896). More information regarding Mary Virginia Thomas will be available under Benjamin Ruffner IV, as Mary Virginia Thomas married Benjamin in 1869 and they had children.

After John's marriage to Minerva, his two young children from his first marriage became part of the household of Minerva and John.

John served as a private during the Civil War (Union) in Co. H, 10th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI).

John was a farmer and he and Minerva lived in Addison, Jackson Township, Champaign County, Ohio. He owned and operated a tile factory.

John died 25 January 1902 and he is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. Minerva died 13 July 1914 and she is buried next to her husband at Green Lawn Cemetery.⁶⁸

Minerva and John Thomas had two children during their marriage. Minerva and John's children were:

+Estella (Stella) Thomas⁶ – 1856-1895 – married William J. Means.

+John Marine Thomas⁶ – 1859-1932 – married Lilly Florence McCullough.

⁶⁸ Find A Grave's information regarding John H. Thomas' burial at Green Lawn Cemetery lists only one spouse, his first wife Elizabeth *Grafton* Thomas. This is strange as he and Minerva are buried next to each other and have matching gravestones. Elizabeth is buried at a different cemetery—Mount Zion Cemetery in Champaign County, Ohio.

Mary Catherine Ross⁵ (Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Catherine was born 15 July 1831 in Jackson Township, Champaign County, Ohio, the third daughter of Mary *Ruffner* and Levi Ross.

She died at the age of two years, 10 months and seven days on 22 May 1834 in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio. Mary Catherine is buried in the old section at Honey Creek Cemetery, Christiansburg, Ohio.

Marion Andrew Ross⁵ (Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter¹) Marion was born 9 October 1832 in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Mary *Ruffner* and Levi Ross.

Marion Ross enrolled in the Antioch Preparatory Academy in 1853. He had to leave school in 1855, but returned in 1859. He was an active member of the Antioch Musical Association. He became its librarian in 1859 and president in 1860. Marion was a quiet and bookish young man. On 20 August 1861, the day after President Lincoln called for volunteers, he left Antioch to enlist in the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment of the Union Army.⁶⁹ Cited here, Gen. J. Warren Keifer wrote that *he [Marion] was a farmer boy of more than ordinary retiring modesty, with no element of reckless danger in his nature. He had almost white, silky, flaxen hair, and at Antioch College, when I first met him, he rarely associated with his schoolmates in play or amusement.*



Marion was stationed at Camp Dennison near Cincinnati in the fall of 1861 when his life changed. He impressed the camp's commander General Ormsby MacKnight Mitchell, who then promoted Marion to Sgt, Major on 7 December 1861, and assigned him to secret service.⁷⁰ Sgt. Major Marion Ross is shown here.⁷¹

Marion's orders were to join Capt. James J. Andrews and 20 other volunteers in Shelbyville, Tennessee for an unknown mission. The outcome was that he became one of the 22 men (16 from Ohio) who became the renowned Andrews Raiders, led by Capt. Andrews.

An article in the December 2002 issue of Ruffner Roots & Ramblings (RR&R) told of the plans by George Deeming, curator of the Southern Museum of Civil War and

⁶⁹ *Slavery and Four Years of War* (1900) by General Joseph Warren Keifer, an Antioch Trustee, and classmate of Marion Ross in 1854-1855.

⁷⁰ *Ibid.*

⁷¹ Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia—List of American Civil War Medal of Honor recipients.

Locomotive History in Kennesaw, Georgia to welcome people with ties to the 22 *Yankee raiders* who had participated in what was called *the great locomotive chase*. Curator Deeming's invitation asked those who chose to attend the event to not hold the history of the affair against the Peach Tree State and that (speaking of the raid and the subsequent hangings) "Southerners are very much insulted by the entire thing."

This special event was held on Friday evening 28 March 2003. The great locomotive chase was described in RR&R as follows:

It took place early in 1862, when Union soldiers, under the command of Captain Andrews, disguised as civilians sneaked behind enemy lines to steal the *General*, a Georgia State Western & Atlantic Railroad locomotive. They planned to board the train in Marietta, Georgia and hijack it when the crew stopped for breakfast at Kennesaw (then known as Big Shanty).

They were to take the train to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and destroy the track and trestles behind them as they escaped. Had they been successful they would have wrecked a key Confederate supply line linking Atlanta and Chattanooga. They did do a lot of damage as they fled Georgia by pulling up rails and cutting telegraph lines.

With the Rebels in pursuit aboard the locomotive *Texas*, the *General* ran out of steam and the 22 raiders were captured. Their imprisonment and trial are described in the book *Daring and Suffering* by William C. Pittenger, one of the raiders. Eight were tried and hanged; the remaining 14 made a jailbreak after seven months. Six were recaptured, but eight reached Union lines—two of them by floating down the Chattahoochee River to a Yankee blockade in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Raiders would become the first U.S. soldiers to be awarded the newly inaugurated Medal of Honor.



Capt. Andrews was the first to be executed and following his execution on 16 June 1862, Marion Andrew Ross and six others were then executed by hanging—Marion Ross died from hanging on 18 June 1862.

Marion Ross is buried at the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee—his grave marker shown here. He was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

On 20 March 1889, the Ohio General Assembly appropriated \$5,000 to erect a monument in the National Cemetery in memory of the eight so-called Andrews Raiders.

The locomotive *The General* was restored and moved to the museum at Kennesaw, Georgia.

In his book, Pittenger described Marion Ross as having *a singing voice of marvelous sweetness, who taught his fellow prisoners many ballads during their*

imprisonment. All were in complete despair after the trial and being sentenced to death by hanging, but Pittenger said: Marion was a marvel to us all. He was perfectly erect, with easy grace, there was not a sign of dread, while his eyes beamed and his whole face became radiant with the martyr's joy. He said "tell them at home," in a clear vibrating tone, "if any of you escape, that I died for my country, and did not regret it."

Marion had nine siblings—three brothers and six sisters—six siblings survived him. His parents Levi and Mary (Ruffner) Ross also survived him. He never married and left no issue.

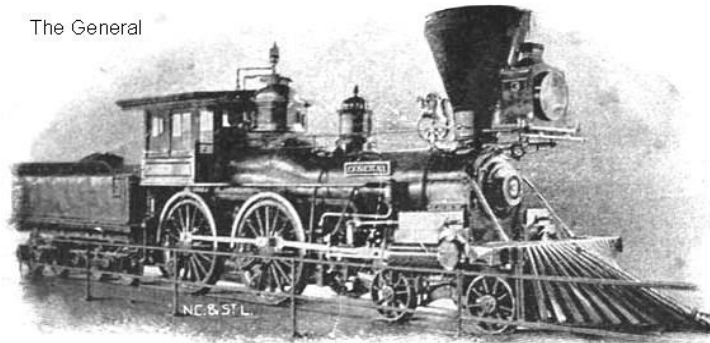
In Christiansburg, Ohio, the birthplace of Marion Ross, an Ohio State Historical Marker has been placed at West Pike and Wilson Streets to honor their hometown hero.

The story of Andrews' Raiders attracted the attention of the motion picture industry. In 1926, Buster Keaton starred in a silent film called *The General*. Made as comedy, not drama, Keaton's film was very loosely based on the actual Civil War event.



On a much more realistic note, in 1956 Walt Disney Productions CinemaScope produced an adventure film *The Great Locomotive Chase*, based on the actual event during the Civil War. Fess Parker starred as Capt. James J. Andrews, the leader of the Union raiders. Also starring in the movie was Jeffrey Hunter as the conductor of the *Texas*, the pursuing Confederate train.

The role of Marion Ross was played by the six foot seven-inches tall, almost 300-pound actor, Don Megowan (1922-1981). Shown here, Megowan had a long career in motion pictures and television from 1951 until illness forced his retirement in 1979. He appeared in many films, including *Davy Crocket*, *King of the Wild Frontier*; *Blazing Saddles*; *Tarzan and the Valley of Gold*, and *Devil's Brigade*. He guest starred on several TV series such as *Gunsmoke*, *Wagon Train*, *Maverick*, *Have Gun-Will Travel*, *The Rifleman*, *Bonanza*, *Rawhide* and *Daniel Boone*. He starred with Cameron Mitchell on the TV series, *Beachcomber*. He also starred in many science fiction and horror movies.⁷²



⁷² The Great Locomotive Chase – Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

Melvina Ellen Ross⁵ (Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Melvina was born 3 April 1834 in Jackson Township, Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Mary *Ruffner* and Levi Ross.

On 26 January 1869 in Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana, Melvina married **Samuel Bragunier**, who was born 28 December 1833 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, the son of Abraham Bragunier (1798-1859) and Elizabeth *Wingard* (1795-1887).

Melvina became a member of the Honey Creek Baptist Church on 11 September 1886.

Judge Evan P. Middleton's book the *History of Champaign County, Ohio: Its People, Industries and Institutions*, Vol. II (1917), had this to say about Melvina and Samuel Bragunier: *Samuel Bragunier was but two years of age when his parents moved from Maryland to Carroll County, Indiana, and there he grew to manhood on a farm near Delphi. There he met and married Melvina E. Ross, of this county, who had gone to Carroll county on a visit to friends, and after his marriage continued to make his home in Indiana until 1884, when he came with his family to Champaign county and settled on the old Ross farm in Jackson Township, he and his wife spending the remainder of their lives in this county, her death occurring on March 14, 1913, and his, May 22, 1913.*

Samuel was a farmer on their farm in Champaign County, Ohio. By 1910, Samuel had retired and he and Melvina were living with their daughter Kittie, her husband Frank Vandever and their family in Elizabeth, Miami County, Ohio.

Samuel died 22 May 1913 in Champaign County, Ohio, and he is buried in the old section of Honey Creek Cemetery, Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

Melvina died 14 March 1913 in Champaign County, Ohio. She is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg, Ohio, next to her husband. Melvina and Samuel had six children:

- +Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶ – 1869-1949 – m. (1) Schisler (2) Vandever.
- +Mary Elizabeth Bragunier⁶ – 1870-1900 (?) no verifiable records were found.
- +Estella Mae Bragunier⁶ – 1872-1958 – married John Henry Swisher.
- Marion Ruffner Ross Bragunier⁶ – 1874-1875 – no further information.
- +Addie Martha Bragunier⁶ – 1875-1967 – married Charles William Proctor.
- +John Charles Bragunier⁶ – 1878-1963 – married Pearl Meeks.

Marine Ruffner Ross⁵ (Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marine was born 10 September 1835 in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Mary *Ruffner* and Levi Ross.

Marine was married twice. (1) **Martha J. Green**, who died 26 February 1878 at the age of 34 years, 11 months, and 12 days. Martha is buried at Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

On 12 December 1881, he married (2) **Rebecca Warner**, who was born 11 October 1850, the daughter of George Warner and Elizabeth *Fisher*.

Marine went to Colorado as a young man and remained for seven years with reasonable success in mining. He then returned to his parent's Ohio farm to care for his father and mother. He was a successful farmer and stock raiser, and was a partner of his brother-in-law John H. Thomas, in a tile factory. He was a staunch Republican, a Methodist and a Mason.⁷³

Rebecca died in 1938. She is buried at Casstown Cemetery.

Marine died 10 November 1886 at the age of 51 in Champaign County, Ohio. He is also buried at Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Pictured on the right is the beautiful Marine Ruffner Ross family burial monument at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio.

Marine and Martha had one child, a daughter who did not survive. Marine and his second wife Rebecca had a son.



+Martha J. Ross⁶ – born and died 1878.

+Marion L. Ross⁶ – 1883-1901

Morgan Levi Ross⁵ (Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Morgan was born 23 July 1838 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Mary *Ruffner* and Levi Ross.

He died 7 October 1838 in Champaign County, Ohio at the age of two years and 13 days. Morgan is buried at Honey Creek` Cemetery, Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

Margaret (Maggie) Elizabeth Ross⁵ (Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 25 August 1840 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Mary *Ruffner* and Levi Ross.

Margaret became a member of the Honey Creek Baptist Church on 29 March 1857. She later left to become a member with the St. Paris church.

⁷³ Page 96, *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* (1966) by Olive Ruffner and Doris Ruffner.

On 14 September 1865 in Champaign County, Ohio, she married **Isaac P. Pond** who was born 29 September 1828 in either Franklin or Warren County, Ohio,⁷⁴ the son of Jonathan F. Pond (1795-1848) and Mary S. *Parker* (1802-1875).

Isaac had been married twice before. His first wife was Mary Darnell, whom he married in 1854 in Champaign County. He and his first wife may have had at least one child, a daughter Lilla Pond, born in 1855.

After the death of his first wife, Isaac married Mary Jane Whitmore on 1 May 1862 in Miami County, Ohio. She was born 22 March 1834, the daughter of Henry Whitmore and Sarah *Jones*. Mary Jane died 10 April 1864 at the age of 30 years, three months and 19 days. Isaac and Mary Jane had an infant daughter (unnamed) who was born and died in 1864. Both Mary Jane and their child are buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Isaac became a member of the Honey Creek Baptist Church on 11 May 1877. In 1880, he gave his occupation as a tailor, and in 1900, his occupation was given as a manufacturer of overalls.

Isaac Pond died Sunday, 17 July 1902 at the age of 73 years, two months and 12 days in Saint Paris, Champaign County, Ohio. He is buried in the Old Section at Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

Margaret *Ross* Pond died 22 January 1934 in Miami County, Ohio. She is also buried in the Old Section of Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg, Ohio. Margaret and Isaac Pond had two children.

+Jessie Melvina Pond⁶ – she was born and died in 1867.

+Forest Ross Pond⁶ – 1870-1909 – married Bessie Gertrude Thatcher.

Maria Louisa Ross⁵ (Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maria was born 10 January 1843 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Mary *Ruffner* and Levi Ross.

In 1869, she married **Charles F. Heckler**, who was born 5 January 1842 in Miami County, Ohio.

The special veterans census in 1890 showed that Charles Heckler saw service in the Civil War as a private in Co. H, 4th Regiment, Ohio Volunteers. He enlisted in 1861 and was discharged in 1865 having served three years and six months. His address at the time of the census taking was 193 West Goodale Ave., Columbus, Ohio.⁷⁵

Maria and Charles first lived in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, where Charles was a house carpenter. By 1880, Maria and Charles had moved to Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. In Columbus, Charles occupation was as a wood-carriage maker.

Maria died 2 October 1924 at the age of 81. She is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

⁷⁴ Find A Grave gives Warren County, Ohio as Isaac Pond's birth place. However, Find A Grave also shows Isaac's obituary which gives Franklin County, Ohio as his place of birth.

⁷⁵ Eleventh Census of the U.S., Special Schedule, Surviving Soldiers, Sailors and Marines and Widows, etc., Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, Enumeration, District 102.

Charles died 3 July 1926 at the age of 84, and he is also buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus. His address at the time of his death was given as 893 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Maria and Charles evidently had no children and left no issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-grandson
Andrew Harrison Ruffner**

Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵ (Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harrison was born 16 January 1834 in Fairfield County, Ohio. He was the eldest son of Andrew Harrison Ruffner and Elizabeth *Leith*.

According to Harrison's granddaughter Virginia Rigg, her grandfather told her that when his ailing father died 17 January 1842, Harrison was *fetching the doctor*. In 1842, at the age of eight, Harrison became the man of the house—a major responsibility for such a young boy.

In the fall of 1841, his father Andrew had traveled to Illinois to purchase farm land and the family had plans underway to move to that location. However, when Andrew returned, he fell ill and soon died, Harrison's mother Elizabeth—expecting a fifth child—had the task of raising their children alone. Elizabeth decided to follow the plan she and her husband had decided upon, and with that in 1843 she moved the family to the town of Mason in Effingham County, Illinois. In Mason, the family first lived with Elizabeth's relatives while their forested farmland was cleared.

In 1847, Elizabeth married Joseph D. Morgan, a widower with five children from his first marriage. Elizabeth moved to the Morgan farm in Marion County, Illinois. Sons Samuel and Marion Andrew went with their mother. However, Harrison, now 14 years old stayed on in Mason, living with his Uncle David Leith and his family.

When Harrison was 25 years old he met a young schoolteacher, **Catharine (Kate) McKendrie White**. They were married 19 July 1859 in Effingham County, Illinois.

Kate was born 2 September 1839 in Greenville, Bond County, Illinois, the daughter of William White (1791-1845) and Agnes Johnston (1808-1892). Kate came from a large family—11 children—she had five sisters and five brothers.

When Harrison and Kate met, she was teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in East Union Township, Effingham County, Illinois. The White family was well educated; and before his death on 28 September 1845, Mr. White was a schoolmaster in Charleston, Coles County, Illinois. He was a man familiar with the works of Shakespeare and other literature.

Kate's mother objected to her daughter marrying Harrison, a man who could neither read nor write. Nevertheless, in 1859 despite Mrs. White's objections, Harrison and Kate did marry.

Harrison may not have had schooling, but he was a skilled farmer and a hard worker. He and Kate started their married life in a small house he had built on land he had cleared himself. Their farm located at Section 30, Union Township, Effingham

County, Illinois, and it became their home for 43 years. Eventually Harrison and Kate owned 340 acres of land in the county.

Once they married, Kate devoted herself to her home and caring for the eight children that came along. However, her school teaching didn't completely end—Kate taught Harrison to read. While she worked in the kitchen, washing the dishes each night, he studied the lessons Kate had assigned to him. Then she would listen as he recited what he had learned. Kate then gave him his new assignments.

As their granddaughter wrote, they were never well-to-do, but Harrison did his best to make life easier for Kate. Unlike many of the farm houses in those early days, new-bride Kate had a cook stove, instead of just a fireplace for the meal preparations.

In 1902, after 43 years of living on their farm, Harrison retired and he and Kate moved into a small cottage in the town of Mason.

When Kate was 80 years old, she became ill, and on 19 October 1916, she died. Harrison, now in his 80s moved to Colorado to live with his daughter Alma and her family—sometimes visiting his two sons George and Lester in Arizona.

In 1920, he returned to Effingham County to live with his son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Macy, on their farm near Mason. Having bought out his siblings' interest in the old family farm, Edward was farming on the land where his parents Harrison and Kate had lived and raised their own children. Harrison was living with his son Edward when he became ill and died ten days later on 28 September 1926 at the age of 92.⁷⁶

Harrison and Kate are buried side by side at Mason Union Cemetery, Mason, Effingham County, Illinois. The eight children of Harrison and Kate Ruffner, all born in Effingham County, are shown here:

- +Alma Rosella Ruffner⁶ – 1860-1966 – married Samuel Rodem Rigg.
- +George Crooker Ruffner⁶ – 1862-1933 – married Mary (Mollie) Blanche Burchett.
- +Ella (Ellie) Ruffner⁶ – 1865-1872 – died at age 7 from an unidentified illness.
- +Andrew Newton Ruffner⁶ – 1870-1955 – married Rosa Turner.
- +Edward White Ruffner⁶ – 1872-1968 – married Macy Anderson.
- +Walter L. Ruffner⁶ – 1876-1900 – never married.
- +Mary Florence Ruffner⁶ – 1879-1907 – Married Garrison B. Paugh.
- +Lester Lee Ruffner⁶ – 1885-1967 – married (1) Ward (2) Bowles-Orthel (3) Hughes.

Now we have a mystery. On Harrison's and Kate's shared gravestone, why is Kate's name spelled Kathrine rather than Catharine, or even Catherine used by the family? See the photo of their gravestone on the next page.

⁷⁶ The major portion of the information given here with reference to the personal life of Harrison and Kate Ruffner was from their granddaughter Virginia Rigg's book *Harrison and Catherine Ruffner in the valley of the Little Wabash*, 1999.



Harrison and Kate Ruffner's grave at Mason Union Cemetery.

Samuel Lucas Ruffner⁵ (Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Samuel (sometimes known as Luke) was born in December of 1835 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Andrew Harrison Ruffner and Elizabeth *Leith*.

Unlike most of the men in the family who became farmers, Samuel chose another path to follow and it took him to places far different from the farm where he grew up. He was a veteran of the Civil War, a well-known photographer, a school teacher, a lawyer, and a doctor.⁷⁷ He remained a single man throughout his lifetime.

When the federal census was taken in August of 1850, Samuel was 15 years old, living on a farm in Marion County, Illinois, with his mother, her new husband Joseph Morgan, four of his children, two children born to his mother and Joseph, and three of his siblings still at home. Only Harrison was missing—he was still living back in Effingham County, Illinois with his maternal uncle David Leith and his family.

Samuel attended Fort Wayne College in Indiana and graduated in 1858. In school he was an outstanding athlete.⁷⁸

In his early twenties, according to the records found in the 1860 census, he was living in Kansas Territory and evidently was very mobile, as he is listed first in South Clear Creek, Arapahoe County and then in California Gulch, Arapahoe County during the same year.

⁷⁷ Item from a New Orleans, Louisiana newspaper, Thursday, January 2, 1913. Courtesy of Dr. Robert Spude, a mining historian.

⁷⁸ *Ibid.*

Samuel loved to ride and had developed into a very good horseman. In 1862 he joined the Nineteenth Virginia Cavalry, Co. G, Confederate Army. He was appointed third lieutenant, and at the close of the war, he held the commission of first lieutenant. While in the service, Samuel participated in several major battles and scrimmages, including Lynchburg; Gordonsville and Charleston, West Virginia. In Gordonsville he won fame for the leadership of his troops against the Northern Army.⁷⁹

After the war, Samuel returned to Arkansas where he practiced law in the fifth and eighth judicial districts. He remained there until the early 1870s when he joined his younger brother, Marion Andrew Ruffner, in California and for a few years taught school in Southern California.⁸⁰

In 1880, Samuel was shown as living in the home of John W. and Martha Quinn in Jackson, Little River County, Arkansas. He listed his occupation as an attorney. Following that, he headed east toward Louisiana and taught school in various towns, including Avoyelles County, Louisiana where at the age of 65 he lived alone in a home he owned in Marksville. As shown in the June 1900 federal census, he had been employed as a school teacher at that location for six years.

At the time of the 1910 federal census, Samuel was 75 years old, and was a resident at Camp Nicholls Soldiers Home located on Bayou St. John, 1700 Moss Street, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The last record found for Samuel Ruffner was the 1918 New Orleans City Directory where he was listed as a coffee broker for the firm of Ruffner, McDowell & Birch, with his residence at the Soldiers' Home in New Orleans. If there was ever any record of the date of his death and the place of burial, it has been lost with age—although it is thought he died in 1919. Camp Nicholls Soldiers' Home of Louisiana, shown here, was very likely the last home of Samuel Lucas Ruffner.

The soldier's home opened in 1884 to house and care for Confederate soldiers and became a refuge for veterans from the Civil War through WWI. However, the people of New Orleans considered the property to be truly a home for the remaining veterans of the Confederacy and by the 1940s, there were no longer any residents at the soldier's home who were in that category, and the facility formally closed.



1907--along the Bayou in New Orleans, Louisiana – Camp Nicholls Soldiers Home

⁷⁹ Item from the New Orleans newspaper, Thursday, January 2, 1913—*Ibid.*

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*

The complex was turned over to the Louisiana National Guard and it was used as an armory and vehicle depot during WWII. The Guard eventually turned the facility over to the City of New Orleans in the 1960s, and it then housed the New Orleans Police Department's police academy until the 1990s.

The old soldiers' home experienced heavy damage in Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the entire complex had to be razed; only a few trees remained. The Camp Nicholls property is now fenced off and not accessible to visitors. The last word was that a non-profit organization had plans for the vacated property.

Marion Andrew Ruffner⁵ (Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Andrew, as he preferred to be called, was born circa 1837 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Andrew Harrison Ruffner and Elizabeth *Leith*.

Long incorrectly call Morris Andrew Ruffner. Little is known about his personal life. He must have been something of a free-spirit—at times missed by the census takers, he left a very meager trail to follow. His name (i.e. Andrew Ruffner) was found in the federal census records while still living with his mother and stepfather Joseph Morgan in 1850 and 1860 in Marion County, Illinois. In July of 1863 his name appears in the U.S. Civil War Registrations for 1863-1865 in Marion County, Illinois. In this record he is shown as Andrew Ruffner, single, age 25, a farmer and born in Ohio. From that time on, actual records seem to be blank regarding him—except he was listed on the Civil War draft registration as Andrew Ruffner, age 25, and also in the records of the provost marshal about the same time. However, the provost marshal paper is not legible. Almost all of the later information we have comes from what others have written about him. Some of that information appears to be purely hearsay without proof.

As Virginia Rigg, his grand-niece wrote, he preferred to be called Andrew by the family. Alma Rigg, Virginia's mother said that her Uncle Andrew *had a moving spirit and didn't settle into the typical farming life*. Grand-niece Virginia Rigg also wrote:

Andrew went to Arizona Territory, established the first copper claims on land later called Jerome, Arizona. The land became part of one of the nation's larger copper mines—Phelps Dodge—though Andrew sold it before it reached that glory. That's the story of impatience. But it also takes money to finance things like copper mines, and Andrew probably didn't have any. . .

When mother was a little girl her Uncle Andrew was in Mason [Illinois] visiting family. He brought a small package of copper ore and said to Mother: "What would you rather have this bag of copper or stock in a company I'm forming?" Mother being just a child, of course picked the bag of nuggets. It wasn't until many years later that she realized the folly of her choice!

Andrew was such an adventurous soul; he had little education, but he made it all on his own. The speculation is that he was the inspiration for his nephew George C. Ruffner, son of Harrison Newton Ruffner, to leave lumbering in Minnesota and head out to Arizona.

A picture display in the Mine Museum in downtown Jerome, Arizona features two miners at work. The script under the exhibits reads: **Angus McKinnon & M. A.**

Ruffner filed claims in 1876. They called them the Wade Hampton and the Eureka. They sank a shaft 40 feet deep with primitive equipment similar to this.

From *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* comes the following: The Centennial issue of the Prescott, Arizona *Courier*, dated May 15, 1964 stated that starting almost 100 years before in 1867 the first member of the Ruffner family came to Arizona. His name was Morris [sic] Andrew Ruffner, and he settled on the Verde River that year at a location shown on old maps as Ruffner's Crossing or Ruffner's Station, located below Tuzigoot National Monument, about halfway to Cottonwood on the north bank of the river. He located two of the first claims on the Jerome Mountains. ***Following their sale in 1877, he moved to a ranch near what is now Buckeye, and later moved to Phoenix where he died in 1882.***⁸¹

Herbert Young in his book *Ghosts of Cleopatra Hill* also gave us a short sample of personal information him. Andrew and Angus McKinnon were partners in the Wade Hampton claim on Cleopatra Hill, and Ruffner and his wife had located the Eureka claim. When they finally came to an agreement to sell their copper mines, they each had about \$3500 and they had relinquished their interest in the property. Later these copper mines would return tens of millions of dollars to another owner. According to Young, Ruffner and his wife sank their money in an irrigation project in the Buckeye country on the Gila River. ***Floods washed out their dam; then the desert winds drifted sand into their canal, and the project failed. Morris [sic] Andrew Ruffner, to whom legend has given the honor of discovering the United Verde mine, died in Phoenix in 1890.***⁸²

Notice that different dates for his death have been given. The actual year of his death was 1884, as shown in the one official document we can rely on to have the correct information. That is the Petition for Letters of Administration which was filed in Probate Court, Maricopa, Arizona Territory, No. 73, In the matter of the Estate of M. A. Ruffner, deceased—filed Sept 17th, 1884 by the court clerk; Baker & Alsop, attorneys.

The petition provides some extremely vital information regarding the date of death and gives proof as to the identity of M. A. Ruffner. Stated are the following facts: M. A. Ruffner was a resident of Maricopa County; he died intestate 16 September 1884, leaving an estate in Maricopa County, both real and personal; he was a single man; heirs not known, except for a nephew George Ruffner, aged about 22 years, believed to be in Yavapai County. Of course, this is the George Ruffner (1862-1933) who became the sheriff of Yavapai County and lived in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona. This does verify that the M. A. Ruffner named in this petition for probate of his estate is indeed Marion Andrew Ruffner. The petition goes on to state there was a sister, name unknown, living in or near Los Angeles, California. This was probably his half-sister from his mother's second marriage.

Because of this petition and, also the administrator's final report, it is firmly established that M. A. Ruffner, deceased, and Marion Andrew Ruffner are the same person. His burial location is not given. The only kin acknowledged by the administrator of the estate is George Ruffner, M. A. Ruffner's nephew. Note the copy of the Creditor's Claim from the Probate Court of Maricopa County dated October 1884.

⁸¹ Ruffner, Olive and Doris: *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants*. 1966. Page 102

⁸² Young, Herbert V.: *Ghosts of Cleopatra Hill*. Jerome Historical Society, 1964.

IN THE PROBATE COURT,

IN AND FOR THE

COUNTY OF MARICOPA, TERRITORY OF ARIZONA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

M. A. Ruffin

DECEASED

CREDITOR'S CLAIM.

.....

Letters of Administration upon the estate of said deceased having been granted to E. G. B. Esq. The undersigned, a creditor of said deceased, presents his claim against the estate of said deceased, with the necessary vouchers to said administrator, for approval and allowance, as follows, to-wit:

Estate of... W. A. Luffen ... Deceased,

To J. M. Gregory Dr

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Oct	To washing & Smealing body	10 00
	" Coffin & Drumming	25 00
	" Outside Box	5 00
	" Gun	5 00
	" Horse	15 00
	" Cornsack & 1/2 Wagon	5 00
	<u>Ambulance</u>	60 00
	J. M. Gregor	

Received of E. Ganz, Administrator of the Estate
of M. A. Ruffner, deceased, the full amount of
the above Bill, to wit: Sixty (\$60.⁰⁰) Dollars.

J M Gregory



Early day Phoenix, Arizona, as Marion Andrew Ruffner would have known it.

Margaret (Maggie) Elizabeth Ruffner⁵ (Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born in December of 1839/1840 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Andrew Harrison Ruffner and Elizabeth *Leith*.⁸³

On 29 October 1865, in Effingham County, Illinois, Margaret married **Charles D. Wilson**, who was born in March 1839, the son of William M. (1818-1896) and Mary E. (1816-1864) Wilson of Effingham County, Illinois. The family, originally from Virginia, was living on their farm in Effingham County when the 1850 census was taken.

Charles served in the Civil War in the Union Army, Co. C, 98th Regiment, Infantry. He enlisted as a private and when he was discharged his rating was Sergeant.

Charles and Margaret's farm was located in Mason Township, Twp. 6, Range 6E, Effingham County, Illinois.

Before his death on 28 August 1917 in Effingham County, Illinois, Charles had been receiving a Civil War pension. The pension was paid to his widow Margaret until her death in 1921.

Both Margaret and Charles are buried at the Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois. They had four children all born in Effingham County, Illinois.

+Mary Emma Wilson⁶ – 1866-1941 – married John Lincoln Ready.

+Lucas Lee Wilson⁶ 1871-1934 – married Miriam Lily Vandever.

+Grace H. Wilson⁶ – 1875-1956 – married Thomas (Tom) Donaldson.

+Charles Wilson⁶ – He may have died young.

Dorothy (Dolly) Ruffner⁵ (Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹)

In her book *Harrison and Catherine Ruffner in the valley of the Little Wabash, Memories of my grandfather, his siblings and their descendants* (1999), long-time Ruffner Family Association member Virginia Rigg (1904-2005) wrote that Dorothy Ruffner, a sister of Harrison Ruffner, *married Lafayette Warner; they went to Oregon, where they both died sometime before 1910. I never knew her and don't recall any stories about her.* In researching for the book of Benjamin, it was found that Dorothy did indeed marry and move west to Oregon. Her husband was James Lafayette Warner. Dorothy, her husband, and their son Luther were early settlers in Oregon. With Luther Warner's own marriage into one of the earliest Oregon pioneer families, a wonderful story came to light—*Grandma Buffum of Amity, Oregon*. In Chapter Six of this Benjamin Ruffner family history, the bittersweet story of the pioneer Buffum family is included with Luther Warner's history (page 223).

Dorothy (sometimes called Dorothea) was born in March of 1842 in Fairfield County. She was the youngest child of Andrew Harrison Ruffner and Elizabeth *Leith*; born about two months after the death of her father Andrew.

⁸³ The cemetery record shows 1839—the 1900 federal census gives Margaret's birthdate as 1840.

In Illinois in 1861 Dorothy married **James Lafayette Warner**, who was born in October of 1839 in Ohio. In 1862 while they were still living in Illinois, their son Luther was born.

James was a veteran of the Civil War, having served as a private in Co. F, 10th Regiment, Illinois Infantry from 24 February 1864 to 8 March 1865. At some time following James return from his service in the war in 1865, the family headed west.

The first mention of the family to be found after they left Illinois was when James Lafayette Warner was listed on the voter registration records on 2 October 1875 in Pine Ridge, Fresno County, California.

When the 1880 federal was taken five years later, James, Dorothy (Dolly) and Luther (age 17) were living at The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon. James was working as a carpenter and Luther was a farmer.

Later in the 1880s they were discovered living in Multnomah County, Oregon, and James was working as an expressman in Portland. The 1890 Eleventh Census of the United States, a special schedule of surviving soldiers, reported that James Warner was living in Mount Tabor, Multnomah County, Oregon at that time. It was noted that he was disabled because of heart disease. Mount Tabor is adjacent to Portland.

In 1900, James and Dorothy lived in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. Their son Luther was shown as widowed with three children. Luther and the children were living with Dorothy and James Warner.

Dorothy Warner died in March of 1901, and she is buried at the historic Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon—Section 34, Lot 60, Grave 2N. It is believed that James died about the same time and that he is most likely also buried at Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery—possibly next to Dorothy in Grave 1N—Lester Warner, a young grandson, is buried on the other side of Dorothy in Grave 3N. Many of the early records for the cemetery have been lost and it was reported they had to reassemble a listing from other records.

Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery is located in Metro Portland. D. A. Lund wrote a book about this metropolitan cemetery for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1937. The book, entitled *Lone Fir: Silent City of the Dead*, tells the story of this special cemetery. Mr. Lund says that *in the cemetery all nations are represented, all grades of society, all states of wealth and standing. The rich lie in the cemetery as well as the poor, employer and employee, those with virtue and those without. Death has a way of cultivating comradeship. The grounds of the cemetery are wooded, with a landscaped arboretum right in the heart of Portland; containing a pioneer rose garden and wildlife.* The cemetery is administered by the City of Portland (Metro)—and it is a beautiful park-like resting spot for Dorothy, her husband and grandson Lester. A true pioneer, Dorothy had traveled a long way from her childhood home in Illinois to make her home along the Multnomah River in the lovely city of Portland, Oregon during its infancy.

The only child of Dorothy *Ruffner* and James Lafayette Warner was born in Illinois and traveled west with his parents:

+Luther Warner⁶ – 1862-1914 – married Caroline (Carrie) Walling.

*When a society or a civilization perishes, one condition can
always be found: They forgot where they came from.*

Carl Sandburg, U.S. poet and author

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter Ann Ruffner Howell**

Louisa Catharine Howell⁵ (Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Louisa was born 7 May 1835, in Christiansburg, Montgomery County, Ohio, the daughter of Ann *Ruffner* and Manoah Howell.

She married **John Ludlow Long** on 25 September 1856 in Champaign County, Ohio—Rev. John Martin officiating. John Ludlow Long was born 22 June 1835 in Miami County, Ohio, the son of James Long and Charlotte Catharine *Ludlow*.

Louisa and John first had a farm in Jackson Township, Post Office: St. Paris, Champaign County, Ohio.

Later, sometime before 1880, Louisa and John moved to North Lewisburg in Champaign County, where John opened a retail grocery. Sometime before 1900, they moved to Twin Township, Arcanum Village, Darke County, Ohio. Again, John was the proprietor of a grocery business.

When the 1900 federal census was taken, Louisa and John lived in Arcanum Village—the record showed they had been married 44 years and four children had been born to them. Their grandson Homer Conner, age 14, born Ohio, the son of their deceased daughter Mary A. *Long* Conner, was living in their household.

Louisa died 8 January 1903. John died a few years later, 4 October 1907. They are both buried in Section 6, Abbotsville Cemetery, Abbotsville, Darke County, Ohio. These are the four children of Louisa and John:

+Alonzo M. Long⁶ -- 1857-1902 – married Della M. Gandy—divorced.

+Charles Tully Long⁶ – 1858-1925 – married Susan Crone.

+Levi J. Long⁶ – he was born 1861.

+Mary A. Long⁶ –1865-1895 – married William B. Conner.

Zilpah A. Howell⁵ (Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Zilpah was born in 1836 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Ann *Ruffner* and Manoah Howell.

On 29 September 1857 in Champaign County, Ohio, she married **Emery F. Warner**, who was born 13 January 1835 in Ohio.

Emery served in the Civil War as a private in the Union Army, Co. F, 147th Regiment, Ohio Infantry (National Guard) from 2 May 1864 – 30 August 1864. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). They lived in Addison, Champaign County, Ohio, where Emery worked as a saddle maker.

Zilpah died 2 December 1902 at the age of 66 years, two months and 10 days. She is buried at Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Emery died 24 January 1909 at the age of 74 years and 11 days. He is also buried at Casstown Cemetery.

Zilpah and Emery had possibly only one child: Ellen Warner⁶ who was born circa 1861. This is from the 1870 federal census record when Ellen was 9 years old. No further information was found for Ellen. Her name was not shown in the 1880 census.

Rebecca J. Howell⁵ (Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rebecca was born 31 March 1838 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Ann *Ruffner* and Manoah Howell.

Rebecca became a member of the Honey Creek Baptist Church on 9 January 1853. On 19 August 1857, she married **Lemmon D. Marshall**, who was born 1 November 1835 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Dr. Lemmon Marshall (1801-1841) and Amy *Johnson* (1804-1889).

Lemmon died 21 April 1908 in Champaign County, Ohio. The *St. Paris News* (Ohio) published his death notice on 23 April 1908: ***L. Marshall, one of the best known and most highly respected of men, died at his home in Addison Tuesday. The deceased was 75 years of age and lived almost his entire life in the vicinity where he passed away. The funeral services were conducted today.*** Lemmon was buried at Honey Creek Cemetery, Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

Rebecca died 15 May 1915 in Champaign County, Ohio, and she is also buried at Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg.

Rebecca and Lemmon had seven children, all born in Champaign County, Ohio.

- +Rinaldo E. Marshall⁶ – 1847-1854 – buried Honey Creek Cemetery
- +Clarence L. Marshall⁶ – 1857-1857 – buried Honey Creek Cemetery
- +Anna Florence Marshall⁶ – 1858-1873 – buried Honey Creek Cemetery
- +Alva E. Marshall⁶ – 1861-1862 – buried Honey Creek Cemetery
- +Amy I. Marshall⁶ – 1864-1866 – buried Honey Creek Cemetery
- +John Rogers Marshall⁶ – 1869-1944 – m. (1) Mary Kirk (2) Myrtle McDowell
- +Lulu Belle Marshall⁶ – 1877-1935 – married Francis Bacon Stafford

Levi (Lee) Ross Howell⁵ (Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Levi was born 23 December 1839 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Ann *Ruffner* and Manoah Howell.

Levi enlisted in the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry on 27 August 1861 and fought through the battles of Perryville, Kentucky; Stone River; Chickamauga; Lookout Mountain; Mission Ridge and several other battles. As an elder, he received a pension for his Civil War service.

When he was home from war Levi married **Ellen Coddling** on 4 May 1865 in Champaign County, Ohio. She was born 1 March 1843 in Summit County, Ohio, the daughter of Robert Fulton Coddling and Betsy M. Hawkins.⁸⁴

⁸⁴ The website *Find A Grave* shows Levi Ross Howell's wife as Ellen Godding—this is incorrect, her name was Ellen Coddling—her father Robert Fulton Coddling, and her mother Betsy M. Hawkins.

Levi was a successful business man and served a term as the Champaign County Treasurer. He died 5 July 1914 in Champaign County—the St. Paris, Ohio *New Dispatch* published his obituary on 9 July 1914.

Lee Howell, a retired merchant of Addison, an old soldier, died at Christiansburg Sunday. He was 75 years old. He was a member of Co. A, 2nd Ohio Regiment in the Civil War. He leaves a wife and three daughters. The funeral services were held at home on Tuesday. Burial at Honey Creek. The three daughters are Mrs. Cary Snapp of here, Mrs. Harry Oakes of Troy, and Miss Bertha Howell who lives at home.

Ellen had been a member of Honey Creek Baptist Church since 22 February 1871. She died 22 December 1928 in Champaign County, and is buried beside her husband in the Old Section of Honey Creek Cemetery. As Levi's obituary stated, Levi and Ellen Howell had three daughters, all born in Champaign County, Ohio.

+Bertha May Howell⁶ – 1866-1948 – never married.

+Roma Maude Howell⁶ – 1870-1922 – married Cary Eldridge Snapp.

+Anna Helen Howell⁶ – 1883-1966 – married Harry Julian Oakes.

Daniel Ruffner Howell⁵ (Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Daniel was born 4 January 1842 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Ann *Ruffner* and Manoah Howell.

Daniel died 20 September 1843 in Champaign County, at the age of one year, eight months and 16 days. He is buried in the Old Section at Honey Creek Cemetery, Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

Albert C. Howell⁵ (Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Albert was born 12 December 1843 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Ann *Ruffner* and Manoah Howell. He died the same day, 12 December 1843. Albert is buried in the Old Section at Honey Creek Cemetery, Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

Mary (Mollie) Savilla Howell⁵ (Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 21 August 1845 in Addison, Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Ann *Ruffner* and Manoah Howell.

On 16 March 1868 in Champaign County, Ohio, Mary married **Randolph R. Marshall**, who was born in February 1848 in Champaign County, Ohio. He was the son of Lindsey Alfred Marshall (1825-1880).

Randolph served in the Civil War as a private in Co. I, 71st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted 14 March 1864 when he was only 16 years old and mustered out 25 May 1865. In his later years, he received a pension from the government for his service.

Mary died 22 March 1880 in Christiansburg County, Ohio. Newspaper information on 8 April 1880 stated: *Mary S. Marshall, wife of R. R. Marshall, died 22nd*

March in Addison; 35 years of age; she was born in Addison 21 August 1845 and was the youngest daughter of Manoah and Nancy Howell; buried Honey Creek Cemetery; she leaves her husband and two young children.

Although Mary's obituary says she was survived by two children, only one was found in the records.

After the death of Mary, with a small child to care for, Randolph married (2) on 17 November 1880, Alpharetta *Marshall* (1856-1933), the sister of Lemmon D. Marshall, who was married to Mary's older sister Rebecca *Howell* Marshall. Randolph and Alpharetta had at least two children of their own: Lillie *Marshall* Jenkins (1881-1960) and Lindsey Lemmon Marshall (1884-1948).

Randolph died 8 April 1917 and is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery, Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio. The child of Mary Savilla and Randolph was:

+Charles A. Marshall⁶ – 1879-1953 – No spouse or child was found.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-grandson Benjamin Ruffner III

Joachim L. Ruffner⁵ (Benjamin III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Joachim was born 9 December 1837 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Benjamin Ruffner III and Mary *Lamb*.

Joachim had his own farm in Summit Township, Decatur County, Kansas and he never married. When he retired in his 60s he went to live with relatives. He lived with a widowed niece Erva Winters in Rosamond, Christian County, Illinois, and in his 90s, he was living with a younger brother, Eli Ruffner and his wife Flora in Jennings, Jefferson Davis County, Louisiana.

Joachim died in January of either 1932 or 1933, and he is buried at Westside Cemetery, Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois. He left no issue.

Francisco (Frank) Ruffner⁵ (Benjamin III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frank was born 4 October 1839 in Licking County, Ohio, the son of Benjamin Ruffner III and Mary *Lamb*.

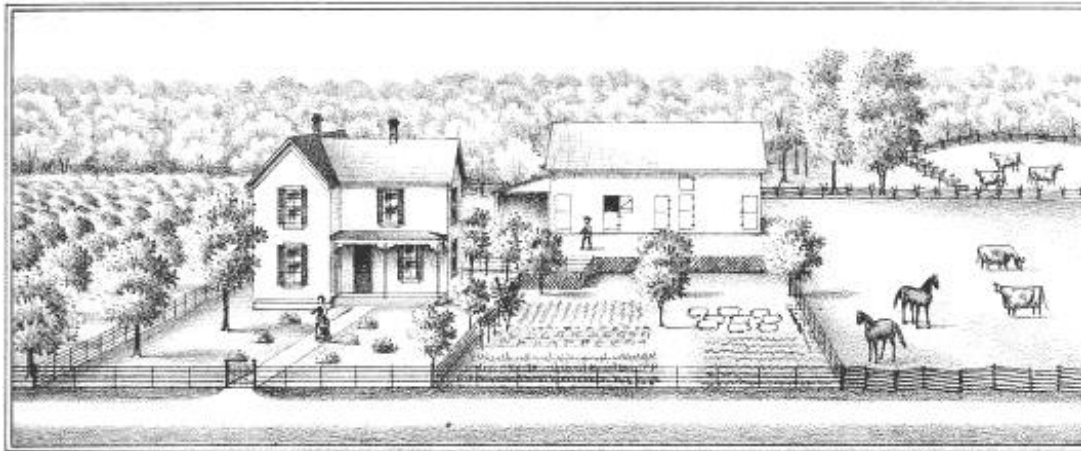
In 1877 he married **Anna Elizabeth Coffman**. She died during childbirth in 1879 at the age of 34. Their child also died.

Frank married 27 September 1888 (2) **Mary J. Ramsey**, who was born 30 August 1842 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Samuel Ramsey and Lucy *Gochneau*.

A family story is told that Frank married after he advertised in the newspaper for a wife. Which wife he found in this fashion was not mentioned.

In 1907 when Frank's nephew Benjamin Merle Ruffner, the son of his brother Eli, was young, he visited his Uncle Frank in Moweaqua, Illinois. Frank was a very prosperous farmer at that time. His nephew said that Frank drove one of the early automobiles and that he had built a steel bridge over the stream on his farm. It was

considered unusual in those days. Frank Ruffner died 28 October 1915, and his wife Mary died in 1919. They are both buried at Westside Cemetery, Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois. They had no children. Below is a drawing of Frank Ruffner's farm home as shown in an 1891 publication.⁸⁵



RESIDENCE OF FRANCISCO RUFFNER, SEC.33, MOWEAQUA TP, SHELBY CO., ILL.

The publication cited below also published a biographical record of Francisco (Frank) Ruffner and his family's history. The article follows in its entirety:

Francisco Ruffner. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is the owner of a good farm located in Section 33, Moweaqua Township, Shelby County, a view of which is shown elsewhere in this volume. He came hither in 1877, and has since been a resident in this place, giving the township the benefit of the improvements that he has made, and of his own genial presence with that of his amiable family. Mr. Ruffner was born in Licking County, Ohio, October 4, 1839. He was only thirteen years of age when he went with his parents to Allen County, Indiana, where he remained for fourteen years. Later he came to this state and located in St. Clair County, where he was the proprietor of a farm for a period of five years. From there he removed to Clinton County and five years later came to this county, where he has since lived.

Our subject has always been engaged in agricultural work, his father before him having been a farmer. His father was Benjamin Ruffner, a native of Ohio, and a son of Benjamin and Ann (Coffman) Ruffner, both natives of Virginia. After marriage they removed to Ohio and settled in Fairfield County, which was at that time in a state of wild unbroken beauty, with virgin forests in which were found game of every description belonging to the latitude. As can be imagined, the country was then sparsely settled, and the educational advantages were not what they now are. It was there that their son, Benjamin, Jr. was born, the father of our subject. There, also our subject's grandfather spent his last years, passing away

⁸⁵ *Portrait and Biographical Record of Shelby and Moultrie Counties, Illinois.* Chicago; Biographical Publishing Co. 1891.

from this life while yet in middle age. His wife survived him for some years and settled in Champaign County, where she died at the good old age of 77 years.

Benjamin Ruffner, father of our subject, was one of 14 children, of whom two are yet living. He was educated a farmer, and one can imagine the social breaks in the monotony of pioneer farm life, such as corn husking, barbecues, spelling school and singing matches. From among the maidens of the county in which he lived he chose his wife, who was before marriage, a Miss Mary Lamb, a native of Ohio, whose parents were from Virginia like those of our subject. Her father was William Lamb and her mother Catherine (Cupp) Lamb. They lived and died in Fairfield County, where they were well known as among the earliest and most respected pioneer settlers. They died full of years and honor. They, like our subject's grandfather, were members of the old school Baptist Church. Mr. Lamb served as a soldier in the War of 1812. There were ten children in his family, all of whom are living except our subject's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb each lived to be over 80 years old.

After their marriage, our subject's parents settled in Fairfield County, Ohio, where they remained until after the birth of their first child. They then removed to Licking County, their devoting themselves to clearing up and improving a farm upon which they built a large brick house and laid out many valuable improvements. Later they removed their family in February 1853 to Indiana, settling in Allen County, but afterward to Ohio, living for one year in Miami County.

A spirit of unrest seemed to possess the family of Ruffners, for after the many changes they had made in residence, they returned to St. Clair County, this state, and a short time after located in Clinton County, where the father died at the age of 66 years. His wife passed away at the home of her sons in this township and county, eight years later, in 1874. She was at the time of her demise about 70 years of age. She and her husband were devoted members of the Baptist Church.

The original of this sketch is the second in order of birth of eight children, six of whom are yet living, all having entered the marital relation with the exception of one. Our subject reached his majority in Allen County, Indiana, and when he made his advent into Illinois, he was still a single man. His first marriage took place in Kentucky, where he was united to Miss Anna E. Coffman. She died in the prime of life after the birth of her first child, which also yielded it little life with that of its mother. She was on 34 years of age at the time of death.

Mr. Ruffner again married, inviting to be mistress of his home Miss Mary J. Ramsey. Their marriage was celebrated September 27, 1888 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, of which place the lady was native, being there born August 30, 1842. She is of Scotch and Dutch ancestry. Her mother, whose maiden name was Lucy Gochneau, is yet living in her native town. The father, Samuel Ramsey, died in Pennsylvania while in the meridian of life. He also was a farmer. Mrs. Ruffner is a notable woman, having the best of qualities. She is kind, hospitable and sympathetic, and interested in all that interests her husband, to whom she is a great help.

Josephine Ruffner⁵ (Benjamin III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Josephine was born in December of 1841 in Licking County, Ohio, the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner III and Mary *Lamb*.

On 22 December 1874 in Clinton County, Ohio, she married **Henry G. Cady**, who was born July 1836/39 in New York.

Henry was a veteran of the Civil War having served in the Michigan Volunteers, Co. D, 11th Regiment, Michigan Infantry. In 1891 Henry applied for a pension as a Civil War Veteran.

They lived in Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas, where Henry was a mill owner. They were both living there in 1900 when the federal census was taken.

Josephine died in 1901 and she is buried at the Masonic Cemetery, Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois. Josephine and Henry Cady had no children.

Noah Ruffner⁵ (Benjamin III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Noah Ruffner was born 2 February 1844 in Licking County, Ohio, the son of Benjamin Ruffner III and Mary *Lamb*. He died 3 September 1844 at the age of seven months and one day. Noah is buried at Baptist Corners Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.⁸⁶

Benjamin Ruffner IV⁵ (Benjamin III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was born 13 January 1847 near Hebron in Licking County, Ohio, the son of Benjamin Ruffner III and Mary *Lamb*.

On 19 January 1869, Benjamin⁵ married **Mary Virginia Thomas**, who was born 6 April 1848 in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of John H. Thomas and Elizabeth *Grafton*. Mary Virginia's mother Elizabeth died in 1852 at the age of 26; leaving behind two small children. Those two children were Mary Virginia and her younger brother William Ambrose Thomas, born in September of 1851.

Mary Virginia's father John H. Thomas married in 1853 (2) Minerva Jane Ross, the daughter of Levi and Mary *Ruffner* Ross. Minerva became stepmother to the two motherless children.⁸⁷ Minerva must have been a good mother to her two stepchildren, since stepdaughter Mary Virginia Ruffner chose to give her own daughter the name of Minerva Elizabeth combining both the name of her stepmother and that of her birth mother. Certainly a great honor for both of her mothers.

Benjamin and Mary Virginia began their married life on a farm in St. Charles County, Missouri. They eventually moved to Flat Branch Township, Shelby County, Illinois, where they were living in 1900 with their son and daughter, both still single.

Benjamin died 27 October 1903. Mary Virginia died almost 20 years later on 27 April 1923. They are buried beside each other at Millersville Cemetery, Millersville, Christian County, Ohio. Benjamin and Mary Virginia had two children:

⁸⁶ Also known as Pleasant Run Primitive Baptist Cemetery.

⁸⁷ This is proven by the 1860 and 1870 federal census records, both showing that the household of John H. Thomas and his wife Minerva in those years included his children from his first marriage.

+Marion Edgar Ruffner⁶ – 1869-1954 – married Sarah Ellen Smith.

+Minerva Elizabeth Ruffner⁶ – 1882-1958 – married Isaac E. Winters.

Even though Mary Virginia's brother William Ambrose Thomas was not related by blood to the Ruffners, the intertwining of the Ruffner, Ross and Thomas families makes for a strong bond between them, thus, I am including some information about William. William was born 2 September 1851 and died at the age of 45 in October of 1896. He didn't appear to be married. He was a salesman and at the time of his death, he was living in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. William is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

Eli Ashbrook Ruffner⁵ (Benjamin III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eli was born in June 1850 in Licking County, Ohio, the son of Benjamin Ruffner III and Mary *Lamb*.

Eli married on 30 September 1879 in Christian County, Illinois **Matilda Alice Southworth**, who was born 18 May 1859 in Illinois. Four children were born to them while they were still living in Illinois. In 1903, they moved to Louisiana and entered the rice business, as did other members of the family.

Matilda died 24 July 1909. Following her death, Eli married **Flora M.** She died 19 April 1937 in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. Eli died 9 March 1934 in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. As mentioned, Eli and Matilda had four children---shown here—all born before the move to Louisiana.

+Josephine Maude Ruffner⁶ – 1880-1959 – married Alfred E. Sargent.

+Florence Ruffner⁶ – 1883-1977 – married Oliver Hymes.

+Benjamin Merle Ruffner⁶ – 1896-1987 – married Ethel Gower.

+Wanda M. Ruffner⁶ – 1897-1979 – married Barney Griffith Dowies.

Mary Catharine Ruffner⁵ (Benjamin III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Catharine was born 3 February 1860 in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner III and Mary *Lamb*.

About 1882, she married **Charles W. Doyle**, who was born in February of 1859 in Illinois. Before their marriage, Charles was living on the farm of Jacob W. and Mary Johnson in Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, and working as a farm laborer for them.

After their marriage they had their own farm in Sullivan Township, Moultrie County, Illinois. It became their permanent home.

Mary died 19 September 1943 at Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, although she was living in Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois. Well into his 90s, Charles Doyle died in 1954. They are both buried at the Masonic Cemetery, Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois. According to the information given in the 1900 federal census, Charles and Mary Doyle had no children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-grandson Noah Ruffner**

Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵ (Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lucretia was born 9 January 1841, in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Noah Ruffner and Sarah *Friend*. She was only three and a half years old when her father died, and since her mother never remarried, she grew up in a household with just her mother and her younger brother David.

In Fairfield County, Ohio on 1 December 1867, Lucretia married **Josiah Berry**, who was born 1 November 1839, also in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Josiah served in the Civil War as a Sergeant in Co. B, 17th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Lucretia and Josiah moved from Ohio to Illinois in 1868, and to Louisiana in 1900, locating at Roanoke, Louisiana.

Lucretia died Thursday 29 August 1912 in Louisiana at the age of 70, and Josiah died 12 September 1923, also in Louisiana. After his wife's death, Josiah lived with their daughter Nellie Winchell and her family. Both Lucretia and Josiah are buried at Oaklawn Cemetery in Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. They had two children.

+Ruffner Arthur Berry⁶ –1868-1947 -- married Sophia Shroll.

+Nellie Dail Berry⁶ – 1875-1938 – married Clifton Winchell.

This is a well-documented family and much of the personal information shown here was obtained from the obituary for Lucretia A. *Ruffner* Berry.⁸⁸ To add more information, the biography of Josiah Berry is shown here.⁸⁹

Josiah Berry is the senior member of the firm of Berry & Clark, the best known dealers in lumber, house trimmings and general builders' supplies in Moweaqua, Shelby County. The firm was established under the present title in September 1889, having succeeded Gregory Bros., who established the business some years before. A sketch will be found in another part of this Record of the history of our subject's partner, Mr. Clark. The firm has already attained a foothold in the community and vicinity that speaks well for their business principles in dealings.

Mr. Berry was formerly engaged as a farmer in Moweaqua Township, having ben for many years very successful in his calling. He came here in 1873 and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, which he still owns. He expanded a large amount of capital in putting this farm under perfect cultivation and it is so pleasant and attractive a place that we almost wonder at Mr. Berry's relinquishing it. He came to Shelby County in 1868, spending his first five years here on a farm in Penn Township.

⁸⁸ Source: *The Rice Belt Journal*; Welsh, Louisiana: September 6, 1912.

⁸⁹ Source: *Portrait and Biographical Record, Shelby and Moultrie Counties, Illinois*. Chicago; Biographical Publishing Co. 1891.

Mr. Berry was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, November 1, 1839. He was there reared and received the ordinary common-school education, and there remained until he had reached his majority.

At the breaking out of the War of Rebellion, like all true men, his patriotism was fired, and he was ready to do or die for his country. He enlisted in Company B of the 17th Ohio Regiment, in the month of August 1861; commanding officers Col. J. M. Connell and Capt. J. W. Stinchcomb, the latter being followed by Capt. Weakly, now of Shelbyville, Illinois.

After the organization of the regiment, they advanced to the field of disturbance and were assigned to the 14th Army Corps of the Cumberland Army under Gen. Thomas. That regiment was brought into contact with the enemy at Wildcat, Kentucky, and again met them at Mills Spring, Corinth, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, and were with Sherman in his celebrated march from Atlanta to the sea.

Our subject was veteranized by re-enlistment in December of 1863, and he continued in service until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, and mustered out at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, having served nearly four years. He was to escape wounds and capture, never having seen the inside of a hospital. Mr. Berry served as Sergeant of his company for some time.

On his return home to Ohio, he of whom we write, was engaged as a farmer until he came to Illinois in 1868, since which time he has been one of the leading men of the township where he has resided, being much looked up to because of his energy and progressive ideas.

Our subject was married in his native county to Miss Lucretia A. Ruffner, whose birthplace and early home was in Fairfield County, Ohio. She was tenderly reared, and had many advantages in an educational way, denied many of her sex. She is the mother of two children: Ruffner A. Berry, who is a clerk with Moffat & Co., ice dealers in Decatur; and Nellie, who lives at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry are the leaders of the best class of social life in Moweaqua. Their pleasant home is the meeting place for the culture, intelligence and refinement of the town. Mrs. Berry is a lovely woman who presides over her home with the dignity and grace that comes only from a naturally delicate and finely balanced nature. Politically, Mr. Berry is a Republican, taking much interest in local politics. He is a member of the J. V. Cleming's Post, G.A.R. He is also a member of No. 1018 Chapter, K. & H. of Moweaqua, being Dictator in the latter lodge. He has filled all the offices of the Grand Army Post to which he belongs but that of Commander.

David F. Ruffner⁵ (Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 22 October 1843, in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Noah Ruffner and Sarah *Friend*. David was only a few months old when his father died.

During his younger years, his mother, sister and David lived in Fairfield County, Ohio. However, after the marriage of his sister Lucretia to Josiah Berry, he and his mother lived for a while on the Berry farm in Penn Township, Shelby County, Illinois.

David became a member of the Masonic Order in Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio in June of 1867.

On 7 June 1877, David married **Emma Eliza Claypool**, who was born 20 November 1848 in Greenfield Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Isaac Claypool (1821-1902) and Nancy *Meason*, who died in 1855 at the age of 35. Emma's father was an extremely well-to-do and prosperous farmer in Greenfield Township.

After marriage, David and Emma had a farm at Marrowbone, Moultrie County, Illinois, and David's mother Sarah then made her home with them.

A child was born to Emma and David on 31 March 1878, a daughter⁶. Their baby daughter probably died the same day as she was born, as she was unnamed. She is buried at Todds Point Cemetery, Moultrie County, Illinois.⁹⁰

Like his father, David's life was cut short at an early age—he died 6 February 1884 at the age of 40. David is buried beside his only child at Todds Point Cemetery.

In 1890, Emma married again, this time to a man 11 years older than she, a widower who had also lost his only child to death when still an infant. She married Alexander J. McCowan and they lived in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. Emma was again widowed in 1904. After the death of her husband, a Civil War veteran, she received a widow's pension of \$12 per month until her own death.

Emma died 22 July 1918 not quite 70 years old. She is buried at Greenfield Township Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio near the graves of her birth family. David Ruffner is shown here as a young man.⁹¹



*Never think about the past it brings tears.
Don't think about the future it brings fears.
Live this moment with a smile and good cheers.*

⁹⁰ *Family Search.com* cites the "Illinois Birth and Christenings 1824-1840" database, stating that a female child was born to David F. Ruffner and Emma E. Claypool on 31 March 1878 in Moultrie County, Illinois. The information at Find A Grave must be in error in identifying the child as a son and the death date as 29 March 1878. The child more than likely died soon after birth since she was unnamed.

⁹¹ From the Ruffner Family Association's collection.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Dorothy Ruffner Hite**

Lucretia R. Hite⁵ (Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lucretia was born in 1837 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the oldest child of Dorothy *Ruffner* and Lewis Hite. No records were found for her—she may have died young—possibly while the family was still living in Ohio.

Luke Homer Hite⁵ (Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Luke was born 4 August 1839 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Dorothy *Ruffner* and Lewis Hite.

Like his father, Luke became an attorney. He married **Sarah Margaret (Maggie) Larimer**, who was born February 1845 in Illinois. Her parents were: Smith Larimer (1811-1887) and Sarah *Brown* (1818-1861).

Luke was living in East St. Louis, St. Clair County, Illinois when he died 8 January 1918 at the age of 78. Luke is buried at East Lawn Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Illinois.

Maggie, Luke's wife, died in 1924, and she is also buried at East Lawn Cemetery in Salem, Illinois. Luke and Maggie had two children:

+St. Clair L. Hite⁶ – 1869-1956 – married Ella R. Radcliff.

+Lucretia (Lulu) Ruffner Hite⁶ – 1873-1950 – unmarried.

Infant Boy Hite⁵ (Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) He was born 3 November 1843 in Marion County, Illinois, the son of Dorothy *Ruffner* and Lewis Hite. Still unnamed, he died 4 November 1843—one day old, and he is buried at Summit Prairie Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Illinois.

Benjamin Ruffner Hite⁵ (Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was born 13 September 1841 in Marion County, Illinois, the son of Dorothy *Ruffner* and Lewis Hite.

On 12 February 1866 in Madison County, Illinois, Benjamin married **Sarah Elizabeth Griffith**, who was born in November of 1843 in Marion County, Illinois. Sarah was the daughter of Joseph W. Griffith, a pioneer of Marion County.

Benjamin received a common school education in Salem and Collinsville, Illinois. He served in the General Assembly of Illinois, and also served as a supervisor of a county board.



He evidently had an interest or was a partner with his younger brother Cass in his business enterprises in Utah. By 1900, Benjamin was living in Wichita, Kansas and he gave his occupation as the owner of a silver mine.

Benjamin died 21 September 1906, and he is buried at Maple Grove Cemetery in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

His wife, Sarah died 24 November 1921, and she is buried at Maple Grove Cemetery next to her husband. Benjamin and Sarah had four children, all sons—born while they still lived in Salem, Illinois.

+Homer James Hite⁶ – 1866-1948 – married (1) Marshall (2) Hood.

+Benjamin (Ben) Griffith Hite⁶ – 1870-1940 – married Minnie Alice Silsbee.

+Shelby Donald Hite⁶ – 1875-1950 – married Martha Isabelle Berwick.

+Frank Louis Hite⁶ – 1878-1956 –married Marie Estelle Worrell.

Lewis Cass Hite⁵ (Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lewis, who became known as Cass Hite, was born 3 March 1845 in Marion County, Illinois, the son of Dorothy *Ruffner* and Lewis Hite. He was one of eleven children—the sixth child born to Lewis and Dorothy Hite. His father Lewis was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, as was Cass's mother Dorothy.

Cass's father Lewis Hite and his brother Levi Hite went to California during the 1848 Gold Rush, and perhaps his father's stories of those travels were the inspiration prompting Cass's own quest for adventure and gold. This is Cass Hite's story as it appeared in *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings* fall edition 2015.

LEWIS CASS HITE.....1845-1914©

Betty Lou Gaeng

CASS HITE put his brand on the beautiful wilderness land of Southeast Utah. If you drive through this magnificent scenic region of our country, explore the Glen Canyon Recreation Area, or visit the Natural Bridges National Monument, you are in *Cass Hite Country*.⁹² The National Park Service reports that in 1883 the world's largest natural bridges were discovered by Cass Hite. In 1904, Natural Geographic photographed and publicized the area; four years later Theodore Roosevelt made the three bridges a national monument. The area is now under the supervision of our country's National Park Service.

Having been adopted and protected by the Navajo, there was very little of the rugged western land that Cass Hite did not explore, and his finding of gold at Colorado River's White Canyon sparked a gold rush. This took place in 1883 along the river where Cass had been looking for silver, but instead found placer gold. His find spawned 28 years of gold rushes in this region.

Lewis Cass Hite was a fifth generation Ruffner; a gr-gr-grandson of our pioneers Peter and Mary Ruffner—his lineage: Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹.

⁹² *Our Vantage Points—Hite Country*. <http://www.rmook.com/utah/hite.htm>

Cass Hite was born March 3, 1845 in Marion County, Illinois. Called Cass throughout his lifetime, Lewis Cass Hite was his full birth name. He was one of eleven children—the sixth child born to the Hites. Cass spent most of his young years in Illinois, and then during the latter part of the 1860s, the family moved from Illinois to Missouri.

His father Lewis Hite, a lawyer and a politician, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, as was Cass's mother Dorothy. Cass's eldest brother Luke Homer Hite also became a lawyer. However, from a young age Cass had adventure in his blood and for him the future was to be much different—it became a quest for that *impossible dream*. His father and his uncle Levi Hite went to California during the 1848 Gold Rush, and perhaps his father's stories of his own adventures inspired Cass to explore the West in his quest for gold.

Cass's first working experience had been as a teenager when he was employed as a typesetter for a local newspaper for one year. Evidently, this work was not what Cass craved, and at the young age of 21, he began his westward travels to explore the land to the west and to prospect for gold and silver.

Cass first chose to follow the northern route and spent three and a half years along the headwaters of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers in Montana and Wyoming and then the Salmon River in Idaho. Not caring for the harsh weather in the Rocky Mountains, Cass returned to his parents' home, and stayed for four more years.⁹³ While living in Missouri, he resided with his parents at Breton Township, Washington County, Missouri, and worked as a lumber merchant.

However, Cass Hite still had that yearning to wander, and in 1874, by now 29 years old and still single, his destination was the warmer climate of the Southwest. For the next five years his quest took him through Texas, New Mexico, parts of Old Mexico, Arizona and Colorado.⁹⁴



In 1879, now 34 years old, alone and astride his horse, his prospector's pan fastened to the saddle, Cass arrived at what was to be his final destination—Southeast Utah. Cass remained in this starkly beautiful land, and for the next 35 years he left a personal mark on the landscape.

⁹³ McCourt, Tom: *King of the Colorado: The Story of Cass Hite, Utah's Legendary Explorer, Prospector and Pioneer*. Price, Utah; Southpaw Publications. 2012

⁹⁴ McCourt—*Ibid*.

As you travel to Utah's White Canyon land, note that here had been Hite, the town he established beside the Colorado River and where he operated a trading post and post office. His grave some 15 miles distant from Hite is now hidden below Lake Powell's waters, but nature's beautiful scenery remains as a memorial to Cass Hite.⁹⁵ Remember as you wander this part of our country, you are treading on his adopted soil—it is the land Cass explored and grew to love—a land where he made a fortune and spent it—it was here Cass found his own *impossible dream*.

In his youth, some have said he rode with Quantrill's guerrillas during the Civil War. If so, he is not listed as a member of the group; that story may only be a legend woven around this man of adventure. Others say he was an outlaw, handy with a gun, and that he had killed several men. Perhaps he had—in some parts of the west in those early lawless days, it took toughness to survive—and he was seldom without his holstered gun—a Colt revolver which he had adapted for his own use by shortening the barrel. Cass was a man who shot from the hip—his gunmanship became well respected.

Adopted by Hoskininni, the old chief of the Navajos, Cass Hite was known to the native people as *Hoskeen Pish la ki*—translated from the Navajo it was *Mister Silver*. It was a name Cass Hite loved to be called and it was often his signature. See: *King of the Colorado* by Tom McCourt cited throughout the endnotes.

Cass became the first white man to put down roots and remain in Utah's wilderness territory—a wilderness peopled by unfriendly natives and the lawless—a land not at all welcoming to outsiders. He was the first to live with and to be accepted by the native people and to put his own mark on this land. In our day, some of the place names he chose have been replaced—however, one that still remains is Ticaboo—it is the name of the creek and the canyon where he spent his last days while living the life of a hermit—Ticaboo, is a Paiute word meaning *friendly*. Cass Hite established Dandy Crossing, one of the first ferry crossings on the Colorado River, and considered the easiest of those early river crossings. Nearby were his trading post and the Hite Post Office—the post office considered the most isolated one in our country.

Today, if you are near where his former town and crossing were located, as you cross the Colorado River on State Highway 95, you do so via a graceful arched steel bridge—a bridge named appropriately the Hite Crossing Bridge.⁹⁶ Cass Hite's name is used prolifically throughout this land. You may even find yourself in the Hite Ranger District, a remote ranger district located at the top of Lake Powell, adjacent to the confluence of the Colorado and Dirty Devil Rivers.⁹⁷ Cass Creek in Garfield County is another landmark, as is nearby Cass Creek Peak.

In 2012, Tom McCourt, a native of Utah, wrote a book about the legendary Cass Hite, a man he had long admired. Tom McCourt's description of his book *King of the*

⁹⁵ According to information regarding Lake Powell and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Lake Powell is the second largest man-made lake in the U.S. and one of the most scenic. The lake stretches 186 miles across the red rock desert from Page, Arizona to Hite, Utah. Its filling began in 1963 following the building of a dam across the Colorado River near the south end of Glen Canyon, and it was not completely filled until 1980. In 1972, Lake Powell and its surrounding land were incorporated into the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

⁹⁶ Hite Crossing Bridge – Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

⁹⁷ Information from the U.S. National Park Service regarding the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

Colorado, the Story of Cass Hite, says: ***This is the story of Cass Hite, the legendary explorer, prospector and pioneer. If any of you have been down to Lake Powell, you know about the old Hite Ferry, the Hite Marina and the old town of Hite.*** He also said: ***When I was a little boy, I spent a lot of time down in Cass Hite's White Canyon with my grandparents. . . There I found the signature of Cass Hite on a rock wall high above the river.***⁹⁸

Even though he may have had limited formal schooling, Cass had many talents. He was adept at writing poetry, he played a fiddle and sang, and in addition, he was considered a skilled cartographer. In fact, Cass Hite's 1890 rare graphite pencil drawing of the San Juan Placer Country—in very good condition—was recently sold by Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps, Inc. The map was described as *identifying many of the landmarks of importance in the life and mining activities of Cass Hite, whose gold discovery in the region spurred a minor Gold Rush.*⁹⁹



A physical description of Cass Hite given during his later life—an acquaintance of Cass Hite described him as a *man of dark complexion, about six feet tall, no fat, with black hair and black eyes.*¹⁰⁰ In the photograph shown here, Cass Hite, has signed his photo with his often preferred Navajo name¹⁰¹

Cass Hite did not have an unblemished record—he was sometimes considered to have a quick temper. An incident that may have escalated due partly to this temper took place on September 28, 1891 when during an altercation at Green River, Utah, between Cass and Adolph Kohler, a rival prospector, Cass shot and killed Kohler. Even though Kohler had clearly fired first, Cass was charged with first degree murder, and he was put in the jail at Provo, Utah. The charge was reduced to second degree murder and Cass was sentenced to 12 years in the territorial prison. Cass's attorney appealed to the Utah Appellate Court, but lost the appeal on a decision which was published in the *Pacific Reporter*.¹⁰² However, with a lot of money, the legal work of Cass's skilled attorney and many petitions from friends, the governor relented, and Cass was released from prison.

⁹⁸ McCourt—Ibid.

⁹⁹ <http://www.raremaps.com/gallery/detail/20519?view=print>.

¹⁰⁰ McCourt—Ibid.

¹⁰¹ Used by permission of the Utah State Historical Society.

¹⁰² *The Pacific Reporter*, Vol. 3, June 8—October 12, 1893.

Cass had served eight months and five days in the Provo jail and six months and 12 days in the penitentiary.¹⁰³

Johnny Hite, the youngest of the four Hite brothers, joined his brother at the town of Hite. Johnny worked at the trading post and post office, and was often on hand to guide the prospectors and others across the Colorado River on the ferry at Dandy's Crossing. Johnny Hite is mentioned in several books which have been written about gunfighters and outlaws as being on duty at the crossing when lawmen following the trail of the Hole-in-the-Wall outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid used the river crossing at Hite.

In his middle years, Cass lived in comfort at Salt Lake City's luxurious Walker House for a few years. He was listed as a broker and miner in the city directories. During his stay in Salt Lake City, it was said he cut quite a swath throughout the town. Cass evidently never married—thus, he left no known survivors; although it is possible he did have a daughter.¹⁰⁴

After his sojourn in Salt Lake City, Cass Hite returned to his ranch at Ticaboo Canyon along the Colorado. It became his home for the remainder of his life. There he led a solitary life; writing in a journal and playing his fiddle for only the wildlife to hear.

Cass died at his ranch in the month of February 1914, a few days short of his 69th birthday—his body found by a traveler on February 22. Cass had died about eight days earlier—the last date in his journal: February 15, 1914. His brother Johnny and friends wrapped his body in a blanket and buried Cass on his land—about 200 feet east of his cabin door. Johnny took Cass's journal and other personal items, and the ranch was abandoned forever.¹⁰⁵ The Hite Post Office closed soon after Cass Hite's death. As a final note, by the end of 1964 the waters of the newly created Lake Powell covered Cass Hite's Ticaboo ranch—along with the mortal remains of the adventurous explorer and prospector.

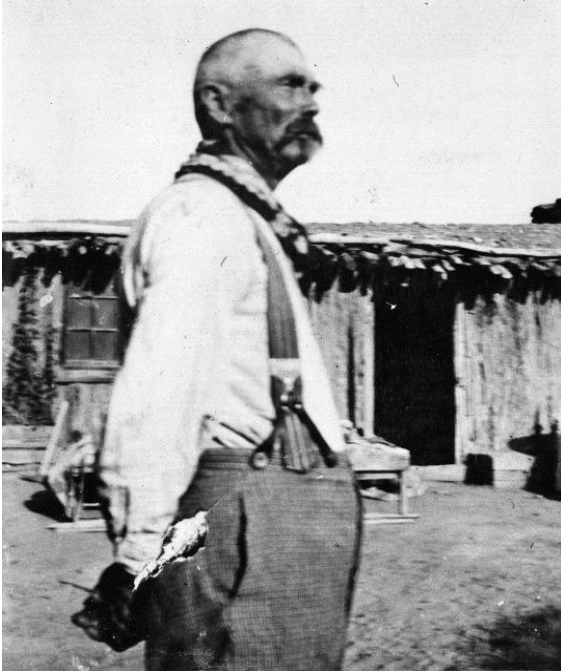
Cass's older brother Ben went to Texas and eventually back home to Wichita, Kansas, where he died in 1906. His youngest brother Johnny had married and lived in Salt Lake City with his wife Sue. Later Johnny did return to the Midwest—he and Sue were living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1931. Only Cass Hite remains in Utah; and just as Tom McCourt said: *Cass Hite sleeps forever beneath the waters of Lake Powell.*

*Thus ends the story of a colorful man who marched to the
beat of a different drummer and found his impossible dream.*

¹⁰³ McCourt—Ibid.

¹⁰⁴ McCourt—Ibid.

¹⁰⁵ McCourt—Ibid.

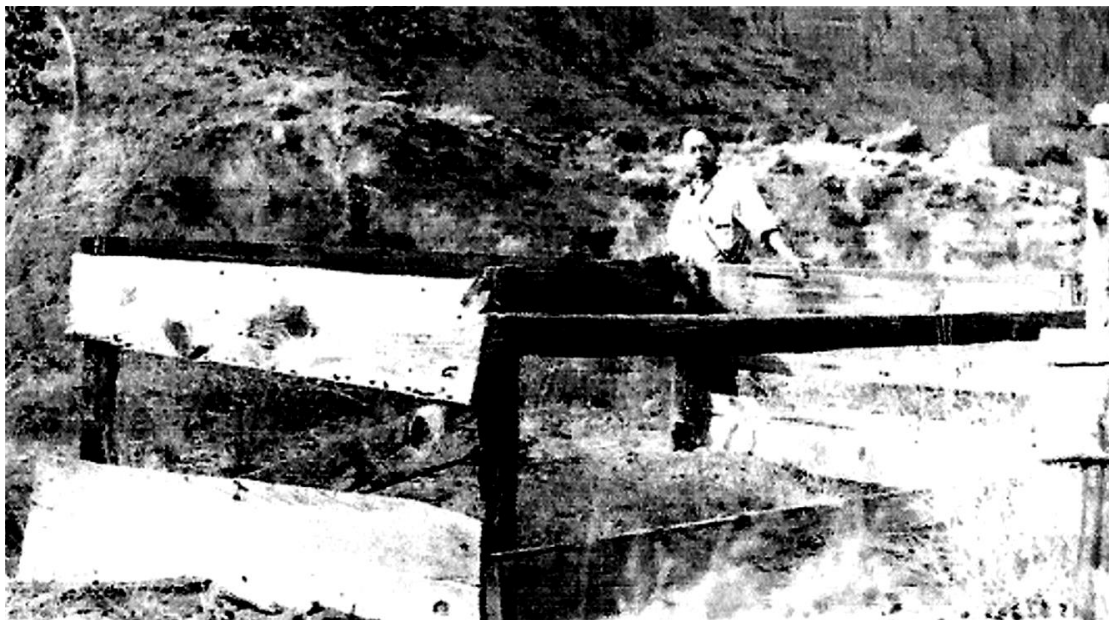


Cass is shown here at his cabin—the year is 1907.¹⁰⁶

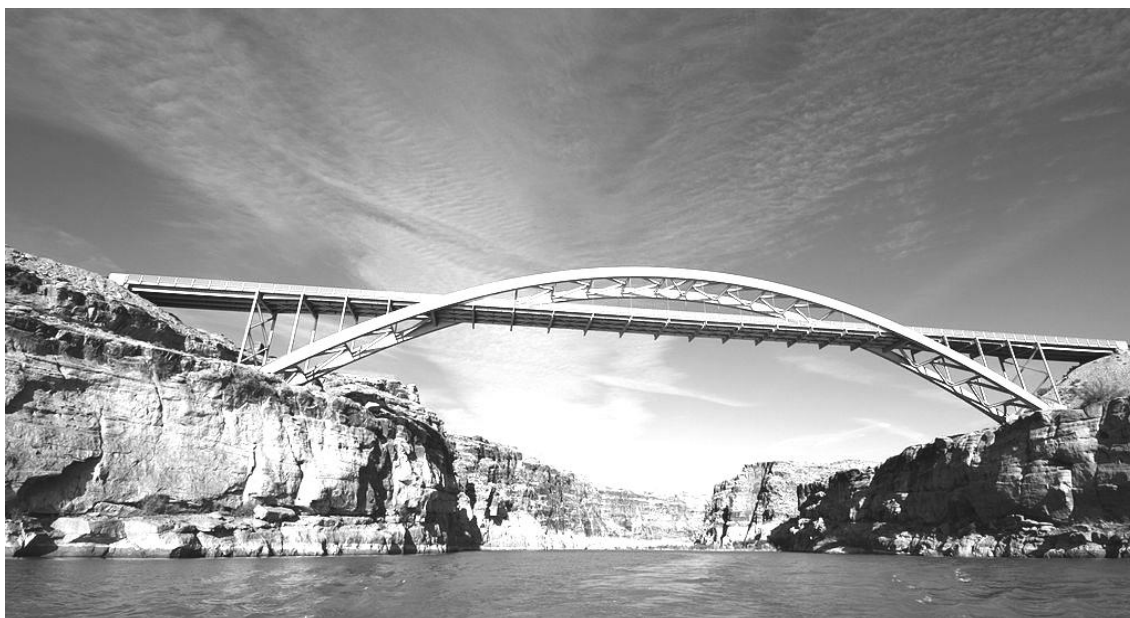


December 1940. -- Next to the Colorado River, this is Cass Hite's town of Hite, Utah, circa 1900. Cass Hite's cabin is to the left of the white tent. Nearby is Dandy's Crossing, sometimes referred to as Hite's crossing. Source: The Desert Magazine

¹⁰⁶ Used by permission of the Utah State Historical Society.



December 1940. Charles Kelly, the author of the article *Lost Silver of Pish-la-ki* stands next to Cass Hite's grave in Ticaboo Canyon circa 1940. Source: The Desert Magazine



Hite Crossing Bridge spanning the Colorado River on State Highway 95 in Southeast Utah



The second bridge of Southeast Utah's three Natural Bridges

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Ann Hite⁵ (Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lizzie seemed to be what she preferred to be called. She was born in January of 1847 in Marion County, Illinois, the daughter of Dorothy *Ruffner* and Lewis Hite.

Lizzie married **John J. Marion** on 26 March 1874 in St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri. John Marion was born in New Jersey, and he either died or left the family sometime before 1900. No further record was confirmed regarding him.

Lizzie lived in St. Louis, Missouri when the 1900, 1910 and 1920 federal census records were taken. She was designated as a widow, having had two children—those two still living. In 1930 she lived with her widowed daughter Dorothy V. *Marion* Noxon in an affluent neighborhood of Central, St. Louis County, Missouri. Lizzie died in 1932. She and John Marion had two children:

+John Hite Marion⁶ – 1875-1924 – married Willie Dean *Spradling* Leaird.

+Dorothy V. Marion⁶ – 1878-1962 – married Elwin Erwin Noxon.

Dorothy (Dollie) Louisa Hite⁵ (Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dollie was born in 1849 in Marion County, Illinois. She died in 1864 at the age of 15. No further information was found, thus it is not known whether she died before or after the family moved to Missouri.

Virginia Florence Hite⁵ (Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia was born in 26 May 1852 in Illinois, the daughter of Dorothy *Ruffner* and Lewis Hite.

Virginia died 25 September 1853 in Marion County, Illinois. She is buried at Summit Prairie Cemetery, Marion County, Illinois.

Fannie Agnes Hite⁵ (Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Fannie was born 4 August 1854 in Illinois, the daughter of Dorothy *Ruffner* and Lewis Hite.

Fannie had a career as a public school teacher, and she never married. She lived with her widowed sister Elizabeth *Hite* Marion and her sister's two children for several years, being listed with them in the 1900 – 1920 federal census records.

When she retired from teaching, she lived in Canteen Township, St. Clair, Illinois. She was living there when she died 19 October 1934 at the age of 80. She is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri.

John P. (Johnny) Hite⁵ (Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Johnny was born in 1857 in Marion County, Illinois, the son of Dorothy *Ruffner* and Lewis Hite.

Very little was found regarding Johnny Hite, except that he followed his older brother to Utah, lived with him at Hite, Utah, and helped operate the trading post and the crossing of the Colorado River at Dandy's Crossing. Johnny Hite was mentioned in several books as the operator of Dandy Crossing when lawmen came by on the trail of the Hole-in-the-Wall outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

Johnny married a lady by the name of **Sue B.**, and in 1920 they were living in Salt Lake City, Utah, where John was the proprietor of a club room.

John P. Hite and his wife Sue were listed in the 1931 city directory for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma as living at 416 West 14th Street. John was in the furniture business. No record of any children was found.

Grace Hite⁵ (Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Grace was born 28 March 1859 in Salem, Marion County, Illinois, the daughter of Dorothy *Ruffner* and Lewis Hite.

Grace was a schoolteacher in public schools. Grace didn't marry until she was 39 years old. On 27 June 1898 in Fredericktown, Madison County, Missouri, she married **Edward (Ed) J. Wallis**, who was born circa 1870 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was about 11 years younger than Grace.

Ed served in Co. L, 4th Illinois Infantry in the Spanish-American War in 1898.

Grace and Ed Wallis did not have any children. However, Grace had an adopted/foster daughter, Flora Myers, who was born about 1900. Flora also became a teacher in public schools. Flora never married and in 1940 she was still living with Grace and Ed.

Grace *Hite* Wallis was retired and living in Canteen, St. Clair County, Illinois when she died 9 September 1940 at the age of 81. Valhalla Crematory in St. Louis, Missouri, handled the cremation arrangements.

Ed Wallis died 13 January 1943 in Wood River, Madison County, Illinois at the age of 73.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-grandson Isaac Brumbach**

Anna Brumbach⁵ (Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anna was born in 1824 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Isaac Brumbach and Hannah *Bury*.

When the 1850 federal census was taken for Liberty, Fairfield County, Ohio, Anna was living with her father and stepmother Catharine on their farm—she was 25 years old at that time and still single.

She may have married **Henry H. Bennett** on 27 October 1853 in Fairfield County, Ohio. However, no record was found showing that she left any issue.

Adam Brumbach⁵ (Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Adam was born 30 April 1827 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Isaac Brumbach and Hannah *Bury*.

As a young man in his early twenties, Adam worked on the farm of Jonathan Zickerl in Liberty, Fairfield County, Ohio. Later he would have his own farm.

Adam served as a private in Co. C, 153 Regiment, Indiana Infantry, Union Army during the Civil War. In 1892, he began receiving a pension for his Civil War service, and following his death his widow Sarah received a widow's pension.

He married (1) **Elizabeth**, who was born 9 November 1829, and died 8 September 1896. She is buried at Mount Etna Cemetery, Mount Etna, Huntington County, Indiana.

In 1898, Adam married (2) **Sarah C. Bailey**, a 58 year-old widow with three children from her first marriage still living. In 1900 they were living in Jefferson Township, Mt. Etna, Huntington County, Indiana.

Sarah died in 1927, and she is buried at Arcadia Cemetery, Arcadia, Hamilton County, Indiana.

Adam died 3 January 1910 at the age of 82 years, eight months and two days, and he is buried at Mount Etna Cemetery in Mount Etna, Indiana, beside his first wife Elizabeth. No record was found for of any children being born to them.

David Brumbach⁵ (Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 7 November 1828 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Isaac Brumbach and Hannah *Bury*.

In 1850, he was still single, but not living at home. Instead David was working on another farm.

Still single, David died 4 August 1854 at the age of 25 years, eight months and 28 days. He is buried at Showley West Liberty Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. David did not marry, and left no issue.

Noah Brumbach/Brumbaugh⁵ (Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Noah was born 16 March 1834 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Isaac Brumbach and Catharine Zerkle. Noah evidently preferred the Brumbaugh spelling of his surname as reflected from some records and especially his gravestone. However, in his obituary the family name is spelled Brumbach.

In 1862, Noah married **Maria Apt** in Fairfield County, Ohio – she was born 17 April 1841 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Henry B. Apt (1813-1893) and Eve Roley (1810-1870). In 1864 Noah and Maria moved to Indiana where they owned a farm in Kewanna, Union Township, Fulton County, Indiana. For eight years, Noah pursued the carriage maker's trade, but farming remained his main work.

Noah died at his home in Kewanna on Sunday, 17 June 1899, at the age of 65 years, three months and one day. He is buried at Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana (Row 14).

According to the information given in his obituary published in the Rochester, Indiana *Sentinel* on Monday, June 19, 1899, Noah was a pioneer in Union Township having moved there in the early 1860s. He was considered active in the community and a prominent citizen. A great reader himself, he saw that his children each had a good education. Noah had been an invalid for several years, but seemed to be in good health when he visited Rochester a few weeks before his death.

Maria died 3 September 1908, at the age of 67 years, four months and 17 days. She is also buried at the Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna, Indiana. Noah and Maria had 12 children.¹⁰⁷ There are eight listed here; all born in Indiana, except the first two.

- +Charles D. Brumbaugh⁶ – 1862-1864 (aka Brumbach)
- +Cora Bell Brumbaugh⁶ – 1863-1946 – married William Jackson Mason, Sr.
- +Mary Olive Brumbaugh⁶ – 1865-1872 (aka Brumbach)
- +Jesse F. Brumbaugh⁶ – 1868-1958 – married Anna (Nana) E. Cook.
- +Orpha May Brumbaugh⁶ – 1870 – married Albert Alexis Campbell.
- +Nevada Brumbaugh⁶ – 1874 – married Bruce Henderson.
- +David Edwin Brumbaugh⁶ – 1876-1953 – married Ethel O. Heagy.
- +Laura Gertrude Brumbaugh⁶ -- 1878 – married Guy Sherman Stotts.

Hester Brumbach⁵ (Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hester was born 15 September 1835 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Isaac Brumbach and Catharine Zerkle.

¹⁰⁷ Peattie, Elia: *Pictorial History of America, The Fulton County Edition*. Fulton County, Indiana. 1896.

She married **Peter Spangler** who was born circa 1833 in Pennsylvania. They first lived in Fairfield County, Ohio. Hester and Peter's first child was born 1858 and soon after that they moved to Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana, where they remained.

Hester died 18 January 1870 at the age of 34. She is buried at Crown Point Cemetery, Section 1, Lot 92, Space 7, in Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana.

When the federal census was taken 9 July 1870, Peter Spangler and their five children were still living in Kokomo, Indiana, where Peter was a carpenter. In 1880, the family was still living in Kokomo; however the youngest child evidently had died, as he was not listed with the family. .

Peter Spangler is buried next to Hester at Crown Point Cemetery (Space 8) in Kokomo. No date for his birth or death is shown—however the Howard County, Indiana Gen Web Project lists Peter Spangler's date of death as 9 November 1897. Heather and Peter Spangler's five children were:

- +Mary (Mollie) Spangler⁶ – born circa 1858 – married—husband unknown.
- +Elizabeth (Lizzie) Spangler⁶ – 1860-1896 – unmarried.
- +William F. (Willie) Spangler⁶ – 1864-1936 – married Minnie Alice Turley.
- +Carrie Spangler⁶ –1865-unknown death date.
- +Eddie Spangler⁶ – born 1869 – died before 1880.

Silas Brumbach⁵ (Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Silas was born circa 1840 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Isaac Brumbach and Catharine *Zerkle*.

No record was found that he ever married. At the age of 20, he was still living on his father's farm and he gave his occupation as a farmer.

Silas died 26 February 1889 and is buried at Estates of Serenity, Marion, Grant County, Illinois (Plot: B21, L1, G6). No record was found of a marriage or children.

George Brumbach⁵ (Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 2 October 1842 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Isaac Brumbach and Catharine *Zerkle*. George died 15 July 1866 at the age of 23 years, nine months and 13 days. Like his mother Catharine and his brother David, he is buried at Showley West Liberty Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. He never married and left no issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Phebe *Brumbach* Snider**

Noah Snider⁵ (Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Noah was born 25 December 1843 in Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Phebe *Brumbach* and Jacob Snider.

Noah received a common education in the Liberty schools. He worked as a farmer on his father's farm until he married **Mary Elizabeth Fritz** in 1865. Mary was born 9 April 1847 in Ohio, the daughter of John Fritz and Sarah *Alstadt*.

After their marriage, Noah bought a 96-acre farm in Liberty Township, Fairfield County, next to his father's farm and they cultivated their land as a team.

In 1881, Noah purchased the Empress Flouring Mill in Baltimore, and made it into a very successful business. He was considered to be an outstanding citizen of the community. He and Mary were members of the Evangelical Church, and Noah was a member of the Masonic Order, IOOF and the Knights of Pythias.¹⁰⁸

Noah died 4 September 1923 in Liberty Township at the age of 79 years, eight months and nine days. He is buried at the Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Mary died 3 February 1927 in Liberty Township at the age of 79 years, 9 months and 25 days. She is also buried at the Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. Noah and Mary had seven children—six daughters and one son.

- +Alice Phoebe Snider⁶ – 1866-1928 – married Charles B. Leach.
- +Sarah Angeline (Angie) Snider⁶ – 1868-1939 – married Levi Henry Fritz.
- +Arthur E. Snider⁶ – 1870-1934 – married Bertha (Birdie) Mae Young.
- +Clara Emma Snider⁶ – 1872-1934 – married (1) Miller and (2) Earl.
- +Florence V. Snider⁶ – 1874-1959 – married Martin L. Myers.
- +Susannah (Susie) Jinetta Snider⁶ – 1878-1952 – married Charles Sager.
- +Lottie Lucilla Snider⁶ – 1883-1951 – married Earl Henry Sims.

Sarah A. Snider⁵ (Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sarah was born in January of 1846 in Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Phebe *Brumbach* and Jacob Snider.

Sarah did not live long enough to marry and have children; instead she died 1 February 1861 at the age of 15 years and 25 days in Fairfield County. Sarah is buried at the Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Mary Catharine Snider⁵ (Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 1855 in Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Phebe *Brumbach* and Jacob Snider.

She married **Edward Edwin Fritz**, who was born circa 1854 in Ohio, the son of Alfred Fritz (1822-1898) and Margaret Clark.

In 1900 Mary Catharine and Edward lived in Liberty Fairfield County, Ohio. Edward was a farmer. Mary Catharine probably died in 1882. Edward died 1935. They had only one child, a son.

- +Lester Elmer Fritz⁶ – 1875-1941 – married Clara Olive Shimp.

¹⁰⁸ Biographical sketch from: Graham, A. A. (Albert Adam); *History of Fairfield and Perry Counties, Ohio, their past and present*. Chicago; W. H. Beers & Co. 1883.

Lydia Snider⁵ (Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) She was born 1860 in Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Phebe *Brumbach* and Jacob Snider.

On 27 March 1879 in Fairfield County, Ohio, she married **George James Sager**, who was born 8 April 1857 in Licking County, Ohio, the son of Christian Sager (1809-1870) and Elizabeth *Wells* (1815-1871). George was a farmer.

Lydia died 1936 and she is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

George died 14 January 1939 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. He is probably buried at the Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio, beside his wife, although he is also listed as buried at Kirkersville Cemetery at Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio. Lydia and George had eight children, all born in Fairfield County, Ohio

+Dora (Dorie) C. Sager⁶ – 1879-1960 – married Silas M. Spitler.

+John David Sager⁶ – 1882-1967 – married (1) Brown and (2) White.

+Lulu Isabelle Sager⁶ – 1884-1965 – never married.

+James Sager⁶ – 1889-1892 – died: 2 years, 9 months and 27 days.

+Bessie M. Sager⁶ – 1891-1964 – married Franklin (Frank) Peter Wells.

+Iva Dell Sager⁶ – 1895-1964 – married Charles Wilbur Wiswell.

+Bryan Harvey Sager⁶ – 1898-1926 – married Ella Emeline Fritz.

+Maude E. Sager⁶ – 1901-1975 – Walter W. Graham.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-grandson
Walter Newman Ruffner**

Margaret Ann Ruffner⁵ (Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 26 January 1837 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Walter Newman Ruffner and Elvira Mindwell *Kelly*.

In 1870, when the Ruffner family was living in Crooked Creek Township (Greenup), Cumberland County, Illinois, Margaret Ann was 33 years old and still single. Sometime after that she married **Charles H. Spencer**, who was born 19 August 1827.

Margaret Ann died 20 July 1907 and she is buried at Duck Pond Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. Charles died 26 August 1911 and he is buried at Washington Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. No record of any children was found.

Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵ (Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Katherine was born 18 July 1840 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Walter Newman Ruffner and Elvira Mindwell *Kelly*.

She married **William Dill Seymour**, who was born 24 March 1841 in Ross County, Ohio, the son of A. T. Seymour and Jane *Dill*. He was always a farmer with his own farm.

Katherine died 5 April 1892, 51 years old. William died 21 December 1920 at the age of 79. They are both buried at Duck Pond Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. Their son James, an invalid, continued to live with his father. When she was widowed early, daughter Eva also lived on the farm with her father as his housekeeper. Katherine and William Seymour had seven children, all born in Cumberland County, Illinois.

- +Elvira (Eva) Jane Seymour⁶ – 1865-1953 – married William Brussell.
- +Walter Rennick Seymour⁶ – 1867-1937 – unmarried.
- +Estella (Stella) Seymour⁶ – 1870-1946 – married Ulysses Samuel Phipps.
- +William Arthur Seymour⁶ – 1872-1931 – married Ida Reckling.
- +Mattie Ann Seymour⁶ – 1874-1883
- +James Edwyn Seymour⁶ – 1877-1927 – never married.
- +Felix Ray Seymour⁶ – 1880-1922 – never married

Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵ (Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martin was born 27 November 1842 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Walter Newman Ruffner and Elvira Mindwell *Kelley*.

During the Civil War, Martin served in many battles on the Union's side in Co. B, 123rd Illinois Volunteer Cavalry.

As were so many of the early day Ruffner men in the Midwest, Martin became a farmer on his own land. His farm consisted of 146 acres and he kept the land under high cultivation.

He and his family were members of the Methodist Church and he donated generously for the building of the church. He was active in the temperance movement, and served as Worthy Chief and Past Grand Master of the Good Templars.

Martin was married three times; losing his first two wives to death. His first marriage was to **Margaret (Maggie) Lutecia Fox** on 27 November 1865. Maggie died the following year, 1866.

On 19 August 1868 Martin married (2) **Helen Victoria Waters**, who was born 9 March 1850 in Ohio. Helen died 27 August 1891 at the age of 41 years, five months and 18 days, in Cumberland County, Illinois. She is buried at Duck Pond Cemetery, Cumberland County, Illinois. Ten children were born to Helen and Martin during this marriage.

On 24 May 1893, Martin married (3) **Martha Ann Carroll**, a widow with two children of her own. Martin and Martha had one child, Orrell Wayne Ruffner. Martha died 1934. She is buried at the Ruffner Cemetery in Vevay Park, Illinois

Martin died in 1917, and he is buried at the Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. Martin's eleven children are listed as follows:

- +Charles Newman Ruffner⁶ – 1870-1877
- +Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶ – 1872-1920 – married Mariah (Retta) S. Cole.
- +Hiram Bertsel (Bert) Ruffner⁶ – 1874-1934 – married America Ellen Rennels.
- +Margaret (Maggie) Mindwell Ruffner⁶ – 1877-1959 – married Dorus Wilkinson.

+Maude Annetta (Nettie) Ruffner⁶ – 1879-1971 -- married Charles Emery Doty
+Alma Effie Ruffner⁶ – 1881-1938 – married Bleauford Higgens
+Kate (Katie) Irene Ruffner⁶ – 1884-1906 – unmarried
+Rhoda Mabel Ruffner⁶ – 1886-1960 – married Thomas (Tom) L. Russell
+Benjamin Harrison Ruffner⁶ – 1889-1975 – married Tressa (Tressie) Hazel Sutherlin
+Martin Ruffner⁶ – 1891-1891 – born and died same day
+Orrell Wayne Ruffner⁶ – 1894-1978 – Vera Cecil Hutton

Sarah Estelle Ruffner⁵ (Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sarah was born 13 November 1844 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Walter Newman Ruffner and Elvira Mindwell *Kelley*.

Sarah died 17 January 1868 at the age of 23. There was no record to show she married. No issue.

Henry Hugh Ruffner⁵ (Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Henry was born 1 May 1847 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Walter Newman Ruffner and Elvira Mindwell *Kelley*.

On 27 September 1877, in Cumberland County, Henry married Josephine Westall, who was born in the year 1856 in Illinois, the daughter of George Westall and Rebecca *Buffington*.

While Henry and Josephine were married they lived in Greenup Township, Cumberland County, Illinois, however Josephine died early in 1900. Sometime after that, Henry moved to Willard, Torrance County, New Mexico and was living there in 1910 at the age of 62.

Henry died 7 February 1916 in San Luis Obispo, California, and he is buried in the Old Section at the Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery, Vacaville, Solano County, California. Henry and Josephine had only one child:

+Noah Ruffner⁶ – 1880-1946 – never married—no issue.

Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr.⁵ (Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 20 February 1853 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Walter Newman Ruffner, Sr. and Elvira Mindwell *Kelley*.

On 10 July 1881, he married **Susan Rebecca Fox** who was born 11 July 1859 in Charleston, Coles County, Illinois, the daughter of W. F. Fox and Priscilla *Bryan*.

Walter and Susan lived in Greenup Township, Cumberland County, Illinois. Walter died there 1933, and he is buried at the Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Susan died 8 April 1939 and she also buried at the Ruffner Cemetery at Vevay Park. They had six children.

+Eva Jane Ruffner⁶ – 1883-1946 – married (1) Rooney and (2) Carr.

- +Charles Bishop Ruffner⁶ – 1884-1954 – married Jessie Mae Coffel.
 - +Maude Belle Ruffner⁶ – 1885-1971-- married Homer Ernest Durham.
 - +Edwin E. Ruffner⁶ – 1888-1973 – never married.
 - +Bess (Bessie) Ruffner⁶ – 1891-1968 – married William Taylor Williams.
 - +Lillian Ruffner⁶ – 1898-1984 – married Heber Green Nash
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**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Elizabeth *Hughes* Marion**

Matilda E. Marion⁵ (Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Matilda was born 29 December 1830 in Ohio, the daughter of Elizabeth (Betty) *Hughes* and Calvin (C. W.) Marion.

On 3 September 1848 in Tazewell County, Illinois, Matilda married **William Mooberry**, who was born 6 May 1825 in Ohio, the son of David Mooberry (1798-1850) and Margaret *Stumbaugh* (1801-1890). William was the younger brother of Samuel R. Mooberry, who married Matilda's aunt Louisa *Hughes* Mooberry.

Matilda and William owned a farm in Fond Du Lac Township and always lived in Tazewell County, Illinois. All their children were born there.

William died 29 June 1902 in Groveland, Tazewell County, and he is buried at the Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois.

Matilda died 18 February 1914 at the age of 84. She is buried beside her husband William at the Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois. Matilda and William had five children.

- +William C. Mooberry⁶ – 1850-1922 – married (1) Martin and (2) Hodges.
- +Laura Mooberry⁶ – 1852-1937 – married James Simeon Rittenhouse.
- +Francis (Frank) H. Mooberry⁶ – 1855-1874 – unmarried.
- +Lizzie Luella Mooberry⁶ – 1863-1950 – married Emory Griffith (E.G.) Gish
- +Margaret (Maggie) Elma Mooberry⁶ – 1868-1932 – married Edwin E. Wilson.

Lydia Marion⁵ (Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lydia was born in 1833, the daughter of Elizabeth (Betty) *Hughes* and William Mooberry.

On 29 April 1853 in Tazewell County, Illinois, she married **Washington Anderson**, who was born In March of 1831 in Illinois, the son of John Anderson and Hannah *Davis*.

Lydia and Washington first lived in Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois. They then moved to California. In 1900, Washington was living in San Fernando, Los Angeles County, California and their daughter Ada Daisy, age 23, was living with him. By 1910, Washington was widowed. He lived in Jerome, Yavapai County, Arizona with his daughter Ada Daisy, and her husband Rev. Owen M. Andrews, a minister in the Methodist Church.

Washington died sometime between 1910 and 1920—no records of death were found for either Lydia or Washington.

They had two daughters—shown here:

+Alice Lucinda Anderson⁶ – 1854-1928 – married Walter Lyon Cleveland.

+Ada Daisy Anderson⁶ – 1876-1951 – married Owen Merriweather Andrews.

Lucinda J. Marion⁵ (Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lucinda was born September of 1836¹⁰⁹ in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Elizabeth (Betty) *Hughes* and Calvin (C.W.) Marion.

On 15 January 1857 she married **Horace Tarbell** who was born September of 1827 in New York. Horace and Lucinda had a very prosperous farm in Tazewell County, Illinois and then in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

Horace died 1902 in Peoria, Illinois, and he is buried at Springdale Cemetery (South Bluffs), Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

Lucinda died in 1923, and she is also buried at Springdale Cemetery (South Bluffs) in Peoria, Illinois. Lucinda and Horace had four children all born in Tazewell County, Illinois.

+Calvin M. Tarbell⁶—1857-1870

+Viola (Lola) Lucinda Tarbell⁶ – 1861-1938 – married George Washington Pratt.

+Minnie Tarbell⁶ – 1864 – in 1886 she was still single and living at home.

+Frank (Frankie) L. Tarbell⁶ – 1869-1881

Francis (Frank) Marion⁵ (Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frank was born 19 September 1838 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Elizabeth (Betty) *Hughes* and Calvin (C. W.) Marion.

On 22 April 1875, Frank married **Martha (Mattie) Evelyn McKibben**, who was born 19 June 1852 in Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Hugh S. McKibben (1816-1885) and Jane Fitzgerald (1816-1910).

Frank died 3 January 1887 at the age of 48 in Tazewell County, Illinois, and he is buried at Deacon Street Cemetery, Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Mattie continued to live and work their farm in Groveland Township, Illinois. For a time it was a poultry farm, and then later, after Oliver took charge, it was a general farm. Oliver, Frank and Marion's only surviving child, always lived with his mother, even after his marriage, and he worked the farm with his mother while she lived, and then during the remainder of his own life.

After 43 years of widowhood, Mattie died 30 January 1930 at the age of 78 in Groveland Township, Tazewell County, Illinois. She is buried at Deacon Street Cemetery in Morton, Illinois, next to her husband.

Frank and Mattie had four children, all sons, but only one survived their mother:

¹⁰⁹ The birth years differ for both Lucinda and Horace in the various records, thus I am using the dates shown on their grave records.

+Elmore H. Marion⁶ – 1876-1910 – married Lutie A. Mooberry.
+Wilson Marion⁶ – 1880-1907 – unmarried.
+Harry Marion⁶ – 1883-1901 – unmarried.
+Oliver Tarbell Marion⁶ – 1885-1980 – married Elsie Cazey.

Elizabeth B. Marion⁵ (Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elizabeth was born 11 October 1840 in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Elizabeth (Betty) *Hughes* and Calvin (C.W.) Marion.

On 8 September 1855 in Tazewell County, Illinois, she married **John W. Mooberry**, who was born February 1834 in Illinois, the son of John Mooberry and Lydia *Marion*.

Elizabeth and John settled on their farm in Pekin, Groveland Township, Tazewell County, Illinois.

On 24 March 1892, John Mooberry was appointed as the postmaster at the Groveland, Tazewell, Illinois post office. When the 1900 census was taken, Elizabeth and John were living in Peoria Township, Peoria County, Illinois, and their daughter Theo, now 26 years old and still single was living with them. It was noted that John was retired. In 1910, Elizabeth, John and their daughter Theo were still living in Peoria. Theo was single. In 1920, Elizabeth and daughter Theo, still single, were living together in Peoria.

John Mooberry died in 1911, and he is buried at Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. Elizabeth died 24 August, 1922, and she is also buried at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria, Illinois.

Elizabeth and John Mooberry had two children both born in Tazewell County, Illinois.

+Philipp Mooberry⁶ – born November 1869 and died before 1880.
+Theo Elizabeth Mooberry⁶ – 1874-1939 – married Robert Wallace Woolfall.



Mooberry family section at Springdale Cemetery & Mausoleum, Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois

Mary Ann Marion⁵ (Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Ann was born 1840 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Elizabeth (Betty) *Hughes* and Calvin (C.W.) Marion.

She married circa 1862, **Isaac W. Tarbell**, who was born 21 March 1834 in Smithville Flats, Chenango County, New York, the son of Jonathan Tarbell and Elizabeth *Lamb*.

Mary Ann and Isaac first lived in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, where their daughter was born. They later moved to Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, and Isaac and their daughter continued to live there after the death of Mary Ann.

Mary Ann died in 1893 at the age of 53 and she is buried at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria, Illinois.

Isaac retired from life as a successful farmer and died 19 January 1922 in Peoria, Illinois, at the age of 87. He never married again, and their only child, a daughter, continued to live with her father until his death. Isaac is buried at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria, Illinois, next to his wife, Mary Ann. Their only child was:

+Luella M. Tarbell⁶ – 1863-1930 – she never married.

Barbara Marion⁵ (Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Barbara was born 1841 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Elizabeth (Betty) *Hughes* and Calvin (C.W.) Marion. Very little was found regarding Barbara, except when the 1860 census for Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois was enumerated she was 19 years old and living with her sister Matilda and her brother-in-law William Mooberry.

Eliza Ann Marion⁵ (Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eliza was born 25 June 1842 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Elizabeth (Betty) *Hughes* and Calvin (C. W.) Marion.

On 29 October 1863 in Woodford County, Illinois, she married **James William Holmes**, who was born in Woodford County on 26 April 1839, the son of William and Celia Holmes.

Early in their marriage Eliza and James lived at Deer Creek, Tazewell County, Illinois. They later moved to a farm in Burt County, Nebraska, where they remained. They had a large family—13 children born to them—nine surviving.

James died 2 October 1914 in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska at the age of 75, and he is buried at Lyons Cemetery, Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska. Eliza died in 11 January 1918 in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska, and she is buried at Lyons Cemetery next to her husband. The known children of Eliza Ann and James Holmes were:

+George Washington Holmes⁶ – 1865-1931 – married Anna Christina Schultz.

+Everett L. Holmes⁶ – 1868-1963 – married Mary Alice Larson.

+Lillian (Lilly)¹¹⁰ Celia Holmes⁶ – 1870-1937 – married Elmer Schenck.
 +Anne (Annie) M. Holmes⁶ – 1873-1960 – married Delmar R. Davis.
 +James Leslie Holmes⁶ – 1875-1922 – married Minnie Lee Elliott.
 +Mary Jane Holmes⁶ – 1876-1964 – married Chauncey Edward Webster.
 +Kate Ellen Holmes⁶ – 1880-1917 – married Herley Miller.
 +John McClellan Holmes⁶ – 1882-1961 – married Esther Goldie Lewis.
 +Ethel B. Holmes⁶ – 1887-1987 – married Lloyd Potter.

Sarah Marion⁵ (Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sarah was born 1845 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Elizabeth (Betty) Hughes and Calvin (C.W.) Marion. The only confirmed information regarding Sarah found was the record of her marriage to **Robert Roberts** in Tazewell County, Illinois on 15 January 1867.

Margaret Marion⁵ (Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 1849 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Elizabeth (Betty) Hughes and Calvin (C.W.) Marion.

On 17 April 1873 in Tazewell County, Illinois, Margaret married **Charles Herbert Roberts**, who was born 1849, the son of Walter Basset Roberts and Fanny Harding.

In 1880, Margaret and Charles and their twins were living on a farm next to Margaret's parents, Calvin and Betty Marion in Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Sometime before 1900 Margaret and Charles must have parted company and then divorced. Charles lived in California with a brother in Los Angeles for a while and then in 1930 at the age of 79, he was living at the Odd Fellows Home in Saratoga, Santa Clara County, California. Charles died there 22 August 1930 at the age of 80, and he is buried at the IOOF Cemetery, Saratoga, Santa Clara County, California.

No further confirmed records were found regarding Margaret. Margaret and Charles Roberts' two children are shown below.¹¹¹

+Calvin Marion Roberts⁶ – 1875-1942 – married Emma Mae Louise Reinmann.
 +Elizabeth (Bessie) Marion Roberts⁶ – 1875-1940 – married Charles B. Crawford.

Other things may change us, but we start and end with family. Anthony Brandt

¹¹⁰ In the 1880 census Lillie's name is given as Lydia which must be a typo as in all the other records found later, her name is Lillian or as on her gravestone: Lilly.

¹¹¹ The records of the burial for Calvin and Bessie Roberts confirms they were twins—both born 11 June 1875—Calvin is buried in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada, and Bessie in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Louisa Hughes Mooberry**

David Richard Mooberry⁵ (Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 30 August 1846 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Louisa Colson *Hughes* and Samuel Ramsey Mooberry.

David died 18 November 1886 at the age of 39 and he is buried at the Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois. It is believed he never married and left no issue.

George Edwin Mooberry⁵ (Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 20 November 1847 in Fondulac, Tazewell County, Illinois the son of Louisa Colson *Hughes* and Samuel Ramsey Mooberry.

George served as a private late in the Civil War in Co. A. Illinois 150th Infantry Regiment, enlisting 6 February 1865. He was mustered out 6 January 1866 in Atlanta, Georgia.

He married **Mary Mallon** on 28 May 1874 in Tazewell County, Illinois. Mary was born 1845 in Ireland, the daughter of John and Margaret (Hollywood) Mallon. Mary immigrated to the United States in 1858. In 1870, she was working as the housekeeper for William and Matilda Mooberry in Tazewell County, Illinois.

George and Mary lived in Tazewell County, Illinois, and Nebraska, and sometime after 1887 the family moved to Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon. That became their final home.

In 1896, George was awarded a monthly pension for his service during the Civil War, and after his death (1915), Mary received a widow's pension.

George died in Cornelius, Oregon on 2 August 1915, and he is buried at the Cornelius Methodist Cemetery, Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon. Mary died in 1932 in Washington County, Oregon and she is also buried at the Cornelius Cemetery in Cornelius, Oregon. George and Mary had five children—four children surviving—all born before the family moved to Oregon.

+George Milton Mooberry⁶ –1875-1876

+Louise Amy Mooberry⁶ – 1877-1957 – married Daniel Ulysses Cochrane.

+Gilbert E. Mooberry⁶ – 1880-1971 – never married.

+Byron Mooberry⁶ – 1883-1964 – never married.

+Lester Mooberry⁶ – 1887-1977 – married Margaret Henrietta Mann.

Luther B. Mooberry⁵ (Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Luther was born 19 May 1849 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Louisa Colson *Hughes* and Samuel Ramsey Mooberry.

In Tazewell County, Illinois, he married **Mildred (Millie) Arnold**, who was born 18 March 1852.

Luther died 30 August 1877 in Tazewell County, Illinois at the age of 28, and he is buried at Fondulac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Mildred never remarried. In 1900, she lived in Ludlow Township, Champaign County, Illinois, and her widowed nephew James B. Arnold and his three children lived with her.

Mildred died 2 August 1902 and she is also buried at Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria, Illinois. Luther and Mildred had no children (verified by the 1900 census).

Floyd Mooberry⁵ (Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Floyd was born 6 June 1851 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Louisa Colson *Hughes* and Samuel Ramsey Mooberry.

Floyd died 18 October 1853, and he is buried at the Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois.

Evaline Mooberry⁵ (Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Evaline was born 9 March 1853 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Louisa Colson *Hughes* and Samuel Ramsey Mooberry.

Evaline never married, and she was living in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois when she died 4 April 1932. She is buried at Mooberry Cemetery, Tazewell County, Illinois. No issue.

Walter Mooberry⁵ (Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 8 September 1854 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Louisa Colson *Hughes* and Samuel Ramsey Mooberry.

Walter died 8 February 1858 at the age of three, and he is buried at Mooberry Cemetery, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Alvira Mooberry⁵ (Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alvira was born 21 June 1856 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Louisa Colson *Hughes* and Samuel Ramsey Mooberry.

Louisa married **George Pinkham**, who was born 20 January 1849, the son of Thomas Vincent Pinkham (1814-1891) and Maria Anna *Camlin* (1825-1894).

Louisa and George lived on their farm in Panola Township, Woodford County, Illinois, and had a large family.

George died in Woodford County 1 October 1908. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

During her last few years, Alvira lived in the household of her daughter and son-in-law, Ida and Albert Blackmore, in Panola, Woodford County, Illinois. Alvira died 1 April 1934, and she is buried next to her husband George at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois. Alvira and George had at least twelve children:

+Thomas V. Pinkham⁶ –1877-1939 – married Eva Major
 +Jennie Colson Pinkham⁶ –1878-1943 – married Elmer O. Mohr.
 +Edith Evaline Pinkham⁶ –1880-1949 – married John W. North.
 +Ida C. Pinkham⁶ – 1880-1963 – married Albert Blackmore.
 Josie Pinkham⁶ – born 1882 – last listed in 1900 census with parents.
 +George Cleveland Pinkham⁶ – 1884-1962 – married Ella Fern Roth.
 +Mary Frances Pinkham⁶ –1886-1917 – married Robert Bruce.
 +Myrtle Pinkham⁶ – born 1888 – listed in 1900 census with parents.
 +William Steven Pinkham⁶ – 1893-1960 – married Edith M. Punke.
 +Elsie Margaret Pinkham⁶ –1894-1984 – married Chester August Koch.
 +Frank Pinkham⁶ –1895-1895 – buried Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Illinois.
 +Royal (Roy) Edgar Pinkham⁶ – 1897-1967 – married Alta Marie Holt.

Milton Mooberry⁵ (Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Milton was born 28 April 1858 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Louisa Colson *Hughes* and Samuel Ramsey Mooberry.



On 27 March 1890 in Tazewell County, Illinois, he married a cousin, **Lydia R. Mooberry**, who was born 3 February 1872 in Illinois, the daughter of Samuel R. Mooberry (1844-1916) and Clara A. *McClallen* (1847-1927).

Milton was a successful rancher in Tazewell County, Illinois—in 1910 his picture was included with a collection of other prominent citizens of Tazewell County.

He died 24 May 1930 at the age of 72 in Tazewell County, and he is buried at Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois.

Lydia died 21 May 1955, and she is buried at Mooberry Cemetery next to her husband. Milton and Lydia had three children.

+Irene C. Mooberry⁶ – 1891-1909 – never married.
 +Harry H. Mooberry⁶ – 1894-1965 – married Viola May Oetzel.
 +Thornton Fields Mooberry⁶ – 1899-1983 – married Edna Irene Burroughs.

Dorcas Jane Mooberry⁵ (Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dorcas was born 7 March 1860 in Fondulac, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Louisa Colson *Hughes* and Samuel Ramsey Mooberry.

On 23 December 1880 in Tazewell County she married **Alba Parker O'Brien**, who was born 1 February 1858 in Groveland Township, Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Benjamin O'Brien and Mary *Morse*.

Alba died 15 April 1932 and is buried at the Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois. Dorcas died 22 May 1934 at Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois at the age of 74. She is also buried at the Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois.

Dorcas and Alba had five children, all born in Tazewell County, Illinois.

+Benjamin Raymond O'Brien⁶ – 1882 – married Aldah Lovenia *Seneff*.
+Jessie Grace O'Brien⁶ –1884-1893
+Edith Pearl O'Brien⁶ –1887-1889
+Edna Myrtle O'Brien⁶ – 1888-1970 – married Eugene Lester Conklin.
+Elsie O'Brien⁶ – 1890-1893

Nettie Oliver Mooberry⁵ (Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Nettie was born 6 February 1862 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Louisa Colson *Hughes* and Samuel Ramsey Mooberry.

Nettie married **William L. Van Dyke**, who was born 10 May 1855 in Fulton County, Illinois, the son of Lewis Van Dyke and Jane Ann *Middlesworth*, both born in New Jersey.

Nettie died 19 January 1891 in Fulton County, Illinois, not quite 29 years old. She is buried at Mooberry Cemetery, Tazewell County, Illinois. She left no children.

William was a farmer in Canton Township, Fulton County, Illinois. He married (2) Kate Linden (1873-1927). William and his second wife had three children: Lewis Van Dyke (1900-1982); Mary Van Dyke and Sarah L. (Sadie) Van Dyke Hunt (1904-1999).

William died in Canton, Fulton County, Illinois, on 24 November 1924. He is buried at St. Joseph Cemetery, Canton, Fulton County, Illinois.

Della Mooberry⁵ (Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Della was born 29 December 1863 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Louisa Colson *Hughes* and Samuel Ramsey Mooberry. Della died 22 March 1877 in Tazewell County, Illinois at the age of 13, and she is buried at the Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois.

*I am bound to them, though I cannot
Look into their eyes or hear their voices.*

I honor their history.

I cherish their lives.

I will tell their story.

I will remember them.

Author Unknown

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Christine Margaret Hughes Huddleston**

Malinda B. Huddleston⁵ (Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Malinda was born in December of 1857 in Illinois, the daughter of Christine Margaret (Maggie) *Hughes* and William Huddleston.

In 1887, Malinda married **Edwin D. Allen**, who was born 1862 in New York, the son of D. W. and Nancy Allen. In 1900 they lived in Ponca, Dixon County, Nebraska. They then moved to Bashaw, Washburn County, Wisconsin, where they were living in 1905 and 1910. Edwin's 77-year-old mother Nancy Allen was living with them in 1910.

No record was found verifying the dates of death or any burial locations for either Malinda or Edwin, but it is believed they both died sometime between 1910 and 1920. Malinda and Edwin had at least three children.

+Coral M. Allen⁶ – 1892-1945 – married Charles Faye Mead.

+Vernon Ward Allen⁶ – 1893-1948 – married (1) Clare Shields and (2) Lee_____.

+Lester William Allen⁶ – 1894-1943 – married Mabel L. Merchant.

Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵ (Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lorenzo was born 25 August 1861 in Dixon County, Nebraska, the son of Christine Margaret (Maggie) *Hughes* and William Huddleston.

Lorenzo married (2) **Adonia B. Wilcox**, who was born April 1871 in Illinois, the daughter of Isaac and Mary Wilcox of Dixon County, Nebraska.

After their marriage in 1893, Lorenzo and Adonia lived in many different locations, i.e. in Dixon County, Nebraska; Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa; Broken Bow, Custer County, Nebraska; Marshall, Platte County, Nebraska; Wathena, Doniphan County, Kansas and Washington, Buchanan County, Missouri.

Lorenzo died 12 March 1935 in Buchanan County, Missouri, and he was buried at the Odd Fellows Public Cemetery, Saint Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri.

Widowed in 1935, Adonia lived in St. Joseph, Buchanan County, and worked as a seamstress.

In 1940, she lived with her daughter Marie and her husband Charley Hicks in Washington, Buchanan County, Missouri. During 1953-1957, Adonia lived with her son Laurel Wilcox Huddleston at 317 Ozark Street in St. Joseph, Missouri.

No record was found for Adonia's death or burial place, although since 1957 was her last listing in a City Directory, it can be assumed that may be the year she died. She would have been 80 years old at that time. The children of Lorenzo and Adonia are shown on the next page.

- +Ina Huddleston⁶ – born in Nebraska in 1890 – Twin ¹¹²
- +Ona Huddleston⁶ – born in Nebraska in 1890 – Twin
- +Laurel Wilcox Huddleston⁶ – 1895-1972 – married Florence May *James* Newey.
- +Marie Huddleston⁶ – 1897—married Charles Presley Hicks.
- +F. William Huddleston⁶ – born February 1900 in Iowa.
- +Hilda Huddleston⁶ – 1904-1996 – (?) married William L. Hendryx.
- +Alice Dorothy Huddleston⁶ – 1907-1999 – married Ralph Sandlin.
- +Lois Huddleston⁶ – born 1910 in Nebraska.

Newton Jasper Huddleston⁵ (Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Newton was born 5 February 1865 in Ponca, Dixon County, Nebraska, the son of Christine Margaret (Maggie) *Hughes* and William Huddleston.

On 18 April 1894 in Woodbury County, Iowa, Newton married **Ida A. Sawvell**, who was born circa 1867. They first lived in Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa, and their two sons were born there.

Between 1905 and 1910, the family moved to Oregon—first living in Carlton, Yamhill County, Oregon. They then moved to Wheeler, Tillamook County, Oregon, where Newton worked at a saw-mill as a fireman.

In 1930, their youngest son Kenneth was still living at home. A few years before, their eldest son Victor had gone to Seattle, Washington to work in the mill industry in Ballard along the Lake Washington Ship Canal. He was working as a boom man when at the age of 24 he fell from the log boom into the mill pond and drowned.

Newton died in Tillamook County, Oregon on 7 June 1943. Ida had died the year before on 16 July 1942. They are both buried at the Bay City IOOF Cemetery in Bay City, Tillamook County, Oregon. Newton and Ida's two sons were:

- +Victor N. Huddleston⁶ – 1899-1923 – unmarried.
- +Kenneth E. Huddleston⁶ – 1903-1972 – unmarried.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman* Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-grandson James B. Ruffner

John Whitfield Ruffner⁵ (James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 20 October 1855 in Fluvanna County, Virginia, the son of James B. Ruffner and Toretha Evalina *Parrish*, the daughter of Willis R. Parrish.

A few years after his father's second marriage, while yet in his teens, John moved to Ansted in Fayette County, West Virginia. Ansted became known as the town that coal

¹¹² No records were found for either Ina or Ona after their listing in the 1900 census records at 11 years of age, and attending school. As shown by records, these are not the children of Adonia, thus, it appears that Lorenzo was married previously.

built. The coal industry was in its infancy when John arrived there. In Ansted, John operated railroad trams for the coal company. Later he became foreman of the track.

John married **Henrietta Julia Fowler**, who was born 23 April 1860 in Roanoke, Virginia, the daughter of Henry and Julia Fowler. They always lived in Ansted, and all of their children were born there.

Henrietta died 21 July 1925 at the age of 65 years, two months and 28 days. John was living with daughter Mae and her husband Sidney McGraw in Ansted when he died 18 September 1934 at the age of 79 years, 10 months and 29 days. John is buried at Westlake Cemetery in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia, and it is likely Henrietta is also buried there, although no record could be found. The children of John and Henrietta were:

- +Charlie Herbert Ruffner⁶ – 1886-1955 – married Eva B. Eades.
- Effie N. Ruffner⁶ – 1888 – no record found for her after 1900, age 11
- +Mae Ruffner⁶ – 1890-1969 – married (1) Brown (2) McGraw.
- +Walter Lee Ruffner⁶ – 1892-1955 – married Laura Vesta Eades.
- +Myrtle Helen Ruffner⁶ – 1895-1978 -- married Grover Cleveland Massey.
- +Margaret (Maggie) Bell Ruffner⁶ – 1899-1980 – married Jay Garland Skaggs.
- +Clarence R. Ruffner⁶ – 1902-1973 – married Gladys Mohr.

Edgar (Eddie) Reuben Ruffner⁵ (James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edgar was born 1 September 1866 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of James B. Ruffner and his second wife, Mattie Joan *Jordan*.

On 1 July 1891 in Louisa County, Virginia, Edgar married **Willie Ann Fleshman**, who was born January 1866, the daughter of James F. and Martha J. Fleshman.

Edgar and Willie Ann lived on their own farm in Louisa County, Virginia, and their children were all born there.

Edgar died 28 September 1939 and Willie Ann died 27 December 1931—both in Louisa County, Virginia. They were survived by seven daughters.

- +Eva Virginia Ruffner⁶ – 1893-1984 – married Robert Pendleton Rosson.
- +Mary Frances (Fannie) Ruffner⁶ – 1894-1970 – married twice – Harlow and Franck
- +Pauline Viola Ruffner⁶ – 1898-1997 – married Roy William Denton.
- +Annie Martha Ruffner⁶ – 1900-1998 – married Raymond Earle Wood.
- +Emma Edmonia (Dollie) Ruffner⁶ – 1901-1987 – married Winfrey James Harlow.
- +Addie Mae Ruffner⁶ – 1905—1984 – married Earl Snider.
- +Nellie B. Ruffner⁶ – 1908-1992 – married Hugh Epps Nelson.

James Daniel Ruffner⁵ (James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 26 January 1868 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of James B. Ruffner and Mattie Joan *Jordan*.

On 10 September 1890 in Louisa County, Virginia, he married **Sallie Safronia Poore**, who was born circa 1870 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of William L. Poore and Maria (Rea) Judson Ware.

James and Sallie had their own farm in Green Spring, Louisa County, Virginia. They had a large family—eight children—and all their children were born in Louisa County. Sallie died 24 February 1941, and James died 27 October 1944—both in Louisa County, Virginia. The children of James and Sallie were:

- +Mattie Rea Ruffner⁶ – 1892-1960 – married Levy Curry Ware.
- +Emmett Ruffner⁶ – 1894-1894
- +Roy Watson Ruffner⁶ – 1896-1969 – married Louise Willie Rosson.
- +Mary Lucille Ruffner⁶ – 1898-1988 – married George H. Snider.
- +Gladys Evelyn Ruffner⁶ – 1901-1980 – married Floyd Edwin Bickley.
- +Ruth May Ruffner⁶ – 1903-1984 – m. (1) Garnett W. Rosson (2) Bayard Stephenson.
- +James Ambler Ruffner, Sr.⁶ – 1908-1937 – married Virginia Bell Dunn.
- +Sally Ann Ruffner⁶ – 1911-1980 – m. (1) Walter N. Ware (2) Clyde Garland Kirby.

Lillian (Lilly) Ann Ruffner⁵ (James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lilly was born July 1869 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of James B. Ruffner and Mattie Joan *Jordan*. Lilly Ann died young—her birth was confirmed by a record in the listing of Virginia births, and also she was listed in the 1870 census when she was one year old, but she was not shown in the 1880 federal census. No date of death or burial record was found for Lilly Ann Ruffner.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
America Virginia Ruffner Wright**

Thomas Reuben Wright⁵ (America Virginia Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thomas was born 20 September 1858 in Virginia, the son of America Virginia *Ruffner* and Robert Wright.

Thomas married **Emma E. Morris** in 1881 in Fluvanna County, Virginia. She was born in 1853. Thomas was a farmer and they always lived in Palmyra, Fluvanna County, Virginia—their children were all born there.

Emma died in 1926, and Thomas died 15 October 1933. They are buried next to each other at Beaver Dam Baptist Church Cemetery, Paynes Mill, Fluvanna County, Virginia. The children of Thomas and Emma follow.

- +William Robert Wright⁶ – 1882-1928 – married Myrtle (Mertie) Pendleton Bickley.
- +Carrie Morris Wright⁶ – 1884-1964 – unmarried.
- +Marcellus Vivian Wright⁶ – 1887-1967 – married Marian Tranquilla Hudson.
- +Bernie Thomas Wright⁶ – 1889-1987 – married Edna Rebecca Shank.
- +Linwood Earl Wright⁶ – 1896-1964 – married Minnie P. Lamb.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin and gr-grandson John Hersey Ruffner**

Walter Scott Ruffner⁵ (John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born in 31 August 1866 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of John Hersey Ruffner and Mary (Mollie) Scott *Brooks*.

According to a notation on Walter's death certificate by J. W. Freddy of the Freddy Funeral Home of Gordonsville, Virginia, Walter Ruffner had been born crippled and never had a doctor—he died with his sister present. Evidently, health was the reason Walter always lived at home with his family and never married.

Walter died at the family home in Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia on 13 April 1939 at 3:45 a.m. His youngest brother Robert was the informant for the personal information on Walter's death certificate. The sister who was taking care of Walter and was with him when he died was his youngest sister Addie. Walter is buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia.

Gertrude Ruffner⁵ (John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gertrude was born 20 September 1868 in Orange County, Virginia, the daughter of John Hersey Ruffner and Mary (Mollie) Scott *Brooks*.

On 19 April 1893 in Milton, Cabell County, West Virginia, at the age of 24, she married 35-year-old **William Bowles Gautier**. He was a widower, formerly married in 1884 in West Virginia to Nannie Jordan. William was born October 1857, the son of Joseph and Frances Gautier. He was a wholesale salesman.

Gertrude died at Richmond Memorial Hospital, Richmond, Virginia on 27 December 1964 at the age of 96. The cause of death was listed as heart failure. She is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum, Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, next to her husband William and daughter Mary Kathleen Gautier. William Gautier had died in June of 1926. There are no dates inscribed for Gertrude or Mary Kathleen.

William Gautier had one child from his first marriage, a son, Claude Vernon Gautier (1885-1937). Claude lived with his father William and his stepmother Gertrude. Gertrude and William had one child of their own.

+ Mary Kathleen Gautier⁶ – 1894-1972 – a short unknown marriage and divorce.

William D. Ruffner⁵ (John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born on 17 August 1872 in White Hall Township, Albemarle County, Virginia, the son of John Hersey Ruffner and Mary (Mollie) Scott *Brooks*.

At the age of 25, on 4 January 1899 in Charlottesville City (Albemarle County), Virginia, William married **Lulu F. Kidd** who was born 7 March 1872 in Albemarle County, Virginia. They were counted in the 1900 federal census for Charlottesville City, Virginia—no children. William's occupation was given as a news agent, and William's brother John, age 22, was living with them.

Sometime during the next 10 years, William had died. On 15 December 1918, in Orange, Orange County, Virginia, a widowed Lulu Ruffner, age 46, married John F. Kirby, age 61, who worked for the railroad as a section foreman. John Kirby was born 1 January 1857 and he died 7 May 1936. Lulu died 1 March 1945 at the age of 73. They are both shown as being buried together at Maplewood Cemetery, Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia.

William Ruffner is probably buried at Maplewood, but very few of the graves have been identified. William and Lulu had no children.

Lena Blanch Ruffner⁵ (John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lena was born 24 April 1875 in Virginia, the daughter of John Hersey Ruffner and Mary (Mollie) Scott *Brooks*.

On 16 April 1901 in Albemarle County, Virginia, she married **Virgil Lyman Hughes**, who was born 24 April 1875. They lived in Orange County, Virginia. Virgil was an engineer on a steam railway.

They both died in Orange County—Lena died 27 October 1952 at the age of 77 of a heart attack at her home, 2005 - 3rd Ave., Richmond, Virginia. Virgil, Sr. died 21 August 1966. Both are buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia. Lena and Virgil had four children.

+Virgil Lyman Hughes, Jr.⁶ 1902-1980 – married four times.

+Edward Hersey Hughes⁶ 1904-1947 – married Mae Brittle.

+Carroll Thornton Hughes⁶ – 1907-1991 – m. (1) Evelyn Ergins (2) Ann Horne.

+Mary Hughes⁶ – born 1910 – probably died 1919.

Lucy (Lulu) Sally Ruffner⁵ (John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lulu was born 20 September 1877 in Virginia, the daughter of John Hersey Ruffner and Mary (Mollie) Scott *Brooks*. Lulu was the twin sister of John Thomas Ruffner

Lulu married **James Leonard Herring**, who was born 11 August 1877 in Madison Run, Orange County, Virginia. He was the son of Luther Wickliffe Herring and Comfort Elbertina *Duvall*.

James was employed as a painter for the railroad. He died from heart trouble at the age of 53 on 14 July 1931 at his home on Barton Heights, a residential area of Richmond, Virginia. Lucy died 17 April 1963. They are both buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia.

The three children are shown with their parents on the following page—left to right: Raymond, Gertrude and Alta. circa 1917¹¹³

¹¹³ Find A Grave database and images (<http://findagrave.com>)



- +Alta Scott Herring⁶ – 1903-1971 – married William Francis Drinkard III.
- +Raymond Luther Herring⁶ – 1905-1975 – married Nellie Page.
- +Gertrude Comfort Herring⁶ 1915-1996 – she never married.

John Thomas Ruffner⁵ (John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 20 September 1877 in Orange County, Virginia, the son of John Hersey Ruffner and Mary (Mollie) Scott *Brooks*. John and Lulu were twins.

On 27 September 1899 in Henrico County, Virginia, John married **Grace Erma Warriner**, who was born 25 August 1878 in Virginia, the daughter of Washington T. Warriner (born 1852) and Julia Adelaide *Cotman* (1848-1923).

John was a telegrapher for Western Union and for the railroad. When he was older he was with the Virginia State Planning Board in Richmond, Virginia, where he and Grace lived.

John died on 22 August 1953 at the age of 73 as the result of a heart attack 17 days earlier. He is buried at Washington Memorial Park in Sandston, Henrico County, Virginia. Grace died 19 January 1968 at Richmond Memorial Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, and she is also buried at Washington Memorial Park. John and Grace had five children, all born in Virginia.

- +Lannie Virginia Ruffner⁶ – 1902-1991 – married (1) Bailey (2) Preddy.
- +Grace Thelma Ruffner⁶ – 1904-1981 – married Earl Newton Franklin.
- +John Raymond (Buster) Ruffner⁶ – 1906-1969 – married Henrietta Sophie Becker.
- +Eugene C. (Sonny) Ruffner⁶ – 1909-2000 – married (3) Virginia Susette Carneal.
- +Margaret Evelyn Ruffner⁶ – 1917-1998 – married (1) Penny (2) Duncan.

Addie Lydia Ruffner⁵ (John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Addie was born in January of 1881 in Orange County, Virginia, the daughter of John Hersey Ruffner and Mary (Mollie) Scott *Brooks*.

Addie never married. She always remained at home in Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia, helping with the housework, caring for her aging parents, then her older siblings, especially her eldest brother Walter who had been crippled since birth. She called herself a domestic. In 1940 she lived with her sister Gertrude and her niece Mary Kathleen Gautier in Richmond City, Virginia. Addie died 7 February 1955 at the age of 74. She is buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia.

Robert Russell Ruffner⁵ (John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 9 March 1883 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of John Hersey Ruffner and Mary (Mollie) Scott *Brooks*.

He married **Alice Poyner Noble**, who was born in 1892 in Virginia, the daughter of John Alexander Noble and Alice Reily. Robert and Alice lived in Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia.

Robert died 28 January 1963, and Alice died 1 July 1971 at the Orange-Gordonsville Community Hospital, Gordonsville, Virginia. They are both buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia. Two children.

+Frances Virginia Ruffner⁶ – 1910-1980 – never married.

+John Russell Ruffner⁶ – 1915-2001 – no record of marriage was found.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Alsinda J. Ruffner Jordan**

Laura Johnson Jordan⁵ (Alsinda J. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Laura was born September of 1871 in Fluvanna County, Virginia, the daughter of Alsinda J. *Ruffner* and Daniel M. Jordan.

Laura probably never married. She was still living with her father and brother John in 1910 when she was 29 years old. She gave her occupation as a dressmaker. This was the last record found for Laura.

John H. Jordan⁵ (Alsinda J. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 19 December 1873 at Columbia, Fluvanna County, Virginia, the son of Alsinda J. *Ruffner* and Daniel M. Jordan.

John always lived in Columbia, Fluvanna County, Virginia. He was single and was a merchant in a general store. His father was widowed when John and his sister were very young, and the three lived together until their father's death.

John's home was at Kents Store in Fluvanna County, Virginia—however, he was being treated at DeJarnette's Sanatorium in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia, when he died 4 February 1939. His body was returned to his home and he was buried at Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery, Kents Store, Fluvanna County, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Clara Clarinda Ruffner Moss**

John Franklin Moss⁵ (Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 14 June 1881 in Fluvanna County, Virginia, the son of Clara Clarinda *Ruffner* and her second husband Charles Henry Moss.

On 5 November 1902 in Fluvanna County, Virginia, John married **Ada Maude Carneal**, who was born 27 July 1884, the daughter of William L. Carneal and Susie Wash.

Ada died at the age of 31 years, seven months and 11 days, on 8 March 1916 in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia, less than two months after giving birth to a daughter. The cause of her death was septicemia (blood poisoning). With her early death, John was left alone to care for their children who ranged in age from an infant to 12 years. At times it was necessary for some of the children to live with other families. Four of the children: Mabel, John Jr., Lewis and Ellen became wards at the Virginia Conference Orphanage in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia.

John kept in contact with his children, and was able to have some of them back with him at home by 1930.

John died at the Louisa Medical Center in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia on 14 December 1962 at the age of 81. According to the information on his death certificate, John was a carpenter. He is buried next to Ada at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

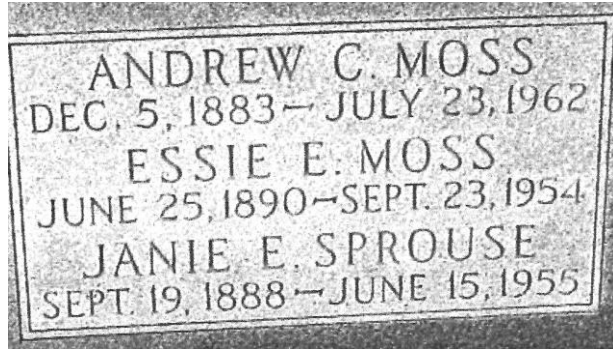
John and Ada had at least eight children, all the children were born in Louisa County, Virginia. There may have been another who died early.

- +Hubert Conway Moss⁶ –1904-1986 – married Lulu Agnes Diggs.
- +Minnie Maude Moss⁶ – 1906-1987 – married Arnold Batson Clark.
- +Mabel Marie Moss⁶ – 1907-1984 – married Clyde W. Harris.
- +Louise Roosevelt Moss⁶ – 1908-1990 – married Ernest W. Welford.
- +John Franklin Moss Jr.⁶ – 1910-1979 – married Martha Catherine *Long* Gates.
- +Lewis (Toad) Woolfolk Moss⁶ – 1911-1975 – three marriages.
- +Ellen Kent Moss⁶ – 1913-1991 – married Howard Lawrence Frick.
- +Ada Marie Moss⁶ – 1916-1996 – seven marriages.

Andrew Compton Moss⁵ (Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Andrew was born 5 December 1883 in Fluvanna County, Virginia, the son of Clara Clarinda *Ruffner* and her second husband Charles Henry Moss.

On 17 September 1905 in Louisa County, Virginia, Andrew married **Jane (Janie) Elizabeth Hicks**. Janie was born 19 September 1888 in Albemarle County, Virginia, the daughter of John W. and Martha Hicks.

Andrew was a miner and a carpenter. According to records found, Andrew and Janie evidently were divorced sometime prior to 1924.



When the 1930 federal census was taken, Andrew had a new family—he had married (2) the former wife of Charles P. Johnson, **Essie Estelle Meakes Johnson**. Essie was born in 1890 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Henry Meakes and Bettie Bone. Also, in Andrew's household were two stepchildren: Detzy and Ando Johnson, ages 18 and 16. He also had an eight-year old adopted son, Ray Moss.

Also in 1930, Andrew's former wife Janie was working as a housekeeper in Louisa, Virginia, and referred to herself as a widow. Later Janie married (2) George W. Sprouse and they lived in Hanover County, Virginia. George Sprouse died in 1954 and Janie followed him in death the next year—15 June 1955.

Essie died at the age of 64 on 23 September 1954 in Goochland County, Virginia.

Andrew died 23 July 1962 at the age of 79 at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, as the result of a heart attack suffered two days previously. Andrew is buried at Mount Gilead Church Cemetery, Tabscott, Goochland County, Virginia, next to both of his wives—his most recent spouse, Essie, as well as Janie, his former wife. Andrew and his first wife Janie had three children—only Charles surviving them.

+Clarence Moss⁶ – 1906-1917 – 11 years old.

+Charles Edward Moss⁶ – 1908-1991 – married Marjorie Clarice Johnson.

+Adelaide Moss⁶ – 1910-1943 – married (1) Everhardt (2) Hodgman.

*Sometimes genealogy uncovers a tangled web,
leaving a puzzle for future generations.*

**The descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Diana M. Ruffner Reynolds**

Eleanor (Lena) Ann Reynolds⁵ (Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eleanor was born 30 April 1871 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Diana Marie *Ruffner* and George Washington Reynolds.

She married **Richard Walker Hall**, who was born 1 November 1869 in Grottoes, Rockingham County, Virginia, the son of Pleasant Sanford Hall (1847-1935) and Sarah Ellen *Fielding*. Richard was a farmer in Augusta County, Virginia.

Richard died at the age of 71 on 29 March 1941 in Waynesboro, Augusta County, Virginia. He is buried at Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton, Staunton City, Augusta County, Virginia—Section 12.

Eleanor died of heart failure while a patient at Waynesboro Community Hospital in Waynesboro, August County, Virginia, on 16 December 1953 at the age of 82 years, seven months and 16 days. She is buried next to her husband at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia. Eleanor and Richard had four children.

+Carlton Alexander Hall⁶ – 1899-1983 – married twice.

+Oscar Roosevelt Hall⁶ – 1902-1981 – married twice.

+Lester Walker Hall⁶ – 1904-1957 – married Melissa Alyce *Stogdale* Hulvey.

+Margaret Louise (Chip) Hall⁶ – 1911-1978 – married and divorced twice.

Samuel Washington Reynolds⁵ (Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Samuel was born 2 May 1877 in Staunton, Virginia, the son of Diana Marie *Ruffner* and George Washington Reynolds.

He married **Mattie Mahala Rohr**, who was born 6 March 1886 in Staunton, Virginia, the daughter of Henry Rohr (1855-1907) and Florence *Huff* (1858-1915).

Samuel and Mattie always lived in Staunton City, Virginia, where Samuel's occupation was as a drayman (a delivery wagon driver). Samuel died from lobar pneumonia at the age of 58 on 9 May 1935 at the family home, 1722 Plunkett Street, Staunton City, Virginia. He is buried at Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton, Staunton City, Virginia.

At the age of 57, ten years after Samuel's death, Mattie married again. On 11 September 1945 in Franklin County, Virginia, she married John Edward Keyton, a welder, age 52, who was the son of J. C. Keyton and Carrie B. *Thompson*. John had been married before and was divorced. John Keyton (1892-1973) was a WWI veteran of Co. G, 4th Infantry, regular Army. He was severely wounded in fighting at Meuse-Argonne in France 5 October 1918. He received a surgeon's Certificate of Disability as 75 percent disabled. John Keyton died at the age of 81, and he is buried at Western State Hospital in Staunton, Virginia, where he was confined for treatment.

Even though Mattie had remarried, when she died on 24 December 1972 at the age of 86, she was buried at Thornrose Cemetery next to her first husband Samuel Reynolds—the name on her gravestone reading Mattie R. Keyton. Following are the children of Samuel and Mattie Reynolds.

+Ruth Myrtle Reynolds⁶ – 1907-1989 – married (1) Fauver (2) Hook.

+George W. Reynolds⁶ – 1910-1980 – married Madeline May Dull.

+Charles (Charlie) Jefferson Reynolds⁶ – 1912-1995 – married Odie Estelle Pultz.

+Willard (Bill) Woodrow Reynolds⁶ – 1915-1984 – married Mildred Wagner.

+Samuel (Sam) Washington Reynolds, II⁶ – 1921-1997 – married twice.

Mary Sue (Susie) Reynolds⁵ (Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Susie was born 1 April 1882 in Staunton, Virginia, the daughter of Diana Marie *Ruffner* and George Washington Reynolds.

She married **Harry Charlton Gregory**, who was born 23 February 1880 in Augusta City, Virginia, the son of James M. Gregory and Fannie M. *Pierce*.

Harry was a policeman in Augusta County, and in later years he worked in the auto insurance business. They always lived in Augusta County, and their children were born there. Susie died in 1931, and Harry in 1947.



They are both buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton, Staunton City, Virginia—their gravestones shown here. Susie and Harry had four children.

- +Gladyce Marie Gregory⁶ – 1905-1992 -- married Warren Marvin Good.
- +Maurice James Patrick Gregory⁶ – 1908-1979 – married Phyllis Irene Ingalls.
- +Edith Margaret Gregory⁶ – 1909-2005 – married David Samuel Wine.
- +Hugh Elwood Gregory⁶ – born 1914 -- married (1) Lucas (2) Wolfrey

Cora Elizabeth Reynolds⁵ (Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Cora, as shown on her death certificate, was born 21 August 1891 in Fluvanna County, Virginia, the daughter of Diana Marie *Ruffner* and George Washington Reynolds.

On 17 April 1907, Cora married **James Edgar Gaddy**, who was born 20 March 1875 in Bedford County, Virginia, the son of James Chapel Gaddy and Mary Betty *Padgett*. James was a farmer.

After over 19 years of marriage, Cora and James were divorced on 24 May 1926 in Augusta County, Virginia. Cora and James had one child during their marriage.

Although James was still living in 1931, Cora listed herself in the city directory as a widow (very common in earlier times)—she was the manager of Highland House at 17 West Beverly Street in Staunton City, Virginia. Their son was listed as a student and living with her. It is believed that James married again and was again divorced. James died in 1946 and he is buried next to his parents at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia.

Cora was 58 years old and working as a practical nurse at the DeJarnette Sanatorium in Staunton, Virginia, when she married again. On 15 April 1950 in Augusta County, Virginia, she married **Archie Earl Wine** (9 October 1888--28 September 1964)

age 61, also divorced, and an attendant at DeJarnette Sanatorium. Archie was the son of David Samuel Wine (1847-1926) and Margaret Ann *Alexander* (1846-1920).

When Cora died 12 August 1962 at the age of 70 she had again been divorced. She died at King's Daughters Hospital in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia at 2:45 p.m. as the result of a stroke suffered two days earlier. Like most of her family, she is buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia. Her only son, who was born during her marriage to James Gaddy, was born in Staunton, Virginia.

+Houston Granville Gaddy⁶ – 1914-1975 – married Wilhelmina Maryalice Viel.

Addie Olivia Reynolds⁵ (Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Addie was born 12 May 1890, the daughter of Diana Marie *Ruffner* and George Washington Reynolds.

She married **Preston Alvin Sensabaugh**, who was born 24 November 1886 in Rockbridge County, Virginia. He worked as a clerk in a dry goods store and later in life as a self-employed popcorn vender. They lived in Beverly Manor, Augusta County, Virginia.

Addie died 10 December 1952 in Augusta County, Virginia. Preston died in Augusta County on 5 June 1955. They are buried together at Section 2, Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton, Staunton City, Virginia. Addie and Preston had two children—both born in Augusta County, Virginia.

+Mae Virginia Sensabaugh⁶ – 1906-1986 – married (1) Glesner (2) Blake.

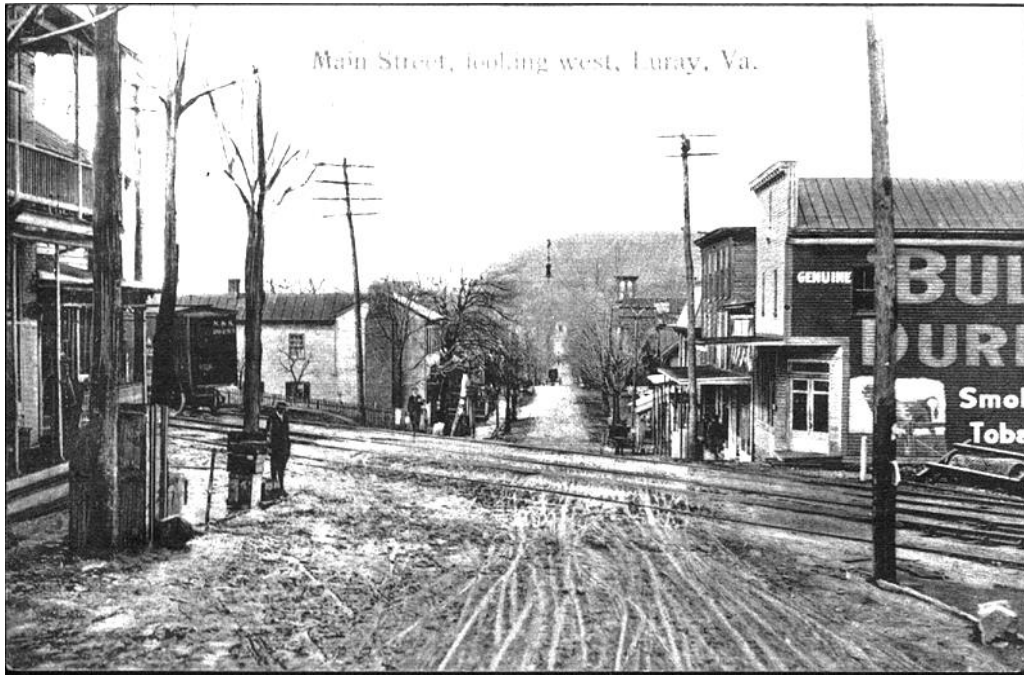
+Kenneth Bradford Sensabaugh⁶ – 1909-1960 – married Nannie Mae Marion



The entrance to Thornrose Cemetery.

Numerous members of the Reynolds family and other Ruffner descendants are buried in this very large cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia.

We all grow up with the weight of history on us. Our ancestors dwell in the attics of our brains as they do in the spiraling chains of knowledge hidden in every cell of our bodies. - Shirley Abbott



Early-day Luray, Page County, Virginia (looking west) down Main Street circa 1910
Source: Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Christiana Rivercomb Fox**

Mary Ann (Annie) Fox⁵ (Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Annie was born 3 January 1834 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Christiana Rivercomb and John Fox¹¹⁴.

¹¹⁴ Here again it should be noted that Christiana's surname was never Clem as too many researches indicate. Her mother Catharine Ruffner married Peter Clem several years after the birth of Cristiana. Peter Clem was Catharine's first husband, and he was Christiana's stepfather, not her birth father. Christiana always went by the surname of Rivercomb—it was her legal name and was the name on the record of her marriage to John Fox.

Annie married **William Branson Lehew** on 27 June 1858 in Page County, Virginia. William was born 6 May 1835 in Big Springs, Page County, Virginia, the son of James H. Lehew and Eve *Clizer*.

William was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War—a private in Co. F, 97th Regiment, Spitler's Virginia Militia. After the war, he continued life as a farmer in Page County.

Annie died 15 April 1874 at the age of 40 years, three months, and 12 days. She is buried near her parents at Fox Cemetery, Kimball (Rocky Branch) Page County, Virginia.

After Annie's death, William moved to Rappahannock County, Virginia, and there on 19 March 1876, he married (2) Sarah Ann Prisalla *Dyke*. When the 1880 federal census was taken, William Lehew was living on his farm in Hampton, Rappahannock County, Virginia, with his second wife Sarah, and his two sons from his first marriage to Mary Ann Fox: i.e. John Lehew, age 12, and William Lehew, age 9; together with a daughter from his second marriage—Sarah, age 3.

William died 1910 in Rappahannock County, Virginia—and is probably buried there. While they were married, Mary Ann Fox and William Lehew had at least four children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

+Mary Virginia Lehew⁶ – 1862-1901 – married Thomas Jefferson Beahm.

+John Lionel Lehew⁶ – 1864-1931 – never married.

+Florence Catharine Lehew⁶ -- 1866-1934 – married (1) Kibler (2) Foley.

+Isaac William Lehew⁶ – 1868-1945 – married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Belle Fincham

Delila Fox⁵ (Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Delila was born 13 June 1835 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Christiana *Rivercomb* and John Fox. See footnote regarding Christiana's surname.

On 21 March 1860 in Page County, Virginia, Delila married **Samuel H. Heiston**, who was born 25 May 1840 in the Dry Run section of Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Henry Heiston and Elizabeth *Fox*.

During the Civil War, Samuel left his family and his farm to serve with the 97th Virginia Militia for the Confederacy, from July 1861 until October 1861. At that time he was discharged by the Army and transported back to Luray, Virginia, his hometown, where he was involved in the manufacture of nitre, a substance used in the manufacture of gunpowder. At some time he was also with Co. K, 10th Virginia Infantry Regiment, but no other information was given.

Delila died 12 November 1907 at the age of 72 in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Samuel died 16 January 1921 at the age of 80. They are both buried at the Peter Heiston Cemetery in the Dry Run section of Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Delila and Samuel had seven children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

+Martha Jane Heiston⁶ – 1862-1896 – married William Theodore Moyer.

+John Henry Heiston⁶ – 1864-1953 – married Lena Alice Freeze.

+Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶ – 1866-1936 – married Perry Washington Moyer.

- +Amanda Frances Heiston⁶ – 1868-1950 – never married.
- +Sarah Ann Heiston⁶ – 1871-1961 -- married Joseph Daniel Sours.
- +Laura Angeline Heiston⁶ -1873-1951 – married Joseph Samuel Baker.
- +Joseph Samuel Heiston⁶ – 1877-1954 – married Dora Alice Griffith.

Isaac Fox⁵ (Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Isaac was born 17 January 1837 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Christiana *Rivercomb* and John Fox.

Isaac married **Eliza Ellen Shenk**, who was born 21 October 1850 in the Blue Ridge section of Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of George and Elizabeth Shenk.

Isaac was always a farmer on his own farm where he had always lived in Pass Run, Page County, Virginia.

Eliza died there on 7 April 1872 at the age of 21 years, a week after the birth of their son, Edward. She is buried at Fox Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Isaac died 13 November 1921 at Upper Pass Run, Page County, Virginia, at the age of 84 years, eight months and 28 days. He is also buried at Fox Cemetery in Luray. Isaac and Eliza only had one child.

- +Edward Ellington Fox⁶ – 1872-1879

Amanda Catherine Fox⁵ (Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Amanda was born 2 September 1838 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Christiana *Rivercomb* and John Fox.

On 22 January 1860 in Page County, Virginia, Amanda married a widower, **John Vanburen Batman**, who was born 5 August 1833 in Page County, Virginia, the son of John Batman and Amanda *Dearing*.

John was married (1) on 11 January 1855 to Susan H. Roudabush who was from Rockingham County, Virginia. She was born in 1833 and died 1856. Susan's parents were Jacob Roudabush and Mary Magdalena *Whetzel*.

John Batman served in the military during the Civil War in Co. F., 97th Virginia Militia (Confederacy). He was a farmer on his own farm.

John died 26 February 1907 in Page County, Virginia. Amanda died 16 January 1911 in Page County. They are both buried at the Batman Cemetery (Rocky Branch) Kimball, Page County, Virginia. Amanda and John had a very large family—ten children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

- +Susan V. Batman⁶ – 1860-1862
- +Benjamin Franklin Batman⁶ – 1862-1955 – married Mary Lee Shenk.
- +Samuel Luther Batman⁶ – 1864-1946 – married Emma Jane Beahm.
- +Martha (Mattie) Ann Batman⁶ – 1866-1952 – married Isaac Casper Judd.
- +John Henry Batman⁶ – 1869-1886 – died when still in his teens.
- +Mary Olive Batman⁶ – 1872-1934 – married Doctor David Moyer.

- +Annie Belle Batman⁶ – 1876-1972 – Thomas (Tom) L. Webster.
- +Bettie Alice Batman⁶ – 1878-1953 – married Willis Irvin Griffith.
- +Blanche Batman⁶ – 1883-1986 – married Elmer Luther Rickard.
- +Carrie Batman⁶ – 1883-1981 – married H. Melanchthon Cliser.

John William Fox⁵ (Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 27 August 1840 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Christiana *Rivercomb* and John Fox.

On 21 December 1864, John married **Susannah C. Ponn**, who was born 11 June 1848 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John A. and Eveline Ponn. When the 1900 federal census was enumerated John and Susannah had six surviving children. John was a farmer on his own farm in Springfield District of Page County, Virginia.

Susannah died 2 September 1908 at the age of 60. John died 8 December 1918, at the age of 78 years, eight month and nine days, in Kimball, Page County, Virginia. John and Susannah are both buried at Fox Cemetery, Beahm Hollow, Page County, Virginia. Their seven children were all born in Page County, Virginia.

- +Edelia (Eddie) Virginia Fox⁶ – 1865-1950 – married James Lever Woods.
- +Isaac Emanuel Fox⁶ – 1869-1885
- +Benton Dagabert Fox⁶ – 1870-1947 – married (1) Judd (2) Showalter.
- +Annie L. Fox⁶ – 1874-1901 – married Harry Jackson Keller.
- +Bertha A. Fox⁶ – 1876-1911 – married John William Beahm.
- +Lena Blanche Fox⁶ – 1878-1900 – married Lemuel Jackson Bywaters.
- +Mary Viola Fox⁶ – 1881-1961 – married Virgil Henry Judd.

Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵ (Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was born 24 February 1844 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Christiana *Rivercomb* and John Fox.

On 16 October 1862 in Page County, Virginia, Benjamin married **Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann Alther**, who was born 18 November 1845 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Martin and Mary Alther.

Benjamin was a shoemaker. The family home and farm was on Broad Street in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Benjamin died 4 October 1911, at the age of 67. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Elizabeth died 9 December 1925 at the age of 80. She is buried next to her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery. Benjamin and Elizabeth had 11 children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

- +Emma S. Fox⁶ – 18 Aug. 1863-6 Aug. 1869—buried Beahms Chapel Cemetery.
- +Laura Fox⁶ – born 18 November 1865 – died young.
- +Ida Bell Fox⁶ – 1866-1933 – married Edward Benton Fox.
- +Julia Frances (Fannie) Fox⁶ – 1868-1900. No record of marriage.
- +Charles Hubert Fox⁶ – 1871-1945 – married Lucy (Lulu) Dora Carpenter.

+Annie L. Fox⁶ – 12 Aug. 1873—5 Feb. 1879
+Hubert F. Fox⁶ – 3 Feb. 1875—4 Feb. 1879
+Ella Nora Fox⁶ – 1877-1952 – married Wilbie Lacurgus Mauck.
+William Lee Fox⁶ – 1880-1941 – married Ollie Rae Viands.
+Bertha Violetta Fox⁶ – 1883-1958 – married Rev. Ernest Lee Cave.
+Edward Franklin Fox⁶ – 1884-1918 – married Anna Flora Moyer.

Jonas A. Fox⁵ (Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jonas was born 4 July 1847 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Christiana *Rivercomb* and John Fox.

Jonas died 28 August 1854 at the age of seven, and he is buried at the Fox Cemetery near his parents.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Elizabeth Clem Alther-Shenk**

William (Billy) Christopher Alther⁵ (Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 30 September 1839 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Elizabeth *Clem* and her first husband Jacob Alther, Sr.

William served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He enlisted 2 June 1861 as a private in Co. K, Virginia 10th Infantry Regiment. He gave his occupation as a carpenter. He later became a dry goods merchant.

He was married a total of three times. His first marriage was 16 May 1872 in Shenandoah County to **Frances (Fannie) A. Keller**. She was born in 1848 in Rockingham County, Virginia, the daughter of Daniel and Sarah Jane Keller. Fannie died at the age of 48 on 11 January 1896 at St. Luke, Shenandoah County, Virginia, and she is buried at Cedarwood Cemetery, Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia. William and Frances had five children—two sons and three daughters.

When William was widowed again in 1896, he married 1898 (2) **Minerva Jane**, surname unknown. She was born 1 October 1855 and died 20 January 1907. His youngest child was 12 years old at the time of this second marriage and she lived with her father and his new wife Jane (the name she preferred to be called).

At the age of 68, William was widowed once again, and on 29 September 1908 in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, he married (3) a widow, **Mary Ellen Mahew Clark**. She was born 1853 in Winchester, Virginia, the daughter of Levi and Mary J. Mahew.

William died in Frederick County, Virginia at the age of 74 years, eight months and six days on 6 January 1914 from pulmonary edema.¹¹⁵ He is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia. His third wife, Mary Ellen died in

¹¹⁵ William Christopher Alther Certificate of Death—Commonwealth of Virginia.

1931, and she is buried next to William at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester City, Virginia. The children of William and his first wife Francis are shown here:

- +William Keller Alther⁶ – 1873-1923 – Married Julia C. Moore.
- +Sarah (Sadie) Elizabeth Alther⁶ – 1875-1965 – married Byrd Alexander Bowman.
- +Luther Keller Alther⁶ – 1880-1924 – never married.
- +Frances (Fannie) Keller Alther⁶ – 1882-1968 – married William Andrew Sale
- +Lolah Lois Alther⁶ – 1886-1967 – married Raymond B. Forney.

Jacob (Jake) Alther, Jr.⁵ (Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jake was born 1842 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Elizabeth *Clem*, and her first husband Jacob Alther, Sr.

Jake served in the Civil War on the Confederate side, enlisting at Luray, Page County, Virginia as a private on 28 March 1862 in Co. D., Virginia 7th Cavalry Regiment.

He married (1) **Clarinda Lillard** in Page County, Virginia, on 27 December 1863. Clarinda died sometime before 1888. Five children were born during this marriage.

On 31 December 1888 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, Jacob Alther, Jr. married (2) **Mary (Mollie) Blanche Bruce**, age 16, born 4 August 1873. She was the daughter of James W. and Martha Bruce.

Mollie died 18 December 1961, and she is buried at the Sperryville Cemetery, Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia. Jake and Mollie had six children born to them during their marriage. No date of death was found for Jake Alther.

- +Mary Susan Alther⁶ – 1865-1888 – married Willis Alexander Scott.
- +William Allie Alther⁶ – 1871-1959 – married Lillie E. Burke—divorced.
- +Elizabeth Alther⁶ – 1872-1876 – died age 5.
- +David Austin Alther⁶ – 1876-1968 – Rachel Eliza Griffin – separated.
- +Birkett (Buck) Henry Alther⁶ – 1879-1949 – married Josephine (Josie) Lee Cloud.
- +Emma Belle Alther⁶ – 1891-1981 – never married.
- +George Alther⁶ – 1893-1985 – married Lillian Clatterbuck.
- +Bessie Alther⁶ – 1895-1979 – married Charles Hubert Woodard.
- +Virgie Mary Alther⁶ – 1898-1988 – married Joseph John Pullen.
- +Ollie Mae Alther⁶ – 1901-1994 – she never married.
- +Jonas Alther⁶ – 1904-1984 – married Louise Mildred Jenkins.

James Henry Shenk⁵ (Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 1845 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Elizabeth *Clem* and her second husband George Shenk, Jr.

James served as a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. He gave his age as 19. He enlisted on 21 March 1862 as a private in Co. D, Virginia 7th Cavalry Regiment. The record states that he was a farmer—physical description: 5 feet, 7 inches tall, ruddy

complexion, dark eyes and dark hair. His residence was given as Luray, Page County, Virginia.

On 6 February 1866 in Page County, James married 18-year-old **Susan V. Alther**, the daughter of Martin and Mary Alther. They continued to live in Luray, Page County, Virginia. James was always a farmer.

Susan died 15 October 1903 at the age of 52. She is buried at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

After his wife's death, James lived with his daughter Julia, her husband Henry M. Stombock, and their children in Luray. He died 5 January 1926 while at the home of his son in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. He is buried beside his wife at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray. The three children of James and Susan Shenk were:

+George R. Shenk⁶ – 1866-1891 – married Louella (Ella) Lawler.

+Charles Edward Shenk⁶ – 1870-1937 – married Maud Lenora Barkdoll.

+Julia Belle Shenk⁶ – 1873-1941 – married Henry Michael Stombock.

Mary Catharine Shenk⁵ (Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 10 May 1846 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Elizabeth *Clem* and her second husband George Shenk, Jr.

On 24 June 1867 at Pass Run, Page County, Virginia, she married **Silas Thomas Lillard**, who was born 10 September 1839 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Leftage Lillard and Hetta *Jenkins*.

Silas served on the side of the Confederacy during the Civil War. He enlisted as a private on 10 August 1861 in Luray, Page County, Virginia and served in Company D, Virginia 7th Cavalry Regiment. He became a farmer.

They lived near Marksville, Page County, Virginia, and all six of their children were born there.

Silas died 10 October 1919, and Mary died 10 August 1936. They are both buried at the Leaksville Church Cemetery, Page County, Virginia.

+Emma Belle Lillard⁶ – 1867-1917 – married David Harrison Strickler.

+John Silas Lillard⁶ – 1869-1923 – married Emma Susan Louderback.

+Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶ – 1871-1935 – married Annie Edith Aleshire.

+Annie Bertie Lillard⁶ – 1872-1947 – married George Ernest Dovel.

+William Ambrose Lillard⁶ – 1876-1960 – married Elizabeth Frances Strickler.

+Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Lillard⁶ – 1878-1937 – married John Edgar Kite.

Benjamin Franklin Shenk⁵ (Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was born February 1849 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Elizabeth *Clem* and her second husband George Shenk, Jr.

On 15 December 1874 in Page County, Virginia, Benjamin married **Mary Jane Moyer**. She was born 4 September 1845 in Page County, the daughter of George Moyer and Rebecca Griffith.

Benjamin and Mary Jane lived on their farm in Page County, Virginia. When Benjamin retired from farming, they lived at Falling Waters, West Virginia with their daughter Laura, her husband Thomas Beahm.

Mary Jane died 1 July 1930 at Falling Waters, Berkeley County, West Virginia at the age of 84 years. Benjamin died 20 June 1933 in Berkeley County, West Virginia also at the age of 84. Burial was in Luray, Page County, Virginia. They had three children, but only one was still survived when the 1900 federal census was taken. Their children were born in Page County, Virginia.

+Laura Bessie Shenk⁶ – 1882-1968 – married Thomas Mann Beahm.

Eliza Ellen Shenk⁵ (Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eliza was born 1850 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Elizabeth *Clem* and George Shenk, Jr.

She married a cousin, **Isaac Fox**, who was born 17 January 1837 in Page County, the son of her aunt Christiana *Rivercomb* and John Fox. Christiana was the half-sister of Elizabeth *Clem* Shenk, Eliza's mother.

At the young age of 21, Eliza died a week after giving birth to their only child, a son. She is buried at Fox Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Isaac was a farmer on his own farm, and he never married again. He died 13 November 1921 at Upper Pass Run, Page County, Virginia at the age of 84 years, eight months and 28 days. He is buried at Fox Cemetery in Luray, next to Eliza and their son Edward Ellington Fox (1872-1879).

Eva Ann Shenk⁵ (Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eva was born circa 1851 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Elizabeth *Clem* and George Shenk, Jr.

On 25 July 1876 in Page County, Virginia, Eva married **Benjamin Franklin Batman**, who was born circa 1844 in Kimball, Page County, the son of John Batman and Amanda *Dearing*. Benjamin served in the Civil War in Co. D., 7th Cavalry, Confederacy.

Eva died in Page County sometime prior to 1880, as that year Benjamin is listed as a widower on the census record. He was living with siblings of Eva's. Eva is buried at Griffith Cemetery in Shenk Hollow, Page County, Washington. It is believed that her date of death had been erroneously transcribed as 1884.

On 24 February 1883 in Page County, Virginia, Benjamin married (2) Henrietta Shenk, age 30, who was born in Culpeper County, Virginia. Henrietta probably died previous to 1900, as at that time, Benjamin was again widowed.

Benjamin died 1911 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. He is buried at the Batman Cemetery, (Rocky Branch) Kimball, Page County, Virginia.

Eva and Benjamin had a daughter before Eva's early death. Their daughter was evidently not raised by her father. However, when the 1900 census was taken Benjamin was living with his daughter, her husband Thomas and their small son Raymond.

+Daly Lee Batman⁶ – 1876-1936 – married Thomas Edward Griffith.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Mary (Polly) Clem Munch**

Ann (Annie) Elizabeth Munch⁵ (Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ann was born 5 July 1840 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary (Polly) Clem and Silas J. Munch.

In 1863, Annie married **Francis (Frank) Marion Barr**, who was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia 10 May 1837, the son of James and Rachel Barr.

Frank served for the Confederacy in the Civil War. He enlisted as a private on 2 March 1862, in Co. G, Virginia 33rd Infantry regiment and mustered out 17 April 1862.

Soon after their marriage, Annie and Frank moved to a farm in Hanover Township, Licking County, Ohio. All their children except Hettie, the youngest, were born in Licking County.

By 1881, Annie and Frank had moved back to Shenandoah County, Virginia, where they lived in Johnston.

Frank died 14 April 1910, and Annie died 22 April 1918. Both are buried at the Munch Cemetery, Seven Fountains, Shenandoah County, Virginia. According to the 1940 federal census, by that year Annie and Frank had been the parents of 13 children with ten surviving. Twelve children are listed here. The accompanying photo shows Ann Elizabeth and Frank Barr with their two youngest children, Mary and Hettie—it was taken in Detrick, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, circa 1893.



- +Clara Jane Barr⁶ – 1863-1905 – never married.
- +Effie R. Barr⁶ – 1866-1924 – married Tobias B. Baker.
- +William Hester Barr⁶—1867-1948 – married Annie Ophelia Brown.
- +Charles S. Barr⁶ – 1869-1872 – Licking County, Ohio.
- +James M. Barr⁶—1871-1889 – unmarried.
- +Silas Leonard Barr⁶ – 1873-1923 – married Elizabeth (Bettie) Frances Knisely.
- +Francis Lee Barr⁶ – 1876-1955 – married Anna M. Smith.
- +Joseph Stanley Barr⁶—1876-1953 – married Lucy M. Rinker.
- +George Washington Barr⁶ – 1877-1943 – married Nettie May Taylor.
- +Curtis Talmage Barr⁶ – 1879-1963 – married Lillian (Lillie) May Wisman.
- +Mary (Mamie) Elizabeth Elton Barr⁶ – 1881-1950 – married Oscar Hugh Taylor.
- +Hettie May Barr⁶ – 1885-1966 – married Austin Clarence Munch.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Barbara Clem McInturff**

Daniel R. McInturff⁵ (Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Daniel was born 1 November 1848 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Barbara *Clem* and Aaron McInturff. Daniel died 3 September 1863 in Fort Valley, at the age of 14 years, 10 months and 2 days. He is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Benjamin Greenbury McInturff⁵ (Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was born 4 June 1856 in Powell's Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Barbara *Clem* and Aaron McInturff.

Benjamin married (1) **Margaret Elizabeth Bowman**, who was born 20 November 1871 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Samuel B. and Catharine Bowman. Benjamin was a self-employed farmer where they lived in Johnston, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Benjamin and Margaret had four children during their marriage. Margaret died 30 January 1903 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. She is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

He married (2) **Lula May Bowman**, who was born 30 August 1881 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of James Bowman and Sarah Ann Reynard.

Benjamin and Lula May had four children during their marriage.

He died at 4:00 a.m. on 16 August 1942 in Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia, and he is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2 in Fort Valley.

Lula May died 6 April 1945 in Edinburg, and she is also buried at McInturff Cemetery #2 in Fort Valley. All eight of Benjamin's children were born in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

+Clara B. McInturff⁶ – 1890-1903 – died at age 13.

+Charles Windfield McInturff⁶ – 1892-1959 – married Lady Vera Wright.

+Bessie L. McInturff⁶ – 1894-1958 – married Rev. Charles Hiram Wakeman.

+Naomi G. McInturff⁶ – born 1903 – only a listing in the 1910 census record for her.

+Glenn A. McInturff⁶ – 1905-1907 – died two years old.

+Anna Rulette McInturff⁶ – 1906-1989 – never married.

+James Alwyn McInturff⁶ – 1908-1923 – died not quite 15 years old.

+Nora Florence McInturff⁶ – 1909-2007 – married George Aubrey McClanahan.

Mary C. McInturff⁵ (Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born July 1959 at Powell's Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Barbara *Clem* and Aaron McInturff. She died 29 August 1885, unmarried, in Shenandoah County, and she is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Sarah F. McInturff⁵ (Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sarah was born 24 August 1862 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Barbara *Clem* and Aaron McInturff. Sarah died 15 June 1864 at the age of one year, nine months and 21 days. She is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Marcus Edward McInturff⁵ (Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marcus was born 12 October 1865 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Barbara *Clem* and Aaron McInturff.

Marcus married **Sarah Virginia Bowman**, who was born 26 December 1873 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Samuel B. and Catharine Bowman. Sarah was the younger sister of Margaret, who married Benjamin Greenbury McInturff, the older brother of Marcus.

Marcus and Sarah always lived in Fort Valley, and their five children were born there.

Marcus died in Fort Valley on 10 July 1940 at the age of 74. He is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Sarah died 4 March 1944 in Shenandoah County, and she is also buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Virginia. The five children of Marcus and Sarah McInturff were:

- +Loy Wilbur McInturff⁶ – 1892-1957 – married Virginia (Vernie) Lee Gilkerson.
- +Vernon LeRoy McInturff⁶ – 1893-1962 – married Lelia May Good.
- +Wilmer Samuel McInturff⁶ – 1895-1920 – married Nina Florence Cunningham.
- +Clarence B. McInturff⁶ – 1899-1900 – died less than two years old.
- +Fred Theodore McInturff⁶ – 1903-1971 – married Erma Moneda Clingerman.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-grandson William Clem

James Monroe Clem⁵ (William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 1 November 1846 at Kings Crossing, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of William Clem and Matilda *McInturff*. James died 5 February 1847 at the age of three months and four days. He is buried near his father and mother at McInturff Cemetery, Kings Crossing, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

George W. Clem⁵ (William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 1849 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of William Clem and Matilda *McInturff*.

In 1880, George was living with his widowed mother, Matilda Clem, in Johnston, Shenandoah County, Virginia and at that time he was a public school teacher.

In 1880, he married **Mentura (Minnie) Ross**, who was born August 1864 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. Two sons were born to them while they lived in Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

In 1900, they lived on their own farm in Ashby Township, Shenandoah County, Virginia. Their two sons, ages 17 and 13, were listed with them.

Sometime between then and 1910, George and Minnie were divorced, as in 1910 and 1920, George was living alone on his farm in Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee.

In November of 1926, George's youngest son Ralph was living in Cleveland, Tennessee, near his father. He was ill having contracted tuberculosis while in Illinois. Ralph remained in Cleveland, Tennessee for 23 months, until his death in 1928.

George died less than a year after his son's death, as the result of a stroke on 1 May 1929 at Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee. At the time of his death, he had been living in Tennessee for almost 30 years. George is buried at Fort Hill Cemetery, Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee.

The two sons of George and Minnie Clem were both born at Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

+George Roy Clem⁶ – 1882-1913 – married Christiana (Chrissie) Schaefer.

+Ralph E. Clem⁶ – 1887-1928 – married—spouse unknown.

Amanda S. Clem⁵ (William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³ Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Amanda was born 25 July 1853 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of William Clem and Matilda *McInturff*.

On 21 July 1868 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, Amanda married **Manoah McInturff**, who was born in 1846 in Shenandoah County, the son of Abraham C. McInturff (1799-1878) and Barbara Ellen *Downey* (died 1853).

They lived in Madison Township and Johnston Township, Shenandoah County, Virginia, where Manoah was a farmer. Their children were born in Shenandoah County.

In 1910, Manoah, Amanda and their son were living in the Broad Run District of Loudon County, Virginia, by this time Manoah and Amanda had been married for 43 years and were now in their sixties.

They soon moved to Maryland, and on 7 September 1915, Amanda died at the age of 62. She is buried at Saint Margaret's Church Cemetery in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

After Amanda's death and his retirement from farming, Manoah joined his daughter Ollie and her son Stanley in Cecil County, Maryland, and he was living with them when he died in 1920. Manoah is buried at the Brick Meeting House Cemetery, Calvert, Cecil County, Maryland. The five children of Amanda and Manoah were:

+Olive (Ollie) A. L. McInturff⁶ – 1871-1957 – married name Cockrell.

+Edna Wilmetta McInturff⁶ – 1875-1892 – died at 16, never married.

+Phillip Edward McInturff⁶ – 1881-1938 – married Edith Irene Maffet.

+Nina Lesby McInturff⁶ – 1888-1979 – never married.

+Ethel Mary McInturff⁶ – 1890-unknown – married and divorced Mortimer R. Mock.

Ella Virginia Clem⁵ (William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³ Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ella was born 11 July of 1856 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of William Clem and Matilda *McInturff*.

On 2 May 1878 in Shenandoah County, Ella married **James William Bixler**, who was born 5 February 1856 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Morgan Bixler (1831-1888) and Ellen *Pound* 1824-1898).

James was a farmer near Edinburg in Shenandoah County, Virginia. Their two children were born in Shenandoah County.

James died at the age of 74 years, two months and nine days, at 3:00 p.m. on 14 April 1931 in Madison District, Shenandoah County, Virginia, as the result of a stroke. He is buried at Cedarwood Cemetery, Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Ella died at the age of 78 on 30 April 1935, and she is also buried at Cedarwood Cemetery in Edinburg, Virginia. The two children of Ella and James Bixler were both born in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

+Ophelia Ellen Bixler⁶ – 1879-1932 – married Emmet Arthur Barton.

+Leonard William Bixler⁶ – 1884-1966 – never married.

**The Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Sarah *Bushong* Bushong**

Catharine Elizabeth (Lizzie) Bushong⁵ (Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lizzie was born February 1861 in Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Sarah *Bushong* and Phillip Bushong.

She married 11 November 1882 in Henry County, Indiana, **William Albert Hodson**, who was born March 1854 in Ohio, the son of David Hodson and Henrietta *Holliday*.

They lived on their farm at Fall Creek, Henry County, Indiana. William died there in 1929, and he is buried at Miller Cemetery, Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

Lizzie died 25 April 1941 at the age of 80 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Markle in Markleville, Indiana. Lizzie was a member of the Pleasant Valley Christian Church in Middletown. Funeral services were conducted at the church, and burial was at Miller Cemetery in Middletown, next to her husband, William. Lizzie and William had seven children, all born in Henry County, Indiana.

+Blanche Hodson⁶ – born 15 October 1883 – death date unknown.

+Earl Andrew Hodson⁶ – 1887-1917 – married Abbie Anna Sheets.

+Howard Phillip Hodson⁶ – 1889-1954 – married Leona C. Riley.

+Sarah (Sallie) Hazel Hodson⁶ – 1891-1973 – married Roscoe (Ross) Harvey Lovett.

+Russell Byron Hodson⁶ – 1894-1977 – died in California.

+Ruth M. Hodson⁶ – 1898-1957 – married Augustus (Gus) Hale.

+Eva Nadine Hodson⁶ – 1903-1966 – married Everett Markle.

Andrew Jackson (Jack) Bushong⁵ (Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jack was born September 1862 in Henry County, Indiana, the son of Sarah *Bushong* and Phillip Bushong.

On 29 April 1886 in New Castle, Henry County, Indiana, Jack married **Emma T. Lewis**, who was born July 1865 in Indiana, the daughter of Jonathan Lewis and Edna *Vanderbeck*.

Jack and Emma lived on their farm in Fall Creek, Henry County, Indiana where their children were born.

Emma died in 1947, and she is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana. Jack died in 1949, and he is buried next to Emma at Mechanicsburg Cemetery. Jack and Emma had three children.

+Osa Ward Bushong⁶ – 1887-1969 – married Gretchen C. Swain.

+Hassel Bushong⁶ – 1893-1972 – married Clancie P. Fleming.

+Carry Van Bushong⁶ – 1895-1901. Born and died in Henry County, Indiana.

John P. Bushong⁵ (Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born in Henry County, Indiana, the son of Sarah *Bushong* and Phillip Bushong. The dates for his birth and death on his grave marker were not legible. However, it was shown that when he died he was two years, two months and 21 days old. John is buried at Painter Cemetery, Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

Hannah Bushong⁵ (Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hannah was born February 1864 in Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Sarah *Bushong* and Phillip Bushong. Hannah died 12 September 1880 in Henry County, Indiana at the age of three years, seven months and four days. She is buried at Painter Cemetery, Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵ (Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jennie was born December 1868 in Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Sarah *Bushong* and Phillip Bushong.

On 2 September 1891 in Henry County, Indiana, she married **Samuel S. Hodson**, who was born September 1869 in Indiana.

Jennie and Samuel lived on their farm in Adams, Madison County, Indiana. Their children were all born in Madison County, Indiana.

Samuel died 29 March 1920—50 years old. Three of their children were still very young. He is buried at Keesling Cemetery, Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

Jennie died 1956, and she is buried beside her husband at Keesling Cemetery in Middletown. Jennie and Samuel had six children.

+Clay R. Hodson⁶ – 1894-1916 – unmarried.
+Fred Sherrel Hodson⁶ – 1896-1970 – married Doris Marie Hunter.
+Hazel Helen Hodson⁶ – 1899-2007 – married Joseph Dan Scothorn.
+Lester Hodson⁶ – 1902-1975 – married Louise Cranor.
+Samuel S. Hodson⁶ – 1906-2002 – married Alice C. Dasher.
+Esta Mae Hodson⁶ – 1910-1988 – married Loran C. Morrison.

Charles (Charlie) Bushong⁵ (Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charlie was born in 1869 in Henry County, Indiana, the son of Sarah *Bushong* and Phillip Bushong. He died 27 April 1880 in Henry County, Indiana at the age of 10 years, six months and 15 days. Charlie is buried at Painter Cemetery in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Mary (Mollie) Louise *Ruffner Welker-Jones-Elstun***

Ida A. Welker⁵ (Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ida was born 23 May 1857 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Mary Louise *Ruffner* and John Welker, Jr. In some records, Ida's birth name is given as Jones, which was her stepfather's name—never her legal surname.

On 24 October 1876 in Clark County, Illinois, she married (1) **Elias Wesley English**, who was born 1859, the son of Burroughs and Lydia English. Elias died 7 January 1892 in Denver County, Colorado. Elias is buried at Highland Lawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

On 11 May 1897 in Clay County, Indiana, Ida married (2) **Edward Andrew Gibson**, who was born December 1857 in Indiana. He was a widower with children from his first marriage. His home was in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana. Edward worked as an industrial inspector. Edward and Ida had no children together, although Ida helped raise her stepchildren. Edward Gibson died in January of 1932, and he is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

Ida died in 1928, and she is buried at Section 2, Highland Lawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, near her first husband Elias English. Ida and Elias English had three children.

+Truman Burroughs English⁶ – 1877-1940 – married Anna B. *Nugent Maier*.
+Mary Amelia English⁶ – born 1883, she married Joseph Warren Brown.
+Ida Elizabeth (Lizzie) English⁶ – born 1886, she married Wilbur Coole.



Entrance to Highland Lawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana

Michael (Mike) Richard Jones⁵ (Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mike was born 6 March 1863 at Newton, Jasper County, Illinois, the son of Mary Louise *Ruffner* and her second husband Joseph J. Jones. Mike and his brother Marcus Jones were twins.

In 1900, Mike, age 37 and single, was living in Las Vegas City, San Miguel County, New Mexico, sharing a home with his widowed mother Mary L. Elstun.

In 1901, at the age of 38 he married **Elizabeth Miller**. Elizabeth was born circa 1876 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois.

In 1930, Mike was 67 years old and boarding in a private home in Trinidad, Las Animas County, Colorado at 1400 San Lins Street. He was a watchman at a railroad crossing. His wife was not listed with him at that time. In 1940, Mike and Elizabeth along with their widowed daughter Georgia M. Largent, age 33, were living in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Elizabeth died 14 September 1946. Mike died 1947 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

They are both buried in Section 3, Lot 17, at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mike and Elizabeth Jones had three children, all born in New Mexico.

+Lillian A. Jones⁶ – born 1902-1995 – married Earl Cyrus Montgomery.

+Milton Richard Jones⁶ – 1904-1940 – married Ruth Viola Nickles.

+Georgia M. Jones⁶ – 1907-1983 – married Jess Charles Largent.

Marcus (Mark) L. Jones⁵ (Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mark was the twin of Mike Ruffner; born 6 March 1863 in Newton, Jasper County, Illinois, the son of Mary Louise *Ruffner* and Joseph J. Jones.

Sometime after 1900 and his death nine years later, Mark married **Emma** (surname unknown). She was born in 1869.

Mark died in 1909 at the age of 46 and he is buried at the south side of the middle section, row 8 at Saint Anthony Cemetery in Effingham, Effingham County, Illinois.

Emma died in 1942, and she is also buried at Saint Anthony Cemetery in Effingham, Illinois. No record of any children was found.

E. Jane (Jennie) Jones⁵ (Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jennie was born in 1865 in Crooked Creek, Illinois, the daughter of Mary Louise *Ruffner* and Joseph J. Jones. The only information found for Jennie was when the 1870 and 1880 federal census enumerations were made for Crooked Creek, Illinois, she is first listed as five years old living with Eli and Mary Elstun and then in 1880, 15 years old living with her widowed mother Mary Elstun.

Sarah Louisa Elstun⁵ (Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sarah was born 10 December 1869 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Mary Louise *Ruffner* and her third husband, Dr. Eli Elstun. As can be seen from the photo, Sarah was a very attractive woman.

On 17 November 1897, in Vigo County, Illinois, Sarah married (1) **Edwin B. Cliver**, who was born 25 February 1860, the son of Samuel Cliver and Louse Bowland. Edwin died 9 October 1918 and he is buried at Mt. Orab Cemetery, Mt. Orab, Brown County, Ohio. Sarah and Edwin had one son, James Lawrence Cliver. Sometime before December of 1909 Sarah and Edwin were divorced.



Following the divorce from her first husband, Sarah and her son James moved to Clayton, Union County, New Mexico, where she became the newspaper publisher of the Clayton Gazette for several years.

Sarah remarried—on 25 December 1909, she married (2) **Robert Quinn Palmer**. He was born 4 April 1867 at West Point, Clay County, Mississippi, the son of Benjamin Terryl Palmer and Frances Ella Carruth Cliett. In 1873, when Robert was a young boy, the Palmer family moved to Caldwell County, Texas.

In 1920 Sarah and her husband Robert along with James, Sarah's 19-year-old son from her first marriage lived in Denver, Colorado at 540 Race Street. Robert was a ranch owner. In 1930 Sarah and her husband still lived in Denver and Robert was in the grocery business.

Robert Sr. died in 1932 in Denver and he is buried at Fairmont Cemetery, Denver, Denver County, Colorado. Sarah died in Denver in 1959, and she is also buried at Fairmont Cemetery. Sarah's two children, one from each marriage, were:

+James Lawrence Cliver⁶ – 1900-1963 – married Dave Henry Cooke.

+Robert Quinn Palmer, Jr.⁶ – 1911-1994 – married Jean Evangeline Callahan-Hess.

Samuel Frederick Elstun⁵ (Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Samuel was born 28 June 1876 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Mary Louise *Ruffner* and Dr. Eli Elstrun. Samuel's father Eli died when Samuel was only two years old.

Samuel evidently stayed behind for a short while after his mother and other members of the family moved west in the late 1890s. In 1900, he was single and living alone in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

As did so many of the male members of this family, Samuel worked in the railroad industry. The R. L. Polk & Co. City Directory listed Samuel in 1907 as boarding with his mother at 325 Pine in Trinidad, Colorado City, Colorado. He was working as a brakeman for the Colorado & Southern Railway.

On 18 July 1908, Samuel married **Mabel Claire Davis**, who was born 8 November 1889 in Moscow, Fayette County, Tennessee, the daughter of R. E. Davis and Julia Geneva *Price*.

This was a very short marriage as Samuel died 9 December 1909 at the age of 33, in Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas. A daughter had been born and died in June of 1909. Samuel and their unnamed daughter are buried together at Clayton Cemetery, Clayton, Union County, New Mexico. Samuel Frederick Elstun left no issue.

On Thursday, July 20, 1911, the Colorado Springs Gazette in its news of happenings for Trinidad, Colorado, announced that Mabel Elstun married Geoffrey R. Holdsworth, age 25. Mabel and Geoffrey Holdsworth moved to Sherman, Texas. Mabel died in El Paso, Texas on 14 January 1942 at the age of 52 years, two months and six days. She is buried at Restlawn Memorial Park, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through Son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Sarah M. Ruffner Jones**

Nellie Jones⁵ (Sarah M. Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) was born 4 February 1872 at Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, the daughter of Sarah M. *Ruffner* and Rufus T. Jones.

On 14 August 1901, at Butte, Silver Bow County, Montana, 29-year-old Nellie married **Henry Edgar (Ed) Myer**, age 34, who was born circa 1867. His parents were Henry Myer and Mary *Davis*.

Sometime prior to 1910, Nellie and Ed moved back to Moultrie County, Illinois, where they continued to live for the rest of their lives. Ed Myer had been a farmer ever since as a 13-year-old boy he hired out for work as a farmer in Illinois.

Nellie died 8 April 1926 at the age of 54, at Lovington Township, Moultrie County, Illinois where she had been a resident for over eight years.

After his wife's death, Ed continued to live in Lovington, Moultrie County, Illinois, as a lodger in the boarding house of Cara Florey. No record was found of his death or place of burial. He was 63 years old and living at Mrs. Florey's boarding house when the 1930 federal census was taken.

Nellie and Ed Myer had one child, a daughter, Elizabeth Meyer. Elizabeth was born 7 April 1903 in Butte, Silver Bow County, Montana. She was with her parents when they returned to Moultrie County, Illinois—and was living with them when the 1910 and 1920 federal censuses were taken when she was shown as 7 and 16 years old. Those are the last records found for Elizabeth Myer.

Irene Jones⁵ (Sarah M. Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Irene was born 1875 in Illinois, the daughter of Sarah M. *Ruffner* and Rufus T. Jones.

Irene married **Irvin Roney**, who was born 11 April 1875 in Bethany, Marrowbone Township, Moultrie County, Illinois, the son of Charles Roney and Caroline *Younger*.

They always lived in Moultrie County, Illinois, and all their four children were born there. He began as a laborer for the railroad and then worked as a carpenter.

Irvin died in Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois on 12 November 1939 at the age of 64 years, seven months and one day.

After her husband's death, Irene continued to live in Bethany and their eldest son Charles lived with her. Irene died 1958. Irene and her husband Irvin are both buried at Marrowbone Township Cemetery, Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois. The four children of Irene and Irvin Roney were:

+Hester Caroline Roney⁶ – 1909-1996 – married George P. Schlesinger.

+Charles Jones Roney⁶ – 1912-2001 – unmarried.

+Robert I. Roney⁶ – 1913-1986 – married Thelma L. Anderson.

+Sarah Frances Roney⁶ – 1917-1988 – married Joseph Arnold Miller.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-granddaughter
Eliza Ellen *Ruffner* Freeman**

Susan (Susie) R. Freeman⁵ (Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Susan was born 12 June 1875 in Clark County, Illinois, the daughter of Eliza Ellen *Ruffner* and John C. Freeman.

Susie married **William Franklin (Frank) Spenny**, who was born 5 March 1877 in Martinsville, Clark County Illinois, the son of Stephen Spenny (1838-1906) and Keziah *Knight* (1837-1918).

Susie and Frank lived in Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois, where Frank managed a poultry business. They then moved to Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois and Frank was the manager of a milling company and then worked for the state welfare department. By 1940, Frank and Susie were living in Casey, Illinois and Frank was retired. The youngest and unmarried son Reginald always lived with them.

William Spenny died in July 1966 at the age of 89. His last address was Casey, Clark County, Illinois.

No record as to the date of death or burial place for Susan (Susie) was found. It was probably sometime after 1966, as it appears she was still living when the first *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* book was published in 1966.

+William Freeman Spenny⁶ – 1905-1960 – married Sally Tennyson.

+Elsie Frances Spenny⁶ – 1906-1982 – married George B. Bryant, Jr.

+Reginald W. Spenny⁶ – 1910-1981 – never married.

Guy A. Freeman⁵ (Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³ Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Guy was born in March of 1877 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Eliza Ellen *Ruffner* and John C. Freeman. He died 19 December 1879 at the age of two years, eight months and 20 days. Guy is buried at Duck Pond Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Margaret A. Freeman⁵ (Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³ Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 7 February 1879 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Eliza Ellen *Ruffner* and John C. Freeman.

On 8 March 1899, in Clark County, Illinois, she married **Edward William Zink**, who was born 19 June 1872 at Fort Wayne, Indiana, the son of John Zink (born in Germany) and Rosa *Bernard*.

Edward always worked for the railroad, usually as a conductor. They lived in Logansport, Cass County, Indiana, and in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.

He died 1943 at the age of 71, and he is buried at Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport, Cass County, Indiana. Margaret died 1968, and she is also buried at Mount Hope Cemetery. They had one son, and after he was divorced they raised their granddaughter Carolyn Zink.

+Raymond Medford Zink⁶ – 1900-1975 – he was married and divorced.

Iva M. Freeman⁵ (Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³ Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Iva was born 13 January 1881 in Illinois, the daughter of Eliza Ellen *Ruffner* and John C. Freeman.

She married **Otis Barnett Hedges**, who was born 29 August 1879 in Radnor, Delaware County, Ohio, the son of Benjamin Franklin Hedges (1850-1930) and Marietta Amanda *Griffith* (1851-1906).

Otis worked for the Ohio Oil Co. as a pumper. They lived in Flat Rock, Crawford County, Illinois; Honey Creek, Crawford County, Illinois; Logan, Pike County, Indiana; St. Mary's City, Maryland; and when Otis retired they lived at Chesapeake, Calvert County, Maryland. Otis became a farmer. He was an active member in the Masonic Order and Iva in the Eastern Star.

Otis died 1945 in Calvert County, Maryland, and Iva died 1956. They are both buried at Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, District of Columbia.

Iva and Otis had one child, a daughter, **Doris Hedges**⁶ – she was born circa 1902, probably in Illinois. Doris is listed with her parents in the 1910 federal census and finally at age 18 in the 1920 census at Honey Creek, Crawford County, Illinois. No further information was found for Doris Hedges.

Elsie M. Freeman⁵ (Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³ Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elsie was born 23 December 1882 in Illinois, the daughter of Eliza Ellen *Ruffner* and John C. Freeman.

Elsie never married. In 1920 she was living in Washington, D.C. and was a secretary for a training school for nurses at Sibley Hospital in Washington, D.C. In 1930, she still lived in Washington, D.C. and was a secretary in a bank.

She died in 1963 at the age of 80, and is buried at Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. No issue.

Arthur Clemens Freeman⁵ (Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³ Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Arthur was born 16 August 1891 in Casey, Clark County, Illinois, the son of Eliza Ellen *Ruffner* and John C. Freeman.

In 1910, Arthur lived with his widowed father John Freeman in Casey, Clark County, Illinois.

In 1916, Arthur volunteered in Illinois to serve in WWI. Arthur served as a sergeant in Co. A., 130th Infantry, U.S. Army. He was discharged in 1919.

He lived most of the remainder of his life in a National Home for disabled military. In the 1940s he was living at the Illinois Soldiers Home in Riverside, Adams County, Illinois.

Arthur died 13 October 1972 in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois. He is buried at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois—Section B, Site 78. Arthur never married and left no issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-grandson
Abraham Lincoln Ruffner**

Bonnie Ruffner⁵ (Abraham Lincoln Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³ Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bonnie was born 6 September 1886 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Abraham Lincoln Ruffner and Nettie *Tutwiler*.

Bonnie never married and always lived at home with her parents. In 1920 she was living with them in Casey, Clark County, Illinois. Bonnie died 5 April 1923 at the age of 36. She is buried at Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Glen Ruffner⁵ (Abraham Lincoln Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³ Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glen was born 21 July 1889 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Abraham Lincoln Ruffner and Nettie *Tutwiler*.

On 20 February 1912, he married **Lela Rhoads**, who was born 15 March 1890 in Toledo, Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of John B. (1861-1928) and Lulu R. Rhoades (1863-1915).

Glen owned a Chevrolet dealership in Greenup. He died 4 April 1970 in Greenup, and is buried at the Greenup Cemetery, Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Lela died 9 April 1960 in Greenup--she is also buried at Greenup Cemetery. They had two children, both born in Cumberland County, Illinois.

+Rossine Ruffner⁶ – 1913-1971 – married John McFarling. .

Glen Ruffner, Jr.⁶ – 1919-2014 – married (1) private and (2) private.

Harley Maris Ruffner⁵ (Abraham Lincoln Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³ Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harley was born 29 May 1891 at Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Abraham Lincoln Ruffner and Nettie *Tutwiler*.

Harley settled in Chicago, Illinois. When he registered for the draft in WWI, he was living in Chicago and employed as a shoe salesman. In 1942 when he registered in the “Old Man’s Draft” during WWII, Harley was still living in Chicago and working in real estate—self-employed. Harley died 1 February 1961. He never married—no issue.

Rachel Ruffner⁵ (Abraham Lincoln Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³ Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rachel was born 11 August 1898 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Abraham Lincoln Ruffner and Nettie *Tutwiler*.

Rachel began her working life as a dietician at a hospital in 1920. At that time she was still living with her parents in Cumberland County, Illinois. In 1935 she was living in Chicago, Illinois, and in 1940 she was a cook and food service director in a cafeteria in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In 1946, in Broward County, Florida, she married **George L. Robinson**, a New York native. In 1949-1956 they lived in Pasadena, California.

According to the publication *Peter Ruffner and his Descendants* (1966), Rachel was living at Seal Beach, California in the mid-1960s.

Rachel died in Orange County, California on 14 June 1980 at the age of 81. She left no issue.

Mildred Anne Ruffner⁵ (Abraham Lincoln Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³ Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mildred was born 14 June 1905 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Abraham Lincoln Ruffner and Nettie Tutwiler.

Mildred married three times. (1) **Stanley Boles**. (2) **Leon Leroy Graham** (1898-1984) – divorced sometime after 1940. Married (3) **Wells Heap**.

Mildred died 20 June 1950 at the age of 45 years and six days in Los Angeles County, California. She left no children.

End of Chapter Five

*If you don't recount your family history,
it will be lost. Honor your own stories and tell them too. The
tales may not seem very important, but they are what binds
families and makes each of us who we are.*

Madeleine L'Engle

Chapter Six

Sixth Generation



The Gr-Gr-Gr-Grandchildren
of
Peter and Mary Ruffner

CHAPTER SIX.....THE GR-GR-GR-GRANDCHILDREN

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman* Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter Mary *Iles* Duncan

David Iles Duncan⁶ (Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 6 March 1843 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Mary *Iles* and Thomas Duncan. He was baptized 9 June 1844 at the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

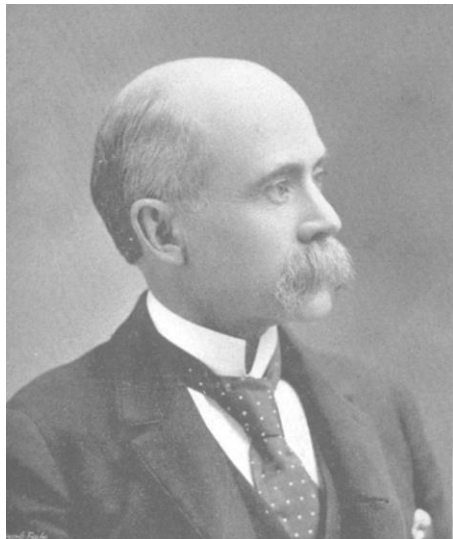
David married **Lillie Hewitt**, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, 23 December 1849. Early in their marriage they went to live in Humboldt, Allen County, Kansas, where David gave his occupation as a trader. Before that they lived in Indiana. After living in Kansas, they again returned to Indiana, to Boone, Cass County, where David tried his hand at farming.

David died 4 October 1910, and he is buried at Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

His 71-year-old widow, Lillie was living alone in Assumption Township, Christian County, Illinois, when the 1920 census was taken. She died 8 January 1922 at Aurora, Kane County, Illinois, at the age of 72. She is buried at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio. They had one son.

+Hewitt Duncan⁷ – 1872-1912 – no information on marital status.

Thomas J. Duncan⁶ (Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thomas¹¹⁶ was born 13 October 1844 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Mary *Iles* and Thomas Duncan.



Thomas⁶ became a Common Pleas Judge in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. He was educated at Ohio Wesleyan University; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1871. He located in Columbus the same year. He practiced law in Columbus and was elected as a Common Pleas Judge. He served as a judge for several terms, and was considered to have good judgment in rendering decisions and gained the respect of the members of the bar.

After setting up his law practice, Judge Duncan married (1) **Melissa Phifer**, who was born 29 June 1849. Melissa died 16 April 1885, less than two years after the birth of their son Robert. She is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.

¹¹⁶ Thomas J. Duncan – Photo courtesy of Columbus Metropolitan Library—Columbus, Ohio.

Thomas Duncan then married (2) **Clara McKelvy**, who was born 17 September 1857 in Pennsylvania.

Clara Duncan died 5 October 1922, and is buried at Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, near her birth family.

Judge Duncan died 27 December 1920 in Columbus, and he is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. Thomas and his first wife Melissa had one child, a son who chose to follow in his father's footsteps to become an attorney and a judge.

+Robert Phifer Duncan⁷ – 1883-1967 – married Edna Campbell.

Mary (Mollie) Savilla Duncan⁶ (Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mollie was born 30 August 1846 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Mary *Iles* and Thomas Duncan.

On 24 October 1866 at the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, Mollie married **Oscar Armstrong Ashbrook**, who was born 9 November 1843 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of John M. and Catharine Ashbrook of Lancaster, Ohio.

On 21 August 1862, at the age of 18, Oscar had enlisted as a corporal in Co. I, Ohio 126th Infantry Regiment in the Civil War. He mustered out on 1 February 1865, and transferred to Company I, United States Veteran Reserve Corps, 11th Infantry Regiment. He mustered out on 7 July 1865 at Plattsburg, New York. The record shows that Oscar was wounded in the war, having lost a part of his right foot including the middle toe.

Mollie and Oscar first had a farm in Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, and then by 1885 they had moved to Spring Creek, Thayer County, Nebraska. By that time Oscar was now 40 years old and Mollie was 38. They had four children, all born in Ohio before leaving Pleasant Township. John Duncan, Mary's 27-year-old younger brother, was living with them at this time.

In 1900 Mollie and Oscar were living in Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska, and Oscar was the postmaster. The two youngest sons, still single, ages 23 and 20, were still living with them. They were both working as real estate and farm agents.

Oscar received a pension from the government for his service in the Civil War; and following his death, Mollie then was granted a pension as the widow of a wounded Army veteran.

Oscar died 18 April 1916¹¹⁷ and he is buried in the family plot, Section 7 at Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Following her husbands' death Mollie continued to live in Lincoln, Nebraska until her own death on 2 April 1936 at the age of 89. She is buried next to her husband at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska. The four children of Mollie and Oscar are listed on the following page.

¹¹⁷ Even though Find A Grave gives his death date as 13 April 1918, Oscar's official Army pension papers show that he died 18 April 1916.

+Bert (Bertie) D. Ashbrook⁷ – 1868-1935 – married Cora Mae Easton.
+Ermina Blanche Ashbrook⁷ – 1872-1949 – married Louis L. Solomon.
+Murray Armstrong Ashbrook⁷ – 1876-1949 – married Estelle Barnes.
+John Thomas Ashbrook⁷ – 1879-1909 – not married.

Matilda M. Duncan⁶ (Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Matilda was born 28 January 1851 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Mary *Iles* and Thomas Duncan.

On 21 September 1871, she married **Mathew Scott (Scotty) Anderson**, who was born 4 January 1850 in West Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Rev. James and Abigail Anderson.

In 1900, Scotty was a farmer where they lived in Jefferson Township, Cuyahoga County, Illinois. Matilda and Scotty had one child—the child did not survive.

Scotty Anderson died 5 February 1902 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. After her husband's death, Matilda went back to Lancaster, Ohio to live with her younger brother John Duncan, who was divorced. His home was at 115 E. Wheeler Street in Lancaster. After her brother's death, she continued to live at that address and took in boarders.

Matilda died 18 July 1937 in Lancaster, Ohio. She and her husband Scotty Anderson are buried at Section B3, Lot 313, Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. Matilda left no issue.

James W. Duncan⁶ (Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 22 January 1853 in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Mary *Iles* and Thomas Duncan.

James married **Alice E. Ward**, who was born April 1861 in Ohio. They lived in Hocking, Fairfield County, Ohio. James was a self-employed farmer.

James died in Fairfield County, Ohio on 16 November 1932 at the age of 79. He is buried at Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, Section B3, Lot 360.

After her husband's death, Alice remained living on the family farm with her son William and his family. Alice died September of 1954 at the age of 93. She is buried next to her husband at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio.

+William (Willie) Ward Duncan⁷ – 1882-1959 – married Pearl Ellen Feters.
+Blanche M. Duncan⁷ – 1885-1910 – never married.
+James Russell Duncan⁷ – 1893-1989 – married Iva Montana Gardner.

Emma Duncan⁶ (Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emma was a twin to Clara. She was born 13 February 1855 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Mary *Iles* and Thomas Duncan.

In 1880, at the age of 25, she was still single and living at home with her widowed father Thomas, and her siblings.

No record was found that verified Emma's survival into the next century. Thus, she may have died before the enumeration of the 1900 federal census and she probably did not marry.

Clara Duncan⁶ (Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clara was born 13 February 1855 in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Mary *Iles* and Thomas Duncan.

On 28 May 1879 in Fairfield County, Ohio, she married **Meredith Melancthon Myers**, who was born 20 March 1852, the son of Peter L. Myers (1828-1910) and Mary Magdalena *Kemmerer* (1831-1912).

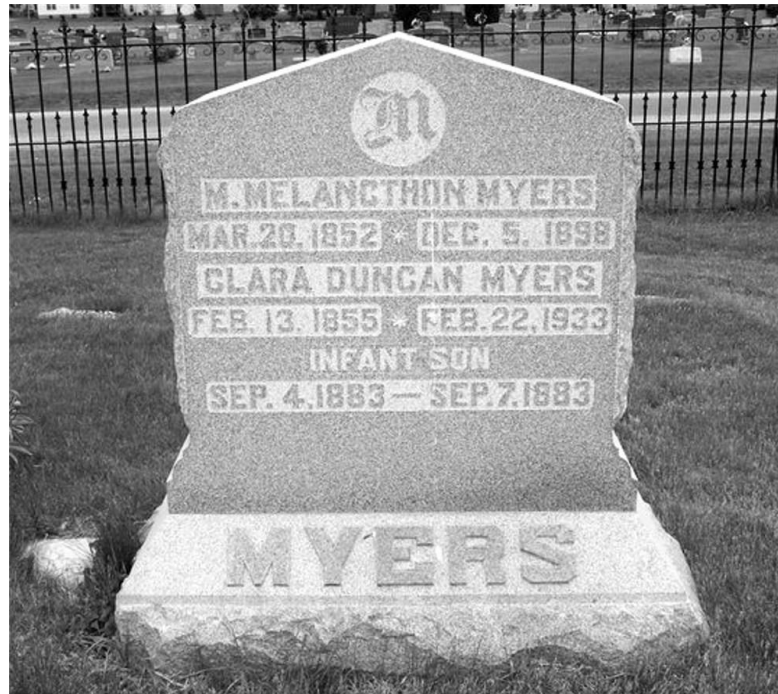
Clara was widowed early when her husband died at the age of 46 on 5 December 1898 in Christian County, Illinois. He is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Assumption, Christian County, Illinois.

Clara lived in Assumption, Illinois for over 34 years as a widow until her own death 22 February 1933 at the age of 78. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Assumption, Illinois, beside her husband and an infant son who was born and died in September of 1883. In addition to this child they lost as an infant, Clara and Meredith had two other children.

+Thomas Peter Myers⁷ – 1880-1970 – married Hattie Gertrude Long.

Infant son⁷ – born 4 September 1883—died 7 September 1883—Christian County, IL.

+Mary Emma Myers⁷ – 1886-1929 – married Coleman Gay Wysong.



Myers gravesite at Greenwood Cemetery, Assumption, Illinois

John Duncan⁶ (Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 1 March 1857 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Mary *Iles* and Thomas Duncan.

About 1895 he married a lady named **Wilmeta**, who was born January 1853 in Ohio. She had been married before and had given birth to three children with two surviving, one a boy named Charles, who was born October 1882 in Ohio. John and Wilmeta divorced sometime prior to her death in 1902.

John was a traveling clothing salesman. He continued in that work until he retired. John died 7 April 1922 at the age of 65. At the time of his death, he was living at 115 East Wheeling in Lancaster, Ohio, and his widowed and childless older sister Matilda Anderson lived with him.

He and his former wife Wilmeta are both buried at Section D5, Lot 235, Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. John had no children of his own.

Etta Duncan⁶ (Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Etta was born 19 March 1861 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Mary *Iles* and Thomas Duncan.

Etta married **Henry Clay Beck**, who was born 23 June 1855 in Ohio, the son of Peter and Catharine Beck of Washington, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

Etta and Henry lived in Iowa on a farm, and their children were born there.

Etta and Henry had three children before Henry's early death 9 May 1900 at the age of 44. Henry is buried at Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

When the 1900 federal census was taken on June 4th, the newly widowed Etta and her three children were back in Ohio, and living in Hocking Township, Fairfield County, with her older brother James and his family.

In 1940, Etta was 79 years old and still living in her Lancaster home, and daughter Grace (age 35) was still single and living with her mother.

Etta died 23 October 1942 at the age of 81. She is buried beside her husband and many of the family members at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio. Her three children all survived her.

+ Clark Duncan Beck⁷ – 1886-1962 – married Helen Buss.

+Hazel E. Beck⁷ – 1888-1949 – married Charles Badger.

+Grace Marie Beck⁷ – 1894-1973 – never married.

William Duncan⁶ (Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 14 May 1866 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Mary *Iles* and Thomas Duncan.

William was a traveling commercial salesman who sold farm harvesting machinery. In 1910, he was a boarder at a private home in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio—age 44 and single.

William died 7 December 1924, at the age of 58. He is buried near other members of his birth family at Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, Section B3, Lot 313. It is believed that he never married and left no issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Matilda Adalin Iles Shaw**

Benjamin Franklin Shaw⁶ (Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was born in 1845 Fairfield County in Ohio, the son of Matilda Adalin Iles and Oliver Perry Shaw.

Benjamin died 18 December 1848 at the age of three years, in Fairfield County, Ohio. He is buried at West Rushville Cemetery, West Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio, Section A, Row 10-B.

Abigail (Abbie) Shaw⁶ (Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Abbie was born 1849 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Matilda Adalin Iles and Oliver Perry Shaw.

On 9 December 1867, in Fairfield County, Ohio, Abbie married **William H. Weir**, who was born 1843 in Ohio. William was the proprietor of a grocery store in Rush Creek Township, Ohio.

William died in 1915, and he is buried at Grandview Cemetery, Bremen, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Abbie died 22 May 1920 at Bremen, Fairfield County, Ohio, and she is buried at Grandview Cemetery in Bremen, Ohio, next to her husband William. Abbie and William had one child, a son.

+Frank C. Wehr⁷ – 1868-1946 – married Dorothy Oden Patterson.

G. Washington Shaw⁶ (Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Washington was born October 1849 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Matilda Adalin Iles and Oliver Perry Shaw.

Washington never married and along with his younger brother Jefferson, he continued to live on the family farm with his widowed mother Matilda, until her death in 1910. After that he and his brother Jefferson continued to farm the family's land together.

Washington preceded his brother Jefferson in death, dying 1 May 1928 at Bremen Village, Fairfield County, Ohio. He was 78 years old and retired from farming at the time of his death. He is buried at West Rushville Cemetery, West Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio. Washington left no issue.

David I. Shaw⁶ (Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 1851 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Matilda Adalin *Iles* and Oliver Perry Shaw.

David married **Martha (Mattie) E. Dick**, who was born circa 1848 in Ohio. They lived on their farm in Rush Creek, Fairfield County, Ohio.

David died 6 March 1887 at the age of 37 years, four months and 26 days. He is buried at West Rushville Cemetery, West Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio.

No further record was found for David's wife Mattie and the two children. It may be that Mattie Shaw remarried, since she was only 39 years old when David died.

+Estella (Stella) Shaw⁷ – 1876-1966 – married Adam Griggs Elder.

+Maggie E. Shaw⁷ – 1878-1942 – married Rista O. Horner.

Jefferson Ruffner Shaw⁶ (Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jefferson was born September 1853 in Rushcreek Township, Ohio, the son of Matilda Adalin *Iles* and Oliver Perry Shaw.

Jefferson never married and continued living with his widowed mother at Rush Creek, Fairfield County, Ohio. Jefferson and his older brother Washington continued to farm the land together after their mother's death in 1910.

After his brother's death in 1928, Jefferson continued living on the farm. A few years before his death, his address was Bremen Village, Rushcreek Township, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Jefferson died 16 October 1942 and he is buried at West Rushville Cemetery, West Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio, nearby to many members of his birth family. He left no issue.

Savilla A. Shaw⁶ (Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Savilla was born 3 January 1857 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Matilda Adalin *Iles* and Oliver Perry Shaw.

Savilla never married and lived at home with her parents until her early death. She died 26 January 1888 at the age of 31. She is buried at West Rushville Cemetery, West Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio. Savilla left no issue.

Oramintha Shaw⁶ (Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Oramintha was born 5 June 1859 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Matilda Adalin *Iles* and Oliver Perry Shaw.

Oramintha never married and lived at home with her parents until her own death five years before the death of her father. She died 13 January 1892 at the age of 32 years. Oramintha is buried at West Rushville Cemetery, West Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio. She left no issue.

Mary Jane (Jennie) Shaw⁶ (Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Jane was born 26 April 1864 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Matilda Adalin *Iles* and Oliver Perry Shaw.

Mary Jane died 28 January 1885 at the age of 20 years. She is buried at West Rushville Cemetery, West Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio. Mary Jane never married and left no issue.

Charles Shaw⁶ (Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 15 March 1868 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Matilda Adalin *Iles* and Oliver Perry Shaw.

Charles lived at home with his parents until his early death at the age of 27 on 27 June 1895. He is buried at West Rushville Cemetery, West Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio. He left no issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Catharine Janet Ruffner Burks**

David Faulk Burks⁶ (Catharine Janet Ruffner⁵, Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 26 April 1876 in Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, the son of Catharine Janet *Ruffner* and Leonidas Hamilton Burks.

Soon after moving to Texas, David went into the carriage business with his father Leonidas. With the burgeoning popularity of the automobile, David became a salesman of motor cars. This was his occupation for the remainder of his working days.

He Married **Bonice (Bonnie) Vanelle Deaderick**, who was born 10 March 1885 in Grimes County, Texas, the daughter of Thomas Barrett Deaderick (1861-1895) and Georgia Ann *Johnson* (1863-1911).

During the 1930s and 1940s, David and Bonnie lived in Houston, Harris County, Texas. In 1942 David was working for E. C. Camp Motor Co. in Houston.

After retirement, David and Bonnie moved to Waco, McLennan County, Texas. David died in Waco on 5 November 1962 at the age of 86 from gangrene of his left leg and foot. David was buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Waco, McLennan County, Texas

Bonnie died 29 August 1965 In Waco, Texas, and she is also buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Waco, Texas. David and Bonnie had no children.

Mary Burks⁶ (Catharine Janet Ruffner⁵, Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 16 September 1879 in Boone County, Missouri, the daughter of Catharine Janet *Ruffner* and Leonidas Hamilton Burks.

She married **Walter Aaron Dunnahoo**, who was born 13 April 1878 in Indiana. Walter was a self-employed insurance agent in Dallas, Texas, where they had made their home since 1910.

Mary died at the age of 58 years on 21 June 1938 from cardiac arrest while she was undergoing an operation for cancer at a hospital in Dallas. She is buried at Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

After Mary's death, her husband Walter married Leta Viola (Ola) *Parish* Miller, a divorcee, and the daughter of Alonzo Judson Parish and Sarah Alice *Neill*. She was a nurse. Ola was born 4 January 1889, and died 21 December 1981. She is also buried at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

Walter died 5 November 1962 at the age of 86. He is buried at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, Texas.

Mary and Walter had one child, a son, who died at the age of 38.

+Walter Burks Dunnahoo⁷ – 1908-1947 – he was married.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Wiseman Ruffner Nichols**

Edwin Nichols⁶ (Mary Wiseman Ruffner⁵, Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edwin was born 9 February 1879 in Ashland, Boone County, Missouri, the son of Mary Wiseman *Ruffner* and George Milton Nichols.

On 22 April 1903 in Boone County, Missouri, he married (1) **Pearl Claypool**, who was born 6 March 1880 in Missouri, the daughter of Jesse Thomas Claypool and Mary J. *Smithers*.

Edwin was a self-employed farmer—their farm at Cedar, Boone County, Missouri.

Pearl died 31 May 1941 in Boone County, Missouri, and she is buried at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Ashland, Boone County, Missouri.

Sometime after the death of his wife Pearl, Edwin married (2) **Pearl Holt**, who was born 4 October 1881 in Callaway County, Missouri, the daughter of Thomas Hiram and Margaret A. Holt. She died at Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, and is buried at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Ashland, Missouri.

Edwin died at Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, and he is buried at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Ashland, Missouri. Edwin did not have any children from either marriage.

*When an elder dies, it is as if an entire
Library has burned to the ground. - African saying*

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Savilla Jane Ruffner Rothwell**

Wells Rothwell⁶ (Savilla Jane Ruffner⁵, Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wells was born 14 April 1866 in Boone County, Missouri, the son of Savilla Jane *Ruffner* and Dr. John Thomas Rothwell. Wells died 9 October 1893 at the age of 27. He is buried at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Ashland, Boone County, Missouri. He never married and left no issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Zerelda Margaret Ruffner Ellis**

Clarence William Ellis⁶ (Zerelda Margaret Ruffner⁵, Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clarence was born 19 August 1873 in Ashland, Boone County, Missouri, the son of Zerelda Margaret *Ruffner* and James Abraham Ellis.

In 1910, he was living in a boarding house in Dallas, Texas and worked as a salesman in a retail grocery store. Returning to Boone County, Missouri, he was a salesman for Standard Oil. He later worked as a traveling salesman. His last work was as a jail warden in Boone County, Missouri.

Clarence's last residence was in Columbia, Boone County, Missouri. He died 29 July 1945 at Clayton, St. Louis County, Missouri. Clarence is buried at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Ashland, Boone County, Missouri.

Clarence was married for a short time and divorced—the name of his wife was not found and there was no record of any children.

Mary Ellis⁶ (Zerelda Margaret Ruffner⁵, Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 7 December 1875 in Boone County, Missouri, the daughter of Zerelda Margaret *Ruffner* and James Abraham Ellis.

Mary died April 1876 at the age of nine months and 26 days. She is buried at New Salem Baptist Church, Ashland, Boone County, Missouri.

Nellie Ellis⁶ (Zerelda Margaret Ruffner⁵, Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Nellie was born 30 October 1883 in Boone County, Missouri, the daughter of Zerelda Margaret *Ruffner* and James Abraham Ellis.

On 5 November 1901, she married **Henry H. Tyrrell**, who was born 14 December 1880 in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri.

Henry was a steamfitter for a heating company, and then an engineer. They lived in St. Louis City and in Columbia, Boone County, Missouri. Henry died 9 February

1962, and Nellie died on her 86th birthday, 30 October 1969. They are buried together at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Ashland, Boone County, Missouri. Their only child, a daughter never married and lived at home with her parents.

+Margaret C. Tyrell⁷ – 1908-1997 – never married.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Martha Ann Ross McCullough**

Charles Edgar McCullough⁶ (Martha Ann Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edgar was born 1848/1849 in Montgomery County, Ohio, the son of Martha Ann Ross and Rev. Peter McCullough.

Little is known about him, except he seems to have been called Edgar by his family. When the 1870 and 1880 federal census records were enumerated for Montgomery and Preble Counties in Ohio, he was still living with his parents. His occupation in 1870 was given as a telegraph operator. In 1880, he was 31 years old and still single, not working, and the column was marked showing that he was an invalid—either maimed, crippled or bedridden. He probably never married.

Mary J. McCullough⁶ (Martha Ann Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 13 August 1870 in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, the daughter of Martha Ann Ross and Rev. Peter McCullough.

Mary married into a prominent family when she married **Henry Theobald, Jr.** on 25 June 1890 in Montgomery County, Ohio. He was born 28 September 1865 in Dayton, Montgomery, Ohio, the son of Henry Theobald, Sr., originally from Dorchester, Yorkshire, England, and Sarah Maria *Dunham*, from New Jersey.

In 1901 Henry became the founder and president of Toledo Scale Co., a company that revolutionized the scale industry as the company's name and products became known worldwide. This Theobald family lived in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, and Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio.

During his earlier years with National Cash Register Co. and then as the president of Toledo Scales, Henry traveled extensively throughout Europe, often taking his family with him..

In 1897, four years before his move to establish his own business, the biography of Henry Theobald, Jr. was published—and it is shown here in its entirety.¹¹⁸

Henry Theobald, Jr., attended the public schools of Dayton and graduated from the Central High School in 1882 with the highest honors, being valedictorian of his class. With the energy and determination which have always marked him,

¹¹⁸ Frank Conover; *Portrait and Biographical Record of the City of Dayton and of Montgomery County, Ohio. Dayton, Ohio; A. W. Bowen & Co. 1897*

Mr. Theobald at once entered earnestly into business. His first position was that of assistant bookkeeper in a papermaking establishment. He soon removed, however, to Canton, Ohio, where he was employed again as bookkeeper. He did not find the opportunity of advancement which he desired and returned to Dayton where he took a thorough course in stenography and typewriting.

When this course was completed, in October, 1884, Mr. Theobald entered the employ of the National Cash Register Company. His career since that time has shown what can be accomplished by hard work, steady application and a conscientious endeavor to do one's best under all circumstances. For two years Mr. Theobald served as a stenographer. At the end of that time, his ability was recognized to such an extent that he was made corresponding secretary of the company, all of the correspondence being under his charge.

In June of 1891, Mr. Theobald was elected general secretary of the company, which position he has since held, yet in addition to the duties of that place, Mr. Theobald had devoted much time and work to the advancement of the company's interests in other directions. About two years ago he temporarily left his work as secretary and along with the president of the company devoted himself to re-organizing the factory, and as a result of their work, the factory of the National Cash Register Company stands today as the model institution of its kind in the world. Mr. Theobald also spent some time in New York City organizing a sales agency for the company, but his most creditable work is the one which he has lately completed.

In the early summer of 1895, National Cash Register Co. President John H. Patterson and Mr. Theobald went to Europe, where for some time the company had done an irregular and unsatisfactory business. President Patterson remained but a short time, and returned to America, leaving Mr. Theobald to execute the great work of organizing the European trade. The results of this work were shown at the recent international convention of the sales agents of the company which was held in October last. At this convention sales agents were present from France, Germany, England, Belgium, Holland and Denmark. The favorable impression which they produced is emphasized by the fact that the orders from European territories have quadrupled since Mr. Theobald crossed the water.

Mr. Theobald is again at the factory and actively employed as chairman of the executive committee, which, under the supervision of the president and vice-president, controls all this great business.

Mr. Theobald was married on June 25, 1890 to Miss Mary J. McCullough, of Dayton, daughter of Rev. P. M. McCullough, one of the old citizens. To this union one son, Robert R., was born December 7, 1891.

It does seem from reading the 1897 biography that Henry Theobald was a favorite of the president of the National Cash Register Company (NCR). However, that would soon change.

By 1901 Henry had risen from stenographer to the position of general manager of the National Cash Register Company in Dayton, Ohio. However, in 1901 it was as general manager of NCR that he made a decision to change one of the company's manufacturing processes. The problem was he didn't get approval from John Patterson,

the founder and president of the company, and after 17 productive years in the interest of NCR, Henry Theobald was fired.

Still a young man in 1901, and having acquired good business skills while in the employ of NCR, Henry Theobald knew that with the right product there was nothing to stop him from making his own name known in the business world.

The right product appeared in the form of a spring-less scale, an invention made in 1897 by Allen DeVilbiss, Jr. This scale was unique in its day, and Mr. DeVilbiss obtained the patent. But, someone was needed to handle the promotion. In 1901, Henry Theobald, Jr. acquired the patent and it was registered in his name with the Office of Patents. It was that year he founded Toledo Computing Scale and Cash Register Company to compete with NCR his former employer. Henry Theobald set up a manufacturing plant and hired Allen DeVilbiss as the factory manager to oversee the production of what was his own invention. The next year they changed the name of the company to Toledo Computing Scale Company, and in 1912 the name was shortened to the Toledo Scale Company. By the end of 10 years, Toledo Scales dominated the market and had sold 75,000 scales. Toledo Scale Company remained in Dayton, Ohio, until 1975 when the headquarters were moved after the company was sold. Now known as Mettler-Toledo, Inc., the company is headquartered at Columbus, Ohio.

Henry Theobald died as the result of a heart attack on 12 July 1924 at the age of 58. His death was at his home in Toledo, Ohio, where he had resided for 23 years. He is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio. Mary died at Lucas County, Ohio on 15 February 1932 at the age of 61. She is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo, Ohio.

Mary and Henry Theobald had only one child, a son, who was born in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio.

+Robert Ruffner Theobald⁷ – 1891-1925 – married Mary Meloy Rankin.

The source of the photos of Henry Theobald and the early Toledo Scales advertising is Google Images.



Mellie Dell McCullough⁶ (Martha Ann Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mellie was born March 1868 in Montgomery County, Ohio, the daughter of Martha Ann *Ross* and Rev. Peter McCullough.

On 26 June 1895 in Montgomery County, Ohio, Mellie married **Stephen B. Powers**, who was born 14 July 1868 in Ohio, the son of Stephen H. Powers (1842-1899) and Sarah Amanda *Thomas* (1844-1920).

Stephen worked at a salesman throughout his lifetime. They first lived in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio with Mellie's parents. At that time, Stephen was a traveling salesman. They then moved to Chicago, Cook County, Illinois; Stephen was still living there and boarding with his in-laws in 1920.

Mellie died 11 December 1917, and she is buried at Riverside Cemetery, Troy, Miami County, Ohio (Plot 5).

In 1930 he had married a lady named Lulu—they lived in Chicago and Stephen was again working as a traveling salesman. He then moved back to Ohio.

Stephen died 24 February 1938. At that time he was living at 223 Chestnut Street, Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. He and Lulu had evidently divorced as Stephen's death records show his marital status as divorced. Stephen is also buried at Riverside Cemetery in Troy, Ohio (Plot 5). Mellie and Stephen had no children.

Alice May McCullough⁶ (Martha Ann Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alice was born 5 May 1871 in Montgomery County, Ohio, the daughter of Martha Ann *Ross* and Rev. Peter McCullough.

On 2 June 1892 in Montgomery County, Ohio, Alice married **Joseph (Joe) E. Pearson, Jr.**, who was born 25 June 1871 in Miami County, Ohio, the son of Joseph E. Pearson, Sr. and Mary *Studebaker*.

Joseph first started out as an employee of a baking powder manufacturer. He was then the proprietor of a laundry and dry cleaning business in Troy, Ohio--his lifetime occupation. They always lived in Troy.

Alice died 27 August 1913 at the age of 42, in Miami County, Ohio. She is buried at Plot 5, Riverside Cemetery, Troy, Miami County, Ohio.

After Alice's death, Joseph married prior to 1920, (2) Mary E. *Beasley* (1888-1943).

Joseph Pearson died at the advanced age of 91 on 30 June 1962 in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, where he had lived his entire life. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery in Troy, Ohio, next to Alice.

Alice May and Joseph Pearson had one child, a son.

Walter J. Pearson⁷ – 1893-1966 – married Catherine Margaret *Ward*. Walter was born in August 1893 in Miami County, Ohio, and died 22 March 1966 in Montgomery County, Ohio. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery in Troy, Montgomery County, Ohio—Plot 5.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Minerva Jane Ross Thomas**

Estella (Stella) M. Thomas⁶ (Minerva Jane Ross⁵, Mary Ross⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Stella was born 26 November 1856 in Ohio, the daughter of Minerva Jane Ross and John H. Thomas.

On 22 February 1877 in Champaign County, Ohio, she married Dr. **William Jackson Means**, who was born 11 February 1853 in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, the son of Joseph Means and Margaret Susler. William was a physician in Columbus, Ohio.

By hard work and dedication, Dr. Means rose to great heights in the medical community. *Columbus, The Capital City, Newspaper Reference Book*, published by The Pen and Pencil Club, Columbus, Ohio (1915) had this to say about Dr. William J. Means, Chief Surgeon, American Insurance Union.

His education was received at the public schools of Pennsylvania Academy; National Normal College, Lebanon, Ohio. He taught school for two years in Pennsylvania, then was principal of schools in Christiansburg, Ohio for four years during which time he read and studied medicine and completed a course in medicine and surgery, graduating from Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery in 1874. He continued as principal of schools for one year after graduation.

He began practice in Christiansburg in the spring of 1877 and continued until 1888. Dr. Means then took a year in Post Graduate work in New York City and in the spring of 1899 came to Columbus.



In 1891 he helped organize the Protestant Hospital and has been Chief of Staff for 15 years. He also helped organize the Ohio Medical University in 1892 and was the Registrar and Treasurer during its existence and professor of surgery. In 1907, the college was merged with the Starling Medical College and named the Ohio-Starling Medical College. He was treasurer and professor of surgery and in 1909 was made Dean of the institution. In 1913, the Ohio-Starling Medical College was transferred to the Ohio State University and is now known as the College of Medicine, of which Dr. Means is the first dean. Dr. Means has been a member and chairman of the Executive Board of the Association of American Medical Colleges since 1900, and in this capacity has inspected almost every medical college of note in the United States. He is the National Surgeon of the American Insurance Union, and has been president of the Park Savings Co. of Columbus for 20 years.

Dr. Means is a member of the Columbus Academy of Medicine, Ohio State Medical Association, and American Medical Association. He is a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Shrine, Odd Fellows, and the Russell Street Baptist Church.

Means Hall in Columbus was built in 1951 and officially named the William H. Means Hall in his honor in 1968. It functioned first as a Tuberculosis Hospital and then as an office building until 2009 when it was demolished.

Stella *Thomas* Means, the mother of their children, died 22 October 1895 at the age of 38. She is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

After Stella's death, Dr. William Means married 1897 (2) Ida B. *Huffman* (1861-1953). She is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. No children.

Dr. Means died 17 January 1929 at the age of 75. He is also buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

Stella and Dr. Means had two sons. Both sons followed their father's path and became medical doctors.

+Hugh Jackson Means⁷ – 1883-1971 – married twice.

+John William Means⁷ – 1886-1975 – married Madelaine Virginia Butler.

John Marine Thomas⁶ (Minerva Jane Ross⁵, Mary Ross⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 22 May 1859 in Christiansburg, Ohio, the son of Minerva Jane *Ross* and John H. Thomas.

He married **Lilly Florence McCullough**, who was born 8 December 1860. They lived in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, where John was a purchasing agent in the insurance field.

John died 17 March 1932 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, at the age of 73. He is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

Lilly died 26 December 1953 at the age of 93. She is also buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. John and Lilly Thomas had no children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Melvina Ellen *Ross* Bragunier**

Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶ (Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kittie was born 25 October 1869 near Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana, the daughter of Melvina Ellen *Ross* and Samuel Bragunier.

Kittie first married **Charles William Schisler**—circa 1893. It was an extremely short marriage—Kittie and Charles were very soon divorced. Kittie had one child, a son, from this marriage.

Following her divorce from Charles Schisler, Kittie became the housekeeper for Frank Vandever, a local farmer. His first wife had died leaving him with the care of a

young son. On 17 November 1895 Kittie married as her second husband, **Frank Firman Vandever**, her employer. Frank Vandemeer was born 22 February 1865 in Miami County, Ohio, the son of William Burton Vandever and Sarah Ann *Leffel*.

Frank had married (1) Pheba Wrightman, and their son William Harley Vandever was born 7 February 1887 in Elizabeth, Miami, Ohio. Harley married and had a son who was born in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, to-wit: Edward Franklin Vandever (19 November 1919—15 November 1990).

Frank lived his entire life in the house on the farm where he was born. He was still living there when he died 19 September 1925.

Kittie died 8 April 1949 in Miami County, Ohio. Kittie and Frank are both buried at Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Kittie had six children—one son from her first marriage to Charles Schisler and five children from her marriage to Frank Vandever.

- +Charles Atlee Schisler⁷ – 1894-1976 – married Osa Ellen Young.
- +Katherine Louise Vandever⁷ – 1896-1970 – married Ennis M. Fisher.
- +Melvina Ellen Vandever⁷ – 1897-1958 – married Harley Firman Kennedy.
- +Horace Vinton Vandever⁷ – 1899-1972 – married Lucy Folsom.
- +Bessie Lucille Vandever⁷ – 1900-1975 – married Raymond Dewey Davidson.
- +Eli Hugh Vandever – 1911-1967 – married Clara Elizabeth Carson.

Mary Elizabeth Bragunier⁶ (Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Elizabeth was born 5 December 1870 in Carroll County, Indiana, the daughter of Melvina Ellen Ross and Samuel Bragunier.

Mary Elizabeth is somewhat of a mystery. Most researchers have placed Mary Elizabeth Bragunier's death in 1900. However, from evidence found in the federal census records and the city directories of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, an unmarried Mary Elizabeth settled in Columbus.

Listed as M. Elizabeth Bragunier, by 1895 it appears she was working as a stenographer in the offices of the law firm Outhwaite, Linn & Gumble. She was at first living in a boarding house, and then it seems she bought her own home at 154 Wetmore in Columbus in the 1930s. In the 1934 city directory she was listed as the secretary for attorney Charles P. Outhwaite. She was still living in Columbus in 1956—according to the Columbus City Directory. She would have been 76 years old at that time. She always lived alone, and through her working years, Mary Elizabeth supported herself as a stenographer and then secretary in the law office. By 1956, she had been retired for several years—that year was the last time her name appeared in the city directory.

Mary Elizabeth Bragunier died 17 September 1956 in Knox County, Ohio. Her will was filed for probate in Carroll County, Indiana.



Estella (Stella) Mae Bragunier⁶ (Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Stella was born 28 September 1872 in Carroll County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Melvina Ellen *Ross* and Samuel Bragunier.

On 17 November 1898 in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, Stella married **John Henry Swisher**, who was born 7 July 1872 in Doddridge County, West Virginia, the son of John Rinehart Swisher (1821-1885) and Amanda Melvina *Nicholson* (1843-1912).

John was a farmer. The family lived in Miami, Champaign and Marion counties in Ohio.

John died in 26 November 1956 at the age of 84, and he was buried at Marion Cemetery, Marion, Marion County, Ohio. However, he is also listed as being buried at Green Camp Cemetery, Green Camp, Marion County, Ohio. At Green Camp Cemetery, his name and that of his wife Stella are shown on the same gravestone.

Stella died two years and one day after her husband at 5:20 a.m., 27 November 1958 at the home of her daughter Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth (Paul) Almendinger near LaRue, Marion County, Ohio, where she had been living since the death of her husband John Henry. Stella is buried at Green Camp Cemetery in Green Camp, Ohio.

At the time of her death, Stella was survived by all seven of her children, who are now deceased. She was also survived by her sister, Mrs. Addie Proctor, and her brother, Charles Bragunier of Lancaster, Ohio—both now deceased. At the time of her death she had 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Following are the seven children.

- +Emma Doris Swisher⁷ – 1899-1977 – married Otto Garrett Bosse
- +Ernest C. Swisher⁷ – 1901-1981 – never married.
- +Margaret Elizabeth Swisher⁷ – 1903-1989 – married (1) Darst (2) Almendinger.
- +Mary Amanda Swisher⁷ – 1907-1997 – married Floyd R. Barnett.
- +Roy Marine Swisher⁷ – 1909-1974 – married Dorothy Leah Swam.
- +Ruth Lucille Swisher⁷ – 1912 – 2000 – married Herman G. Schmidt.
- +Louis Paul Swisher⁷ – 1915-1999 – no record of a marriage was found.

Addie Martha Bragunier⁶ (Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Addie was born 7 December 1875 in Carroll County, Indiana, the daughter of Melvina Ellen *Ross* and Samuel Bragunier.

In 1890 in Kanawha County, West Virginia, she married **Charles William Proctor**, who was born 18 July 1867 in Ohio, the son of Benjamin Franklin Proctor and Mary *Long*. He worked as a clerk.

Charles Proctor died 2 April 1925 at the age of 57. He is buried at Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Addie died March 1967, her last address Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. She was living there with her oldest son Marion. Addie is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio.

Addie and Charles Proctor had four children – all born in Ohio.

Marvin Ech Proctor⁷ – 1 Feb. 1901—3 Feb. 1901—buried Casstown Cemetery.
+Marion Franklin Proctor⁷ – 1902-1954 – unmarried.
+Margaret Melvina Proctor⁷ – 1906-1984 – married Fred Carl Rilling.
+Mariene Benjamin Proctor⁷ – 1912-2000 – married (1) Little (2) Newton-Holtman.

John Charles Bragunier⁶ (Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 1 January 1878 near Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana, the son of Melvina Ellen Ross and Samuel Bragunier.

The following is excerpted from a biography of J. C. Bragunier which appeared in Judge Evan P. Middleton's *History of Champaign County, Ohio: Its People, Industries and Institutions* (1917). **J. C. Bragunier, a well-known traveling salesman and a resident of Christiansburg, in this county, is a native of the Hoosier state, but has lived in Ohio since the days of his boyhood. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Delphi, in Carroll County, Indiana, January 1, 1878, son of Samuel and Melvina (Ross) Bragunier, both now deceased, the former of whom was born in Lancaster county, in the state of Maryland, and the latter of Ohio, a native of Champaign county, born on the old Ross farm in Jackson township. . . . Having been but six years of age when he came to this county with his parents in 1884, J. C. Bragunier grew to manhood here and received his schooling in the schools of this county. For several years he worked on the farm and then became engaged in the butcher business at Christiansburg and was thus engaged for six years, at the end which he became employed as a traveling salesman for the Moorman Manufacturing Company of Quincy, Illinois, representing that company throughout western Ohio, and has ever since engaged; one of the best-known salesmen traveling out of Champaign county. Since becoming engaged Mr. Bragunier has continued to make his headquarters at Christiansburg and takes an active interest in the general affairs of that thriving village. He is a member of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 220, Free and Accepted Masons of Christiansburg, and is the present worshipful master of the same. Politically, he is a Republican and has ever taken a good citizen's part in the political affairs of his home county.**

On 2 June 1925, John married **Pearl E. Meeks**, who was born 9 April 1887 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Washington Riley Meeks (1852-1918) and Martha J. Leffel (1852-1888).

In 1942 according to the WWII "Old Man's" draft registration John Bragunier had retired and was a farmer (self-employed), living in Carroll, Fairfield County, Ohio. The 1940 federal census also showed that John was retired and his occupation given as a farmer. His wife Pearl was a bookkeeper for a construction firm.

John died 1963, and he is buried at Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Pearl died 23 July 1975 in a long-term care facility in Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio. She was 88 years old and her home had been in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. John and Pearl Bragunier had no children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Marine Ruffner Ross**

Martha J. Ross⁶ (Marine Ruffner Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martha was born 9 February 1878 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Marine Ruffner Ross and Martha J. *Green*. Martha died 20 September 1878 at the age of eight months and 11 days—she is buried at Casstown Cemetery, Miami County, Ohio.

Marion L. Ross⁶ (Marine Ruffner Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marion was born 19 April 1883 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Marine Ruffner Ross and Rebecca *Warner*. Marion died 6 April 1901 just a few days from his 18th birthday. He is buried at Casstown Cemetery, Miami County, Ohio.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Margaret Elizabeth Ross Pond**

Jessie M. Pond⁶ (Margaret Elizabeth Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jessie was born 1867 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Margaret Elizabeth *Ross* and Isaac P. Pond. Jessie died in 1867 at the age of three months and four days. She is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery, Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio in the Old Section of the cemetery. The inscription on her gravestone reads *Carried home by the angels in her bright and beautiful babyhood*.

Forest Ross Pond⁶ (Margaret Elizabeth Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Forest was born 2 February 1870 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Margaret Elizabeth *Ross* and Isaac P. Pond.

On 22 June 1893 in Champaign County, Ohio, Forest married **Bessie Gertrude Thatcher**, who was born 5 June 1873 in Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of Jonathan Thatcher and Sara J. *Hall*, of Harrison, Champaign County, Ohio.

Forest and Bessie lived in Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio, where Forest was the manager of a factory that made coveralls.

Forest died in 1909 in Champaign County at the age of 39. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Saint Paris, Champaign County, Ohio.

Forest's widow Bessie married on 14 February 1914 in Manhattan, New York, New York (2) John Schlatter, an attorney in Lucas County, Ohio. He was born 1 October 1877 in Spencer Township, Lucas County, Ohio, the son of Henry Schlatter and Barbara

Weiller, both from Switzerland. John Schlatter died 18 May 1836 in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, and he is buried at East Swanton, Lucas County, Ohio.

Bessie died 16 March 1958 at the age of 84 in Los Angeles County, California. There is no record that Forest and Bessie had any children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Harrison Newton Ruffner**

Alma Rosella Ruffner⁶ (Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alma was born 9 July 1860 near Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Harrison Newton Ruffner and Catharine (Kate) McKendrie *White*.

Alma's daughter Virginia Rigg, writing about her family shared her own memories of her mother in her 1999 book *Harrison and Catherine Ruffner in the Valley of the Little Wabash*. Highlights of Virginia's remembrances of her mother are told here.

As a child Alma was called Rose, however, she never liked that name and as an adult she began using the name Alma.

She didn't talk very much about her childhood and in her autobiography which Alma finished writing when she was 101 years old, she described her first five years as uneventful. Although she seldom mentioned her own family—even an event that meant so much to her—the death of her little sister Ella. Alma did write about the Civil War and the assassination of President Lincoln.

Virginia wrote of the memories her mother did share with her; generally fond ones—corn stalk dolls her own mother made for her, the bright dresses she wore that seemed to give her a lift, and the ugly brown ones which cast her in a *heavy fog* for the day. Alma told her daughter of watching her father mix cottage cheese and black strap molasses and then *devour it with great relish*. After Alma's first bite of this mixture, and then a few more, she gave up the *awful concoction* entirely.

Alma told that for fun she, her brother George, and little sister Ellie would play in the old woods pasture. Her childhood seemed normal and happy until she turned 12. That was the year they lost her little sister. Alma never seemed to recover from that loss. Because she was so depressed, her parents sent Alma away to live with her grandmother Agnes White, who was living in a large house in the town of Charleston, Illinois. It was with her grandmother that year Alma became acquainted with music—the *fuel and inspiration* for not only her own life, but also for her daughter Virginia as well.

Because her late grandfather William White had been a schoolmaster, that year at her grandmother's, Alma also became acquainted with books—Shakespeare, Aesop's Fables and early Greek mythology.

Back home with her parents, Alma's love for music continued. However, on the practical side, she became a teacher at the country school where her mother had once taught. She couldn't deal with it and her teaching career ended before the year was even finished. Alma spent the rest of her teen-age years helping with the younger children.

The family became the owners of a pump organ, and Alma began the study of music. In 1883, at the age of 23, Alma spent a year in a music conservatory in Jacksonville, Illinois.

That year in Jacksonville, Alma not only learned music, she learned to set aside her country ways and she became a sophisticate—even to wearing white gloves. That was the year she acquired *self-esteem*.

Because one year at the conservatory was all the family could afford, Alma went to an Illinois town by the name of Newton and began giving lessons in people's homes. She boarded that winter in Newton and didn't return home. It was there Alma met her future husband. Samuel Rigg was boarding at a nearby house—one day looking out the window, he turned to a friend and said: *See that cute girl walking down the street. I'm going to marry her one day.*

And, marry they did on 10 June 1885. Alma was 25 years old, and **Samuel Rodem Rigg** was 31. Their marriage took place at her parent's home in Effingham County.

Samuel Rigg was born 11 September 1854 in Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois. He was the son of George Washington Rigg and Mary Kenner *Arbuthnot*. He was a business man in Newton—the owner of a store selling men's furnishings and yard-goods.

Soon after Alma and Samuel were married, a panic from a downturn in the economic market place brought problems for their own finances. Samuel being in the mercantile business often went to Chicago and New York on buying trips. This time after such a trip, by the time he got back to Newton, prices had fallen—a national depression was happening and Samuel had to sell everything he had purchased for less than the prices he had paid. Also, his two half-brothers who ran two of his other three businesses had embezzled money from his accounts. It was a tremendous blow to a young couple just starting out. Alma went home to live with her parents for a year just after Gertrude, their oldest, had been born. Samuel headed west to Los Angeles, California to find work. Instead he ended up in San Luis Obispo, and there he found work as a carpenter's helper. When Gertrude was a year old, Alma and the baby boarded a train to join Samuel there.

Starting over again with practically no money, Alma and Samuel lived in California from 1888 until 1893. When the contractor Samuel was working for failed, the next stop was San Jose where Samuel found work delivering milk. Alma helped with finances by teaching painting and music. Their second child Leland had been born their first year in California. Eventually, Alma and Samuel and the children were living at a ranch in the Santa Clara valley, where Samuel got a job as an overseer in a fruit orchard. He was very good at his job and the orchard's owner wanted to finance Samuel so he could go into business for himself. However, in 1893 Denver seemed the place to be.

Not long after they arrived in Denver, it was the *silver panic*, and their prospects were again gone. They settled in the Clear Creek Valley near Denver and Samuel did some farming, raising strawberries for which there was very little demand. Alma went back to teaching piano. She did so driving a horse and buggy all over Denver.

They soon moved closer to town in Denver where the prospect for Samuel finding work was better. Harrison, their third child was born two years after their move to Colorado. Then another setback came for Alma and Samuel when Gertrude got typhoid

fever and they ended up under quarantine. To pay the doctor bills, Alma's piano was sold.

Luck was coming their way though. After days and days of hanging around the stockyards, willing to do any kind of labor, one freezing day Samuel was asked to help unload a train filled with lambs which had been stalled all night in a snowstorm on the Continental Divide. This was the start of Samuel's 27-year career in Denver's livestock industry. He became yardmaster and later the secretary-treasurer of the Livestock Exchange. A company house at the stockyards was the birthplace of their fourth and youngest child—Virginia Rigg was born there in 1904. Samuel by now was 50 years old and Alma was 44.

After many years of moving from one house to another, in 1911 the family finally had their own home; one they built just for them in Westminster. It had been a long road.

Eventually—in the 1920s—Samuel left this work in the livestock industry to go into insurance sales. He became active in Denver's Democratic politics and in 1925 he was appointed by the governor to fill a vacancy as county commissioner. Later he was elected to that position and served at that post until his death in 1929.

Samuel died 25 September 1929, after a day spent touring Denver with his wife Alma and daughter Virginia. Returning home, Samuel suffered a massive stroke and was gone right in the middle of a word. Samuel was 75 years old. He is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County, Colorado.

Alma Rigg had many more years left to live, and those years she filled with a new career. As well as teaching piano until she was 89 years old, Alma became a writer.

Alma had become interested in writing and was taking a course at the YWCA in Denver the year before Samuel died. She was the oldest person in her class. Samuel bought her a used typewriter and she taught herself to type. Surprising the other and younger members of the class, she became the first person in that class to sell a story. She received a check for \$100 from Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia for an article published in the *Country Gentleman* in 1929. Samuel was so proud, he had the check which was dated March 22, 1929 photographed and that photo remained with the family.



It was the beginning of a career which lasted for three and a half decades. Alma first wrote under the name A. R. Rigg, and then she chose a name which she thought would bring more success—Quaintance Leith. Leith was her mother's maiden name and Quaintance was a name she thought went well with it. Alma wrote about many subjects from roads and trips to evergreen trees. There were some rejections, but she never gave up. Alma's family and her writing filled her world for the rest of her life. In addition, Alma's hats became a part of her writer's persona. She is shown here at age 95 wearing one of her famous hats

Alma died 14 July 1966 in Denver, Colorado—five days after her 106th birthday. She rests at Crown Hill Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County, Colorado.

Alma and Samuel had four children, all born in diverse locations as the family struggled to survive through unexpected challenges.

- +Gertrude Rigg⁷ – 1887-1930 – married Earl Stanley DeSpain.
- +Leland (Lee) Stanford Rigg⁷ –1889-1977 – Clara Isabelle Cram.
- +Harrison Newton Rigg⁷ – 1895-1989 – married and divorced.
- +Virginia Rigg⁷ – 1904-2005 – she never married.

George Crooker Ruffner⁶ (Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 16 November 1862 near Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Harrison Newton Ruffner and Catharine (Kate) McKendrie *White*.

George's first time away from home was when he went to Stillwater, Minnesota, to work in the lumber industry. That type of work didn't appeal to him and in addition the weather was too cold. Having been influenced by his father's brother Marion Andrew Ruffner who was living in Arizona, George moved to Prescott, Arizona in 1882 and worked as a cowboy in Yavapai County for the next seven years.¹¹⁹

On 22 April 1891 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, George married **Mary Blanche (Mollie) Birchett**, who was born 14 October 1869 in Los Neitos, Los Angeles County, California, the daughter of Joseph Sampson Burchett and Martha *Morrow*. At the time of their marriage, the local newspaper *The Miner* remarked *the bride having been for several years one of the most beloved and successful teachers in the public schools of the county*. Even though she disliked nicknames, Mollie was what she was always called by her husband and friends.

Mollie had moved to Arizona from her home in California. She taught school in the mining town of Mayer in Yavapai County—southeast of Prescott.

In 1894, after serving as a deputy sheriff, George was elected sheriff of Yavapai County on the Democratic ticket. However, his career as sheriff isn't what paid the bills. George had horse and mule teams which brought gold into the mill from the mines. This was where he made most of his money—transporting the goods. He also owned the livery stable where he kept his animals.¹²⁰ Later he had an entirely different occupation—that is another story and is told on the next page.

In 1933, George was taking a prisoner back to Arizona, and he stopped at Denver to visit his family—to the family he seemed to be in fine health. On his way again, between Denver and Arizona, George fell ill. He was taken to a spa to recover, but he never did. George died from bronchial pneumonia on 23 July 1933 at Mercy Hospital in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona at the age of 70 years, eight months and seven days. He is buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Mollie died in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona on 17 February 1949 at the age of 79 years, four months, as the result of complications due to a brain tumor. She is buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Prescott, next to her husband George.

¹¹⁹ Rigg, Virginia: *Harrison and Catherine Ruffner in the valley of the Little Wabash*; Denver (1999)

¹²⁰ *Ibid*.

George and Mollie had no children of their own, however, they adopted two children who were the son and daughter of one of George's deputies, a man named Vance Arthur Reichard (1872-1949). His wife Laura Anna *Spencer* Reichard had died in 1909. Mr. Reichard found he was unable to adequately care for his children.¹²¹



+Gladys Elizabeth Ruffner – 1900-1977 – married Joseph Noel McDonald.
+George Spencer Reichard-Ruffner — 1903-1948 – married Lou *Woodward* Wist.

In Issue #2, Vol. 1, of the summer 1998 issue of *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, the story was told of how George Ruffner during one evening added to his career by becoming a mortician. First published on the World Wide Web, this is the story of Sheriff George C. Ruffner.

FROM LAWMAN TO MORTICIAN (GEORGE C. RUFFNER)

When the territory of Arizona attained statehood in 1912, the Ruffner Funeral Home had been serving the people of central Arizona for nine years.

George C. Ruffner, the revered sheriff of Yavapai County, acquired the establishment in a rather unorthodox manner. On the night of January 3, 1903, George chose to spend the snowy evening playing poker at the Palace Saloon. Gambling was legal in territorial times. Among the participants in the game was the local undertaker, Mr. Nevins, who frequently rented various types of livery from the Ruffner stables for use in his business.

Near the end of the evening, they were the only two left in the game. When required to bet, Nevins had little money left on the table. However, he did owe the Ruffner Livery Stable a sizable past-due account for services.

Nevins suggested a "double or nothing" bet. If Nevins had the winning hand, Ruffner would agree to mark the bill paid in full. If Ruffner proved the winner, the undertaking parlor would be owned by George Ruffner.

The name of today's establishment, the Ruffner Wakelin Funeral Home, gives ample evidence of the outcome of the fateful game. Ruffner obtained a mortician's license from the Territory of Arizona, as did his younger brother Lester Lee after attending the Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago. Lester Ruffner took formal possession of the business on New Year's Eve 1906.

For the next forty years, Lester Ruffner devoted his life to the business, moving to the present location in 1927 when he purchased the Edmund W. Wells home. Judge Wells was a former Yavapai County Attorney, Assistant U.S. Attorney for Arizona, Attorney General of the Territory and candidate for governor. Built in 1878, the excellently maintained Victorian Italianate building is on the National Register of Historic Places, as well as the Historic House Association of America.

Lester Lee's son, Lester "Budge" Ward Ruffner, after completing his education, joined the firm in 1940 and with the exception of four years of service in

¹²¹ *ibid.*

the United States Air Force, remained active in the family business until 1978. He had become a well-known writer and teacher of the American West “Budge” Ruffner began the Ruffner Family Reunions in 1991.

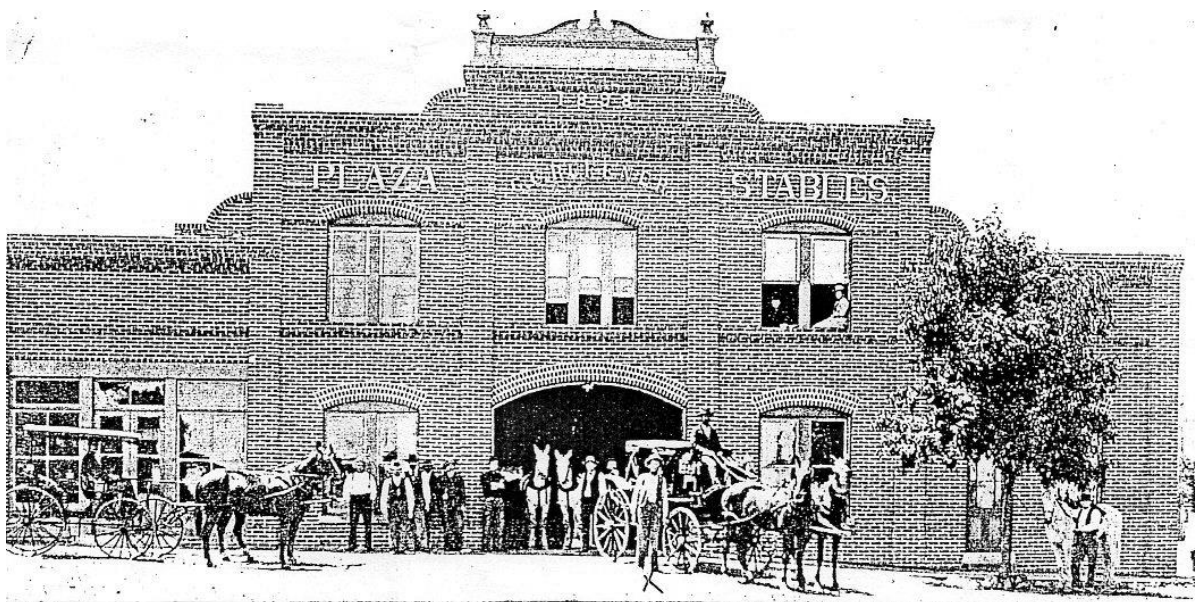
In June of 2003, the Ruffner Family Association held a reunion in Prescott, Arizona with their headquarters in the historic Hotel St. Michael on *Whiskey Row*. As part of the activities at the reunion, near the courthouse on Goodwin Street, a plaque was placed at the former location of George Ruffner’s livery stable by the City of Prescott and the Ruffner Family Association. The plaque commemorates both the location of the stables and its owner, Sheriff George Ruffner. This plaque reads:

The Ruffner Plaza Stable was built on this lot purchased from Frank Murphy for \$3,600. In May 1898, a local newspaper reported that it was *one of the most substantial as well as ornamental improvements which has been put up for several years. It is said to be one of the handsomest buildings of the kind in the Southwest and far ahead of any similar structure in Arizona.* In February, 1922, Ruffner sold the business to Dixon Fagerberg, who planned to remodel the building into a modern garage. The building was later burned.

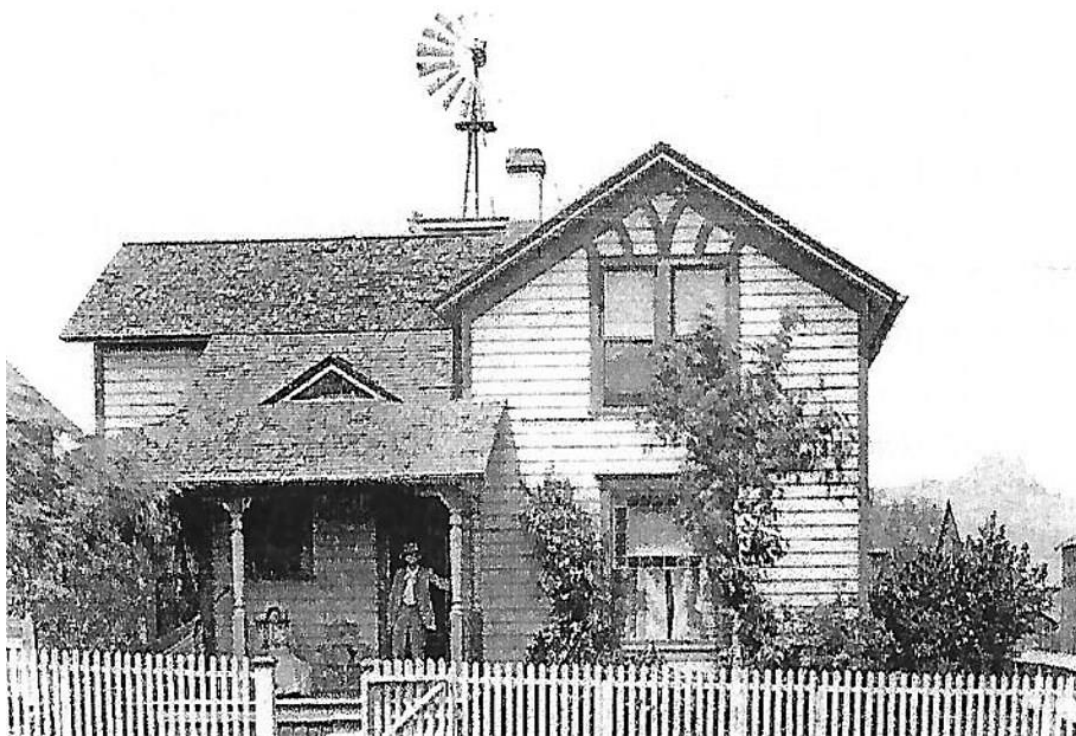
Owner GEORGE RUFFNER was described by the paper as a man of *honest and respectable industry.* He came to the territory in 1881, he was one of the organizers of Prescott’s *World’s Oldest Rodeo* and he carried the American flag in every Fourth of July parade until his death in 1933 at the age of 71. In 1893 he was appointed a deputy sheriff of Yavapai County and the following year was elected sheriff. He served five non-contiguous terms and was the first from Arizona inducted in the Hall of Great Westerners at the Cowboy Hall of Fame.



Young Sheriff George Ruffner – Courtesy Elisabeth and Melissa Ruffner



George Ruffner's Livery Stables—Prescott, AZ – Courtesy Joan Reid



George and Mollie Ruffner on the porch of their Prescott, Arizona home—
216 South Cortez Street. Source: 2003 RFA Reunion Brochure.



Mollie Ruffner and two adopted children George and Gladys
Source: RFA 2003 Reunion Brochure



Ella (Ellie) Ruffner⁶ (Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ellie was born 7 September 1865 in Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Harrison Newton Ruffner and Catharine (Kate) McKendrie *White*.

Ellie's older sister Alma was devastated when little sister Ellie became ill and then died approximately two weeks later on 19 September 1872 at the age of seven from an undetermined illness. Ellie is buried at the Leith Cemetery near Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

Andrew Newton Ruffner⁶ (Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Andrew was born 12 March 1870 in Effingham County, Illinois the son of Harrison Newton Ruffner and Catharine (Kate) McKendrie *White*.

On 11 September 1895 in Effingham County, Illinois, Andrew married **Rosa (Rose) Turner**. Rose came from a pioneer family of Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

Andrew spent his life as a dairy farmer in Effingham County, Illinois. His farm land was part of his father's original property—in the same valley of the Little Wabash River. He was the only sibling who had never ventured from his home in the Wabash Valley to another part of the country.

Andrew and Rosa were part of the Farmer's Union and held membership in the cooperative store in Mason. Andrew was a very successful dairy farmer, and they were very comfortable in their later years.

Andrew died in 1955 in Akron, Ohio. He is buried at the Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

Rose died October 1963 and she is buried beside her husband at the Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Illinois. They had only one child, a son.

+Elwin Turner Ruffner – 1896-1989 – married Lillian F. Robertson.

Edward (Ed) White Ruffner⁶ (Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edward was born 11 March 1872 in Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Harrison Newton Ruffner and Catharine (Kate) McKendrie *White*.

Ed farmed most of his life on the land where he was born on Section 26, Union Township, at the edge of the Wabash River in Effingham County, Illinois. However, before he began his farming days he also traveled out west as several siblings had done. In 1894, Ed went to Denver, Colorado for one year and worked at a dairy.

He then went to Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, where he took charge of his older brother George Ruffner's livery business. He also spent two years working in the mines.¹²²

¹²² Rigg, Virginia: *Harrison and Catherine Ruffner in the valley of the Little Wabash*; Denver (1999)

Ed's son Glen Ruffner recalled how his father entertained the Ruffner siblings with tales of his experiences out west, including stories of the *outlaw* world. However, the loss of Ed's brother Walter in a mine explosion had cast a pall over his Arizona days, and Ed returned home in 1900 to farm on his parent's farm near Mason. That year Harrison and Catharine retired and moved to town, Ed then took over the responsibility of running the family farm. Andrew had his own farm nearby. George and Lester remained in Arizona. Ed and his brother Andrew were the only two left to carry on Harrison and Kate's legacy in Illinois.¹²³

On 3 December 1902, Ed, now 30 years old, married **Macy Anderson** in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois. Macy was born 17 July 1878 in Mason, Effingham County, the daughter of John H. Anderson and Josephine *Carter*.

Ed and Macy lived a full and prosperous life on the farm. Macy died 23 March 1952. She is buried at Mason Union Cemetery, Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

Ed died 19 October 1968 in Mason, Illinois, and he is buried next to Macy at Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Illinois.

Ed and Macy had five children, all born in Effingham County, Illinois.

- +Walter Ray Ruffner⁷ – 1903-1985 – married Theta Evelyn Logan.
- +Clare Anderson Ruffner⁷ – 1908-1971 – married (1) Bailey (2) Plumer.
- +Neva Henrietta Ruffner⁷ – 1910-2003 – married Gerald (Jerry) M. Woodall.
- +Glen E. Ruffner⁷ – 1913-2014 – married (1) Logan (2) Brown (3) Keyes.
- +Gladys Irene Ruffner – 1915-2003 -- married Hugh Paul Wisher.



Walter L. Ruffner⁶ (Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 25 March 1876 in Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Harrison Newton Ruffner and Catharine (Kate) McKendrie *White*. As a young man Walter went to Yavapai County, Arizona to join his older brother George, and to work in mining and the cattle trade.

Walter was working as a teamster at the Henrietta Mine in the Big Bug district, near Mayer, Arizona, about 35 miles from Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona. He was critically injured when at 10:30 in the morning of 9 May 1900, a charge of dynamite which had been placed four hours earlier by the previous shift exploded.

Walter and another man also injured in the same explosion were taken to the Mayer home five miles away and were temporarily tended to by the doctor from the mine. Walter's older brother George Ruffner who was

¹²³ Rigg, Virginia: *Harrison and Catherine Ruffner in the valley of the Little Wabash*; Denver (1999).

in Prescott was notified and Walter was transported by train to the Sisters of Mercy Hospital in Prescott for treatment of his injuries. He was suffering from numerous fractures of the thigh and leg, three fractures of his skull, and internal injuries. There was little hope for his recovery as the injuries were very extensive. Walter died a few days later on 20 May 1900 at the age of 24.¹²⁴

Walter is buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona. He was not married.

The accompanying photo of Walter was given to the Ruffner family by Joe Mayer's daughter, and may be the only one the family has. She remembered when Walter was brought to the Mayer House after the explosion (Source: RFA 2003 Reunion Brochure).

The three photos shown next are 1900 rare prints of the Henrietta mine and mill and its location in the Big Bug Creek Valley near Mayer, Yavapai County, Arizona. They are used here courtesy of mining historian Robert L. Spude—from his personal collection of glass plate negatives.

Image one is an overview of the Henrietta mine up the hill at the left, and the mill on the right. The man in the buggy is unknown.

Image two is a distant view of the Big Bug Creek valley. The Henrietta mill is at the left and the creek on the right. The road to Mayer winds off in the distance—Mayer is about five miles downstream in the distance to the right (not visible in this view).

Image three is a print from a damaged glass plate negative. It is a close-up view of the Henrietta mill with the mine on the hill at the left. The mine ore bin is connected to the tramway that led downhill to the back of the mill, as shown in this print.



¹²⁴ Source: *Arizona Republican*, 9 May 1900 – Courtesy of Elisabeth Ruffner, Prescott, Arizona. The newspaper reported that the accident occurred at the Blue Bell Mine. Actually, according to Dr. Robert L. Spude, it was the Henrietta Mine which was located in Big Bug Valley and not the Blue Bell Mine.



Mary Florence Ruffner⁶ (Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Florence (preferred name) was born 7 February 1879 in Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Harrison Newton Ruffner and Catharine (Kate) McKendrie *White*.

She married on 24 July 1904 in Effingham County, Illinois, **Garrison (Garry) B. Paugh**, who was born in 1871, the son of Dr. John C. Paugh (1841-1932) and Marion *Woods* (1839-1922). Florence and Garry met in Mason. His father, Dr. Paugh, was a surgeon for the Union Army during the Civil War.

According to Virginia Rigg in her book on the family, Florence's father Harrison Newton Ruffner was opposed to her marrying Garry Paugh. She married him in spite of her father's wishes and although their marriage was a short one, they were happy. They had a daughter who was born 21 June 1905. Harrison, Florence's father, did accept the marriage and there were no problems between the groom and his father-in-law.

Two years after the birth of their daughter, while she was again pregnant, Florence contracted typhoid fever and died in 1907 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Florence and Garry were living in Ohio because of Garry's work for the railroad there. George and Mollie Ruffner of Prescott, Arizona, offered to adopt Flossie, but her father said no, that he would raise her himself. With help from the family, he did just that.

Flossie's mother Florence is buried at the Mason Union Cemetery, Mason, Effingham County, Illinois. Garry died in 1935, and he is buried beside his wife Florence at the Mason Union Cemetery. They had one child, a daughter.

+Florence (Flossie) Paugh⁷ -- 1905-1990 – married Russell Cowles.

Lester Lee Ruffner⁶ (Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lester was born 28 May 1885 in Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Harrison Newton Ruffner and Catharine (Kate) McKendrie *White*—the youngest of their eight children.

Lester, shown here as a young man, attended college to learn the undertaking business—an education which was courtesy of his older brother George who had won an undertaking establishment in a poker game at the Palace Saloon in Prescott, Arizona, in 1903, and needed someone to run it for him. When his education was completed Lester joined his brother George in Prescott. This was the beginning of Lester's 40-year career as funeral director in Prescott.

Settling into his new home in Arizona, by 1906 Lester had begun courting a young Prescott lady by the name of Aurelia Bowles. However, in 1908, much to his disappointment, she married another man—Otto Orthel—an older Prescott business man.



Recovering from the rejection, Lester, by now a popular young man about town, soon met another young lady, a music teacher in the Prescott schools. Her name was Mary Ward. Mary was born 13 June 1888 in Benton, Franklin County, Illinois, the daughter of Daniel Ward and Lulu *Browning*. She had graduated from the Chicago Conservatory of Music and moved to Prescott in 1910. An accomplished musician, Mary was the first public school music teacher in that area.

After a courtship, Lester and Mary went back to Illinois to be married, and on 1 June 1912 in Benton, Franklin County, Illinois, Lester Lee Ruffner and **Mary Ethelyn Ward** became man and wife. On their return trip to Prescott, they stopped and visited Lester's family in Denver. Although she was a small girl at the time, Lester's grand-niece Virginia Rigg remembers the visit and wrote about it in her book.¹²⁵

Back in Prescott the couple set up housekeeping and Lester went back to his work at the Ruffner Funeral Home. A daughter, Mary Lou, was born to them in 1913 and a son Lester (Budge) in 1918.

In February of 1929, Lester purchased a Prescott house on the corner of South Cortez and Carlton Streets. Lester moved his mortuary business to this house.

Everything was not always rosy in the Ruffner household, and in the early 1940s, Lester and Mary were divorced.

Meanwhile, Aurelia, Lester's first love interest, became a widow in 1942. Lester evidently still had feelings for Aurelia. According to an announcement in the *Los Angeles Times* dated 16 May 1945, Lester and **Aurelia Bowles Orthel** were married in the Van Nuys home of Mr. and Mrs. Tex Ritter.

Aurelia died 26 November 1956 at the age of 66. Lester then married (3) **Ada Beaumont Hughes**.

During her marriage to Lester, and following the divorce, Mary had remained popular in the music scene of Prescott. She was one of the founders of the Community Concert Association. She was director of the community sings for 13 years, and she was also the church organist. Mary was a guest artist on radio station KTAR in Phoenix and served as an accompanist for the Atwater Kent operatic auditions. Mary's son Lester (Budge) Ruffner, in a birthday tribute to his mother remembered that *she loved to gamble, the bigger the odds, the better*. Her son also said that *she was probably the worst driver in Prescott, and although she was indifferent towards alcohol, she was addicted to coffee and cigarettes, and on more than one*



¹²⁵ Rigg, Virginia: *Harrison and Catherine Ruffner in the valley of the Little Wabash*. 1999

*occasion, at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, the mellow notes of Clair de Lune would float through the halls of their home. Seated at her piano, Mary is shown during her later years.*¹²⁶

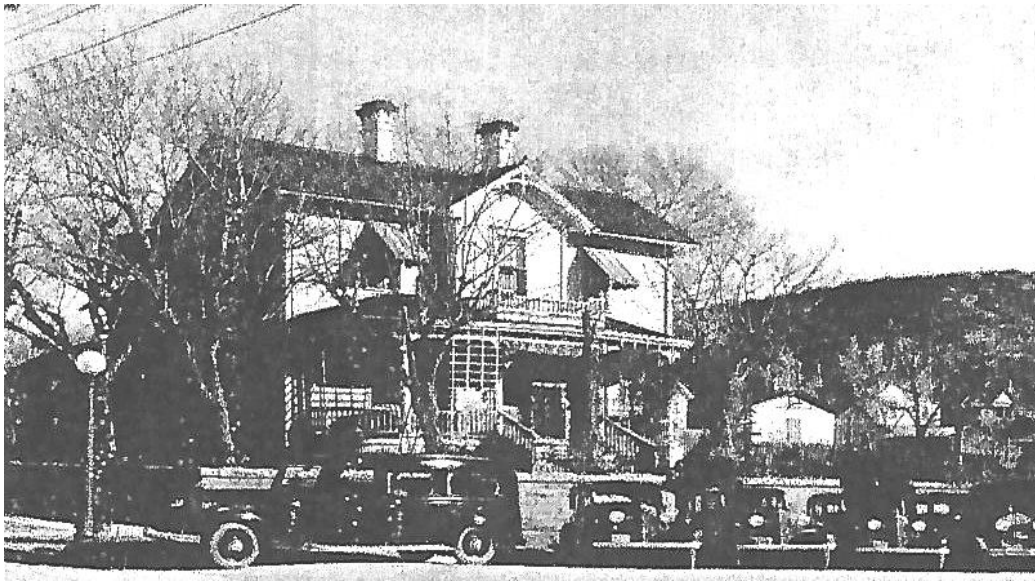
Mary Ruffner died 1 October 1953 at the age of 65. She is buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Lester died from leukemia in 1967. He is also buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Prescott. Lester's third wife Ada, who survived him, died 24 September 1978.

The two children of Lester Lee and Mary Ruffner were both born in Yavapai County, Arizona.

+Mary Lou Ruffner⁷ – 1913-2005 – married (1) Vaughn (2) Griffith.

+Lester Ward (Budge) Ruffner⁷ – 1918-1996 – married (private).



An article in the brochure for the 2003 reunion of the Ruffner Family Association in Prescott, Arizona told the story of the house pictured here, which is now the Ruffner-Wakelin Funeral Home at the corner of South Cortez and Carleton Streets. The house was built by Judge Edmund Wells as his family residence in the late 1800s, and sold to Lester Lee Ruffner in 1927. Lester was advised not to buy the house for use as a funeral home as it had always been a residential home. According to the article, Lester then did the only thing he felt was appropriate. He purchased the property and moved everything in overnight. His response to inquiries was that because all the customers were so quiet, no one had complained so far.

¹²⁶ Photo courtesy Elisabeth and Melissa Ruffner of Prescott, Arizona.



This photo by RFA member Marilyn Courtade shows the Ruffner-Wakelin Funeral Home in June 2003.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner Wilson**

Mary Emma Wilson⁶ (Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emma (the name she always used) was born 13 September 1866 in Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Margaret (Maggie) Elizabeth *Ruffner* and Charles D. Wilson.

On 24 October 1886 she married **John Lincoln Ready**, who was born 7 October 1866 in Indiana, the son of William H. Ready (1826-1876) and Sarah *Bittle* (1832-1906).

John was a farmer and later he became the proprietor of a coal business in Mason, Illinois. This is where they always lived. After she was widowed, Emma's mother Margaret *Ruffner* Wilson lived with the Ready family.

John died 21 December 1929 at the age of 69 in Mason, and he is buried at the Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

Emma died 13 March 1941 in Mason, Illinois, and she is also buried at the Mason Union Cemetery. She and John had four children, all born in Effingham County, Illinois.

+Dollie A. Ready⁷ – 1887-1933 – never married.

+Arthur (Artie) Lee Ready⁷ – 1889-1969 – married Beulah E. Douglas.

+Grace M. Ready⁷ – 1897-1985 – married Floyd Pinkney Tucker.

+Lynn Wilson Ready⁷ – 1906-2002 – married Myrtle Esther Shumaker.

Lucas Lee Wilson⁶ (Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lee was born October 1871 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Margaret (Maggie) Elizabeth *Ruffner* and Charles D. Wilson.

Lee married **Miriam Lily Vandaveer**, who was born 7 October 1877 in Mt. Erie, Wayne County, Illinois, the daughter of Rev. Albert Vandaveer (1850-1926) and Emma A. Carson (1853-1940).

Early in their marriage, Lee and Miriam moved to Texas, where they lived in Coleman, Coleman County, Texas and Tyler, Smith County, Texas.

Lee died there in 1934. He is buried at Dean Baptist Cemetery, Tyler, Smith County, Texas.

Miriam died in 1957 and she is also buried at Dean Baptist Cemetery in Tyler, Texas. They had two children, both born in Texas.

+Margaret Clare Wilson⁷ – 1899-1975 – married John Hunter Selman.

Infant male Wilson⁷ – born 28 July 1907 in Coleman, Texas—died young.

Grace H. Wilson⁶ (Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Grace was born 1875 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Margaret (Maggie) Elizabeth *Ruffner* and Charles D. Wilson.

On 24 November 1897 in Effingham County, Illinois, Grace married **Thomas (Tom) Donaldson**, who was born 15 August 1868 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the son of William Donaldson (1821-1896) and Sarah Ann *Wingate* (1823-1905).

Tom Donaldson was a merchant in Mason, Illinois. While Tom lived, they always made their home in Mason, and their one child, a daughter, was born there.

Tom died in Mason, Illinois, 24 January 1923 at the age of 54. He is buried at Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

After Tom's death their daughter married—it was a short marriage and by 1940, daughter Virginia and her 13-year-old grandson lived with Grace in Lake County, Florida.

Grace died in October 1956 in Leesburg, Lake County, Florida, where she had lived with her daughter and grandson, Richard McCart. She is buried at Lone Oak Cemetery, Leesburg, Lake County, Florida.

+Virginia L. Donaldson⁷ – 1906-1983 – married three times.



**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Dorothy Ruffner Warner**

Luther Warner⁶ (Dorothy Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Luther was born August 1862 in Illinois, the son of Dorothy (Dolly) *Ruffner* and James Lafayette Warner.

Luther, the only child of Dorothy and James, was a young boy when the family headed west. They first went to Fresno County, California; then Wasco County, Oregon; and then to Portland in Multnomah County, Oregon by 1880.

Luther married Carrie *Walling*, who was born 1861 in Yamhill County, Oregon. Carrie's parents Nelson D. Walling (1832-1927) and Celestia *Buffum* (1839-1912) were true pioneers in Oregon Territory. In 1845 and 1847 Celestia and her family traveled with the earliest wagon trains to arrive in Oregon Territory. Carrie's uncle was part of the very first wagon train to travel the newly opened Barlow Pass Toll Road on the Oregon Trail in 1845. This route followed an overland trail from The Dalles to Oregon City, bypassing the dangerous raft trip down the Columbia River.

Two years later in 1847, Carrie Warner's mother Celestia Buffum, at the age of eight, came to Oregon Territory's Yamhill County in a covered wagon.

Luther Warner and Carrie Walling were married in Amity, Yamhill County, Oregon. Before Carrie's early death, three children were born to them—Homer, Lester and Esther. Carrie died in 1897 following the birth of their daughter. Carrie is buried in the Walling plot at Amity Cemetery in Amity, Yamhill County, Oregon.

Following his wife's death, Luther and the children chose to live in Portland with Luther's parents, James and Dorothy Warner. Luther was a police officer with the City of Portland. In 1901, his parents were both deceased.

After that, things did not go well for Luther and his children, and by the end of 1905, only Homer, his eldest child, was still with him. His other son Lester died in Portland in 1905, and the fate of his daughter is unknown. Luther eventually remarried and moved away from Portland. He and Mary, his second wife, lived in Buxton, Washington County, Oregon in 1910. In 1914, Luther was living in Raymond, Pacific County in Washington State where he worked for the city street department. His son Homer had joined him in Raymond. Homer worked for Willapa Lumber Company.

Luther died in Raymond, Washington on 26 April 1914 at the age of 51. Of the three children of Luther and Carrie Warner, only the eldest Homer Fredrick Warner survived. Homer married Gladys Countryman—they had no children. Homer, the great grandson of Sarah (Grandma Buffum) and Hiram Buffum died in California in 1982. The story of Grandma Buffum follows on the next page.

The three children of Luther Warner and Carrie *Walling* Warner were all born in Oregon.

+Homer Frederick Warner⁷ – 1893-1982 – married Gladys Countryman.

+Lester F. Warner⁷ – 1895-1905 – in Portland.

Esther Warner⁷ – born 1897, living with father and grandparents in 1900, Portland, OR.

GRANDMA BUFFUM OF AMITY, OREGON¹²⁷

It is only a small gravestone and it shows the ravages of time, including a crack near its base, but Grandma Buffum's resting place at Amity Cemetery in the little town of Amity, Yamhill County, Oregon is much more than a grave marker—it is the clue that led to a remarkable family story.

Grandma Buffum was born in 1801 in another small town—one which was a far from Amity, Oregon. This small town was Grafton located in Grafton County, New Hampshire. This is where the story of Grandma Buffum has its beginning—and, she did have a name. Her birth name was Sarah Pierce—her family called her Sally.

If the name Grafton sounds familiar, it should. Grafton County has been the home of Dartmouth College for over 246 years. In the last decade of the 1700s, there was even a young man named Pierce enrolled in the college.

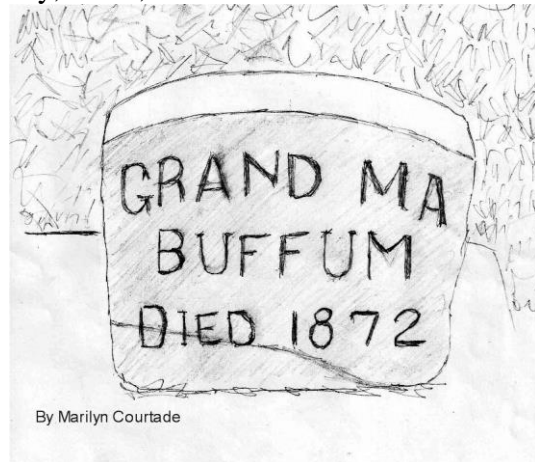
Back to our story—New England's Vermont, was the home of another young man. His name was Hiram Buffum. Records show he was born in Charlotte, Chittenden County, Vermont on July 24, 1800. Hiram's father was Stephen Buffum (1764-1847) and his mother was Hannah *Sewell* (1768-1843). Both parents are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lewistown, Fulton County, Illinois.

It is interesting to note that when the first federal census was taken in 1790, there was also a family by the name of Buffum living in Grafton, New Hampshire. If they were related, we will never know for sure. However, just perhaps, Grafton is where a young lady named Sarah and a young man named Hiram first met and fell in love.

In 1815, Hiram Buffum, his parents and siblings, including his younger brother, 11-year-old William Gilbert Buffum, moved to Ohio. By the time the 1820 census was taken the Buffum family was living in Ashtabula.

On December 6, 1821 in Ashtabula County, Ohio, Sarah Pierce married Hiram Buffum. Sarah and Hiram began their married life in Salem, Ashtabula County, and by 1830 they had three children. Soon they moved to Illinois where most of their children were born. During over 20 years of marriage to Hiram, Sarah gave birth to 11 children.

Hiram and Sarah Buffum must have heard of the many acres of free land just waiting for the filing in Oregon Territory, and like so many others, found it to be a tempting offer. The family set their sights on the fertile Willamette Valley in Oregon Territory. In 1844, now living in St. Louis, Missouri, they started making plans and gathering the required supplies and transportation they would need for the long and arduous trip west to Oregon Territory.



¹²⁷ Written by Betty Lou Gaeng, Grandma Buffum's story appeared in *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, the newsletter of the Ruffner family – Volume 18, Issue 4, Winter 2016.

Did Sarah have the same enthusiasm for this trip as did her husband and Carlos, her eldest son? Many years later, looking back at what the move had cost, Sarah may have often wished they had stayed in St. Louis.

In 1845, their 17-year-old son Carlos had his own plans—he would be preparing the way for his family by making an earlier wagon trip with his uncle, William Gilbert Buffum and his family. This was to be a trial journey—one which would culminate on a new overland trail from The Dalles in Oregon Territory and then to Oregon City. Travelers before had always rafted down the dangerous turbulent waters of the mighty Columbia River to reach the Willamette Valley. This overland trail bypassed the river route by way of the newly opened Barlow Pass—a toll road to the south of the Columbia. If all went well, the rest of the Buffum family would follow this same route with a later wagon train out of Missouri.

Leaving his parents and his siblings behind in Missouri, young Carlos Buffum joined his uncle William Buffum and his family for the westward trek. The journey ended safely in December of 1845 at Amity, Yamhill County, Oregon Territory, just a few days before Christmas. At that time, Carlos began making preparations for the later arrival of his family.

By the spring of 1847, Hiram, Sarah and the children were ready for the long journey. They said goodbye to their relatives and friends and joined the westward-bound wagon train.



It appeared to have been an uneventful journey for the Buffum family until one day in late summer of 1847 when they reached the Snake River area of Southern Idaho. The wagons arrived at a place near the Raft River, a tributary of the Snake River. The river was so named by the pioneers because many had constructed rafts with whatever flotsam they could find in order to cross the sometimes swift waters. The bluff above the river was known as *the parting of the ways* where the emigrants either took the trail south on the California Trail or continued west on the Oregon Trail.

Since the Buffum family was to continue west with the wagon train to Oregon, they would be crossing the Raft River. There were times when the crossing was easy and the river bed mostly dry. This was not so in August of 1847—this particular crossing had problems. For the Buffum family it was a nightmare. It was here they lost their mainstay when 47-year-old Hiram Buffum drowned in the Raft River during the crossing.



Hiram was left behind—buried in what was called an unmarked grave; one of hundreds along the Oregon Trail. Hiram's grave was near Goose Creek where it flows into the Raft River. Actually, Hiram's burial place must have been marked in some fashion, as it was identified by a man who was on the wagon train which left a short time later that year. Writing his recollections of the trip, he stated: *We saw Hiram Buffum's grave at Goose Creek.*

With little time for grieving, life went on for Sarah and her children. The wagon train could not wait long—there was a schedule to keep. Sarah and the children continued on to make a new start in life without their anchor.

Arriving in Amity, Sarah found her son Carlos waiting for them. Carlos at age 19 became the man of the family. Sarah also had her brother-in-law William to help her and the children. According to her listings in the 1850 and 1860 census records, Sarah was now considered a farmer—a donation land claim (319 acres) was listed under her name in the Bureau of Land Management records.

In 1870, no longer young, Grandma Buffum was living with her brother-in-law William and his wife. Two years later, as the headstone over her grave says—Grandma Buffum died in 1872.

After 25 years without Hiram, she finally at rest. It had been a long and difficult road she traveled from New Hampshire to Oregon, and what special stories Grandma Sarah Pierce Buffum had to tell to her grandchildren.

Carlos Buffum married in 1850 and as a married man subsequently filed for an Oregon Donation Land Claim—640 acres. He died in 1854 at the very young age of 26. His will dated 13 April 1854 was signed with his mark and duly witnessed. It was presented for probate on 2 May 1854. He left one child, a daughter. His widow soon married again; moved from Amity to another county, and had several other children.

Unmarked in our time, Hiram Buffum's grave is located about two miles south of Interstate Highway 86 in Idaho—where nearby the historic Oregon Trail is shown crossing the Raft River. After the passing of over 168 years since the drowning of Hiram

Buffum during the crossing of the river, the Raft River in our day is little more than a trickle—now described as an irrigation ditch.

Hiram Buffum & Sally Pierce Marriage solemnized on the 6th Day of December AD 1821. by & before Joel Jones Esqr a justice of the peace both of Ashtabula County in Salem Township - 427 Recorded January 18th 1822. by J R Hawley Clerk C.R.

Ashtabula County, Ohio Probate Court – record of marriage for Hiram Buffum and Sally Pierce (Grandma Buffum)

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Louisa Catharine Howell Long**

Alonzo M. Long⁶ (Louisa Catharine Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alonzo was born 1857 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Louisa Catharine *Howell* and John Ludlow Long.

On 11 August 1880 in Champaign County, he married **Della M. Gandy**, who was born 2 May 1865 in Ohio, the daughter of Alexander Gandy (1832-1919) and Eliza *Johnson*. Sometime prior to 1900, Alonzo and Della were divorced.

Along with his father, Alonzo was a merchant in the family's retail grocery store in North Lewisburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

Alonzo and Della had one child. In 1900 Della and their 14-year old son were living with her parents in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. Della was a dressmaker. She remarried later to George H. Gengnagel (1866-1931). Della died 10 January 1948 and she is buried at Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio (Section 113, Lot 52).

Alonzo died 1902 at age 45, and he is buried at Section 6, Abbotsville Cemetery, Abbotsville, Darke County, Ohio. He had never married again.

+Clyde E. Long⁷ – 1884-1907 – never married.

Charles Tully Long⁶ (Louisa Catharine Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 15 June 1858 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Louisa Catharine *Howell* and John Ludlow Long.

In Miami County, Ohio, on 15 October 1902 at the age of 44, Charles married **Susan (Susie) Crone**, who was born 18 August 1867, the daughter of J. P. Crone (1837-1890) and Rose A. Shirk (1838-1921).

Charles had served as a private in the Virginia Infantry during the War with Spain in 1898. He had a tailor business in Troy, Ohio.

Susie died 14 June 1919, and she is buried at Riverside Cemetery, Troy, Miami County, Ohio.

Charles died 26 March 1925 in Troy, Ohio. He is also buried at Riverside Cemetery, Troy, Ohio. There is no record that they had any children.

Levi J. Long⁶ (Louisa Catharine Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Levi was born 1861, the son of Louisa Catharine *Howell* and John Ludlow Long.

He was listed in the federal census records for 1870 and 1880. At those times he was nine and 19 years old, and was living with his parents in Champaign County, Ohio—however, no other records were found for him. It is possible that Levi had some health problems. He should not be confused with another Levi J. Long (1851-1919) who was born in Brown County, Ohio, and died in Hamilton County, Ohio.

Mary A. Long⁶ (Louisa Catharine Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 15 September 1865 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Louisa Catharine *Howell* and John Ludlow Long.

On 14 May 1885, she married **William B. Conner**, and they had one child, a son.

Mary died 4 January 1895 at the age of 29. She is buried at Abbotsville Cemetery, Abottsville, Darke County, Ohio.

+Homer Lee Conner⁷ – 1885-1957 – married (1) Rudell (2) Templeton.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Rebecca J. *Howell* Marshall**

Rinaldo E. Marshall⁶ (Rebecca J. Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rinaldo was born 12 January 1847 in Champaign County, Ohio. He was the son of Rebecca J. *Howell* and Lemmon D. Marshall. Rinaldo died 3 September 1854 in Champaign County, Ohio, at the age of seven years, seven months and 22 days. He is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery, Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio in the Old Section. The posting on Find A Grave shows his gravestone

lying on the ground. There is a notation stating: *This stone was found in a pile with other tombstones located behind the church.*

Clarence L. Marshall⁶ (Rebecca J. Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clarence was born 6 June 1857 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Rebecca J. *Howell* and Lemmon D. Marshall. He died 4 September 1857 in Champaign County, Ohio at the age of two months and 29 days. As are the other children of Rebecca and Lemmon Marshall, he is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

Anna Florence Marshall⁶ (Rebecca J. Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anna was born 3 April 1858 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Rebecca J. *Howell* and Lemmon D. Marshall. Anna died 24 October 1873 in Champaign County, Ohio, at the age of five years. She is also buried at Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

Alva E. Marshall⁶ (Rebecca J. Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alva was born 15 July 1861 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Rebecca J. *Howell* and Lemmon D. Marshall. Alva died 21 January 1862 in Champaign County, Ohio, at the age of six months and six days. Alva is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery, Christiansburg, Ohio.

Amy I. Marshall⁶ (Rebecca J. Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Amy was born 1864 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Rebecca J. *Howell* and Lemmon D. Marshall. Amy is the fifth child of Rebecca and Lemmon to die as a child. She died 1866, only two years old. She is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery, Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

John Rogers Marshall⁶ (Rebecca J. Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 19 December 1869 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Rebecca J. *Howell* and Lemmon D. Marshall.

John married (1) **Mary Kirk**, who was born 14 February 1871 and died 24 June 1901. John and Mary had one child during their marriage, a son. Mary is buried at Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Sometime after 1910, he married (2) **Myrtle E. (Myrtie) McDowell**. Myrtle was born 20 January 1880 in Troy, Miami County, Ohio. She was the daughter of William McDowell and Caroline *Wells*. John and Myrtle had one child, a daughter.

John died 3 August 1944. The *Sydney News* of Sydney, Ohio under the date of 3 August 1944 published his obituary:

Miami County Treasurer Claimed by Death. Miami, Ohio, August 3 – John R. Marshall, Miami County treasurer, 75 years old, former mayor of Troy and active in business and banking for years, died of a heart ailment at his home here today. He was operated on for a gall bladder infection June 14.

He came to Troy in 1915, but retained his interests in Christiansburg, where he was one of the organizers and first director of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. In 1926 he was elected president of the bank, a position he held until June, 1932.

Elected mayor of Troy in 1939 and had served for three terms. He was elected county treasurer in 1936 and had served two terms, being nominated for a third term on the Republican ticket last May. He had been connected with various business interests here and at Christiansburg.

He is survived by his widow Myrtle McDowell Marshall; a son, Ralph Marshall, near Piqua, and a daughter, Mrs. Caroline Ulrich, Charleston, S.C.

Myrtle died 1957. Both John and Myrtle Marshall are buried at Riverside Cemetery, Troy, Miami County, Ohio. John had two children—one from each of his marriages.

+Ralph Kirk Marshall⁷ – 1894-1967 – Ava Xenia Gabriel.

+Mary Carolyn Marshall⁷ – 1917-unknown – married Robert Paule Ulrich

Lulu Belle Marshall⁶ (Rebecca J. Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lulu was born in 20 July 1877 in Jackson Township, Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Rebecca J. *Howell* and Lemmon D. Marshall.

In 1902 she married **Francis (Frank) Bacon Stafford**, who was born 15 October 1860 in Miami County, Ohio, the son of Philip Stafford (1826-1921) and Nancy *Robinson* (1830-1903). In 1900, Frank was 39 years old, still unmarried, and living with his parents in Pike Township, Clark County, Ohio, where he was a lumber dealer. When Lulu and Frank married, she was 24 years old and he was 41.

They always lived in Champaign County, Ohio. Like his father, Frank had become the general manager of a farm. In 1910 his widowed father was living with Frank and Lulu.

Lulu died 1935 at Champaign County, Ohio. She is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery, Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

Frank died 2 August 1947, and he is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery at Christiansburg, Ohio. Lulu and Frank had one child, a son.

+Eugene Marshall Stafford⁷ –1903-1995 – married Helen Marie Huddleston.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Levi Ross Howell**

Bertha May Howell⁶ (Levi Ross Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bertha was born 6 May 1866 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Levi Ross Howell and Ellen *Codding*. Bertha is shown here as a young woman.¹²⁸

Bertha never married and lived at home with her parents. She was a public school teacher. After the death of her parents, she lived alone.

Bertha died 8 March 1948 in Champaign County, Ohio. She is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery, Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio in the old section.



Roma Maude Howell⁶ (Levi Ross Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Roma was born 17 January 1870 in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Levi Ross Howell and Ellen *Codding*.

She married **Cary Eldridge Snapp**, who was born 7 May 1864 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Benjamin Franklin Snapp (1836-1904) and Barbara Ellen *Pence* (1843-1931). Cary was a farmer near Saint Paris, Ohio.

Roma died 2 August 1922 in Saint Paris, Champaign County, Ohio. She is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Saint Paris, Champaign County, Ohio.

Cary died 29 March 1933, and he is also buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Saint Paris, Ohio. Roma and Cary Snapp had no children.

Anna Helen Howell⁶ (Levi Ross Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anna was born 2 April 1883 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Levi Ross Howell and Ellen *Codding*.

On 18 June 1912 in Champaign County, Ohio, she married **Harry Julian Oakes**, who was born 26 December 1886 at Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio, the son of Samuel Frank Oakes (1863-1949) and Ida K. *Black* (1864-1920).

When the 1910 federal census was taken, Harry was serving in the military as a private and stationed at Camp Jossman, Guimaras, Philippines. He was still single.

After marriage, Harry was the Secretary-Treasurer for Troy Manufacturing Co., Troy, Miami County, Ohio.

¹²⁸ *Find A Grave*, database and image (<http://findagrave.com>)..

During WWII, they lived in Dayton, Ohio, and Harry worked for the Air Corps in the Material Division.

Harry died 1956, and he is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio.

Anna died 1966 in Jefferson County, Ohio. She is buried next to her husband at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Pleasant Hill, Ohio. No record of any children being born to Anna Harry Oaks was found.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Savilla *Howell* Marshall**

Charles A. Marshall⁶ (Mary Savilla Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 21 May 1879 in Champaign County, Ohio. He was the son of Mary Savilla *Howell* and Randolph R. Marshall. Charles' mother Mary Savilla died in 1880 when he was still an infant. His father soon remarried and later Charles had two half-siblings.

Charles lived in Troy, Miami County, Ohio and worked as a compositor for a newspaper.

It is believed he never married and had no children—no records were found for a marriage. Charles died 6 June 1953 in Champaign County, Ohio. He is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Benjamin Ruffner IV**

Marion Edgar Ruffner⁶ (Benjamin IV⁵, Benjamin Ruffner III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marion was born 22 October 1869 in a log house in St. Charles, St. Charles County, Missouri, the son of Benjamin Ruffner IV and Mary Virginia *Thomas*.

He was always a farmer. On 15 May 1905, he married **Sarah Ellen Smith**, who was born 3 June 1869 in a log cabin in Boody, Macon County, Illinois, the daughter of William M. V. Smith and Elizabeth (Lydia) *Snyder*.

Sarah died 5 November 1940 in Rosamond Township, Christian County, Illinois. She is buried at Millersville Cemetery in Millersville, Christian County, Illinois.

Marion died 1954. He is buried at Millersville Cemetery in Millersville, Ohio, next to his wife Sarah. Marion and Sarah Ruffner had one child, a daughter, Lucile.

+Lucile Ione Ruffner⁷ – born 1906—married Roscoe Warren.

Minerva Elizabeth Ruffner⁶ (Benjamin IV⁵, Benjamin Ruffner III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Minerva was born 7 August 1882 in Illinois, the daughter of Benjamin Ruffner IV and Mary Virginia *Thomas*.

On 15 February 1910 in Owaneco, Christian County, Illinois, she married **Isaac K. Winters**, who was born 10 November 1868 in Illinois, the son of William Q. Winters and Elizabeth M. *Kirkpatrick*. They lived in Rosemond Township, Christian County, Illinois. Isaac was a farmer.

Isaac died 23 December 1917 at the age of 49. He is buried at Millersville Cemetery in Millersville, Christian County, Illinois.

Minerva died at Berger Hospital in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio on 19 October 1958 at the age of 76 years, two months and 12 days. Her home was at 213 Linden Lane in Circleville, Ohio. She is buried at Millersville Cemetery in Millersville, Illinois, next to her husband Isaac. Minerva and Isaac had no children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Eli Ashbrook Ruffner**

Josephine Maude Ruffner⁶ (Eli Ashbrook Ruffner⁵, Benjamin III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Josephine was born September 1880 in Illinois, the daughter of Eli Ashbrook Ruffner and Matilda Alice *Southworth*.

She married **Alfred Ernst Sargent**, who was born 1 August 1868 in Brown, Manistee, Michigan, the son of Henry and Bridget Sargent.

The Sargent family left Michigan and then lived in Kansas, and by 1900 they were living in Calcasieu County, Louisiana where they were laborers on a farm. The Ruffners moved to Louisiana in 1903, so evidently Josephine married Alfred sometime after that.

In 1910, Josephine and Alfred were married and living in Jennings, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. Alfred was a rice farmer (an employer). Eli Ashbrook, Josephine's father, was living with them; also her sister Wanda and brother Benjamin.

After marriage Josephine and Alfred lived in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana and that is where Alfred died 16 January 1949. Josephine died 1959. Josephine and Alfred had no children of their own. However, they did adopt a daughter, Dorothy Sargent, who was born circa 1912. Dorothy served in the women's army during WWII.

Florence Ruffner⁶ (Eli Ashbrook Ruffner⁵, Benjamin III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Florence was born 3 January 1883 in Illinois, the daughter of Eli Ashbrook Ruffner and Matilda Alice *Southworth*.

Florence married **Oliver Hymes** in Denver, Colorado on 23 November 1907. He died circa 1914. After his death, Florence went to live with her sister Josephine Maude Sargent and her husband Alfred in Louisiana. Florence remained a part of their household. She was employed as a saleslady at a retail bakery store. She never married

again. Florence died July 1977—her last residence was given as Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana. She had no children.

Benjamin (Ben) Merle Ruffner⁶ (Eli Ashbrook Ruffner⁵, Benjamin Ruffner III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ben was born 25 July 1896 at Moweaqua Township, Shelby County, Illinois, the son of Eli Ashbrook Ruffner and Matilda *Southworth*.

When Ben registered for the WWI draft on 5 June 1918, he was a student at Port Arthur College in Port Arthur, Texas. In 1919, he married **Mary Ethel Gower** who was born 1900. She was the daughter of a Methodist minister.

In 1930, Ben was working as a stenographer at an oil refinery in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas. He was living in an all-male boarding house.

Records show that he arrived at the Port of New York on 19 January 1932 aboard the SS/*Pan Bolivar* from Aruba in the West Indies—he was traveling alone.

In the 1960s, Ben contacted Olive and Doris Ruffner, the editors of the 1966 Peter Ruffner and his Descendants publication and gave them the following information about his own life. He was a teacher and a writer. He was an artist, not only in metals in his *Metalcraft Shop* since 1936 in Houston, Texas, but he painted as well. He was interested in the family history, and he gave them information about his grandparents, Benjamin Ruffner III and Mary Lamb, and their descendants. He was a veteran of WWI, having been discharged as a Sergeant First Class in 1919. During WWII, he was trained by the Signal Corps as a radar technician. He worked for a short time as a supervisor in the radio shops in Atlanta.

Ben's last home was in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He died there on 22 July 1987. Mary Ethel Gower Ruffner died 16 April 1987 in Harris County, Texas. Ben and Mary Ethel Ruffner had two children of their own and one adopted son.

+Virginia Lee Ruffner⁷ – 1924-1996 – married Stanley Thomas Casey.

+Frederick Lanier Ruffner⁷ – 1925-1937

+James Ray Ruffner⁷ (adopted) – 1926-2004 – married Elizabeth Mahala Brune.

Wanda M. Ruffner⁶ (Eli Ashbrook Ruffner⁵, Benjamin III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wanda was born 21 November 1897 in Illinois, the daughter of Eli Ashbrook Ruffner and Matilda Alice *Southworth*.

She married **Barney Griffith Dowies**, who was born 22 May 1898, the son of William J. (1863-1941) and Frances (1866-1950) Dowies. They lived in Elizabeth, Allen Parish, Louisiana. Barney was the manager of a bakery for Finke Stores, Inc. in Elizabeth, Louisiana. Barney died 1960. Wanda died in March of 1979. They had three children—one was adopted.

Jack Ruffner Dowies⁷ – 1926-1930

+Robert Lanier Dowies⁷ – 1929-1996 – No record found of a marriage.

+Living female Dowies⁷ (adopted)

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Lucretia Ann Ruffner Berry**

Ruffner Arthur Berry⁶ (Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵, Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruffner was born 25 September 1868 in Pleasantville, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Lucretia Ann *Ruffner* and Josiah Berry.

In 1893 he married **Sophia Shroll**. She was born in 1870. They first lived in Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois. They then lived in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri. Ruffner was an accountant, and he also managed a warehouse.

Ruffner was retired and they were living in Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois when he died 18 November 1947 at the age of 79. Ruffner is buried at Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois. Sophia died 1960 and she is also buried at Warren County Memorial Park in Monmouth, Illinois. Ruffner and Sophia had at least four children.

+George Rolland Berry⁷ – 1894-1974 – married Katherine (Katie) Thomas.

+Letha Alice Berry⁷ – 1896-1995 – married Ward Clifford Scotten.

+Josiah (Joe) Shroll Berry⁷ – 1898-1981 – Margaret Butler.

+David L. Berry⁷ – 1901-1967 – no evidence of any marriage.

Nellie Dail Berry⁶ (Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵, Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Nellie was born 19 June 1875 in Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, the daughter of Lucretia Ann *Ruffner* and Josiah Berry.

She married **Clifton Winchell**, who was born November 1870 in Louisiana. Before their marriage, he lived in Iberia, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, with his parents. At that time (1900) he was 30 years old and working as a day laborer. He and Nellie married soon after that. After Nellie's mother Lucretia died in 1912, her father Josiah Berry lived with the Winchell family. He continued living with his daughter until his death in 1923.

Clifton Winchell died 1919 and is buried at Oaklawn Cemetery in Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. Nellie died 30 December 1938 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. She is buried next to her husband at Oaklawn Cemetery in Welsh, Louisiana. Nellie and Clifton had four children—only two survived.

+Infant Son Winchell⁷ – 1904-1904.

+Infant Son Winchell⁷ – 1905-1905.

+Uryth Margaret Winchell⁷ – 1908-1984 – married Charles Franklin Walsworth.

+Alice Louise Winchell⁷ – 1909-2003 – married Joseph C. Novak.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Luke Homer Hite**

St. Clair L. Hite⁶ (Luke Homer Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) St. Clair was born 5 October 1869 in Illinois, the son of Luke Homer Hite and Sarah Margaret *Larimer*.

Luke served as a corporal in Battery A, Missouri Light Artillery, U.S. Army during the Spanish American War from 4 April 1898 until discharge 30 November 1898.¹²⁹

Sometime after 1900, he married **Ella R. Radcliff**, who was born 1872, the daughter of Smith Radcliff and Hannah *McKeown*. Like his father, St. Clair was an attorney in St. Louis, Missouri.

Ella died 19 April 1930 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois at the age of 58. She is buried at East Lawn Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Illinois.

Following his wife's death, St. Clair's sister Lucretia, who was single, made her home with her brother for a while.

St. Clair died 22 March 1956. He was probably buried at East Lawn Cemetery in Salem, Illinois, but no record confirms that. St. Clair and Ella had no children.

Lucretia (Lulu) Ruffner Hite⁶ (Luke Homer Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lulu was born April 1873 in Illinois, the daughter of Luke Homer Hite and Sarah Margaret *Larimer*. Lucretia never married. She always lived with either her parents or her brother Luke. She died 16 January 1950 in Kendall County, Texas. She is buried at East Lawn Cemetery, Salem, Marion County, Illinois. Since she never married, Lucretia left no issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner gr-gr-grandson Benjamin Ruffner Hite**

Homer James Hite⁶ (Benjamin Ruffner Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Homer was born 25 November 1866 in Collinsville, Madison County, Illinois, the son of Benjamin Ruffner Hite and Sarah Elizabeth *Griffith*. Before he settled into family life, Homer visited his adventurous uncle Cass Hite in Utah and helped with the Hite store and post office.

Homer worked as a traveling salesman—at one time on behalf of Heinz Pickle Co. He was married twice.¹³⁰ **Henrietta Marshall** is believed to have been the name of Homer's first wife. By 1900 he was widowed with an infant daughter. In June of 1900 he and his daughter were living with his parents.

¹²⁹ St. Clair Hite's military information and his birth and death dates are shown on the Application for Headstone or Marker dated 4/18/1956.

¹³⁰ Henrietta Marshall is a possibility—no verifiable proof was found.

His second wife was **Matilda (Tillie) Hood**. They were married in 1906. She was born 26 February 1886 in Kansas. They lived in Salina, Kansas, and Homer's daughter Dorothy, from his first marriage lived with them. For a short time they lived in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, but moved back to Salina, Kansas.

They were living in Salina when Homer died 7 July 1948. He is buried at Gypsum Hill Cemetery, Salina, Saline County, Kansas.

Matilda P. Hite, Homer's widow, continued to live in Salina until her death 30 April 1964. She is also buried at Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina, Kansas.

Homer had one known child, the daughter from his first marriage, who was born in Salina, Kansas.

Dorothy Marshall Hite⁷ – 1899-1935 – her married name may have been Gore.

Benjamin (Ben) Griffith Hite⁶ (Benjamin Ruffner Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ben was born 7 November 1870 in Illinois, the son of Benjamin Ruffner Hite and Sarah Elizabeth *Griffith*.

Just as Benjamin's older brother Homer had done, Ben also spent some time at his Uncle Cass Hite's town along the Colorado River in Utah. In 1900 he was living in boarding house in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Circa 1896, he married **Minnie Alice Silsbee**, who was born 3 June 1874, the daughter of George Silsbee and Eliza Ann *Raymond*.

Ben died 12 December 1940 in Los Angeles County, California. Minnie died 25 May 1955. Ben and Minnie are both buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles County, California. Ben and Minnie Hite had three children.

+Raymond Griffith Hite⁷ – 1897-1971 – married Viola *Peck*.

+Benjamin Silsbee Hite⁷ -- 1898-1971 – married Alice Wilhelmina *Benson*.

+Robert Lewis Hite⁷ – 1902-1904

Shelby Donald Hite⁶ (Benjamin Ruffner Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Shelby was born 25 May 1875 in Collinsville, Madison County, Illinois, the son of Benjamin Ruffner Hite and Sarah Elizabeth *Griffith*.

Shelby married **Martha Isabelle Berwick**, who was born 11 December 1879 in Hutchins, Scott County, Kansas, the daughter of Robert Berwick.

They were living in San Antonio, Texas in 1918 when Shelby was registered for the WWI draft in 1918. At that time he was 43 years old and working for Sunshine Laundry and Dry Cleaning in San Antonio, Texas.

Martha died 25 August 1938 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. No record of any children being born to Martha and Shelby was found.

Shelby may have married again, but that has not been verified. Shelby died 10 December 1950 in Bexar County, Texas.

Frank Louis Hite⁶ (Benjamin Ruffner Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frank was born 28 March 1878 in Illinois, the son of Benjamin Ruffner Hite and Sarah Elizabeth *Griffith*.

He married **Marie Estelle Worrell**, who was born 1878, in New Jersey. They lived in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas where Frank was a Department Manager for Cudahy Packing Co.

Estelle died 1942. She is buried at Old Mission Cemetery in Wichita Cemetery, next to her husband Frank.

Frank died 1956, and he is buried at Old Mission Cemetery, Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas. Frank and Estelle Hite had two children, both born in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

+Russell Worrell Hite⁷ – 1904-1971 – married Bertha McRoberts.

+Anna Geraldine Hite⁷ – 1910-1999 – married Fred Robert McComb.

**The Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Elizabeth Ann Hite Marion**

John Hite Marion⁶ (Elizabeth Ann Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 25 March 1875 in Illinois, the son of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Ann *Hite* and John Marion.

John⁶ married **Willie Dean Spradling Leaird**, who was born 23 December 1878 in Texas. Willie was the widow of James Elbert Leaird (1877-1900), and she had a son from this first marriage—Charles Elbert Leaird (1897-1966). Her son was a young child when John and Willie married and he lived with them. During WWII Charles Leaird served a major in the U.S. Army.

John and Willie moved to Muskogee, Muskogee County, Oklahoma, where John was a traveling shoe salesman. He died 27 August 1924 at the age of 49. John is buried at Greenhill Cemetery, Muskogee, Muskogee County, Oklahoma.

After the death of her husband John, Willie kept a rooming house and her young son John Jr. lived with her. The two children of John Hite and Willie Dean Marion were:

+John Hite Marion, Jr.⁷ – 1910-1983 – no viable record of marriage.

Infant son Marion⁷ – 7 Jan. 1915-1 Feb. 1915—bur. Greenhill Cemetery, Muskogee, OK

Dorothy V. Marion⁶ (Elizabeth Ann Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dorothy was born 20 December 1878 in St. Louis, Missouri, the daughter of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Ann *Hite* and John J. Marion.

As a young single woman, Dorothy worked as a private secretary. She married **Elwin Erwin Noxon**, who was born 15 June 1864 in Ontario, Canada, the son of Philip and Catharine Noxon. He was of the Quaker faith. Elwin was naturalized in 1900 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio. He worked as a machinist.

Noted in the Quaker meeting records—Elwin died 30 May 1928 at the age of 64 in Canada.

As a widow, Dorothy lived in an affluent neighborhood in Central, St. Louis County, Missouri. Her mother lived with her. Later Dorothy later moved to Webster Grove in St. Louis County, Missouri. Dorothy was evidently very well fixed financially. Webster Grove was an affluent community in Missouri.

Dorothy died in St. Louis County, Missouri on 1 May 1962 at the age of 61.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson Noah
Brumback/Brumbach/Brumbaugh**

Charles D. Brumback⁶ (Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born in January of 1862 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Noah Brumbaugh and Maria *Apt*.

Soon after Noah and Maria moved to Indiana, Charles died 18 May 1864 at the age of two years, four months and 20 days. Charles is buried at Shaffer Cemetery, South Section, Row 18, at Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana.

Cora Bell Brumbaugh⁶ (Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Cora was born 17 November 1863 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Noah Brumbaugh and Maria *Apt*.

In 1886 Cora married **William Jackson Mason**, who was born 20 March 1865 in Indiana. He was the son of Thomas Jefferson Mason (1845-1918) and Catherine Lee *Krisswell* (1844-1919).

Cora and William first lived in Indiana, where their children were born. In 1900 Cora and William and their first four children were living in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Ohio. William was working as a life insurance agent. Laura Gertrude Brumbaugh, age 22, Cora's younger sister was living with them at that time.

Their eldest son died 28 February 1910. In April 1910, the Mason family was living in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, where William was working in the circulation department of a newspaper. Later he became the manager of the circulation department. Maricopa County, Arizona, remained the home of Cora and William for the remainder of their lives.

Cora died in the morning of 3 December 1946 at their home in Glendale, Arizona. She is buried at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona.

William, Sr. died at St. Monica Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona on 30 March 1948 at the age of 83 years and 10 days. He is buried at Greenwood Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix next to his wife Cora. Cora and William Mason had five children.

+Carl J. Mason⁷ – 1887-1910 – unmarried.

+Victor Paul Mason⁷ – 1891-1958 – Amelia R. Abbott.

+Anna Louise. Mason⁷ – 1894-1994 – married David Harrison Bonsall.
+Isabelle Mason⁷ – 1899-1966 – married (1) Platner (2) Phelps.
+William Jackson Mason, Jr.⁷ – 1907-1971 – married Ovida L. Williams.

Mary Olive Brumback⁶ (Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Olive was born in January of 1865 in Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana, the daughter of Noah Brumbaugh and Maria *Apt.* She died 20 February 1872 at the age of seven years, one month and nine days. She is buried near her older brother Charles at Shaffer Cemetery, South Section, Row 18, in Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana.

Jesse F. Brumbaugh⁶ (Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jesse was born in May 1868 in Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana, the son of Noah Brumbaugh and Maria *Apt.*

In 1899 at the age of 31, Jesse married 19-year-old **Anna (Nana) E. Cook**, who was born 5 February 1880 in Necedah, Juneau County, Wisconsin.

Jesse was a school teacher—first (1900) in Mitchell City, Dakota University, Davison County, South Dakota. Three of their four children were born in South Dakota. After the birth of their first child, they returned to Indiana for a while and their second child was born there in 1902. They then returned to South Dakota where their third child was born in 1905, and the fourth one in 1913. In 1910 they lived in Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota.

Shortly after that the family moved to Oregon and eventually to Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, and Jesse became an instructor at the state college at Corvallis (now known as Corvallis State University). Jesse remained the rest of his life as an educator at the college and in his 70s served as Professor Emeritus.

Anna died 19 January 1957, and she is buried at Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon. Jesse died 2 August 1958 at Marion County, Oregon. He is also buried at Crystal Lake Cemetery at Corvallis, Oregon. Of the four children of Jesse and Anna only one survived them.

+Bentley C. Brumbaugh⁷ – 1900-1912
+Madeline Brumbaugh⁷ – 1902-1994 – she never married.
+Sheldon Brumbaugh⁷ – 1904-1948 – m. (1) Gertrude Suess (2) Catherine Gaylord.
+Winston Brumbaugh⁷ – 1913-1922

Orpha May Brumbaugh⁶ (Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Orpha May was born 9 February 1870 in Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana, the daughter of Noah Brumbaugh and Maria *Apt.*

On 25 June 1897 in Ann Harbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, Orpha married **Albert Alexis Campbell**, who was born 8 November 1871 in Fulton County, Indiana.

He was the son of Christopher Christian Campbell (1831-1904) and Rebecca Mary Zuck (1840-1923).

Albert was from a very prominent family in Leiters Ford, Fulton County, Indiana. His father Christopher had been a Fulton County Commissioner. Albert's brother Charles was an attorney in Leiters Ford.

Albert attended and graduated from high school in Ann Harbor, Michigan. He then went onto the University of Michigan and graduated in 1897 with a degree in Latin and Greek. He returned to Indiana and became a teacher, principal and finally superintendent of schools in Peru, Indiana. He invested in the ownership of a grain elevator in Peru, and hired his younger brother Donald to run it. Realizing \$10,000 from his investment, Albert moved his family to Portland, Oregon in 1912, where he bought a large house for the family, and became a school teacher and then a principal. At the time of his retirement in 1938, Albert was the principal of one of the largest grammar schools in Portland.¹³¹

Orpha died in Portland, Multnomah County on 4 August 1942 at the age of 72.

Still a widower, in 1947 Albert traveled back to the Midwest to attend the fiftieth reunion of his graduating class from the University of Michigan. Ten years later, Albert died in Multnomah County, Oregon on 16 May 1957 at the age of 85. Orpha May and Albert had a total of six children—all born in Indiana except Jean, the youngest, who was born in Oregon.

+Marjorie Rebecca Campbell⁷ – 1897-1995—married John Ranald McDonald.

+Mary Beatrice Campbell⁷ – 1899-1993 – married (2) Lawrence Carl Gynther.

+Donald Barcher Campbell⁷ – 1901-1988 – married Neva V. Larson.

+Malcolm Alan Campbell⁷ –1905-1985 – married Inez Marie Heyman.

+Albert Angus Campbell⁷ – 1910-1980 – married (private).

+Jean Dorothy Campbell⁷ – 1913-2008 – married Verfield Oliver Traver.

Nevada Brumbaugh⁶ (Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Nevada was born February 1875 in Fulton County, Indiana, the daughter of Noah Brumbaugh and Maria Apt.

On 9 May 1897 Nevada married **Bruce Henderson**, who was born February 1868 in Fulton County, Indiana, the son of Joseph E. Henderson (1837-1887) and Arvilla J. Stephens (1844-1879).

They lived in Champaign County, Ohio; Kosciusko County, Indiana; and Nash, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. Bruce was a clothier, a real estate agent, and when he retired, he became a farmer. No record was found regarding the date of his death, but it is estimated as sometime between 1930 and 1935.

In 1935 and 1940, Nevada was widowed and a lodger in a private home in Muskogee, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. In 1946, she was still living in Muskogee, Oklahoma. That was the last record found for her. Nevada and Bruce Henderson had no children.

¹³¹ Coombs, Clyde: *Angus Campbell 1910-1980; a Biographical Memoir*; Washington, D.C., National Academy of Sciences. 1987.

David Edwin Brumbaugh⁶ (Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 10 July 1876 in Fulton County, Indiana, the son of Noah Brumbaugh and Maria *Apt*.

He married **Ethel O. Heagy**, who was born 1880, the daughter of Henry D. and Olive R. Heagy.

David died 31 May 1953 in Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana. On Tuesday, June 2, 1953, the Rochester, Indiana *News-Sentinel* published David's obituary.

Final rites for David Brumbaugh, 76, who died at Woodlawn Hospital on Sunday, were held this afternoon at the Harrison Funeral Home, Kewanna. Rev. Forrest Howell officiated and burial was made in the Kewanna Cemetery. He was born in Union Township on 10 July 1876, to Mr. and Mrs. Noah Brumbaugh. An insurance agent, he resided at the Henry Zellers home in Kewanna, part of the time, although his home was in Fort Wayne. Survivors are his widow, Ethel Brumbaugh, and a daughter, Louise Brumbaugh, both of Fort Wayne.¹³²

David is buried at Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery (Row 16), Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana.

Ethel Brumbaugh died 1974, and she is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton, Kosciusko County, Indiana. David and Ethel had one child, a daughter.

+Louise A. Brumbaugh⁷ – 1903-1996 – she never married.

Laura Gertrude Brumbaugh⁶ (Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gertrude (the name she preferred) was born 1878 in Fulton County, Indiana, the daughter of Noah Brumbaugh and Maria *Apt*.

On 8 September 1903 in Miami County, Indiana, she married **Guy Sherman Stotts**, who was born 25 March 1878 in Goshen, Elkhart County, Indiana, the son of James and Caroline Stotts. Guy's residence at the time of their marriage was Otterbein, Benton County, Indiana. Gertrude's home at that time was Peru, Miami County, Indiana.

Through the years the family lived in Indiana and Kansas. In 1930 they lived in Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas where Guy had a tailoring shop and also did cleaning and pressing. Their daughter Ruth, her husband and two children lived with them.

Guy died 1935, and he is buried at Graceland Cemetery, Burlington, Coffee County, Kansas.

Gertrude died 30 years later in 1965. She is buried beside her husband at Graceland Cemetery in Burlington, Kansas. Gertrude and Guy had two children.

+Paul James Stotts⁷ – 1904-1989 – married Helen Virginia Campbell.

+Nevada Ruth Stotts⁷ – 1909-1990 – married (1) Markley (2) Walch.

¹³² Find A Grave database (<http://findagrave.com>). Record added Feb. 21, 2012.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Hester *Brumbach* Spangler**

Mary (Mollie) Spangler⁶ (Hester Brumbach⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mollie was born circa 1858 in Ohio, the daughter of Hester *Brumbach* and Peter Spangler. She was living with her father and siblings in 1870 and 1880. The Howard County, Indiana Supplemental Record of Marriages gathered by the WPA, shows that Mollie Spangler was married 6 November 1884 in Howard County, Indiana. However, the name of her spouse is not given.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Spangler⁶ (Hester Brumbach⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lizzie was born 19 November 1860 in Howard County, Indiana, the daughter of Hester *Brumbach* and Peter Spangler. Lizzie never married and died at the age of 36 years and one day on 20 November 1896 in Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana. She is buried at Crown Point Cemetery, Section 1, Lot 92, Space 9, in Kokomo, Indiana, next to her father and mother.

William (Willie) F. Spangler⁶ (Hester Brumbach⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Willie was born in 1864 in Howard County, Indiana, the son of Hester *Brumbach* and Peter Spangler.

Willie married **Minnie Alice Turley**, on 18 July 1888 in Cass County, Indiana.

Minnie died 15 December 1921. She is buried at Crown Point Cemetery in Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana—Section 12, Lot 62, Space 1.

Willie died 17 March 1936 at Richmond County, Indiana (according to a notation on Find A Grave). He is buried at Crown Point Cemetery (Section 12, Lot 62, Space 9), Kokomo, Indiana. They had only one child, a son.

+Earl Ogden Spangler⁷ – 1900—1918 – died in France in WWI—unmarried.

Carrie Spangler⁶ (Hester Brumbach⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carrie was born 1865 in Howard County, Indiana, the daughter of Hester *Brumbach* and Peter Spangler. The last record found for Carrie Spangler is the 1880 federal census—she is shown living with her father Peter Spangler and siblings Mary, Willie and Elizabeth in Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana. Carrie was 15 years old at that time.

Eddie Spangler⁶ (Hester Brumbach⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eddie was born 1869 in Howard County, Indiana, the son of Hester *Brumbach* and Peter Spangler. Since Eddie was listed in the 1870 census when he was one year old, but was not with the family when the 1880 census was taken,

Eddie probably died sometime between those dates. Eddie is likely buried at Crown Point Cemetery in Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana, where Peter and Hester Spangler are buried. There is a gravestone near them which is engraved Spangler Child—no given name, or date of birth or death.

**The Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson Noah Snider**

Alice Phoebe Snider⁶ (Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alice was born 24 May 1866 in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Noah Snider and Mary Elizabeth *Fritz*.

On 14 February 1886 Alice married **Charles B. Leach**, who was born 27 April 1862 in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of George Leach (1822-1894) and Julia *Peters* (1825-1913). Charles was a farmer. They lived in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Charles died 8 February 1917 in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. He is buried at Thurston Primitive Baptist Church in Baltimore, Ohio.

Alice died 20 July 1928 at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth Spitzer, in Moxahala, Perry County, Ohio, where Alice had been visiting for three months. Alice is buried at Thurston Primitive Baptist Church in Baltimore, Ohio. Alice and Charles Leach had seven children all born in Fairfield County, Ohio.

- +Pearl Monroe Leach⁷ – 1887-1962 – married Emma Ricketts.
- +Julia E. Leach⁷ – 1890-1974 – married Henry B. McLaughlin.
- +George Washington Leach⁷ – 1892-1949 – married Mary Jenkins.
- +William Stanley Leach⁷ – 1895-1911
- +Elizabeth Leach⁷ – 1898-1956 – married Cecil Lee Spitzer.
- +Bertha Corinna Leach⁷ – 1902-1995 – married Earl R. England.
- +Charles Arthur Leach⁷ – 1905-1953 – married Lucille Othello *Kinney* Mast.

Sarah Angeline (Angie) Snider⁶ (Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sarah was born 1868 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Noah Snider and Mary Elizabeth *Fritz*.

On 24 February 1889 Sarah married **Levi Henry Fritz**, who was born 30 April 1860 in Ohio, the son of Joseph Fritz and Elizabeth Ann *Alt*. He was a farmer in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Levi died 2 April 1937 in Fairfield County, Ohio, and he is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Sarah died 1959 in Fairfield County, Ohio. She is buried next to her husband Levi at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. Sarah and Levi had five children all born in Fairfield County, Ohio.

- +Ethel A. Fritz⁷ – 1894-1972 – married Earl Chester Trimmer.
- +Ella Emaline Fritz⁷ – 1897-1990 – married Bryan Harvey Sager.

+Irna Irena (Ina) Fritz⁷ – 1901-1988 – unmarried
+Leroy J. Fritz⁷ – 1903-1993 – married Ina Marie Shimp.
+Mary Elizabeth Fritz⁷ – 1907-2002 – married Fred L. Mauger.

Arthur E. Snider⁶ (Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Arthur was born 12 March 1870 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Noah Snider and Mary Elizabeth *Fritz*.

He married **Bertha (Birdie) Mae Young**, who was born 9 February 1876 in Ohio. Arthur was an electrician in a steel mill. They lived in Liberty, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Bertha died 5 May 1918, and she is buried at Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Arthur died 26 May 1934 at the age of 64. He is also buried at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio.

+Ivan A. Snider⁷ – 1908-1996 – married Sarah Romaine Young.

Clara Emma Snider⁶ (Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clara was born 11 July 1872 in Liberty, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Noah Snider and Mary Elizabeth *Fritz*.

On 15 October 1891 she married (1) **Pleasant George Miller**, who was born 1869 in Ohio. In 1910 George was a meat cutter in a grocery store where they lived in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. They had two children. Later Clara and George were divorced. George died 1934, and is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

On 10 October 1917, Clara married (2) **Leo Henry Earl**, who was born 10 May 1868 in Cardington, Morrow County, Ohio. He was the son of Amos Earl and Christina *Amick*. Leo Henry was a home decorator. He had a son from an earlier marriage—Lloyd L. Earl, born 1908.

Leo Henry Earl died 19 July 1943 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio.

Clara died 1957, and she is buried next to her second husband at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. The two children of Clara and Pleasant George Miller were both born in Franklin County, Ohio.

Helen L. Miller⁷ – born 1892 – she is listed in the 1900 and 1910 census records.

+Glen Gideon Miller⁷ – 1894-1957 – married Ethel Winnie Webster.

Florence V. Snider⁶ (Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Florence was born 1875 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Noah Snider and Mary Elizabeth *Fritz*.

Florence married **Martin L. Myers**, who was born 1867 in Ohio. They always lived at Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. Martin farmed their land, and when

the boys grew up, they worked on the farm with their father. All three of the children stayed with their parents, never married, and when their parents were gone, they continued living at the family home together.

Martin died 1943 in Fairfield County, Ohio, and he is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Florence died 1959 in Fairfield County, Ohio, and she is also buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Ohio. The three children of Florence and Martin Myers were all born in Liberty Township, Ohio.

+Elmer DeWitt Myers⁷ – 1902-1986 – unmarried.

+Oscar Charles Myers⁷ – 1906-1972 – unmarried.

+Mary Eileen Myers⁷ – 1908-2000 – unmarried.

Susannah (Susie) Jinetta Snider⁶ (Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Susie was born 5 April 1878 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Noah Snider and Mary Elizabeth *Fritz*.

On 23 December 1900 Susie married **Charles Sager**, who was born 14 December 1878. They always lived in Fairfield County, Ohio—their three children were born there. Charles was a farmer.

Susie died 9 October 1952 and she is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Charles died 14 March 1976, and he is also buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. Susie's and Charles three children were:

+Enid Trellis Sager⁷ – 1903-2001 – married Floyd Goethe Magley.

+Noah Lee Sager⁷ – 1908-1958 – married Mary Christine Hazard.

+Helen Naomi Sager⁷ – 1913-1993 – married Charles T. Engle.

Lottie Lucilla Snider⁶ (Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lottie was born 11 November 1883 in Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Noah Snider and Mary Elizabeth *Fritz*.

In 1906 she married **Earl Henry Sims**, who was born 26 February 1878 in Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Henry Sims and Caroline *Hensel*. Earl was the proprietor of a grocery store in Basil, Ohio.

Earl died 26 December 1933, age 55, at his home in Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio. He is buried at Snider's Cemetery, also known as Union Evangelical Cemetery, in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Lottie died 26 May 1951. She is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio, next to her husband. Lottie and Earl had two children—both born in Fairfield County, Ohio.

+Everett E. Sims⁷ – 1911-1981 – married (1) Bretz and (2) McDowell.

+Helen P. Sims⁷ – 1922-2012 – married Clair E. (Tink) Goodwin.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Catharine Snider Fritz**

Lester Elmer Fritz⁶ (Mary Catharine Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lester was born 26 May 1895 in Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Mary Catharine *Snider* and Edward Edwin Fritz.

In 1897 he married **Clara Olive Shimp**, who was born 12 July 1878 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of William Shimp and Rachel *Fishpaugh*.

Lester and Clara lived in several different areas during their marriage, while Lester worked as a farm laborer, a house painter and a laborer on a WPA project. In 1900 they were in Hebron, Licking County, Ohio; 1910 in Harrison, Licking County, Ohio; 1920 in Outville, Licking County, Ohio; 1930 in Perry, Franklin County, Ohio; and 1935 and 1940 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

In April of 1940, Clara was bedridden at the family's home in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. She died two months later on 4 June 1940. Clara is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Lester died in 24 June 1941 at Columbus, Ohio. He is also buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. They had a large family—at least 10 children.

+Cecil Piron Fritz⁷ – 1899-1960 – married twice.

+Louella Fritz⁷ – 1901-1950 – married Harley Rostofer.

Edwin Elmo Fritz⁷ – 1903—2 April 1904 – Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

+Harold B. Fritz⁷ – 1904-1953 – married Mrs. Sadie Rector Derenberger

Lester Leroy Fritz⁷ – born 26 April 1906 –Harrison, Licking County, Ohio.

+Clarence/Carl Ray Fritz⁷ – 14 Feb. 1910 - 9 May 1910.

+Charles Franklin Fritz⁷ – 1911-1976 – married Ethel C. Rosencutter Diles.

+Woodrow W. Fritz⁷ – 1914-1961 – married Anna M.

+Dorothy May Fritz⁷ 1916-1982 – married William B. Lott.

+Harvey Earl Fritz⁷ – 1920-1973 – married Frances Ruth Becker.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Lydia Snider Sager**

Dora (Dorie) C. Sager⁶ (Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dora was born 28 December 1879 in Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Lydia *Snider* and George James Sager.

Dorie married **Silas Marion Spitler**, who was born 15 November 1879 in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Jonas Spitler (1843-1892) and Susan E. Spitler.

When Silas registered for the WWI draft in 1918, he and Dora were married and living in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. Silas was a truck driver at that time.

He registered for the WWII “Old Man’s Draft” in 1942. He and Dora still lived at the same address: 614 Gibbard Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Samuel was 62 years old and worked for Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Co., Kelton Avenue Car Barn, North Front Street, Columbus, Ohio. He was a motorman-conductor for the company’s street railway.

Dorie died 1960. She is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. Silas died 12 January 1964, and he is buried beside Dorie at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. Dorie and Silas had four children—all born in Ohio.

+Erma Fern Spitler⁷ – 1895-1951 – married Clarence Newel Green.

+Arthur Spitler⁷ – 1902-1980 – married twice (1) McMiller and (2) Annis.

Lena Mae Spitler⁷ – born 1905 – buried Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Ohio.

+Harvey W. Spitler⁷ – 1907-1980 – married Elizabeth Louise Schell – divorced.

John David Sager⁶ (Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 8 October 1882 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Lydia *Snider* and George James Sager.

John was a self-employed farmer. He married (1) **Mary L. Brown**, who was born 4 April 1875 in Ohio. Mary died 4 August 1922 at the age of 47. Three children were born to Mary and John during their marriage. Mary is buried at Millersport Cemetery, Millersport, Fairfield County, Ohio.

John married (2) **Lota F. White**, who was born 20 November 1894 at Bern, Athens County, Ohio, the daughter of Alonzo S. White (1849-1917) and Lydia Bailey (1848-1924). In 1927, one child, a son, was born to John and Lota.

John’s death record shows that he was widowed when he died 2 July 1967 at his home in Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio at the age of 84. He is buried at Millersport Cemetery in Millersport, Ohio, next to Mary, his first wife. The four children of John Sager were:

+Clyde I. Sager⁷ – 1907-1984 – married Mildred E. Miller.

+Martha Sager⁷ – born 11 January 1910.

+Lottie May Sager⁷ – 1912-1944 – she never married.

+Harvey G. Sager⁷ – 1927-2015 – married Gertrude Eileen Head.

Lulu Isabelle Sager⁶ (Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) She seemed to prefer the name Isabelle. Social Security records list her as Isabelle Sager. Isabelle was born 26 August 1884 in Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Lydia *Snider* and George James Sager.

Beginning in her 20s, Isabelle worked in the household of Dr. Thomas Grant Youmans, a physician in general practice in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. She was listed as his housekeeper, although she may have been a cousin. Dr. Youmans’ parents Morrison and May E. Youmans also lived with him.

Isabelle remained with Dr. Youmans and cared for him until his death 18 October 1944 at the age of 76. He evidently left his house to her.

Isabelle died 28 March 1965, and she is buried at Pataskala Cemetery, Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio, in the Youmans' family plot. Isabelle never married and left no issue.

James Sager⁶ (Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 1889 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Lydia *Snider* and George James Sager. He died 14 February 1892 at the age of two years, nine months and 27 days. James is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Bessie M. Sager⁶ (Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bessie was born December 1891 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Lydia *Snider* and George James Sager.

On 30 October 1910 Bessie married **Franklin (Frank) Peter Wells** who was born 2 August 1887 in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of William and Joana Wells. They first lived on their farm on Liberty Road, in Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. Bessie and Frank's only child, a son, was born there. Later, in 1942, Frank worked at the Fairfield Paper Co. in Baltimore, Ohio.

Frank died 26 April 1949 and he is buried at Kirkersville Cemetery, Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio. Bessie died 1964. She is buried beside her husband Frank at Kirkersville, Ohio. They had one child, a son.

Ivan Leroy Wells⁷ – 1911-1983 – married Mildred M. Schenck.

Iva Dell Sager⁶ (Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Iva was born January 1895 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Lydia *Snyder* and George James Sager.

On 20 June 1918 she married **Charles Wilbur Wiswell** who was born 8 June 1894 in Somerset, Perry County, Ohio, the son of John W. and Matilda Wiswell.

Charles served as a private in the National Army during WWI. He enlisted 24 June 1918 at Granville County, Ohio and was discharged honorably on 10 December 1918 at the 158th Depot Brigade. He was a farmer where they lived in Licking County.

Iva died at her home in Licking County, Ohio on 1 June 1964 at the age of 69. She is buried at Pataskala Cemetery, Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio.

Charles died at Mt. Carmel Hospital-East in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio on 17 May 1978 at the age of 83. He is buried next to Iva at Pataskala Cemetery in Pataskala, Ohio. No record was found of any children being born to them.

Bryan Harvey Sager⁶ (Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bryan was born 8 February 1898 in Fairfield, Ohio, the son of Lydia *Snider* and George James Sager.

Bryan married **Ella Emeline Fritz**⁷, a cousin (a generation removed) who is also a descendant of Benjamin Ruffner. She was born 24 July 1896 in Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Levi H. Fritz (1860-1937) and Sarah Angeline (Angie) Snider (1868-1939).

Bryan was a farmer where they lived in Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio. He was killed when struck by lightning while working on the farm. It was nine o'clock in the morning of 24 June 1926. He died instantly. Bryan was 28 years, four months and 16 days old. Bryan is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery (Snider Cemetery), Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Ella died 1990 at the age of 93. She is buried next to her husband at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. Ella and Bryan had two children, both sons.

+Chester James Sager⁷ – 1919-1986 – married (1) Miller and (2) Spangler.

+Harold Raymond Sager⁷ – 1924-2012 – married Carol J. Snider.

Maude (Maudie) E. Sager⁶ (Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maudie was born 1901 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Lydia *Snider* and George James Sager.

She married **Walter W. Graham**, who was born 1894 in Pennsylvania. Walter worked as a pitman for the street railway and he was also a farmer. They lived in Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio.

He died in 1964 and is buried at Pataskala Cemetery in Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio. Maudie died at her home in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio on 25 July 1875 at the age of 74. She is buried at Pataskala Cemetery, in Pataskala, Ohio. Maudie and Walter Graham had one child, a daughter.

+Mildred Mae Graham⁷ – b.1927 – married & divorced George Orson Presley.

**The Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Katherine Electra *Ruffner* Seymour**

Elvira (Eva) Jane Seymour⁶ (Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eva was born 24 January 1865 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Katherine Electra *Ruffner* and William Dill Seymour.

She married **William Brussell**, who was born 24 February 1855 in New York. William Brussell died in Clark County, Illinois on 4 January 1892 at the age of 36. Eva was left with four very young children to care for alone.

In 1900 Eva was listed as a widow and she was living in Crooked Creek Township, Cumberland County, Illinois with her widowed father, two of her brothers (James and Felix) and her three surviving children who had been born to her during her marriage to William Brussell.

After her father's death in 1920, Eva remained living in the family home, raising her children there. Later (1940) two of her grandchildren lived with her.

Eva died in 1953 either 87 or 88 years old. No record was found regarding her burial location—or that of her husband William Brussell. Eva and William Brussell had four children—only three surviving to adulthood.

+Ada Brussell⁷ – 1885-1924 – never married.

+Ralph Brussell⁷ – 1887-1963 – married Cora Mae Jobe.

+Ester (Essie) May Brussell⁷ – 1889-1897 – died age 8 in California.

+William Brussell, Jr.⁷ – 1891-1967 – married Ethel M. Phillips.

Walter Rennick Seymour⁶ (Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 17 October 1867 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Katherine Electra *Ruffner* and William Dill Seymour.

Walter did not stay on the family farm; instead he worked as a carpenter. He lived in Champaign, Champaign County, Illinois, for most of his adult life. However, for a time he lived in Santa Monica, Los Angeles County, California with his uncle, John J. Seymour, and his family. At that time, Walter was 42 years old, single, and worked as a carpenter.

Walter died 7 July 1937 at the age of 69 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois. However, his home had still been in Champaign, Illinois. His occupation at that time was given as a contractor. He never married and usually boarded in a private home. He is buried at Duck Pond Cemetery, Vevay Pond, Crooked Creek Township, Cumberland County, Illinois. Since Walter never married, he left no issue.

Kate Estella (Stella) Seymour⁶ (Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Stella was born 19 March 1870 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Katherine Electra *Ruffner* and William Dill Seymour.

In 1892, Stella married **Ulysses Samuel Phipps**, who was born 27 October 1866 in Newton, Jasper County, Illinois, the son of William Phipps (1836-1883) and Lorancy *Pritchard* (1836-1904).

Ulysses was a conductor for the railroad. He died in Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois on 2 January 1906 at the age of 39.

As a young widow, in order to support their three children, Stella established her own millinery shop in Carbondale, Illinois. Later in life Stella lived in Champaign, Champaign County, Illinois with her son Elmer.

Stella died in Kankakee, Kankakee County, Illinois on 6 January 1946 at the age of 75. She is buried in Greenup Cemetery, Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois. Stella and Ulysses Phipps had four children—three surviving (shown here).

+Ena Phipps⁷ – 1892-1962 – married (1) McNary and (2) Peter Earl Bloom.
+Elmer Ellsworth Phipps⁷ – 1894-1976 – married Lola Ruth Green
+Iva Burrell Phipps⁷ – 1897-1977 – married Walter Featherston Woollard.

William Arthur Seymour⁶ (Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 4 October 1872 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Katherine Electra *Ruffner* and William Dill Seymour.

On 28 October 1906, he married **Ida Reckling**, who was born 2 February 1884 in Illinois, the daughter of William C. Reckling (1856-1935) and Bevethy M. Zenke (1857-1939).

William was a carpenter in home construction. He and Ida first lived in Casey, Clark County, Illinois. Their daughter was born there. By 1928, William and Ida and their daughter had moved to Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, where William still followed his trade as a carpenter.

At the age of 58, on 23 July 1931 William died at their home 523 North Ninth Street, Phoenix, Arizona. He is buried at Duck Pond Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Ida returned to live in Illinois, and was living in Elgin, Kane County, Illinois, when she died in August of 1964 at the age of 80. William and Ida Seymour had one child, a daughter.

+Katherine J. Seymour⁷ – born circa 1909. Last record was 1930.

Mattie Ann Seymour⁶ (Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mattie was born 1874, the daughter of Katherine Electra *Ruffner* and William Dill Seymour. She died 3 January 1883 at the age of eight years, two months and five days, and she is buried at Bethel-Harris Cemetery, Seymour, Champaign County, Illinois.

James Edwyn Seymour⁶ (Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 2 October 1877 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Katherine Electra *Ruffner* and William Dill Seymour.

James had been disabled since birth and he was considered to be an invalid. He never married and always lived at home with his father. After his father's death, he remained at the family home with his widowed sister, Eva Brussell, until his own death

26 June 1927. He is buried at Duck Pond Cemetery, Vevay Park, Crooked Creek Township, Illinois.

Felix Ray Seymour⁶ (Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Felix was born March 1880 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Katherine Electra *Ruffner* and William Dill Seymour.

In 1900 when Felix was 20, he worked for his father on the family farm in Union Township, Cumberland County, Illinois. Sometime later he was committed to the Kankakee State Hospital for the Insane at Kankakee, Illinois. At the time of the enumerations of the 1910 and 1920 federal census, Felix was listed as an inmate at the hospital. He died there 21 March 1922 at the age of 42. Felix is buried near his family at Duck Pond Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. Felix never married and left no issue.

Kankakee State Hospital is now closed; the cemetery on the grounds is no longer open to the public. At least Felix' family saw that he was taken home and buried at Duck Pond Cemetery in Cumberland County, Ohio, near his parents.

Historic Kankakee State Hospital, a hospital entrusted with caring for those with mental disabilities, is now portrayed as an example of one of our country's most horrific hospitals.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and g-gr-grandson
Martin Joseph Ruffner**

Charles Newman Ruffner⁶ (Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 22 September 1870 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Martin Joseph Ruffner and his second wife, Helen Victoria Waters. Charles died 31 March 1877 at the age of six years, eight months and nine days. He is buried at Duck Pond Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶ (Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hugh was born 18 August 1872 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Martin Joseph Ruffner and his second wife, Helen Victoria *Waters*.

On 11 October 1891 he married **Mariah (Retta) S. Cole**, who was born January 1868 in Illinois. She was the daughter of Adison Cole and Temple M. *Robinson*. Hugh and Retta always lived in Cumberland County, Illinois, where Hugh was a farmer.

Hugh died 1920 in Cumberland County, Illinois, and Rettie also died in 1920. They are both buried at Washington Cemetery in Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. Hugh and Retta had seven children, all born in Cumberland County, Illinois.

+Martin Adison Ruffner⁷ – 1892-1947 – married Rachel Helene Black.
 +William (Willie) L. Ruffner⁷ – 1894-1971 – Mabel Ione Morrell.
 +Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷ – 1897-1967 – married (1) Hurt and (2) Hock.
 +Allen Edgar Ruffner⁷ – 1899-1983 – married (1) Ellis and (2) *Spence*-Herstrom.
 +Mabel Levonia Ruffner⁷ – 1902-1997 – married Ross Gleason Wilsey.
 +Frieda Blanche Ruffner⁷ – 1909-1998 – married Harry Robert Ennis.¹³³
 +Harold Thomas Ruffner⁷ – 1913- 2004 – married Maxine Cleora Sharp.

Hiram Bertsel (Bert) Ruffner⁶ (Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hiram was born 23 November 1874 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Martin Joseph Ruffner and his second wife, Helen Victoria *Waters*.

On 2 February he married **America Ellen Rennels**, who was born 20 October 1883 in Illinois, the daughter of William Edmunds Rennels (1857-1917) and Hester Elizabeth *Fox* (1854-1933). America later had a stepfather, George M. Sweet whom she lived with.

Hiram was a farmer and in the 1930s worked as a machine operator for a car manufacturer in Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois.

Hiram Ruffner died at Shiloh Township, Jefferson County, Illinois on 12 March 1934 at the age of 49. He is buried at Ten Post Oak Cemetery in Keenesville, Wayne County, Illinois.

After she was widowed, America's son Walter Ruffner, her daughter Thelma *Ruffner* Rector and grandson Richard E. Rector lived with her in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. America died in Mount Vernon on 23 December 1954 at the age of 71. She is buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois. Hiram and America had six children, all born in Illinois.

+Helen Irene Ruffner⁷ – 1903-1999 – married Lawrence C. Karlee.
 +Kenneth M. Ruffner⁷ – 1904-1978 – married (1) Hickle and (2) Harbison.
 +Dorsey Ruffner⁷ – 1907-died unknown – married Ethel Winkler.
 +Louise Ruffner⁷ – 1908-1992 – m. Robert R. Sneddon (information not verified).
 +Walter N. Ruffner⁷ – 1911-1996 – married Lorene M. Whaley.
 +Thelma Ruffner⁷ – 1914-2007 – married (1) Rector and (2) Briscoe.

Margaret (Maggie) Mindwell Ruffner⁶ (Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maggie was born 1877 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Martin Joseph Ruffner and his second wife, Helen Victoria *Waters*.

Maggie married **Dorus Wilkinson** who was born 25 March 1875 in Kinmundy, Marion County, Illinois, the son of John Edward Wilkinson (1848-1920) and Temperance

¹³³ These are the names shown on their shared gravestone in Locust Grove Cemetery, Philo, Illinois.

Abigail *Jones* (1853-1946). Dorus was a locomotive engineer for Illinois Central Railroad. The family lived in Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois.

Dorus died 8 October 1957 at the age of 82. He is buried at Dodge Grove Cemetery, Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois.

Maggie died 9 May 1959 at the age of 82. She is also buried at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, Illinois. Maggie and Dorus Wilkinson had three children.

+Paul Roland Wilkinson⁷ – 1903-1975 – married Mary Catherine Joy Freeman.

+Donald Edgar Wilkinson⁷ – 1907-1978 – no verifiable record of marriage found.

+Helen Abigail Wilkinson⁷ – 1911- 1997 – married George Wesley Bayne.

Maude Annetta (Nettie) Ruffner⁶ (Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Nettie was born 4 January 1879 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Martin Joseph Ruffner and his second wife Helen Victoria *Waters*.

She married **Charles Emery Doty**, who was born 27 June 1874 in Pike County, Indiana.¹³⁴ Charles was a farmer and then worked as a baggage man for the railway. Nettie was the forelady at a shoe factory. They lived in Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois. Later they lived in Lovington, Moultrie County, Illinois, and Charles was again farming.

Charles died 12 July 1949. He is buried at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois. Nettie died 28 October 1971 at the age of 92. Her last residence was Cerro Gordo, Platt County, Illinois. She is also buried at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, Illinois. Nettie and Charles Doty had at least five children.

+Horace Doty⁷ – 1903-1991 – married Lucille Leonard.

+Margaret Doty⁷ – 1906-1994 – married (1) Houts and (2) Kelley.

+Dorothy Doty⁷ – 1909-2004 – married (1) Matteson and (2) Hiser.

+Ada Elizabeth Doty⁷ – 1911-2001 – married William (Bill) Nelson Tesson.

+Charles Ruffner Doty⁷ – 1914-2007 – married Trela Lavern Neece.

Alma Effie Ruffner⁶ (Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alma was born 9 September 1881 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Martin Joseph Ruffner and his second wife, Helen Victoria *Waters*.

Alma married **Bleauford Higgins**,¹³⁵ who was born 11 March 1875 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of James and Laura Higgins.

The family first lived Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois and Bleauford worked for Taylorsville Utility Co. as a refrigeration engineer. The family then moved to Decatur, Illinois, where Bleauford was a refrigeration engineer at the Consumer Ice Co.

¹³⁴ This is the year given on Charles Emery Doty's burial record. However, on other records, the year is shown differently.

¹³⁵ In records, the name is sometimes spelled Higgins. However, Bleauford's signature showed that he used the Higgins spelling, thus, to be consistent that is the spelling I have used.

Soon after two of their sons died in a tragic accident, they moved to Peoria, Illinois where Bleuford worked as an engineer for Peoria Service Co.

Alma died 15 February 1938 at the age of 56 in Peoria, Illinois. She is buried at Graceland Cemetery in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois.

Bleuford was living in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois when he died 28 June 1941 at the age of 66. He is buried next to his wife Alma at Graceland Cemetery, Decatur, Illinois. Alma and Bleuford Higgens had six children.

+Scott R. Higgens⁷ – 1905-1927 – never married. (Drowned)

+Wayne T. Higgens⁷ – 1907-after 1959 – married Mary (surname unknown).

+Walter Higgens⁷ – 1911-1927 – still in school at time of death. (Drowned)

Elizabeth Higgens⁷ – born circa 1915 in Indiana – see footnote¹³⁶

+Robert Glenn Higgens⁷ – 1916-1964 – married Betty E. Darrah.

+James Standly Higgens⁷ – 1921-1973 – no record of marriage found.

Kate (Katie) Irene Ruffner⁶ (Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kate was born February 1884 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Martin Joseph Ruffner and his second wife Helen Victoria *Waters*. Kate never married and always lived at home with her parents. She died from tuberculosis in Greenup Township, Illinois in 1906 at the age of 22. Kate is buried at Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Rhoda Mabel Ruffner⁶ (Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rhoda was born 9 January 1887 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Martin Joseph Ruffner and his second wife, Helen Victoria *Waters*.

In 1908 Rhoda married **Thomas (Tom) L. Russell**, who was born in Illinois in 1883. Tom was an oil well driller contractor. The marriage did not last and by 1918 they were divorced and Tom had remarried.

Rhoda died in 1960 at the age of 74. She is buried at Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. There was no record of any children being born to them.

Benjamin Harrison Ruffner⁶ (Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was born 25 September 1889 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Martin Joseph Ruffner and his second wife Helen Victoria *Waters*.

¹³⁶ The last record found for Elizabeth Higgens was in the 1941 city directory for Peoria, Illinois—she was working in Peoria as a packer and living with her father Bleuford Higgens. Her death date was not found. According to U.S. Social Security Application for Claims, the Elizabeth Katherine Higgins listed as being born 7 Nov. 1915 and dying in August of 1978 was the daughter of Stefan Franz and Anna Kirch—she was born in Chicago, Illinois. Her maiden name was Franz and not Higgens and she died in Florida. She has no connection to Benjamin's descendants.

On 27 June 1916 in Vigo County, Indiana, Benjamin married **Tressa (Tressie) Hazel Sutherlin**, who was born 24 August 1895, in Greene, Indiana, the daughter of George Sutherlin and Pearle F. *Ford*.

During their marriage Benjamin and Tressa lived in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana. He always worked for the railroad.

Tressa died 11 February 1965 at the age of 69 in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

Benjamin died 12 March 1975 at the age of 85 in Sullivan County, Indiana. Benjamin and Tressa had one child, a daughter, who was born in Terre Haute, Indiana.

+Helen Pearl Ruffner⁷ – 1920-1983 – married John Henry Smith, Jr.

Martin Ruffner⁶ (Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martin was born 22 August 1891 and died the same day in Cumberland County, Illinois. He was the son of Martin Joseph Ruffner and his second wife, Helen Victoria *Waters*. Martin is buried at Duck Pond Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Orrell Wayne Ruffner⁶ (Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Orrell was born 27 October 1894 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Martin Joseph Ruffner and his third wife Martha Ann *Carroll*.

Orrell married **Vera Cecil Hutton**, who was born 26 June 1893 in Illinois, the daughter of John A. and Mary E. Hutton.

Orrell and Vera lived at 1321 – 30th Street in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana. Orrell worked as a welder at the Studebaker Plant in South Bend, Indiana.

In 1930, Orrell's widowed mother Martha, age 79, was living with them in South Bend until her death in 1934.

Vera died 11 June 1947 at the age of 53. She is buried at Saint Joseph Valley Memorial Park in Granger, St. Joseph County, Indiana.

Orrell died 3 September 1978 at the age of 84. His last place of residence was Argos, Marshall County, Indiana. He is also buried at Saint Joseph Valley Memorial Park in Granger, Indiana. Orrell and Vera Ruffner had three children.

+Leland Wayne Ruffner⁷ – 1919-1996 – married Elizabeth (Betty) Jane Hall.

+Ruth Louise Ruffner⁷ – 1924-2008 – married Roscoe James Brooks.

+John Martin Ruffner⁷ – 1930-2000 – married (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Henry Hugh Ruffner**

Noah Ruffner⁶ (Hugh Henry Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Noah was born 25 March 1880 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Hugh Henry Ruffner and Josephine *Westall*.

At the age of 20 he was living with his widowed father and working on the family farm. By 1910, he was living in Kern County, California—living in a boarding house and working as a stationary engineer.

When Noah registered for the WWI draft in 1918, he was living in Los Angeles, California and was working as a creamery man for Los Angeles Creamery Co. He gave his uncle Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr. of Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois as his next of kin. In 1920, he was living in a boarding house in Los Angeles, and was a candy maker in a candy factory.

By 1930, he lived in Yucaipa, San Bernardino County, California, and was a farm laborer. He continued living there doing the same work in 1935 and 1940. When he registered for the WWII “Old Man’s Draft” he was 62 years old and still living in Yucaipa, California. He was working for the WPA at March Field in Riverside, California. He listed as his next of kin his cousin, Mrs. H. E. (Maude Ruffner) Durham of Greenup, Illinois. Noah died 8 May 1946 in San Bernardino County, California, and is buried at Hillside Memorial Park in Redlands, San Bernardino County, California. Noah never married and thus left no issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr.**

Eva Jane Ruffner⁶ (Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eva was born 24 January 1883 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr. and Susan Rebecca *Fox*.

On 3 July 1917 in Volborg, Custer County, Montana, in a ceremony performed by a Catholic priest, Eva married (1) **Janus James Rooney**, who was born 7 January 1882 in Ireland, the son of Bernard Rooney and Bess *Durant*. James, a naturalized citizen, was a self-employed farmer and stock grower in Volborg, Montana—41 miles south of Miles City, Montana. James died in Miles City, Custer County, Montana on 22 August 1919 at the age of 37. He is buried at Custer County Cemetery, Miles City, Montana (Sec. D1, Lot 6 N. ½, Block 23). Eva and James Rooney had one child.

On 3 June 1931 in Martinsville, Morgan County, Indiana, at the age of 48, Eva married (2) 68-year-old **John Layton Carr**, who was born 17 January 1863 in Morgan County, Indiana, the son of Andrew J. Carr and Sarah J. *Rutan*. John was a prosperous farmer in Morgan County. He died in 1935, and is buried at Harmony Cemetery, Greenup Township, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Eva died in 1946 and is also buried at Harmony Cemetery in Greenup Township, Illinois. She only had one child, a daughter from her first marriage to James Rooney.

+Florence Rooney⁷ – 1918-1996 – married William Earl Waldrip.

Charles Bishop Ruffner⁶ (Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 6 January 1884 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr. and Susan Rebecca Fox.

On 26 May 1908 in Greenup, Cumberland County, he married **Jessie Mae Coffel**, who was born 1878. They first lived in Union, Cumberland County, Illinois, where Charles was a farm laborer. Their first two children were born there. By July of 1916, they were living in Volborg, Custer County, Montana, where their third child was born.¹³⁷

In 1920, Charles was a self-employed rancher. They then moved to Miles City, Custer County, Montana, where Charles worked as a clerk for the U.S. Postal Office.

Sometime after 1942, Charles retired and he and Jessie moved to Arizona. Charles died in Maricopa County, Arizona on 30 September 1954 at the age of 70. He is buried at City of Mesa Cemetery, Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona. Jessie died 10 October 1962. She is buried at the City of Mesa Cemetery in Mesa, Arizona, next to her husband. Charles and Jessie Ruffner had three children.

+Marion Ruffner⁷ – 1909-1989 – married Donald James Anderson.

+Margaret Ruffner⁷ – 1911-1958 – married Samuel (Sam) Ernest Shy.

+George Newman Ruffner⁷ – 1916-1978 – married Dorothy Virginia Bateman.

Maude Belle Ruffner⁶ (Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maude was born 24 May 1885 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr. and Susan Rebecca Fox.

Maude married **Homer Ernest Durham**, who was born 3 February 1882 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois. They lived in LaGrange, Cook County, Illinois. Homer was a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He took early disability retirement from the USPO.

Homer died 1963, and he is buried at Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Maude died at Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana on 9 May 1971 at the age of 85. She is buried beside her husband at the Ruffner Cemetery in Vevay Park, Illinois. Maude and Homer had five children—all daughters.

¹³⁷ As an interesting side note, Montana also became the home of descendants of Peter Jr. and Reuben Ruffner, as well as Benjamin Ruffner. The descendants of Peter Jr. and Reuben were pioneer settlers in Montana before statehood.

+Frances Durham⁷ – 1910-2000 – married John Meredith Allbright.
+Janice Durham⁷ – 1912-1954 – married James Bockman Parker.
+Ernestine Durham⁷ – 1914-2005 – married John Wilbur Morrissey.
+Rebecca Durham⁷ – 1916-1948 – married Eric Everett Smith.
+Betty Jean Durham⁷ – 1923-2005 – married Ernest S. Cox.

Edwin E. Ruffner⁶ (Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edwin was born 10 May 1888 in Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr. and Susan Rebecca *Fox*.

In 1900 Edwin was still living in Cumberland County, Illinois. However, he moved to Florida sometime before 1916. In 1917 he registered for the WWI draft. At that time he was living in Jacksonville, Florida, was single, 29 years old, living at the YMCA, and working as a clerk and storekeeper for the Union Tank Line in Jacksonville. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on 9 December 1917 and served until he was discharged 1 January 1919.

By 1920, he was living in Denver, Colorado, lodging in a private home, and working as an accountant for an oil company. In 1930, he boarded in a different private home at 2430 South Race Street in Denver, and did clerical work for a railroad company. He was still single.

Edwin never married and thus left no issue. He died in Denver, Colorado, 26 November 1973 at the age of 85.

Bess (Bessie) Ruffner⁶ (Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bessie was born 21 November 1891 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr. and Susan Rebecca *Fox*.

Bessie married **William Taylor Williams**, who was born 1 October 1889 in Illinois, the son of Joel Crittenden Williams (1856-1924) and Esther Mary *Tutewiler* (1862-1939).

Bessie and William first lived at Greenup in Cumberland County, Illinois and he was a farmer. They moved to South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana where William was a machinist at an auto factory. For a time, Bessie was a laundress at a private home.

William died 17 January 1958 at the age of 68, and he is buried at Harmony Cemetery, Greenup Township, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Bessie died 1968 at the age of 76, and she is buried next to her husband at Harmony Cemetery in Greenup Township, Illinois. Bessie and William had four children.

+Esther Elizabeth Williams⁷ – 1916-2003 – married Robert Warner Johnson.
+Charles William Williams⁷ – born 1918 – death unknown
+Kenneth R. Williams⁷ – 1921-1994 – no record of marriage.
Female Williams⁷ – private – married Richard Wayne Miller.

Lillian Ruffner⁶ (Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lillian was born 31 December 1898 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Walter Newman Ruffner, Jr. and Susan Rebecca Fox.

Lillian married **Heber Green Nash**, who was born 14 September 1898 in Crawford County, Illinois, the son of David Nash (1851-1929) and Fannie Leota Green (1868-1948). Lillian and Heber always lived in Marshall, Clark County, Illinois. Heber owned and operated an electrical supply and radio shop in Marshall.

He died in Marshall in November of 1978. Lillian was living in Clark County, Illinois when she died in May of 1984 at the age of 86. Lillian and Heber had one child.

+Ruth Jeanette Nash⁷ – 1924-1997 – married Leon Emerson Cooper.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Matilda E. Marion Mooberry**

William C. Mooberry⁶ (Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 19 July 1850 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Matilda E. Marion and William Mooberry.

On 30 April 1871 William married (1) **Elizabeth (Lizzie) Martin**, who was born 1 October 1852 in Iowa. Lizzie died 26 April 1899, and she is buried at Wiley Cemetery in Colfax, McLean County, Illinois. Before her early death, William and Lizzie had at least five children.

A few years after Lizzie's death, William married (2) **Olive Noel Hodges**. During this marriage, William and Olive had one child, a son.

William was a farmer during his younger years, and then became a self-employed real estate agent. He first lived in Fon du Lac, Tazewell County, Illinois, and later moved to Martin, McLean County, Illinois.

William died in Colfax, McLean County, Illinois on 23 January 1922 at the age of 71. He is buried at Wiley Cemetery in Colfax, Illinois.

Sometime after William's death, his second wife Olive and their son, Lyle, moved to California. By 1925 they were living in Alhambra City, Los Angeles County, California. In 1930, Olive was still living in Alhambra, 65 years old, and working as a housekeeper for a private family. Olive died at the age of 71 on 4 February 1933 in Los Angeles County, California.

During his two marriages, William Mooberry had six children—five from his first marriage and one from his second marriage.

Francis M. Mooberry⁷ – born 1872 – may have died young.

+Charles Calvin Mooberry⁷ – 1874-1961 – married Margaret Ann Thornton.

+Chester William Mooberry⁷ – 1879-1911 – married Mary Charlotte Maloney.

+Margaret (Maggie) E. Mooberry⁷ – 1883-1923 – married Royden (Roy) K. Baird.

+Clive Watson Mooberry⁷ – 1888-1930 – married Mary Elizabeth Hammond.

+Lyle Noel Mooberry⁷ – 1902-1942 – married (1) Vincent and (2) Beams.

Laura Mooberry⁶ (Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Laura was born October of 1851 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Matilda E. *Marion* and William Mooberry.

On 9 September 1875 in Illinois, she married **James Simeon Rittenhouse**, who was born 13 January 1846 in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, the son of John Smith Rittenhouse (1810-1872) and Sarah Jane *Veatch* (1810-1864).

James was a veteran of the Civil War, and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). He was in the distillery business in Peoria, Illinois.

James died 29 May 1936 at the age of 90 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. He is buried at the Mooberry Cemetery in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Laura died 1937, and she is buried next to her husband at the Mooberry Cemetery, Tazewell County, Illinois. No record of any children was found.

Francis (Frank) H. Mooberry⁶ (Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frank was born in 27 July 1855 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Matilda E. *Marion* and William Mooberry. He died 2 August 1874 at the age of 19. Frank is buried at the Mooberry Cemetery, Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois. He was unmarried and left no issue.

Lizzie Luella Mooberry⁶ (Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lizzie was born 24 September 1863 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Matilda E. *Marion* and William Mooberry.

She married **Emory (E. G.) Gish**. Emory died 6 October 1895 and he is buried in Onarga Cemetery in Onarga, Iroquois County, Illinois. In 1900 Lizzie lived in Onarga Township, Onarga Village, Iroquois County, Illinois with her only child, a daughter. They eventually moved to California. Lizzie died in Los Angeles County, California on 16 June 1950. Her child from her marriage to Emory Gish was:

+Geneva Laura Gish – 1885-1985 – married Thomas Albert Wood.

Margaret (Maggie) Elma Mooberry⁶ (Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maggie was born 2 September 1868 in Farmdale, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Matilda E. *Marion* and William Mooberry.

On 25 September 1895 in Tazewell County, Illinois, she married **Edwin E. Wilson**, who was born December of 1868 in Illinois. He was always a farmer on his own farm in Brenton Township, Ford County, Illinois.

Maggie died at the age of 64 on 1 October 1932 in Piper City, Illinois. She is buried at Brenton Cemetery, Piper City, Ford County, Illinois.

After Maggie's death, their two surviving sons continued to live with their father Edwin and worked the farm with him. Edwin died in 1953 at the age of 85. He is buried next to Maggie at Brenton Cemetery in Piper City, Illinois. Maggie and Edwin had four children—three surviving.

- +Anna Mae Wilson⁷ – 1898-1986 – married John Wesley Uphoff.
- +Raymond M. Wilson⁷ – 1900-1901¹³⁸
- +Gilbert E. Wilson⁷ – 1903-1965 – he never married
- +Robert D. Wilson⁷ – 1905-1984 – he never married

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Lydia *Marion* Anderson**

Alice Lucinda Anderson⁶ (Lydia Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alice was born May 1854 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Lydia *Marion* and Washington Anderson.

On 26 February 1879 in Tazewell County, Illinois, she married **Walter Lyon Cleveland**, who was born in Catharine, Schuyler County, New York, the son of Alanson Josiah Cleveland (1822-1894) and Lucy Minerva *Lyon* (1829-1911).

Both of Walter's parents were born in New York State. Walter's father was a veteran of the Mexican War. He was a schoolteacher in New York, and then became a lawyer. Following the Civil War, the Cleveland family moved to Peoria, Illinois. In the early 1890s, the entire Cleveland family including Walter, Alice and one son, and Walter's parents moved to Los Angeles, California. Walter's father and mother died in Los Angeles.

Walter held various jobs and then became the postmaster in Huntington Park, Los Angeles County, California.

Alice died in Los Angeles County, California on 14 May 1928 at the age of 74.

Following his wife's death, Walter at the age of 73, made a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, in August of 1929 aboard the S/S *City of Los Angeles*, returning to Wilmington, California on 30 August 1929. Walter died at the age of 76, on 14 August 1932 in Glendale, Los Angeles County, California. Alice and Walter Cleveland had two children.

- +Leroy Marion Lyon Cleveland⁷ – 1880-1966 – married Clara Mae Stower.
- +Bertrand Alanson Cleveland⁷ – 1889-1974 – married Yreba K. Hackney.

Ada Daisy Anderson⁶ (Lydia Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ada was born 16 December 1876 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Lydia *Marion* and Washington Anderson.

¹³⁸ In the 1900 federal census, he is listed as John H. Wilson.

Ada married Rev. **Owen Merriweather Andrews**, who was born 9 September 1875 in Virginia, the son of John Summerfield Andrews and Oriana Russell *Moon*. Rev. Andrews had been married previously to Bertha May Hill and was divorced in June 1901. From his first marriage, he had a son Alfred Hill Andrews (1898-1975).

Rev. Owen Andrews was a pastor in the Methodist Church, and his duties took them to diverse locations throughout the United States. In 1905, they lived in California, where their eldest child had been born. In 1910 they lived in Jerome, Yavapai County, Arizona. At that time, Ada's father Washington Anderson, age 79, was living with them. When Rev. Andrews registered for the WWI draft in 1918, they were in Minerva, Stark County, Ohio. In 1920 their home was in Winslow, Navajo County, Arizona. In 1930 Rev. Andrews was the pastor of a local church in St. Cloud, Osceola, Florida. He lived there with his wife Ada and their two youngest sons.

Ada died 9 August 1951 in Stanislaus County, California. Rev. Andrews died at the age of 90 on 23 April 1966 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. He is buried at Greenwood Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. Ada and Owen Andrews had three children born during their marriage, all sons.

+Alton Marion Andrews⁷ –1904-1977 – married Dixie Rose Newell.

+Owen Nelson Andrews⁷ – 1914-1965 – married Marie Baker.

+William Luther Andrews⁷ – 1917-1999 – No record of marriage.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Lucinda J. *Marion* Tarbell**

Calvin M. Tarbell⁶ (Lucinda J. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Calvin was born 1857 in Illinois, the son of Lucinda J. *Marion* and Horace Tarbell. He died in 1870 and is buried at Springdale Cemetery (South Bluffs), Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Viola (Lola) Lucinda Tarbell⁶ (Lucinda J. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Viola was born 27 July 1861 in Illinois, the daughter of Lucinda J. *Marion* and Horace Tarbell.

In 1885, she married **George Washington Pratt**, who was born 22 February 1864 in Morton, Livingston County, Illinois, son of Ira Clark Pratt (1832-1917). Viola and George lived in Cropsey, McLean County, Illinois, where George first was in the real estate business and then the proprietor/merchant of a general store.

Viola died 19 April 1938, and she is buried at Cropsey Cemetery, Cropsey, McLean County, Illinois. George died 2 January 1948, and he is also buried at Cropsey Cemetery in Cropsey, Illinois. Viola and George Pratt had one child, a son.

+Horace Ira Pratt⁷ – 1887-1950 – married Clara Gertrude Heffernan.

MinnieTarbell⁶ (Lucinda J. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Minnie was born circa 1866 in Illinois, the daughter of Lucinda J. *Marion* and Horace Tarbell. Minnie was listed in the 1870 and 1880 federal census records for Peoria County, Illinois. She was living with her parents. In the City Directory for Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, she was again shown as single and still living with her parents. No other listings were found for her.

Frank (Frankie) L. Tarbell⁶ (Lucinda J. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frankie was born 1869 in Illinois, the son of Lucinda J. *Marion* and Horace Tarbell. He died in 1881 and is buried at Springdale Cemetery (South Bluffs), Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Francis (Frank) Marion**

Elmore H. Marion⁶ (Francis Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elmore was born 12 May 1876 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Francis (Frank) Marion and Martha (Mattie) E. *McKibben*.

Since Elmore's father Frank died in 1887, Elmore remained living on the family farm on Pleasant Hill Road and worked the farm with his mother.

Elmore married **Lutie A. Mooberry**, who was born 24 September 1877 in Illinois.

Elmore died 28 February 1910 at the age of 34. He is buried at Deacon Street Cemetery in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Lutie died 23 December 1966 in Tazewell County, Illinois, and she is buried next to her husband at Deacon Street Cemetery in Morton, Illinois. No children were born to Lutie and Elmore Marion.

Wilson Marion⁶ (Francis Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wilson was born 25 February 1880 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Francis Marion and Martha (Mattie) E. *McKibben*.

Wilson did not marry and remained living on the family farm on Pleasant Hill Road, Groveland Township, Tazewell County, Illinois with his widowed mother and his brothers.

He died 25 September 1907 at the age of 27, and he is buried at Deacon Street Cemetery, Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois. Since he did not marry, he left no issue.

Harry Marion⁶ (Francis Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harry was born 9 December 1883 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Francis Marion and Martha (Mattie) E. *McKibben*.

Harry was living with his mother and Elmore and Wilson, two of his brothers, when he died 25 July 1901 at the age of 17. He is buried at Deacon Street Cemetery, Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois. No issue.

Oliver Tarbell Marion⁶ (Francis Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Oliver was born 31 May 1885 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Francis (Frank) Marion and Martha (Mattie) E. *McKibben*.

Oliver married **Elsie M. Cazey**, who was born 10 March 1895. By 1920, Oliver's widowed mother lived with them on their farm located on Bloomington Road, Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Oliver died 10 May 1980 in Tazewell County, Illinois, and he is buried at Roberts Cemetery, Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Elsie died 9 June 1987 in Tazewell County, Illinois and is buried next to her husband Oliver at Roberts Cemetery in Morton, Illinois.

Oliver and Elsie had three children, all born in Tazewell County, Illinois.

+Harry Albert Marion⁷ – 1920-2005 – married Eleanor B. Hammerschmidt.

+Martha Lucille Marion⁷ – 1921-2012 – married Orville Walter Slagell.

Living Male Marion⁷

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Elizabeth B. *Marion* Mooberry**

Philipp Mooberry⁶ (Elizabeth B. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Philip was born November 1869 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Elizabeth B. *Marion* and John W. Mooberry.

Philipp probably died young. The one and only listing for him was the 25 July 1870 federal census for Groveland Township, Tazewell County, Illinois, when he was shown as the son of John W. and Elizabeth Mooberry, having been born in November of 1869. He was not listed with them in the 1880 federal census—it is likely he died before that year.

Theo Elizabeth Mooberry⁶ (Elizabeth B. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Theo was born 12 November 1874 in Groveland Township, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Elizabeth B. *Marion* and John W. Mooberry.

She married **Robert Wallace Woolfall**, a farmer, who was born 16 May 1874 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, the son of David Woolfall (1831-1903), born in Manchester, England, and Ellen *Gallagher* (1850-1918). Theo and Robert did not marry until late in life—about 1923—thus, they had no children.

Theo died at the age of 65 on 27 November 1939 in Peoria County, Illinois, and she is buried at Springdale Cemetery and Mausoleum, Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

Robert died 11 March 1947 in Peoria, Illinois. He is also buried at Springdale Cemetery and Mausoleum in Peoria, Illinois.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Ann Marion Tarbell**

Luella M. Tarbell⁶ (Mary Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Luella was born 5 May 1863 near Morton in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Mary Ann *Marion* and Isaac W. Tarbell. Luella never married. She was a schoolteacher in a public school. She continued to live with her widowed father until his death in 1922 and then lived in the family home until her own death. Luella died at the age of 67 on 13 November 1930 and she is buried at Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Eliza Ann Marion Holmes**

George Washington Holmes⁶ (Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 30 September 1865 in the village of Deer Creek, Illinois, the son of Eliza Ann *Marion* and James William Holmes.

In 1890 George married **Anna Christina Schultz**, who was born September 1868 in Germany, and emigrated from there in 1874.

They moved to Dakota County, Nebraska, where George was a farmer. In 1908 they moved again, this time to Stanley County, South Dakota, and then Jackson County, South Dakota, where they bought a farm.

George died at the age of 66 on 16 October 1931 in Kadoka, Jackson County, South Dakota. He is buried at Kadoka-Fairview Cemetery in Kadoka, South Dakota.

Anna when widowed lived on the farm in Kadoka with son Edward E. Holmes. Anna died at the age of 81 on 11 June 1950 in Kadoka, South Dakota, and she is also buried at the Kadoka-Fairview Cemetery. George and Anna Holmes had at least 10 children, and possibly two more that may have died young while they were in Nebraska:

+Emily Anna Holmes⁷ – 1891-1990 – married John Dillon.

+Mabelle B. Holmes⁷ – 1891-1957 – married Howard E. Pease.

+Albert G. Holmes⁷ – 1894-1911 – buried Kadoka Calvary-Fairview Cemetery.

+Elmer Henry Holmes⁷ – 1897-1940 – married Hazel Beach.

+Merle F. Holmes⁷ – 1899-1906 – buried in Nebraska.

+Pearl Bertha Holmes⁷ – 1902-1997 – married Francis Homer Beitel.

+Edward E. Holmes⁷ – 1902-1952 – never married.

+Infant Son Holmes⁷ – born and died 4 July 1904—buried in Nebraska.
 +Lillian (Lily) Mae Holmes⁷ – 1907-2002 – married (1) Roy Smith (2) Ivah A. Enders.
 +Ruth Marie Holmes⁷ – 1908-2005 – married (1) Perault (2) Miller.

Everett L. Holmes⁶ (Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Everett was born 27 June 1868 in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, the son of Eliza Ann *Marion* and James William Holmes.

On 6 December 1893 in Pender, Thurston County, Nebraska, he married **Mary Alice Larson**, who was born 24 November 1872 in Uehling, Dodge County, Nebraska. Mary Alice was the daughter of Andrew Larson (1841-1908) and Mary *Bowman* (1840-1924). Everett was a farmer until 1918. That year the family moved to Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska, and Everett went to work for the U.S. Postal Service. He is pictured here at the age 37.¹³⁹

Mary Alice died from cancer on 6 July 1933 in Lyons, Nebraska at the age of 60 years, seven months, and 12 days. She is buried at Lyons Cemetery, Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska.

Everett died 26 April 1963 in Oakland, Burt County, Nebraska at the age of 94 years, 10 months, and one day. He is buried at Lyons Cemetery in Lyons, Nebraska, next to his wife. It is believed that Everett and Mary Alice Holmes had 12 children—six died before 1933. These are the known children.



+Guy Harlin Holmes⁷ – 1894-1910
 +Ivan Leroy Holmes⁷ – 1896-1987 – married Bertha Ilene Dill.
 +Ray Stanley Holmes⁷ – 1900–1972 – married Marie E. Dierking.
 +Jay L. Holmes⁷ – 1904-1904
 +Everett Arthur Holmes⁷ – 1905-1988 – married Katherine Petrucka.
 +Marian Adalaide Holmes⁷ – 1908–1990 – married (1) Gregory and (2) Hahlbeck.
 +Gertrude Harriet Holmes⁷ – 1911-2009 – married Rodney (Rod) L. Rusk.
 +Alice Mary Holmes⁷ – 1913-1994 – married Jerome R. Smith.

Lillian (Lilly) Celia Holmes⁶ (Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lilly was born 3 March 1870 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Eliza Ann *Marion* and James William Holmes.

She married **Elmer Schenck**, who was born 22 April 1871 in Winneshiek County, Iowa, the son of Robert Henry Schenck (1826-1887) and Eliza Jane *Brokaw* (1836-1912).

Lilly died 5 March 1937 at the age of 67 in Tyler, Lincoln County, Minnesota. She is buried at Ruthton Cemetery in Ruthton, Pipestone County, Minnesota. Elmer died

¹³⁹ Source: *Find A Grave* image (<http://findagrave.com>).

7 May 1957 at the age of 86 in Inglewood, Los Angeles County, California. He is also buried at Ruthton Cemetery in Ruthton, Minnesota. Lilly and Elmer had 12 children.

- +Earl James Schenck⁷ – 1892-1993 – married Ethel A. Warnock.
- +Robert J. Schenck⁷ – 1894-1895
- +Pearl Mae Schenck⁷ – 1897-1937 – married Elmer Bryan Harrison.
- +Gladys E. Schenck⁷ – 1899-1985 – married Charles J. Beck.
- +Raymond (Ray) Schenck⁷ – 1901-1948 – married Alta McCormick.
- +Secil L. Schenck⁷ – 1905-1905
- +Mary Schenck⁷ – 1906-1906
- +Stanley Jay Schenck⁷ – 1907-1941 – married Lucille Edna Oldenburg.
- +Melvin Dale Schenck⁷ – 1909-1912
- +Floyd Garland Schenck⁷ – 1910-1996 – married Josie Pederson.
- +Carl J. Schenck⁷ – 1911-1912
- +Carrol Merrill Schenck⁷ – 1913-1994 – married Genevieve Alvilda Florence Hill.

Anne (Annie) M. Holmes⁶ (Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Annie was born 12 January 1873 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Eliza Ann *Marion* and James William Holmes.

She married **Delmar R. Davis**, who was born 31 December 1870 in Burt County, Nebraska, the son of James R. Davis (1839-1904) and Margaret Wilcoxsen (1841-1924). Annie and Delmar lived in Burt, Dixon and Rock Counties in Nebraska. Delmar was a farmer and a teamster. Delmar died 15 October 1948 in Craig, Burt County, Nebraska, and he is buried at Craig Cemetery at Craig, Nebraska.

Annie died 12 February 1960 in Burt County, Nebraska. She is buried beside her husband at Craig Cemetery in Craig, Nebraska. They had five children—all born in Nebraska.

- +Lavern James Davis⁷ – 1894-1961 – unmarried.
- +Edmond (Eddie) Archibald Davis⁷ – 1895-1979 – Eulalie (Eula) Ida Bonneau.
- +Lawrence Avon Davis⁷ – 1897-1936 – no record of marriage.
- +Glyde G. Davis⁷ – 1903-1990 – married Mae E. Kinder.
- +Mabel K. Davis⁷ – 1909-1982 – no record of marriage.

James Leslie Holmes⁶ (Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 6 October 1874 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Eliza Ann *Marian* and James William Holmes. Leslie is proven to be James' middle name and not Lawrence as other researchers have indicated. His 19 Sept. 1918 WWI draft registration in Lincoln County, Minnesota is the proof source. James' signature in his own handwriting reads "James Leslie Holmes."

On 10 August 1898 at Camp Omaha, Burt County, Nebraska, James married **Minnie Lee Elliott**, who was born 1878 in Illinois.

James was a farmer. He died at the age of 47 on 12 September 1922 in Arco, Lincoln County, Minnesota. He is buried at Arco City Cemetery in Arco, Minnesota.

Minnie died at the age of 46 in 1924 at Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska. She is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. James and Minnie had 11 children. Seven of the children were left as young orphans.

- +Arthur Albert Holmes⁷ – 1899-1988 – married Helen P. Johnson.
- +Wilbur E. Holmes⁷ – 1901-1957 – married and divorced.
- +Archie F. Holmes⁷ – 1903-1965 – married Marion Angle.
- Flossie F. Holmes⁷ – 1904—no record found except listing in 1910 and 1920 census.
- +Robert W. Holmes⁷ – 1907-1982 – married Amanda Ethel_____.
- +Florence P. Holmes⁷ – 1908-1991 – married Harold C. Stanley.
- +Josie Mary Holmes⁷ – 1911-2000 – married William Deckert.
- +Vida Evelyn Holmes⁷ – 1912-1980 – married Henry Andrew Hellvig.
- +Leslie Edward Holmes⁷ – 1914-1981 – married (1) Esther R. Jensen (2) private.
- +Marie Cecelia Holmes⁷ – 1916-1975 – married several times.
- +Woodrow W. Holmes⁷ – 1918-1983 – marriage status unknown.

Mary Jane Holmes⁶ (Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Jane was born 13 October 1876 in Illinois, the daughter of Eliza Ann *Marian* and James William Holmes.

On 1 October 1895 she married **Chauncey Edward Webster**, who was born 11 January 1869 in Troupsburg, Steuben County, New York. He was the son of Albert Webster, Sr. (1844-1926) and Rhoda Delana *Horton* (1849-1919). Chauncey was one of 11 children. The family left New York in 1879 and moved to Burt County, Nebraska. As his father had always been, Chauncey was a farmer.

Chauncey died 20 October 1954, and is buried at Tekamah Cemetery, Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska—Plot: Lot 64, Block 2.

Mary Jane died 19 December 1964. She is also buried at Tekamah Cemetery in Tekamah, Nebraska. Mary Jane and Chauncey had at least 11 children.

- +Lillie Mae Webster⁷ – 1897-1979 – married Elvir Andes Anderson.
- +Chancy Herbert Webster⁷ – 1898-1994 – married Hazel Springer.
- +Roy Glen Webster⁷ – 1900-1986 – married (1) Reeh and (2) Brown.
- +Harold Eldon Webster⁷ – 1902-1925 – unmarried.
- +William Albert Webster⁷ – 1905-1976 – married Eliese (Elsie) Marie Moeller.
- +Vera Eliza Webster⁷ – 1907-1910 (twin of Vira).
- +Vira Rhoda Webster⁷ – 1907-2000 (twin) – married Max Thystrup.
- +George Edward Webster⁷ – 1911-2001 – married Grace Almeda Davidson.
- +Gerald Elwood Webster⁷ – 1913-1985 – married Dorothy Ruth Clements.
- +Jay Austin Webster⁷ – 1915-1987 – married Nadine E. (surname unknown).
- +Robert Earl Webster⁷ – 1918-2001 – married Mary Louise Ray.

Kate Ellen Holmes⁶ (Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kate was born 2 September 1880 in Illinois, the daughter of Eliza Ann *Marion* and James William Holmes.

On 17 December 1904 Kate married **Herley Miller** who was born 9 August 1878 in Plainville, Daviess County, Indiana. He was the son of William Ciscoe Miller (1845-1938) and Jane Deaver (1852-1916).

Kate and Herley lived in Burt County, Nebraska. Herley was a farmer.

Kate died 1 March 1917 at the age of 36—the day after giving birth to a daughter. Kate is buried at Tekamah Cemetery, Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska. Their newly born daughter Katie died two days after her mother's death and she was buried in her mother's arms.

According to a family tradition told by a family member in a posting on Ancestry.com, it was a tragic accident which led to the deaths of three family members—mother Kate, baby Katie, and eldest daughter Hazel. Mother Kate fell and broke her leg in the pig pen and was infected with what was thought to be Anthrax—leading to Kate's death and that of their newly born daughter Katie. The family was ordered to burn everything that mother and baby came in contact with. Thirteen year old daughter Hazel secretly kept a pillow belonging to her mother. The next year, Hazel evidently had an open sore and when she hugged her mother's pillow the Anthrax germs entered her system. Hazel also died.

After his wife's death, Herley married a second time. His wife's name was Hattie, and they had three children: William R. Miller, Robert L. Miller and Eva D. Miller.

Herley died 22 December 1955 at the age of 77. He is buried next to his first wife Kate at Tekamah Cemetery in Tekamah, Nebraska. Katie and Herley had six children, all born in Burt County, Nebraska.

+Hazel Fern Miller⁷ – 1905-1918

+Harold Irvan Miller⁷ –1906-1973 – married Carrie Alice McDonald.

+L. Glenn Miller⁷ – 1907-1990 – married Evelyn M. Walters.

+Lulu G. Miller⁷ – 1911-1999 – married Alby M. Helms.

+Elwood Bernard Miller⁷ – 1915-2007 – married twice.

+Katie Beulah Miller⁷ –1917-1917

John McClellan Holmes⁶ (Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 11 August 1885 in Washington County, Nebraska, the son of Eliza Ann *Marion* and James William Holmes.

In 1918 when he registered for the WWI draft, John was 33 years old and working as a clerk for W. E. Brookings grocery store in Tekamah, Burt County, Illinois. He was still single and his sister Mrs. Edith Potter was listed as his nearest relative.

The following year he married **Esther Goldie Lewis** who was born 1896 in Nebraska. During their marriage John worked for the Tekamah, Nebraska public schools as a janitor.

John died 13 August 1961 at Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. John and Esther had three children, all born in Nebraska.

+Dr. John Park Holmes⁷ – 1921-2002 – marital status unknown.

+Naomi B. Holmes⁷ – 1924-2014 – married (1) Baker and (2) Garner.

Viola Holmes⁷ – deceased—birth and death unknown.

Ethel B. Holmes⁶ (Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ethel was born 24 September 1887 in Illinois. She was the daughter of Eliza Ann *Marion* and James William Holmes.

She married **Lloyd Potter** who was born 1 March 1897, the son of Joseph L. and Millie Jane Potter. Lloyd was a farmer in Tekamah, Burt County, Illinois. Lloyd died in January of 1977 at the age of 80.

Ethel died December of 1987 at the age of 100 years plus. Her last place of residence was Craig, Burt County, Nebraska. Ethel and Lloyd did not have any children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Margaret *Marion* Roberts**

Calvin Marion Roberts⁶ (Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Calvin, a twin of Elizabeth (Bessie) *Roberts* Crawford, was born 11 June 1875 in Cropsey, Groveland Township, Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Margaret *Marion* and Charles Herbert Roberts.

On 12 September 1897 in Groveland Township, Tazewell County, Illinois, Calvin married **Emma Mae Louise *Reinmann***, who was born 20 June 1880 in Tazewell County, Illinois. She was the daughter of August Reinmann (1854-1924) and Amelia *Becker*.

The life of Calvin Roberts covers a lot of ground—from Tazewell County, Illinois to South Dakota and finally in 1911, to British Columbia, Canada. He was always a farmer. The family's religion was Methodist.

Calvin died 9 October 1942 in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada. He is buried at Prince George Municipal Cemetery, Prince George, Fraser-Fort George Regional District, British Columbia, Canada—Plot: Section W, Block 6, Plot 11.

Emma died 2 January 1973 at Simon Fraser Private Hospital in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada. She is also buried at the Prince George Municipal Cemetery in Prince George, B.C. Canada. Calvin and Emma had twelve children—all born in diverse locations.

+Charles Elmer Roberts⁷ – 1898-1944 – married Gladys Maud Scott.

+Minnie Margaret Roberts⁷ – 1900-1917 – unmarried.

+Walter Samuel Roberts⁷ – born 7 August 1902 at Yates City, Illinois.

+Christoph Emil Roberts⁷ – 1904-1992 – married Marjorie Eleanor Pugh.

+Inez Fredora Roberts⁷ – 1905-2008 – married Oscar Sanderson.
 +Lucy Theo Roberts⁷ – 1907-1995 – married John Ole Johnson.
 +Louise Lucinda Roberts⁷ – 1908-1969 – married (1) Pace and (2) Uhlick.
 +Bertha Amelia Roberts⁷ – 1911-2005 – married George Daniel Sotak.
 +Marion August Roberts⁷ – 1912-2000 – no marriage record found.
 +Lena Alberta Roberts⁷ – 1915-2001 – married Nels Vernon Nelson.
 +Wilson Wilfred Roberts⁷ – 1917-1959 – no marriage record found.
 +Herbert M. Roberts⁷ – 1921-2006 – married Bernice Edith Phillips.

Elizabeth (Bessie) Marion Roberts⁶ (Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bessie was the twin of Calvin. She was born 11 June 1875 in Cropsey, Groveland Township, McLean County, Illinois, the daughter of Margaret *Marion* and Charles Herbert Roberts.

On 3 October 1895, Bessie married **Charles B. Crawford**, who was born 25 September 1870 in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois. He was the son of Charles Crawford (1835-1913—born Suffolk, England) and Rose *Koch* (1837-1912—born Germany).

Charles was a farmer in Groveland Township, Tazewell County. However, in the first decade of the 1900s, the family moved to Long Beach in Los Angeles County, California. Charles was working as a laborer in a shipyard in Los Angeles County, California when the 1910 federal census was taken.

In 1913 when Charles' father was dying, Charles left Bessie and the children behind in California and returned to Tazewell County, Illinois. After the May 8, 1913 death of his father, Charles returned to his home in California and with the intention of remaining there. However, supposedly, Bessie had a different idea and met him at the train station with the children and baggage in tow. She told Charles that they were moving back to Illinois. This was just what they did, and by selling their land in California, Charles had enough money to purchase his father's fruit farm near East Peoria in Tazewell County, Illinois, when it became available at the estate sale. Charles built a new Victorian-style house for his family across the street from the house where he was raised. It was noted that some of Charles and Bessie's land in California was on Signal Mountain, and shortly after they sold it, oil was discovered on the land.¹⁴⁰

Bessie suffered from diabetes and in her late years lost her eyesight.¹⁴¹ She died at the age of 64 on 15 February 1940 at the state hospital in Bartonville, Peoria County, Illinois. She is buried at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery, East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Charles died 23 October 1947 in Peoria City, Peoria County, Illinois. He is also buried at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Illinois. Bessie and Charles had five children, all born in Tazewell County, Illinois.

Calvin Crawford⁷ – 1896-1898 – buried Fon du Lac Township Cemetery.
 +Orville Leroy Crawford⁷ – 1899-1962 – Edith Leuallen.

¹⁴⁰ Information source: Sharon Hastings, the wife of a descendant of Benjamin Ruffner.

¹⁴¹ *Ibid.*

+Margaret E. Crawford⁷ – 1900-1972 – married Cliff Swanson.¹⁴²
+Horace Tarbell Crawford⁷ – 1904-1975 – married Theresa Regina Theissen.
+Viola L. Crawford⁷ – 1906-1977 – married Herman B. Theissen, Jr.



Charles and Bessie Crawford with their family in front of their home in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois. Source: Mari Serebrov shared the photo with RR&R editor Joan Reid.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
George Edwin Mooberry**

George Milton Mooberry⁶ (George Edwin Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born in Tazewell County, Illinois in 1876 and died the same year. It is very likely that George is buried in Illinois, as his death occurred before the family relocated to Oregon.

Louise Amy Mooberry⁶ (George Edwin Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Louise was born September of 1877 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of George Edwin Mooberry and Mary Mallon.

¹⁴² The story of Margaret Crawford, a progressive young woman of the *roaring 1920s*, is told in the next chapter. The entire story entitled *Aunt Margaret's Daring Adventure* and written by her niece Adell Crawford Harvey appeared in *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, Vol. 15, Issue 1, Spring 2012.

Louise was a public school teacher in Oregon when she met and married **Daniel Ulysses Cochrane** who was born 13 January 1876 in Parsons, Labette County, Kansas. He was the son of Donald (Donnell) Reid Cochrane (1842-1926) and Agness *Newell* (1848-1896).

Louise and Daniel had three children; however, the marriage must have had some rocky moments as sometime after 1920 and before 1930, they divorced. After Daniel's death, the newspapers reported on his busy life and career.

The *Oregon Statesman* of Salem, Oregon reported that Daniel came to Oregon as a boy. Daniel's family had resided in Colorado Springs, Colorado, before they moved to Independence, Polk County, Oregon circa 1881. His father was a railroad section foreman. Daniel attended high school in Monmouth Normal School—taught school in Utah and Arizona and was employed as a newspaper cartoonist in New York. After his return to Oregon, he became the principal of Beaverton High School for 15 years before retiring in 1927 with impaired hearing. He resided in Portland and Estacada, Oregon before he moved to Salem in Marion County, Oregon. In those cities, he edited and published a magazine—*High School Pep*—until about 1932. He also operated a printing company in Portland. After his retirement, Daniel wrote several magazine articles and books on philosophical subjects—one book was *The Universe is my Hobby*. Daniel Cochrane died 31 March 1959 in Salem, Oregon, and he is buried at Belcrest Memorial Park, Salem, Marion County, Oregon—his grave is unmarked.

Louise died 11 November 1957 at Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon. She is buried at Cornelius Methodist Cemetery in Cornelius, Oregon. Louise and Daniel Cochrane's three children were born in Oregon.

+Dorothy Jean Cochrane⁷ – 1908-2008 – married Lloyd Palmer Shaw.

+Robert M. Cochrane⁷ – 1915-2005 – married (2) Martha Elizabeth Nance.

+Frances Elizabeth Cochrane⁷ – 1916-1988 – married John Edward Walsh.

Gilbert E. Mooberry⁶ (George Edwin Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gilbert was born 8 July 1880 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of George Edwin Mooberry and Mary *Mallon*.

Gilbert never married. He and his brother Byron lived together on their farm in Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon.

Gilbert died April of 1971—he is buried near his parents at Cornelius Methodist Cemetery in Cornelius, Oregon. Since he never married, he left no descendants.

Byron Mooberry⁶ (George Edwin Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Byron was born 23 October 1883 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of George Edwin Mooberry and Mary *Mallon*.

Like his older brother Gilbert, Byron never married. He and his brother Gilbert lived together and operated a farm in Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon.

Byron died April 1964—he is buried near his brother at Cornelius Methodist Cemetery in Cornelius, Oregon. Since he never married, he left no descendants.

Lester Mooberry⁶ (George Edwin Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lester was born 10 April 1887 in Farmdale, Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of George Edwin Mooberry and Mary *Mallon*.

Lester was a teacher in a public school in Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon. In 1920, at the age of 32, he was still single and living with his mother in Cornelius. Sometime later he married **Margaret Henrietta Mann** who was born 21 February 1892, in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, the daughter of Grant Freeman Mann and Martha Davenport *Hare*.

Lester died December 1977 at the age of 90, and he is buried at Cornelius Methodist Cemetery in Cornelius, Oregon near the rest of the family.

Margaret died April 1977 at the age of 85. She is also buried at Cornelius Methodist Cemetery in Cornelius, Oregon. No record of children was found.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Alvira Mooberry Pinkham**

Thomas (Tom) V. Pinkham⁶ (Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Tom was born 22 January 1877 in Woodford County, Illinois, the son of Alvira *Mooberry* and George Pinkham.

Circa 1906, he married **Eva Major** who was born 3 January 1871 in Woodford County, Illinois, the daughter of Horace Major (1848-1932) and Lucy Ann *Boyd* (1849-1930)

Tom was a farmer. He died in Woodford County on 16 March 1939 at the age of 62. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

In 1940, Eva was still living in the family home in El Paso, Illinois, and her 32-year-old single son George, was living with her. Eva died 22 June 1942 at the age of 71. She is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois. Tom and Eva Pinkham's only child was born in Woodford County, Illinois.

+George Pinkham⁷ – 1908-1997 – married Ann E. Denzin¹⁴³.

Jennie Colson Pinkham⁶ (Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jennie was born 4 April 1878 in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois, the daughter of Alvira *Mooberry* and George Pinkham.

In Woodford County, Illinois, circa 1900, Jennie married **Elmer O. Mohr** who was born in September of 1875 in Illinois. He was the son of William F. Mohr (1842-1916) and Anna Kreitz. Elmer was a farmer. They first lived in Woodford County, Illinois, then Oklahoma and Indiana. Their final home was in Hicksville, Defiance County, Ohio. Jennie died there 22 May 1943 at the age of 65. She is buried at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Defiance County, Ohio.

¹⁴³ California's marriage index lists two different names for George's wife—Ann E. Denzin and Ann E. Davidson. Anne E. Denzin appears to be the correct name.

Elmer died in 1946 in Defiance County, Ohio. He is buried at Forest Home Cemetery in Hicksville, Ohio. Jennie and Elmer Mohr had four children, all born in Illinois.

- +Bernice Viola Mohr⁷ – 1901-1980 – married (1) Miller and (2) Harter.
- +Mary Lee Mohr⁷ – 1903-2003 – married Wade Anthony Abbott.
- +Harold David Mohr⁷ – 1905-2001 – married Ruth Widney.
- +Kenneth L. Mohr⁷ – 1907-1977 – married Marguerite Helsel.

Edith Evaline Pinkham⁶ (Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edith was born 16 March 1880 in Woodford County, Illinois, the daughter of Alvira *Mooberry* and George Pinkham. She was the twin of Ida C. Pinkham.

Edith married **John W. North** who was born 24 August 1879, the son of James R. North (1845-1926) and Elizabeth *Bailey* (1849-1918). John's paternal ancestors came from Lincolnshire, England.

Edith and John always lived on their farm in Woodford County, Illinois. After the death of her younger sister Mary Frances *Pinkham* Bruce in 1917, Edith and her husband took her sister's children into their home.

Edith died 6 October 1949 in Woodford County at the age of 69, and she is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

John died 21 December 1959 at the age of 80. He is also buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois. Edith and John had at least three children—all born in Woodford County, Illinois.

- Fern E. North⁷ – 1914-1914 – buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois.
- Erma E. North⁷ – 1916-1916 – buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois.
- +Edith Eva North⁷ – 1921-2015 – married George F. Edwards.

Ida C. Pinkham⁶ (Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) The twin of Edith, Ida, was born 16 March 1880 in Woodford County, Illinois, the daughter of Alvira *Mooberry* and George Pinkham.

At the age of 24, Ida married 42-year-old **Albert Blackmore**, who was born 26 December 1861 in Illinois. He was the son of John and Elizabeth Blackmore—both born in England. Ida and Albert always lived on their farm in Panola, Woodford County, Illinois.

Albert died 6 February 1950 at the age of 88 years. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

Ida died 9 August 1963 at the age of 83 years. She is also buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois. Ida and John had seven children—all born in Woodford County, Illinois.

- +Emmett A. Blackmore⁷ – 1905-1993 – married Elva Grace Wilkey.

- +Blanche Alvira Blackmore⁷ – 1906-2000 – married Earl Kenneth Stouffer.
- +Elsie Elizabeth Blackmore⁷ – 1910-2007 – married Anton Shebetka.
- +Florence Ida Blackmore⁷ – 1910-2005 – married Kenneth C. Johnson.
- +Arthur John Blackmore⁷ – 1912-1998 – married Goldie Mae Hornback.
- +Claude Eldon Blackmore⁷ – 1918-1982 – married Dorothy Smith.
- +Clarence M. Blackmore⁷ – 1921-1986 – married E. Ruth Kearfott.

George Cleveland (Cleve) Pinkham⁶ (Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Cleve was born 27 November 1884 in Woodford County, Illinois, the son of Alvira *Mooberry* and George Pinkham.

Cleve married **Ella Fern Roth**, who was born 2 June 1892 in Illinois. It is believed they always lived in Panola Township, Woodford County, where George was a farmer.

Soon after giving birth to their fourth child, Ella died 23 April 1929 at the age of 36. She is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

Cleve died 26 January 1962 at the age of 77. He is buried next to Ella at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois. Cleve and Ella Pinkham had three sons and one daughter, all born in Woodford County, Illinois.

- +John Bruce Pinkham⁷ – 1913-2014 – married Mary Elizabeth Dust.
- +Frederick H. Pinkham⁷ – 1917-2009 – married Susan G. Downs.
- +George Clarke Pinkham⁷ – 1919-1996 – married (1)Wessel and (2) Gerdes.
- +Female Pinkham⁷ – private – married (private).

Mary Frances Pinkham⁶ (Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Frances was born 15 December 1886 in Woodford County, Illinois, the daughter of Alvira *Mooberry* and George Pinkham.

She married **Robert Bruce** who was born 24 May 1879 in Scotland. He was the son of George Bruce and Jane Smith Cook.

Mary Frances died 7 February 1917 at the age of 30. Robert died 1 March 1953. They are both buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

William Steven Pinkham⁶ (Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 20 January 1893 in Panola Township, Woodford County, Illinois, the son of Alvira *Mooberry* and George Pinkham.

On 27 August 1919, William married **Ethel M. Punke** who was born 16 May 1895, the daughter of Gustave A. Punke and Lucinda *Peck*.

William served in the U.S. Army during WWI. He was a farmer on his own farm in Panola Township, Illinois. He died 27 October 1960 at the age of 67. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

Ethel died 22 September 1975 at the age of 80. She is buried beside her husband at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois. William and Ethel had eight children—two sons died in infancy.

- +Frances Eleanor Pinkham⁷ – 1922-1979 – married Christian Gottlieb Schmidgall.
- +Robert (Bob) Earl Pinkham⁷ – 1925-2007 – married (1) Reeves (2) Clark.
- +Richard (Dick) (Pinky) Pinkham⁷ – 1927-2016 – married (private).
- +Living son Pinkham⁷ (Private)
- +Living son Pinkham⁷ (Private)
- +Harold William Pinkham⁷ – 1935-2006 – no record of marriage found.

Elsie Margaret Pinkham⁶ (Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) 1894-1984

Elsie married **Chester August Koch** who was born 18 June 1894 in Illinois, the son of John and Katie Koch. Chester was a farmer in Panola Township, Woodford County, Illinois. Their farm was next to William Pinkham, Elsie's brother's farm in Panola Township, Woodford County, Illinois.

Chester died in Woodford County, Illinois on 24 December 1965 at the age of 71. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

Elsie died 1984, and she is also buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois. Elsie and Chester had two children—both daughters—born in Woodford County, Illinois.

- +Phyllis Koch⁷ – born circa 1919 – last information was found in 1940 census.
- +Catherine Alvira Koch⁷ – 1921-1990 – married Walter Herman Hielscher.

Frank Pinkham⁶ (Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frank was born 16 April 1895 in Woodford County, Illinois. He was the infant son of Alvira *Mooberry* and George Pinkham. Frank died the same day as his birth—16 April 1895. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. His grave is located directly to the left of his parents.

Royal (Roy) Edgar Pinkham⁶ (Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Roy was born 20 November 1897 near El Paso in Woodford County, Illinois, the son of Alvira *Mooberry* and George Pinkham.

On 21 September 1922 Roy married **Alta Marie Holt**, who was born 16 December 1900 in Woodford County, Illinois.

Roy was a farmer and was also employed for 27 years by Pfister Hybrid Corn Co. in El Paso, Illinois. He was a member of the First Methodist Church in El Paso.

Roy died July 1967 at the age of 69—his last place of residence Woodford County, Illinois. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. Alta died 13 March 1977. She is also buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois. Roy and Alta had six children—all born in Woodford County, Illinois.

+Eva Jane Pinkham⁷ – 1924-2012 – married Glenn C. Kingdon.
+Lyle Eugene Pinkham⁷ – 1926-2007 – married Anna Margaret Otten.
Living male Pinkham⁷ – (private)
Living female Pinkham⁷ – married Clarence E. (Dutch) Armstrong (1924-2007).
Living male Pinkham⁷ – married (private)
+Peggy Gail Pinkham⁷ – 1937-2015 – married (private)

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Milton Mooberry**

Irene C. Mooberry⁶ (Milton Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Irene was born 22 March 1891 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Milton Mooberry and Lydia R. *Mooberry*. Irene never married and always lived with her parents on their ranch in Tazewell County. She died 1 November 1909 at the age of 18. She is buried at Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois. The family cemetery is located in Groveland Township, between Morton and Groveland, Illinois.

Harry H. Mooberry⁶ (Milton Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harry was born 16 November 1894 in Peoria, Groveland Township, Tazewell County, Illinois. His parents were Milton Mooberry and Lydia R. *Mooberry*.

On 27 November 1918, Harry married (1) **Viola May Oetzel** who was born 4 October 1898 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Adam Oetzel and Caroline *Glabe*. Harry was a farmer in Tazewell County, Illinois.

Viola died 26 April 1949 at the age of 50. She is buried at Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois.

Circa 1955 Harry married (2) **Irma Neumann** (1909-1994), the daughter of Charles Neumann and Louise *Krause*. No children.

Harry died 3 November 1965 at the age of 70. He is buried next to his first wife Viola at Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell, Illinois. Harry and Viola had four children.

+Orville Mooberry⁷ – 1920-2013 – married Laurine Elizabeth Senne.
+Glen Elmer Mooberry⁷ – 1922-1999 – married Dorothy Ropp.
+Buford L. Mooberry⁷ – 1924-2012 – married private.
+Donna Mooberry⁷ – 1927-2016 – married George Daniel Crumrine.

Thornton Fields Mooberry⁶ (Milton Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thornton was born 10 June 1899 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Milton Mooberry and Lydia R. *Mooberry*.

He married **Edna Irene Burroughs** who was born 6 August 1904 in Illinois. They lived on their farm in Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Thornton died 15 August 1983 at the age of 84. He is buried at Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois.

Edna died 24 May 1991 at the age of 86. She is also buried at the Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County. Thornton and Edna had four children all born in Illinois.

+Marjorie I. Mooberry⁷ – 1926-2010 – married Glenn R. Hillman.

+Ila Mae Mooberry⁷ – 1930-2014 – married Warren Eugene Miller.

Living male Mooberry⁷ – (private)

Living female Mooberry⁷ – (private)

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Dorcas Jane Mooberry O'Brien**

Benjamin (Ben) Raymond O'Brien⁶ (Dorcas Jane Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ben was born 7 January 1882 in Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Jane *Mooberry* and Alba Parker O'Brien.

On 12 June of 1904 in Stark County, Illinois, he married **Aldah Lovenia Seneff** who was born 27 October 1881 in Daviess County, Illinois. She was the daughter of William Seneff and Anna *Fisher*.

Ben was a farmer on their own farm in Farmington, Fulton County, Illinois. Ben and Aldah moved to Farmington in 1914 and owned 215 acres of land in Section 11 in Farmington Township, Fulton County, Illinois.

Aldah Lovenia died in Charleston, Coles County, Illinois in May 1978 at the age of 96. No record was found regarding the death of Ben. The last record found was his registration in the WWII "Old Man's Draft" in 1942 when he was 60 years old. At that time he still resided on his farm in Fulton County, Illinois. Ben and Aldah had no children.

Jessie Grace O'Brien⁶ (Dorcas Jane Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jessie was born 5 December 1884 in Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Dorcas Jane *Mooberry* and Alba Parker O'Brien. She died at the age of eight on 29 April 1893 in Tazewell County. She is buried at Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois—where she rests nearby her parents and her two young sisters.

Edith Pearl O'Brien⁶ (Dorcas Jane Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edith was born 21 February 1887 in Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Dorcas Jane *Mooberry* and Alba

Parker O'Brien. Edith was the first of Dorcas and Alba's daughters to die young. She died 4 May 1889 in Tazewell County, and she is also buried at the Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois.

Edna Myrtle O'Brien⁶ (Dorcas Jane Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edna was born 13 April 1883 in Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Dorcas Jane *Mooberry* and Alba Park O'Brien.

Edna married **Eugene Lester (Cap) Conklin** who was born 15 October 1870 in Tazewell County, Illinois. He was the son of Ketcham Sampson (K.S.) Conklin (1840-1918) and Martha *Doolittle* (1846-1928).

Because Eugene served as a Captain during the Spanish-American War, Eugene was known as Cap among the people of Pekin, Illinois.

In Pekin Eugene followed in his father's footsteps as a lumber dealer, and became the president and treasurer of the well-known Pekin pioneer business, Conklin Lumber Company, a position he held until retirement.

Eugene died 19 January 1965 at the age of 94. He is buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois (Section 7).

Edna died 31 July 1970 at the age of 87. She is buried next to her husband at Lakeside Cemetery in Pekin, Illinois. Edna and Eugene had two children.

+Martha Conklin⁷ – 1912-1998 – married Tilford Andrew Olson.

+Mary Eugenie Conklin⁷ – 1915-1932 – unmarried.

Elsie O'Brien⁷ (Dorcas Jane Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elsie was born 6 February 1890 in Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois. She was the youngest daughter of Dorcas Jane *Mooberry* and Alba Parker O'Brien. Elsie died 30 April 1893, the day following the death of her older sister Jessie. Elsie was only three years old. She is buried next to her two young sisters and her parents at Mooberry Cemetery in Tazewell County, Illinois.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Malinda B. Huddleston Allen**

Coral M. Allen⁶ (Malinda B. Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Coral was born 1891 in Nebraska, the daughter of Malinda B. *Huddleston* and Edwin D. Allen.

Coral married **Charles Faye Mead** who was born 17 September 1889 in Columbia County, Wisconsin, the son of Eugene Mead and Lucy *Kalar*. Coral and Charles lived in Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin. Charles was first a jeweler in his own shop in Shell Lake, and then he worked for the railroad as a foreman in building their bridges. Coral and Charles always lived in Shell Lake, Wisconsin.

Coral died in 1945 and is buried at Shell Lake Cemetery in Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin. The date of death and burial place for Charles was not found.

They had three children, all born in Washburn County, Wisconsin.

+Arlene Isla Mead⁷ – 1918-2006 – married Gaylord Chester Watson.

+Gwendolyn Lucy Mead⁷ – 1920-2010 – married name Bennett.

Female Mead – private

Vernon Ward Allen⁶ (Malinda B. Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Vernon was born 20 July 1893 in Nebraska, the son of Malinda B. *Huddleston* and Edwin D. Allen.

Vernon served in the U.S. Army during WWI as a private in Co. C, 37th Infantry, (Wisconsin) from 29 April 1918 until 31 December 1918.

Vernon first married **Clare Shields** who was born 1892 in Wisconsin. They lived in Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin, where Vernon was a salesman in his own automobile company.

The *Spooner Advocate* a local newspaper reported on 19 January 1928 that Mrs. Vernon W. Allen (nee Clare Shields), a local well known and beloved Shell Lake young woman, died on Thursday at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth following an operation for appendicitis. Clare is buried at Saint Joseph's Cemetery in Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin. Vernon and Clare had no children.

Vernon married (2) a lady by the name of **Lee B.** (birth name unknown). They continued to live in Shell Lake, Wisconsin, where Vernon was part owner of an auto garage.

Vernon died 8 December 1948 at the age of 55. He is buried at Shell Lake Cemetery, Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin.

His second wife Lee died 7 December 1996 at the age of 97. She is also buried at Shell Lake Cemetery in Shell Lake, Wisconsin. Vernon and his second wife Lee had at least one child (private).

Lester William Allen⁶ (Malinda B. Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lester was born 3 November 1894 in Nebraska, the son of Malinda B. *Huddleston* and Edwin D. Allen.

Lester served in the U.S. Army during WW I as a private in the 121st Field Artillery, 32nd Division (Wisconsin).

On 20 June 1920, he married **Mabel L. Merchant** who was born 17 October 1899 in Arcadia, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, the daughter of Charles Merchant and Emma *Stoeker*. Lester and Mabel always made their home at Shell Lake, Wisconsin. Lester was the owner and operator of an automobile garage in Shell Lake.

Lester died 4 February 1943 at the age of 48. He is buried at Shell Lake Cemetery in Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin.

Mabel had attended McCarthy School and then Superior Business School. In Shell Lake after she was widowed, she worked at the Lumberman's Bank. Following her

husband's early death, Mabel led a busy life. In 1970 she was named Shell Lake's Citizen of the Year. She was a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Shell Lake Hospital Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Eastern Star and the Shell Lake election board.

Mabel died at the age of 102 on 10 December 2001 in Shell Lake. She is buried at Shell Lake Cemetery near her husband. She outlived her husband, two daughters, one grandson, one great-grandson, three brothers and one sister. At the time of her death, she was survived by a daughter and a son, 19 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one gr-gr-grandchild.

Lester and Mabel had four children all born at Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin.

+Doris (Dottie) May Allen⁷ – 1921-2005 – married Clinton (Clint) F. DesJardins.

+Barbara Allen⁷ – 1924-1991 – married Wendell Pederson.

+Donna Jeanne Allen⁷ – 1931-1990 – married Vincent Roger Simonetti.

+Edwin C. Allen⁷ – 1935-2013 – married JoAnn Isabella

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Lorenzo William Huddleston**

Ina Huddleston⁶ (Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵, Christine Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ina was a twin, born April of 1890 in Nebraska. Her father was Lorenzo William Huddleston; however, her mother's name is unknown. Ina was a daughter by his first wife, who was also born in Nebraska. The only record found for Ina was in the 1900 federal census for Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa, when Ina was 10 years old and attending School.

Ona Huddleston⁶ (Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵, Christine Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ona was the twin sister of Ina Huddleston. She was born April of 1890 in Nebraska. Her father was Lorenzo William Huddleston, and as it is with her twin sister, her mother's name is unknown. She was born to Lorenzo's first wife, who evidently died while the two girls were very young. As with her sister, the only record found for Ona was in the 1900 federal census for Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa, when Ona was 10 years old and attending school.

Laurel Wilcox Huddleston⁶ (Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵, Christine Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Laurel was born 31 August 1895 in Ponca, Dixon County, Nebraska, the son of Lorenzo William Huddleston and his second wife Adonia B. *Wilcox*.

On 27 January 1928, Laurel married **Florence May James Newey**, who was born 1894 in Ogden, Weber County, Utah. Florence had formerly been married to Thomas

Leland Newey (1895-1980). She had a son from that marriage—Don Carylile Newey (1922-2007). Don lived with his mother and stepfather during his young years.

Laurel worked for a meat packing house. He died in 23 February 1972—his last address was Saint Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri.

Florence died 1982. During their marriage, Laurel and Florence had two children.

+Laurel Ray Huddleston⁷ – 1931-2000 – he was married and separated (private).

Female Huddleston⁷ – private.

Marie Huddleston⁶ (Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵, Christine Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marie was born 12 December 1897 in Nebraska, the daughter of Lorenzo William Huddleston and second wife Adonia B. *Wilcox*.

She married **Charles Presley Hicks** who was born 22 March 1893 in Missouri. They lived in Buchanan County, Missouri. Charles worked as a meat packer and then in building construction as a concrete mixer.

Charles died October of 1973 at Saint Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. His burial place was not found.

Marie died December of 1981—her last residence was Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. No record of her burial place was found. Marie and Charles Hicks had one child.

+Christina Lorraine Hicks⁷ – 1923-2007 – married (1) Barrett (2) Dean Merritt Stolp, Jr.

F. William Huddleston⁶ (Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵, Christine Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born in February of 1900, as shown in the 1900 federal census for Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa, taken when he was five months old. He was listed as Fawna William Huddleston, age 10, living in Broken Bow Township, Custer County, Nebraska, with his parents Lorenzo William Huddleston and Adonia B. *Wilcox* in the 1910 federal census.

Hilda Huddleston⁶ (Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵, Christine Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hilda was born sometime during the year 1904 in Nebraska, the daughter of Lorenzo William Huddleston and Adonia B. *Wilcox*.

Information on Hilda could not be verified as there seemed to be two different women named Hilda Huddleston—both born in 1904. Hilda, the daughter of Lorenzo and Adonia Huddleston, was shown in the 1920 federal census when she was listed with her parents at the age of 16 living in Marshall, Platte County, Missouri. In 1925, the Kansas City census for Doniphan County listed Lorenzo and Adonia with their two daughters: Alice, age 17, and Lois, age 15. Hilda was not enumerated with the family.

Alice Dorothy Huddleston⁶ (Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵, Christine Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alice was born 14 July 1907 in Ponca County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Lorenzo William Huddleston and Adonia B. *Wilcox*.

Alice married **Ralph Sandlin** who was born 1896, the son of John Sandlin (1870-1950) and Melissa *Nigh* (1874-1963). Ralph worked for Swift Packing House in Saint Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri.

Ralph died 1979. He is buried at Saint Joseph Memorial Park, Saint Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri (Maple Lawn section). Alice died 31 May 1999. She is buried next to her husband at Saint Joseph Memorial Park in Saint Joseph, Missouri. Alice and Ralph had seven children—six girls and one boy.

+Charlotte Margaret Sandlin⁷ –1927-1960 – never married.

Female Sandlin⁷ – private

+Mary Jean Sandlin⁷ – 1930-2002 – married (private)

Female Sandlin⁷ – private

Male Sandlin⁷ – private

Female Sandlin⁷ – private

Female Sandlin⁷ – private

Lois Huddleston⁶ (Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵, Christine Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lois was born 1910 in Nebraska, the youngest daughter of Lorenzo William Huddleston and Adonia B. *Wilcox*. Lois was listed at the age of 10 with her parents in the 1920 federal census in Marshall, Platte County, Missouri and age 15 in the 1925 Kansas State census collection in Wathena, Doniphan County, Kansas. After that, there is no verifiable record found for her.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Newton Jasper Huddleston**

Victor N. Huddleston⁶ (Newton Jasper Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Victor was born 8 July 1899 in Iowa, the eldest son of Newton Jasper Huddleston and Ida A. *Sawvell*.

Victor never married and met with a tragic death at the young age of 24. He was working as a boom man for N. Campbell Mills at Ballard Station in Seattle, King County, Washington, when he fell into the mill pond and drowned. The accident happened on 1 September 1923, and Victor died the following day, 2 September 1923.

He is buried at Bay City IOOF Cemetery, Bay City, Tillamook County, Oregon. He was single and left no issue.

Kenneth Earl Huddleston⁶ (Newton Jasper Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kenneth was born 9 May 1903 in Iowa, the son of Newton Jasper Huddleston and Ida A. Sawvell.

In April of 1940, he was single, 36 years old, and was working as a cook in a construction camp in Tillamook County, Oregon. He was a lodger in a rooming house in Mazanita, Tillamook County, Oregon.

He served as a SC1, U.S. Navy (Oregon) during WWII. Just like his older brother Victor, Kenneth never married. Kenneth died 4 August 1972 at the age of 66 and he is buried at Bay City IOOF Cemetery, Bay City, Tillamook County, Oregon. No issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin and gr-gr-grandson
John Whitfield Ruffner**

Charles (Charlie) Herbert Ruffner⁶ (John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 10 October 1886 at Gauley Bridge, Fayette County, West Virginia, the son of John Whitfield Ruffner and Henrietta Julia Fowler.

In 1915 in Kanawha County, West Virginia, Charlie married **Eva B. Eades** who was born 2 July 1893 in West Virginia, the daughter of Matthew Alexander Eades and Rebecca Susan *Legg*.

Charlie worked as a machinist for The Gauley Mountain Coal Co. in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. This is where the family lived. Charlie was employed for the coal company until his retirement.

He died 12 January 1955 at the Christian Nursing Home in Fayetteville, Fayette County, West Virginia at the age of 69 years. Charlie is buried at Westlake Cemetery in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. Eva died at the age of 95 on 7 May 1988 in Fayette County, West Virginia. Charlie and Eva had three children.

+Herbert Kenneth Ruffner⁷ – 1916-1923 – died age 7.

+Glenna Mae Ruffner⁷ – 1925-1938 – died age 12.

+Eva Kathryn Ruffner⁷ – 1928-2016 – married Howard Leroy Drennen (divorced)

Mae Ruffner⁶ (John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mae was born 20 December 1890 in Kanawha Falls, Fayette County, West Virginia, the daughter of John Whitfield Ruffner and Henrietta Julia *Fowler*. Mae needed to obtain a delayed birth certificate when she became eligible for Social Security and even though she seemed to have been born Carrie Mae Ruffner, she dropped the name Carrie and just used Mae on her application for the Delayed Certificate of Birth.

She married (1) **Austin E. Brown**—by 1920 she was divorced and living with her father and mother in Ansted, West Virginia. Her son from her first marriage was also living with them.

Mae married (2) **Sidney A. McGraw**—1929 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He was born 5 July 1883, the son of Irwin A. McGraw and Betty *Willis*.

Sidney was the proprietor of a shoe repair shop in Ansted, West Virginia. He died at 3:00 p.m. on 15 August 1935—death by suicide at his own hand, at the age of 52 years, one month and 10 days.

Mae died at the age of 78 on 13 October 1969 in Fayette County, West Virginia. She is buried at Westlake Cemetery, Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. One child:

+Frank Elliott Brown⁷ – 1908-1973 – married Gladys Agnes Callison.

Walter Lee Ruffner⁶ (John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 21 July 1892 at Kanawha Falls, Fayette County, West Virginia, the son of John Whitfield Ruffner and Henrietta Julia *Fowler*.

Walter served in the U.S. Army during WWI. He worked as a motorman at the Gauley Mountain Coal Company in Ansted, West Virginia, until his death.

Walter married **Laura Vesta Eades**, who was born 16 January 1897 in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia, the daughter of Matthew Alexander Eades and Rebecca Susan *Legg*.

Walter died at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Beckley, Raleigh County, West Virginia on 9 February 1955 at the age of 62. He had been in the hospital undergoing treatment for seven days. He is buried at Westlake Cemetery, Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia.

Laura died at Laird Memorial Hospital in Montgomery, Fayette County, West Virginia, on 19 March 1961 at the age of 62, as the result of a heart attack. She is also buried at Westlake Cemetery in Ansted, West Virginia. Walter and Laura had one child, a son, who was born in Fayette County, West Virginia.

+Robert Lee Ruffner⁷ – 1921-2003 – no record of marriage found.

Myrtle Helen Ruffner⁶ (John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Myrtle was born 20 May 1895 in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia, the daughter of John Whitfield Ruffner and Henrietta Julia *Fowler*.

On 6 September 1911 in Charleston, Fayette County, West Virginia, Myrtle married **Grover Cleveland Massey**. Grover was born 29 April 1887 in Franklin County, Virginia, the son of John Massey.

In 1917 he was married with two children. Grover was working for the Gauley Mountain Coal Company in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. Later he owned and operated a gas station.

Grover died at Victor, Fayette County, West Virginia on 5 October 1931 at the age of 44. The cause of death was a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

As a widow, Myrtle lived with her son Grover Lee Massey in the family home. She died at Victor, Fayette County, West Virginia, in January of 1978 at the age of 82.

+Gladys A. Massey⁷ – 1913-1977

+Grover Lee Massey⁷ – 1916-2004 – married Evelyn V. Kidd.

+Lyle Marshall Massey⁷ – 1918-1981 – married (private)

Margaret (Maggie) Bell Ruffner⁶ (John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maggie was born 29 September 1899 in Fayette County, West Virginia, the daughter of John Whitfield Ruffner and Henrietta Julia *Fowler*.

On 19 December 1921, Maggie married **Jay Garland Skaggs** who was born 22 June 1900 in Fayette County, West Virginia, the son of John Deloma Skaggs and his wife Mary Susan Skaggs.

Garland worked for the Gauley Mountain Coal Company where the family lived in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia.

Maggie died at Montgomery Hospital in Montgomery, West Virginia at the age of 81 on 23 November 1980. She is buried at Memory Gardens in Hopewell, West Virginia. Garland died 18 June 1996 in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. Maggie and Garland had two children.

+James Garland Skaggs⁷ – 1923-2004 – married (private).

Female Skaggs⁷ (private) – married Robert Lionel Carr – 1926-2007.

Clarence R. Ruffner⁶ (John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clarence was born 16 March 1902 in Fayette County, West Virginia, the son of John Whitfield Ruffner and Henrietta Julia *Fowler*.

In 1925 in Kanawha County, West Virginia, Clarence married **Gladys Mohr**, who was born 21 February 1905.

Clarence was a coal miner in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. Later he became the owner and operator of a movie theater in Ansted. His wife Gladys was the ticket agent for the theater.

Clarence died in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia on 21 May 1973 at the age of 71. Gladys died at Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia at the age of 74 in March of 1979. Clarence and Gladys had one child.

+Betty Doris Ruffner⁷ – 1926-1996 – married Wilford Clayton Fox.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Edgar Reuben Ruffner**

Eva Virginia Ruffner⁶ (Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eva was born 6 May 1893 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Edgar Reuben Ruffner and Willie Ann *Fleshman*.

On 3 October 1915 Eva married **Robert Pendleton Rosson**, who was born 20 January 1894 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Aldine (Al) Rosson and Lula J. *Brockman*.

They first lived in Orange County, Virginia, where Robert worked as a farm laborer. Later they moved back to Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia. Robert worked as a guard for the State Highway Department.

Robert died of a heart attack at the age of 75 on 22 May 1967 at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Eva died at the age of 90 on 31 March 1984 at West Port Nursing Home in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia. She is also buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. Eva and Robert Rosson had at least six children.

- +Juliette Rosson⁷ – 1917-1968 – married James Ellis Battaile.
- +James Walter Rosson⁷ – 1918-2001 – married Grace Hasentine Battaile.
- +Dorothy Rosson⁷ – 1920-1967 – married Kenneth Brockman
- +Lucille W. Rosson⁷ – 1921-2013 – married (2) Donald Andre King
- +Mae Edith Rosson⁷ – 1923—married (1) Shealor and (2) Callaham.
- +Robert Edward Rosson⁷ – 1930-1992 – married (private)

Mary Frances (Fannie) Ruffner⁶ (Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Frances was born 23 December 1894 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Edgar Reuben Ruffner and Willie Ann *Fleshman*.

She married (1) 11 August 1928 in Louisa County, Virginia, **William (Willie) Washington Harlow**, who was born 5 May 1891 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of John W. Harlow (1865-1934) and Chelladonis *Johnson* (1865-1955). Willie farmed with his father on the family farm in Louisa County.

Willie died 27 August 1934 at the age of 42, and he is buried at Macedonia United Methodist Church Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Mary Frances married circa 1940 (2) **Andrew Jackson Franck**, who was born 14 March 1896 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Charles and Ann Franck.

Andrew worked for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad as a section foreman. They lived in Orange County, Virginia.

Mary Frances died 6 June 1970 at the age of 75. She is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Andrew died 13 November 1980, at the age of 84. He is also buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia.

Mary Frances and her first husband William Harlow had two children—a boy and a girl (private), both born in Louisa County, Virginia. There were no children from her second marriage.

Pauline Viola Ruffner⁶ (Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Pauline was born 16 March 1898 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Edgar Reuben Ruffner and Willie Ann *Fleshman*.

On 26 December 1919, she married **Roy William Denton** who was born 15 April 1896. Roy was a farmer in Louisa, Virginia.

Roy died 20 December 1931 at the age of 35. He is buried at Oakland Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Pauline died 1 Jan 1997 at the age of 98. Her last residence was Mechanicsville, Hanover County, Virginia. She is also buried at Oakland Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. Pauline and Roy had six children, all born in Louisa County, Virginia.

+Alice Elizabeth Denton⁷ – born circa 1920 – married Russell Thomas Barton.

+Lois Virginia Denton⁷ – 1921-2007 – married & divorced Donald Lewis Boyd.

+Walter Clyde Denton⁷ – 1923-2000 – married 20 April 1946—private.

+Roy William Denton, Jr.⁷ – 1925-2015 – married—private.

+Margie Viola Denton⁷ 1928-2014 – married Otis Ashton Denton, Sr.

+Esther Denton⁷ –1930-2009 – married John V. Smith.

Annie Martha Ruffner⁶ (Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Annie was born 20 January 1900 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Edgar Reuben Ruffner and Willie Ann *Fleshman*.

On 27 January 1921 in Louisa County, Virginia, Annie married **Raymond Earle Wood**, who was born 17 June 1900/1901 in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, the son of James S. Wood (1875-1954) and HESSIE POORE (1876-1944).

Raymond first farmed the family farm in rural Louisa, Virginia, with his father, and then continued after his father retired—he was always a farmer.

Raymond died 22 December 1964 at the age of 63. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Annie died 17 August 1998 at the age of 98. Her last address was Orange, Orange County, Virginia. She is also buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Virginia. Annie and Raymond Wood had two children—a boy and a girl (private).

Emma Edmonia (Dollie) Ruffner⁶ (Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) 1901-1987. Dollie was born 20 December 1901 in Louisa County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Edgar Reuben Ruffner and Willie Ann *Fleshman*.

On 24 December 1922 in Louisa County, Virginia, she married **Winfrey James Harlow**¹⁴⁴ who was born 16 May 1897 in Louisa County, Virginia. He was the son of Allen Robert Harlow and Anise (Annie) *Waldrop*.

Winfrey was a farmer, as well as retired from the Virginia Department of Highways. He died at the age of 70 on 12 November 1967 at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, four days after he fell down the stairs at his home on Jefferson Park Ave. in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia. The accident occurred at 3 a.m. and he suffered a skull fracture and brain damage. However, the cause of death was listed as cardiac arrest. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia.

Dollie died at the age of 85 on 14 July 1987 at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia. Cause of death was a heart attack. She is buried beside her husband Winfrey at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. Dollie and Winfrey had three children, all born in Louisa County, Virginia.

+Female Harlow⁷ – private

+Aubrey James (Ted) Harlow⁷ – 1931-2013 – married (private).

+Female Harlow (private)

Addie Mae Ruffner⁶ (Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Addie was born 21 July 1905 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Edgar Reuben Ruffner and Willie Ann *Fleshman*.

On 4 July 1926 in Louisa County, Virginia, Addie married **Earl Snider**, who was born 4 November 1901 in Virginia, the son of John M. and Margaret Snider.

Addie and Earl lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1930, and Earl worked as a machinist in a garage.

Earl died May 1974 at Chadd's Ford, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Addie died May 1984 at Chadd's Ford, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. They had two sons.

+Earl Joseph Snider⁷ – 1931-1998 – married (private).

+Edgar Martin Snider⁷ – 1934-2011 – married (1) Dolores Jane Park (2) private

Nellie B. Ruffner⁶ (Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Nellie was born 9 July 1908 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Edgar Reuben Ruffner and Willie Ann *Fleshman*.

On 18 February 1934 in Louisa County, Virginia, Nellie married **Hugh Epps Nelson**, who was born 29 August 1902, the son of Thomas H. Nelson and Maggie Buck.

Hugh worked and retired from the railroad. In 1940, he was living at a railroad camp in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, and working as a bridge carpenter for the railroad. At that time Nellie was living and working on their farm in Louisa, Louisa

¹⁴⁴ Winfrey is his correct given name. Find A Grave lists it as Winfred, however, all official documents, including his WWI draft registration gives this spelling, and his signature confirms the spelling as Winfrey.

County, Virginia. Living with her was their three year old son; also a nephew and a niece.

Hugh died at the Towers Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia on 1 December 1977 at the age of 75. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Nellie died 4 February 1992 at the age of 84. She is also buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. Nellie and Hugh Nelson had three sons (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
James Daniel Ruffner**

Mattie Rea Ruffner⁶ (James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mattie was born 17 February 1892 in Virginia, the daughter of James Daniel Ruffner and Sallie Safronia *Poore*.

On 3 April 1920 in Washington, D.C. Mattie married **Levy Curry Ware** who was born 19 March 1891 in Mineral, Louisa County, Virginia. He was the son of Thomas A. Ware and Sally *Wilson*.¹⁴⁵ Levy was always a farmer at his farm in Mineral, Louisa County, Virginia.

Mattie died at the age of 68 on 7 May 1960 in Louisa County, Virginia. She is buried at the Ware Family Cemetery in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. The cemetery is one of several created by the Ware family—located at Ware's Crossroads on Route 208.

After Mattie's death, Levi at the age of 73, on 6 December 1964 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, married (2) 70-year-old widow Eva Gordon *Raines* Harmon (1894-1967). Sometime before Eva's death, they were divorced.

Levy died at his home in Mineral, Louisa County, Virginia, on 21 October 1977 at the age of 86. He is buried next to his first wife Mattie at the Ware Family Cemetery in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. Mattie and Levy had three sons, all born in Louisa County, Virginia.

Levy Curry Ware, Jr.⁷ – infant was born and died 21 Oct. 1923.

+Marvin Ruffner Ware⁷ – 1924-2007 – married Nancy Elizabeth Traynham.

+Carlton Azal Ware⁷ – 1931-2009 – married Christine Henderson.

Emmett Ruffner⁶ (James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emmett was born 28 April 1894 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of James Daniel Ruffner and Sallie Safronia *Poore*. He died the same day and is probably buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

¹⁴⁵ His mother's maiden name and his father's name are shown on Levy's death certificate.

Roy Watson Ruffner⁶ (James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Roy was born 20 July 1896 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of James Daniel Ruffner and Sallie Safronia *Poore*.

He married **Louise Willie Rosson**, who was born 9 November 1900 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Aldine (Al) Rosson and Lulu J. Brockman.

Roy was a farmer on his own farm in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia. He died at the age of 72 on 8 May 1969 at Louisa Hospital in Louisa, Virginia. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia. Louise died at the age of 80 on 1 May 1981 at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia. She is also buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Virginia.

+Mabel Inez Ruffner⁷ – 1923-2001 – married Albert Kramer Nielsen.

+Earl Daniel Ruffner⁷ – 1924-1979 – married Nellie Jane Horner.

+Clyde Watson Ruffner⁷ 1926-1994 – married (1) VerValin-Hill (2) Jordan-Clark.

Mary Lucille Ruffner⁶ (James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 19 December 1898 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of James Daniel Ruffner and Sallie Safronia *Poore*.

She married **George Harold Snider**, who was born 13 April 1892 in Marysville, Blount County, Tennessee.

George served in WWI having been inducted at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 7 February 1918. He first served stateside and then he served overseas with Headquarters Army Artillery 1st Army from 6 April 1918 to 11 March 1919, and on the date of his discharge 19 June 1919 he was a private first class, it was reported he was 25 per cent disabled.

George was a machinist working for Westinghouse Electric Company in Lester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. They lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He died April 1969 and is buried at West Nottingham Cemetery in Cecil County, Maryland.

Mary died 1988 and is buried next to her husband at West Nottingham Cemetery in Cecil County, Maryland. Mary and George had three sons—the eldest was born in Virginia, and the other two in Pennsylvania.

+George Harold Snider Jr.⁷ – 1923-1989 – married Ruth Lucy McGinnis.

+Frederick Tucker Snider⁷ – 1925-2008 – married (private)

+Male Snider⁷ – private – married (private)

Gladys Evelyn Ruffner⁶ (James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gladys was born 27 July 1901 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of James Daniel Ruffner and Sallie Safronia *Poore*.

Gladys married **Floyd Edwin Bickley**, who was born 17 October 1899 in Virginia, the son of Edwin G. Bickley (1875-1940) and Ethel Dora *Wright* (1877-1957). They lived at and farmed their own land in rural Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Gladys died 16 November 1980, and she is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Floyd died 13 August 1985. He is also buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. Gladys and Floyd had four children all born in Louisa County, Virginia.

+Harold Daniel Bickley⁷ – 1921-2009 – married and divorced three times.

+Elizabeth Evelyn Bickley⁷ – 1923-1993 – married Marvin Monroe Carter

+Floyd Edwin Bickley, Jr.⁷ – 1928-1966 – married Myrtle Louise Hunley.

+Frank P. Bickley⁷ – 1936-1989 – married (private)

Ruth May Ruffner⁶ (James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth was born 9 November 1903 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of James Daniel Ruffner and Sallie Safronia *Poore*.

On 22 February 1923 in Louisa County, Virginia, Ruth married (1) **Garnett Walter Rosson**, who was born 20 December 1895 in Virginia. Garnett was the son of Al and Lou Rosson, and the widower of Nora *Peltier* Rosson (1900-1920). Ruth and Garnett separated and later were divorced. In April of 1940, Ruth was a live-in housekeeper in a private home in Tuckahoe, Henrico County, Virginia. She was listed as divorced. Her 17-year old son Garnett Walter Rosson, Jr. was living with her.

Garnett Walter Rosson, Sr. was living in Alameda County, California in 1942 when the WWII “Old Man’s Draft” was taken. It is believed he died in Alameda County, California on 31 January 1955.

On 2 September 1940 in Richmond, Virginia, Ruth married (2) **Bayard S. (Steve) Stephenson** who was born 2 September 1898. Ruth and Steve Stephenson were divorced 10 June 1953 in Henrico County, Virginia.

Ruth May Stephenson died 3 September 1984. She is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia—Section 24.

+Garnett Walter Rosson, Jr.⁷ – 1923-1990 – married Ila June *Allen* White.

James Jim) Ambler Ruffner⁶ (James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 13 July 1908 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of James Daniel Ruffner and Sallie Safronia *Poore*.

On 11 August 1928 in Mineral, Louisa County, Virginia, James married **Virginia Bell Dunn** who was born 10 May 1907 in Louisa County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Garland Madison Dunn ((1882-1963) and Mamie B. Herndon.

James and Virginia were living at 5051 Ogden Street in Philadelphia when at the age of 28 years, six months and 24 days on 7 February 1937, James died. He died at Misericordia Hospital in Philadelphia. This hospital was established by the Catholic Sisters of Mercy and is now known as Mercy Hospital. No cause of death was given,

instead the Certificate of Death for James stated that an inquest was pending. No information was found regarding the findings of the inquest.

Before his early demise James was employed as an auto mechanic and watchman at a garage.

James, Sr. and Virginia had two sons, both born in Philadelphia. After their father's death, the two boys (8 and 6 years old) became boarding students at Girard College in Philadelphia. The school was constructed and endowed by a very wealthy philanthropist, Stephan Girard (1750-1831), as a school for poor, orphaned or fatherless boys who were expected to live on campus. A unique school of the time, its objective was to prepare disadvantaged boys for productive lives.

At the same time the two boys were boarding at Girard College, their mother Virginia was living alone and working as a machine operator at a dress factory. The two sons of James and Virginia Ruffner were:

+James (Jim) Ambler Ruffner, Jr.⁷ – 1929-2012 – married Barbara *Clark*.

+William Eugene Ruffner⁷ – 1931-2003 – married and divorced.

Sally Ann Ruffner⁶ (James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sally was born 5 September 1911 in Louisa County, Virginia. She was the youngest daughter of James Daniel Ruffner and Sallie Safronia *Poore*.

On 26 February 1927, age 15, in Louisa County, Virginia, Sally married (1) **Walter Nathan Ware** who was born 1 January 1906 in Louisiana County, Virginia. He was the son of Walter W. Ware and Lucy Winfield. Walter Nathan had served in the U.S. Army 1923-1926. Sally and Walter had one child, a son, before they were divorced.

In 1942, Walter married (2) Ellen Virginia Wade. Walter died 23 September 1997 and he is buried at Riverview Cemetery in Charlottesville, Charlottesville County, Virginia. Walter and his second wife had a child, a daughter.

On 28 September 1964 in Richmond, Virginia, Sally married (2) a widower **Clyde Garland Kirby**. He was born 1 November 1911 in Virginia. Clyde was the son of James Madison Kirby and Sarah *Clarke*. Clyde worked as a carpenter and a roofer.

Their marriage was a short one as Clyde died of staph induced pneumonia at the age of 57 on 8 January 1969 at MCV North Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. He is buried at Riverview Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.

Sally died at Richmond Memorial Hospital on 25 February 1980 at the age of 68. The cause of death was cardiac pulmonary arrest due to lung cancer. She is buried at Oakwood Cemetery, in Richmond, Virginia. Sally had one child—from her first marriage.

+Frank Elwood Ware⁷ – 1928-2009 – married (1) Elliott-Gleason (2) Davis-Bishop.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and May Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Thomas Reuben Wright**

William Robert Wright⁶ (Thomas Reuben Wright⁵, America Virginia Wright⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 10 June 1882 in Fluvanna County, Virginia, the son of Thomas Reuben Wright and Emma E. *Morris*.

On 24 November 1909 in Louisa County, Virginia, William married **Myrtle (Mertie) Pendleton Bickley**, who was born 16 April 1888, the daughter of William Monroe Bickley and Martha (Mattie) Jane *Wright*.

William was a carpenter. William Robert Wright died 27 November 1928 at the age of 46 during an operation for a rare brain disorder. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

On 19 February 1942, Mertie married (3) David William Weaver, a merchant in Louisa, Virginia. He was born 5 May 1880, the son of Frank Kern Weaver and Alice Mary *Rhodes*. David had been married before and was a widower.

David died 2 June 1953. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia.

Three days following a stroke, Mertie died at the age of 75 on 23 July 1963, at Louisa Hospital in Louisa, Virginia. She is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. William Robert Wright and Mertie had one child.

+William Randolph Wright⁷ – 1917-2002 – married Elizabeth (surname unknown).

Carrie Morris Wright⁶ (Thomas Reuben Wright⁵, America Virginia Wright⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carrie was born 15 October 1884, the daughter of Thomas Reuben Wright and Emma E. *Morris*.

Carrie never married. She lived with her brother Linwood and his family. She was a merchant—the proprietor of a grocery store in Palmyra, Fluvanna County, Virginia.

Carrie died 13 November 1964 at the age of 80. She is buried at Beaver Dam Baptist Church Cemetery, Paynes Mill, Fluvanna County, Virginia.

Marcellus Vivian Wright⁶ (Thomas Reuben Wright⁵, America Virginia Wright⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marcellus was born 23 February 1887 in Fluvanna County, Virginia. He was the son of Thomas Reuben Wright and Emma E. *Morris*.

Marcellus married **Marian Tranquilla Hudson**, who was born 21 April 1886 in Fluvanna County, Virginia, the daughter of James W. Hudson and Maggie Omohundro.

Marcellus and Marian lived in Troy, Fluvanna County, Virginia. Marcellus was a farmer, and they lived next door to his brother Linwood.

Marian died 16 July 1939 at the age of 53. She is buried next to her husband at Beaver Dam Church Cemetery in Paynes Mill, Fluvanna County, Virginia.

Marcellus died 21 February 1967, just two days before his 80th birthday. He is buried next to his wife at Beaver Dam Church Cemetery, Paynes Mill, Virginia. Marcellus and Marian had no children.

Bernie Thomas Wright⁶ (Thomas Reuben Wright⁵, America Virginia Wright⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bernie was born 17 February 1889, in Fluvanna County, Virginia, the son of Thomas Reuben Wright and Emma E. *Morris*.

Bernie was a Private 1/c in the U.S. Army during WWI. He first worked as a building estimator in Louisa, Virginia. He then became the proprietor of a hardware store in Louisa.

He married **Edna Rebecca Shank** who was born 26 May 1902 in Rockingham County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Joseph Henry Shank and Rebecca A. *Knott*.

Bernie died at Stuart Circle Hospital in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia on 31 August 1987 at the age of 98. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Edna died in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia on 4 February 1991 at the age of 90. Bernie and Edna had no children of their own; however, they had one adopted son whom they adopted as a baby.

+Douglas Thomas Wright⁷ – 1931-1995 – married twice.

Linwood Earl Wright⁶ (Thomas Reuben Wright⁵, America Virginia Wright⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Linwood was born 29 July 1896 in Fluvanna County, Virginia. He was the son of Thomas Reuben Wright and Emma Eugenia *Morris*.

On 30 December 1925 in Albemarle County, Virginia, Linwood married **Minnie P. Lamb**, who was born 6 July 1905 in Albemarle County, Virginia, the daughter of Emmett E. Lamb and Minnie *Herring*.

He was a long-time feed salesman for Fort Defiance Mills of Fort Defiance, Augusta County, Virginia.

They were living in Troy, Fluvanna County, Virginia, when Linwood died at his doctor's office in Palmyra, Fluvanna County, Virginia, as the result of a massive stroke, 29 December 1964 at the age of 68. He is buried at Beaver Dam Baptist Church Cemetery, Paynes Mill, Fluvanna County, Virginia.

Minnie died 13 February 1988—her last address was Troy, Fluvanna County, Virginia. She is buried beside her husband Linwood at Beaver Dam Baptist Church Cemetery in Paynes Mill, Virginia.

Linwood and Minnie had one child, a daughter, who was born in Fluvanna County, Virginia—(private) – married Russell Calvin Ryalls (1925-1989). He was an agent for Peoples Life Insurance Co. in Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Gertrude Ruffner Gautier**

Mary Kathleen Gautier⁶ (Gertrude Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kathleen was born 26 February 1894 in Milton, Cabell County, West Virginia. She was the only child of Gertrude *Ruffner* and William Bowles Gautier.

Kathleen attended a women's college in Richmond, Virginia, graduating in 1914. She was active in drama and art.

According to census information, she was married and divorced, but she kept her birth name after the divorce, and there were no children. She worked as a saleslady and a typist. Her retirement came from the Railroad Board rather than Social Security—thus, she evidently worked in an office of the railroad.

After her father's 1926 death, Kathleen and her mother Gertrude lived together for much of the time.

Kathleen was living at the Eastern Star Home in Richmond, Virginia when she died 21 August 1972 at the age of 78. She is buried next to her father and mother at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum, Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia. The large gravestone is not inscribed with any dates for Kathleen or her mother.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Lena Blanch Ruffner Hughes**

Virgil Lyman Hughes, Jr.⁶ (Lena Blanch Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virgil was born 13 April 1902 in Orange County, Virginia, the son of Lena Blanch *Ruffner* and Virgil Lyman Hughes, Sr.

On 15 June 1920 in Richmond, Virginia, Virgil married (1) **Bernice Taylor Penny**, who was born 4 October 1902 in Charles City County, Virginia, the daughter of William N. Perry and Mollie *Gill*.

After being separated for over ten years, Virgil and Bernice were granted a divorce on 25 April 1941 in Henrico County, Virginia. The decree stated there was one minor child from the marriage. At the time of the divorce, Virgil lived in Newport News, Virginia, and was employed as a chemist. Bernice was living in Richmond, Virginia.

Bernice married a second time—on 28 October 1941 in Richmond County, Virginia, she married 35-year-old John Henry Crawley, who was the son of John H. Crawley and Sallie Bennett. John was a guard at the State Penitentiary. Bernice was a postal clerk for Sauer Company in Richmond. She died at the age of 82 on 19 February 1985 at Stuart Circle Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. Bernice is buried at Washington Memorial Park in Sandston, Henrico County, Virginia.

On 24 May 1956 at the age of 54, in Charlottesville, Louisa County, Virginia, Virgil married (2) **Sadie Maupin Van Fossen**, nee **Sadie Bezeril Maupin**. The bride was born 8 September 1911 in Albemarle County, Virginia, the daughter of Octavious M.

Maupin and Marsie E. *Faulkner*. She was divorced, 44 years old, and working as a seamstress in Charlottesville. At this time, Virgil was living in Sandston, Virginia, and working as a conductor for the railroad. Sadie died 5 January 1975, and she is buried at Rockgate Cemetery, Crozet, Albemarle County, Virginia.

On 3 November 1975, now 73 years old, in Richmond, Virginia, Virgil married (3) **Florine Ethel Dowell Anderson**, who was 71 years old, born 31 April 1904, the daughter of Blueford Davis Dowell and Katherine *Daniel*.

Virgil evidently was widowed once again—on 22 April 1978 in Richmond, Virginia, he married (4) 67-year-old widow **Elma Rose Bossie Kea**, who was born 8 April 1911 in New York. She was the daughter of Lewis Bossie and Laura *Lambert*.

Virgil died at Chippenham Hospital in Richmond, Virginia on 14 November 1980 at the age of 78. His death certificate stated that he was retired from Bellwood Railroad. Virgil is buried at Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia.

Virgil's fourth wife Elma Hughes died at the age of 90 on 10 March 2002. She is also buried at Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Goochland, Virginia.

Edward Hersey Hughes⁶ (Lena Blanch Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edward was born 27 June 1904 at Gordonsville in Orange County, Virginia. He was the son of Lena Blanch *Ruffner* and Virgil Lyman Hughes, Sr.

Edward married **Mae Brittle**, who was born 21 February 1908 in Southampton County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Atticus S. and Maud Brittle. Edward and Mae were married circa 1931, and a son was born to them in July of 1932.

They lived in Richmond, Virginia, and Edward worked as a salesman for Wheeling Corrugating Co. in Richmond.

At the age of 42 years, 10 months and 17 days, Edward died 14 May 1947 at 11:05 a.m. He had suffered a massive heart attack and was pronounced deceased upon arrival at M.C.I. Hospital in Richmond. Edward is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum, Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia.

Mae did not marry again, and she died 10 October 1989. Her home at that time was Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia. She was survived by a brother, two sisters and by a son (private) from her marriage to Edward.

Carroll Thornton Hughes⁶ (Lena Blanch Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carroll was born 11 April 1907 in Orange County, Virginia, the son of Lena Blanch *Ruffner* and Virgil Lyman Hughes, Sr.

On 14 April 1928, in Richmond, Virginia, Carroll married (1) **Evelyn Ergins**, who was born 25 October 1910 in Richmond City, Virginia. Following five years of marriage, the couple divorced on 22 September 1933. One son was born to them.¹⁴⁶

¹⁴⁶ Although the divorce decree for the marriage of Carroll Thornton Hughes and Evelyn *Ergins* Hughes gives the number of children as none, official records do show there was a son born to them— Carroll Thornton Hughes, Jr.

Evelyn then married 1936, John Floyd Beazley (1908-1977). Widowed, she married (3) Minton Millard Shifflett. Evelyn *Ergins* Shifflett died 1997 in Richmond City, Virginia and is buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond City, Virginia.

On 30 August 1934 in Hanover County, Virginia, Carroll married (2) **Ann Heirholzer Horne**, who was born 14 August 1913 at the Horne family home *Meadowbridge Farm* in Ellerson, Hanover County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Charles Richard Horne (1869-1930) and Josephine *Heirholzer* (1876-1931).

Carroll first worked at a service station. He then followed his father's footsteps and worked for the railroad, and when he retired he received his government pension through the Railroad Board. Carroll and Ann's longtime home was at Lakeside, Henrico County, Virginia—they had moved there in 1942.

Carroll died at the age of 84 on 9 December 1991 in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia. He is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum, Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia.

Carroll's widow, Ann *Horne* Hughes, died 4 March 2005 at the age of 91. Ann had continued to live at their Lakeside home until her death. She was survived by their son, two grandsons, one great-grandson, and many nieces and nephews. She is also buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum in Richmond, Virginia.

Carroll, Sr. had two children, both sons—one from each marriage.

+Carroll Thornton Hughes, Jr.⁷ – 1931-2005 – married (private).

+Living Male Hughes⁷ – private

Mary Hughes⁶ (Lena Blanch Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born in October of 1909 in Orange County, Virginia, the daughter of Lena Blanch *Ruffner* and Virgil Lyman Hughes. She died sometime before the 1920 census was enumerated, probably on 4 November 1919. If so, she is buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in Richmond City, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Lucy (Lulu) Sally *Ruffner* Herring**

Alta Scott Herring⁶ (Lucy Sally Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alta was born 19 November 1903 at Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Lucy (Lulu) Sally *Ruffner* and James Leonard Herring.

Alta married **William Frances Drinkard III**, who was born 7 May 1904 in Richmond, Virginia, the son of William Francis Drinkard II (d. 1925) and Fannie Annie *Drew* (d. 1927).

Capt. William Francis Drinkard I (1825-1898), grandfather of William III, served as a staff officer in the Civil War. He had been a printer's apprentice in Lynchburg, and a newspaper editor in Fairmont, Virginia, prior to the war. He was an ordnance officer on

23 July 1864 and on duty in Richmond as a military store keeper when he was captured by the Union side. He was paroled 22 April 1865. After the war, he worked for the Richmond Dispatch newspaper from 1865 into the 1890s.

William III, Alta's husband, was the vice president of Kings College in Charlotte, North Carolina. Kings College was founded in 1901 and is a small *for-profit* college near downtown Charlotte. The family lived in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

William died at Williamsburg Community Hospital in Williamsburg, North Carolina as the result of a stroke at the age of 63 on 14 July 1967. He is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia.

Alta died at Huntersville Hospital in Huntersville, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina at the age of 68 on 1 May 1971. Alta is buried next to her husband at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum in Richmond, Virginia. Their children were:

Male Drinkard⁷ (private)

Male Drinkard⁷ (private)

James Leslie Drinkard⁷ – 1937-1948 – buried Forest Lawn Cemetery, Richmond, VA.

Male Drinkard⁷ (private)

Raymond Luther Herring⁶ (Lucy Sally Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Raymond was born 27 November 1905 in Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia, the son of Lucy (Lulu) Sally *Ruffner* and James Leonard Herring.

Raymond married **Nellie Page** who was born circa 1910. She worked as a secretary for a real estate firm.

Raymond was an electrician for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. He died at the age of 70 on 29 November 1975 at the Westport Manor Nursing Home in Richmond, Virginia. The cause of death was an unknown high fever of one-week duration. Raymond is buried at Maury Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.

Nellie died sometime prior to Raymond's 1975 death. The date and place of burial were not found. No record of any children being born to them was found.

Gertrude Comfort Herring⁶ (Lucy Sally Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gertrude was born 24 February 1915 in Richmond, Virginia, the daughter of Lucy (Lulu) Sally *Ruffner* and James Leonard Herring.

Gertrude never married—and while her parents were still living, she lived with them. She died at the age of 81 on 27 August 1996, and she is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, near her parents.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
John Thomas Ruffner**

Lannie Virginia Ruffner⁶ (John Thomas Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia (her preferred name) was born 8 September 1902 in Richmond, Virginia, the daughter of John Thomas Ruffner and Grace Erma Warriner. A young Virginia is shown here.

On 16 April 1920 in Washington, D.C., Virginia married (1) **William Wheat Bailey** who was born 16 February 1897. He died 28 May 1927.

Following the death of her husband, Virginia married 1928 (2) **Willis Ernest Preddy** who was born 31 January 1908 in Orange County, Virginia. He was the son of Leonard Huckstep Preddy and Cornelia Emily Dowell.

Virginia died 23 August 1991 at the age of 88 in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia. She is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum, Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia. When she died, Virginia was survived by her husband, Willis, her three sons, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, one sister and one brother. She was a member of Colonial Place Christian Church.



Virginia's husband Willis died 8 February 1997. He is also buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum in Richmond, Virginia.

Virginia had three sons—two from her first marriage and one from her second marriage.

+William Wheat Bailey, Jr.⁷ — 1921-2004 – married (private)
+Emmett Hulcher Bailey⁷ – 1924-2011 – married (private).
Male Preddy⁷ – private

Grace Thelma Ruffner⁶ (John Thomas Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thelma (as she was called) was born 12 November 1904 in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, the daughter of John Thomas Ruffner and Grace Erma Warriner.

On 19 February 1944 in the City of Richmond, Virginia, Thelma married for the first time. She married **Earl Newton Franklin**, a 44-year-old widower. Earl was born 1 September 1898 in Mountain Grove, Missouri, the son of Harvey A. Franklin and Della Foster.

At the time of their marriage, Earl was serving in the U.S. Navy Reserves in Mountain Grove, Missouri. He was a veteran of WWII. Later Earl worked for and retired from the U.S. Tobacco Company.

Earl died at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Richmond, Henrico, Virginia at the age of 78 on 12 December 1978—the cause of death was lung cancer. He is buried at Washington Memorial Park Cemetery in Sandston, Henrico County, Virginia.

Thelma died at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, Virginia as the result of a stroke at the age of 76 on 10 February 1981. She is also buried at Washington Memorial Park Cemetery in Sandston, Virginia. There was no record found that they had any children.

John Raymond (Buster) Ruffner⁶ (John Thomas Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Buster was born 18 April 1906 in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, the son of John Thomas Ruffner and Grace Erma *Warriner*.

He married **Henrietta Sophie Becker**, who was born 21 September 1924 in Brooklyn, New York. She was the daughter of George Becker and Anna *Hansen*.

Buster was a veteran of WWII. He was employed as maintenance worker throughout his working years.

Buster died at Sheltering Arms Hospital in Richmond, Virginia at the age of 63 on 1 August 1969. The cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Washington Memorial Park Cemetery in Sandston, Henrico County, Virginia.

Henrietta died 13 July 1994—her last residence was at Richmond City, Virginia. John and Henrietta had at least three children, all sons.

+Howard Dennis Ruffner⁷ – 1943-2005 – married 1964 (private).

Male Ruffner⁷ – private.

Male Ruffner⁷ – private.

Eugene C. (Sonny) Ruffner⁶ (John Thomas Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eugene was born 16 October 1909 in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, the son of John Thomas Ruffner and Grace Erma *Warriner*.

On 4 September 1932 Eugene married (3) **Virginia Susette Carneal**, who was born 18 August 1912 in Caroline County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Emmett B. Carneal and Susie B. Southworth.

Eugene and Virginia lived in Richmond, Virginia. Eugene was a self-employed investor, and Virginia had been a stenographer for Reynolds Metal Company in Richmond.

Eugene died 12 January 2000 at the age of 90. He is buried at Westhampton Memorial Park, Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia.

Virginia died 9 November 2006 at the age of 94 in Goochland County, Virginia. She is also buried at Westhampton Memorial Park in Richmond, Virginia.

Eugene was preceded in death by his parents;



one brother, John; and three sisters: Virginia, Thelma and Margaret Evelyn. He was survived by two nieces and four nephews.

Margaret Evelyn Ruffner⁶ (John Thomas Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 17 February 1917 in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, the daughter of John Thomas Ruffner and Grace Erma *Warriner*.

On 7 May 1934 at the age of 18, in Highland Springs, Henrico County, Virginia, Margaret married (1) **Isaac Christian Penny**, who was born 1906 in Charles City County, Virginia. They separated 1 March 1946—a divorce decree was granted 12 July 1948.

Margaret then married at the age of 31 on 13 November 1948 in Nelson, Henrico County, Virginia (2) **Edwin Lee Duncan**, age 33. He was born in Cumberland County, Virginia, the son of John Andrew Duncan and Rose *Campbell*. Once again Margaret's marriage ended—the separation 24 May 1953. A final decree of divorce was granted on 1 June 1954 in Richmond, Virginia.

Margaret evidently did not marry again. She died 11 October 1998 at the age of 81. Her last residence was Hanover County, Virginia. Three children were born to Margaret and her first husband Isaac Penny—two daughters and one son (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Robert Russell Ruffner**

Frances Virginia Ruffner⁶ (Robert Russell Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frances was born in Orange County, Virginia, the daughter of Robert Russell Ruffner and Alice Poyner *Noble*.

Frances never married. She worked as a secretary for a real estate firm in Orange, Virginia. She died at the age of 69 on 27 January 1980 at the Orange County Nursing Home in Orange, Orange County, Virginia. Cause of death a heart attack.

John Russell Ruffner⁶ (Robert Russell Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 16 June 1915 in Orange County, Virginia, the son of Robert Russell Ruffner and Alice Poyner *Noble*.

John worked for the railroad, and when he retired his government pension came through the Railroad Board.

There is no record that John ever married, or had children. He died 15 March 2001—his last residence was Orange, Orange County, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
John Franklin Moss**

Hubert Conway Moss⁶ (John Franklin Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hubert was born 31 January 1904 in Louisa County, Virginia, the first child of John Franklin Moss and Ada Maude *Carneal*.

He married **Lulu Agnes Diggs** who was born 14 June 1889 in Louisa County, Virginia. She was the daughter of John T. Diggs (1850-1944) and Adelia Agnes *Parrish* (1857-1935).

Hubert was the eldest of John and Ada's children and was 12 years old when his mother Ada died. He was out on his own following his mother's death and he met Lulu when he lived and worked on her parent's farm in Louisa, Virginia. Even though Lulu was over 14 years older, they married and eventually Hubert took over running the farm. They had a long marriage, and in spite of the age difference, Lulu outlived her much younger husband.

Hubert died at General Hospital in Swain County, North Carolina at the age of 84 on 5 February 1986. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia. Lulu died at the advanced age of 98 on 19 April 1988. She is also buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia.

+Charles Conway Moss⁷ – 1929-1991 – married Gloria Anne *Walker*.

+Dudley Diggs Moss⁷ – 1931-1986 – married (private).

Minnie Maude Moss⁶ (John Franklin Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Minnie was born 31 March 1906 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of John Franklin Moss and Ada Maude *Carneal*.

As stated previously, after Minnie's mother's early death the children often boarded with others as their father couldn't take care of them all. In 1920 at the age of 14, Minnie was living with Eva M. Martin in Byrd, Goochland County, Virginia.

She married **Arnold Batson Clark**, who was born 23 September 1904 in Mississippi, the son of Robert Lee Clark (1865-1958) and Sarah Hathie *Whatley* (1873-1943). Arnold worked for the Virginia State Highway Department as a grader. He died at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia at the age of 59 on 21 January 1964. Arnold is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

After her husband's death, Minnie worked as a seamstress in the manufacturing industry. She died at the age of 80 on 3 September 1987 at Martha Jefferson Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia. She is also buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. Minnie and Arnold had three children, all sons (private).

Mabel Marie Moss⁶ (John Franklin Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mabel was born 12 March 1907 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of John Franklin Moss and Ada Maude *Carneal*.

After the early death of their mother, along with siblings, John Jr., Lewis and Ellen, Mabel went to live at the Virginia Conference Orphanage in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia.

She married **Clyde W. Harris**, who was born 1908 in Washington, D.C. Mabel was employed as a receptionist in a doctor's office and as a retail clerk. Clyde worked as a printer for a printing company. They lived in Washington, D.C. and their children were born there.

Mabel died 27 January 1984 in Alexandria, Virginia. The date of death for Clyde was not found, but at the time of Mabel's death, her 1984 certificate of death noted she was a widow. Mabel is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia. Mabel and Clyde had three children—all born in the District of Columbia.

Clyde Harris⁷ – died sometime between 1930 and 1940.

+Frank Leo Harris⁷ – 1929-1992 – marital status unknown.

Female Harris⁷ – private

Louise Roosevelt Moss⁶ (John Franklin Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Louise was born 24 December 1908 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of John Franklin Moss and Ada Maude *Carneal*.

She married **Ernest W. Welford** who was born 17 July 1900 in Mississippi. He was the son of Charles and Annie Welford. Ernest was the pastor of a church in South Norfolk City, Virginia.

Ernest died 16 May 1977 at the age of 76. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Louise died in Orange County, Florida on 25 January 1990 at the age of 81. She is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia, next to her husband Ernest.

Louise and Ernest had one daughter born to them. Their daughter graduated from Newport News High School in South Norfolk City, Virginia.

John Franklin Moss, Jr.⁶ (John Franklin Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John Jr. was born 1 April 1910 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of John Franklin Moss and Ada Maude *Carneal*.

Because their father could not care for the children after the early death of his wife, John Jr., along with his siblings Mabel, Lewis and Ellen, was sent to live at the Virginia Conference Orphanage in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia.

In Portland, Oregon on 17 December 1943 John Jr. enlisted in the U.S. Army as a private. He served as a TEC5 during WWII. Following his service in WWII, John was a salesman.

On 6 September 1946 John Jr. married **Martha Catherine Long Gates**, who was born 28 October 1901 at Lassen County, California, the daughter of Hill Conway Long and Nora May *York*.

John Jr. died 31 January 1979, and he is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Martha died 22 October 1989. She is also buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. It is not known if they had children—no record was found.

Lewis (Toad) Woolfolk Moss⁶ (John Franklin Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lewis was born 6 August 1911 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of John Franklin Moss and Ada Maude *Carneal*.

Lewis was another of the children who as a young boy was sent to live at the Virginia Conference Orphanage in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia

Like his older brother, John Jr., Lewis served in WWII as a private in the U.S. Army. He enlisted on 22 March 1944 at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland. In private life he worked for Virginia Metal Products, eventually as a supervisor.

As a young man, Lewis married and was soon widowed. His first wife was 21 years old when she died on 9 May 1935.

He married (2) **Bernice Virginia Wright** on 2 September 1937 in Louisa County, Virginia. Bernice was born 19 February 1921, and was 18 years old at the time of their marriage. She was the daughter of William Robert Wright and Myrtle *Beckley*.

On 31 October 1962 Lewis and Bernice were separated, and on 22 September 1964 in Louisa County, Virginia, they were divorced. At the time of the divorce, Bernice was a garment factory worker.

Lewis married on 2 October 1964 in Louisa County, Virginia, (3) **Sadie Maybell Byram Powell**, who was born 16 April 1921 in Orange County, Virginia, the daughter of Frank Irvin Byram and Margaret Elizabeth *Grady*. Sadie had been married once before and was divorced. She worked as a beautician.

Sadie died 22 July 1965 at the age of 44. She is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

After Sadie's death, Lewis married (4) **Dorothy Kennon**, who was born 2 April 1916. She survived her husband Lewis, dying 16 April 1981. She is also buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia.

Lewis died at Gordonsville Hospital in Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia at the age of 64 on 19 December 1975. He died as the result of a pulmonary embolism. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. No record found to show that Lewis had any children.

Ellen Kent Moss⁶ (John Franklin Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ellen was born 6 November 1913 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of John Franklin Moss and Ada Maude *Carneal*.

After her mother's death, Ellen was sent to live at the Virginia Conference Orphanage in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia. When she was 16, she was no longer at the orphanage and was living with her father and younger sister Ada.

On 3 October 1936 in the District of Columbia, Ellen married **Howard Lawrence Frick**, who was born 5 October 1912 in Washington, District of Columbia, the son of Arthur F. Frick and Katherine J. *Handibowe*.

When the 1940 federal census was taken the Frick family: Howard, Ellen and their three children were sharing the same house in the District of Columbia with Ellen's sister and brother-in-law, Clyde and Mabel Harris, and their children. Howard Frick was a roofing contractor.

Ellen Moss Frick, a resident of Apopka, Orange County, Florida, died at the age of 77 on 18 June 1991 at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Orange County, Florida.

Howard died 26 April 1999 at the age of 87. Ellen and Howard had at least two children (private).

Ada Marie Moss⁶ (John Franklin Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ada was born 18 January 1916 in Louisa County, Virginia, the youngest child of John Franklin Moss and Ada Maude *Carneal*. Ada was less than two months old when her mother died at the early age of 31.

While her father was out working and could not take care of the children, Ada was taken into the farm home of John and Neva McCoy in Louisa, Virginia. When she was 14, Ada and her older sister Ellen were living back home with their father.

By 1940, Ada was married to her first husband whose surname was **Bridwell**. However, she was living separately in Washington D.C. and working as a waitress when the 1940 census was enumerated.

She married (2) a Mr. **Eggenberger**. Then on 28 January 1947 in Billings, Yellowstone County, Montana, Ada Eggenberger married (3) **Russell Sheldon Olmsted** who was born 1908. He was the son of William G. Olmsted and Bernie *Anderson*.

Ada and Russell divorced and on 3 March 1951 in Glasgow, Valley County, Montana, Ada married (4) **Gilbert Edgar Robarge**.

After yet another divorce, on 1 April 1953 in Big Horn County, Montana, Ada remarried (5) **Russell Sheldon Olmsted**.

Following another divorce, she evidently married (6) a Mr. **Englet**. Her final marriage was on 3 April 1976 when at the age of 60 she married (7) **Edwin Harold Robson**, a 67-year-old widower. He was the son of George E. Robson and Minnie *Rodekuhr*.

Edwin Robson was born 28 August 1908 in Deer Creek, Minnesota, and settled in Montana with his parents in 1909 when he was one year old. He ranched in the Golden Creek area until 1973 when he moved to Bigfork, Flathead County, Montana. He had served two terms as a Musselshell County Commissioner. He died at the age of 74 on 28 May 1983 at Kalispell Hospital in Kalispell, Flathead County, Montana. Edwin is buried next to his first wife at the Roundup Cemetery in Roundup, Musselshell County, Montana.

Ada did not marry again, and she died at the age of 79 on 9 January 1996 at Musselshell County, Montana. It is believed she is buried at the Roundup Cemetery in Roundup, Montana. She possibly had two children (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Andrew Compton Moss**

Clarence Moss⁶ (Andrew Compton Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clarence was born 19 May 1906 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Andrew Compton Moss and Jane (Janie) Elizabeth *Hicks*.

Clarence died at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, 4 July 1917 at the age of 11 years. The cause of Clarence's death was blood poisoning following acute osteomyelitis (bone infection).

Charles Edward Moss⁶ (Andrew Compton Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 21 November 1908 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Andrew Compton Moss and Jane (Janie) Elizabeth *Hicks*.

By the time Charles was 21, he was living in San Diego, San Diego County, California. In 1930 he was still single, owned his own home and was working as a carpenter building houses. He later became a foreman carpenter in the building trade.

He married circa 1934 **Marjorie Clarice Johnson**. Marjorie was born in Canada in 1915, and received her naturalization papers on 12 May 1942 in Superior Court at San Diego, California, several years after their marriage.

Charles died at the age of 82 on 22 July 1991 in San Diego County, California. He is buried at Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, San Diego County, California.

No record was found regarding Marjorie's death. They had two children—a boy and a girl (private).

Adelaide Moss⁷ (Andrew Compton Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Adelaide was born 1910 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Andrew Compton Moss and Jane (Janie) Elizabeth *Hicks*.

On 18 February 1927 in Richmond, Virginia, Adelaide married (1) **Pendleton Balmer Everhardt**, who was born 12 February 1902 in Richmond, Virginia. He was an auto mechanic. Adelaide and Pendleton separated in September of 1936, and on 16 March 1939, Adelaide was granted a divorce on the grounds of desertion.

Pendleton did marry again and he died 26 May 1976. He is buried at Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon, Lorain County, Ohio.

Soon after her divorce, Adelaide married (2) **Edward Bernard Hodgman**, who was born 19 December 1895 in Bow, Merrimack County, New Hampshire. He was of

Canadian ethnicity—the son of Henry Lewis Hodgman and Mary Emma *Gunn*. Edward worked as a stationary fireman for public buildings in Richmond, Virginia.

Edward served in WWI from 12 March 1914 until honorably discharged 24 April 1919. He served as a Pfc. in Co. E, 103rd Infantry, 26th Division, U.S. Army.

Adelaide died at the age of 33 on 2 September 1943 at Grace Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. The cause of death was a pelvic infection and carcinoma of the cervix. She is buried at Riverview Cemetery in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia.

After Adelaide's death, Edward returned to his birth home in New Hampshire. He died at New Hampshire Memorial Cemetery in Concord, Merrimack County, New Hampshire at the age of 48 on 29 July 1944—less than a year following Adelaide's death. Edward is buried at Blossom Hill Cemetery in Concord, Merrimack County, New Hampshire. Adelaide had one child, a daughter, from her first marriage to Pendleton Bernard Everhardt.

+Joyce Adelaide Everhardt⁷ – 1928-1999 – she never married.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Eleanor (Lena) Ann *Reynolds* Hall**

Carlton (Carl) Alexander Hall⁶ (Eleanor Ann Reynolds⁵, Diana M. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carl was born 26 December 1899 in Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Eleanor Ann *Reynolds* and Richard Walker Hall.

On 24 December 1924 in Hagerstown, Maryland, Carl married (1) **Edith May Barrett**, who was born 30 March 1908, the daughter of John Barrett and Sally *Anders*. They separated in 1932 and were divorced 28 September 1939. There were no children. Edith married (2) Bruce Hampton Byrd. She died in 1981.

In 1935, Carl Hall was living in Waynesboro, Augusta County, Virginia. In 1940 he was single, working for a newspaper and living in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

He served in World War II as a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army. After the war he worked as the manager of a dry cleaning business.

On 28 June 1946 Carl married (2) **Elizabeth Stevens Wood Spiegel**, former wife of Charles Arlington Spiegel. She was born 9 September 1913 in Waynesboro, Virginia, the daughter of George Grayson Wood and Wilia Virginia *Railey*

Carl died at Hampton General Hospital in Hampton, Virginia, on 28 May 1983 at the age of 83. He is buried at Mt. Moriah Church Cemetery in Whitehall, Frederick County, Virginia.

Elizabeth was living in Newport News, Virginia, when she died 3 February 1998. She is also buried at Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Whitehall, Virginia.

There was no record of any children being born to Carlton during either marriage.

Oscar Roosevelt Hall⁶ (Eleanor Ann Reynolds⁵, Diana M. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Oscar was born 21 September 1902 in Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Eleanor Ann *Reynolds* and Richard Walker Hall.

Oscar was a carpenter working in the construction industry in Augusta County, Virginia. He married (1) 6 July 1924 in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia, **Inez G. Thomas**. They were divorced 2 October 1939 in Augusta County, Virginia. No children.

Oscar married (2) **Jennie Beatrice Hartman** who was born 15 November 1921 in Augusta County, Virginia, the daughter of Harry C. Hartman and Jettie *Thacker*.

For several years Jennie suffered from what was diagnosed as psychotic depression. During the morning of 29 April 1976 at the age of 54, she committed suicide at their home located at 619 Oak Lane in Waynesboro. Jennie is buried at Augusta Memorial Park in Waynesboro, Augusta County, Virginia.

Oscar died April 1981 and he is buried beside Jennie at Augusta Memorial Park in Waynesboro, Virginia. There was no record of any children.

Lester Walker Hall⁶ (Eleanor Ann Reynolds⁵, Diana M. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lester was born 16 December 1904 in Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Eleanor Ann *Reynolds* and Richard Walker Hall.

Lester married **Melissa Alyce Stogdale Hulvey**, who was born 28 March 1906, the daughter of James E. Stogdale and Cora *Wolfrey*. Melissa was previously married to Armsby Lewis Hulvey (1906-1970), and had a daughter from this first marriage. However, her daughter was raised by Lester, and went by the name of Hall.

The family lived in Staunton, Virginia, and Lester worked for a Staunton company as chief supervisor in scheduling production and shipping.

Lester died at the age of 52 on 31 March 1957 at Waynesboro Community Hospital in Waynesboro, August County, Virginia. He is buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton, Staunton City, Augusta County, Virginia.

Melissa died at Waynesboro Community Hospital on 21 May 1978 at the age of 72. She is also buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia. Eight children.

+Constance Hall⁷ – 1925-2010 – married Edward McCarthy Driver.

+Richard Edwin Hall⁷ – 1935-2003 – no record of marriage found.

+Lester Walker Hall, Jr.⁷ – 1936-2004 – married (private).

+Melissa Anne Hall⁷ – 1939-2006 – married Thomas L. Underwood.

+Thomas Michael Hall⁷ – 1943-1986 – never married.

+William (Bill) Steven Hall⁷ – 1946-2009 – not married.

+Male Hall⁷ – private

+Female Hall⁷ – private

Margaret Louise (Chip) Hall⁶ (Eleanor Ann Reynolds⁵, Diana M. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 30 December 1911 in Augusta County, Virginia, the daughter of Eleanor Ann *Reynolds* and Richard Walker Hall.

Even though Margaret's death certificate states that she had never married, she was married twice as proven by those marriage certificates. On 24 March 1937 in Staunton, Virginia, Margaret married (1) 23-year-old **Marvin Louis Craighead**, a salesman. Marvin was born in Roanoke County, Virginia, the son of Harry M. Craighead and Mattie L. Woods.¹⁴⁷ Margaret and Marvin were divorced.

She married (2) 22-year-old **Clarence Junior Woods** (U.S. Navy) on 16 February 1945 in Augusta County, Virginia. He was born in Camdon, West Virginia, the son of James Clarence Woods and Rebecca Groves.¹⁴⁸ Margaret and Clarence separated in 1946 and divorced 1948. Margaret retained her birth name after both marriages.

Margaret worked for many years as an accounting clerk for DuPont Company. She died at her home 617 Oak Lane, Waynesboro, Augusta County, Virginia on 28 July 1978 at the age of 66. The cause of death was carcinoma of the brain. Margaret is buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia. She had no children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Samuel Washington Reynolds**

Ruth Myrtle Reynolds⁶ (Samuel Washington Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth was born 26 October 1907 in Augusta County, Virginia, the daughter of Samuel Washington Reynolds, Sr. and Mattie Mahala Rohr.

In 1928, she married (1) **Theodore Weldon Fauver** (1903-1988), the son of William A. Fauver and Bonnie Bosserman. They lived in Riverbend, Augusta County, Virginia, where Theodore worked on his father's farm. Before their marriage ended in divorce, they had one child, a son, Robert L. Fauver—Ruth's only child.

Sometime prior to 1940, Ruth married (2) **Hugh B. Hook**, who was born 4 August 1891 in Virginia. He had his own business as a carpenter building houses.

Hugh died 6 June 1988 at the age of 96—he is buried at Mooreland Baptist Church Cemetery in North Garden, Albemarle County, Virginia.

Ruth died in Albemarle County, Virginia on 10 May 1989 at the age of 81. She is buried beside her second husband Hugh at Mooreland Baptist Church Cemetery in North Garden, Virginia.

+Robert Lewis Fauver⁷ – 1929-1963 – married (private)

¹⁴⁷ Certificate of Marriage, Augusta County, Virginia No. 4753—Marvin Luther Craighead and Margaret Louise Hall

¹⁴⁸ Certificate of Marriage, Augusta County, Virginia No. 3669—Clarence Junior Woods and Margaret Louise Hall

George W. Reynolds⁶ (Samuel Washington Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 9 May 1910 in Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Samuel Washington Reynolds, Sr. and Mattie Mahala *Rohr*.

George married **Madeline May Dull**, who was born 26 January 1902 in Greenville, Augusta County, Virginia, the daughter of William Henry Dull (1869-1948) and Emma Jane Huntley (1874-1963).

George died in Baltimore City, Maryland on 27 September 1980 at the age of 70. He is buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton, Staunton City, Virginia.

Madeline died in Baltimore City, Maryland on 13 November 1989 at the age of 87. She is buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia, next to her husband.

An unnamed son was born to George and Madeline. He died the next day and is buried at Thornrose Cemetery where his parents are also buried. No record was available for any other children they may have had.

Infant son Reynolds⁷ – 31 March 1947 – 1 April 1947—buried Thornrose Cemetery.

Charles (Charlie) Jefferson Reynolds⁶ (Samuel Washington Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charlie was born 14 September 1912 in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Samuel Washington Reynolds, Sr. and Mattie Mahala *Rohr*.

He married **Odie Estelle Pultz**, who was born 6 October 1917 in Virginia, the daughter of Graham Moore Pultz (1883-1952) and Clara Virginia Smith (1893-1977).

Charlie's and Odie's home was in Verona, Augusta County, Virginia. She died at King's Daughters Hospital in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia on 13 March 1976 at the age of 58. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. Odie is buried at Augusta Memorial Park, Waynesboro, Augusta County, Virginia.

Charlie died in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia on 12 July 1995 at the age of 82. He is buried next to his wife Odie at Augusta Memorial Park in Waynesboro, Virginia. No record was available for any children that may have been born to Charlie and Odie Reynolds.

Willard (Bill) Woodrow Reynolds⁶ (Samuel Washington Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bill was born 12 September 1915 in Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Samuel Washington Reynolds, Sr. and Mattie Mahala *Rohr*.



He married **Mildred Wagner**, who was born 23 November 1919 in Highland County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Walter Wayne Wagner and Emma *Beverage*.

Bill was a salesman for a wholesale grocery company in Staunton, Virginia. He is shown here as a young man.

Mildred worked as a line inspector for American Safety

Razor Co.; retiring in 1983 after over 20 years with the company. She and Bill were charter members of the Happy Travelers Club. They lived at Beverly Court in Staunton, Virginia.

Bill died at King's Daughters Hospital in Staunton, Virginia on 4 October 1984 at the age of 69. The cause of death was myocardioathy, a heart disease he had for 15 years. He is buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton, Staunton City, Virginia.

Mildred (called Granny by her family) died at Augusta Health and Rehab Center in Fishersville, Augusta County, Virginia, on Saturday, 22 March 2014 at the age of 94. She is buried beside her husband at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia.

At the time of Mildred's death in 2014, she and Bill were survived by two daughters, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one gr-gr-grandson (private).

Samuel (Sam) Washington Reynolds II⁶ (Samuel Washington Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sam was born 2 September 1921 in Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Samuel Washington Reynolds, Sr. and Mattie Mahala *Rohr*.

Sam worked as a campus patrolman at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center, a vocational training center in Fishersville, Virginia.

On 19 November 1955 in Fishersville, Augusta County, Virginia, Sam married (1) **Ruth Inez Compton**, who was born 29 September 1921 in Carlisle, South Carolina. She was the daughter of John Bunyan Compton (1884-1937) and Inez *Scarboro* (1885-1971). Ruth was a student counselor at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center. Sam and Ruth were later divorced.

Ruth died 29 January 2003, and is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Union, Union County, South Carolina.

After his first marriage ended, Sam married **Anne Elizabeth Fay**, who was born in August of 1925 in Belmont County, Ohio. Sam and Anne were divorced in March of 1963 in Putnam, Florida. Anne married (2) John H. Sanborn. Anne continued her studies and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Florida in 1963, and a doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1984. She was a business education and computer science teacher in Collier County, Florida, and then continued teaching in Pensacola, Florida. She was one of the few people to have her picture on the front page of the Wall Street Journal.

Anne died 1 May 2014 at the age of 88. Dr. Anne Elizabeth Sanborn was survived by four children—born to her during her second marriage to John Sanborn.

Sam died 26 June 1997 in Ocala, Marion County, Florida at the age of 76—he is buried at Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton, Staunton City, Virginia. No records were found that he had any children from either marriage.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Sue (Susie) Reynolds Gregory**

Gladyce Marie Gregory⁶ (Mary Sue Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gladyce was born 20 June 1905 in Augusta County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Susan (Susie) *Reynolds* and Harry Charlton Gregory.

On 29 August 1936 in Staunton City, Virginia, Gladyce married **Warren Marvin Good** who was born 23 May 1902 at Rockingham County, Virginia, the son of John Edgar Good (1873-1936) and Pattie White *Revercomb* (1866-1927).

Warren died at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albermarle County, Virginia on 10 May 1962, less than two weeks before his 62nd birthday. The cause of death was post-operative shock following surgery for carcinoma of the Esophagus. He is buried at Woodbine Cemetery in Harrisonburg, Harrisonburg City, Virginia. At the time of his death, Gladyce and Warren lived in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Warren was a sheet metal worker.

Gladyce died 18 November 1992 at the age of 87. She is buried beside her husband Warren at Woodbine Cemetery in Harrisonburg City, Virginia. No record was found of any children being born to Gladyce and Warren.

Maurice James Patrick Gregory⁶ (Mary Sue Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maurice was born 9 January 1908 in Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Mary Susan (Susie) *Reynolds* and Harry Charlton Gregory.

About 1949, Maurice married **Phyllis Irene Ingalls**, who was born 4 July 1921 in Cuba Alle, New York. She was the daughter of Guy N. Ingalls and Beulah *Royce*.

Maurice retired as a salesman for Page Pontiac in Arlington County, Virginia. Phyllis was a beautician at the Claremont Beauty Salon in Arlington, Virginia.

Maurice died at his home in Arlington, Virginia at 5:00 a.m. on 20 October 1979 at the age of 71. He died as the result of a heart attack. Maurice is buried at National Memorial Park in Arlington, Virginia.

Phyllis died 11 May 2002 at the age of 80. Her last residence was Olean, Cattaraugus County, New York. No burial place for her was found. Maurice and Phyllis probably had no children.

Edith Margaret Gregory⁶ (Mary Sue Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edith was born 22 September 1909 in Augusta County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Susan (Susie) *Reynolds* and Harry Charlton Gregory.

She married **David Samuel Wine**, who was born 29 March 1907 in Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Samuel Walter Wine (1867-1950) and Dora Lulu *Hulvey* (1875-1949).

David served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Following the war he was the sales manager for Staunton Steam Laundry. Edith was a sales lady for a department store.

David died 28 July 1997 at the age of 90. He is buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton, Staunton City, Virginia.

Edith died 7 November 2005 at the age of 96. She is buried beside her husband at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia.

No record was found for any children being born to Edith and David.

Hugh Elwood Gregory⁶ (Mary Sue Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) was born 1914 in Staunton, Virginia, the son of Mary Susan (Susie) *Reynolds* and Harry Charlton Gregory.

On 22 May 1938 in Danville, Virginia, Hugh married (1) **Martha Mary Lucas**, who was born 1917 in Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Stephen Lucas and Katherine *Homnick*. They were divorced. There were no children.

On 27 March 1941 in Petersburg, Virginia, Hugh married (2) **Annie Frances Wolfrey**, who was born 17 August 1918 in Petersburg, Virginia. She was the daughter of Ulysses Hayes Wolfrey (1877-1985) and Marian Elizabeth *Southall* (1882-1955).

Hugh and Annie lived in Petersburg City, Virginia from the time of their marriage and were still living there in 1950. During that time, Hugh was a driver for the Petersburg's VEPCo (Virginia Electric Power Company). No further verifiable records were found for him.

Annie died in September of 1996, and she is buried at Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Petersburg City, Virginia. No record was found for any children being born to Hugh and Annie.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Cora Elizabeth *Reynolds* Gaddy**

Houston Granville Gaddy⁶ (Cora Elizabeth Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Houston was born 1 November 1914 in Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Cora Elizabeth *Reynolds* and James Edgar Gaddy.

On 25 November 1936 in Augusta County, Virginia, Houston married **Wilhelmina Maryalice Viel**, who was born 3 August 1916 in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, the daughter of Charles F. Viel and Clara M. *Argenbright*.

Houston was a sales representative for a plumbing supply company. They lived in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia.

He died at King's Daughters Hospital in Staunton, Virginia on 7 October 1975 at the age of 60. The cause of death was a heart attack which he suffered three weeks prior to his death. Houston is buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton, Staunton City, Virginia.

Wilhelmina died 27 April 2005 at the age of 88. She is buried next to her husband at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia.

Houston and Wilhelmina had two children, a daughter and a son, both born in Augusta County, Virginia (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Addie Olivia Reynolds Sensabaugh**

Mae Virginia Sensabaugh⁶ (Addie Olivia Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mae was born 13 October 1906 in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia, the daughter of Addie Olivia *Reynolds* and Preston Alvin Sensabaugh.

On 11 November 1930 in Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky, Mae married (1) **Walter Rowe Glesner** who was born 19 June 1895 in Hagerstown, Maryland. They separated 28 September 1944, and were divorced 3 November 1949 in Henrico County, Virginia. Two children were born to them during their marriage. Walter died October of 1971 at Washington, D.C.

On 26 April 1950 in Guilford County, North Carolina, Mae married (2) **Charles Addison Blake**, who was born 3 April 1900 in Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia. He was the son of Charles Henry Blake (1854-1924) and Sarah Caroline *Clark* (1877-1964).

Charles was the owner of Charles A. Blake Company, a food brokerage firm in Roanoke, Virginia. Mae worked in the office of the firm.

Charles died 6 October 1961 at the age of 61. He is buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton, Staunton City, Virginia.

Mae died 17 November 1986 at the age of 80 at her residence in Roanoke, Virginia, 3815 Stratford Park, Apartment #2. She had suffered a fatal heart attack, and her body was found the next day. Mae is buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia, near her husband Charles Blake. As stated above, Mae had two children from her first marriage to Walter Glesner—a daughter and a son (private).

Kenneth Bradford Sensabaugh⁶ (Addie Olivia Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kenneth was born 14 August 1909 in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Addie Olivia *Reynolds* and Preston Alvin Sensabaugh.

On 25 December 1931 Kenneth married **Nannie Mae Marion**, who was born 22 July 1910 in Waynesboro, Virginia, the daughter of James W. Marion and Bessie M. *Roadcap*.

Kenneth was a salesman for a book company at the time of his early death. He died at his home, 829 Trout Street in Staunton, August County, Virginia, on 3 March 1960 at the age of 50. The cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton, Staunton City, Virginia.

His wife Nannie Mae died 23 March 1989 at the age of 78. She is also buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia. Kenneth and Nannie Mae had at least one son, who was born in Staunton, Virginia.

+James Edwin Sensabaugh⁷ – 1934-1998 – married (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Ann Fox Lehew**

Mary Virginia Lehew⁶ (Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia (her preference) was born 26 August 1862 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Ann (Annie) Fox and William Branson Lehew.

On 5 March 1879 in Page County, 16-year old Virginia married 30-year-old **Thomas Jefferson (Jeff) Beahm**, who was born 26 February 1849 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Isaac S. Beahm (1819-1872) and Catharine Mary Bolen (1820-1909).

Jeff died 28 February 1901 at the age of 52 years in Page County, Virginia. He is buried at Beahm Cemetery (Kemp Hollow), Page County, Virginia. At the time of the death of Jeff, his wife Virginia was expecting another child—Olena (shown below).

Virginia died in Page County, Virginia on 22 May 1901 at the age of 38. She is buried beside her husband at Beahm Cemetery (Kemp Hollow) in Page County, Virginia.

Six children, including five daughters and one son survived the death of their parents. At least nine children were born to Virginia and Jeff during their marriage.

+Anna Catharine Beahm⁷ – 1884-1951 – married Charles Wellington Payne.

+Mattie Lee Beahm⁷ – 1886-1941 – married Isaac Ferdinand Cave.

+Blanch Susan Beahm⁷ – 1889- 1965 – married Homer Clarence Fox.

+Thomas Gilbert Beahm⁷ – 1891-1892 – died one year old.

+Berney Booten Beahm⁷ – 1892-1900 – died seven years old.

+Isaac William Beahm⁷ – 1895-1990 – married Ollie Mae Waters.

+Rosey Mary Beahm⁷ – 1897-1899 – died two years old.

+Mary Margaret Beahm⁷ – 1899-1945 – married Hunter Frederick Cave.

+Olena Virginia Beahm⁷ – 1901-1943 – married Elmer Jonah Seal.

John Lionel Lehew⁶ (Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 24 November 1864 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Ann (Annie) Fox and William Branson Lehew.

John never married. He farmed on his own and boarded with William H. and Josephine Bradley, his uncle and aunt, in Springfield, Page County, Virginia.

John died 11 September 1931 at 11 p.m. from what was thought to be tuberculosis of the bones. His age was 66 years, 10 months and 25 days. John is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. No issue.

Florence Catharine Lehew⁶ (Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Florence was born 4 March 1866 in Rileyville, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Ann (Annie) *Fox* and William Branson Lehew.

On 29 August 1888 in Page County, Virginia, Florence married (1) **John W. Kibler**, who was born in 1832 in Page County, Virginia.

John served in the Civil War on the side of the Confederacy. He first enlisted 22 July 1861 as a 3rd Sgt. In the 97th Virginia Militia, Co. L. Then, in Page County on 25 April 1862, he enlisted as a private in the 7th Cavalry, Co. D. On 22 December 1862, he deserted at Strasburg. He was at home and sick on 1 May 1864. After the war, John was a farmer.

John Kibler died 21 September 1892 at Kimball, Page County, Virginia, and he is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Florence and John Kibler had two daughters born to them before John's death.

On 29 March 1899 in Page County, Virginia, at age 31 and widowed, Florence married (2) **John Washington Foley**, who was born 1873 in Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Daniel Foley and Helen *Kibler*. John Foley owned his own farm in Kimball, Page County, Virginia.

Florence died in 1934, and she is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia, along with her first and second husbands and her children and other family members.

John Foley died at the age of 66 on 20 November 1939 at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia. The cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Florence and John Foley had five children born during their marriage—the first two shown here are Florence's daughters from her first marriage to John W. Kibler.

- +Daisy Mary Kibler⁷ – 1889-1968 – married Amos Frank Stombock
- +Edna Earle Kibler⁷ – 1892-1967 – married Samuel Lindsey Thomas
- +Joseph (Joe) Vernon Foley⁷ – 1900-1970 – married Angie Gaynelle Stombock.
- +John Cletus Foley⁷ – 1901-1961 – married Velma Louise Mauck.
- +Paul Wilson Foley⁷ – 1903-1962 – married Minerva M. Frazier.
- +Roland Theodore Foley⁷ – Not married.
- +Virginia Foley⁷ – 1907-1994 – married Ernest Howard.

Isaac William Lehew⁶ (Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Isaac was born 18 February 1868 at Jeremy's Run, Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Ann (Annie) *Fox* and William Branson Lehew.

On 12 March 1889 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, he married **Elizabeth (Lizzie) Belle Fincham**, who was born 15 June 1870 in Maryland, the daughter of Tazewell and Mary A. Finchham.

Isaac worked as a night clerk at a hotel in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He died in Luray, Virginia on 5 May 1945 at the age of 77 years, 2 months, and 17 days. The

cause of death was heart disease. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Lizzie died 20 November 1948 in Luray, Virginia. She is buried beside her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Isaac and Lizzie had six children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

- +Raymond Isaac Lehew⁷ – 1890-1964 – Sarah Ellen Grandstaff.
- +Carrie Lehew⁷ – 1893-1967 – married Harry Oscar Bradley.
- +Virginia Frances Lehew⁷ – 1895-1985 – married Luther Franklin Woods.
- +Amanda Gladys Lehew⁷ – 1899-1919 – married Allen Bryan Judd.
- +Clarence William Lehew – 1900-1969 – married Ruth Margaret Showalter.
- +Eva Cline Lehew⁷ – 1904-1961 – married Harry Ronald Kibler.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Delila Fox Heiston**

Martha Jane Heiston⁶ (Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martha was born 11 October 1862 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Delila Fox and Samuel H. Heiston.

On 18 August 1887 in Page County, Virginia, Martha married **William Theodore Moyer**, who was born 18 April 1867 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph Samuel Moyer (1824-1900) and Susan Freeze (1828-1917).

Martha died 17 April 1896 at the age of 33. She is buried at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

William died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on 29 July 1959 at the age of 92, the result of a stroke suffered four days earlier. He is also buried at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. They had four children.

- +Mary Susan Moyer⁷ – 1888-1941 – never married.
- +Joseph Samuel Moyer⁷ – 1890-1973 – married Virginia Alice Herndon.
- +Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷ – 1892-1967 – married Dillard Vernon Heiston.
- +Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷ – 1895-1977 – married (1) nee Moyer and (2) Judd.

John Henry Heiston⁶ (Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 13 November 1864 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Delila Fox and Samuel H. Heiston.

On 26 September 1889 in Page County, Virginia, he married **Lena Alice Freeze**, who was born 19 April 1863 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John Freeze (1830-1913) and Mary Ann Lucas (1834-1880). John and Lena lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia on their farm—the “Whosoever Farm.”

Lena died 22 November 1945 in Page County, and she is buried at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. John died 4 April 1953, and he is also buried at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Lena and John had only one child, a son.

+Kirby Oswell Heiston⁷ – 1891-1960 – married Eva *Goddard*.

Christina (Tena) Elizabeth Heiston⁶ (Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Christina was born 4 November 1866 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Delila *Fox* and Samuel H. Heiston.

She married **Perry Washington Moyer**, who was born 16 February 1865 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph Samuel Moyer (1824-1900) and Susan *Freeze* (1828-1917). He was the older brother of William Theodore Moyer who married Christina's sister Mary Jane. They always lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Perry was a wheelwright with his own shop.

Perry died 9 January 1926 at the age 60 years. He is buried at Heiston Family Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Christina died at her home in Luray of cardiac failure on 26 January 1936 at the age of 69 years. She is also buried at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Christina and Perry had a large family of ten children—according to information in the 1910 federal census. Two children are unknown.

+Elmer Samuel Moyer⁷ – 1889-1960 – married (1) Watson and (2) Painter.

+Estelle Moyer⁷ – 1890-1892 – age 1 year, 9 months, 18 days.

+Ruth May Moyer⁷ – 1894-1980 – married James F. Painter.

+Ollie Virginia Moyer⁷ – 1896-1977 – married Joseph Leopold Decock.

+Ezra F. Moyer⁷ – 1898-1943 – married Virgie G. Watson.

+Edna Irene Moyer⁷ – 1904-1992 – married Regenal/Reginald Clifton Mauck.

+Eston Washington Moyer⁷ – 1907-1973 – married three times.

+Earle Hudson Moyer⁷ – 1909-1969 – married Saima Tellervo Matta.

Amanda Frances Heiston⁶ (Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Amanda was born 26 December 1868 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Delila *Fox* and Samuel H. Heiston. Amanda never married and always lived at the home with her brother Joseph Samuel Heiston and his family—helping with the housekeeping. She died in Luray, Page County, Virginia on 8 April 1950 at the age of 81 years. The cause of death was influenza and acute pulmonary congestion. Amanda is buried at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Sarah Ann Heiston⁶ (Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sarah Ann was born 14 April 1871 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Delila *Fox* and Samuel H. Heiston.

On 13 May 1914 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, Sarah Ann married **Joseph Daniel Sours**, who was born 20 April 1877 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Paul Jacob Sours (d. 1920) and Phoebe A. *Sours* (1854-1884). Sarah Ann and Joseph owned a farm in Culpeper County, Virginia, where they lived during their married life.

Sarah Ann died at Catalpa, Culpeper County, Virginia on 14 January 1961 at the age of 89. The cause of death was heart failure. She is buried at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Joseph died as the result of a stroke while a patient at the Hughes Nursing Home in Fredericksburg, Virginia, on 3 June 1963 at the age of 86. He is buried beside Sarah Ann at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Sarah Ann and Joseph did not have any children.

Laura Angeline Heiston⁶ (Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Laura was born 21 August 1873 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Delila *Fox* and Samuel H. Heiston.

On 7 December 1892 in Page County, Virginia, Laura married **Joseph Samuel Baker**, who was born 7 September 1867 in Page County, Virginia, the son of John Baker (1814-1900) and Sophia *Houser* (1828-1918). Joseph was a farmer in Page County.

Laura died 2 May 1951 at the age of 77 in Luray, Virginia. She is buried at Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Joseph died 2 September 1953, just five days before his 86th birthday. He is also buried at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Laura and Joseph Baker had one child, a son.

+John Mervin Baker⁷ – 1893-1958 – married Lizzie Pearl Ellis.

Joseph Samuel Heiston⁶ (Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Joseph was born 28 June 1877 at Dry Run, Page County, Virginia, the son of Delila *Fox* and Samuel H. Heiston.

On 11 April 1906 in Page County, Virginia, he married **Dora Alice Griffith**, who was born 30 June 1889 in Virginia, the daughter of John W. Griffith and Emily J. Bradley.

Joseph was a self-employed farmer on his own farm. He died suddenly in his home at Dry Run, Page County, Virginia, at the age of 77 on 8 October 1954—the cause unknown. However, in August of that year, Joseph broke his hip—it was believed he was recovering, but the doctor thought it might have been a contributing cause of his death. Joseph is buried at the Heiston Family Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Dora died 10 December 1974 at the age of 85 in the Luray Nursing Home, on South Court Street, Luray, Virginia. The cause of her death was extreme cardiac arrhythmia due to heart disease. Joseph and Dora Heiston had three children.

+Cletus Franklin Heiston⁷ – 1907-1973 – married Bertha Estelle Ellis.

+John Samuel Heiston⁷ – 1908-2000 – married Edna Virginia Judd.

+Mattie Virginia Heiston⁷ – 1914-1986 – married Philip Irvin Dinges.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson Isaac Fox**

Edward Ellington Fox⁶ (Isaac Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edward was born 31 March 1872 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Isaac Fox and Eliza Ellen *Shenk*. He died 7 November 1879 at the age of seven years, seven months and seven days. Edward is buried at Fox Cemetery in Kimball, Page County, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Amanda Catherine Fox Batman**

Susan V. Batman⁶ (Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Susan was born 30 November 1860 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Amanda Catherine *Fox* and John Vanburen Batman.

She died 12 August 1862 at the age of one year, eight months and 12 days. Susan is buried at Fox Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia, near her grandparents, John and Christiana (*Rivercomb*) Fox.

Benjamin Franklin (Frank) Batman⁶ (Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frank was born 1862 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Amanda Catherine *Fox* and John Vanburen Batman.

He married **Mary Lee *Shenk***, who was born 3 March 1868 in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of John Harvey Shenk (1837-1908) and Henrietta D. *Yates* (1835-1908). Frank was a life-long resident of Luray, Virginia and a well-known merchant in town, having been the senior partner of the dry-goods firm of Batman and Co., which was in business in Luray for many years. He served as a member of the Luray town council and as deputy treasurer of Page County. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a member of the Green Hill cemetery board and was the superintendent of the Main Street Baptist Sunday School, as well as a deacon in the church.

Mary Lee died on 2 March 1940, one day before her 72nd birthday. She is buried at Green Hill Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

After an illness of several months, Frank died at his home in Luray on 23 September 1955 at the age of 93. He is buried next to his wife Mary Lee at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Frank and Mary Lee had four children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

+Clyde Franklin Batman⁷ – 1886-1957 – never married.

Mary Olin Batman⁷ – 1890-1892 – buried Green Hill Cemetery, Luray, Virginia.

+Lennis Batman⁷ – 1893-1962 – married Everett Maurice Berrey.

+James William Batman⁷ – 1897-1984 – married Sarah Olive Brush.

Samuel Luther Batman⁶ (Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Samuel was born 3 May 1864 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Amanda Catherine *Fox* and John Vanburen Batman.

On 28 December 1886 in Page County, Virginia, Samuel married **Emma Jane Beahm**, who was born 2 May 1864 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John and Amanda Beahm. They lived in Kimball, Page County, Virginia, where Samuel was a farmer.

Samuel died instantly from a heart attack occurring at 4:00 a.m. on his 82nd birthday 3 May 1946 at the Batman home. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Emma died at the age of 93 on 10 January 1958 in Page County, Virginia, and she is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia, next to her husband. Samuel and Emma had four children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

+William Elmer Batman⁷ – 1887-1987 – married Angie Ruth Shenk.

+James Franklin Batman⁷ – 1889-1968 – married Eva Earle Judd.

+Zada Pearl Batman⁷ – 1893-1985 – married Henry Leslie Griffith.

+John Samuel Batman⁷ – 1901-1986 – married Janette Willis.

Martha (Mattie) Ann Batman⁶ (Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mattie was born 21 January 1866 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Amanda Catherine *Fox* and John Vanburen Batman.

On 22 December 1887 Mattie married **Isaac Casper Judd**, who was born 22 May 1867 in Page County, Virginia, the son of John Austin Judd (1832-1952) and Mary Arianne Elizabeth *Shenk* (1836-1901). They lived in Springfield, Page County, Virginia. Isaac was a farmer.

Isaac died as the result of a heart attack at his home in Springfield, Virginia, on 24 March 1939 at the age of 71. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Mattie died at home on 14 November 1952 at the age of 86 years, 9 months and 23 days. Cause of death was a heart attack. She is buried beside her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Mattie and Isaac Judd had two children, both born in Page County, Virginia.

+Elmer Osborne Judd⁷ – 1889-1959 – married Lena Irene Racer.

+Carrie Thelma Judd⁷ – 1898-1988 – married John W. Shenk.

John Henry Batman⁶ (Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John Henry was born 23 August 1869 at Beahm's Gap, Page County, Virginia, the son of Amanda Catherine *Fox* and John Vanburen Batman. John Henry died at Beahm's Gap on 12 February 1886 at the age of 16. He is buried at Batman Cemetery, Kimball, Page County, Virginia.

Mary Olive Batman⁶ (Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 9 February 1872 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Amanda Catherine *Fox* and John Vanburen Batman.

On 27 March 1890 in Page County, Virginia, Mary married **Doctor David Moyer**¹⁴⁹, who was born 2 April 1870 in Page County. Doctor was the son of Joseph Samuel Moyer (1824-1900) and Susan *Freeze* (1828-1917). Doctor was a brother of Perry Washington Moyer and William Theodore Moyer, who married cousins of Mary.

Mary and her husband always lived in Page County, where Doctor was a farmer. Doctor died 5 May 1928 at the age of 58, and he is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

After the death of her husband, Mary lived with her daughter and her husband, Fleda and Hoyte Foster in Springfield, Page County, Virginia. She died 14 January 1934 at the age of 61. Mary is buried next to her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Mary and Doctor had four children, three daughters, one son, and one unknown who died as an infant. Their son Woodrow was born to Mary late in life and was still a teenager when Mary and Doctor both died. He then went to live with his aunt and uncle, Blanche and Elmer Rickard.

+Ethel May Moyer⁷ – 1891-1963 – married Isaac Maurice Waters.

+Eula N. Moyer⁷ – 1895-1914¹⁵⁰ -- died at age 19.

+Fleda Fern Moyer⁷ – 1900-1987 – married Hoyte Edward Foster.

+Woodrow Edward Moyer⁷ – 1913-1983 – married Mary Virginia White.

Annie Belle Batman⁶ (Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Annie was born 8 March 1876 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Amanda Catherine *Fox* and John Vanburen Batman.

She married **Thomas (Tom) L. Webster**, who was born 26 February 1884 in Page County, Virginia. Annie and Tom lived in Springfield, Page County, Virginia. He was a farmer on their land. Tom died 2 June 1959, and he is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Annie died at Towers Nursing Home in Charlottesville, Virginia on 16 August 1972 the age of 96. She is also buried at Beahms chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Annie and Tom had one child, a son, who was born in Page County, Virginia.

+John Orland Webster⁷ –1907-1960 – married Ethel Virginia Dwyer.

¹⁴⁹ Doctor is his given name and not a professional title.

¹⁵⁰ The death certificate gives Eula's birth date as 1895 and her grave stone has the date as 1894.

Bettie Alice Batman⁶ (Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bettie was born 1878 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Amanda Catherine *Fox* and John Vanburen Batman.

Bettie married **Willis (Willie) Irvin Griffith** on 17 March 1898 in Page County, Virginia. He was born 14 August 1874 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Silas Griffith (1835-1911) and Rebecca Jane Heiston (1845-1915).

They always lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia, and Willis was always a farmer on their own land. In 1918 when he registered for the WWI draft, Willis stated that he was not fit for service in the military because of a physical disability.

Willis died 12 November 1930 at the age of 56. He is buried the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

After her husband died, Bettie worked for an overall manufacturer as a garment maker. Bettie died at her long-time home in Luray on 16 March 1953 at the age of 78 years and 12 days. The cause of death was heart disease. She is buried at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Virginia, next to her husband Willis. Bettie and Willis had two children, a son and a daughter, both born in Page County, Virginia.

+Amos Roscoe Griffith⁷ – 1899-1930 – married Margarette Virginia Martin.

Minnie May Griffith⁷ – died in infancy 6 Feb. 1903—buried Heiston Family Cemetery.

Blanche Batman⁶ (Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Blanche was born 15 October 1883 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Amanda Catherine *Fox* and John Vanburen Batman.

In 1900 in Page County, Virginia, Blanche married **Elmer Luther Rickard**, who was born 13 December 1879. They always lived in Page County where Elmer was a farmer and also worked as a sawyer in a mill.

Elmer died 22 December 1956 at the age of 77. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Blanche died at the age of 102 on 24 May 1986, after being admitted to Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Page County, Virginia. The cause of death was a heart attack. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Blanche and Elmer had no children of their own. However, their orphaned nephew Woodrow Everett Moyer lived with them after his mother and father had both died.

Carrie Batman⁶ (Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carrie was born 15 October 1883 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Amanda Catherine *Fox* and John Vanburen Batman.

She married **Herbert Melanchthon Cliser**, who was born 6 September 1874 in the Blue Ridge Mountains to the east of Luray, Page County, Virginia, on land that had belonged to his family for generations. He was the son of Samuel David Cliser and Laura *Shenk*. The Clisers (sometimes spelled Clizer) were pioneers in that section of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Shown here in 1910, are Melanchthon Cliser, daughter Merle Cliser, and wife and mother Carrie *Batman* Cliser.

Melanchthon was considered to be a prosperous and well-educated man. He and Carrie owned 46 acres of land near Thornton's Gap east of Luray in Page County; about a mile to the west of the summit. Their land had frontage on Lee Highway (U.S. 211). They had a comfortable modern home (seven rooms and a bath). This conveniently located land was not only their home, it was also their business. Next to the house were a gas station and a small store and lunchroom where Carrie served ham sandwiches, and for ten cents you could buy a quarter section of her well-known and popular huckleberry pie. Behind the house were the barn, a meat house, a car shed, and other outbuildings. Unlike the largest share of the mountain homes, the Cliser's had indoor plumbing, running water and electricity.¹⁵¹



On their little piece of the mountainside, the Cliser family lived a contented and comfortable life until 1929 when those bittersweet words *eminent domain* began being heard throughout the area. The rumor of plans for a national park began spreading. But, this was the United States—citizens are protected by a Constitution—we have the right to own and use our land and remain on it, and then when the time comes, we can pass it on to our children. It is the American dream. However, it is one which can be derailed in a very short time.¹⁵²

In order to establish the Shenandoah National Park, a very large condemnation of land took place in the late 1920s and early half of the 1930s in the Blue Ridge Mountains. It was one of the largest actions in eminent domain in Virginia's history. The Commonwealth of Virginia purchased land for the park and donated approximately 190,000 acres to the federal government, and the park opened to the public in July of 1936. The commonwealth used eminent domain to condemn and acquire the homes and farms of more than 450 families. Many of the families sold their land and voluntarily relocated. Some of the elderly residents received a lifetime right to remain, but some did refuse to sell and leave their homes. The commonwealth also used eminent domain to acquire land for Skyline Drive and the Blue Ridge Parkway.¹⁵³

Melanchthon Cliser, considered one of the wealthiest landowners, was one resident who had no wish to sell and relocate. He became a proficient letter writer,

¹⁵¹ The Cliser eviction story—<http://clisereviction.blogspot.com/>

¹⁵² Eminent domain, also known as condemnation, is simply put, the legal process established to allow governments (and other public or private entities) to gain ownership of private property for public use—including air, water and land rights. The Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution only protects the property owner by a provision that this power can only be exercised after the payment of just compensation to the property owner.

¹⁵³ The Cliser eviction story—<http://Clisereviction.blogspot.com/>

complaining to newspapers, commonwealth and federal officials, and even to the president. He refused the offered check of \$4,865, refused to recognize the new ownership and issued a series of warnings against trespassing. When all the efforts to force him to leave failed, eviction action was initiated. E. L. Lucas, the sheriff of Page County, was ordered by the court to handle the eviction. Sheriff Lucas talked with the governor, hoping the commonwealth would do it differently, and only after he was threatened with contempt of court for not complying, did the sheriff follow orders.¹⁵⁴

On October 3, 1935, when Mr. and Mrs. Cliser walked out to their filling station to help some customers at the gas pumps—they didn't know those customers were the sheriff and his deputies in plain clothes. Refusing to leave, Mr. Cliser was handcuffed, but before they could get him into the sheriff's car, he sang in a quivering voice his rendition of the entire Star-Spangled Banner, then gave a speech about his rights which were guaranteed by the Magna Carta and the U.S. Constitution. Mrs. Cliser remained on the front porch as the deputies removed the family's furniture and belongings from the house to side of the road and then the Cliser home was boarded up. See the photo on the following page.

Eviction orders were issued for about 20 families who made the decision to stay. The commonwealth felt it had no other way to remove them from the property.

Years after the eviction of her father and mother from their home, their daughter Merle Fox said that her father believed in the Constitution and he never thought that something like this could happen in the United States.

Gary Cliser in *Identity and Power in Narratives of Displacements* by Katrina M. Powell was quoted as saying: *Others did not resist in any collective way, because people were beaten down already. It was the Great Depression, they had nothing left. They looked to Melanchthon Cliser to fight; they were behind him but couldn't do it themselves.*

After their eviction, Melanchthon Cliser's letters to the government did not stop. His demands and complaints only increased. Now 72 years old, in one letter he complained: *After my eviction I was compelled to live in a dilapidated house and a few acres of land and now instead of my wife baking pies and cakes, she takes in washing for a living.* His dignity seemed to be especially hurt because he and his wife, after starting with nothing and building a nice home and business, lost it to others to use as *nothing more than a playground.*¹⁵⁵

Herbert Melanchthon Cliser died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 5 March 1948 at the age of 73 years, five months and 29 days. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Carrie died 20 June 1981 at the age of 97. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia, near her husband. Carrie and Melanchthon had one child.

+Blanch Merle Cliser⁷ – 1904-2000 – married (1) Shenk and (2) Fox⁷.

¹⁵⁴ Library of Virginia

¹⁵⁵ *Ibid.* The Cliser eviction story.



Pictured above, Mr. Cliser is flanked by Sheriff Lucas and deputies while Mr. Cliser watches from the porch. (Photo courtesy of Page News & Courier, Luray, Virginia)

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
John William Fox**

Edelia (Eddie) Virginia Fox⁶ (John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eddie was born 13 October 1865 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John William Fox and Susannah C. Ponn.

On 13 January 1887 in Page County, Virginia, Eddie married **James Lever Woods**, who was born 4 March 1863 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of George W. and Elizabeth Woods. James was a farmer and worked as a sawyer for a lumber mill. They lived at Springfield, Page County, Virginia.

James died 25 May 1943. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Eddie died 30 April 1950. She is also buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Virginia. Eddie and James Woods had one child, a son.

+Luther Franklin Woods⁷ – 1889-1978 – married Virginia (Virgie) Frances Lehew⁷.

Isaac Emanuel Fox⁷ (John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Isaac was born 3 September 1869 in Page

County, Virginia, the son of John William Fox and Susannah C. *Ponn*. Isaac died 21 October 1885 at the age of 16 years, one month and 18 days. He is buried at Fox Cemetery (Beahm Hollow), Page County, Virginia.

Benton Dagabert Fox⁶ (John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benton was born 21 December 1870 in Page County, Virginia, the son of John William Fox and Susannah C. *Ponn*.

Benton married (1) **Sarah (Sadie) Catherine Judd**, who was born 27 October 1873 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John Jasper Judd (1845-1906) and Melissa Ann *Batman* (1854-1923). Sadie died 1904, and she is buried at Fox Cemetery (Beahm Hollow), Page County, Virginia.

Benton's home was at Springfield, Page County, Virginia. He was a farmer on land inherited from his parents. He later lived at Kimball in Page County.

On 9 August 1910 in Page County, Virginia, Benton married (2) **Anne L. Moore Showalter**, who was born 1874. Annie was divorced and a public school teacher. She was the daughter of Jacob Showalter. Annie died in 1929. She is buried at Fox Cemetery (Beahm Hollow), Page County, Virginia. They had no children.

Benton died at the age of 76 years, nine months and seven days on 30 September 1947 at Kimball, Page County, Virginia. He is buried at Fox Cemetery (Beahm Hollow), Page County, Virginia. Benton and his first wife Sarah had one child.

+Lennis Myrtle Fox⁷ – 1898-1992 – married Samuel Theron Stombock.

Annie L. Fox⁶ (John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Annie was born 15 July 1874 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John William Fox and Susannah C. *Ponn*.

On 26 December 1900 in Page County, Virginia, Annie married a widower, **Harry Jackson Keller**, who was born April 1870 in Virginia. He was a carpenter.

Annie died at the age of 27 on 19 July 1901 in Kimball, Page County, Virginia. She is buried at Fox Cemetery (Beahm Hollow), Page County, Virginia.

It is believed that Harry married again and eventually went to live in Florida, where he died 25 May 1940 in Putnam, County, Florida. No children were born to Annie and Harry during their short marriage.

Bertha A. Fox⁶ (John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bertha was born 31 March 1876 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John William Fox and Susannah C. *Ponn*.

She married **John William Beahm**, who was born 30 January 1875 in Page County, Virginia.

Bertha died 15 July 1911 at the age of 34. She is buried at Fox Cemetery (Beahm Hollow) Page County, Virginia. Before her death she gave birth to one child, a daughter.

John Beahm married again after Bertha's death. He married (2) Naomi Blanch Sours. John and his second wife had children.

He died 8 June 1943 and is buried next to his second wife Naomi at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

The child of Bertha and John Beahm was born in Page County, Virginia.

+Lydia Duan Beahm⁷ – 1898-1988 – married Otho Clarence Miller.

Lena Blanche Fox⁶ (John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lena was born 2 February 1878 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John William Fox and Susannah C. Ponn.

Lena married as his second wife, **Lemuel Jackson Bywaters**, a widower. Lemuel was born 14 February 1865, the son of Andrew Jackson Bywaters (1835-1899) and Caroline Catherine Judd (1838-1910). Lemuel was first married to Mary Ellen Rowe (1866-1886). Lemuel and his first wife Mary Ellen had one child David J. Bywaters, who died in 1886.

Lena died 11 June 1900 at the very young age of 22. She is buried at the Fox Cemetery (Beahm Hollow), Page County, Virginia. Lena and Lemuel had two children before her early death—both children predeceased her.

Lemuel did marry again—this time to May Viola Chaplain (1885-1940). Lemuel died 23 July 1934, and he is buried at new Monmouth Presbyterian Cemetery in Lexington, Rockbridge County, Virginia—buried beside his third wife, May Viola.

Lena and Lemuel Bywaters' two children were both born in Page County and are both buried at the Fox Cemetery (Beahm Hollow), Page County, near their mother. The children were:

Verda Viola Bywaters⁷ – 18 July 1897 - 10 June 1898.

Theodore B. Bywaters⁷ – 6 May 1899 - 28 December 1899.

Mary Viola Fox⁶ (John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 27 February 1881 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John William Fox and Susannah C. Ponn.

On 23 January 1901 in Page County, Virginia, she married **Virgil Henry Judd**, who was born 5 January 1876 in Page County, Virginia, the son of John J. and Melissa Judd. Virgil was first a farmer, and then he worked as a sawyer at a lumber mill. They lived first at Kimball in Page County, Virginia and then at Springfield, Page County, Virginia.

Mary died 3 April 1961 at the age of 80. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Virgil died 25 January 1966 at the age of 90. He is also buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Mary and Virgil had three children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

+Pauline Reva Judd⁷ – 1905-1983 – married Alexander Frazier.
+Myrtle B. Judd⁷ – 1908-1979 – married Claude Cecil Griffith.
+John William Judd⁷ – 1917-1989 – married Elva Catherine Griffith.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Benjamin Franklin Fox**

Emma S. Fox⁶ (Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emma was born 18 August 1863 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Fox and Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann *Alther*. Emma died 6 August 1865, a short time before her second birthday. Emma is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Laura Fox⁶ (Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Laura was born 18 November 1865 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Fox and Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann *Alther*. She died very young, sometime before June of 1870 when the census was taken. No record of her death or burial was found, although she is probably buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia, as are her other young siblings.

Ida Bell Fox⁶ (Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ida Bell was born 18 November 1866 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Fox and Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann *Alther*.

On 7 April 1892 Ida Bell married **Edward Benton Fox**, who was born 17 March 1868 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Jonas Moyer Fox (1813-1891) and Catherine Stomback (1826-1892).

Ida and Edward lived at Springfield, Page County, Virginia near the Lee Highway. Edward was a self-employed farmer.

Edward died 25 May 1949 in Page County at the age of 80. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Ida Bell died at Springfield, Page County, Virginia on 2 August 1933 at the age of 66 years, nine months and 14 days. She died from chronic Bright's disease, an affliction she had for four years. She is also buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Ida Bell and Edward Fox had two children, both born in Page County, Virginia.

+Ermon Luther Fox⁷ – 1895-1950 – married Anna Fern Bradley.
+Bergie Franklin Fox⁷ – 1901-1967 – married Blanch Merle *Cliser* Shenk⁷.

Julia Frances (Fannie) Fox⁶ (Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Fannie was born 10 June 1868 in Page County, Virginia. She was a daughter of Benjamin Franklin Fox and Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann *Alther*.

On 30 November 1893, Fannie married **John Adam Fox**, who was born 20 July 1869 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was the son of Joseph Fox and Sally *Eaton*.

Fannie and John lived in Springfield, Page County, Virginia, and John worked as a guard at the tannery in Luray, Virginia.

Fannie died 11 July 1900 in Luray, Virginia, at the age of 32 years, one month and one day. Fannie is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. No record was found for any children.

John Fox remarried and had children. He married Nellie G. *Siler* (1883-1960). They lived in Indiana, and John died there 25 September 1948. He is buried at Park Cemetery, Fairmount, Grant County, Indiana—next to his second wife Nellie.

Charles Hubert Fox⁶ (Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 13 February 1871 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Benjamin Franklin Fox and Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann *Alther*.

On 20 June 1900 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, he married **Lucy (Lulu) Dora Carpenter**, who was born 23 April 1874 in Woodville, Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of William J. Carpenter and Ann *Beasley* of Stonewall, Rappahannock County, Virginia. Charles and Lulu lived with her parents on the Carpenter farm in Stonewall, Virginia and then inherited the farm from her parents.

Lulu died there at the age of 65 years on 26 July 1939. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Charles was still living in Stonewall, Virginia in the same house in 1940. He died 7 August 1945 at the age of 74. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Charles and Lulu had two children—both sons born in Rappahannock County, Virginia.

+Cary Miller Fox⁷—1901-1970 – married Lucille Updyke.

+Charles Collier Fox⁷ – 1903-1988 – married Vinda Elizabeth Kibler.

Annie L. Fox⁶ (Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Annie was born 12 August 1873 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Fox and Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann *Alther*. Annie died 5 February 1879 at the age of five and a half years. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia, alongside her four-year-old brother Hubert, who had died the day before.

Hubert F. Fox⁶ (Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hubert was born 3 February 1875 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Franklin Fox and Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann *Alther*.

He died 4 February 1879 one day after his fourth birthday, and one day before the death of his older sister Annie. Hubert is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia, beside his sister.

Ella Nora Fox⁶ (Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ella Nora was born 12 March 1878 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Fox and Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann *Alther*.

On 14 August 1900, she married **Wilbie Lacurgus Mauck**, who was born 16 November 1875 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Ira Mauck and Phoebe *Shenk*. Ella Nora and Wilbie lived and worked their farm in Luray, Virginia.

Wilbie died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on 28 July 1944 at the age of 68 years, eight months and 12 days. The cause of death was lobar pneumonia. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Ella Nora died at Springfield, Page County, Virginia on 3 June 1952 at the age of 74 years, two months and 21 days. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. They had seven children, all born in Page County, Virginia. One child is unknown and probably died as an infant.

Unknown child Mauck⁷ – died young.

+Annie Elizabeth Mauck⁷ – 1902-1980 – married (1) Morgan (2) Arbogast.

+Edgar Lynn Mauck⁷ – 1907-1966 – married Emma Daisy Painter.

+Glendon Oscar Mauck⁷ – 1909-1968 – married (1) V. H. Akers (2) private.

+Rachel Edna Mauck⁷ – 1913-2007 – married Claude Ernest Smith.

+Hilda Virginia Mauck⁷ – 1915-1986 – married Kibler – McBride – Dofflemoyer.

+Evelyn Rebecca Mauck⁷ – 1917-2001 – married Keith Willis Sanders.

William Lee Fox⁶ (Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 20 June 1880 at Dry Run, Page County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Franklin Fox and Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann *Alther*.

On 11 August 1909 William married **Ollie Rae Viands**, who was born 1888 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Charles Elwood Viands (1861-1924) and Sallie Belle *Kibler* (1861-1953).

The family lived in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia, where William was a machinist for Norfolk & Western Railroad Co.

William died 4 December 1941 at the age of 61. He is buried at Rest Haven Cemetery in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia.

Ollie Rae died 1967, and she is also buried at Rest Haven Cemetery in Shenandoah, Virginia. William and Ollie Rae had two children—both born in Page County, Virginia.

+William Randolph Fox⁷ – 1910-1955 – married Myrtle Christine Eidsaa.
+Elwood Franklin Fox⁷ – 1917-2010 – married (1) Cranford (2) Roeber.

Bertha Violetta Fox⁶ (Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bertha was born 24 February 1883 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Fox and Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann *Alther*.

She married **Rev. Ernest Lee Cave**, who was born 30 October 1883 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Jacob Hamilton Cave (1860-1926) and Martha Ann *Gochenour* (1861-1922). Ernest was a minister at the United Church of the Brethren in Page County, Virginia. He was also a merchant. The family lived on 7th Street in Shendandoah, Page County, Virginia.

Ernest was at the Shenandoah Iron Works when he suddenly died from a heart attack on 1 March 1951 at the age of 67. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Bertha died 4 November 1958 at the age of 75. She is buried next to her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Bertha and Rev. Cave had seven children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

+James Franklin Cave⁷ – 1903-1979 – married (Blake-Koontz (2) Comer-Bennett.
+Elsie Lee Cave⁷ – 1910-1986 – married Roy Eldridge Roudabush.
+Louise Cave⁷ – 1913-1977 – married George William Sedwick.
+Ruth Elizabeth Cave⁷ – 1916-2004 – married Stuart Carter Steele.
Adalaid Cave⁷ – born and died 18 May 1917 – buried Beahms Chapel Cemetery.
+June Cave⁷ – 1922-2016 – married Richard W. (Dick) March.
+Ernest Lee Cave, Jr.⁷ – 1922-1923 – twin of June Cave March.

Edward Franklin Fox⁶ (Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edward was born 19 April 1884 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Franklin Fox and Elizabeth (Bettie) Ann *Alther*.

On 8 May 1909, Edward married **Anna Flora Moyer**, who was born 4 November 1887 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John Joseph Moyer (1855-1940) and Annie Belle Beahm (1863-1912). She attended Luray High School and Vonboro College in Luray. Anna belonged to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Edward was a traveling grocery salesman for F. J. Cooper Co. of Winchester, Virginia. The family lived in Luray, Virginia.

On 12 September 1918, Edward registered for the WWI draft with no health problems. The next month Edward was deceased—20 October 1918—at the age of 34

years, one month and 16 days. His death was the result of influenza and pneumonia during the world-wide Spanish flu epidemic. Edward is buried at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Anna suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on 16 June 1946 and from that time until her death she was confined to either a wheel chair or bed. Anna was living with their daughter, Mrs. Bryant Burke, at the daughter's home 334 East Main in Luray, Virginia, at the time of her death at 7:00 p.m. on 16 September 1946. She was 58 years old. Anna is buried next to her husband Edward Sr. at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Edward Sr. and Anna had four children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

+Edward Randolph Fox⁷ – 1910-1919 – died age 9.

+Anna Belle Fox⁷ – 1912-1966 – married (1) Harry C. Kibler and (2) Bryant Burke.

+John Harold Fox⁷ – 1915-1973 – married Lillian Marguerite Keyser.

+Edward Franklin Fox, Jr.⁷ – 1917-1981 – married Jane Elizabeth Stover.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
William C. Alther**

William Keller Alther⁶ (William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 14 August 1873 in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was the son of William C. Alther and Frances (Fannie) Keller.

From 1904 through 1908 William was a U.S. Civil Service employee in Manila in the Philippine Islands working as a sanitary inspector for the Dept. of Engineering & Public Works.

On 14 June 1909, William married Julia **C. Woore**, who was born in June 1878 in Alton, Madison County, Illinois, the daughter of Oliver Woore, Jr. and his wife Hannah.

In 1910 William and Julia lived at Fort Robinson, Dawes County, Nebraska, where William was an accountant for the Dept. of the U.S. Army.

On 14 August 1917 William K. Alther then of Jersey City, New Jersey, filed an application for a patent for his improvement made to the invention of water wings. The patent U.S. No. 1262296A was issued on 9 April 1918. See the patent information and sketch following this bio.

In 1918 when William registered for the WWI draft, the family's address was in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. William was a life insurance agent.

By 1920 they lived in Buffalo, Erie County, New York. William was a supervisor of agents for a life insurance company.

William died 4 March 1923 in New York. Further information found regarding William was noted in the obituary of his brother Luther Keller Alther dated 20 August 1924, which stated that Luther's brother, *William K. Alther, who had crossed the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans more than a score of times in government missions, died about a year ago.*

No further records were found regarding either William or his wife Julia Alther. The only child of William and Julia Alther was a son who was born while they lived in Nebraska.

+Frederick Thornton Alther⁷ – 1910-1997 – married Helen Dorothy Grady.

Following is William Keller Alther's statement regarding the water wings improvement invention. Shown on the next page is the 1917 sketch of the patented water wings as recorded in the U.S. Patent Office.

WILLIAM K. ALTHER OF JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY--WATER WINGS

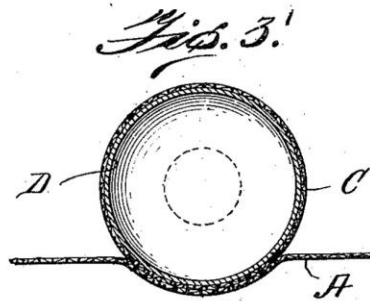
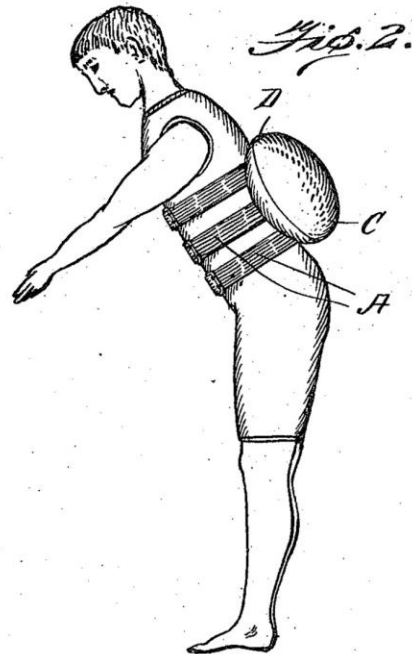
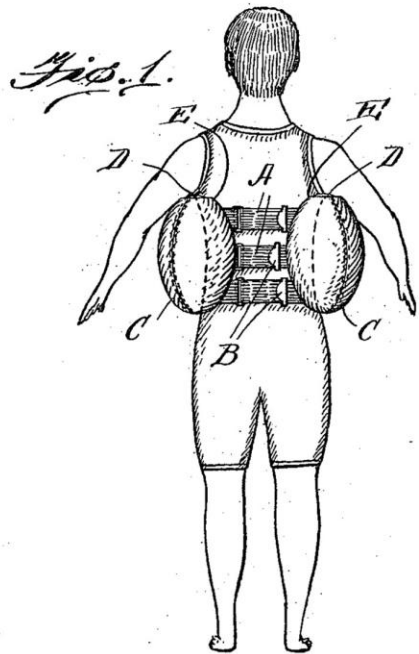
To all whom it may concern: Be it known that William K. Alther, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, has invented certain new and useful improvements in Water-Wings and he does hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked there on, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in water wings, designed for attachment to the body of a person to buoy same while learning to swim and consists of a simple and efficient device of this nature having various details of construction, combinations and arrangements of parts which will be hereinafter fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

See the drawing of the patented water wings on the following page.

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Sarah (Sadie) Elizabeth Alther⁶ (William Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sadie was born 17 July 1875 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of William C. Alther and Frances (Fannie) A. *Keller*.

In 1898, Sadie married **Byrd Alexander Bowman**, who was born 13 May 1874 in Virginia, the son of James H. and Catherine Bowman. Sadie and Byrd first lived in Madison, Shenandoah County, Virginia. The first two children were born there. Sometime before 1907, they moved to Westernport, Allegany County, Maryland. Byrd was employed as a foreman at West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. in Luke, Maryland.

Byrd died in his sleep in his own bed at his home: 104 Howard Street, Westernport, Allegany County, Maryland, on Tuesday, 6 November 1934 at the age of 60. He is buried at Philos Cemetery in Westernport, Allegany County, Maryland.

Sadie died Friday night, 12 February 1965 at the Goodwill Mennonite Home in Grantsville, Maryland. She had been a patient at the home for five years following discharge from Memorial Hospital in Cumberland, Maryland. She was 89 years old. Sadie was a long-standing member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and funeral services were held at the church in Westernport, Maryland. Sadie is buried next to her husband at Philos Cemetery in Westernport, Maryland. At the time of Sadie's death, two sisters Frances and Lolah survived her, as did her three sons (shown below). She was also survived by five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

+Paul E. Bowman⁷ – 1898-1978 – married Mary Ann Gavin.

+Ray Oliver Bowman⁷ – 1900-1982 – married Wanda Marie Anna Seehafer.

+Carl A. Bowman⁷ – 1907-1987 – married Ethel Virginia Roberts.

Luther Keller Alther⁶ (William Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Luther was born 24 April 1880 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of William C. Alther and Frances (Fannie) A. *Keller*.

Luther never married. He died at the age of 44 on 15 August 1924 in British Columbia, Canada.

On 20 August 1924, a special news release to the *Washington Post* stated: *Winchester, VA—The body of Luther K. Alther, American Consul General at Vancouver, B.C., who died in a hospital there on Friday, is expected to arrive here Saturday for interment in Mount Hebron cemetery. Mr. Alther was 44 years old and unmarried. He was a son of the late William C. Alther, and was born in Luray, Va. He was in the government service nearly 30 years, first as a civil engineer in the West, later as immigration inspector at Seattle, Wash., and for the last three or four years consul-general at Vancouver.*

Luther is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia – Plot: Lot 356, Section B, Grave 1. He was survived by three sisters: Mrs. W. A. Sale and Mrs. Raymond Forney of Winchester, Virginia, and Mrs. B. A. Bowman of Westernport, Maryland.

Frances Keller Alther⁶ (William Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frances was born 22 July 1882 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of William C. Alther and Frances (Fannie) A. *Keller*.

She married **William Andrew Sale**, who was born 9 November 1879 in Amherst County, Virginia, the son of Robert Sale and Margaret *Duncan*.

They lived at 371 National Ave., in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. William was a long time employee at the Winchester Woolen Mills and at the time of his death he was the general manager of the mills.

William died 5 April 1932, at the age of 52 years, four months and 27 days. After his body was found in his automobile, he was pronounced deceased at Memorial Hospital in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. Cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia.

Frances died 21 March 1968—she is also buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester City, Virginia. Frances and William had one child, a son who was born in Winchester City, Virginia.

+Douglas Andrew Sale⁷ – 1907-1989 – married Harriet Atkinson Pearson.

Lolah Lois Alther⁶ (William Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lolah was born 15 July 1886 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Walter C. Alther and Frances (Fannie) A. *Keller*.

She married **Raymond B. Forney**, who was born at Star Tannery, Frederick County, Virginia, the son of William Adam Forney (1855-1927) and Emma A. *Woodward*.

Raymond was a weaver at the woolen mills in Winchester, Virginia. He died at the family home located at 205 E. Boscauen Street, Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, from a sudden heart attack on 7 June 1930, at the age of 46 years, three months and three days.

Shortly after her husband death Lolah and their son Forrest moved to Miami, Dade County, Florida. They lived together in Miami until her son's death in 1965. Lolah remained in Miami, Florida, and died there in December of 1967 at the age of 81. No record of the burial place was found for her or for her husband Raymond.

Lolah and Raymond had two children, both born in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia.

+Forrest Andrew Forney⁷ – 1905-1965 – not married.

+Lois M. Forney⁷ – 1908-1992 – married Max W. Lewis.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and g-gr-grandson
Jacob Alther Jr.**

Mary Susan Alther⁶ (Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 1869 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Jacob (Jake) Alther Jr. and Clarina *Lillard*.

On 9 September 1884 she married **Willis Alexander Scott**, who was born 22 June 1859 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, son of William Montgomery Scott and Jane *Herald*.

Mary Susan and Willis lived at Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia. He was a farmer.

Mary Susan died at Sperryville on 11 May 1888 at the young age of 19. No record was found of any children being born to them. Also, there was no burial place found for Mary.

Willis married his second wife Mary Ellen Settle on 2 January 1894 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, and they had children. Willis died 9 February 1934 at his home in Rixeyville, Culpeper County, Virginia. He is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, Virginia.

Elizabeth Alther⁶ (Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elizabeth was born circa 1872 at Pass Run in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Jacob (Jake) Alther Jr. and Clarinda *Lillard*. Elizabeth died age 5, on 15 February 1876 at Pass Run, Page County, Virginia.

William Allie Alther⁶ (Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 17 January 1871 in Virginia, the son of Jacob (Jake) Alther, Jr. and Clarinda *Lillard*.

He married **Lillie E. Burke**, who was born 17 November 1894/5 in Virginia. William was a self-employed painter. They lived in Rixeyville, Culpeper County, Virginia.

By 1940, William and Lillie were separated; she lived in Washington, D.C. with their two sons. Lillie married (2) Axel J. Anderson, who was born 17 February 1894. He died 7 May 1958. He was a veteran of WWI having served as a private, 33rd Battalion Co., Air Service, U.S. Army. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

In 1957, William was admitted to Western State Hospital in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia. He was still a patient there when he died at the age of 88 on 24 October, 1959—cause of death was heart disease. He is buried at Amissville, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Lillie died 18 October 1972. Her last address was Bowie, Prince Georges County, Maryland. She is buried at Arlington National Cemetery next to her second husband.

William and Lillie had two sons and one daughter (see next page).

- +John W. Alther⁷ – 1917-1974 – married Hilda M. Jones.
- +Robert M. Alther⁷ – 1922-1985 – married Mildred Lucille Silvey.
- +Madeline Alther⁷ – 1927 – She was adopted by Eugene and Bertha Moore.

David Austin Alther⁶ (Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 19 May 1875 in Elkwood, Culpeper County, Virginia, the son of Jacob (Jake) Alther, Jr. and his first wife Clarinda *Lillard*.

On 20 November 1907 in the District of Columbia he married **Rachel Eliza Griffin**, who was born 4 June 1888 in Earlham, Madison County, Iowa, the daughter of Oliver P. Griffin and Ida M. *Wilson*.

David and Rachel lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Berkley, Spotsylvania County, Virginia; and Caroline County, Virginia. David worked as a machinist and as a sawyer in a lumber mill.

By 1935, David and Rachel had separated and Rachel lived with their daughter in Dormont, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Also living in the household were their children Ruth, Rachel, David, and Wilfred Alther. In 1940, Ivan, the eldest son, was in the Navy and living in San Diego, California with his wife and children. By 1942 Rachel had also moved to California.

David died at Mrs. Pullen's Rest Home in Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia on 10 April 1968 at the age of 92. He is buried at Washington Masonic Cemetery in Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Rachel died at the age of 81 on 17 April 1969 at LaMesa, San Diego County, California. David and Rachel had six children, all born in Virginia.

- +Ivan Donald Alther⁷ – 1911-1965 – married Rubie Wearne.
- +Ruth Eleanor Alther⁷ – 1914-2000 – married surname Stuart
- +Lillian Carol Alther⁷ – 1915-1995 – married surname Carter.
- +David Lawrence Alther⁷ – 1921-2003 – married May Irvine *Thoroughman* Dunn.
- +Rachel Wilma Alther⁷ – 1927-2002 – married (1) Frasier (2) Irving.
- +Wilfred Charles Alther⁷ – 1929-1986 – marriage unknown.

Birkett (Buck) Henry Alther⁶ (Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Buck was born 3 July 1879 in Virginia, the son of Jacob (Jake) Alther, Jr. and his first wife Clarinda *Lillard*.

On 15 June 1904 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, he married **Josephine (Josie) Lee Cloud**, who was born 1888 in Virginia. They lived in Culpeper, Culpeper County and Estes, Rappahannock County, Virginia. Buck was a self-employed farmer.

Buck died 17 February 1949. He is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, Culpeper County, Virginia. Josie died 1968. She is also buried at Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, Virginia. Buck and Josie had six children, all born in Rappahannock County, Virginia.

+Ethel Lee Alther⁷ – 1907-1940 – married John Walker Mozingo.
 +William Alfred Alther⁷ – 1909-1988 – married Neva Clara Whorton.
 +Wallenham (Wallie) Alther⁷ – 1915-1979 – married Etta Mae Bayne—divorced.
 +Elizabeth Browning Alther⁷ – 1917-2013 – married (1) Grant (2) Ippolito.
 +John Marshall Alther⁷ – 1921-2000 – married Drusilla Marie *Brown*.
 +Thomas Henry Alther⁷ – 1925-2006 – married Margaret Russell *Kincer*.

Emma Belle Alther⁶ (Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emma was born 7 March 1891 in Rappahannock County, Virginia; daughter of Jacob (Jake) Alther Jr. and his second wife Mary (Mollie) Blanche *Bruce*. Emma never married. She lived in her home at State Road #622, Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia. Emma died at the Shawnee Springs Nursing Home in Winchester, Virginia on 7 July 1981 at the age of 90. Cause of death was given as gangrene of the legs. She is buried at the Sperryville Cemetery, Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

George¹⁵⁶ Alther⁶ (Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 26 December 1893 in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Jacob (Jake) Alther Jr. and his second wife Mary (Mollie) Blanche *Bruce*.

On 26 August 1915 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, George married **Lillian Clatterbuck** who was born 1896 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Wade and Edrina Clatterbuck.

George was a farm worker in the employ of R. Lee Taylor in Sperryville, Virginia. George's home was located on State Route #600 in Sperryville.

Lillian died at Warren Memorial Hospital in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia on 26 August 1970 at the age of 74. She is buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

George died at Warren Memorial Hospital in Front Royal, Virginia on 1 February 1985 at the age of 95. He is also buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Washington, Virginia. George and Lillian had eight children, all born in Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Infant girl Alther⁷ – born and died Oct. 1917—10 hours old, Rappahannock County, VA
 +Irene M. Alther⁷ – 1918-2014 – married Wade Amos Frazier.
 +Levi (Lee) Alther⁷ 1920-2014 – married Edna Virginia Ralls.
 +Alice Alther⁷ – 1922-2001 – married Raymond George Washington Ralls.
 +John William Alther⁷ – 1924-2012 – married Hilda May Ralls.
 Male Alther⁷ – private
 +George William Alther⁷ – 1933-1955 – accidental death at age 21.
 Female Alther⁷ – private

¹⁵⁶ It was specifically noted on George Alther's death certificate that he had no middle name.

Bessie Alther⁶ (Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bessie was born 8 March 1895 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Jacob (Jake) Alther, Jr. and his second wife Mary (Mollie) Blanche *Bruce*.

She married **Charles Hubert Woodard** who was born 1889 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Charles W. Woodard and Fenton *Brown*.

The family lived in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia, and Charles worked for the Virginia Department of Highways.

He died at University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia on 10 October 1868 at the age 79. The cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Sperryville Cemetery, Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Bessie died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Page County, Virginia from a heart attack on 25 May 1979 at the age of 84. She is buried at Sperryville Cemetery. Bessie and Charles had five children.

Infant daughter Woodard⁷ – buried Sperryville Cemetery—no dates given.

+Kathryn Brown Woodard⁷ – 1913-1997 – married Virgil Hinkel (Hink) Griffith.

+Charles Daniel Woodard⁷ – 1915-1917 – died at 22 months.

+Hubert Wilson Woodard⁷ – 1917-1991 – married Lou Emma Clatterbuck.

+Susie Virginia Woodard⁷ – 1919-1999 – married Edward Wilson Woodard.

Virgie Mary Alther⁶ (Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virgie was born 21 July 1898 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Jacob (Jake) Alther Jr. and his second wife Mary (Mollie) Blanche *Bruce*.

On 6 September 1920 in Charles Town, Jefferson County, West Virginia, Virgie married a 45-year-old widower, **Joseph John Pullen**, who was born in West Virginia. Joseph died sometime before 1930, leaving Virgie widowed with small children to support. Virgie became a housekeeper in a private home in Piedmont, Rappahannock County, Virginia. When old enough, the children also worked in the home along with their mother. At age 17, son James was a laborer in a packing house.

Virgie died at Culpeper Memorial Hospital on 24 May 1988—89 years old. She is buried at Sperryville Cemetery, Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia. Virgie and Joseph had three daughters and one son—all born in Virginia.

Markie Pullen⁷ born 1921 – she is listed in the 1930 census—no further records.

+James Henry Pullen⁷ – 1923-1986 – married Frances Rene Sisk.

+Mary Ellen Pullen⁷ – 1924-1981 – married James William Thomas.

+Virginia Lee Pullen⁷ – 1926-1992 – unmarried.

Ollie Mae Alther⁶ (Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ollie was born 9 October 1901, in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Jacob (Jake) Alther, Jr. and his second wife Mary

(Mollie) Blanche *Bruce*. She never married. Ollie died 15 March 1994—her last address was Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia.

Jonas Alther⁶ (Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jonas was born 9 August 1904 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Jacob (Jake) Alther Jr. and his second wife Mary (Mollie) Blanche *Bruce*.

He married **Louise Mildred Jenkins**, who was born 10 January 1914 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of William Thomas Jenkins (1869-1949) and Rebecca Lou *Jenkins* Jenkins (1873-1945).

Jonas and Louise lived in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia. Jonas was a farmer.

Jonas died at Warren Memorial Hospital in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia on 16 September 1984 at the age of 80. He is buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Louise died 22 January 2002 at the age of 88. She is buried beside her husband Jonas at the Masonic Cemetery in Washington, Virginia.

Jonas and Louise were survived by two sons and three daughters (four are now deceased). 16 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren, a step-grandchild and two step great grandchildren currently survive.

+Evelyn Marie Alther⁷ – 1930-2014 – married Bruce Henry Brown.

+Rebecca Martha Alther⁷ – 1931-2015 – married three times.

+Annie Belle Alther⁷ – 1932-2010 – married Berkeley Edward Jeffries, Sr.

+Jonas Alther, Jr.⁷ – 1933-2011 – married private.

Male Alther⁷ -- private

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
James Henry Shenk**

George R. Shenk⁶ (James Henry Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 4 January 1865 in Page County, Virginia, the son of James Henry Shenk and Susan V. *Alther*.

At the age of 24 on 12 May 1889 in Page County, Virginia, George married 19 year-old **Louella (Ella) Lawler**, the daughter of Joseph H. Lawler (1822-1878) and Lucy Ellen *Menefee* (1827-1901).

George died 3 September 1891 at the age of 26. He is buried at Lawler Cemetery (Fletcher's Chapel) located on the old Lawler homestead in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

On 22 June 1893 at the age of 24, in Luray Page County, Virginia, George's widow Ella married (2) William Burrill, age 25, son of John Burrill.

George Shenk and Ella had one child, a son, who died at the age of 12 days. He is buried near his father at the Lawler Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Oscar Shenk⁷ – born 2 Oct. 1890 and died 14 Oct. 1890—buried Lawler Cemetery.

Charles Edward Shenk⁶ (James Henry Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 14 March 1870 in Page County, Virginia, the son of James Henry Shenk and Lucy Ellen *Menefee*.

Charles married **Maud Lenora Barkdoll**, who was born 5 September 1873 in Smithsburg, Washington County, Maryland, the daughter of Samuel M. Barkdoll (1841-1914) and Alice *Hollingsworth* (1847-1929).

Charles was a prominent and long-time proprietor of a piano and music store in Hagerstown, Maryland. He was well known in musical circles in the area. He and his wife were members of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and he was a 32nd Degree Mason.

He died at his home at the age of 66 on 7 January 1937 from complications following a long illness. Charles is entombed at Rose Hill Mausoleum, Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland.

Maud died at the Garlock Convalescent Home in Hagerstown at the age of 97 on 22 March 1971. She lies next to her husband at the Rose Hill Mausoleum at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown, Maryland. Charles and Maud had three daughters—all born in Maryland.

+Virginia Shenk⁷ –1906-1983 – married Harold French Wills.

+Letitia Shenk⁷ – 1908-2004 – married Elmer Bernhardt.

+Julia Belle Shenk⁷ – 1909-2001 – married Walter Arthur Westphal.

Julia Belle Shenk⁶ (James Henry Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Julia was born 20 April 1873 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of James Henry Shenk and Lucy Ellen *Menefee*.

On 24 November 1897 in Page County, Virginia, Julia married **Henry Michael Stombock**, who was born 11 August 1865 in Page County, Virginia, the son of David Stombock and Susan V. *Heiston*.

Julia and Henry always lived in Luray, Virginia, and Henry worked at the tannery in Luray. Their two daughters were born in Luray.

Julia died 4 July 1941 at the age of 68 in Luray, Virginia. She is buried at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Henry died 13 July 1941 at the age of 74—nine days following his wife's death. He is buried beside Julia at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

+Zaida Mae Stombock⁷ – 1902-1975 – married Rev. Edward Harold Vogt.

+Electra Stombock⁷ – 1905-1965 – married Joseph Harrison Holtzman.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Catharine *Shenk* Lillard**

Emma Belle Lillard⁶ (Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emma was born 18 October 1867 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Catharine *Shenk* and Silas Thomas Lillard.

On 13 December 1894 in Page County, Virginia, Emma married **David Harrison Strickler**, who was born 30 January 1873 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Washington Strickler and Nancy *Strickler*.

Emma and David lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia. David was a farmer in Luray.

Emma died 2 February 1917 at the age of 49 in Page County, and she is buried at Leaksville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia.

On 29 March 1921 at the age of 46, David married (2) 36-year-old Lottie *Mauck*, who was born August of 1884 in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Joseph H. Mauck and Alice E. *Winkler*.

David died in Luray on 18 March 1952 at the age of 79 years, one month and 18 days—cause of death, a stroke. He is buried at the White House Family Graveyard, White House, Page County, Virginia.

His second wife, Lottie, died in 1958, and she is buried next to David at the White House Family Graveyard.

Emma Belle and David Strickler had three children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

+Esther (Esta) Mae Strickler⁷ – 1898-1988 – married Everett Roderick Mauck.

+Elbert Harrison Strickler⁷ – 1901-1974 – married Oneida Glenrose Kibler.

+Ruth Virginia Strickler⁷ – 1909—death date unknown—married twice (?).

John Silas Lillard⁶ (Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 19 June 1869 in Leaksville, Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Catharine *Shenk* and Silas Thomas Lillard.

On 27 December 1888 in Page County, Virginia, he married **Emma Susan Louderback**, who was born 5 February 1870 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Martin VanBuren Louderback (1848-1918) and Sarah Elizabeth *Foltz* (1850-1926).

John died at Leaksville, Virginia on 8 August 1923 at the age of 54. He is buried at the Leaksville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia.

Emma died 29 September 1931 at the age of 61. She is buried beside her husband John at the Leaksville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia.

John and Emma had three children, a son and two daughters.

+Amiss Franklin Lillard⁷ – 1892-1957 – married Amanda Louise Ross.

+Mamie Lillard⁷ – 1896-1986 – married Randolph Howard Leith.

+Sadie Irene Lillard⁷ – 1896-1991 – married Arthur Franklin Huffman.

Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶ (Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 12 February 1871 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Catharine *Shenk* and Silas Thomas Lillard.

He married **Annie Edith Aleshire**, who was born 20 November 1874, in Page County, Virginia.

Charles died 10 December 1935 at the age of 64. He is buried at Leaksville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia.

Annie died 16 June 1946 at the age of 71, and she is buried next to her husband at the Leaksville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia. Charles and Annie had seven children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

- +Pearl Irah Lillard⁷ – 1894-1998 – married Bishop Weaver Stearn.
- +Effie M. Lillard⁷ – 1900-1901 – Leaksville Church Cemetery, Page Co., VA
- +Mary Edythe Lillard⁷ – 1902-1994 – married Ray Perry Finter.
- +Claude Robert Lillard⁷ – 1904-1969 – married Thelma Virginia Lawrence.
- +Clifton Lillard⁷ – 1906-1906 – Leaksville Church Cemetery, Page Co., VA
- +Zula Lillard – 1908-1996 – married Lorenzo O. Short.
- +Ruth Lillard – 1911-1911 – Leaksville Church Cemetery, Page Co., VA

Annie Bertie Lillard⁶ (Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Annie was born 11 September 1872 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Catharine *Shenk* and Silas Thomas Lillard.

On 30 November 1893 in Page County, Virginia, Annie married **George Ernest Dovell**, who was born 19 August 1869 in Page County. George was a farmer. They first lived in Marksville, Page County, Virginia, and then moved to Reliance, Warren County, Virginia, where they remained.

George died 24 October 1930 at the age of 61. After George died, their eldest daughter Neva, her husband, Albert Moody Dyke, and their children moved in with Annie to help with the farm.

Annie died at her home in Reliance, Warren County, Virginia on 29 May 1947 at the age of 74 years, eight months and 18 days. The cause of death was a heart attack. She is buried at Leaksville Church Cemetery in Leaksville, Page County, Virginia. Annie and George had eight children.

- +Neva Bertie Dovell⁷ – 1895-1954 – married Albert Moody Dyke.
- +Grace Elizabeth Dovell⁷ – 1897-1963 – married Samuel Tyree Pool.
- +Clark Ernest Dovell⁷ – 1900-1950 – married Marcia E. Rinker.
- +Mary J. Dovell⁷ – 1902-1957 – married Neil McKay.
- +George Eldon Dovell⁷ – 1906-1968 – married Willa Rose Huffer.
- +Bernard Clinton Dovell⁷ – 1908-1993 – probably not married.
- +Edwin Garfield Dovell⁷ – 1912-1979 – married Esther Hurd.
- +Ileene Clara Dovell⁷ – 1915-1987 – married Curtis Sebiakin Coons.

William Ambrose Lillard⁶ (Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 4 April 1876 at Leaksville, Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Catharine *Shenk* and Silas Thomas Lillard.

William married **Elizabeth Frances Strickler**, who was born 30 June 1877 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of S. Wellington and Martha Jane Strickler.

William was employed as a miller supervisor for Maryland farm control.

Elizabeth died 6 June 1941, age 63, at the family home, 646 Summit Ave, Hagerstown, Maryland. Elizabeth is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland.

William died 9 January 1960 at the age of 84. He is buried beside his wife Elizabeth at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown, Maryland.

William and Elizabeth had two children, a son and a daughter—both born Page County, Virginia

+Hettie Jane Lillard⁷ – 1896-1955 – married Carl David Moyer.

+Frederick (Fred) William Lillard⁷ – 1899-1958 – married (1) Bageant (2) Morin.

Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Lillard⁶ (Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lizzie was born 18 February 1879 at Leaksville, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Catharine *Shenk* and Silas Thomas Lillard.

On 22 August 1899 in Page County Virginia, Lizzie married **John Edgar Kite**, who was born 17 January 1877 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Jacob B. Kite and Barbara Ann *Strole*. John was a farmer, and Lizzie and John first lived in Page County and then Arlington, Virginia.

Lizzie died 1937 at the age of 58, and she is buried at Leaksville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia.

John died at the National Homeopathic Hospital in Washington, D.C. on 15 October 1938, age of 67. He is buried at the Leaksville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia next to his wife. Lizzie and John had four children, one son and three daughters—born in Page County, Virginia.

+Olin Edgar Kite⁷ – 1900-1926 – married Jayne M. Kurtz.

+Sina Elizabeth Kite⁷ – 1901-1987 – married Elon Solomon Rothgeb.

+Edna Mae Kite⁷ – 1903-2001 – married & divorced Leo Abraham Shirley.

+Alma Virginia Kite⁷ – 1906-2004 – married Earl Lynnwood Jenkins.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin and gr-gr-grandson Benjamin Franklin Shenk**

Laura Bessie Shenk⁶ (Benjamin Franklin Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Laura was born 20 April 1882 in Page

County, Virginia, the daughter and only surviving child of Benjamin Franklin Shenk and Mary Jane *Moyer*.

On 4 November 1903, Laura married **Thomas Mann Beahm**, who was born 5 October 1872 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Andrew Jackson Beahm (1831-1912) and Eliza Ann *Lehew* (1831-1901).

Thomas died at Fairplay, Washington County, Maryland on 22 January 1944 at age 71. He is buried at Greenlawn Cemetery, Williamsport, Washington County, Maryland. Thomas was a farmer.

Laura died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia on 19 December 1968, age of 86. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. She is buried next to her husband Thomas at Greenlawn Cemetery in Williamsport, Maryland. Laura and Thomas had five children.

+Gilbert Alderton Beahm⁷ – 1905-1991 – married (1) Crawford (2) Alther.

+Clara Viola Beahm⁷ – 1908-1986 – married Richard Lee Foltz.

+Vinda Beahm⁷ – 1910-1931 – unmarried

+Thomas Edward Beahm⁷ – 1912-1990 – married Vera S. Dilley.

+Catherine Beahm⁷ – 1915-2001 – married Vincent Spiker Coe.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Eva Ann *Shenk* Batman**

Daly Lee Batman⁶ (Eva Ann Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Daly was born 18 September 1876 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Eva Ann *Shenk* and Benjamin Franklin Batman.

On 29 November 1898 in Page County, Virginia, Daly married **Thomas Edward Griffith**, who was born 10 February 1870 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Hamilton Griffith (1834-1911) and Mary Elizabeth *Beach*.

They lived in Springfield, Page County, Virginia. Thomas first worked at a bark tannery, and then he was a self-employed farmer.

Thomas died at Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia on 23 February 1936 at the age of 66. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Daly died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 31 October 1962 at the age of 86. Cause of death was congestive heart failure. She is buried next to her husband Thomas at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Daly and Thomas had five children, all sons—born in Page County, Virginia.

+Raymond Lee Griffith⁷ – 1899-1976 – married (1) Coates (2) Aleshire-Hackley.

+Arthur Leonard Griffith⁷ – 1901-1951 – married Isabelle Fox.

+Wallace Leon Griffith⁷ – 1902-1985 – married Iva Marie Foltz

+Charles Hamilton Griffith⁷ – 1905-1966 – never married.

+Otis Franklin Griffith⁷ – 1908-1972 – married Elizabeth Belle Coffman.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Ann (Annie) Elisabeth Munch Barr**

Clara Jane Barr⁶ (Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clara was born 12 December 1863 in Licking County, Ohio, the daughter of Anna (Annie) Elisabeth *Munch* and Francis (Frank) Marion Barr. She never married. Clara died 6 August 1905 at the age of 41 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. Clara is buried at the Clem-Golladay Cemetery (St David's Church) in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Effie R. Barr⁶ (Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Effie was born 12 March 1866 in Licking County Ohio, the daughter of Ann (Annie) Elisabeth *Munch* and Francis (Frank) Marion Barr.

In 1887 she married **Tobias B. Baker**, who was born 14 January 1852 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Ananias Baker (1827-1881) and Dorothy Elizabeth Hoover. Tobias was a self-employed farmer.

Effie died at her home in Johnston, Shenandoah County, Virginia on 7 August 1924 at the age of 58 years, four days and 24 days. That cause of death was cancer. She is buried at Detrick Cemetery, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Long widowed, Tobias was living in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia, when an accident on 23 July 1948 caused his death. He fell at the boarding house where he lived and fractured his hip. The shock of the fall and old age were given as the cause of his death. He was 93 years, six months and 10 days old. Tobias is buried at Detrick Cemetery in Detrick, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Effie and Tobias did not have any children of their own. However, they had a young boy who was bound to them at their farm to learn the trade of farming. His name was Samuel D. Sherley, born in Pennsylvania, circa 1900. He was still living with them at age 20, when the 1920 federal census was taken.

William Hester Barr⁶ (Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 10 November 1867 in Licking County, Ohio, the son of Ann (Annie) Elisabeth *Munch* and Francis (Frank) Marion Barr.

On 25 December 1888, William married **Annie Ophelia Brown**, who was born 29 December 1866 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of William Newton Brown (1821-1899) and Frances *Beydler* (1839-1899).

William and Annie's home was always in Johnston, Shenandoah County, Virginia. William was a farmer. Annie was a registered nurse.

Annie died on 21 August 1926 at the age of 59 years, seven months and 23 days. She is buried at Slate Hill Cemetery in Dilbeck, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

William died at Cara Miller Memorial Hospital on 20 April 1948 at the age of 80 years, five months and 11 days. He had been a patient at the hospital for two days being treated for acute Uremia. He is buried at the Munch Cemetery, Seven Fountains,

Shenandoah County, Virginia. William and Annie had eight children—only seven surviving—all born in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

- +Myrtle E. Barr⁷ – 1890-1989 – married Alva Crowell Frye.
- +Edna Ruth Barr⁷ – 1892-1963 – married Levi Franklin Anderson.
- +Ethel Clara Barr⁷ – 1894-1958 – married Perry Franklin Crabill.
- +Anna Maude Barr⁷ – 1896-1985 – married Clarence Myrton Russell.
- +Paul Lester Barr⁷ – 1901-1971 – married Vallie Virginia Barbee.
- +Cecil Leroy Barr, Sr.⁷ – 1904-1986 – married Clara McKown Clevenger.
- +Evelyn Ophelia Barr⁷ – 1908-1989 – married Robert Abner Rhodes, Sr.

Charles S. Barr⁶ (Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 11 July 1869 In Licking County, Ohio, the son of Anna (Annie) Elisabeth *Munch* and Francis (Frank) Marion Barr. He died in Licking County, Ohio on 16 December 1872 at the age of two years, five months and five days. Charles is buried at Spring Grove Cemetery, Marne, Licking County, Ohio.

James M. Barr⁶ (Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 1871 in Shendandoah County, Virginia, the son of Anna (Annie) Elizabeth *Munch* and Francis (Frank) Marion Barr. James died 11 February 1889 at the age of 17 years, eight months and 16 days. He is buried at the Munch Cemetery, Seven Fountains, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Silas Leonard Barr⁶ (Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leonard was born 28 June 1873 in Licking County, Ohio, the son of Ann (Annie) Elisabeth *Munch* and Francis (Frank) Marion Barr.

Leonard married **Elizabeth (Bettie) Frances Knisely**, who was born 9 January 1877¹⁵⁷ in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Levi and Annie Knisely.

Leonard was a farmer in Shenandoah County. He died 28 February 1928 at the age of 54 at Johnston, Shenandoah County, Virginia. The cause of death was listed as gall stones. He is buried at Detrick Cemetery in Detrick, Virginia.

After her husband's death, Bettie moved to Reading, Pennsylvania to live with her son Harry.

Bettie died at Reading Hospital in West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania on 25 February 1947 at the age of 70. She is buried at Detrick Cemetery in Detrick, Shenandoah County, Virginia. Silas and Bettie had five children—all born in Shenandoah County.

¹⁵⁷ A record of Bettie's birth gives the date as 18 December 1875. The date shown here is from her death certificate. Also her burial information gives the year of her birth as 1877.

+Clyde Edgar Barr⁷ – 1898-1973 – married Susan (Susie) F. Walters.
+Virgil H. Barr⁷ – 1900-1972 – married Dorothy J. Clayton.
+Harry Alvin Barr⁷ – 1905-1994 – married Daisy Rilla Bradfield.
+Naomi C. Barr⁷ – 1908-1908 – age 4 months, 7 days.
+Audrey Ophelia Barr⁷ – 1911-1979 – married Magnus J. Schaebler.

Francis Lee Barr⁶ (Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Francis was born 12 January 1875 in Newark, Licking County, Ohio, the son of Ann (Annie) Elisabeth *Munch* and Francis (Frank) Marion Barr.

Frank married **Anna M. Smith**, who was born 28 November 1878 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio, the daughter of Alfred Smith.

Francis and Anna settled in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Frank worked as a boilermaker for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad.

Frank died at a hospital in Reading, Pennsylvania on 5 July 1955 at the age of 80. He had been a patient for 10 days at the hospital. Cause of death was prostate cancer. He is buried at Forest Hills Memorial Park, Reiffton, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Anna died at the age of 83 on 9 February 1962 while being cared for at the Keiser Nursing Home in Reading, Pennsylvania following a stroke. She is buried at Forest Hills Memorial Park in Reiffton, Pennsylvania. Anna and Frank had four daughters.

Thelma M. Barr⁷ – born circa 1902
Esther C. Barr⁷ – born circa 1904 – married name Williams.
+Margaret Frances Barr⁷ – 1906-1961 – married Edgar A. Powell.
Anna L. Barr⁷ – born circa 1911

Joseph Stanley Barr⁶ (Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Joseph was born 1 October 1876 at Licking County, Ohio, the son of Ann (Annie) Elisabeth *Munch* and Francis (Frank) Marion Barr.

On 30 May 1905 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, Joseph married **Lucy M. Rinker**, who was born 9 April 1886. Joseph was a self-employed farmer. They lived in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Lucy died 2 October 1951 at the age of 46. She is buried at Detrick Cemetery, Detrick, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Joseph died while a patient for one week at the Shenandoah County, Memorial Hospital at Woodstock, Virginia at the age of 76 on 1 October 1953. The cause of death was acute uremia. He is also buried at Detrick Cemetery in Detrick, Virginia.

George Washington Barr⁶ (Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 30 December 1877¹⁵⁸ in

¹⁵⁸ Find a Grave gives George's birth date as 12 January 1878. However, Ohio Birth and Christenings, gives the date of his birth as 30 December 1877 in Hanover, Licking County, Ohio.

Hanover, Licking County, Ohio, the son of Ann (Annie) Elisabeth *Munch* and Francis (Frank) Marion Barr.

On 7 September 1902 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, George married **Nettie May Taylor**, who was born 19 October 1885, at Detrick, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Zachary Taylor and Mary Elizabeth *Lichliter*.

They first lived in Johnston, Shenandoah County, Virginia. By 1930 they were living in Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia. George was employed as a gardener for the Pan American Union complex at Seventeenth and Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C.¹⁵⁹

George died in 1943 and he is buried at Detrick Cemetery at Detrick, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Nettie May died at her home in Arlington, Virginia on 16 October 1962 at the age of 76. The cause of death was a stroke, following multiple small strokes. She is buried at Detrick Cemetery in Detrick, Virginia, next to her husband George. George and Nettie May had six children—all born in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

+Esta Thelma Barr⁷ – 1904-1982 – married William Frederick Lichliter.

+Alvin H. Barr⁷ – 1907-1951 – married (1) Barr and (2) Burner.

+Leslie Clifton Barr⁷ – 1908-1947 – married Rita Bernice Crumbaugh.

+Dorothy Cleo Barr⁷ – 1910-1920 – nine years old at time of death.

+Delmas Wellington Barr⁷ – 1912-1978 – married Dorothy Reamy.

+Marguerite Frances Barr⁷ – 1918-1978 – married William F. Clow.

Curtis Talmage Barr⁶ (Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Curtis was born 1 September 1879 in Hanover, Licking County, Ohio, the son of Ann (Annie) Elisabeth *Munch* and Francis (Frank) Marion Barr.

On 19 October 1904 he married **Lillian (Lillie) May Wisman**, who was born 25 November of 1878 in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Milton Wisman and Virginia A. *Hahn*.

Curtis and Lillie lived in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Curtis was a boilermaker inspector for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad.

Curtis died 21 September 1963 at Reading Hospital, West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania at the age of 83. The cause of death was general heart disease. He is buried at Laureldale Cemetery, Tuckerton, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

No death date or burial place was found for Lillie. A Social Security claim was filed under the name of Lillie May Barr in February 1964, but this may have been for the

¹⁵⁹ The Pan American Union complex opened in 1910. It consists of a white marble building and annex and is landscaped with lawns set with trees and shrubbery. The Pan American Union was an organization founded in 1890 to promote cooperation among the countries of Latin America and the U.S. It is now known as the Organization of American States. It consisted of 21 countries in the two American continents: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and the United States. Source: Britannica Online Encyclopedia.

filing of her widow's pension as the spouse of Curtis Barr. Curtis and Lillie had one child, a son, who was born in Pennsylvania.

+Wilbur Lee Barr⁷ – 1906-1995 – married Rachel E. Bamberger.

Mary (Mamie) Elisabeth Elton Barr⁶ (Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 5 June 1881 in Hanover Township, Licking County, Ohio, the daughter of Ann (Annie) Elisabeth *Munch* and Francis (Frank) Marion Barr.

On 3 October 1901 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, Mamie married **Oscar Hugh Taylor**, who was born 25 March 1878 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Zachary Taylor and Mary Elizabeth *Lichliter*. Oscar was a brother of Nettie May Taylor, who had married Mamie's older brother George Washington Barr.

The family first lived in Johnston, Shenandoah County, Virginia, where Oscar was a farmer. They later moved to the District of Columbia—sometime before 1920. Oscar was a contractor in the building construction trade in the area.

Mamie died at Circle Terrace Hospital, Alexandria, Virginia, as the result of heart attack at the age of 69 on 12 November 1950. She is buried at National Memorial Park in Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia. Oscar died at the age of 77 on 13 April 1955 at Circle Terrace Alexandria, Virginia—cause of death was a stroke. He is also buried at National Memorial Park. Mamie and Oscar had seven children.

+Maurice Orville Taylor⁷ – 1902-1989 – married Verna Blanche Brazelton.

+Lillian E. Taylor⁷ – 1904-1904 – died age five months and six days.

+Harold L. Taylor⁷ – 1905-1907 – one year, two months and 26 days.

+Douglas Taylor⁷ – 1909-1994 – married Mae Green.

+Beatrice Taylor⁷ – 1912-2002 – married Frank Herbert Gardner, Sr.

+Oscar Hugh Taylor, Jr.⁷ – 1916-1956 – married Eleanor Qualls.

+Madolyn Louise Taylor⁷ – 1922-2000 – married Lt. (jg) Clarence Arthur Teige, USNR.

Hettie May Barr⁶ (Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hettie May was born 2 May 1885 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Ann (Annie) Elisabeth *Munch* and Francis (Frank) Marion Barr.

Hettie May married **Austin Clarence Munch**, who was born 14 December 1885 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

They lived in Washington, D.C. and Austin worked for the U.S. Treasury Department in the District of Columbia. The Munch home was at 227 Concord Avenue, Washington, D.C.

After retirement, Hettie and Austin lived in Broward County, Florida. Hettie died there 26 March 1966 at the age of 80.

Austin moved to North Carolina to be near their daughter Reba Mayer. He died at the General Hospital in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina on 14 April 1979 at the age of 93. Hettie and Austin had two children.

+Ivan Barr Munch⁷ – 1907-1993 – married Margaret Gilbert.

+Reba Frances Munch⁷ – 1917-1992 – married (1) Niedomanski (2) Mayer

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Benjamin Greenbury McInturff**

Clara B. McInturff⁶ (Benjamin Greenbury McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clara was born 16 March 1890 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Greenbury McInturff and Margaret Elizabeth *Bowman*. Clara died 25 December 1903 at the age of 13. She is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2 at Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Charles Windfield McInturff⁶ (Benjamin Greenbury McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 22 November 1892 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Greenbury McInturff and Margaret Elizabeth *Bowman*.

Charles served in WWI from Virginia as a Sergeant in Co. G, 318th Infantry, 80th Division, U.S. Army.

On 20 July 1927 Charles married **Lady Vera Wright**, who was born 24 March 1904 in Brandywine, Caroline County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Robert Lee Wright and Grace Lee *Taylor*.

Charles and Vera lived in Fairfax County, Virginia, and Charles was employed by the District of Columbia Department of Corrections as a custody officer at the Lorton Reformatory in Lorton, Fairfax County, Virginia.

Charles died at Circle Terrace Hospital in Alexandria, Virginia on 15 May 1959 at the age of 66. Cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia, Plot 44-445.

Vera died 26 November 1958 at the age of 54. She is buried next to her husband at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, Plot 44-444. Charles and Vera had one child, a daughter (private).

Bessie L. McInturff⁶ (Benjamin Greenbury McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bessie was born 7 December 1894 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Greenbury McInturff and Margaret Elizabeth *Bowman*.

She married Rev. **Charles Hiram Wakeman**, who was born 3 September 1892 at Toms Brook, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Lemuel David Wakeman and Laura Catherine *Beydler*.

Charles was a minister of the Church of the Brethren in Cumberland, Allegany County, Virginia. He also worked as a self-employed carpenter.

Rev. Wakeman had been married before, to Ida B. *Miller* Wakeman. When the 1930 and 1940 federal censuses were taken, Bessie was a boarder with Charles and Ida Wakeman. While living with them, Bessie worked for the WPA as a seamstress. Bessie and Rev. Wakeman married sometime after Ida's death. He had two children, Edith and Edward, from his first marriage, but no children from the marriage with Bessie.

Bessie died 2 September 1958 at the age of 63. She is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, at Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Rev. Wakeman died in Cumberland, Shenandoah County, Virginia on 26 July 1969 at the age of 77. He is buried beside his wife Bessie at McInturff Cemetery #2 at Fort Valley, Virginia.

Naomi G. McInturff⁶ (Benjamin Greenbury McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Naomi was born circa 1903, the daughter of Benjamin Greenbury McInturff and Margaret Elizabeth *Bowman*. She may have died young, as no record was found for her after she was listed at the age of seven in the household of her father and stepmother in the 1910 federal census in Johnston, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Glenn A. McInturff⁶ (Benjamin Greenbury McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glenn was born 26 April 1905 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Greenbury McInturff and his second wife, Lulu May *Bowman*. Glenn died 28 October 1907 at the age of two years. He is buried at Walker's Chapel Cemetery, Mount Jackson, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Anna Rulette McInturff⁶ (Benjamin Greenbury McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anna was born 30 June 1906 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Greenbury McInturff and his second wife Lula May *Bowman*.

Anna never married. She lived at home with her parents at Johnston, Shenandoah County, Virginia, and helped with the housework.

Anna died 29 November 1989 at the age of 83 at Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia. She is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

James Alwyn McInturff⁶ (Benjamin Greenbury McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 14 July 1908 in

Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Greenbury McInturff and Lulu May *Bowman*. He died 19 June 1923 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, at the age of 14. James is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Nora Florence McInturff⁶ (Benjamin Greenbury McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Nora was born 23 November 1909 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Greenbury McInturff and his second wife Lulu May *Bowman*.

Nora married **George Aubrey McClanahan**, who was born 27 December 1910 at Edith, Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was the son of Robert McClanahan and Minnie May *Rinker*. George was a farmer on his own farm.

George died at Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia on 4 January 1997 at the age of 87. He is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Nora died in Shenandoah County, Virginia on 15 August 2007 at the age of 97. She is buried beside her husband at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin and gr-gr-grandson
Marcus Edward McInturff**

Loy Wilbur McInturff⁶ (Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Loy was born 25 February 1892 at Tom's Brook, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Marcus Edward McInturff and Sarah Virginia *Bowman*.

On 23 December 1916 in Linville, Rockingham County, Virginia, he married **Vernie Lee Gilkerson**, who was born 21 March 1896 in Virginia. Loy was employed as a laborer at a sawmill in Edinburg, Virginia.

Vernie Lee died 6 November 1923 at the young age of 27. She is buried at Linville Cemetery in Linville, Rockingham County, Virginia.

Loy evidently didn't remarry. He died at the age of 65 on 1 August 1957 after five years as a patient at Rush Nursing Home in Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia. The cause of death was a cerebral hemorrhage due to diabetes. Loy is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Before her early death, Vernie Lee and Loy had three children—all born in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

+Virginia Mildred McInturff⁷ – 1917-2005 – married Arthur Cook.

+Vallie Marie McInturff⁷ – 1919-2009 – married Carl Wright Golladay.

+Bernard Charles McInturff⁷ – 1921-1998 – married Fleta Mae Bowman.

Vernon LeRoy McInturff⁶ (Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Vernon was born 22 February 1893 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Marcus Edward McInturff and Sara Virginia *Bowman*.

Vernon married **Lelia May Good**, who was born 11 October 1895 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Jacob S. Good (1855-1916) and Mahalia C. *McInturff* (1854-1936). Vernon was a self-employed farmer.

Vernon died at his home in the town of St. David's Church in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia on 5 February 1962 at the age of 68. The cause of death was given as a stroke with the underlying cause as diabetes. Vernon is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

On 26 November 1965, three years following Vernon's death, his widow Lelia May married (2) Ernest Riley Walker (1901-1983). Lelia May McInturff-Walker died 25 April 1972. She is buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Needmore, Hardy County, West Virginia next to her second husband Ernest. Vernon McInturff and Lelia May had one child, a son, who was born in Rockingham County, Virginia.

+Richard Vernon McInturff – 1928-1989 – married (1) Juanita Ware and (2) private.

Wilmer Samuel McInturff⁶ (Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wilmer was born 15 December 1895 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Marcus Edward McInturff and Sarah Virginia *Bowman*.

He married **Nina Florence Cunningham**, who was born 29 September 1898 in Virginia, the daughter of John Cunningham and Sarah *Neff*.

By 1918 Wilmer was married with a child and in January of 1920 he and his family lived with his parents in Johnston, Shenandoah County, Virginia. The federal census record for 30 January 1920 stated that Wilmer could not work and was an invalid. Wilmer had been farming on his own until he became ill.

Wilmer died 31 January 1920 on the day following the census enumeration. He was 24 years old. The cause of death was chronic pulmonary tuberculosis. Wilmer is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Wilmer's widow, Nina, later married (2) Milton Luther Hahn (1899-1959) and they had at least four children during their marriage.

Nina Florence McInturff-Hahn died at Shenandoah County Memorial Hospital in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia on 12 April 1985 at the age of 86. She died from congestive heart failure due to a malignant melanoma. She is buried beside her second husband Milton Hahn at Cedarwood Cemetery, Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia. Wilmer and Nina McInturff had two sons, both born in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

+Charles William McInturff⁷ – 1918-2002 – married Ilda (Hilda) Virginia Rush.

+Howard Lee McInturff – 1922-1985 – married (1) Nicholson (2) Reed-Maughan.

Clarence B. McInturff⁶ (Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clarence was born 12 January 1899 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Marcus Edward McInturff and Sara Virginia *Bowman*. Clarence died 27 August 1900 at the age of eight months and 14 days. He is buried at McInturff Cemetery in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Fred Theodore McInturff⁶ (Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Fred was born 18 April 1903 at Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Marcus Edward McInturff and Sarah Virginia *Bowman*.

Fred married **Erma Moneda Clingerman**, who was born 12 August 1909 in Pennsylvania, the daughter of Emory Clingerman (b. 1883) and Bertha Irene *Boor* (b. 1879)—both born in Pennsylvania.

In 1930 Fred and Erma lived in Sleepy Creek, Morgan County, West Virginia, and Fred was a teamster working at a fruit orchard.

In 1940 they lived in Washington County, Maryland, where Fred was the manager of a fruit farm.

Fred died 5 May 1971 at the age of 68—his last address was Hancock, Washington County, Maryland. He is buried at Fairview Christian Cemetery, Artemas, Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

Erma was a resident of Valley View Nursing Home, Berkeley Springs, Morgan County, West Virginia when she died at age 89 on 23 June 1999. Erma is buried at Fairview Christian Cemetery in Artemas, Pennsylvania. When Erma died she was survived by three daughters, one son, eight grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and one gr-gr-grandchild. Since Erma's death, two of her surviving daughters are now deceased.

+Virginia Irene McInturff⁷ – 1929-2009 – married (private).

+Wilma Ruth McInturff⁷ – 1931-2003 – married three times.

Female McInturff (private)

Male McInturff (private)

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
George W. Clem**

George Roy Clem⁶ (George W. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Roy (preferred name) was born 1 December 1882 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of George W. Clem and Mentura (Minnie) *Ross*.

Roy married **Christiana (Chrissie) H. Schaefer**, who was born 25 August 1882 in New York. She was the daughter of Lewis and Annie Schaefer.

In the early 1900s they were living in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. Roy worked for the Knoxville Railway and Light Co. as an inspector and superintendent. Roy died in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1913 at the age of 31.

After Roy's death, Chrissie worked as a department store saleslady in Knoxville. She died in 1954 in Knoxville, Tennessee. Roy and Chrissie Clem had three children.

- +George R. Clem⁷ – 1906-1969 – married (1) Edwards and (2) Massa.
- +Marguerite Clem⁷ – 1908-1957 – became Sister Mary Benedict Clem, RSM
- +Ralph Edwin Clem⁷ – 1911-1994 – married Alice Hester Franklin.

Ralph E. Clem⁶ (George W. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ralph was born 4 January 1887 in Hawkinstown, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of George W. Clem and Mentura (Minnie) Ross.

He was married, but the name of his wife is unknown. Ralph was a theatrical musician employed by Angell's Comedians out of La Mesa in Southern California. He lived in Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee.

Ralph died at the age of 41 on 18 October 1928 in Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee. He is buried at Fort Hill Cemetery, Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee—Plot: 12-479. There was no record found regarding the name of his wife or the names of any children he may have had.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Amanda S. Clem McInturff**

Olive (Ollie) A. L. McInturff⁶ (Amanda S. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ollie was born July of 1871 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Amanda S. Clem and Manoah McInturff.

Ollie already had a son when, according to the 1920 and 1930 federal census records, Ollie married a man by the name of Cockrell and by 1930 she was widowed. There was no mention of a given name for Mr. Cockrell, so no records could be found.

Ollie lived at Calvert, Cecil County, Maryland. She died in 1957; and she is buried at Brick Meeting House Cemetery in Calvert, Maryland. Her gravestone is engraved Ollie McInturff Cockrell. Ollie had only one child, a son, who was born in Loudon County, Virginia.

- +Stanley W. (Poppy) McInturff⁷ – 1907-1997 – married Emma F. Crawford.

Edna Wilmetta McInturff⁶ (Amanda S. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edna was born 10 July 1875 at Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Amanda S. Clem and Manoah McInturff.

Edna died in Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia on 4 February 1892 at the age of 16. She is buried at the Hawkinstown United Methodist Church Cemetery in Hawkinstown, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Phillip Edward McInturff⁵ (Amanda S. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Phillip was born 28 July 1881 in Taylortown, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Amanda S. *Clem* and Manoah McInturff.

On 27 October 1910 at the District of Columbia, he married **Edith Irene Maffet**, who was born 14 July 1885 near Leesburg, Loudon County, Virginia, the daughter of Marcellus Maffet and Sarah *Flyn*.

Edith was a practical nurse and Phillip was a farmer. They first lived in Shenandoah County, Virginia, where their first two daughters were born, and then moved to Calvert, Cecil County Maryland where the youngest two daughters were born.

Edith died at the University Hospital of Philadelphia at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 21 October 1934 at the age of 49. Cause of death was uremia. At the time they were living in Nottingham, Pennsylvania. Edith is buried at the Brick Meeting House Cemetery in Calvert, Cecil County, Maryland.

Phillip died at Calvert, Cecil County, Maryland on 1 December 1938 at the age of 57. He is buried at the Brick Meeting House Cemetery in Calvert, Maryland. Phillip and Edith had four children, all daughters.

+Lillian Elizabeth McInturff⁷ – 1902-1997 – married William Kibler.
+Jestine E. McInturff⁷ – 1912-1992 – married Elson Ernest Crookshank.
+Thelma P. McInturff⁷ – 1916-1918 – born and died at Calvert, Maryland.
+Virginia Edith McInturff⁷ – 1919-2007 – married Harry E. Stallard.

Nina (Mamie) Lesby McInturff⁶ (Amanda S. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mamie was born 20 March 1888 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Amanda S. *Clem* and Manoah McInturff.

Nina never married. She was living in California when she died in February of 1979 at the age of 91.

Ethel Mary McInturff⁶ (Amanda S. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ethel was born 1892 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Amanda S. *Clem* and Manoah McInturff.

On 29 August 1910 in Leesburg, Loudoun County, Virginia, Ethel married **Mortimer (Mort) Robert Mock**, who was born 5 September 1888 in The Plains, Fauquier County, Virginia, the son of John Mock and Virginia *Kerns*. After nine years of marriage, Mortimer filed for divorce. The divorce was granted on 15 October 1919. No children were born to them. Mort died 18 August 1949 from pulmonary tuberculosis. He served in the U.S. Army during WWI, and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Ethel dropped out of sight and no records could be found for her after the divorce from Mortimer Mock in 1919.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Ella Virginia Clem Bixler**

Ophelia Ellen Bixler⁶ (Ella Virginia Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ophelia was born 24 February 1879 at Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Ella Virginia *Clem* and James William Bixler.

Ophelia married **Emmet Arthur Barton**, who was born 5 April 1879 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, the son of John Barton and Rebecca *Painter*.

Emmet was a farmer on their land in Madison, Shenandoah County, Virginia (near Edinburg). He was also a self-employed carpenter.

After suffering with diabetes for seven years, Ophelia died of influenza at the family home in Madison. She died 2 April 1932 at the age of 53 years, one month and 18 days. Ophelia is buried at Cedarwood Cemetery in Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Sometime following Ophelia's death, Emmet married (2) Bertie M. *Dawson* Helsley (1878-1955). She was the daughter of Benjamin Dawson and Sarah *Lutz*. They were later divorced, and when Bertie died she was called Bertie Helsley—not Barton.

Emmet died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, after five days as a patient in the hospital. He died 31 August 1946 at the age of 67 years, four months and 26 days. The cause of death was uremia. He was buried at Edinburg, Virginia—the cemetery name was not given.

Ophelia and Emmet had one child, a son, who was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

+Linwood Bixler Barton⁷ – 1905-1986 – married Florence Virginia Hottel.

Leonard William Bixler⁶ (Ella Virginia Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leonard was born 8 February 1884 at Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Ella Virginia *Clem* and James William Bixler.

Leonard never married. He always lived near Edinburg in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was a self-employed farmer, and also worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier until his retirement.

He died at his home in Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County, Virginia on 28 March 1966 at the age of 82. At the last of his life, Leonard's closest relative was his nephew Linwood Bixler Barton, the son of his sister Ophelia. Leonard is buried at Cedarwood Cemetery in Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Catharine Elizabeth *Bushong* Hodson

Blanche Hodson⁶ (Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Blanche was born 15 October 1883 in Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Elizabeth (Lizzie) *Bushong* and William Albert Hodson. The birth record for Blanche was found and she was also listed at the age of 16 in the 1900 federal census record when she was living with her father and mother and younger siblings at Fall Creek in Henry County, Indiana. No other records were found for her. When her mother died in 1941, Blanche was not listed as a survivor.

Earl Andrew Hodson⁶ (Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Earl was born 15 July 1887 in Henry County, Indiana, the son of Catharine Elizabeth Bushong and William Albert Hodson.

On 26 June 1909 in Henry County, Indiana, Earl married **Abbie Anna Sheets**, who was born 12 May 1893 at Honey Creek, Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Francis M. Sheets and Dora *Sears*.

Earl was a self-employed farmer in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana. He evidently had health problems—it was noted on his WWI Registration for the draft (5 June 1917) that he had a lung problem. He died the following month on 23 July 1917 at the age of 30. The draft information stated that Earl supported a wife and two children. However, no further records for Abbie *Sheets* Hodson and the two unnamed children were found.

Howard Phillip Hodson⁶ (Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Howard was born 30 July 1889 in Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana, the son of Catharine Elizabeth *Bushong* and William Albert Hodson.

On 29 June 1911 in Henry County, Indiana, Howard married **Leona C. Riley**, who was born 11 April 1886, the daughter of Fred Riley and Nettie *Laboyteaux*.

According to his 1942 WWII draft registration, Howard was a farmer in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana, where they lived.

Howard died in 1954, and he is buried at Miller Cemetery, Middletown, Henry County, Indiana. Leona died 1975. She is buried beside her husband and daughter at Miller Cemetery in Middletown, Indiana.

+Jeannette Elizabeth Hodson⁷ – 1914-1922 – seven years old.¹⁶⁰

¹⁶⁰ Jeannette's birth certificate and her gravestone give her name as Jeannette—however her death certificate calls her Genetta.

Sarah (Sallie) Hazel Hodson⁶ (Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sallie was born 11 November 1891 in Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Catharine Elizabeth *Bushong* and William Albert Hodson.

On 19 March 1910 Sallie married **Roscoe (Ross) Harvey Lovett**, who was born 12 December 1889 in Henry County, Indiana, the son of William P. and Etta A. Lovett.

When Ross registered for the WWI draft in 1918 they were living in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana and Ross was a farmer. In 1930 they lived on a farm they rented in Adams, Madison County, Indiana at a place called the Lost Woods Settlement.

Ross gave up farming and by 1940 he was doing factory work for Delco-Remy, a Division of General Motors, in Anderson, Indiana. They still lived in Middletown. One more child had been born to them.

Ross died 26 April 1944, and he is buried at Miller Cemetery, Middleton, Henry County, Indiana. Sallie died 1973. She is also buried at Miller Cemetery in Middletown, Indiana. Sallie and Ross had six children, all born in Indiana.

- +Florence Marie Lovett⁷ – 1910-1985 – married and divorced Cletus Bronnenberg.
- +Edith Christina Lovett⁷ – 1912-2009 – married Paul Van Dyke Markle.
- +Harold Augustus Lovett⁷ – 1914-2000 – married Lavonne (Sally) Fouch.
- +Marvin Woodrow (Woodie) Lovett⁷ – 1916-1993 – married and divorced Ruth A.
- +Clayton Eugene (Jeep) Lovett⁷ – 1921-2010 – married (private).
- +Jerry Lee (Coach) Lovett⁷ – 1930-2009 – married (private)

Russell Byron Hodson⁶ (Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Russell was born 12 October 1894 in Henry County, Indiana, the son of Catharine Elizabeth *Bushong* and William Albert Hodson. When the WWI draft registration took place in 1917, Russell was still single. He died in Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, California 16 August 1977.

Ruth M. Hodson⁶ (Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth was born January 1898 in Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Catharine Elizabeth *Bushong* and William Albert Hodson.

Ruth married **Augustus (Gus) Hale**, who was born 31 May 1892 in Henry County, Indiana, the son of James P. Hale and Sallie *Harvey*.

They always lived in Henry County, Indiana. Gus worked as a self-employed truck driver in the transport field. He received his social security from the railroad board.

Ruth died 1957, and she is buried at Mount Summit Cemetery in Mount Summit, Henry County, Indiana.

Gus died August 1968—his last home was New Castle, Henry County, Indiana. He is buried next to his wife at Mount Summit Cemetery in Mount Summit, Indiana. Ruth and Gus had seven children—all born at Henry County, Indiana.

- +Byron H. Hale⁷ – 1916-1992 – married Delores Derrow.

+Walter L. Hale⁷ – 1919-1986 – married Barbara Ruth Cronin.
+Jane Elizabeth Hale⁷ – 1921-2003 – Walter Clarence Kendall.
+Virginia Mae Hale⁷ – 1923-1979 – married Arthur Leon Lewis.
+Mary Katherine Hale⁷—1925-1989 – married and divorced Paul Gregory Brothers.
+Alfred Lee Hale⁷ – 1932-1992 – married (1) O'Brien and (2) Hollars-Silvers.
Male Hale⁷ – private

Eva Nadine Hodson⁶ (Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eva was born 1903 in Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Catharine Elizabeth *Bushong* and William Albert Hodson.

She married **Everett J. Markle**, who was born 1902 in Markleville, Madison County, Indiana.

Eva died 1966. She is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana.

Everett died 1974. He is buried beside his wife Eva at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Indiana. Eva and Everett had four children—born in Markleville, Madison County, Indiana.

+Martha Elaine Markle⁷ – 1925-1997 – married (1) Camplin and (2) Lewis
+Male Markle (private)
+William Eldon Markle⁷ – 1929-2003 – married Lois Joyce Whitaker
+Female Markle (private)

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Andrew Jackson Bushong**

Osa Ward Bushong⁶ (Andrew Jackson Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Osa was born 1 November 1887 in Henry County, Indiana, the son of Andrew Jackson Bushong and Emma *Lewis*.

He graduated from Middletown High School in Middletown, Indiana, class of 1907. Osa was a veteran of WWI—Quartermaster Reserve. He was an enumerator for Falls Creek, Henry County, Indiana federal census in January 1920. Osa was a self-employed farmer in Middletown, Indiana.

On 12 April 1919 in Henry County, Indiana, Osa married **Gretchen C. Swain**, who was born 16 August 1888 in Indiana, the daughter of George Swain and Cora *Spencer*.

Osa died December 1969 at the age of 82, and he is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana.

Gretchen died 1974. She is buried beside her husband Osa at Mechanicsburg Cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Indiana. Osa and Gretchen had two children.

+Georganice Bushong⁷ – 1924-1956 – married Henry (Hank) Joseph Abel.

+Harriet Swain Bushong⁷ – 1926-2004 – married (private).

Hassel Bushong⁶ (Andrew Jackson Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hassel was born 25 March 1893 in Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Andrew Jackson Bushong and Emma Lewis.

Hassel graduated from Middletown High School, Middletown, Indiana, in the class of 1911.

On 7 March 1914, Hassel married **Clancie Paul Fleming**, who was born 8 January 1892 in Henry County, Indiana, the son of Harvey Benjamin Fleming and Alta Cora *Huffman*.

They first lived in Fall Creek, Henry County, Indiana on a farm. In the 1920s they moved to Colorado, where they lived in Fort Collins, Colorado City and Bristol Miner, Larimer, Colorado. Clancie worked as a mechanic in the oil fields and as an auto mechanic. Sometime after 1930, they moved back to Indiana, and in 1942 Clancie worked for the electric and water district in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

Clancie died in Milwaukie, Milwaukie County, Wisconsin on 16 July 1980 at the age of 87. He is buried at the Mechanicsville Cemetery, Henry County, Indiana.

Hassel was living in Middletown, Indiana, when she died October 1972 at the age of 79. She is buried beside her husband Clancie at Middletown Cemetery in Middletown, Indiana. Hassel and Clancie had one child, a daughter, born in Colorado (private).

Carry Van Bushong⁶ (Andrew Jackson Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carry was born 22 June 1895 in Henry County, Indiana, the son of Andrew Jackson Bushong and Emma T. *Lewis*. He died on 24 April 1901 in Fall Creek Township, Henry County, Indiana, at the age of five years. Carry is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana.

**The descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Jennie Alicenora *Bushong* Hodson**

Clay R. Hodson⁶ (Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clay was born in Madison County, Indiana, the son of Jennie Alicenora *Bushong* and Samuel S. Hodson, Sr. Clay died 14 October 1916 at the age of 22. He is buried at Keesling Cemetery, Middletown, Henry County, Indiana. He was unmarried.

Fred Sherrel Hodson⁶ (Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Fred was born 26 June 1896 in Madison County, Indiana, the son of Jennie Alicenora *Bushong* and Samuel S. Hodson, Sr.

On 15 March 1922 Fred married **Doris Marie Hunter**, who was born 20 August 1904 in Indiana.

Fred and Doris lived in Adams, Madison County, Indiana. Fred was a self-employed farmer and also a carpenter. It is believed they may have lived in Wichita, Kansas for a short time in the 1950s.

Fred died May 1970 at the age of 73—his last residence Markleville, Madison County, Indiana. He is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana.

Doris died June 1976. She is buried beside her husband at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Indiana. Fred and Doris had four children.

+Frederick Clay Hodson⁷ – 1922-2013 – married Ova Emogene Keesling.

+Betty Lou Hodson⁷ – 1926-2013 – married Earl Junior McGinnis.

+George Ivan Hodson⁷ – 1929-1957 – unmarried.

Male Hodson⁷ – private



Hazel Helen Hodson⁶ (Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hazel was born 18 May 1899 in Madison County, Indiana, the daughter of Jennie Alicenora *Bushong* and Samuel S. Hodson, Sr.

On 27 October 1920, Hazel married **Joseph Dan Scothorn**, who was born 25 September 1899 in Virginia. One of 15 children, Dan was the son of Michael J. Scothorn (1857-1907) and Mary Alice *Daugherty* (1861-1934). Dan's father Michael Scothorn was a farmer in the Linville District of Rockingham County, Virginia, as well as a longtime deputy sheriff in Rockingham County.

Hazel and Dan lived on a farm in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana. In addition to farming, Dan was a trucker.

In Middletown, Hazel was a member of the Pleasant Valley Church for many years, a member of the WCTU, Garden Club and Friendly Club.

Dan died in February of 1975 at the age of 75. He is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana.

During her many years as a widow, Hazel occupied her time in many different ways. She was queen of the Middletown Fair in the 1980s, took swimming lessons when she was in her 80s, and also took up bowling. She traveled, and played in a small band that went to nursing homes to entertain the people. In 1994 she left the farm and moved into Longfellow Plaza, a retirement complex in Anderson, Indiana, and made many new friends. With other seniors, Hazel played cards and participated in quilting, crocheting, and rug hooking. During her last year, Hazel made lap robes for the elderly.

A centenarian of the highest order, Hazel lived to be 107 years old—she died 25 March 2007, just two months before her 108th birthday. Hazel lived in three different centuries, undoubtedly, setting a record for all branches of Ruffner descendants. Hazel is

buried beside her husband at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Indiana. Hazel was the last survivor of the seven children of Jennie and Samuel Hodson. Hazel and Dan's two daughters were born in Henry County, Indiana.

+Helen Mae Scothorn⁷ – 1921-2010 – married Orville Belcher, Jr.
Female Scothorn (private) – married (private).

Lester Hodson⁶ (Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lester was born 28 July 1902 in Indiana, the son of Jennie Alicenora *Bushong* and Samuel S. Hodson, Sr.

On 3 November 1947 he married **Louise Cranor**, who was born 11 May 1903 in Henry County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Clifford Cranor and Celia *Wood*.

Lester was a farmer at Fall Creek and Middletown, Henry County, Indiana where they lived. Lester died May 1975 at the age of 72. He is buried at Miller Cemetery, Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

Louise died 16 January 2001, age 97. She is also buried at Miller Cemetery in Middletown, Indiana. It is believed they had no children.



Samuel S. Hodson⁶ (Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Samuel was born 15 July 1906 in Madison County, Indiana, the son of Jennie Alicenora *Bushong* and Samuel S. Hodson, Sr.

Samuel married **Alice C. Dasher**, who was born 1908 in Indiana. She was the daughter of John L. Dasher (1885-1967) and Eva Ruth *Showalter* (1888-1971). Alice was the eldest of five children.

A lifetime resident of Middletown, Henry County, Indiana, Samuel was a farmer all his life. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Elks Lodge of New Castle, Indiana.

Alice died in 1987. She is buried at Miller Cemetery in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

Samuel died on 19 July 2002 at the age of 96.. He is buried beside his wife Alice at Miller Cemetery in Middletown, Indiana. He was survived by his sister Hazel and several nieces and nephews—no children.

Esta Mae Hodson⁶ (Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Esta was born 18 March 1910 in Madison County, Indiana, the daughter of Jennie Alicenora *Bushong* and Samuel S. Hodson, Sr.

She married **Loran C. Morrison**, who was born 31 August 1913 in Milford, Iroquois County, Illinois. Loran had been married previously.

Loran worked for Delco-Remy, a division of General Motors, in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana.

Esta died 27 June 1988 at the age of 78. At that time Esta and Loran lived in Ruskin, Hillsborough County, Florida. She is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana.

Loran died 26 June 1993 at the age of 79. He was living in Ruskin, Florida. He is buried beside his wife Esta at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Indiana. It is believed there were no children born to them.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Ida A. Welker English-Gibson**

Truman Burroughs English⁶ (Ida A. Welker⁵, Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Truman was born 8 July 1877 in Livingston, Vigo County, Indiana, the son of Ida A. *Welker* and Elias Wesley English.

On 29 July 1903 in Vigo County, Indiana, Truman married **Anna B. Nugent Maier**, a widow. Anna was born October 1872 in Vigo County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Michael and Bridget Nugent who were both born in Ireland. In 1900 Anna was already widowed, and at that time she was living with her brother John Nugent and her son from her first marriage, George Michael Maier, who was born 4 January 1893 in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

Truman was first a travel inspector for the railroad and then he worked in the coal business in Terre Haute, Indiana as a manager and salesman.

Truman died 19 March 1940 at the age of 62. He is buried at Calvary Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana—Section 3.

Anna died in 1966 at the age of 93. She is also buried at Calvary Cemetery in Terre Haute, Indiana—Section 3.

Truman and Anna had no children of their own. However, Anna's son George Maier lived with his mother and stepfather until he was grown. George married Adele Warner in 1938 in Detroit, Michigan. He and his wife lived in Allegany County, Pennsylvania, and George worked as a sales engineer for a sanitary corporation. He died in September of 1975 in Pittsburgh, Allegany County, Pennsylvania.

Mary Amelia English⁶ (Ida A. Welker⁵, Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) It is assumed that Mary Amelia was born in 1883, in Vigo County, Indiana, the daughter of Ida A. *Welker* and Elias Wesley English.

The only record found which is verifiable is that on 12 March 1902 in Vigo County, Indiana, **Mary Amelia English** married **Joseph Warren Brown**.

The names Joseph Brown and Mary Brown are so commonly used, no further information can be completely verifiable.

Ida Elizabeth (Lizzie) English⁶ ((Ida A. Welker⁵, Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lizzie was born 18 April 1886 in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, the daughter of Ida A. *Welker* and Elias Wesley English.

On 13 July 1907 in Vigo County, Indiana, she married **Wilbur Coole**, who was born 6 December 1883 in Indiana, the son of William Coole and Tabitha Ann *Small*. He was a gas fitter for Indiana Gas Utilities.

Lizzie and Wilbur were divorced sometime before November of 1935. Wilbur died at that time—15 November 1934 at his home in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana. The cause of death was bilateral chronic pulmonary tuberculosis. He was 50 years, 11 months and 9 days old. He is buried at Highland Lawn Cemetery next to his father and mother at Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana—Section 3, Lot 362.

By 1940, Lizzie was married to (2) **Frank D. Toner**, who was born 7 January 1888. Her son Charles Coole was living in the household with them in St. Louis, St. Louis City, Missouri.

Lizzie died 3 May 1955 at the age of 69—she is buried at Highland Lawn Cemetery in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana—Section 2.

Frank Toner died 21 May 1956. He is buried beside his wife Lizzie at Highland Lawn Cemetery in Terre Haute, Indiana—Section 2.

Lizzie and her first husband Wilbur Coole had three children.

+Helen V. Coole⁷ – 1907-1970 – married John Paul Kingston.

+Charles T. Coole⁷ – 1910-1973 – married Mabel V. Gruver.

Esther E. Coole⁷ – 11 months old in 1920 census. No record after that.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Michael Richard Jones**

Lillian A. Jones⁶ (Michael Richard Jones⁵, Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lillian was born 30 March 1902 at Las Vegas, San Miguel County, New Mexico, the daughter of Michael (Mike) Richard Jones and Elizabeth *Miller*.

Lillian married **Earl Cyrus Montgomery**, who was born 16 November 1893 in Guthrie, Loga County, Oklahoma. He was the son of Otto R. Montgomery and Anna M. *Luecking*.

Lillian and Earl lived in University Heights, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Earl worked as a telegraph operator.

Earl died 29 February 1976 in Bernalillo County, New Mexico. He is buried at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico—Plot: Sec. Chapel 2, Lot 1.

Lillian died 22 March 1995. She is buried beside her husband Earl at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico—Plot: Sec. Chapel 2, Lot 2.

Two sons were born to Lillian and Earl during their marriage—both born in Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

+Grant Earl Montgomery⁷ – 1929-2009 – married Gladys (Teddy) *Baer*.
Male Montgomery (Private) – married (private)

Milton Richard Jones⁶ (Michael Richard Jones⁵, Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Milton was born 26 August 1904 In San Miguel County, New Mexico, the son of Michael (Mike) Richard Jones and Elizabeth *Miller*.

Milton married **Ruthene (Ruth) Viola Nickles**, who was born 21 February 1903 in Barron County, Wisconsin, the daughter of John B. (1883-1954) and Dora (1884-1972) Nickles.

Milton and Ruth were living in Texas in 1925 and 1926 where their eldest child was born. In 1930 they lived in Fort Apache, Apache County, Arizona, at the Front Street Depot. Milton was a traffic manager for the railroad. Two children were born in Arizona.

In 1937 the family lived in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. In 1940 they lived in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Milton was a bookkeeper for Buesse Lumber Company. Ruth was bookkeeper for Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.

Milton died at the age of 35 on 16 August 1940 at Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

In 1948, Milton's widow Ruth was living in Dallas, Texas. She died at the age of 91 in Dallas, Texas. However her last residence was San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. Milton and Ruth had three children—two sons and one daughter.

+Russell Maurice Jones⁷ – 1925-1956 – Jane Virginia (Ginny) Marie Brewster.
Male Jones (private)
Female Jones (private)

Georgia M. Jones⁶ (Michael Richard Jones⁵, Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Georgia was born 7 April 1907 in New Mexico, the daughter of Michael (Mike) Richard Jones and Elizabeth *Miller*.

She married **Jess Charles Largent**, who was born 21 April 1893 at Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois. Jesse's father was Charles A. Largent (1868-1895). He died at the age of 27 when Jesse was only two years old. Jesse's mother Laura *Miller* Largent (1867-1936), a very young widow, raised Jess alone.

Before his marriage to Georgia, Jess had a short earlier marriage. Georgia and Jess were married in the early 1930s.

Jess was employed as a building inspector for the building department of the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Georgia also worked for the city, first as a bookkeeper and later as city treasurer.

Jess died 1937 at the age of 44. He is buried at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

After her husband's death, Georgia continued her work for the city. She lived with her parents Mike and Elizabeth Jones until their deaths.

Georgia evidently did not marry again, and there was no record found that she and Jess had any children.

Georgia died November of 1983—her last residence was Cedar Crest, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. She is buried near her husband at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Sarah Louisa Elstun Cliver Palmer**

James Lawrence Cliver⁶ (Sarah Louisa Elstun⁵, Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 1900 in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, the son of Sarah Louisa *Elstun* and Edwin B. Cliver.

After James' mother and his father Edwin Cliver were divorced, he and his mother moved to Clayton, Union County, New Mexico. His mother Sarah became the publisher of the local newspaper the *Clayton Gazette* for many years. She had also remarried.

James attended the public schools in Clayton. He went to the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, New Mexico, graduating in 1917 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. After receiving special training at Treasure Island in San Francisco, James was assigned to duty as an instructor at the Army Electronics School at Fort Logan in Denver, Colorado, until 1919 when he was discharged from the military.

James then worked at the electrical department of the Chino Mines at Hurley, Grant County, New Mexico in 1925—later transferring to the electrical department at the mine in Santa Rita, Grant County, New Mexico.

In 1928, James married Miss **Dave Henry Cooke**, who was born 11 February 1901 in New Mexico, the daughter of John William Cooke (1868-1959) and Nancy Lucinda *Cable* (1875-1963). According to a niece, the letter **e** on the Cooke name was added because there was another John Cook living in the same town. Cooke never appeared on any birth certificate. Dave's father wanted a boy, and that is why he named his daughter Dave Henry. A few years later, father Cooke did get his wish for a boy.

James and Dave made their home in Santa Rita, New Mexico.¹⁶¹ He became active in the local politics with the Democratic Party. He was an active and constructive member of the Masons. He helped with the development of Camp Thunderbird, a youth

¹⁶¹ From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia: Santa Rita, New Mexico is a ghost town in Grant County—the site of the Chino Copper Mine. Santa Rita is located 15 miles east of Silver City, New Mexico. It is shown in the photo on the next page as it appeared in 1919, with the Chino Copper Mine in the background. For many years it was the home of James and his wife Dave.

camp; and was on the committee for the camp for many years, until his health became an issue.

Dave served for several years as the postmistress for Santa Rita, Grant County, New Mexico, having been appointed on 4 May 1941 and 25 November 1943.

James died at Turnerville in Grant County, New Mexico on 7 February 1963 at the age of 62. He was survived by his wife and his younger half-brother brother Robert Quinn Palmer. James is buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Silver City in Grant County, New Mexico—Plot: Row 78, Block 52, Lot 2621.

Dave died 17 November 2001. She is buried beside her husband James at the Masonic Cemetery in Silver City, New Mexico—Plot: 78, Block 52, Lot 2620. They had no children.



Town of Santa Rita, New Mexico in 1919 where James and Dave lived

Robert (Bob) Quinn Palmer, Jr.⁶ (Sarah Louisa Elstun⁵, Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bob was born 27 March 1911 in Clayton, Union County, New Mexico. He was the son of Sarah Louise *Elstun* Cliver Palmer and her second husband Robert Quinn Palmer, Sr.

Bob married **Jean Evangeline Callahan Hess** at St. John's Cathedral in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico on 8 June 1935. She was born Jean Evangeline *Callahan* on 17 May 1915 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, the daughter of Walter Dun Callahan (1887-1962) and Helen M. *Hogan* (1891-1994). However, her mother remarried when Jean was a child. Jean's stepfather George Hess adopted her and Jean's name was legally changed to Jean Hess.

In 1940 Bob lived in Alamogordo, New Mexico where he was employed as a civil engineer with the Soil Conservation Service.



Bob served in the U.S. Navy as a commissioned officer during WWII; serving in the Asiatic-Pacific area. He received his commission on 29 April 1943 and separated from service on 8 February 1946.

Following his service, Bob and Jean lived in Hawaii where Bob was a research associate with the University of Hawaii in Honolulu in its Oceanographic Laboratory. Bob and Jean are shown here.



According to information contained in Bob's brother James' 1963 obituary, Bob Palmer also became chief of the civil works branch of the U.S. Army Engineers for the District of the Hawaiian Islands.

Bob died in Alabama on 29 November 1994 at the age of 83. He is buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.

His wife Jean died October of 1997 in Alabama at the age of 82. She is also buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham, Alabama. There was no record that they had any children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Irene Jones Roney**

Hester Caroline Roney⁶ (Irene Jones⁵, Sarah M. Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hester was born 12 November 1909 in Moultrie County, Illinois, the daughter of Irene Jones and Irvin Roney.

Hester married **George P. Schlesinger**, who was born 17 July 1909 in Illinois, the son of George J. and Laura E. Schlesinger. George was a truck driver for a catsup company in Collinsville, Madison County, Illinois, and later a driver for Plaza Express in Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois.

During the mid-1950s, Hester and George separated and Hester moved to San Diego, San Diego County, California. In San Diego she worked as a clerk for the California Drug Store.

George died 27 July 1992 at the age of 83. His last residence was Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois.

Hester was living at Redmond, Deschutes County, Oregon when she died on 8 July 1996 at the age of 86. Hester and George had four children, all born in Illinois. Three daughters are still living (private). One son is deceased (shown here).

+James Clyde Schlesinger⁷—1935-2012 – married (1) Schneider (2) private.

Charles Jones Roney⁶ (Irene Jones⁵, Sarah M. Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 18 May 1912 at Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois, the son of Irene *Jones* and Irvin Roney.

Charles never married. He was a veteran of WWII, serving as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army. He lived with his parents, working on the family farm at Bethany, Illinois, and was a painter of buildings.

Charles died 27 October 2001 at the age of 89. He is buried at Marrowbone Township Cemetery, in Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois.

Robert I. Roney⁶ (Irene Jones⁵, Sarah M. Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 7 July 1913 at Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois, the son of Irene *Jones* and Irvin Roney.

On 27 November 1937 at Davenport, Iowa, Robert married **Thelma L. Anderson**, a resident of Cowden, Shelby County, Illinois. She was born 17 October 1914 at Lake Preston, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, and was the daughter of Andrew Anderson and Cora *Davis*.

At the time of his marriage, Robert was 24 years old; working as a truck driver, and his home was Bethany, Illinois. Sullivan City, Moultrie County, Illinois, became their permanent home and Robert continued working as a truck driver.

Robert died 18 February 1986. He is buried at Marrowstone Township Cemetery in Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois.

Thelma died 20 November 1993, and she is also buried at Marrowstone Township Cemetery in Bethany, Illinois. No record was found of any children being born to them.

Sarah Frances Roney⁶ (Irene Jones⁵, Sarah M. Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sarah was born 13 April 1917 in Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois, the daughter of Irene *Jones* and Irvin Roney.

Sarah married **Joseph Arnold Miller**, who was born 22 December 1918 in Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois. He was the son of Joseph A. and Blanche B. Miller. In 1940 their home was at Jonathan Creek, Moultrie County, Illinois, and Joseph was working as a garage mechanic.

In the 1940s, after Sarah and Joseph married, they moved to Decatur, Decatur County, Illinois, where Joseph was a factory worker for Staley Manufacturing Co.

Sarah died 14 May 1988 at the age of 71. She is buried at Marrowbone Township Cemetery in Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois. Her last residence as given by the Social Security index was Mooresville, Morgan County, Indiana.

Joseph died 22 September 1992 at the age of 74. He is buried at Moultrie County Memorial Park, Moultrie County, Illinois. His last residence was Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois.

Sarah and Joseph had at least one child, a son, Joseph Daniel Miller⁷, who was born 1 January 1943, and died the same day. He is buried at Marrowbone Township Cemetery at Bethany, Illinois. They may have had other children, but there was no record found.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Susan R. Freeman Spenny**

William Freeman Spenny⁶ (Susan R. Freeman⁵, Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 10 January 1906 in Illinois, the son of Susan (Susie) R. *Freeman* and William Franklin (Frank) Spenny.

William married **Sally Tennyson**, who was born 26 March 1911 at the District of Columbia, the daughter of Harry F. Tennyson and Ida *Sanford*. Sally was a nurse in Washington, D.C.

William died at the age of 54 on 28 February 1960 at San Mateo County, California.

Sally died at the age of 84 on 2 November 1995 at Belmont, San Mateo County, California. It is not known whether they had children—no record was found.

Elsie Frances Spenny⁶ (Susan R. Freeman⁵, Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elsie was born 14 December 1906 at Casey, Clark County, Illinois, the daughter of Susan (Susie) *Freeman* and William Frank (Frank) Spenny.

Circa 1937, Elsie married **George Badger Bryant, Jr.**, who was born 13 May 1910 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina. Elsie and George lived in Montgomery, Maryland. George was a newspaper correspondent in the District of Columbia. He was a member of the National Press Club, and a listed member of the White House press corps, beginning with the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Elsie was a church secretary.

Elsie died at Virginia Beach General Hospital in Virginia Beach, Virginia as the result of a massive stroke at the age of 75 on 4 November 1982. She and George lived at 932 Lovell Drive in Virginia Beach. Elsie is buried at Eastern Shore Chapel Cemetery at Virginia Beach, Virginia.

George died at Virginia Beach, Virginia on 5 February 1989 at the age of 78. Elsie and George had at least one son (private).

Reginald W. Spenny⁶ (Susan R. Freeman⁵, Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Reginald was born 4 February 1910 at Illinois, the son of Susan (Susie) R. *Freeman* and William Franklin Spenny. Reginald never married, and lived with his parents at Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, and Casey, Clark County, Illinois. He was a house painter. He died October 1981 at the age of 72. His last residence was Springfield, Illinois.

*It is absurd to think that life begins for us at birth; the pattern is
set far back, we merely step into the process.*

Kathleen Coyle, Irish novelist.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr granddaughter
Margaret A. Freeman Zink**

Raymond Medford Zink⁶ (Margaret A. Freeman⁵, Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Raymond was born 17 March 1900 in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, the son of Margaret A. *Freeman* and Edward William Zink.

On 27 March 1912 in Hamilton County, Ohio Raymond married **Mary Veta Sherrick**. She was born 1902, the daughter of Harley Delos Sherrick and Minnie M. *Moore*. By 1930, Raymond and Mary were divorced. The only record for Mary Zink found was her listing in the 1940 federal census for Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana. It showed that Mary Zink, age 38, was working as a housekeeper for a private family. Raymond first worked as a clerk for the steam railway. Later he was a bookkeeper for a hospital.

Raymond died 3 November 1975 and he is buried beside his father and mother at Mount Hope Cemetery at Logansport, Cass County, Indiana. Raymond only had one child, and after his divorce from Mary, his daughter Carolyn lived with her paternal grandparents.

+Carolyn (Kitten) Zink⁷ – 1925-2012 – married William Heilman Skinner.

**Descendants of Benjamin Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Glen Ruffner**

Rossine Ruffner⁶ (Glen Ruffner⁵, Abraham Lincoln Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rossine was born 30 May 1913 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Glen Ruffner and Lela *Rhoads*.

Rossine married **John McFarling**, who was born 3 November 1910 in Marion County, Illinois, the son of Leonard Irson McFarling (1867-1936) and Ora Dell *Partlow* (1876-1961). Rossine and John lived in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, and John was a machinist for the Illinois State Highway Department. For a time, Rossine worked as a typist in government work.

Rossine died 4 September 1971 at the age of 58. She is buried at Greenup Cemetery, Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois. Rossine and John had two children born to them during their marriage—both born in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois.

After Rossine's death, John did marry again. He died 4 January 1980 in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana. John is buried at Greenup Cemetery.

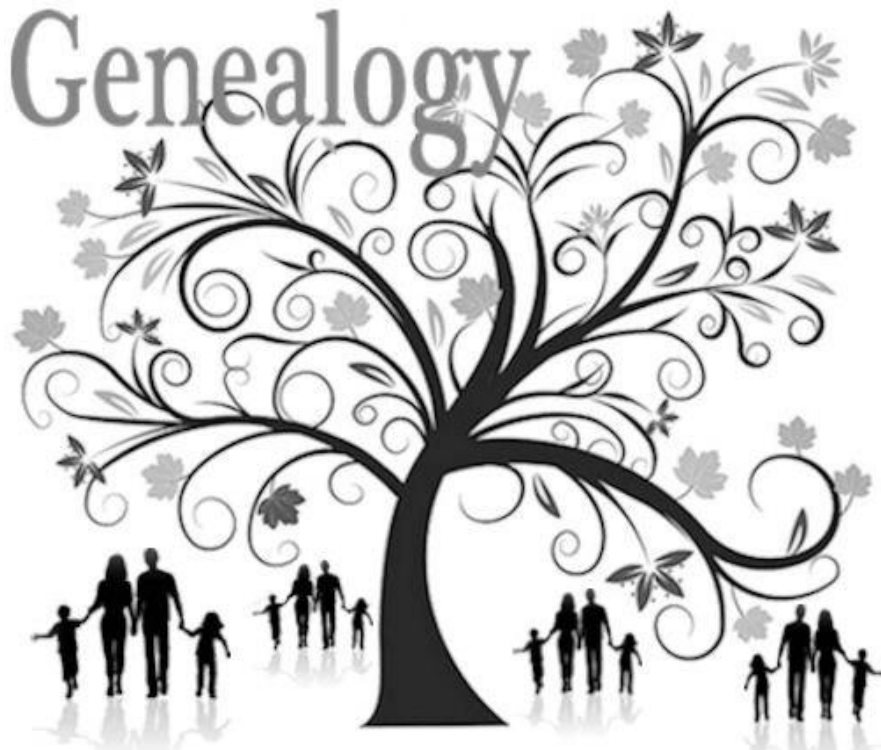
+Julia (Judy) McFarling⁷ – 1935-2014 – married Arthur Riley Hickie.

+Stephen R. McFarling⁷ – 1941-2008 – married – no record.

End of Chapter Six

Chapter Seven

Seventh Generation



The Gr-Gr-Gr-Gr-Grandchildren
of
Peter and Mary Ruffner

CHAPTER SEVEN.....THE GR-GR-GR-GR-GRANDCHILDREN

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman* Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson David Iles Duncan

Hewitt Duncan⁷ (David Iles Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hewitt was born February 1872 in Kansas, the son of David Iles Duncan and Lillie *Hewitt*.

Very little information could be found for Hewitt Duncan. His first appearance is a listing in the Kansas state census (1 March 1875). He is shown as three years old living in the household of his parents David and Lillie Duncan at Humboldt, Allen County, Kansas. Hewitt next appeared in the 1880 federal census records for Boone, Cass County, Indiana, when he was eight years old and living with his parents.

His last appearance is the 1900 federal census taken at Eugene, Vermillion County, Indiana where Hewitt is shown living with his grandmother and his mother. Hewitt is listed as 28 years old, single and his occupation is given as a barber.

Hewitt Duncan is very likely buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park at Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska – Section 5—Lot Sgl—Grave 3527. The gravestone shows date of death as 30 September 1912. Even though this is very likely the burial place for this Ruffner connected Hewitt Duncan, it cannot be verified. If this is his burial place, Hewitt would have been 40 years old when he died.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman* Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson Thomas J. Duncan

Robert Phifer Duncan⁷ (Thomas J. Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 29 August 1883 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, the son of Thomas J. Duncan and his first wife, Melissa *Phifer*.

Robert followed in his father's footsteps into the practice of law; even becoming a judge in the Common Pleas Court for the county.

His biography from *Columbus "The Capital City" Newspaper Reference Book* (1918) follows:

Mr. Duncan attended public schools at Fairfield County until 1895; public schools at Columbus and graduated in 1897; Central High School at Columbus and graduated 1901; Princeton University, graduated A.B. Degree in 1905; and O.M.U. Law School, graduated LLB Degree in 1908. Entered the practice of law in 1908 with his father Thomas J. Duncan—firm name Duncan & Duncan. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Franklin County in 1914, on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. R. P. Duncan is a member of Arlington Country Club, Athletic Club, Tower Club of Princeton University, Friar's Club, Auto Club of Columbus, Beta

**Meta Pi Fraternity (Meta Delta Chapter, O.M.U.),
Phi Delta Phi (Legal Fraternity) O.S.U., Sphinx
Head Senior Society, O.S.U.**

Robert was 58 years old and a judge in the Common Pleas Court in Columbus, Ohio, when he registered for the 1942 WWII “Old Man’s Draft.” This was a special draft for men born on or after April 28, 1897 and on or before February 16, 1897. At that time he was living 333 North Parkview Avenue in Bexley, Franklin County, Ohio.

Robert Duncan is shown here in 1918 during his run for a second term as the prosecuting attorney for Franklin County, Ohio.¹⁶²

Robert married **Edna Campbell**, who was born 27 March 1886 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Joseph Calvin Campbell (1852-1944) and Emma Amanda White (1853-1942).

Robert died 14 April 1967 at the age of 83, and he is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

Edna died 5 September 1980 at the age of 94. She is buried next to her husband at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

Robert and Edna Duncan had two children, both daughters—born in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

+Barbara Duncan⁸ – 1915-1992 – married Albert Tracy Johnson.

+Cynthia Campbell Duncan⁸ – 1919-2006 – married Sterling L. Hill.



ROBERT P. DUNCAN

Prosecuting Attorney
Franklin County

Candidate for Second Term

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Savilla Duncan Ashbrook**

Bert (Bertie) D. Ashbrook⁷ (Mary Savilla Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bertie was born September 1868 at Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Mary Savilla *Duncan* and Oscar Armstrong Ashbrook.

In 1893 Bertie married **Cora Mae Easton**, who was born July 1869 in Nebraska.

In 1900 they lived in Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska. Bertie was an insurance agent. In 1920 and 1930, the family lived in El Reno, Canadian County, Oklahoma. Bert was president of the Conservative Investment Co. His younger brother

¹⁶² Thomas Phifer Duncan – Photo courtesy of Columbus Metropolitan Library—Columbus, Ohio.

Murray was secretary-treasurer of the company until his brother's 1935 death. Murray then became the president of the investment company.

Bertie died at El Reno, Canadian County, Oklahoma 1935. He is buried at the El Reno Cemetery in El Reno, Canadian County, Oklahoma.

Cora remained in El Reno. She died 1945, and is also buried at El Reno Cemetery in El Reno, Oklahoma.

Their only child, daughter Mary K. Ashbrook⁸ was born 1896 in Nebraska. Mary attended school in El Reno, Oklahoma. She never married, and died 1976. She is buried at the El Reno Cemetery in El Reno, Oklahoma.

Ermina Blanche Ashbrook⁷ (Mary Savilla Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Blanche was born 9 August 1871 at Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Mary Savilla *Duncan* and Oscar Armstrong Ashbrook.

She married **Louis L. Solomon**, who was born 26 March 1873. He died 17 September 1944.

Blanche died 4 March 1949 at Los Angeles County, California. She is buried at Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Murray Armstrong Ashbrook⁷ (Mary Savilla Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Murray was born 26 September 1876 at Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Mary Savilla *Duncan* and Oscar Armstrong Ashbrook.

Murray married **Estelle Barnes**, who was born December 1876. Before she married Murray, Estelle was a milliner. Murray was an investment banker, later becoming president of an investment company. When his brother Bertie died in 1935, Murray, who had been secretary-treasurer, replaced his brother as the president of Conservative Investment Co.

Murray died 1955, and he is buried at El Reno Cemetery in El Reno, Canadian County, Oklahoma.

Estelle died 1949. She is buried at El Reno Cemetery, El Reno, Oklahoma. Murray and Estelle had three children—the first two born in Nebraska and the last born in Oklahoma.

+Barnes Duncan Ashbrook⁸ – 1904-1978 – married Josephine Kathleen Isard.

+Blanche Estelle Ashbrook⁸ – 1908-1998 – married Albert Edward Addyman.

+Robert Thomas Ashbrook⁸ – 1910-1986 – married Barbara Morgan.

John Thomas Ashbrook⁷ (Mary Savilla Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 1 September 1879 at Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Mary Savilla *Duncan* and Oscar Armstrong Ashbrook.

He never married. John died 14 February 1909 at the age of 29. He is buried at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
James W. Duncan**

William (Willie) Ward Duncan⁷ (James W. Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Willie was born 20 August 1882 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of James W. Duncan and Alice E. *Ward*.

In 1907 Willie married **Pearl Ellen Fetters**, who was born 6 July 1880 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of William Fetters (1842-1921) and Mary E. *Wygum* (1843-1916).

Willie continued to live with his parents helping his father on the farm in Hocking, Fairfield County, Ohio—about six miles west of Lancaster. After he married, Willie and his family continued living there. When his father died in 1932, they remained on the farm, and Alice, his aged mother lived with Willie until she died 1954.

Pearl died 4 October 1950 at the age of 70. She is buried at Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio—Plot: B3-Lot 360.

Willie died in Fairfield County, Ohio on 31 May 1959 at the age of 76. He is buried next to Pearl at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio. Willie and Pearl had one child, a daughter—born in Fairfield County.

+Mary Alice Duncan⁸ – 1908-1986 – she never married.

Blanche M. Duncan⁷ (James W. Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Blanche was born 17 May 1885 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of James W. Duncan and Alice E. *Ward*. Blanche was living at her parent's farm in Hocking, Fairfield County, Ohio, when she died 1 May 1910 at the age of 24—16 days before her 25th birthday. She is buried at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

James Russell Duncan⁷ (James W. Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 2 June 1893 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of James W. Duncan and Alice E. *Ward*.

He married **Iva Montana Gardner**, who was born 16 September 1893 in Fairfield County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Jefferson T. Gardner (1864-1914) and Alda Missouri *Valentine* (1868-1948). James was a self-employed farmer.

James died at Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio on 3 May 1980 at the age of 83. He is buried at Green Mound Cemetery, Lancaster, Ohio.

Iva died at the age of 94 at Lancaster, Ohio. She is buried beside her husband at Green Mound Cemetery, Lancaster, Ohio. James and Iva had three children – all born in Fairfield County, Ohio.

- +Walter Gardner Duncan⁸ – 1913-2011 – married Nellie E. Paugh.
 - +Margaret Ruth Duncan⁸ – 1916-2011 – married Harry Dale Awalt.
 - +Martha Jean Duncan⁸ – 1925-2005 – married name Beougher.
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**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Clara Duncan Myers**

Thomas Peter Myers⁷ (Clara Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thomas was born 30 May 1880 in Christian County, Illinois, the son of Clara Margaret *Duncan* and Meredith Melancthon Myers.

On 30 May 1905, Thomas married **Hattie Gertrude Long**, who was born 30 December 1882 near Salem, Marion County, Illinois, the daughter of Rev. Joseph Willison Long and Mary M. *Henderson*. Thomas and Hattie were married at her home west of Assumption, Christian County, Illinois. Her father, Rev. Joseph Long, a minister of the United Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony.

Thomas Myers was a stockholder in the Assumption Coal and Mining Co. and was considered to be prominent in mining affairs. Thomas' grandparents were pioneers in Assumption, Illinois, as were his parents. Thomas grew up in Assumption and attended the public schools there. He then attended Brown Business College at Decatur, Illinois for two terms. When he returned home to Assumption, Thomas entered employment at the Assumption Coal and Mining Co. as bookkeeper and paymaster. His grandfather was one of the company's founders. In 1910, he became one of its directors. He maintained an interest in the business, and in 1918 he became vice-president of Mutual Building Loan and Homestead Association.¹⁶³

Thomas and his sister owned 627 acres of land in Christian County, Illinois. Thomas and his wife Hattie continued to live in the house his paternal grandparents lived in when they died. Thomas was an elder of the Presbyterian Church, a Republican, a Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason.¹⁶⁴

Hattie was a member and organizing regent of the Peter Meyers Chapter of the DAR. She was also a member of the Assumption Women's Club, and along with her husband, she was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Thomas died at the age of 89 in February 1970, and he is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Assumption, Christian County, Illinois.

Hattie died a few months later, 20 October 1970 at the age of 87. She is buried beside her husband at Greenwood Cemetery in Assumption, Illinois.

¹⁶³ This information was transcribed by Mrs. Robert A. Hughes from Henry L. Fawlk's *Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois, Christian County, Illinois*, Vol. 2, page 950, 1918, and reprinted in her book, *Findley Genealogy*, published in St. Louis, Missouri 1967.

¹⁶⁴ *Ibid.*

Thomas and Hattie had four children—all born at Assumption, Christian County, Illinois.¹⁶⁵

- +Paul L. Myers⁸ – 1908-1986 – married Beatrice Ione Keller.
- +Clara Margaret Myers⁸ – 1915-2002 – married Harry R. Allen.
- +Dotha Elise Myers⁸ – 1918-1989 – married George S. Hiler.
- +Erma Jean Myers⁸ – 1921-2011 – married Dr. Richard F. Postlewait.

Mary Emma Myers⁷ (Clara Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 1886 in Christian County, Illinois, the daughter of Clara Margaret *Duncan* and Meredith Melancthon Myers.

In 1913, she married **Coleman Gay Wysong**, who was born 1881. He was the son of Aaron A. Wysong and Lutitia Jane *Cox*.

Mary died 31 March 1929 at the age of 42. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Assumption, Christian County, Illinois.

Coleman died 1968 in Christian County, Illinois. He is buried next to Mary at Greenwood Cemetery in Assumption, Illinois.

- +Aaron Meredith Wysong⁸ – 1925-1993 – married Mary Evelyn Moore.
- +Female Wysong⁸ – private

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Etta *Duncan Beck***

Clark Duncan Beck⁷ (Etta Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clark was born 9 January 1886 in Williamsburg, Iowa, the son of Etta *Duncan* and Henry Clay Beck.

On 23 July 1910 in Ashtabula County, Ohio, Clark married **Helen Buss**, who was born 24 August 1885, the daughter of S. B. Buss and Adelle *Smith*.

Clark was the proprietor of his own businesses in Columbus, Ohio: Beck Equipment Co., an auto equipment shop; and Beck Brake and Motor Service.

Helen died 11 October 1961 at the age of 76. She is buried at Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Clark died 16 February 1962 at the age of 76. He is buried beside his wife Helen at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio. Clark and Helen had no children.

Hazel E. Beck⁷ (Etta Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hazel was born 31 May 1888 in Iowa, the daughter of Etta *Duncan* and Henry Clay Beck.

¹⁶⁵ Children's information from *Findley Genealogy* by Mrs. Robert A. Hughes, 1967.

Hazel married **Charles Badger**, who was born 9 February 1889 at Butler County, Missouri. Charles was a design engineer. They first lived at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, where he worked for a glass company. They then moved to Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, and Charles was a design engineer for Lamb Glass Co. in Mt. Vernon.

Hazel died 19 June 1949 at the age of 61. She is buried at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Charles died 15 May 1976 at the age of 87. He is buried beside his wife at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio. Hazel and Charles Badger had one child, a son.

+Thomas Duncan Badger⁸ – 1930-1991 – married Barbara Lois Meyer.

Grace Marie Beck⁷ (Etta Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Grace was born 3 November 1894 in Iowa, the daughter of Etta *Duncan* and Henry Clay Beck.

Grace never married. After the death of her father, Grace continued to live with her mother. Grace was a public school teacher in Lancaster, Ohio.

She died at Lancaster-Fairfield Hospital in Lancaster, Ohio, on 13 January 1973 at the age of 78. She is buried at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. She left no issue.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Abigail *Shaw* Weir**

Frank C. Weir⁷ (Abigail Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frank was born 1868 at Bremen, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Abigail (Abbie) *Shaw* and William H. Weir.

On 3 September 1907 Frank married **Dorothy Oden Patterson**, who was born 14 June 1875 in Conesville, Coshocton County, Ohio, the daughter of Levan Oden and Martha *Gosser*. Dorothy had been married to (1) Frank Patterson, and they were divorced.

Frank and Dorothy Weir always lived at Bremen Village, Rush Creek Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, where Frank was the proprietor of a grocery store.

Dorothy died at Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, on 5 May 1944 at the age of 68. She is buried at Grandview Cemetery, Bremen, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Frank died 26 August 1946 at the age of 78. He is also buried at Grandview Cemetery in Bremen, Ohio. Frank and Dorothy had no children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
David I. Shaw**

Estella (Stella) Shaw⁷ (David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Stella was born 10 August 1876 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of David I. Shaw and Martha (Mattie) E. *Dick*.

In 1897, Stella married **Adam Griggs Elder**, who was born 9 April 1877 in Junction City, Perry County, Ohio, the son of Joseph S. and Louise C. Elder.

Adam graduated from high school in New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio. As a young married man, he and his wife moved to Athens, Ohio, where he attended Ohio University. He graduated in 1904, and Adam then entered Starling-Ohio Medical College in Columbus, Ohio, graduating in 1908.¹⁶⁶

By 1910, Dr. and Mrs. Elder had three daughters and the family had settled in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, where Adam set up an office as a physician in the general practice of medicine. With a fledgling medical practice, a new house and a mortgage to pay, tragedy struck this young family. Dr. Elder contracted typhoid fever resulting from his medical practice, and after an illness of several weeks he died 12 March 1916 at the young age of 39. He is buried at Somerset Methodist Cemetery in Perry County, Ohio.

Now a widow with three daughters to rear alone, Stella began working as a practical nurse to support her family and to pay off the mortgage on their home. Records show that she did pay the mortgage and eventually owned her house free and clear.

Widowed for 48 years, Stella died 1964 at the age of 88. She is buried beside her husband Adam at Somerset Methodist Cemetery in Perry County, Ohio. Stella and Adam Elder's three daughters were all born in Ohio—the first one in Athens, Athens County and the other two in Columbus, Franklin County.

+Avis Gwendolyn Elder⁸ – 1899-1990 – married Clare Lowry Campbell.

+Eleanor Grace Elder⁸ – 1905-1997 – married Arthur Philander Jones.

+Gladys Louise Elder⁸ – 1908-2004 – married Walter D. (Flivver) Ford.

Maggie E. Shaw⁷ (David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maggie was born June 1878 in Ohio, the daughter of David I. Shaw and Martha (Mattie) E. *Dick*.

On 29 August 1895 in Shelby County, Ohio, Maggie married **Rista O. Horner**, who was born November 1872 at Port Jefferson in Shelby County, Ohio, the son of John C. Horner (1842-1900) and Della Horner (1852-1892).

While Rista was in college, on 24 November 1890 he enlisted as a private in the Ohio National Guard. His service ended upon graduation.

In 1900, Rista and Maggie and their two daughters lived in Jackson, Shelby County, Ohio. Rista was working as a day laborer. In 1901, a son was born to them.

¹⁶⁶ Source: Ohio State University Monthly by the Ohio State University Alumni Association; Volume VII, No. 1; July 1915.

Rista died four years later during 1905, at the age of 33. He is buried at Glen Cemetery, Port Jefferson, Shelby County, Ohio—Plot 40-B.

Maggie must have found it financially difficult to raise the children alone, and in 1910 Maggie and Rista's three children were living in the household of John E. and Margaret Johnson at Salem, Shelby County, Ohio.

Maggie died 1942 at the age of 64 years and 17 days. She is buried at Glen Cemetery in Port Jefferson, Shelby County, Ohio—Section C. The three children of Maggie and Rista were all born in Shelby County, Ohio.

+Alma Mae Horner⁸ – 1896-1972 – married Daniel Webster Lyons.

+Leora Restina Horner⁸ – 1899-1966 – married (1) Dachenbach (2) Haines.

+Leroy G. Horner⁸ – 1901-1936 – unmarried.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary *Burks* Dunnahoo**

Walter Burkes Dunnahoo⁷ (Mary Burks⁶, Catharine Janet Ruffner⁵, Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 9 July 1908 in Houston, Harris County, Texas, the son of Mary *Burks* and Walter Aaron Dunnahoo.

He served in WWII from the State of Texas as a Staff Sergeant, 653rd Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army.

In private life Walter was a construction engineer with Southwest Bell Telephone Co. His death certificate stated that he was married, although no information was found regarding his wife.

Walter died at Andrew S. Tomb Hospital #2 in Seminole, Gaines County, Texas on 21 May 1947 at the age of 38 years, 10 months and 11 days. The cause of death was pernicious anemia.

He is buried at Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas—Plot: Section E. No record was found regarding children.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Nellie *Ellis* Tyrrell**

Margaret C. Tyrrell⁷ (Nellie Ellis⁶, Zerelda Margaret Ruffner⁵, Peter Jefferson Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 23 March 1908 in Missouri, the daughter of Nellie *Ellis* and Henry H. Terrell.

In 1940 she lived with her parents in St. Louis City, Missouri and worked as a self-employed biller for a distributing company. Margaret died 26 October 1997 at the age of 89. She is buried beside her parents at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Ashland, Boone County, Missouri. Margaret had never married and left no issue.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary J. McCullough Theobald**

Robert (Bob) Ruffner Theobald⁷ (Mary J. McCullough⁶, Martha Ann Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bob was born 7 December 1891 in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, the son of Mary J. *McCullough* and Henry Theobald, Jr.

Bob attended the Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, class of 1912. He entered Yale with the class of 1917. However, in the fall of 1915, he joined the class of 1918. He left college in his senior year to enter service during WWI. He received his B.A. from Yale *honoris causa* in 1920.

Bob enlisted as a coxswain in the U.S. Naval Reserve on 14 May 1917. He was first stationed in Brooklyn, N.Y. until July 4 having been promoted to Ensign on June 25th. He attended Reserve Officers' Class at Annapolis July 5-September 14, 1917; served as watch and division officer on the USS *Oklahoma* from September 24, 1917 to January 1, 1918. He then attended officers' Torpedo Class at Newport, Rhode Island; was promoted to Lieutenant (j.g.) in June of 1918 and served as gunnery and torpedo officer on the USS *Decatur* (a destroyer) from June 14, 1918 until his release from active duty on February 9, 1919. Following his service in WWI, he became vice-president of his family's business Toledo Scale Company, a position he held until his death.¹⁶⁷

As vice-president of Toledo Scale Company, while learning more about the family business, he traveled extensively with his father on commercial business trips to Europe and cities in the U.S.—even to Cuba. The accompanying photo is from Bob Theobald's passport.

It wasn't until Bob was 31 years old that he married. After a long courtship, he married **Mary Meloy Rankin** on 4 March 1922 at the home of her uncle in Chicago, Illinois. Mary Meloy's father, a minister, performed the marriage ceremony. Mary was born in 1896, the daughter of Rev. James Rankin and Martha *Brownlee*.

The marriage of Bob and Mary Meloy Theobald was destined to be a short and a happy one. Their long honeymoon combined business with pleasure as they traveled West by train to visit Toledo Scale Company offices in New Orleans, Houston, San Antonio, El Paso, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Spokane, Butte, Salt Lake City, Denver and Omaha. After a lengthy journey, when they returned Bob parents were pleased to learn they were to become grandparents for the first time.¹⁶⁸

Not long after setting up their household at 717 West Bancroft Street in Toledo, Ohio, a daughter



R.R. Theobald

¹⁶⁷ Yale Graduates 1925-1926 obituary records. Bulletin of Yale University, New Haven, August 1, 1926.

¹⁶⁸ Terry, Bob: *Honest Weight, The Story of Toledo Scale*.

was born to the happy couple. However, Mary Meloy never recovered her health after the birth of their child, and six weeks later on 22 February 1923 at their home in Toledo, Mary Meloy died. They had been married only 11 months.

Bob was devastated by this loss—it often seemed as if his mind was far away. He appeared to have lost interest in living. It was an extremely difficult time for the family—even the addition of a baby, did not make up for the loss of Mary Meloy.

Bob's father, Henry's own health was suffering. Henry and his wife had been planning a trip so he could rest and recover. However, on 5 June 1924, he became wearier. The doctor convinced him he was not well enough to travel, and they stayed home. He seemed to be feeling better, but during the morning of 12 July 1924, he suddenly told his wife Mary to call the doctor. It was a heart attack and at 4:30 that afternoon 56-year-old Henry Theobald died. He was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo—nearby other family members.

Bob had not only lost his young and beloved wife, now his father who was his friend and mentor was also gone. It was left for Bob Theobald to carry on and take the place of his father at Toledo Scale Company. He seemed to be recovering from his own grief and taking full charge. 1925 had been a good year for the company and the board was in agreement that Bob Theobald should soon be named president so that he could fully take his father's place at the helm of the company. They evidently didn't notice the depression Bob was experiencing.

At Bob's home, he had hired a full-time live-in nurse for his little daughter. On a Friday evening, 17 December 1925, just a few days before the holidays, Bob arrived home about 10 p.m. He went right to his room and all was silent. The next morning, the nurse knocked on his bedroom door. When she didn't receive the expected answer, she opened the door and found another family tragedy. Sometime during the night, 34-year-old Bob Theobald, standing before his mirror, put a pistol to his head and ended his own life. Information from *Honest Weight, The Story of Toledo Scale*, cited above.

Bob's mother Mary, not only a widow, but now suffering the loss of her only child, a son who had remained so close, must have had a difficult time with her own grief. She lived for only a few more years. Mary *McCullough* Theobald died 15 February 1932 in Lucas County, Ohio. She is buried next to her family at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio.

Bob and Mary Meloy Theobald's daughter was the only one to survive the tragedies that beset her family.

+Mary Meloy Theobald⁸ – 1923-2005 – her married name was Bonser.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Estella M. Thomas Means**

Hugh Jackson Means⁷ (Estella M. Thomas⁶, Minerva Jane Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hugh was born

August 1883 in Christiansburg, Ohio, the son of Dr. William Jackson Means and Estella (Stella) M. *Thomas*.

On 15 August 1883, Hugh married (1) **Eleanor Mabelle Hammond**. She was born 25 August 1881 at Silver Creek, New York, the daughter of Charles George Hammond and Sarah Annette *Chapman*. Eleanor died 9 June 1934 at the age of 52. She is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. Hugh and Eleanor had one child.

After Eleanor's death, Hugh married (2) **Mary Katherine Carmack Aungst**, the widow of Carl Everett Aungst (1894-1922). Mary Katherine was born 30 August 1891 in Columbus, Ohio, the daughter of Harry W. Carmack (1856-1934) and Mary Catherine *Hildebrand* (1856-1928).

Hugh also entered the medical field. In April 1912, *Who's Who in the Ohio State University Association* published the following biography concerning Dr. Hugh Means in its Ohio State University Quarterly Vol. III, April 1912:

Hugh Jackson Means attended Ohio State University 1900-05, and was graduated in June 1905 with a degree in Bachelor of Arts; he attended Ohio Medical University 1904-06; attended the University of Pennsylvania 1907-08; and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1908. He was an instructor of Pathology at Starling-Ohio Medical College 1908-1911; Radiographer at Starling-Ohio Medical College and Protestant Hospital 1911. In 1912 he was practicing medicine and specializing in x-ray at Columbus, Ohio. He was a member of the Columbus Academy of Medicine, Ohio State Medical Association, American Medical Association, American Roentgen Ray Society and Alpha Kappa Kappa and Kappa Sigma.

Hugh died while a patient in a long-term care facility on 24 August 1971 at the age of 88 years and three days. He is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

Mary Katherine died 12 January 1974. She is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. The daughter of Hugh and his first wife Eleanor was born in Franklin County, Ohio. There were no children from Hugh's second marriage.

+Sara A. Means⁸ – 1918-1959 – married Stuart Dobbie Eagleson.

John William Means⁷ (Estella M. Thomas⁶, Minerva Jane Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born August 1886 in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Estella (Stella) M. *Thomas* and Dr. William Jackson Means.

John followed in his father's and older brother's footsteps and entered the medical field. He was a surgeon majoring in reconstructive dental surgery. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and the Ohio State University with M.D. and D.D.S. degrees. During WWI, Dr. Means served as a Major in the Medical Corps in France.

On 28 November 1915 he married **Madelaine Virginia Butler**, who was born 13 April 1900 in Plain City, Madison County, Ohio. In 1937, Dr. Means, his wife Madelaine, and their two daughters traveled aboard the USS *Sixaol* to Puerto Barrios,

Guatemala, South America. In 1945 he received the award as Professor of the Year from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where he was the professor of oral surgery.

Madelaine Virginia died in 1948. She is buried at Forest Grove Cemetery in Plain City, Madison County, Ohio. Dr. John Means died March 1975. He is also buried at Forest Grove Cemetery in Plain City, Ohio. John and Madelaine had two children—both born in Franklin County.

+Madelaine Butler Means⁸ – 1925-2004 – married Henry Kenneth Meek.

+Polly M. Means⁸ – 1927-1974 – married William Russell Hire.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Kittie Minerva Bragunier Schisler-Vandever**

Charles Atlee Schisler⁷ (Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 26 May 1894 in Clark County, Ohio, the son of Kittie Minerva *Bragunier* and Charles William Schisler.

On 14 February 1918 he married **Osa Ellen Young**, who was born 1899 in Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of Thomas Young and Elizabeth *Favorite*.

Osa Ellen died 1956, and she is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Charles died February 1976; his last residence was Troy, Miami County, Ohio. He is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio. Charles and Osa Ellen had five children.

+Forrest Edward Schisler⁸ – 1919-2006 – married twice.

+Richard Dean Schisler⁸ – 1921-1995 – married Melba Katherine Thompson.

+Geneva Pauline Schisler⁸ – 1924-2013 – married Glenn William Boggs.

+Rowena Vivian Schisler⁸ – 1927-1999 – married Chester Edwin Davis.

Female Schisler⁸ – private – married Victor Leroy McHenry—1930-2008.

Katherine Louise Vandever⁷ (Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Katherine was born 6 June 1896 in Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of Kittie Minerva *Bragunier* and Frank Firman Vandever.

Katherine married **Ennis Muriel Fisher**, who was born 16 January 1892 at Clinton County, Ohio, the son of John A. Fisher and Laura M. *Spencer*. Ennis was always a self-employed farmer. They lived in Clark County, Ohio.

Ennis died in Clark County, Ohio on 17 May 1951 at the age of 59. He is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Katherine died at a long-term care facility in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio on 14 October 1970 at the age of 74. She is buried beside her husband Ennis at Casstown

Cemetery, Casstown, Ohio. Katherine and Ennis had five children, all born in Clark County, Ohio.

- +Carolyn Louise Fisher⁸ – 1912-1990 – married (1) Hastings and (2) Swinford.
- +Ellen Minerva Fisher⁸ – 1915-1972 – married Melvin Sutherly.
- +Benjamin Franklin Fisher⁸ – 1917-1984 – married Caryl L. Carter.
- +Helen Lucille Fisher⁸ – 1919-1987 – married Garnard Eugene Littlejohn.
- +John Eugene Fisher⁸ – 1924-2009 – married (1) Metz (2) Truman-Murray.

Melvina Ellen Vandever⁷ (Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ellen was born 28 July 1907 in Elizabeth, Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of Kittie Minerva *Bragunier* and Frank Firman Vandever.

On 18 December 1919 in Miami County, Ellen married **Harley Firman Kennedy**, who was born 21 July 1898 at Elizabeth, Miami County, Ohio, the son of McLain Kennedy and Sarah C. *Davis*.

They always lived in Miami County, Ohio, and Harley was always a self-employed farmer on their land.

Ellen died at their home in Miami County, Ohio on 26 November 1958 at the age of 61. She is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Harley died at the age of 76 on 14 January 1975 at Troy, Miami County, Ohio. He is buried beside his wife Ellen at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio. Ellen and Harley had five children—all born in Miami County, Ohio.

- +Ellen Irene Kennedy⁸ – 1921-2009 – married Donald Penewit.
- +Mary (Mae) Fern Kennedy⁸ – 1924-2015 – married Arthur H. Peoples.
- +Female Kennedy⁸ – private – married Harry Alvin Watson (1927-1990).
- +Forrest McLain Kennedy⁸ – 1931-2010 – married Anita Erma Clark.
- +Lucille Patricia Kennedy⁸ – 1936-2001 – not married.

Horace Vinton Vandever⁷ (Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Horace was born 14 January 1899 at Acony, Miami County, Ohio. He was the son of Kittie Minerva *Bragunier* and Frank Firman Vandever.

In 1936 Horace married **Lucy Folsom**, who was born 23 September 1899 in Franklin Furnace, Scioto County, Ohio, the daughter of Henry Folsom and Effie *Marshall*.

Horace graduated from Troy High School in Troy, Miami County, Ohio. He attended Ohio State University, and for several years was a school teacher in Clark, Miami and Darke Counties in Ohio. In addition, he attended the school of osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri, practicing that trade in Viroqua and Beloit, Wisconsin, before moving to Wapakoneta, Auglaize County, Ohio in 1962, where he remained for the remainder of his life.

Lucy died at the Hoxie Clinic in Dallas, Texas, where she had been undergoing treatment for three months for lung cancer. She died 27 July 1954 at the age of 54 years, 10 months, and four days. Their residence at that time was Viroqua, Vernon County, Wisconsin. Lucy's body was sent to the Columbus Crematory in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

Following a heart attack at his home in Wapakoneta, Horace died at 7:00 p.m. on 22 February 1972 at the age of 73. He is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio. Horace evidently did not marry again, and no surviving children are mentioned in his obituary

Bessie Lucille Vandever⁷ (Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bessie was born 22 August 1900 in Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of Kittie Minerva *Bragunier* and Frank Firman Vandever.

On 27 November 1918 in Indiana, she married **Raymond Dewey Davidson**, who was born 5 February 1898 in New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio, the son of Jacob George Davidson (1849-1916) and Lavancia Adelaide *Potter* (1857-1925).

Besides his five children, Raymond's greatest accomplishment were his apples grown at Davidson's Apple Orchard located at nearby New Carlisle, Ohio. Even in his older years, Raymond was often seen in his orchard, on a ladder, picking the apples from his well-tended trees.

To Bessie her family came first. Her family and their home on the farm were what she valued the most in her life. For enjoyment she liked to play the piano, and singing at church on Sundays.

Bessie died at New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio on 22 May 1975 at the age of 74. She is buried at Casstown Cemetery, in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Raymond died 19 February 1987 in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio. He is buried next to his wife Bessie at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio. The five children of Bessie and Raymond were all born in Clark County, Ohio.

+Frank J. Davidson⁸ – 1920-2002 – married Flora Pearl Cannington.

+Glendon Dewey Davidson⁸ – 1922-2010 – married (1) Culley (2) Skidmore.

Male Davidson⁸ – private – married (private)

+Freida Marie Davidson⁸ – 1927-2014 – married four times.

Female Davidson⁸ – private – married (private)

Eli Hugh Vandever⁷ (Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eli was born 19 December 1911 at Troy, Miami County, Ohio, the son of Kittie Minerva *Bragunier* and Frank Firman Vandever.

On 25 December 1936, Eli married **Clara Elizabeth (Betty) Carson**, who was born 8 November 1916 in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of John Earl Carson (1897-1936) and Goldie Ellen *Jones Skenes* (1897-1991).

Eli and Betty made their home in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. Their two daughters were raised there. Eli was considered an expert at his trade as a mason. Betty was a member of the Eastern Star #140 of Sharonville, Ohio.

Eli died at Cincinnati on 9 July 1967 at the age of 55. He is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Glendale, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Betty was a resident of the Otterbein Retirement Community for many years. She died on 26 March 2014 at the age of 97. Betty is also buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Glendale, Ohio.

At the time of Betty's death, Eli and Betty were survived by two daughters, nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren (all private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Estella (Stella) Mae *Bragunier* Swisher

Emma Doris Swisher⁷ (Estella Mae Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emma was born 23 October 1899 at Troy, Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of Estella (Stella) Mae *Bragunier* and John Henry Swisher.

On 12 February 1922 she married **Otto Garret Bosse**, who was born 14 October 1887 at Aurora, Dearborn County, Indiana, the son of William Bosse and Elizabeth *Klinkerman*. Otto was always a self-employed farmer where they lived in Green Camp, Ohio.

Otto died at Galion Community Hospital in Galion, Crawford County, Ohio on 16 March 1981 at the age of 93. He is buried at Green Camp Cemetery, Green Camp, Marion County, Ohio. At the time of his death his home was on North Elm Street, in Prospect, Marion County, Ohio.

Emma died while she was a patient at a long term care facility in Marion County, Ohio, on 2 March 1997 at the age of 78. She is buried at Green Camp Cemetery, at Green Camp, Ohio. Emma and Otto had two sons.

+Norman Clifford Bosse⁸ – 1923-1998 – married (private)

+Ralph W. Bosse⁸ – 1926-2009 – married Martha K. Lee.

Ernest C. Swisher⁷ (Estella Mae Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ernest was born 26 February 1901 at Troy, Miami County, Ohio, the son of Estella (Stella) Mae *Bragunier* and John Henry Swisher.

Ernest never married—lived at Green Camp in Marion County, Ohio, and he worked as a painter. Ernest was a member of the Green Camp Baptist Church and the Green Camp Knights of Pythias. He was a veteran of WWII.

Ernest died at his home in Green Camp on Tuesday evening, 22 September 1981 at the age of 80. He had been in good health and his death was unexpected. He is buried at Green Camp Cemetery in Green Camp, Marion County, Ohio.

He was survived by one brother and four sisters; one brother predeceased him.

Margaret Elizabeth Swisher⁷ (Estella Mae Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 19 October 1903 in Ohio, the daughter of Estella (Stella) Mae *Bragunier* and John Henry Swisher.

Except for her married name, no information was found regarding Margaret's first marriage. On 19 July 1933 Margaret E. *Swisher* Darst married (2) **Paul Smith Almendinger** (called Smith), who was born 7 February 1897 at Prospect, Marion County, Ohio, the son of William Fredrick Almendinger (1868-1890) and Elva Etta *Smith* (1867-1939). It is possible that Margaret had an earlier marriage to a Mr. Darst.

Smith operated a chicken hatchery in Prospect, Ohio for many years, and for the last 15 years of his life he was an antique dealer. He was a member of the College Hill United Church of Christ, also Lodge No. 444 F&AM for 54 years, and a WWI veteran.

Their home was at Chatfield, Ohio when Smith died at the age of 76 on 28 March 1973 while a patient at Bucyrus Community Hospital after a five-week illness. Smith is buried at College Hill Cemetery at Chatfield, Crawford County, Ohio.

While residing at a long-term care facility in Crawford County, Ohio, Margaret died 10 June 1989 at the age of 85. She is also buried at College Hill Cemetery at Chatfield, Ohio. Margaret and Smith Almendinger were survived by a daughter, a son, and grandchildren (all private).

Mary Amanda Swisher⁷ (Estella Mae Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Amanda was born 12 February 1907 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of Estella (Stella) Mae *Bragunier* and John Henry Swisher.

On 26 February 1928 Mary married **Floyd R. Barnett**, who was born 27 February 1903 in Union County, Ohio, the son of Nye S. Barnett (1882-1935) and Katherine *Sietes*.

Floyd was a self-employed farmer. He was a member of Somerville Friends Church, the Marion Amateur Radio Club, past deputy of the Marion County Grange, and past master and steward of Tymochtee Grange.

Floyd's home was 8123 LaRue-Prospect, New Bloomington, Marion County, Ohio. He died at Maplewood Nursing Home in Marion County on 20 November 1986 at the age of 83. He is buried at Marion Cemetery, Marion, Marion County, Ohio.

Mary died at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio on 26 May 1997 at the age of 90. Her burial information was not listed.

Mary and Floyd had three children, two daughters and a son.

+Donald Russell Barnett⁸ – 1931-2008 – married and divorced (private).

Barbara Joan Barnett⁸ – 1936-1936 – born and died the same day.
An unknown daughter⁸

Roy Marine Swisher⁷ (Estella Mae Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Roy was born 25 August 1909 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Estella (Stella) Mae *Bragunier* and John Henry Swisher.

On 16 November 1929 in Union County, Ohio, Roy married **Dorothy Leah Swam**, who was born 15 June 1911 at Edison, Morrow County, Ohio, the daughter of Pearl Cleveland Swam and Mabel *Conklin*.

On 16 May 1929 Dorothy graduated from Prospect High School in Prospect, Marion County, Ohio, near Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio, and later that year she married Roy Swisher. She was a home health aide nurse and retired from Ranco after 27 years of service. Active in family history, she was a member of the First Families of Ohio, the Delaware County Pioneers, the Delaware Historical Society, the Delaware Genealogy Society, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was also a member of the Ostrander Presbyterian Church.

Roy died as a patient at Riverside Methodist Hospital at Columbus, Ohio on 28 November 1974 at the age of 65. He is buried at Prospect Cemetery, Prospect, Marion County, Ohio—Plot: Lot 405, Section HA2.

Dorothy had been a resident of the Country Club Retirement Campus for six years when she died Tuesday afternoon on 20 April 2004 at Union Hospital in Dover, Tuscarawas County, Ohio at the age of 92. She is buried next to her husband Roy at Prospect Cemetery in Prospect, Ohio.

At the time of Dorothy's death in 2004, Roy and Dorothy were survived by one daughter and two sons, seven grandsons and one granddaughter, 11 great grandchildren, two step granddaughters, and two step great-grandchildren (all private).

Ruth Lucille Swisher⁷ (Estella Mae Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth was born 31 May 1912 in Marion County, Ohio, the daughter of Estelle (Stella) Mae *Bragunier* and John Henry Swisher.

On 30 December 1933 she married **Herman G. Schmidt**, who was born 4 April 1905 at Cleeborn, in the Federal Republic of Germany. He was the son of Fredrick Schmidt and Caroline *Kurtz*.

They lived in Marion County, Ohio, and Herman worked as a supervisor in the production of metalworking machinery.

Herman died at the Community Medical Center in Marion, Marion County, Ohio on 30 Jan 1988 at the age of 82. He is buried at Green Camp Cemetery in Greencamp, Marion County, Ohio.

Ruth was a patient in a long-term care facility when she died 29 March 2000 at the age of 87. She is also buried at Green Camp Cemetery in Green Camp, Ohio. Ruth and Herman had one child, a daughter, who was married (private).

Louis Paul Swisher⁷ (Estella Mae Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Louis was born 8 April 1915 in Marion County, Ohio, the son of Estelle (Stella) Mae *Bragunier* and John Henry Swisher.

When Louis was 25, he enlisted in the U.S. Army 15 October 1940 for one-year of service in the National Guard. His tour of duty in the U.S. Army continued through WWII and until he was released 4 October 1945.

In the 1950s he lived in Marion, Ohio, and worked for the Marion County Farm Bureau Corporation Association as a mill man and driver. He was still working for them in 1959. Sometime later he moved to California. No record was found until his death record appeared in the Social Security death listing. Louis died 13 June 1999 at the age of 84—his last residence was Stanton, Orange County, California. No record was found that he ever married or left any issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Addie Martha *Bragunier* Proctor**

Marion Franklin Proctor⁷ (Addie Martha Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marion was born 14 March 1902 at Casstown, Miami County, Ohio, the son of Addie Martha *Bragunier* and Charles William Proctor.

Marion was a T/Sgt, 4142D Base Unit, Army Air Force, during WWII. Before the war he had worked as a mechanic at Wright Air Field near Dayton, Ohio. As shown by the Dayton City Directory for 1953, following WWII, Marion continued working as a mechanic at Wright Air Base at Dayton. He was unmarried.

Marion died 25 December 1954 at the age of 52. He is buried at Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Margaret Melvina Proctor⁷ (Addie Martha Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 8 May 1906 in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of Addie Martha *Bragunier* and Charles William Proctor.

When she was 16 years old, Margaret married **Frederich (Fred) Karl Rilling** (aka Fred Carl Rilling, Sr.) who was born 5 January 1897 at San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, the son of Johann George Rilling and Louise Frances *Eberhardt*.

Fred served as an Eng2 in the U.S. Navy during WWII. In private life, he was a woodworker at a refrigeration plant in Dayton, Ohio.

Fred died at Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio on 23 February 1975 at the age of 78. He is buried at Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Margaret died at the Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Miami County, Ohio on 9 March 1984 at the age of 77. She is also buried at the Casstown Cemetery at Casstown,

Ohio. Margaret and Fred had two children, a daughter and a son; both born at Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio.

+Carmel E. Rilling⁸ – 1926-2007 – married Robert Marion Adams.

+Fred Carl Rilling, Jr.⁸ – 1930-1986 – married Burleene Gladys Van Wie.

Mariene Benjamin (Proc) Proctor⁷ (Addie Martha Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mariene was born 22 March 1912 at Troy, Miami County, Ohio, the son of Addie Martha *Bragunier* and Charles Will Proctor.

Mariene worked as a plant engineer and superintendent at Leland Electrosystems, Inc. in Vandalia, Ohio.

Mariene married (1) **Bertha Kay Little**, who was born 25 May 1911 in Menifee County, Kentucky, the daughter of Peter Little and Minnie *Kendrick*. Bertha died 21 September 1967. She is buried at Forest Hills Memorial Gardens in Tipp City, Montgomery County, Ohio. Evidently, sometime before her death, she and Mariene were divorced.

He married (2) **Elizabeth (Betty) Newton Holtman**, the widow of Charles Holtman (d. 1966). Betty was born 25 February 1914 in Campbellsville, Taylor County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of William W. Newton and Nan *Roberts*. Betty was a long-time employee and had retired from Leland Electrosystems, Inc. of Vandalia, Ohio.

Mariene died 17 August 2000 at a long-term care facility in Montgomery County, Ohio. He was 88 years old. He is buried at Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery at Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio.

Betty died at the Brookhaven Nursing Center on 8 December 2004 at the age of 90. She had been a resident of Brookville, Ohio. She was survived by a daughter and two grandsons (probably from her first marriage). No record was found indicating that Mariene had any children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Alma Rosella Ruffner Rigg**

Gertrude Rigg⁷ (Alma Rosella Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) was born 16 June 1887 at Newton, Jasper County, Illinois, the daughter of Alma Rosella *Ruffner* and Samuel Rodem Rigg.

When Gertrude was very young—about the time her younger brother Harrison was born—she came down with typhoid fever and the family had to be quarantined. In order to pay the doctor's bill, the family's piano was sold.¹⁶⁹

¹⁶⁹ Rigg, Virginia: *Harrison and Catherine Ruffner in the valley of the Little Wabash*, June 1999.

On 18 October 1908 she married **Earl Stanley DeSpain**, who was born 18 March 1889 in Denver, Colorado. He was the son of Pleasant deSpain, Jr. (1857-1929) and Murtis (Myrtie) Viola *Davis* (1868-1934). Gertrude and Stanley made their home in Denver, Colorado.

The following article regarding Gertrude Rigg is shown here courtesy of Robert Newman Sheets, grand-nephew of Gertrude and Stanley DeSpain.

Gertrude, the first child of Samuel and Alma (Ruffner) Rigg, was born in Newton, Illinois on June 16, 1887. She spent her childhood in California and Montana. When her parents settled in Colorado she attended Manual Training High School in Denver where she developed her skills as an artist, seamstress and cook. In 1908 she married Earl Stanley DeSpain of Westminster. He was a grandson of Pleasant deSpain, founder of the town of Westminster, first known as "DeSpain Junction." He [Stanley] attended Regis High School near Denver. They both had beautiful voices and entertained many a family gathering. His career was in heavy construction as a giant team crane operator and road builder. They made their homes in Westminster and Denver with their three daughters, Shirley Jeanette, Louise and Olive Velma. Their first home is still standing, next door to the Samuel and Alma Rigg home on Bradburn Avenue in Westminster. Gertrude was practicing Christian Science when she died on October 20, 1930 from complications of pregnancy. She was buried next to her father in Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver. Stanley died from heart failure in 1961 and his ashes were scattered in the mountains west of Denver.

The obituary for Earl's father Pleasant deSpain, Jr. tells an interesting story of the pioneer DeSpain family and of the settling of Westminster, Adams County, Colorado. **Pleasant deSpain, Jr., March 21, 1929. Funeral Services were held from the Olinger Mortuary Wednesday afternoon for Pleasant DeSpain, 70-year-old Adams county pioneer. Burial was made in the Arvada Cemetery. Mr. DeSpain died last Thursday at Long Beach, California, after an illness of influenza and pneumonia. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and came to Colorado with his parents in an ox-cart in 1863, settling in Denver. He engaged in mining during the Leadville boom and returned to Denver in 1880. He took up a homestead near Westminster and until five years ago raised cattle on this ranch. He is survived by his widow, three sons, a daughter and two brothers. He was a member of the Colorado Pioneers Society and of the Woodmen of the World.**

More is told of the deSpain family and Westminster, Colorado's Harris Park Ditch.¹⁷⁰ **The Story of the Harris Park Ditch dates back to the settlement era of the late 1800s, when farms and rural towns were being established across the arid open prairie north of Denver. In 1870, Pleasant deSpain [Sr.] established an 80-acre homestead north of today's 76th Avenue between Federal Boulevard and Lowell Boulevard. Other family members acquired adjacent parcels and before long they controlled a combined 540 acres. The deSpain Ditch & Water Company was founded to provide irrigation for their crop fields and orchards. DeSpain also sold water to area settlers from an elevated tank he constructed at 76th Avenue and**

¹⁷⁰ <http://www.ci.westminster.co.us/ExploreWestminster/AbouttheCity/WestminsterHistory/Ditches/HarrisParkDitch>.

Lowell Boulevard. Produce grown by the family was transported by wagon to a nearby rail spur to be sent to market and both the rail stop and surrounding agricultural district became known as DeSpain Junction. DeSpain Junction was the forerunner of Westminster.

Gertrude died 10 October 1930 at the age of 43 in Denver, Colorado. In her book cited below, her younger sister Virginia Rigg said that Gertrude had been sick for a month or two and died in the hospital from complications of an unexpected pregnancy. Stanley died in 1961. Gertrude and Stanley had three children—all girls.

+Shirley Jeanette DeSpain⁸ – 1909-1989 – married (1) Sheets (2) Claire

+Louise Irma DeSpain⁸ – 1910-1992 – married three times.

+Olive Velma DeSpain⁸ –1915-1989 – married Lt. Gen. Charles Harold Hayes.

Leland (Lee) Stanford Rigg⁷ (Alma Rosella Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leland was born 8 October 1889 at Campbell, Santa Clara County, California, the son of Alma Rosella *Ruffner* and Samuel Rodem Rigg.

Leland's sister, Virginia Rigg, said of Leland Stanford's birth name that he was named in the shadow of Stanford University and their mother Alma hoped he attend college there one day.

On 27 October 1914 Leland married **Clara Isabelle Cram**, who was born 22 September 1892 in Denver, Colorado. Leland and Clara lived in Westminster, Colorado. He was a stockman/contractor.

Leland died at the age of 87 on 15 July 1977 at Arvada, Colorado. He is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County, Colorado.

Clara died at the age of 102 on 12 July 1995 at Arvada, Colorado. She is also buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Leland and Clara had four children

+Luella May Rigg⁸ – 1916-2003 – married Wallace Roy Munro, Jr.

+William Newton Rigg⁸ – 1918-1994 – married Rose Mineff Wiley.

Baby boy Rigg⁸ – died young from spinal meningitis.

Baby girl Rigg⁸ – died soon after birth.

Harrison Newton Rigg⁷ (Alma Rosella Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harrison was born 18 March 1895 in Denver, Denver County, Colorado, the son of Alma Rosella *Ruffner* and Samuel Rodem Rigg.

Harrison served in the Army during WWI. He was drafted in May 1918, and was sent to Clovis, New Mexico for training. His troop was then sent to Camp Dix, New Jersey from there to go to Europe. However, the flu epidemic hit and the men were quarantined for about a month. Once he was in France, Harrison was in the machine gun section of the Sand Storm Division and was due to go to the frontline trenches on the 11th

of November of 1918. Instead Armistice was declared and the war ended. After the war Harrison became a certified public accountant.

Harrison married **Helen Arlene Sample** in July 1919 at Boulder, Colorado. Helen was born 2 September 1896 in Downs, Osborne County, Kansas, the daughter of James Conrad Sample and Mary Ellen *Shearer*.

According to records, Harrison and Helen separated and divorced sometime before 1935. Before this, they had two children, and by 1935 Helen and the two children were living in San Mateo, California.

In 1940, Harrison was living in a hotel in New York City, New York. In 1942, he was living in Houston, Harris County, Texas, where he worked on the technical staff for the Internal Revenue Service.

Helen died 1 July 1987 in San Jose, Santa Clara, California. She is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in San Jose, California.

Harrison's last residence was Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. He died there 14 January 1989. The records of his death state he was married and his wife's name was Lois. Harrison was cremated and his ashes were scattered on Mt. Hood in Oregon. The two children of Harrison and Helen were born in Denver, Colorado.

Female Rigg⁸ – private – married Harold William McCracken (1916-1995)

Male Rigg⁸ – private

Virginia Rigg⁷ (Alma Rosella Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia was born 2 July 1904 in a company house at the Union Stockyards in Denver, Colorado. She was the daughter of Alma *Ruffner* and Samuel Rodem Rigg.

Aunt Ginny, as she was often called by others, was a loyal supporter of the Ruffner Family Association. She was a popular attendee at many of the family reunions. Virginia Rigg never married.

Ginny passed away peacefully at her home in Denver, Colorado on 10 April 2005 at the age of 100 years plus. She is one of the Ruffner family's centenarians.

Here is Ginny's full story as told in the pages of Ruffner Roots & Ramblings, Vol. 8, Issue #2, June 2005, following her death.

We lovingly dedicate this issue of RR&R to the memory of Virginia Rigg. The lovely lady many of us affectionately knew as "Ginny" peacefully passed away at her home in Denver, Colorado on April 10, 2005, just short of her 101st birthday.

Virginia was one of Colorado's premier piano teachers and a former University of Denver professor. She taught for eighty-seven years and gave her last lesson one week prior to her death. She lived a full and rewarding life as a mentor, teacher, activist and individualist.

She was born in a company house at the Union Stockyards on July 2, 1904, the youngest daughter of Samuel Rodem Rigg (1854-1929) and Alma Rosella (Ruffner) Rigg (1860-1966), both natives of Illinois who were born before the Civil War. After moving to Colorado, they farmed near Derby. Samuel was Superintendent of the Denver Union Stockyards prior to being appointed by

Governor William E. Sweet to fill a vacancy with the Adams County Commissioners. He was elected again to that position which he held until his death in 1929.

Virginia's mother, Alma, was a piano teacher whose students resided throughout the Denver area making her a familiar sight traveling in her horse and buggy from house to house giving lessons, often for barter. In 1928 she became a writer under the pen name of Quaintance Leith. She died at the age of 106 in 1966.

In 1906, the family moved to Westminster, where Virginia grew up and attended Westminster Grade School. She graduated in 1922 from North High School in Denver.

Virginia began her teaching career in 1918. She was a piano student at the Wolcott School of Music in Denver, which became the Denver Academy of Music. She graduated in 1926 and went on to teach at the Wolcott School, Colorado Women's College, Denver Academy of Music, and the Lamont School of Music, retiring as an Associate Professor in Music at the University of Denver in 1960. Thereafter, she taught privately and continuously in her studio/home near the university.

Virginia was honored on her 100th birthday with a concert in Hamilton Hall of Lamont School of Music at the Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Denver Campus, July 2, 2004 (see RR&R, Sept. 2004).

She was the recipient in 1996 of the Orah Ashley Lamke Distinguished Alumni Award of Mu Phi Epsilon Music Fraternity. She held a Life Membership in the Colorado State Music Teachers Association of which she was a charter member and president in 1941. In 1999 she received the Award for Historical Preservation – Special Recognition from the Westminster Historical Society. She was a Director Emeritus of the Newman Family Society and the Ruffner Family Association, both national organizations dedicated to the preservation of our national genealogical and historical heritage. Her ancestral roots were planted deep in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia before the American Revolution and in Central Illinois before the Civil War.

In 1928, she cast her first vote in a national election. Always interested in politics, she had been an active precinct worker and was proud to vote in the 2004 national election. Denver Mayor Hickenlooper in his proclamation on the occasion of her 100th birthday, called Virginia an “esteemed citizen of the City of Denver, Colorado, whose contribution to the musical heritage of our city was profound. Her love of our nation, our state and our City of Denver, had been demonstrated by her political activism, having lived during the time when women did not have the right to vote.”

Burial was by cremation, with interment at Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver on April 21, 2005. A memorial concert was performed at 12 noon on Saturday, April 30, 2005 in Hamilton Hall of the Newman Performing Arts Center, University of Denver. Virginia was survived by a niece and nephew, three grand nieces, four grand nephews, three great grand nephews, and a great grandniece.



Virginia Rigg is shown in these two photos first in 1906 as a two-year old and then as an elder.



**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
George Crooker Ruffner**

Gladys Elizabeth Ruffner was born 20 March 1900 in Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Vance Arthur Reichard (1872-1949) and Laura Anna *Spencer* (1879-1909). Vance and Laura Reichard lived in Prescott, Arizona and Vance was a deputy under Sheriff George Ruffner. When Mrs. Reichard died in 1909, Vance felt he wouldn't be able to adequately care for the two children—George and Mollie Ruffner adopted both of them and raised them as their own.

Gladys married **Joseph Noel McDonald**, who was born 9 August 1891 in Pine, Gila County, Arizona, the son of Benjamin McDonald and Adelaide *Fuller*. Joseph was a locomotive engineer for the railroad.

Gladys died 18 May 1977 in Prescott. She is buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Joseph, who died 28 February 1983, is also buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Prescott, Arizona. Gladys and Joseph had one child, a daughter, who was born in Prescott, Arizona.

George Spencer Reichard Ruffner was born 19 December 1903 in Meadville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Vance Reichard (1872-1949) and Laura Anna *Spencer* (1879-1909). Vance and Laura Reichard lived in Prescott, Arizona and Vance was a deputy under Sheriff George Ruffner. When Mrs. Reichard died in 1909, Vance felt he wouldn't be able to adequately care for the two children, so George and Mollie Ruffner adopted both of them and raised them as their own.

George first became a repairman at a refinery in Clarkdale, Yavapai County, Arizona. In 1940 he was a deputy sheriff for Yavapai County, Arizona, living in Prescott and he married **Lou Woodward Wist**, the mother of a son. They moved to California and were living in Santa Clara, Santa Clara County, California.

George died 15 May 1948 in San Jose, Santa Clara County, California at the age of 44. He is buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona—Plot: O-7-A.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Andrew Newton Ruffner**

Elwin Turner Ruffner⁷ (Andrew Newton Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elwin was born 12 September 1896 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Andrew Newton Ruffner and Rosa (Rose) Turner.

On 23 December 1919 he married **Lillian F. Robertson**, who was born 31 January 1898 at Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of John David Robertson (1865-1941) and Emma F. *Ballard* (1865-1947).

During Elwin's working years they lived in Akron, Ohio, where he was an engineer at Goodyear Tire Company. Elwin became important to the tire company and in 1937 he and Lillian traveled to England on business. Elwin was manager of Goodyear's rubber plantation in Java. However, as war seemed imminent, he and his wife had to return to the United States in late 1941. He and Lillian boarded the ship home at Sidney, Australia. After Elwin retired, they moved to Blackman, Michigan.

Lillian died at Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan on 17 December 1976 at the age of 78. She is buried at Woodland Cemetery in Jackson, Michigan.

Elwin died at Blackman Township, Jackson County, Michigan on 1 October 1989 the age of 93. He is buried at Woodland Cemetery at Jackson, Michigan. They left no children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Edward (Ed) White Ruffner**

Walter Ray Ruffner⁷ (Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ray (as he preferred) was born 26 December 1903 in Effingham County, Illinois the son of Edward White Ruffner and Macy *Anderson*.

Ray was a farmer. He married **Theta Evelyn Logan**, who was born circa 1907. They were later divorced.

Ray died 1 October 1985. He is buried at Mason Union Cemetery at Mason, Effingham County, Illinois. Ray's children were:

+George Edward Ruffner⁸ 1925-2002 – married Ruth Lavonne Byers.

+Robert Eugene Ruffner⁸ 1927-1996 – married (private).

Female Ruffner⁸ – private – married Max Arnold Pugh (1925-1991).

Female Ruffner⁸ – private – married
Male Ruffner⁸ – private
Female Ruffner⁸ half-sibling – private

Clare Anderson Ruffner⁷ (Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹)
Clare was born 2 February 1908 at Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Edward White Ruffner and Macy *Anderson*.

Clare was a rural mail carrier. On 30 December 1930 he married (1) **Geneva Blanche Bailey**, who was born 8 July 1911, the daughter of Logan Jacob and Jessie Blanche *Hinkle*.

Clare and Geneva were living in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, when Geneva was tragically killed on 7 February 1955, when gasoline soaked clothes she was boiling in the wash house outside their home exploded. The lid flew off and she was hit on the head by it. She was the mother of Clare's five children. Geneva is buried at Mason Union Cemetery at Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

Clare later married (2) **Grace Burdette Plumer**. She had three children from a previous marriage—James Plumer, Janet Ann Plumer Poe, and John Plumer.

Clare died 16 October 1971. He is buried next to his first wife Geneva at Mason Union Cemetery at Mason, Illinois. The five children of Clare and Geneva Ruffner were all born in Effingham County, Illinois.

+Clare Gene Ruffner⁸ – 1931-2006 – married (private).
+Sarah Jane Ruffner⁸ – 1933-1938 – five years old.
+Urban Bailey Ruffner⁸ – 1934-2000 – not married
+Paul Dean Ruffner⁸ – 1937-2003 – married (private)
Male Ruffner⁸ – private

Neva Henrietta Ruffner⁷ (Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹)
Neva was born 10 March 1910 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the first daughter of Edward White Ruffner and Macy *Anderson*.

In September of 1934 in Effingham County, Illinois, Neva married **Gerald (Jerry) M. Woodall**, who was born 11 January 1911 in Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Everett Woodall (1884-1963) and Lulu R. Woodall (1886-1976).

Neva worked at the First National Bank in Mason from 1930 to 1942. Jerry worked in an automobile shop as a foreman.

Jerry was living at Sun City Center, a retirement community in Hillsborough County, Florida, when he died at the age of 82 on 3 May 1993. He is buried at Oakridge Cemetery at Effingham, Effingham County, Illinois.

Neva died at Lake Placid, Highland County, Florida on Wednesday, 12 February 2003 at the age of 92. Her former home was Avon Park, Florida. She is buried

beside her husband Jerry at Oakridge Cemetery in Effingham, Illinois. Neva and Jerry had no children.

Glen E. Ruffner⁷ (Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵ Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glen was born 5 March 1913 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Edward White Ruffner and Macy *Anderson*.

In 1924 Glen became a member of the Mason Christian Church and later served as a deacon of the church. After moving to Florida he transferred to the First Christian Church of Avon Park, Florida in 1972, and also served as an elder and a deacon. He also belonged to Masonic Lodge #217 AF&M since 1937.

On 6 June 1940 at Troy, Madison County, Illinois, Glen married (1) **Louise E. Logan**, who was born 15 June 1915 at Mason, Effingham County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Ora Orville Logan and Callie May *Hardsock*. Louise died 26 January 1976 at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, and she is buried there. Glen and Louise one child.



Glen and Dorothy Ruffner

On 21 October 1977 in Missouri, Glen married (2) **Kathleen Brown Crandall**, a former grade school teacher and the widow of Kenneth Frank Crandall (1907-1975). Kathleen was born 21 February 1911 in Iola, Clay County, Illinois. Her parents were James H. Brown and Kathryn E. *Wilson*. Kathleen died 9 April 2000 in Florida. She is buried next to her first husband at Farina Cemetery in Farina, Fayette County, Illinois.

After living in Effingham County, Illinois, in 1971 Glen moved to Florida where he continued farming. He was very proud of his grapefruit and orange trees, and over the years he made gallons of juice. He survived the death of two wives, Louise and Kathleen, and also the loss of his daughter Nancy *Ruffner* Millican, his only child.

Glen died Monday, 16 June 2014 at Somers Hospice House in Sebring, Florida. On June 13, Glen had fallen and sustained a head injury—three days later he succumbed to the injury. He is buried at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Avon Park, Florida. Glen was 101 years old. He was survived by his third wife, Dorothy. Since Glen lived over 100 years, he became another member of the Ruffner family's centenarian club.

Glen's third wife **Dorothy Irene Jetmore Keyes**, who had survived him, died one year later on 21 June 2015 at Fairway Pines in Sebring, Florida at the age of 93. Dorothy was born 27 May 1922 in DeKalb County, Indiana, the daughter of Jefferson V. Jetmore and Viola Mae *Rollins*. She graduated from Butler High School in Butler, Indiana. At the age of 47, she graduated from South Central Michigan School of Nursing as a LPN. She was the widow of Albert Keyes; Glen Ruffner was her second husband. Dorothy is buried at Riverside Cemetery in Union City, Branch County, Michigan. Her only child,

Charles A. Keyes, predeceased her. She was survived by a granddaughter and a grandson.

Glen and his first wife Louise had only one child, a daughter, who was born in Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois.

+Nancy Ann Ruffner⁸ – 1946-2014 – married John Pollard Millican.

Gladys Irene Ruffner⁷ (Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gladys was born 1 August 1915 in Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Edward White Ruffner and Macy *Anderson*.

On 1 September 1956 in Cook County, Illinois, Gladys married **Hugh Paul Wisher**, who was born 28 June 1909. Hugh was an accountant, and later became a public school teacher in Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois.

In 1999 they were living at the Masonic Home in Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois. That is where Hugh died 13 July 2000 at the age of 91. Hugh is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Effingham, Effingham County, Illinois.

Gladys died 5 April 2003 at the age of 87. She is buried beside her husband Hugh at Woodlawn Cemetery in Effingham, Illinois. Gladys and Hugh had no children.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Florence *Ruffner* Paugh**

Florence (Flossie) Paugh⁷ (Mary Florence Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Flossie was born 21 June 1905 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the daughter of Mary Florence *Ruffner* and Garrison (Garry) B. Paugh. Her mother died when Flossie was only two years old and the widowed father, with help from family members, raised their only child alone.

Flossie was an accomplished musician and pianist. She also excelled at needlepoint and knitting. During her adult life, Flossie worked as a manager for Delta Airlines in St. Louis, Missouri and Atlanta, Georgia. On 13 September 1953, Flossie married **Russell Allen Cowles**, a co-worker at Delta Airlines. Russell was born 5 November 1905.

Both Flossie and Russell were heavy smokers; as a result, they both suffered with chronic emphysema.

Russell died at Eustis, Lake County, Florida on 25 February 1977 at the age of 72. He is buried at Mason Union Cemetery, Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

Flossie died at Eustis, Lake County, Florida on 20 May 1990 at the age of 84. She is buried beside her husband Russell at Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Illinois. They had no children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Lester Lee Ruffner**

Mary Lou Ruffner⁷ (Lester Lee Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Lou was born 14 March 1913 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, the daughter of Lester Lee Ruffner and Mary Ethelyn Ward.

Mary Lou was a graduate of Prescott High School. She attended a business college in Chicago, and then returned to Prescott and went to work at the Justice Court in Prescott. After she accepted a position at the United Verde Mining Company, she moved to Clarkdale, Arizona. Mary Lou spent many years as the payroll and utilities manager for the company. Mary Lou is shown here in 1932.



In the 1950s she moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she worked for U.S. Fidelity and Guarantee and the University of New Mexico Press.

Mary Lou married (1) **Reese Vaughn**, and from this marriage she had her only child, a daughter, who did not survive. Her daughter Katherine Vaughn⁸ was born and died 19 August 1934—buried Mountain View Cemetery in Prescott, Arizona.

Mary Lou married (2) **Amos Griffith**—who died prior to Mary Lou's death. Amos was a Pearl Harbor survivor of WWII.

She died at her home in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico on 7 March 2005, just a week before her 92nd birthday. Services were held at graveside on Mother's Day, and Mary Lou was buried next to her infant daughter Katherine at Mountain View Cemetery in Prescott, Arizona.

Lester Ward (Budge) Ruffner⁷ (Lester Lee Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Budge was born 17 March 1918 at Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, the son of Lester Lee Ruffner and Mary Ethelyn Ward. The following bio for Budge Ruffner is excerpted from the Ruffner Family Association's newsletter, *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, Vol. 4, Issue #2, May 2001.

"In school, Budge was an unremarkable student until he attended Brophy Prep in Phoenix, Arizona. There the strict Jesuit priests taught him to study to remember, read and think, and to write to inform, persuade and amuse. He spent two mid-teen summers as a Model-A Ford driver and camp cook for expeditions led by Barnard College anthropologist Gladys Reichard, for field studies in Navajo-land in and beyond



northeastern Arizona. Sixty years later, Budge recalled that “She taught me to judge people by their standards and not my own.”

Budge attended Loyola University in Los Angeles and graduated from Cincinnati College of Embalming in 1939. Upon returning to Arizona, he entered the family business (Ruffner Funeral Home). In August of 1940 he married and he and his bride honeymooned in Arizona Indian country. Subsequently, Budge enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served until 1943.

A giver to his community and state, Budge organized the 20/30 Club in 1943 to facilitate the continuation of Prescott’s Frontier Days celebration and the World’s Oldest Rodeo, which his Uncle George had helped to organize in 1888. He was chairman of Prescott’s Centennial Commission and was chosen “Man of the Year” for 1965-66. In 1964, he became a columnist for the Prescott

Courier, penning stories of the Southwest he loved so much. Over the years, he wrote articles and reviews for Arizona Highways magazine, New Mexico magazine, Arizona Attorney magazine, Southwest Art, Western Folklorist, Poems Southwest and Arizona Anthem.

Budge was also the author of three books, *All Hell Needs is Water* (1972), *Shot in the Ass with Pesos: A Collection of Frontier Tales* (1979) and *Ruff Country: Tales West by Southwest* (1994). With his daughter, he co-authored the *Arizona Territorial Sampler: Food and Lifestyle of a Frontier* (1982), now in its 3rd edition.

His long list of community and state involvement includes charter member of the Prescott Corral of Westerners in 1962, and acting as president in 1964. He was a charter member of the Arizona Historical Foundation, at the invitation of his lifetime friend, the late Senator Barry Goldwater. He served two terms as its president and was recipient of its coveted Al Merito award. Budge introduced Barry Goldwater on the steps of the Yavapai County Courthouse for every announcement the Senator made for national office (including his presidential bid), save his last senatorial race. Budge was a member of the Indian Commission of the State of Arizona and a member and chairman of the Arizona Lottery Commission, appointed by then Governor Bruce Babbitt. Budge also taught as adjunct professor of Southwestern history and literature at both Yavapai College and Prescott College.”

Along with his cousin, George Edward Ruffner, Budge was a force behind the founding of the on-going



Ruffner family gatherings—the first one held in 1991 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

Lester Ward (Budge) Ruffner died 14 May 1996 at the age of 78. He is buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona. Budge was survived by his wife and three children (all private) and a sister, Mary Lou (Ruffner) Griffith⁷, who is now deceased.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Emma Wilson Ready**

Dollie A. Ready⁷ (Mary Emma Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dollie was born 28 July 1887 in Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Mary Emma *Wilson* and John Lincoln Ready.

Dollie never married. She remained at home, living with her parents and helping with the housework. Her father died in 1929, and Dollie, now in her 40s, continued to live with her mother Emma in the family home in Mason. Her brother Lynn, his wife Myrtle and their baby Barbara were also living in the household.

Dollie died at Mason, Effingham County, Illinois on 1 October 1933 at the age of 46. She is buried at Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

Arthur (Artie) Lee Ready⁷ (Mary Emma Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Artie was born 21 April 1889 in Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Mary Emma *Wilson* and John Lincoln Ready.

Artie married **Beulah E. Douglas**, who was born 15 March 1895 in Effingham County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Lucien and Eva Douglas.

Artie and Beulah lived in Mason City, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. Artie worked for the electric company as a meter reader, and then as a conductor on the street cars. Beulah was a saleslady at a retail lady's clothing store.

Later they moved to Los Angeles County, California. They were living in Azusa, Los Angeles County, California when Artie died 23 August 1969 at the age of 80.

Beulah died at LA Puente, Los Angeles County, California on 24 August 1972 at the age of 77. They had two children, both sons.

+Carl D. Ready⁸ – 1915-1975 – married Loree Lucy Lyons.

+Verne Eugene Ready⁸ – 1918-1998.

Grace M. Ready⁷ (Mary Emma Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Grace was

born 3 October 1897 at Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Mary Emma *Wilson* and John Lincoln Ready.

She married circa 1915, **Floyd Pinkney Tucker**, who was born 6 June 1896 at Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Ben Tucker and Eliza *Bailey*.

Floyd always worked for the railroad as a brakeman or conductor, when he retired it was from the Illinois Terminal Railway Co. of Springfield, Illinois. They lived in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois.

Floyd died at Oakwood, Vermilion County, Illinois on 28 October 1947 at the age of 51. He is buried at Mount Olive Cemetery, Mayview, Champaign County, Illinois.

Grace died 28 September 1985 at the age of 87. She is buried beside her husband at Mount Olive Cemetery in Mayview, Illinois. She was survived by her son and daughter, her brother Lynn (now deceased); and three grandchildren and ten great grandchildren (private). Grace and Floyd had two children, a son and a daughter.

+Donald Lee Tucker⁸ – 1916-1997 – married (private).

+Helen Tucker⁸ – 1918-2008 – married Francis (Tom) Prestin.

Lynn Wilson (Skinny) Ready⁷ (Mary Emma Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lynn was born 2 September 1906 in Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Mary Emma *Wilson* and John Lincoln Ready.

Lynn married **Myrtle Esther Shumaker**, who was born 21 October 1908 in Illinois, the daughter of Raymond Alva Shumaker (1879-1964) and Nellie Ethlyne *Redding* (1885-1968).

They first lived with Lynn's widowed mother in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois. After his father's death, he became the proprietor of the family's coal business in Mason, and the town continued to be their home.

Myrtle died in June of 1979 at the age of 70. She is buried at Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

Lynn died 9 March 2002 at the age of 95. He is buried next to his wife Myrtle at Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Illinois.

Lynn and Myrtle had eight children—all born in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois. Three sons and two daughters are still living (private). Two sons and one daughter are deceased and are shown here.

+Barbara Ready⁸ – 1930-2010 – she never married.

+Urban Lynn Ready – 1931-2005 – married (private)

+John Raymond Ready⁸ – 1933-2009 – married (1) Sheets and (2) private.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Lucas Lee Wilson**

Margaret Clare Wilson⁷ (Lucas Lee Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clare was born 3 October 1899 at Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Lucas Lee Wilson and Miriam Lily *Vandaveer*.

Clare married **John Hunter Selman, Jr.**, who was born 4 October 1895 at Waco, McLennan County, Texas, the son of John Henry Selman, Sr. and Sara Bishop *Morriss*.

John was a purchaser for a canning company, and Clare was the bookkeeper for the canning company. They first lived in Henderson County, Texas with Clare's parents and then in Smith County, Texas.

Clare died at Mother Frances Hospital at Tyler, Smith County, Texas, where she had been a patient for 45 days receiving treatment for cancer of the stomach. She died 4 August 1975 at the age of 75. Clare is buried at Dean Baptist Cemetery in Tyler, Texas.

John died at the Pine Village Nursing Home at Tyler, Smith County, Texas, where he had been confined for two months undergoing treatment following a stroke. He died 27 November 1975 at the age of 80. He is also buried at Dean Baptist Cemetery in Tyler, Texas. Clare and John had one child, a daughter, who was born at Waco, McLennan County, Texas.

+Sara Lee Selman⁸ – 1918-2005 – married (1) Thedford and (2) Bullard.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Grace H. Wilson Donaldson**

Virginia Lorrain Donaldson⁷ (Grace H. Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia was born 23 June 1906 at Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Grace H. *Wilson* and Thomas (Tom) Donaldson.

Soon after the 1923 death of her father, Virginia married (1) **William H. McCart**. From this marriage, Virginia had one son who was born in 1926—her only child.

Virginia and her mother Grace moved to Lake County, Florida, and were living there by December of 1926 when Virginia's son was born. Virginia was employed as a bookkeeper for an oil company. She was listed as a widow.

In 1944 in Orange County, Florida, Virginia married (2) **Vernon Raymond Romness**, who was born 1 December 1910 in Minnesota, the son of Peter and Ragnhild P. Romness.

In 1949 in Orange County, Florida, Virginia married (3) **George Harry Short**. George was born 21 March 1911 at Center Lisle, Broome County, New York, the son of

Lee VanBuran Short and Florence Mary *Hotaling*. George had married young and had been divorced for a number of years when he married Virginia. George served as M/Sgt in the U.S. Air Force in the Hawaiian Department. He was an electrical engineer. Virginia and George lived in Bexar County, Texas, after their marriage.

Virginia died 4 May 1983. She is buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas—Plot 1, 1963. Her gravestone reads: Virginia D., June 23, 1906 – May 4, 1983 – Wife of M/Sgt George H. Short, USAF.

Shortly after Virginia's death, George moved to Utah. He died at Ogden, Weber County, Utah on 12 June 1990 at the age of 79. George is buried at Syracuse Cemetery in Syracuse, Davis County, Utah. On his gravestone, along with an engraving of his image, it says: *I'm so glad I had seven years to call you Dad*. Also, the words *Loving Dad and Grandfather* are engraved above his name. Virginia had only one child, a son, who was born in Florida.

+Richard Herbert McCart⁸ – 1926-2005 – married (private)

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Luther Warner**

Homer Frederick Warner⁷ (Luther Warner⁶, Dorothy Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Homer was born 17 October 1893 in Amity, Yamhill County, Oregon, the son of Luther Warner and Caroline *Walling*.

Homer was only four years old when his mother died in 1897, and along with his father and his younger brother and sister, went to live in Portland, Oregon with his paternal grandparents, James and Dorothy Warner. When his grandparents died in 1901 life became difficult for the motherless family. The fate of his little sister is not known. However, Homer's younger brother Lester died at the age of 10 in 1905. In 1910, when Homer was 15 he was living in a home for boys in Turner, Marion County, Oregon.

Meanwhile, his father Luther had moved to Raymond, Pacific County, Washington and was working for the city's street department. By 1914, Homer had joined his father in Raymond and was employed by the Willapa Lumber Company. His 51-year-old father died that year.

Homer remained in Raymond for a time, and then moved to Yakima County, Washington. He returned to Pacific County, and eventually married. He married **Gladys Countryman**, the daughter of Anson and Ellen Countryman. Gladys lived in Clackamas County, Oregon until she moved to Raymond, Washington with her parents. Thus, it was probably in Raymond that Homer met Gladys. In 1942 when Homer registered in the WWII "Old Man's Draft" he and Gladys were living Eugene, Lane County, Oregon and Homer worked for the Summerhill Roofing Company.

Gladys died 1945 in Lane County, Oregon. Homer eventually went to California. He died at Lytle Creek in San Bernardino County, California on 25 July 1982 at the age of 88. Homer and Gladys had no children.

Lester F. Warner⁷ (Luther Warner⁶, Dorothy Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lester was born in August of 1895 in Amity, Yamhill County, Oregon, the son of Luther Warner and Caroline *Walling*.

He was a still a toddler when his mother died in 1897 after the birth of his sister. Along with his father and brother and sister, Lester went to live with the paternal grandparents James and Dorothy Warner in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, where his father worked for the police department.

Lester had a short life—he died in September of 1905 at the age of 10. He is buried at the historic Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery in Portland, Oregon—Plot: Section 34, Lot 60, Grave 3N. He rests next to his grandparents.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Alonzo M. Long**

Clyde E. Long⁷ (Alonzo M. Long⁶, Louisa Catharine Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clyde was born 27 February 1884 in Lewisburg, Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Alonzo M. Long and Della M. *Gandy*.

In June of 1900, Clyde and his divorced mother lived in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio with his maternal grandparents Alexander and Elizabeth Gandy. Clyde was 16 at that time and still in school. His mother was working as a dressmaker.

Clyde died 26 October 1907 at the age of 23. He is buried at Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum at Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio—Plot: Section 113, Lot 52. Clyde never married and left no issue.

It is interesting to note that Alexander Gandy, Clyde's maternal grandfather served in the Civil War with one of the most active regiments in the Northern Army. He served under Col. A. B. Robinson in the 121st, Co. I, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The 121st was mustered into service at Delaware, Ohio on 11 September 1862, and Alexander Gandy served with them until 8 June 1865, when they were mustered out in Washington, D.C. The regiment participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge and Kennesaw Mountain. Alexander Gandy marched with Sherman to the sea and also took part in the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, which was the last battle of the war. He was wounded at Mission Ridge, but soon rejoined his regiment.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary A. Long Conner**

Homer Lee Conner⁷ (Mary A. Long⁶, Louisa Catharine Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Homer was born 28 December 1885 in West Liberty, Logan County, Ohio, the son of Mary A. *Long* and William B. Conner.

After his mother Mary's early death in 1895 at the age of 29, Homer lived with his maternal grandparents, John and Catharine Long, in Darke County, Ohio. He became a barber and worked at the trade for most of his life. When he was older he became a poultry farmer in Tulare, California.

On 25 December 1906, Homer married (1) **Lydia Rudell**, who was born 1888 in Union City, Indiana. She was the daughter of John Rudell and L. *Mills*. Lydia evidently died young. In 1910 Homer and Lydia were living in Harrison, Preble County, Ohio, and Homer was already a barber with his own shop. There were no children.

Before 1920, Homer married (2) **Myrtle Templeton**, who was born 16 February 1888. They lived in Tulare, Tulare County, California. Tulare County, California remained their home. Homer died in Tulare County 19 July 1957. No record was found of where he was buried. Myrtle died 2 September 1969, and she is buried at Exeter District Cemetery in Exeter, Tulare County, California. Homer had no children from either marriage.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
John Rogers Marshall**

Ralph Kirk Marshall⁷ (John Rogers Marshall⁶, Rebecca J. Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ralph was born 15 December 1894 in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio. He was the son of John Rogers Marshall and Mary *Kirk*.

Ralph married **Ava Zenia Gabriel**, who was born 22 August 1892 at Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of Anthony Gabriel (1860-1942) and Ida Bell South (1871-1943).

Ralph died 3 March 1967 in Piqua, Miami County, Ohio. He is buried at Casstown Cemetery at Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Ava died 4 October 1978. She is buried next to her husband at Casstown Cemetery at Casstown, Ohio. Ralph and Ava had no children.

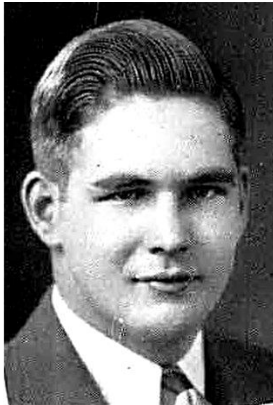
Mary Carolyn Marshall⁷ (John Rogers Marshall⁶, Rebecca J. Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carolyn was born 21 July 1917 in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of John Rogers Marshall and his second wife Myrtle E. (Myrtie) *McDowell*.

Carolyn and a young man named Robert Paule Ulrich attended college together at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio in the class of 1938. In 1940, Robert was attending Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While he was a medical student, Carolyn and **Robert Paule Ulrich** were married 20 August 1940 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Carolyn was teaching school at the time of their marriage.

Robert Paule Ulrich was born 3 April 1916 in Orrville, Wayne County, Ohio, the son of Dr. Otto Philip Ulrich and Anna Pearl *Brubaker*. Robert attended Orrville High

School. His father, Dr. Ulrich, was one of the most respected physician/surgeons in Wayne County, Ohio; specializing in children's diseases.

In 1944, when Carolyn's father's obituary was published Carolyn (Mrs. Carolyn Ulrich) was living in Charleston, South Carolina. This information is from her father's obituary, and it is the last record for Carolyn that was found. In 1986 Robert Paule Ulrich was living in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Robert died 5 September 1990.



These photos of Carolyn and Robert Ulrich are from the Ohio Wesleyan University year book in 1938.



**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Lulu Belle Marshall Stafford**

Eugene Marshall Stafford⁷ (Lulu Belle Marshall⁶, Rebecca J. Howell⁵, Ann Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eugene was born 20 August 1903 in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio, the son of Frances Bacon Stafford and Helen Marie *Huddleston*.

Eugene married **Helen Marie Huddleston**, who was born 3 January 1906 in Champaign County, Ohio, the daughter of John W. Huddleston (1879-1946) and Mary A. *Kirstein* (1881-1967).

Helen died 3 December 1992 at Troy, Miami County, Ohio. She is buried at Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio.

Eugene died 28 July 1995 at Piqua, Miami County, Ohio. He is buried next to his wife at Honey Creek Cemetery in Christiansburg, Ohio. No children were mentioned.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Marion Edgar Ruffner**

Lucile Ione Ruffner⁷ (Marion Edgar Ruffner⁶, Benjamin Ruffner IV⁵, Benjamin Ruffner III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lucile

was born 2 October 1906 in Illinois, the daughter of Marion Edgar Ruffner and Sarah Ellen *Smith*.

She married **Roscoe Warren**, who was born 19 January 1907 in Illinois.

Lucile's work involved administration of human resources programs. Roscoe was an insurance agent. They lived at Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio.

Lucile died at Mt. Carmel Medical Center in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. She died 27 April 1988 at the age of 81.

Roscoe died at 11:30 a.m. at his home in Circleville, Ohio on 19 August 1995 at the age of 88. Lucile and Roscoe Warren had one child, a son⁸ (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Benjamin (Ben) Merle Ruffner**

Virginia Leah Ruffner⁷ (Benjamin Merle Ruffner⁶, Eli Ashbrook Ruffner⁵, Benjamin Ruffner III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia was born 2 October 1924 at Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the daughter of Benjamin Merle Ruffner and Mary Ethel *Gower*. Virginia's middle name is sometimes given as Lee. However, her death records show it as Leah, and that is why it is used here.

She married **Stanley Thomas Casey**, who was born 9 March 1920 at Fitchburg, Worcester County, Massachusetts. Stanley served as a BM2 in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Virginia and Stanley lived in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

Virginia died 27 April 1996. Her ashes are inurned at Houston National Cemetery at Houston, Harris County, Texas—Section C-11, Row C, site 1.

Stanley died 28 January 2001. His ashes are inurned next to his wife's at Houston National Cemetery at Houston, Texas—Section C-11, Row C, Site 1.

Virginia and Stanley had four children—three daughters have survived them. Their only son is deceased and shown here

+Stanley Thomas Casey, Jr.⁸ – 1952-2007 – survived by his partner (private)

Frederick Lanier Ruffner⁷ (Benjamin Merle Ruffner⁶, Eli Ashbrook Ruffner⁵, Benjamin Ruffner III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frederick was born 30 December 1925 at Salt Lake City, Utah, the son of Benjamin Merle Ruffner and Mary Ethel *Gower*.

Frederick died at the age of 11 on 30 October 1937 at Houston, Harris County, Texas. No information was found regarding place of death or burial.

James (Jimmy) Ray Ruffner⁷ (Benjamin Merle Ruffner⁶, Eli Ashbrook Ruffner⁵, Benjamin Ruffner III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jimmy was born 15 January 1926 in Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana. His

birth parents are not of record. James was adopted at the age of 12 by Benjamin Merle Ruffner and Mary Ethel Gower, and raised as their own son.

The family of Benjamin and Ethel Ruffner tell the interesting story of the adoption of Jimmy Ruffner. The family remembrance of the event reaches back to the 1930s and the Great Depression when a seemingly desperate 12-year-old boy named Jimmy in 1938 placed a want ad in the *Houston Chronicle* pleading for someone to adopt him. Benjamin and Ethel Ruffner saw the ad and came forward. They did adopt Jimmy, and he officially became James Ray Ruffner.



James served in the U.S. Navy during WWII as a Seaman 1/c. He was a long-time member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas.

In 1950, James married **Elizabeth Mahala Brune**, who was born 15 September 1923 in Texas. She was the daughter of Gus W. Brune (1882-1967) and Mahala Sims (1890-1965). Elizabeth died at Memorial Baptist Hospital in downtown Houston, Texas on 17 May 1968 at the age of 44. She is buried at Sealy Cemetery, Austin County, Texas.

James was a resident of Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas, when he died 29 February 2004 at the age of 78. He is buried at Sealy Cemetery in Austin, Texas. James and Elizabeth had one child, a son⁸ who survived them.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Wanda M. Ruffner Dowies**

Jack Ruffner Dowies⁷ (Wanda M. Ruffner⁶, Eli Ashbrook Ruffner⁵, Benjamin Ruffner III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jack was born in 1926 in Louisiana, the son of Wanda M. *Ruffner* and Barney Griffith Dowies. He died in 1930 at the age of four.

Robert Lanier Dowies⁷ (Wanda M. Ruffner⁶, Eli Ashbrook Ruffner⁵, Benjamin Ruffner III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 2 January 1929 at Elizabeth, Allen County, Louisiana. He was the son of Wanda M. *Ruffner* and Barney Griffith Dowies.



Very little could be found about his life, except it appears that he may have stayed in the same area for most of his life. If he was married, no record was found. The only viable information discovered was that he attended and graduated in 1955 from the Southwestern Louisiana Institute of Liberal and Technical Learning in Lafayette, Louisiana, along the Vermilion River. A few years later the school was renamed and became the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Robert died at Oakdale, Allen County, Louisiana, on

24 March 1996 at the age of 67. The photo shown of Robert Dowies is from the *Lacadien*, the year book of Southwestern Louisiana Institute, and it taken the year he graduated.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Ruffner Arthur Berry**

George Rolland Berry⁷ (Ruffner Arthur Berry⁶, Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵, Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 7 February 1894 at Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, the son of Ruffner Arthur Berry and Sophia *Shroll*.

George married **Katherine (Katie) Thomas**, who was born 3 October 1896 in Illinois. They lived in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, and George was a self-employed rice farmer and also hired tenant farmers to farm sections of his land. He served in the U.S. Army as a corporal.

George died 25 December 1974 at the age of 80. He is buried at Oaklawn Cemetery at Welsh, Jefferson David Parrish, Louisiana.

Katie died 10 January 1988 at the age of 91. She is buried next to her husband at Oaklawn Cemetery at Welsh, Louisiana. They had two children, both born in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

+Kathryn Blanch Berry⁸ – 1926-1935 – nine years old at time of death
Male Berry⁸ – private

Letha Alice Berry⁷ (Ruffner Arthur Berry⁶, Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵, Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Letha was born 18 October 1896 at Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, the daughter of Ruffner Arthur Berry and Sophia *Shroll*. Letha was a school teacher.

On 12 October 1929 in Jackson, Kansas City, Missouri, Letha married **Ward Clifford Scotten**, who was born 13 July 1895 at Schell City, Vernon County, Illinois. Ward was in private practice as a veterinarian for livestock in Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois. They always lived in Monmouth.

Ward died March 1969 at the age of 73. He is buried at Warren County Memorial Park in Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois.

Letha died 12 February 1995 at the age 98. She is buried next to her husband at Warren County Memorial Park in Monmouth, Illinois. Letha and Ward had no children.

Josiah (Joe) Shroll Berry⁷ (Ruffner Arthur Berry⁶, Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵, Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Josiah was born 26

November 1898 in Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, the son of Ruffner Arthur Berry and Sophia *Shroll*.

On 4 June 1925 in Cook County, Illinois, he married **Margaret Butler**, who was born 11 October 1901.

Josiah died 22 June 1981. His last residence was Northbrook, Cook County, Illinois. He is buried at Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois

Margaret died 1 November 1988. She is buried beside her husband Josiah at Warren County Memorial Park at Monmouth, Illinois. No record of children was available.

David L. Berry⁷ (Ruffner Arthur Berry⁶, Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵, Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 16 September 1901 in Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, the son of Ruffner Arthur Berry and Sophia *Schroll*. David died in San Diego, California on 5 May 1967 at the age of 65. It is believed that he is buried at Warren County Memorial Park at Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Nellie Dail *Berry* Winchell**

Infant son Winchell⁷ (Nellie Dail Berry⁶, Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵, Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) This baby was born 2 June 1904 at Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, the son of Nellie Dail *Berry* and Clifton Winchell. He died the next day 3 June 1904, and is buried at Oaklawn Cemetery, in Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

Infant son Winchell⁷ (Nellie Dail Berry⁶, Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵, Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) This baby was born 26 October 1905 at Jefferson Davis, Louisiana, the son of Nellie Dail *Berry* and Clifton Winchell. He died 29 October 1905 at the age of three days, and is buried at Oaklawn Cemetery, in Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

Uryth Margaret Winchell⁷ (Nellie Dail Berry⁶, Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵, Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret (her preferred name) was born 7 October 1908 at Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, the daughter of Nellie Dail *Berry* and Clifton Winchell.

Margaret graduated in 1931 from the University of Illinois (shown on next page). She was a librarian. Sometime following 1937 she married **Charles (Charlie) Franklin Walsworth**, who was born 9 December 1889 at Jackson Parish, Louisiana. He was the son of John Thomas Walsworth (1864-1946) and Ella *Temple* (1870-1950).



Charles was first married to Maggie Mae *Lee* Walsworth. She died in 1937. He had two sons from this first marriage.

In 1910, Charles had moved to Dodson, Winn Parish, Louisiana. He became a cashier in the Dodson Bank, and he married his first wife at Dodson. Soon they moved to Winnfield in Winn Parish, Louisiana. He was then associated with Shaw-Carter and later with Shreveport Mill and Elevator Co. In 1928 he was elected clerk of the court for Winn Parish, a position he held for 24 years until he retired in 1952.¹⁷¹

After several years of illness, Charles died 20 November 1956 at the age of 66. He is buried at Winnfield Cemetery, Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana.

Margaret died 4 October 1984 just three days before her 76th birthday. She is buried at Oaklawn Cemetery, Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. Margaret and Charles did not have any children during their marriage.

Alice Louise Winchell⁷ (Nellie Dail Berry⁶, Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵, Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alice was born 9 December 1909 in Roanoke, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. She was the daughter of Nellie Dail *Berry* and Clifton Winchell.

Along with her sister, Alice also graduated from the University of Illinois, class of 1931 (she is shown here).

On 14 October 1933 Alice married **Joseph C. Novak**, who was born 10 November 1906 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. In 1940 Alice and Joseph lived in Chicago, and Joseph was a teacher at a public college. At that time they had been married over six years and had no children.

Joseph died 13 August 1979 at the age of 72. He is buried at Oaklawn Cemetery at Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

Alice died at the age of 93 on 22 March 2003 at Lafayette, Lafayette, Parish, Louisiana. She is buried at Oaklawn Cemetery in Welsh, Louisiana, next to her husband. No record of children was found.



**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Benjamin Griffith Hite**

Raymond Griffith Hite⁷ (Benjamin Griffith Hite⁶, Benjamin Ruffner Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Raymond

¹⁷¹ Source: *The Monroe Morning World* (Louisiana), Sunday, Nov. 25, 1956.

was born 30 May 1897 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, the son of Benjamin (Ben) Griffith Hite and Minnie Alice *Silsbee*.

During WWI, Raymond served as a Pfc. in the 33rd Balloon Co., Air Service.

On 24 June 1922 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah, Raymond married **Violet Peck**, who was born 4 May 1900 in Utah. She was the daughter of Alfred Lewis Peck (1874-1954) and Elizabeth *Bohie* (1876-1971).

They first lived in Los Angeles, California, where their oldest child was born. They then moved to San Antonio, Texas, where their second child was born. In 1940 the family was living back in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Raymond was working as a salesman for a magazine publisher. Violet was a stenographer for a commercial business.

Raymond died 25 June 1971 at the age of 74. He is buried at the Elysian Burial Grounds, Millcreek, Salt Lake County, Utah.

Violet died in Salt Lake City, Utah on 1 August 1972 at the age of 72. She is buried at the Salt Lake City Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah. Raymond and Violet had two children—one girl and one boy.

+Marilyn Rae Hite⁸ – 1924-2015 – married James David Stevens.

+Male Hite⁸ – private

Benjamin Silsbee Hite⁷ (Benjamin Griffith Hite⁶, Benjamin Ruffner Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was born 12 August 1898 at San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, the son of Benjamin (Ben) Griffith Hite and Minnie Alice *Silsbee*.

He married **Alice Wilhelma Benson**, who was born 25 April 1905. She died 10 January 1967 at the age of 61. Alice is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery (Glendale), Glendale, Los Angeles County, California.

Benjamin died 27 September 1971 at the age of 73. He is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery at Glendale, California. No record of any children was found.

Robert Lewis Hite⁷ (Benjamin Griffith Hite⁶, Benjamin Ruffner Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 22 October 1902 in Bexar County, Texas, the youngest child of Benjamin (Ben) Griffith Hite and Minnie Alice *Silsbee*. He died at San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, on 12 August 1904 when he was not quite two years old.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Frank Luis Hite**

Russell Worrell Hite⁷ (Frank Luis Hite⁶, Benjamin Ruffner Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Russell was born 22

March 1904 in Sedgwick County, Kansas. He was the son of Frank Louis Hite and Marie Estelle *Worrell*.

During 1927, Russell married **Bertha McRoberts**, who was born 1906, the daughter of George C. and Edna McRoberts. Russell and Bertha lived in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas, for several years, and Russell was a farmer. However, in 1940, they were living at Eagles Nest in Colfax County, New Mexico.

Russell's last address when he died February 1971 was Wichita, Kansas. He is buried at Old Mission Cemetery, Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

Bertha died 1989. She is also buried at Old Mission Cemetery in Wichita, Kansas. Russell and Bertha had three children: one son and two daughters, all born in Kansas (private).

Anna Geraldine Hite⁷ (Frank Luis Hite⁶, Benjamin Ruffner Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Geraldine was born 27 February 1910 at Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas, the daughter of Frank Louis Hite and Marie Estelle *Worrell*.

She married **Fred Robert McComb**, who was born 1911. Fred graduated from Wichita High School in Wichita, Kansas in 1928. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Fred was a Civil Engineer. They lived in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, Indiana; in Dennis, Colorado; and finally in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Fred died in Minneapolis, Minnesota on 30 July 1996 at the age of 83. He is buried at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Geraldine died in Minneapolis, Minnesota on 25 March 1999 at the age of 89. She is buried at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson John Hite Marion

John Hite Marion, Jr.⁷ (John Hite Marion⁶, Elizabeth Ann Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John, Jr. was born 26 April 1910 at Muskogee, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. He was the son of John Hite Marion, Sr. and Willie Dean *Spradling* Leaird. John attended Princeton University graduating in the class of 1931. No record was found to show he ever married. He lived in Florida and died in Broward County, Florida 25 September 1983 at the age of 73.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Cora Bell Brumbaugh Mason

Carl J. Mason⁷ (Cora Bell Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbaugh⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carl was born In July of 1887 in Indiana. He was the son of Cora Bell *Brumbaugh* and William J. Mason.

When Carl was 12 and going to school, the family lived in Fairfield, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, where his father was a life insurance agent. Carl died at New Castle, Henry County, Indiana, on 28 February 1910 at the age of 22. He is buried at Estates of Serenity at Marion, Grant County, Indiana, where his paternal grandparents are also buried. Carl's parents and siblings left Indiana and moved to Arizona less than two months after Carl's death. Carl had never married and he left no descendants.

Victor Paul Mason⁷ (Cora Bell Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbaugh⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Victor was born 30 September 1891 in Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana, the son of Cora Bell *Brumbaugh* and William J. Mason.

Victor married **Amelia R. Abbott**, who was born 26 June 1893 in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, the daughter of Joel A. Abbott and Amelia E. *Fitch*.

Victor was a longtime employee of the U. S. Postal Service in Santa Monica, California. He and Amelia lived in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. He died 28 March 1958 in San Bernardino County, California. Amelia died 4 June 1961 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. Victor and Amelia had no children.

Anna Louise Mason⁷ (Cora Bell Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbaugh⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anna Louise was born 7 November 1894 in Indiana, the daughter of Cora Bell *Brumbaugh* and William Jackson Mason.

On 24 September 1914 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, Anna Louise married **David Harrison (Harry) Bonsall**, who was born 24 December 1888 at Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, the son of Jesse T. H. Bonsall (1842-1919) and Catherine Bonsall (1848-1907). Anna Louise and Harry Bonsall lived in Glendale, Maricopa County, Phoenix, where their children were born. Harry was the manager of a seed, grain and feed milling business in Phoenix.

Harry died at Glendale, Arizona, February 1970 at the age of 81. He is buried at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery at Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Anna Louise died 4 April 1994, a few months before her 100th birthday. She is buried beside her husband at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona. Anna Louise and Harry had two children, both born in Phoenix, Arizona.

+Marian M. Bonsall⁸ – 1916-1993 – married Richard P. Barnard.

+David Harrison Bonsall, Jr.⁸ – 1920-1984 – no record of marriage.

Isabelle Mason⁷ (Cora Bell Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbaugh⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Isabelle was born in April of 1899 in Indiana, the daughter of Cora Bell *Brumbaugh* and William Jackson Mason. On 10 March 1917 at Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, she married (1) **William G. Platner** (1895-1979). They had one son, and by 1920 they were divorced.

When the 1920 census was taken in January, Isabelle and her son lived with her parents, and Isabelle was employed as a saleslady for a dry goods store.

On 6 August 1921 at Phoenix, Arizona, Isabelle married (2) **Arthur Lee Phelps**. Arthur was born 26 October 1892 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. His parents were George and Minnie Phelps.

Arthur was an instructor at Phoenix Junior College. He was a graduate of Southern California University of Los Angeles, California where he majored in chemistry. He had a Master's Degree plus additional post-graduate work. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, and was listed in the U.S. National Register of Scientific and Technical Personnel Files (Sept. 1954).

Isabelle died 1966 at the age of 67. She is buried at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery, Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona. She only had one child from her first marriage to William Platner, and she had no children from her second marriage. Arthur died November 1970—his last address was Phoenix, Arizona.

+Carl Francis Platner⁸ – 1917-1920 -- buried Phoenix, Arizona.

William Jackson Mason, Jr.⁷ (Cora Bell Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William, Jr. was born 20 September 1906 in Grant County, Indiana, the son of Cora Bell *Brumbaugh* and William Jackson Mason, Sr.

William, Jr. married **Ovida L. Williams**, who was born 11 November 1908 in Texas, the daughter of Wyatt Eugene Williams (1881-1942). They lived in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona and William Jr. was a longtime employee of the U.S. Postal Service, serving as the assistant superintendent in Phoenix.

It is believed that William Mason, Jr. died at the age of 64 on 23 May 1971 in Phoenix, Arizona. Ovida died at the age of 84 on 1 January 1993—her last residence was Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. William Jr. and Ovida had at least one child⁸, a daughter (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Jesse F. Brumbaugh**

Bentley C. Brumbaugh⁷ (Jesse F. Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bentley was born 15 May 1900 in South Dakota, the son of Jesse F. Brumbaugh and Anna E. *Cook*.

He died one month before his 12th birthday on 13 April 1912; and very soon after the family moved to Oregon. Bentley is buried at Grants Pass Masonic Pioneer Cemetery at Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon—Plot: 19-9-8.

Madeline Brumbaugh⁷ (Jesse F. Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Madeline was born 16 August 1902 at Greencastle, Putnam County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Jesse F. Brumbaugh and Anna E. *Cook*.

Madeline graduated from Corvallis High School and then graduated from Oregon State University at Corvallis. She received a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the college. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.



Madeline taught economics at Evanston Township High School in Evanston, Illinois; Corvallis High School and Reedley College in California. She retired in 1968 and made her home in Santa Barbara, California. Madeline never married. Madeline is shown here when she was a young school teacher.

She died at the age of 91 on 16 February 1994 at Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, California. Madeline is buried at Crystal Lake Cemetery at Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon. She was survived by a nephew and two nieces.

Sheldon Brumbaugh⁷ (Jesse F. Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbach⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sheldon was born 20 July 1904 in South Dakota. He was a son of Jesse F. Brumbaugh and Anna E. *Cook*. Sheldon's father was a professor of psychology, law and Philosophy at Oregon State College in Corvallis, Oregon.

Sheldon may have married (1) **Gertrude Suess**. He moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon, in 1936 and joined the architectural firm of Perrin and Associates. The firm was contracted in 1940 to remodel the portrait studio of Catherine Gaylord which was located in the First Federal Building on Main Street Klamath Falls.

Sheldon and **Catherine Gaylord** married in 1941. Sheldon opened his own office in the Tower Theater Building in 1943, and moved his office and studio to the Pine Grove School 16 June 1946.

Sheldon Brumbaugh was allowed very little time on this earth—less than 44 years. However, in that short time he made a tremendous contribution in his field as an architect.

He was a graduate of the very prestigious Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; where he studied in the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. Sheldon was progressive and truly talented in designing homes that were far ahead of the times—the 1940s. Even the small tract houses he designed for veterans' housing in Klamath Falls, Oregon show that he understood that grace and beauty were possible in small and economical homes. What heights he may have reached in his field, we will never know.

His extremely appreciative and proud son Alex posted a tribute to his father Sheldon Brumbaugh, showcasing some of his father's works in text and photos—<http://www.stillpointpress.com/Father.htm>.

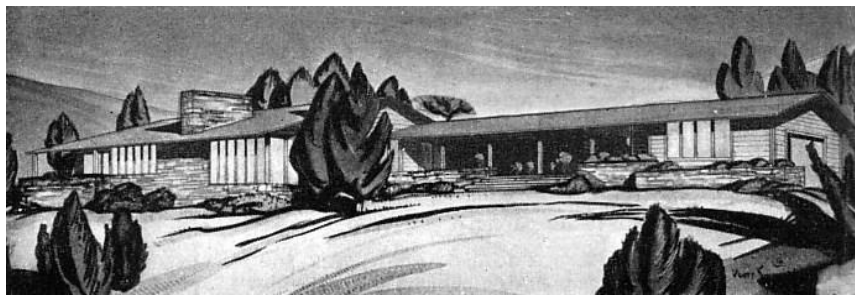
Sheldon Brumbaugh suffered a fatal heart attack at the age of 43 on 22 March 1948. He is buried at Klamath Memorial Park at Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon—Plot: Aspen B-112-3.

In April of 1948, Oregon State University at Corvallis, Oregon, paid tribute to the talent of Sheldon Brumbaugh with a showing of his architectural works.

Sheldon's wife Catherine was gifted in her own right as a professional photographer and a watercolorist. Catherine died in Santa Barbara, California, on 25 August 1981 at the age of 82.

They only had one child—one who was a very proud son of a father he lost too soon. Only five years old when his father was no longer there for him, Alex never forgot.

+Alex Gaylord Brumbaugh⁸ – 1942-2013 – married three times.



A 1940s home designed by progressive architect Sheldon Brumbaugh

The photo shows Sheldon Brumbaugh and his son in Arizona in 1946--as a little boy Alex seems to mimic his father's walk. Both photographs are from Alex Brumbaugh's tribute to his father.



Winston Brumbaugh⁷ (Jesse F. Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Winston was born 12 September 1913 in South Dakota, the son of Jesse F. Brumbaugh and Anna E. *Cook*.

Winston was 8 years old and a student when he died 14 February 1922 at the family home in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon. The cause of death was shown as organic heart disease, with diphtheria as a contributory cause.

He is buried at Crystal Lake Cemetery at Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Orpha May Brumbaugh Campbell**

Marjorie Rebecca Campbell⁷ (Orpha May Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marjorie was born 17 April 1898 at Akron, Fulton County, Indiana, the daughter of Orpha May *Brumbaugh* and Albert Alexis Campbell.

Marjorie attended Reed College in Portland, Oregon for three years and then earned her teaching degree from the University of Oregon in 1919. Marjorie's first teaching assignment was for one year at Mountain View School in Lewisburg, Idaho. She then taught at Washington High School in Portland.

On 25 June 1925 Marjorie married **John Ranald McDonald**, who was born 20 December 1892 at Alexandria, Ontario, Canada. He was the son of Alexander McDonald and Mary Jane *Timmins*. While still living in Ontario, Canada, John had worked as a bank clerk.

During WWI, John saw duty on behalf of Canada and the British Empire when in 1915 he joined the 38th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and served garrison duty in Bermuda. He was sent to France, landing there 13 August 1916. He was wounded in late fall of 1916 and invalided to England on 2 November 1916. John was commissioned a lieutenant with the 7th Reserve Battalion CEF on 4 November 1917. He rejoined the 38th Battalion in January of 1918, and was wounded in action 27 May 1918, and then invalided to England 3 June 1918.

John entered the U.S. from Victoria, British Columbia to Seattle, Washington on 19 November 1923, and petitioned for U.S. citizenship. He was naturalized on 19 February 1942. John worked for the Oregon Shipbuilding Corp. at St. James, Oregon, and was working there in 1942. John died in during the year 1943 at the age of 51.

After John's death, Marjorie began teaching English to Russians who were in Portland shipping war materials during WWII. She attended Middlebury College in Vermont, and learned enough Russian to start a beginning Russian course at Washington High School in Portland—the first such course to be offered in public schools in the United States. Marjorie continued to study by taking summer courses at Stanford University in California and the University of Washington in Seattle. In 1955 she took a sabbatical from teaching to study Russian at the University of London and in 1959 was given permission to travel alone in Russia, one of the first Americans to do so. She retired from teaching in the early 1960s and then took an interest in art. She became a



collage artist using torn rice papers. She showed her work in several exhibitions in Portland and Corvallis. Marjorie *Campbell McDonald* is shown here.

After Marjorie's death, a show of her work was held at Stevenson Gallery in Corvallis, Oregon on 9 April 1995. Also, a one-person show was held at the Buckley Center Gallery at the University of Portland on October 16—November 9 (1995). Her art is still exhibited in the art galleries of Portland and Corvallis.

Marjorie died 10 March 1995 at the age of 96 at Benton County, Oregon. Her last residence was Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon. Marjorie and John McDonald had no children. She was survived by her youngest sister Jean Traver.

Mary Beatrice Campbell⁷ (Orpha May Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Beatrice was born 9 December 1899 at Peru, Miami County, Indiana, the daughter of Orpha May *Brumbaugh* and Albert Alexis Campbell.

On 12 June 1926 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, Mary Beatrice married (2) **Lawrence Carl Gynther**, who was born 11 May 1896 at Stockton, San Joaquin County, California, the son of Emil Valdemar Gynther (1874-1939) and Johanna Margarita *Helberg* (1863-1938). Carl worked for a mail order company, and was also a golf-pro. Mary Beatrice was a public school secretary.

Carl died 8 June 1932 at the age of 36. He is buried at Rose City Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.

Mary Beatrice died 1993 at the age of 93. She is buried next to her husband at Rose City Cemetery at Portland, Oregon. Mary Beatrice and Carl Gynther had one son.

+Malcom Donald Gynther⁸ – 1927-2009 – married (1) Markley (2) private.

Donald Barcher Campbell⁷ (Orpha May Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donald was born 21 November 1901 at Peru, Miami County, Indiana, the son of Orpha May *Brumbaugh* and Albert Alexis Campbell. Donald was called Pete by his family.

On 21 November 1926 Donald married **Neva V. Larson**, who was born 24 February 1903 in Everett, Snohomish County, Washington. She was the daughter of Edwin William Larson and Ella Hanson.

Donald worked most of his life for DuPont Company, mainly as a plant manager or superintendent. The company transferred him from state to state. Thus, the family lived in numerous places and their children were each born in a different state. Some of their different family's homes were: Ottawa, Illinois; Buffalo, New York; Westover Hills, Virginia; Clinton, Iowa, and finally Orange, Texas.

Donald died 11 February 1988 at Lutherville-Timonium, Baltimore County, Maryland. Neva soon followed her husband in death—she died 29 July 1988 at Lutherville-Timonium, Maryland. Donald and Neva had three children; two daughters survive (private). Their only son is deceased.

+Donald Barcher Campbell, Jr.⁸ – 1927-2009 – married private

Malcolm Alan Campbell⁷ (Orpha May Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Malcom was born 6 July 1905 in Peru, Miami County, Indiana, the son of Orpha May *Brumbaugh* and Albert Alexis Campbell.

On 15 September 1929 in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, Malcolm married **Inez Marie Heyman**, who was born 7 February 1907 in Illinois, the daughter of Arnold Cyrus Heyman (1877-1975) and Henrietta *Ludwig* (1877-1939). Malcolm and Inez first lived in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, and Malcolm was a college professor.

Malcolm earned his Bachelor's Degree from Reed College in Portland, Oregon in 1929, and his Master's Degree from the University of Oregon at Corvallis. He earned his doctorate in psychology from Stanford University in 1933. They moved to the Bronx in New York and Malcolm was on the staff of New York University's psychology department from 1933-1940.

Malcolm and Inez then moved to Albany, New York, where Malcolm operated a farm until 1965. In 1965, Malcolm began working as a counselor for the Oregon Employment Division.

Malcolm and Inez were living in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon. Malcolm began woodcarving, especially using myrtlewood. He also became active in the Democratic Party.

When Malcolm died 17 July 1985 at Good Samaritan Hospital—he was 80 years old. Friends remembered Malcolm as having a strong sense of individualism, a keen sense of humor and a concern for humanity. He was survived by his wife Inez: a daughter; three sisters: Marjorie McDonald, Mary Gynther and Jean Traver; a brother Donald; and two grandchildren. His brother Angus preceded him in death.

His widow Inez died 7 April 1989 – her last residence was Corvallis, Oregon. They had one child, a daughter (private).

Albert Angus Campbell⁷ (Orpha May Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Albert was born 10 August 1910 at Leiters Ford, Fulton County, Indiana, the son of Orpha May *Brumbaugh* and Albert Alexis Campbell.

He was two years old when the family left Indiana and settled in Portland, Oregon. Albert attended the schools in Portland. He attended the University of Oregon where he received his B.A. in 1931, and his M.A. in 1932, both in psychology. He then transferred to Stanford University in California. He earned his Ph.D. in 1936.

He accepted a position as an instructor at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and was assigned to teach a course in social psychology. Soon, Dr. Angus Campbell authored numerous publications on the subject of social psychology.¹⁷² Angus Campbell had an illustrious career in his chosen field.

Dr. Angus Campbell died 15 December 1980—his last residence was Ann Harbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

Angus was married. His wife is also highly respected in her work and writing. He and his wife had three children (private).

Jean Dorothy Campbell⁷ (Orpha May Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jean was born 18 June 1913 in Multnomah County, Oregon, the daughter of Orpha May *Brumbaugh* and Albert Alexis Campbell.

Jean married **Verfield Oliver Traver**, who was born 26 July 1914 at Aspen, Pitkin County, Colorado. His parents were Oliver Sanford Traver and Florence Augusta *Fisher*.

Oliver, as he preferred to be called, attended grammar school at Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska. He graduated from Jefferson High School in Portland, Oregon, class of 1931. His high school class photo is shown here.



Jean and Oliver first lived with her parents in Portland, Oregon and Oliver worked as a school custodian. They later settled in Spokane County, Washington, where Oliver was a mechanical engineer.

Oliver died of renal failure at the age of 84 on 7 October 1998. His last residence was Greenacres, Spokane County, Washington.

Jean died at Spokane, Spokane County, Washington as the result of a stroke at the age of 94 on 16 January 2008. Jean and Oliver had two children (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
David Edwin Brumbaugh**

Louise A. Brumbaugh⁷ (David Edwin Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Louise was born 30 December 1903 at Pierceton, Kosciusko County, Indiana. She was the daughter of David Edwin Brumbaugh and Ethel O. *Heagy*.

Louise never married. She lived with her father and mother—mostly her mother as her father David was seldom at home. The family home was at Fort Wayne,

¹⁷² Coombs, Clyde H.: *Angus Campbell 1910-1980, a Biographical Memoir*; Washington D.C., National Academy of Sciences, 1987.

Allen County, Indiana. Louise worked for the public School system in the research department.

She died at Fort Wayne County, Indiana on 8 December 1996 at the age of 92. Louise is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton, Kosciusko County, Indiana, next to her mother.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Laura Gertrude *Brumbaugh* Stotts**

Paul James Stotts⁷ (Laura Gertrude Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Paul was born 14 August 1904 at Otterbein, Benton County, Indiana. He was the son of Laura Gertrude *Brumbaugh* and Guy Sherman Stotts. Paul's birth middle name was Ozias. When he was older, he changed his middle name to James.

On 12 October 1934 at the Methodist Church in Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, Paul married **Helen Virginia Campbell**, who was born 5 October 1908.

Before he retired, Paul owned and operated dry cleaning establishments in Burlington, Council Grove and Cottonwood Falls in Kansas.

Paul died at the age of 84 on 15 February 1989 at Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. He is buried at Graceland Cemetery at Burlington, Coffey County, Kansas.

Helen died 1 February 1993 at the age of 84. She is buried next to her husband at Graceland Cemetery at Burlington Cemetery, Kansas. Paul and Helen had two children (private).

Nevada Ruth Stotts⁷ (Laura Gertrude Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth (her preference) was born 3 September 1909 at Winamac, Pulaski County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Laura Gertrude *Brumbaugh* and Guy Sherman Stotts.

She married (1) **Mearl Lee Markley**, who was born December 1904 at Clinton, Henry County, Missouri, the son of Moses Markley (1857-1920) and Mary Emaline *Cross* (1860-1929). Ruth and Mearl first lived in Missouri, where their first child, daughter Marcheta, was born.

Ruth and Mearl had four children before they were divorced 20 May 1938 in Garfield County, Colorado. In 1935 they had been living in Rifle, Garfield County, Colorado. Mearl Markley died in Colorado in August of 1983.

After the divorce, Ruth and the children moved from Colorado to Guthrie Center, Guthrie County, Iowa and lived with her widowed mother, Gertrude Stotts. Ruth worked as a cleaner in a clothes cleaning shop.

Ruth married (2) **Ed Walch**. Very little was found about him except his name is mentioned in the Social Security claim index for Maurice Lee Markley, Ruth's son. Also, Ruth is listed as Ruth Walch on her death notice and the inscription on her grave marker reads Ruth Stotts Walch.

Ruth died 14 February 1990 at the age of 80. She is buried at Graceland Cemetery, Burlington, Coffey County, Kansas. Ruth's four children were born during her marriage to Mearl Markley, her first husband. A son and a daughter still survive (private). A son and a daughter are deceased.

+Mearl Marcheta Markley⁸ – 1926-1950 – married & divorced Malcolm Gynther.

+Maurice Lee Markley⁸ – 1928-1976 – no record of marriage.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
William F. Spangler**

Earl Ogden Spangler⁷ (William F. Spangler⁶, Hester Brumbach⁵, Isaac Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Earl was born 2 June 1890 at Logansport, Cass County, Indiana. He was the son of William (Willie) F. Spangler and Minnie Alice *Turley*—their only child.

The family moved to Wayne County, Indiana, in 1897, and Earl was educated at Earlham College at Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana. He became an automobile dealer and the owner of a garage in Richmond, Indiana.

At Richmond, he enlisted in the U.S. Regular Army on 1 June 1917 at the age of 27. He entered the School of Military Aeronautics at the University of Illinois, and was then transferred to Taliaferro Field in Texas—near Fort Worth, for flight training. 2nd Lt. Earl Spangler embarked for Europe 5 September 1918. Shortly after reaching Brest, France, on 7 October 1918, Earl died from pneumonia. Earl's body was returned to the U.S. for burial at Arlington National Cemetery at Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia—Plot: Section 4209.¹⁷³ Earl was unmarried and left no issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Alice Phoebe *Snider* Leach**

Pearl Monroe Leach⁷ (Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Pearl was born 14 November 1887 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Alice Phoebe *Snider* and Charles B. Leach.

He married **Emma A. *Ricketts***, who was born 17 January 1890 at Mercer County, Ohio. She was the daughter of James Henry Ricketts (1850-1925) and Mary Ann *Roshon* (1850-1918). Emma died 9 September 1951 at the age of 61 at Van Wert County, Ohio. She is buried at Woodland Union Cemetery at Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio.

¹⁷³ Indiana Historical Collections, World War Records---Gold Star Honor Roll 1914-1918; Indianapolis; Indiana Historical Commission. 1921

Pearl died 19 October 1962 at the age of 74 at Lima, Allen County, Ohio. He is buried next to his wife Emma at Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert, Ohio. Two children.

+Geraldine Maryalice Leach⁸ – 1915-1985 – married Floyd Arnold Schweikle.

+Opal Irene Leach⁸ – 1924-1925 – died less than one year old.

Julia E. Leach⁷ (Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Julia was born 10 January 1890 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Alice Phoebe *Snider* and Charles B. Leach.

Circa 1908, Julia married **Henry B. McLaughlin**, who was born September of 1887 in Fairfield County, Ohio. He was the son of Linden Clarence McLaughlin (1857-1929) and Ida Lucretia *Smutz* (1860-1950). Julia and Henry lived most of their married life in Fairfield County, Ohio. He worked for the Lancaster city gas company as a tool dresser.

Henry died 28 January 1961 in Lancaster, Ohio. He is buried at Maple Grove Cemetery at Thurston, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Julia died 28 June 1974 at Fairfield Hospital in Lancaster, Ohio, at the age of 84. She is buried at Maple Grove Cemetery in Thurston, Ohio, next to her husband. Julia and Henry had one child, a daughter.

+Leota Faye McLaughlin⁸ – 1909-2001 – married and divorced George W. Smith.

George Washington Leach⁷ (Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 15 September 1892 in Thurston, Fairfield County, Ohio. He was the son of Alice Phoebe *Snider* and Charles B. Leach.

He married **Mary Jenkins**, who was born 1894 in Ohio. They lived at Walnut, Fairfield County, Ohio. George was a long-time employee of the box factory at Fairfield Paper Mill at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Mary died 26 January 1931 at the age of 27. She is buried at Hampson Cemetery at Pleasantville, Fairfield County, Ohio—Plot: Row 25.

George died 5 July 1949 at the age of 57. He is buried at Hampson Cemetery, Pleasantville, Ohio, next to his wife Mary. George and Mary had two children, both sons, born in Fairfield County, Ohio.

+Kenneth R. Leach⁸ – 1918-1976 – married Gleneva Louise McDonald.

+Karroll Gene Leach⁸ – 1922-2002 – married Esther V. Scheidegger.

William Stanley Leach⁷ (Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 31 May 1895 in Ohio, the son of Alice Phoebe *Snider* and Charles B. Leach.

He was 16 years, six months and 11 days old, still a school boy, when he died 12 December 1911 at Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio—the cause meningitis. William is buried at the Thurston Primitive Baptist Cemetery at Thurston, Fairfield County, Ohio—Row 8.

Elizabeth Leach⁷ (Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elizabeth was born 1898 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Alice Phoebe *Snider* and Charles B. Leach.

She married **Cecil Lee Spitzer**, who was born 1900 in Ohio. He was the son of William H. and Mary Spitzer. Lee worked as a section foreman for the railroad.

Elizabeth died 9 March 1956 at Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio. She is buried at Violet Township Cemetery at Pickerington, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Lee Spitzer died 1959. He is also buried at Violet Township Cemetery at Pickerington, Ohio. Elizabeth and Lee Spitzer had two children, both sons, born in Ohio.

+Eugene Lee Spitzer⁸ –1925-1986 – married (2) Jessie Gaye Bower Lisk.

Male Spitzer⁸ –private

Bertha Corinna Leach⁷ (Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bertha was born 18 February 1902 at Walnut, Fairfield County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Alice Phoebe *Snider* and Charles B. Leach.

Bertha married **Earl R. England**, who was born 17 May 1902 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Samuel R. and Mary A. England.

They lived in Fairfield County, and Earl worked for the paper mill at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. Bertha was also a long-time employee of the paper mill.

Earl died at home on 16 May 1980 at the age of 77. He is buried at Violet Township Cemetery at Pickerington, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Bertha died at Bexley, Franklin County, Ohio, in a long-term care facility on 2 March 1995. She was 93 years old. Bertha is buried next to her husband Earl at Violet Township Cemetery, Pickerington, Ohio. Bertha and Earl had two sons.

+William (Bill) Eugene England⁸ – 1921-2002 – not married.

+Dale Robert England⁸ –1923-2004 – married (private).

Charles Arthur Leach⁷ (Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 15 October 1905 at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. He was the youngest child of Alice Phoebe *Snider* and Charles B. Leach.



On 15 February 1930 in Franklin County, Ohio, Charles married **Lucille Othello Kinney Mast**, who was born 25 September 1909 at Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Harry I. Kinney (1878-1918) and Minnie Martha *Sullivan* (1879-1954). Lucille had been married previously and was divorced. Charles and Lucille are shown here.

Charles worked at a paper mill in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. Charles died at the age of 47 on 20 April 1953 at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. He is buried at Thurston Primitive Baptist Cemetery at Thurston, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Lucille died at the age of 50 on 7 August 1960 at Columbus, Ohio. She is buried next to her husband Charles at Thurston Primitive Baptist Cemetery, Thurston, Ohio. Charles and Lucille had nine children. Three sons

and two daughters still survive (private). Two sons and two daughters are deceased and shown here.

+Alice B. Leach⁸ – 1931-2011 – married (private).

+Mary Kathryn Leach⁸ – 1932-2001 – married (private).

+Charles Arthur Leach, Jr.⁸ – 1934-1990 – married Dorothy Hoffpauir.

+Geraldine Lucille Leach⁸ – 1936-2011 – married Arnold Eugene (Gene) Peake.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Sarah Angeline Snider Fritz

Ethel A. Fritz⁷ (Sarah Angeline Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ethel was born 6 January 1894 at Liberty, Fairfield County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Sarah Angeline (Angie) *Snider* and Levi Henry Fritz.

Ethel married about 1915, **Earl Chester Trimmer**, who was born 21 August 1890 in Hocking County, Ohio, son of Ellis Orval Trimmer and Laura Ann *Lewis*. Earl was a self-employed farmer in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Earl died 12 May 1954 at the age of 63. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Ethel died 1972 at the age of 78. She is buried beside her husband Earl at Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Ohio. Ethel and Earl had two children, both born in Fairfield County, Ohio.

+Violet L. Trimmer⁸ – 1920-1984 – married Raymond P. Bibler.

Male Trimmer⁸ – private – married (private).

Ella Emaline Fritz⁷ (Sarah Angeline Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ella was born 24 June 1896 in Fairfield County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Sarah Angeline (Angie) *Snider* and Levi Henry Fritz.¹⁷⁴

Ella married a cousin, **Bryan Harvey Sager**⁶, who was born 8 February 1898 in Fairfield County, Ohio. He was the son of George James Sager and Lydia *Snider*. Through his mother Lydia, Bryan was also a descendant of Benjamin Ruffner—his lineage: Bryan Harvey Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹.

Bryan was a farmer on their farm at Basil, Liberty Township, in Fairfield County, Ohio. Bryan died an instantaneous death on his farm when struck by lightning at 9:00 in the morning on 24 June 1926. He was 28 years, four months and 16 days old. Bryan is buried at the Union Evangelical Cemetery (aka Snider Cemetery) at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Ella died 23 June 1990, one day before her 94th birthday, and one day before the 64th anniversary of her husband's death. She died at a long-term care facility at Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio. Ella is buried beside her husband at Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Ohio. Ella and Bryan had two children, both sons.

+Chester James Sager⁸ – 1919-1986 – married Anna Frances Spangler.

+Harold Raymond Sager⁸ – 1924-2012 – married Carol J. Snider.

Irna Irena (Ina) Fritz⁷ (Sarah Angeline Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ina was born 29 June 1901 at Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Sarah Angeline (Angie) *Snider* and Levi Henry Fritz. Ina never married. She lived at the family home with her parents in Fairfield County, Ohio. Ina first worked as a saleslady in a general store, and then she became a licensed practical nurse and worked in a doctor's office. Ina died at a long-term care facility in Fairfield County, Ohio on 27 December 1988 at the age of 87. She is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Leroy Joseph Fritz⁷ (Sarah Angeline Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leroy was born 2 September 1903 in Basil Village, Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Sarah Angeline (Angie) *Snider* and Levi Henry Fritz.

He married **Ina Marie Shimp**, who was born 1905. Leroy was a farmer on his own land in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Ina Marie died 1968 at the age of 63. She is buried at the Union Evangelical Cemetery at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

¹⁷⁴ The lineage of this family becomes confusing because Ella and Bryan although being cousins are from different generations .

Leroy died at a long-term care facility in Fairfield County on 18 February 1993 at the age of 89. He is buried beside his wife Ina Marie at the Union Evangelical Cemetery at Baltimore, Ohio. Leroy and Ina Marie had at least three children—all born in Fairfield County, Ohio. They were survived by two of their children—one son and one daughter (private). One son is deceased (shown here).

+Glenn Edward Fritz⁸ – 1927-2002 – married Mary J. Fritz (birth name unknown).

Mary Elizabeth Fritz⁷ (Sarah Angeline Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Elizabeth was born 1 April 1907 in Fairfield County, Ohio. She was the youngest child of Sarah Angeline (Angie) Snider and Levi Henry Fritz.

Mary Elizabeth married **Fred L. Mauger**, who was born 24 September 1902 in Liberty, Fairfield County, Ohio. He was the son of Peter F. Mauger and Clara Alice Ford. Fred was the owner of a gas station and later the proprietor of an automobile dealership. Mary Elizabeth worked as a stenographer at the paper mill.

Fred died 24 March 1988 at the age of 85. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Mary Elizabeth died 28 May 2002 at the age of 95. She is buried beside her husband at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. Mary Elizabeth and Fred had three children, all born in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Donald Reid Mauger⁸ – 1 Apr 1935—10 Apr 1935—buried Union Evangelical Cemetery.

+Ronald L. Mauger⁸ – 1939-2015 – married (private).

Female Mauger⁸ – private – married Jack Ristau (deceased).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson Arthur E. Snider

Ivan A. Snider⁷ (Arthur E. Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ivan was born 21 April 1908 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Arthur E. Snider and Bertha (Birdie) Mae Young.

Ivan married **Sarah Romaine Young**, who was born 24 February 1907 at South Bend, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Elisha Lee Young and Cornelia E. Fryor. Ivan and Sarah first lived in Montgomery and Fairfield counties in Ohio. They later moved to Beaver County, Pennsylvania. Ivan worked as an electrician.

Ivan died 21 April 1996 at the age of 88. His last address was Aliquippa, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

Sarah died 2 May 2005 at the age of 98. Her last address was Rochester, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. Ivan and Sarah had two sons and a daughter (all private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Clara Emma Snider Miller-Earl**

Glen Gideon Miller⁷ (Clara Emma Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glen was born 1 November 1894 at Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Clara Emma *Snider* and Pleasant George Miller.

Glen married **Ethel Winnie Webster**, who was born 4 February 1910 in Ohio. Her parents were Walter O. and Lena Gail Webster. Ethel's father died when she was nine years old, and her mother remarried. After their marriage, Glen and Ethel lived at Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, and Glen was a farmer.

Glen died 1957 at the age of 62. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Ethel died at a long-term care facility in Fairfield County, Ohio on 25 November 1998 at the age of 88. She is buried beside her husband at Union Evangelical Cemetery at Baltimore, Ohio. Glen and Ethel had two children, both daughters.

+Barbara M. Miller⁸ – 1934-2014 – married Robert Paul Kegler.

+Female Miller⁸ – private.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Florence V. Snider Myers**

Elmer DeWitt Myers⁷ (Florence V. Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elmer was born 6 March 1902 at Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Florence V. *Snider* and Martin L. Myers.

Elmer never married. He remained on the family farm and worked the land with his brother as long as his health permitted. Elmer died at a long-term care facility in Newark, Licking County, Ohio on 13 December 1986 at the age of 84. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, next to his younger brother Oscar and his sister Mary Ellen.

Oscar Charles (Charley) Myers⁷ (Florence V. Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charley was born 16 January 1906 at Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. He was the son of Florence V. *Snider* and Martin L. Myers.

Like his older brother, Charley never married and remained with their parents on the farm. He worked the farm with his brother. He was the first of the three children to die. Charley died 22 November 1972 at the age of 66. He is buried beside his brother and sister at Union Evangelical Cemetery at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Mary Eileen Myers⁷ (Florence V. Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Eileen was born 16 November 1908 at Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Florence V. *Snider* and Martin L. Myers. She never married and stayed with the other members of the family on the family's farm. Mary Eileen died at a long-term care facility in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio on 8 April 2000 at the age of 91. She is buried next to her two older brothers at Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Susannah (Susie) Jinetta *Snider* Sager**

Enid Trellis Sager⁷ (Susannah Jinetta Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Enid was born 22 August 1903 at Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Susannah (Susie) Jinetta *Snider* and Charles Sager.

On 17 April 1936, Enid married **Floyd Goethe Magley**—they were both residents of Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio. Floyd was born 10 November 1902 at Etna, Licking County, Ohio. He was the son of Frank Magley and Victoria *Myers*.

In 1940, Enid and Floyd lived at Liberty Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, with Enid's parents. Floyd worked as a carpenter in home construction. Floyd died at a long-term care facility in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio on 25 April 1994 at the age of 91. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Enid died at a long-term care facility in Fairfield County, Ohio, 16 March 2001 at the age of 97. She is buried beside her husband at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. No record was found of any children being born to them.

Noah Lee Sager⁷ (Susannah Jinetta Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lee was the name he preferred. He was born 10 March 1908 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Susannah (Susie) Jinetta *Snider* and Charles Sager. Note: some records show Noah's name as Nelson; however, according to his birth record his correct name was Noah Lee Sager.

On 25 April 1928 in Guernsey County, Ohio, Lee married 17-year old **Mary Christine Hazard**, who was born circa 1911 in Ohio. She was the daughter of Harry Hazard and Laura M. *Stevens*. Lee and Mary lived first in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio and then at Basil Village, Liberty Township, Fairfield County, where Lee was a mechanic at a factory. Lee died 5 November 1958 at the age of 50. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. No record was found regarding Mary's death and burial place. Lee and Mary had one child, a son, who was born in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

+Nelson Durwood Sager⁸ – 1928-2005 – married (1) Johnson and (2) private.

Helen Naomi Sager⁷ (Susannah Jinetta Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵ Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Helen was born 16 March 1913 at Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Susanna (Susie) Jinetta *Snider* and Charles Snider.

Helen married **Charles T. Engle**, who was born 23 January 1909 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Bert Engle (1884-1951) and Maude Elizabeth Schleich (1883-1956).

In 1946 Helen and Charles lived in Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio, and Charles worked for the U.S. Corps of Engineers in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

Charles died 1961. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Helen died at Hillsborough County, Florida on 30 October 1993 at the age of 80. She is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery at Baltimore, Ohio, next to her husband.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Lottie Lucilla Snider Sims**

Everett E. Sims⁷ (Lottie Lucilla Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Everett was born 12 August 1911 at Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Lottie Lucilla *Snider* and Earl Henry Sims.

Everett married (1) **Genevieve Lucille Bretz**, who was born 30 October 1914 at West Lafayette, Coshocton County, Ohio. She was the daughter of J. T. Bretz and Eva B. *Dilger*. Everett and Genevieve were divorced sometime after 1940. Genevieve married again—her name was Genevieve Henderson. She was widowed when she died at the age of 84 on 13 September 1999 at Moore Regional Hospital at Pinehurst, Moore County, North Carolina.

On 12 August 1957 in Wayne County, Indiana, Everett married (2) **Billie McDowell**, who was born 21 July 1914 in Colmar County, Kentucky. She was the foster daughter of Olin Lee Flannery and the daughter of Cora Lee *Carmony*. Both Everett and Billie were residents of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. Everett was an accountant in Columbus, Ohio.

Everett died July 1981 at the age of 69. His last address was Naples, Collier County, Florida. Everett and his first wife Genevieve had a daughter (private).

Billie died 27 February 2007 at the age of 92. Her last address was Naples, Florida.

Helen P. Sims⁷ (Lottie Lucilla Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Helen was born 14 July 1922 at Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Lottie Lucilla *Snider* and Earl Henry Sims.

On 12 August 1951 at Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, Helen married **Clair E. (Tink) Goodwin**, who was born 1 November 1922 in Venango County,

Pennsylvania. He was the son of Thomas Prather Goodwin (1888-1928) and Mary Melissa *Davison* (1893-1982).

Helen was a 1940 graduate of Liberty Union High School in Baltimore, Ohio. She then graduated from Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, class of 1943 with a major in Home Economics Education. Before her marriage, Helen taught home economics at several schools in Ohio. After marriage she taught school at Bloomfield-Athens High School and Pleasantville High School. She taught last at Titusville Junior High School until she retired in 1982. She was a former member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ where she was a Sunday school teacher and a member of the choir. She had been a member of the First Presbyterian Church since 2002. She was also a member of the Titusville YWCA, and a former volunteer with the Titusville Area Hospital Auxiliary.¹⁷⁵

Tink was a 1941 graduate of Titusville High School. He was a veteran of WWII, having served in the U.S. Air Force. After enlisting in the Army Air Corps, Tink was selected for the Cadet Program. He trained as a pilot in B52s and C47s. After discharge he worked as a civilian flight instructor and in heavy construction in Ohio and Pittsburgh. He was an employee of Universal Cyclops in Titusville, Pennsylvania, from 1950 until he retired. He was a former member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, and became a member of the First Presbyterian Church in 2002. He was inducted into the Titusville High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011. He never lost interest in flying and was an avid hunter and outdoorsman all of his life. He was also a skilled carpenter, with many construction and building projects so show as examples.¹⁷⁶

Tink died at the Southwoods Assisted Living Community in Crawford County, Pennsylvania on Sunday, 7 October 2012 at the age of 89. He is buried at Sunville Cemetery, Venango County, Pennsylvania.

Helen died at the Titusville Area Hospital on Tuesday morning 4 December 2012 at the age of 90. She is buried beside her husband at Sunville Cemetery, Venango County, Pennsylvania. Helen and Tink were survived by two sons, six grandsons and two step-grandsons.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Lester Elmer Fritz**

Cecil Piron Fritz⁷ (Lester Elmer Fritz⁶, Mary Catharine Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Cecil was born May 1899 at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, the son of Lester Elmer Fritz and Clara Olive *Shimp*.

At the age of 22 on 1 January 1921 at Licking, Ohio, Cecil married (1) 24-year-old **Gladys H. Parkinson**, who was born 1897 at Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio. She was the daughter of George W. Parkinson and Rose B. *Mennery*.

¹⁷⁵ Information source: Titusville Area School District News, Titusville, PA—Dec. 5, 2012.

¹⁷⁶ Information Source: *The Titusville Herald*—Oct. 8, 2012.

Cecil married (2) **Mary E.** (maiden name unknown). In 1940 they were living at Columbus, Ohio with his parents—they had no children. Cecil was working as a coal truck driver for the WPA.

Cecil was still a resident of Columbus when he died at the age of 60 on 3 April 1960 at the Mt. Carmel Medical Center, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

Louella Fritz⁷ (Lester Elmer Fritz⁶, Mary Catharine Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Louella was born 13 January 1901 at Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Lester Elmer Fritz and Clara Olive Shimp.

On 22 July 1918 in Newark, Licking County, Ohio, Louella married **Harley Rostofer**, who was also born at Kirkersville, Ohio. He was born 31 March 1893 and was the son of William Rostofer (1859-1926) and Katharine *Vadakin* (1867-1944). During WWI, Harley served in the National Army in the 1st Co., 1st Battery, 158th Depot Brigade. In private life, he worked for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as a trackman. When he retired his pension was through the Railroad Board.

Louella died 8 October 1950 at the age of 49. She is buried at Kirkersville Cemetery, Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio.

Harley died at the age of 75 on 17 November 1969. He is buried next to his wife at Kirkersville Cemetery at Kirkersville, Ohio. Louella and Harley had no children.

Harold B. Fritz⁷ (Lester Elmer Fritz⁶, Mary Catharine Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harold was born 1904 in Ohio, the son of Lester Elmer Fritz and Clara Olive *Shimp*.

Circa 1928, Harold married **Sarah (Sadie) Rector Derenberger**, who was born 1897 in West Virginia. She was the widow of Harley Derenberger of Jackson County, West Virginia, whom she had married in 1913 in West Virginia. Sadie had two children during her marriage to Mr. Derenberger—Homer Derenberger (1914-1972) and Hollie Derenberger (b. 1916). Homer was living with his mother, her second husband Harold Fritz, and his two Fritz half-sisters when the 1930 census was taken.

They lived in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, and Harold Fritz was an advertising distributor. He died February 1951 at the age of 46. No record of his burial location was found.

After Harold's death, Sadie married for the third time. She married Lester E. Brainard (1908-1977). Sadie died at a long-term care facility in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio on 16 November 1982 at the age of 85. Harold and Sadie had two children born them during their marriage—both born in Franklin County, Ohio.

+Alberta Mae Fritz⁸ – 1926-2000 – married three times.

+Female Fritz⁸ – private

Clarence/Carl Ray Fritz⁷ (Lester Elmer Fritz⁶, Mary Catharine Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carl was born 14 February 1910 in Licking County, Ohio, the son of Lester Elmer Fritz and Clara Olive *Shimp*. Carl died at Harrison, Licking County, Ohio on 9 May 1910, not quite four months old. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery (aka) Snider Cemetery, at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Charles Franklin Fritz⁷ (Lester Elmer Fritz⁶, Mary Catharine Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 5 March 1911 at Licking County, Ohio, the son of Lester Elmer Fritz and Clara Olive *Shimp*.

As a single man, Charles lived at home with his parents at the family home in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. He and his father were working for the WPA as laborers when the 1940 census was taken. Charles was inducted into the U.S. Army as a private on 12 March 1941 at Ft. Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, and saw service in WWII.

At the age of 36, on 15 June 1947 at Franklin County, Ohio, he married **Ethel C. Rosencutter Diles**, who was 34 years old, born 1913. She was born in Riley County, Kansas, the daughter of Joe Rosencutter and Maude *Lambe*. Ethel was evidently married for a very short time to a man whose surname was Diles, but no information was found.

Before she married Charles, Ethel was a plant worker for Pepsi Cola Bottling Works in Columbus, Ohio.

After his WWII service, Charles was a long-time driver for the Segal-Schadel Paper Factory in Columbus, Ohio. Charles died at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio on 15 September 1976 at the age of 65. At the time of his death, he was a widower. No record was found that he left any children.

Woodrow W. Fritz⁷ (Lester Elmer Fritz⁶, Mary Catharine Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Woodrow was born 21 March 1914 at Licking County, Ohio, the son of Lester Elmer Fritz and Clara Olive *Shimp*.

He married **Anna M.** (surname unknown). She was born 29 May 1915 in Ohio. They lived in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. Woodrow was the caretaker for Temple Tifereth Israel located at 1354 E. Broad Street in the heart of Columbus, and he and Anna lived in an apartment at the rear of the building.

Woodrow died at Mt. Carmel Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio on 12 December 1961 at the age of 47. He is buried at East Lawn Cemetery at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

Anna died at Doctors Hospital-North in Columbus, Ohio on 5 May 1984 at the age of 68. She is buried next to Woodrow at East Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. It does not appear that Woodrow and Anna Fritz had any children.

Dorothy May Fritz⁷ (Lester Elmer Fritz⁶, Mary Catharine Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dorothy was born 1916 at Licking County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Lester Elmer Fritz and Clara Olive *Shimp*.

On 6 June 1932 at Licking County, Ohio, she married **William B. Lott**, who was born 25 September 1910 at Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio. He was the son of William A. Lott and Laura *Shaeffer*.

Dorothy died 1882. She is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

William died 17 February 1994. He is buried beside his wife and son Clyde W. Lott (1938-1942) at Union Evangelical Cemetery at Baltimore, Ohio. The three share the same gravestone.

Harvey Earl Fritz⁷ (Lester Elmer Fritz⁶, Mary Catharine Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harvey was born 1920 at Licking County, Ohio, the son of Lester Elmer Fritz and Clara Olive *Shimp*.

Harvey served in WWII in the U.S. Army from 5 December 1941 until he was discharged 24 October 1945. After service, he was a long-time employee as a machinist at Universal Concrete Pipe Company in Columbus, Ohio.

On 4 June 1946 at Licking County, Ohio, he married **Frances Ruth Becker**, who was born 7 May 1911 at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Charles Edward Becker and Minnie *Carney*.

Harvey died at the age of 53 on 5 February 1973 at Columbus, Ohio. At the time he was a resident in Fairfield County, Ohio. He is buried at Glen Rest Memorial Estate, Reynoldsburg, Franklin County, Ohio—Section T.

After her husband's death, Ruth worked for a glass factory. Ruth died at a long-term care facility in Newark, Licking County, Ohio on 21 April 1992 at the age of 80. She is buried next to Harvey at Glen Rest Memorial Estate, Reynoldsburg, Ohio—Section T. No record was found that Harvey and Ruth had any children.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Dora (Dorie) C. Sager Spitler

Erma Fern Spitler⁷ (Dora C. Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Erma was born 1895 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Dora (Dorie) C. *Sager* and Silas Marion Spitler.

Erma married **Clarence Newel Green**, who was born 11 May 1881 at Hartford, Licking County, Ohio, the son of Newel Green and Rachel *Clayton*.

Erma and Clarence lived in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. Clarence was an iron molder for Ohio Malleable Iron Co. in Columbus.

Clarence died 1 January 1942. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery, in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Erma died 1951. She is buried beside her husband at Union Evangelical Cemetery, Baltimore, Ohio. Erma and Clarence had four children—all born in Fairfield County, Ohio.

- +Dorothy Green⁸ – 1916-1996 – married (1) Wood and (2) Temple.
- +Frederick Green⁸ – 1918 – married Ruth Gloyd.
- +Marion Leroy Green⁸ – 1923-1989 – married Phyllis Lavina Sowers.
- +Ida Mae Green⁸ – 1928-1985 – not married

Arthur D. Spitler⁷ (Dora C. Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Arthur was born 7 December 1902 at Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Dora (Dorie) C. *Sager* and Silas Marion Spitler.

Arthur married (1) **Elnora/Eleanor E. McMiller**. They had one child, a daughter, Dora Belle Spitler, who was born 12 August 1924 in Columbus, Ohio, and died the next day, 13 August 1924. The last information showing they were still married was the 1929 city directory for Columbus.

At the age of 33, Arthur married 7 September 1936 in Franklin County, Ohio (2) 26 year-old **Kathryn M. Annis**. She was born 2 August 1910 at Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, the daughter of Edward L. Annis and Daisy E. *Mark*.

Arthur was the owner and president of City Cab Co. in Columbus, Ohio. Kathryn was a hairdresser and cosmetologist in a shop in Columbus.

Arthur died at the Riverside Methodist Hospital at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, on 28 September 1980 at the age of 77.

Kathryn died at a long-term care facility in Westerville, Franklin County, Ohio on 5 January 2001 at the age of 90—cremation followed. No children were born to them.

Harvey W. Spitler⁷ (Dora C. Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harvey was born 1906 in Ohio, the son of Dora (Dorie) C. *Sager* and Silas Marion Spitler.

On 6 November 1933 in Franklin County, Ohio, Harvey married 25 year-old **Elizabeth Louise Schell**. She was the daughter of Gustav G. Schell and Flora *Irontman*. Evidently it was a very short marriage as by 1936, Harvey was living alone.

In 1940, Harvey was living with his parents in Columbus. He gave his marital status as single. He was a photographer. Harvey served in the U.S. Army during WWII, enlisting on 14 January 1943—at the time of enlistment, he was listed as single. Later in life, Harvey drove a taxi.

Harvey died at Mt. Carmel Medical Center in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio on 6 February 1980 at the age of 73. His residence was given as Westerville, Delaware County, Ohio, and it was noted that his marital status was still single. He had no children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
John David Sager**

Clyde I. Sager⁷ (John David Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clyde was born 2 October 1907 in Ohio, the son of John David Sager and Mary L. *Brown*.

Clyde was a self-employed farmer at Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio. He married **Mildred E. Miller**, who was born 5 June 1911 at Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Ora W. Miller and Dora B. *Taggart*.

Clyde died at Mt. Carmel Hospital-East at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio on 20 April 1984 at the age of 76. He is buried at Kirkersville Cemetery, Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio.

Mildred died at a long-term care facility at Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio on 1 September 2000 at the age of 89. She is buried next to her husband Clyde at Kirkersville Cemetery, Kirkersville, Ohio. Clyde and Mildred had four children—the daughters are still living (private). Their two sons are deceased—information shown below.

+Waldo Eugene Sager⁸ – 1930-1996 – No marriage record was found.

+Ronald Arlen Sager⁸ – 1938-2010 – married (private)

Martha J. Sager⁷ (John David Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martha was born 11 January 1910 at Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of John David Sager and Mary L. *Brown*. The last listing for Martha was the 1930 federal census when she was 20 years old and still living at the family home at Walnut, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Lottie May Sager⁷ (John David Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lottie May was born 17 November 1912 in Ohio, the daughter of John D. Sager and Mary L. *Brown*.

Lottie May never married. In 1930 she was living at Walnut, Fairfield County, Ohio at the family home with her father and stepmother. She died 1 July 1944 at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio at the age of 31.

Harvey G. Sager⁷ (John David Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harvey was born 6 August 1927 in Millersport, Fairfield County, Ohio. He was the son of John David Sager and his second wife, Lota F. *White*.

Harvey was a 1946 graduate of Kirkersville High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. He was a long-time self-employed construction contractor.

He married **Gertrude Eileen Head**, who was born 2 August 1927 in Denver, Colorado. She was the daughter of Edwin H. Head and Beulah A. *Hughes*. Harvey and Gertrude were married for 56 years before Gertrude's death.

Gertrude died at St. Ann's Hospital at Licking, Licking County, Ohio on 27 February 2003 at the age of 75. She is buried at Kirkersville Cemetery at Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio.

Harvey's home was in Thornville, Perry County, Ohio when he died on 6 August 2015 at the age of 87. He was cremated. His memorial services were conducted with full military honors.

Harvey and Gertrude were survived by five children, ten grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and two gr-gr-grandchildren. One grandson, Chad D. Sager, preceded them in death. Chad was born 10 July 1977 and died 9 December 1997 at the age of 20. Chad is buried at Fairmont Cemetery at Amsterdam, Licking County, Ohio.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Bryan Harvey Sager**

Chester James Sager⁷ (Bryan Harvey Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Chester was born 11 November 1919 at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Bryan Harvey Sager and Ella Emeline *Fritz*. See explanation of unusual family relationship in the footnotes on pages 439 and 706.

Chester served as a Pfc. in the U.S. Army during WWII. He married (1) **Mary Alice Miller**. They were divorced. On 3 August 1946 at the Methodist Parsonage in Carroll, Fairfield County, Ohio, Chester married (2) **Anna Frances Spangler**, who was born 24 March 1927, the daughter of Clarence Spangler and Effie *Calvert*. Chester and Anna were separated and then divorced 31 March 1970 in Fairfield County, Ohio. In July of 1986 at the United Methodist Church at Tuckerton/Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, Chester and Anna married for the second time.

Chester died a few months later on 9 December 1986 at the age of 67, at Lancaster-Fairfield Hospital in Lancaster, Ohio.

Anna died in Licking County, Ohio, on 12 December 1999 at the age of 72. Chester and Anna are buried beside each other at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. Three children were born to Chester and Anna. Two survive (private). One, shown here, is deceased.

+James Raymond Sager^{8and 9} – 1947-2004 – married (private). See Chapter 9, page 859.

Harold Raymond Sager⁷ (Bryan Harvey Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harold was born 30 June 1924 at Fairfield County, Ohio. He was the son of Bryan Harvey Sager and Ella Emeline *Fritz*. When Harold's second birthday was just a few days away, his father

Bryan was killed instantly on 24 June 1926, when he was struck by lightning on their farm in Basil, Ohio. See footnotes on pages 439 and 706 for explanation of the unusual family relationship.

Harold was a 1942 graduate of Liberty Union High School in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army in France and Germany during WWII. After the war, Harold married **Carol J. Snider**, who was born 19 May 1923 in Ohio—probably Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio. The newsworthy story of Carol's origins is related here.

As reported in *The Times Recorder* of Zanesville, Ohio on 13 December 1959, the story of Carol Snider Sager and her siblings is an interesting one. Although it seems an unusual happening, it is actually one that became familiar when times were tough and parents struggled to care for their children. Sometimes, events such as this were voluntary—more often it was the governing authorities who made the decision to remove children from the home of their parents.

When Madeline Spinks of Zanesville, Ohio, the youngest of the 11 children of Charles Irvin Davis and Rosella *Hammond* Davis successfully completed her search for a sister lost in the bureaucratic system for over three decades, it was a rejoining of a family, as well as Madeline's first-time meeting with a sister she had never known.

Before Mr. and Mrs. Davis' youngest child Madeline's birth in 1926, some of the children had been put in the New Lexington Children's Home in Perry County, Ohio. The youngest of these was born in 1923 and named Melda by her parents. Soon after being placed in the home, at the age of two years Melda was adopted by Orla and Blanche Snider of Fairfield County, Ohio. Her name changed to Carol Snider, Melda was lost to her birth family for 34 years.

In the summer of 1959, Carol Snider's birth sister Madeline, now Mrs. Lawrence Spinks began her personal quest to find her lost older sister. To quote the newspaper report: *Mrs. Spinks started last summer at the New Lexington Children's Home to trace the course her sister's life had taken. Through the court records the path led to the Child Welfare Board in Columbus. Tracking down every gossamer thin lead she almost relinquished the search as a lost cause.* Then what was considered a miracle happened. During November of 1959, while Madeline and another sister were visiting at Madeline's home, a visitor knocked on the door. It was Carol Snider Sager. Through the grapevine she had heard the "whisper" that Madeline Spinks was searching for her. Carol had known from the time she was six years old that she had been adopted, but did not know the circumstances or the name of her birth family until she learned of the search. A few days later the surviving nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis met for a reunion.

Carol was an employee of the Don Miller Music Store in Baltimore, Ohio. She was a member of the New Zion United Methodist Church in Baltimore, Ohio, and was an accomplished organist. She was a resident of Crestview Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lancaster, Ohio, when she died at the age of 85 on Thursday, 8 January 2009 at Fairfield Medical Center, also in Baltimore.

Harold Sager retired from Allen Foundry and Machine Works and Westerman Companies after 46 years. He was a lifelong member of New Zion United Methodist Church and served as Sunday School Superintendent for 25 years. Harold was 88 years

old when he died 31 December 2012 at the LanFair Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Harold and Carol are buried next to each other at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. They were survived by a son, a daughter and four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren (all private).

Madeline *Davis* Spinks who worked so hard to finally find her lost sister and reunite her family is gone now. Madeline died in Morgan County, Ohio, on 20 January 2007 at the age of 80.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Maude E. *Sager* Graham**

Mildred Mae Graham⁷ Maude E. Sager⁶, Lydia Sager⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mildred was born 1927 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Maude (Maudie) E. *Sager* and Walter W. Graham.

Mildred married **George Orson Presley**, who was born 10 May 1925 in Oak Hill, Jackson County, Ohio, the son of James M. Presley and Ferby E. *Gilbert*. He was a mechanic for American Blower Co. in Columbus, Ohio.

Mildred and George Presley were divorced 16 June 1962 in Franklin County, Ohio. They lived in Columbus, Ohio at the time. Two minor children were mentioned in the decree.

This is the last record that could be found for Mildred, although she evidently died sometime before 26 May 2012, as shown by her daughter's obituary. George died August 1985, and he is buried at Kirkersville Cemetery in Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio. As mentioned, Mildred had three children—a son and daughter still living (private). Daughter Sharon is deceased—information below.

+Sharon Lee Presley⁸ – 1948-2012 – married (1) Galleher and (2) Mullins.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Elvira Jane *Seymour* Brussell**

Ada Brussell⁷ (Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ada was born 26 March 1885 at Seymour, Champaign County, Illinois, the daughter of Elvira (Eva) Jane *Seymour* and William Brussell, Sr. Ada never married. She always lodged with other members of the family or other lodging places. She mainly grew up in the home of her paternal grandparents in Crooked Creek, Cumberland County, Ohio. When she completed her schooling, Ada worked as a bank cashier or as a bookkeeper in the bank. Ada died 24 October 1924 at the age of 39 in Effingham, Effingham County, Illinois. She is buried in Champaign County, Illinois.

Ralph Brussell⁷ (Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ralph was born 23 April 1887 in Seymour, Champaign County, Illinois, the son of Elvira (Eva) Jane *Seymour* and William Brussell, Sr.

In June 1917 when he registered for the WWI draft, Ralph was still single, 20 years old and living at a hotel in Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, employed by F. O. Baldwin Plumbing Co. Ralph entered military service as a private in the U.S. Marine Corps, WWI, Illinois.

He married **Cora Mae Jobe**, who was born 23 October 1889 in Illinois, the daughter of David F. and Sarah E. *Jobe*. Before her marriage to Ralph, Cora was married to Rella F. Wiley. She had a daughter Evelyn (1911-1999) – married name Evelyn Adamson. Ralph and Cora lived in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, and Ralph was a salesman for an oil company. Cora was a cashier at the state bank.

Ralph died December 1963 at the age of 76. He is buried at Harmony Cemetery in Greenup Township, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Cora died 19 August 1980 at the age of 90. Her residence at that time was Portage, Columbia County, Wisconsin. She is buried at Harmon Cemetery in Greenup Township, Illinois. Ralph and Cora had a daughter and a son (both deceased).

+Betty Jean Brussell⁸ – 1923-2002 – married and divorced Harold Carson Catey.

+James W. Brussell⁸ – 1930-2012 – married (private)

Ester (Essie) May Brussell⁷ (Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Essie was born 26 May 1889 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Elvira (Eva) Jane *Seymour* and William Seymour. Essie died at the age of eight at Fresno, Fresno County, California. The cause of death was diphtheria. No reason was found as to why she was living in California. Since her father died when she was four years old, it may be that she was living with relatives.

William Brussell, Jr.⁷ (Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 28 June 1891 in Illinois. He was the son of Elvira (Eva) Jane *Seymour* and William Brussell, Sr.

On 13 October 1917 in Vigo County, Indiana, William Jr. married **Ethel M. Phillips**, who was born 6 September 1898 in Cumberland County, Illinois. She was the daughter of George Phillips (1876-1918) and Jennie Phillips. William, Jr. served during WWII as a private in Co. I, 10th Infantry, U.S. Army.

William Jr. died at the age of 75 on 3 June 1967. He is buried at Washington Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois

Ethel died at Casey, Clark County, Illinois on 9 November 1988 at the age of 90. She is buried next to her husband at Washington Cemetery, Vevay Park, Illinois.

William, Jr. and Ethel are survived by one daughter and one grandson (private). They have deceased children: three sons and two daughters—see below.

- +Delia Mae Brussell⁸ – 1918-2016 – married William (Bill) Dittamore.
 - +Maurine Brussell⁸ – 1919-2008 – never married.
 - +Sylvan Brussell⁸ – 1921-1985 – married (private)
 - +William E. (Bud) Brussell III⁸ – 1924-2013 – married (private).
 - +Glenn E. Brussell⁸ – 1931-2015 – married (private).
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**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Kate Estella *Seymour* Phipps**

Ena Phipps⁷ (Kate Estella Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ena was born October 1892 in Jackson County, Illinois, the daughter of Kate Estella (Stella) *Seymour* and Ulysses Samuel Phipps.

On 28 December 1914 in Jackson County, Illinois, Ena married (1) **Fred E. McNary**. They were divorced sometime before 1920. Following her divorce, Ena worked as a stenographer for a real estate company. She had one daughter from her first marriage to Fred McNary.

At the age of 27 on 15 July 1920 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Ena married (2) **Peter Earl Bloom**, who was born 1 November 1892 in Caddo, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, the son of Petter and Fletcher E. Bloom.

Peter attended the University of Illinois, class of 1915. He was an agricultural horticulturist. They lived in Catlin Township, Vermillion County, Illinois.

Ena died 9 November 1962. Peter died 14 March 1972. Their last residence was Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois. Ena and Peter Bloom had four children during their marriage, all born in Illinois.

- +C. Ruth McNary⁸ – 1915-1997 – married Russell Conrad Burnham.
- +Earl Phipps Bloom⁸ – 1921-1982 – unmarried
- +Ralph Ulysses Bloom⁸ – 1922-2000 – no record of marriage
- +Estella Maxine Bloom⁸ – 1924-1999 – never married
- +Female Bloom⁸ – private

Elmer Ellsworth Phipps⁷ (Kate Estella Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elmer was born 13 October 1894 at Hunt City, Jackson County, Illinois. He was the son of Kate Estella (Stella) *Seymour* and Ulysses Samuel Phipps.

Sometime after 1940, Elmer married **Lola Ruth Green**, who was born 28 October 1887, the daughter of John A. and Dora E. Green. Lola was a public school teacher in Vermillion County, Illinois.

Elmer was a corporal in the Illinois National Guard. When he was in his early 20s, Elmer began working as a brakeman for the Illinois Central Railroad and he continued as an employee of the railroad for the remainder of his working days, living in Champaign, Champaign County, Illinois. In his later years, he worked as a clerk in the office of the railroad.

Elmer died at the age of 81 on 15 March 1976. He is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery at Indianola, Vermillion County, Illinois.

Lola died 10 May 1976 at the age of 88. She is buried beside her husband at Woodlawn Cemetery in Woodlawn Cemetery, Indianola, Illinois. No record was found indicating that Elmer and Lola had any children.

Iva Burrell Phipps⁷ (Kate Estella Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Iva was born 20 July 1897 in Illinois, the daughter of Kate Estella (Stella) *Seymour* and Ulysses Samuel Phipps.

Iva married **Walter Featherston Woollard**, who was born 15 October 1894 at Amory, Monroe County, Mississippi. He was the son of Will and Mamie Woollard.

Amory first worked as an engineer for the railroad, and later for the National Park Service at their office in Richmond, Virginia. After retirement the last residence for Iva and Walter was Lake Park, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Iva died 3 April 1977 at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida at the age of 79.

Walter died 10 September 1983 at West Palm Beach, Florida, at the age of 88. No record was found of any children.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
William Arthur Seymour**

Katherine J. Seymour⁷ (William Arthur Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Katherine was born circa 1909 at Casey, Clark County, Illinois. She was the daughter of William Arthur Seymour and Ida *Reckling*.

Katherine graduated from Champaign High School with the class of 1927. After that the family moved to Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. Katherine, still single, was a student nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, and when the 1930 federal census was taken on April 10th, she was living at the hospital. No further verifiable information was found for Katherine. It may be possible she died in 1937. However, no proof was located.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through Son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Hugh Kelley Ruffner**

Martin Adison Ruffner⁷ (Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martin was born 21 July 1892 at Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois. He was the son of Hugh Kelley Ruffner and Mariah (Retta) S. *Cole*.

On 7 June 1917, Martin married **Rachel Helene Black**, who was born 7 June 1901 in Illinois. She was the daughter of James Greenville Black (1856-1930) and Rachel *Dukes* (1856-1942).

Martin and Helene lived most of their married life in Union Township, Cumberland County, Illinois. Martin was a part-time farmer, but his main occupation was as a teamster for Ohio Oil Co. of Casey, Illinois.

Martin died at Union Township, Illinois on 18 February 1947 at the age of 54. Martin had health problems several years before his death, and for his last two years he had been confined to his home. He is buried at Washington Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Helene died at Polk County, Florida on 14 October 1977 at the age of 76. She is buried beside her husband Martin at Washington Cemetery in Vevay Park, Illinois.

Martin and Helene had five children—two boys and three girls—all born in Illinois.

+Marjorie C. Ruffner⁸ – 1917-2009 – married Joseph Bruce Buckler.

+James Hugh Ruffner⁸ – 1919-1920 – died age 11 months.

Female Ruffner⁸ – private – married Donald R. Sappington (1923-2006).

Olan Martin Ruffner⁸ – born and died 1921—buried Washington Cemetery.

Female Ruffner⁸ – private – married (private).

William (Willie) L. Ruffner⁷ (Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 4 April 1894 in Hunt City, Jasper County, Illinois, the son of Hugh Kelley Ruffner and Mariah (Retta) S. *Cole*.

William was a WWI veteran. On 29 September 1921, William married **Mabel Ione Morrell**, who was born 11 August 1891 in Clark County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Willian Norton Morrell and Adeline Belle *Clem*.

William was mainly a farmer on his land in Casey, Clark County, Illinois, and later Union Township, Cumberland County, Illinois. In the 1930s, William was a roustabout in the oil fields, doing a variety of jobs in the field.

Mabel died at Olney, Richland County, Illinois on 22 September 1966 at the age of 75. She is buried at Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

William died at St. Anthony Hospital in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana on 4 May 1971 at the age of 77. He is buried next to his wife Mabel at Ruffner Cemetery at Vevay Park, Illinois. William and Mabel had three children, all born in Illinois.

+William (Billy) Hugh Ruffner⁸ – 1922-1969 – married Freda Spencer.
+Walter E. Ruffner⁸ – 1923-1997 – married Bernice A. Wicoff.
+Rosemary Morrell Ruffner⁸ – 1924-1996 – married Marion Richard Shawver.

Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷ (Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ernest was born 23 February 1897 at Casey, Clark County, Illinois. He was the son of Hugh Kelley Ruffner and Mariah (Retta) S. *Cole*.

On 27 March 1917 he married (1) **Nora May Hurt**, who was born 3 February 1901. On 29 March 1929 at Cumberland County, Illinois, Nora died in childbirth along with their child (a boy). She is buried at Washington Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

In 1930 Ernest married (2) **Susan (Susie) Rebecca Hock**, who was born 9 December 1905 in Wood County, Ohio. Her parents were John Hock and Louella *Noblitt*.

Ernest was a butcher in Casey, Illinois, where he and Susie lived. On 8 April 1967 at the age of 70, Ernest died suddenly at his home 706 East Madison Street in Casey. He is buried at Washington Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Susie died at her residence in Casey, Illinois on 18 July 1994 at the age of 88. She is also buried at Washington Cemetery, Vevay Park, Illinois.

Ernest and his first wife Nora had six children, and Ernest and his second wife Susie had six children. All the children were born in Illinois.

Pearl Ernestine Ruffner⁸ – 1917-1918 – buried Washington Cemetery.
+Darol Edward Ruffner⁸ – 1919-1979 – married three times.
+Marcella Ruffner⁸ – 1922-1995 – married Glenn L. Alstott.
+Martha Jean Ruffner⁸ – 1924-1999 – married (1) Salazar (2) Copeland.
+Alberta Elnora Ruffner⁸ – 1926-1963 – married name Ginter.
Infant boy Ruffner⁸ – born and died 29 March 1929 – buried Washington Cemetery.
+William (Billy) Gene Ruffner⁸ – 1930-1995 – unmarried.
+Phyllis Mae Ruffner⁸ – 1931-2000 – married name Wilcoxon—divorced.
+Ernest Wayne Ruffner⁸ – 1933-2011 – no record of marriage.
+Jimmie Lee Ruffner⁸ – 1936-2002 – married (private).
+Donald Ray Ruffner⁸ – 1939-1999 – married (1) Payne (2) Weaver.
+Robert Allen Ruffner⁸ – 1941-1972 – not married.

Allen Edgar Ruffner⁷ (Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Allen was born 31 July 1899 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Hugh Kelley Ruffner and Mariah (Retta) *Cole*.

On 2 January 1919 at Sidell, Vermilion County, Illinois, he married (1) **Laura A. Ellis**, who was born 10 February 1899 at Columbus, Bartholomew County, Indiana. She was the daughter of William and Maggie Ellis. When Laura was eight years old, she

moved with her family to Illinois and always lived on farms in the Philo and Sidney communities.

Allen was a farmer—he and Laura lived in Philo, Champaign County, Illinois—three children were born to them. Laura died in 1949 at the age 50 in Burnham Hospital, Champaign, Illinois. She is buried at Locust Grove Cemetery at Philo, Champaign County, Illinois.

On 24 December 1952, Allen married (2) **Hazel Spence Herstrom**, the widow of Clarence J. Herstrom of Peoria, Illinois. Hazel was born 4 March 1904 at Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois, the daughter of Samuel and Amanda Spence. Hazel was employed at the University of Illinois for 18 years. In 1967, Hazel died at her home at the age of 63. She is buried at Candor Cemetery in Seaton, Mercer County, Illinois. Hazel had one son from her first marriage.

Allen died at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois on 27 December 1983 at the age of 84. His last residence was Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois. He is buried next to his first wife Laura at Locust Grove Cemetery in Philo, Illinois. Allen's and Laura's three children were:

Male Ruffner⁸ – died in infancy.

+Mildred A. Ruffner⁸ – 1919-2003 – married Lowell Raymond Potts.

+Thelma Maxine Ruffner⁸ – 1920-1991 – married Albert Alexander Craig, Jr.

Mabel Levonia Ruffner⁷ (Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mabel was born 26 October 1903 at West Union in Clark County, Illinois, the daughter of Hugh Kelley Ruffner and Mariah (Retta) Cole.

On 28 June 1922 Mabel married **Ross Gleason Wilsey**, who was born 19 December 1900 in Philo, Champaign County, Illinois, the son of John and Mary Wilsey. Ross was a farmer and they always lived in the Philo and Sidney, Illinois areas. Ross was a member of Sidney Lodge 360, Knights of Pythias.

Ross died at Mercy Hospital in Urbana, Illinois on 12 October 1970 at the age of 69. He had been ill for about five weeks and had undergone surgery. Ross is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Sidney, Illinois.

Mabel was a resident at the Champaign County Nursing Home in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois when she died on Saturday, 14 June 1986 at the age of 84. She is also buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Sidney, Illinois. Ross and Mabel had four children, all born in Illinois.

+Clifford Lawrence Wilsey⁸ – 1923-1986 – married Marjorie L. Crouse.

+Berdene Maxine Wilsey⁸ – 1925-2003 – married Wallace W. Campbell.

Male Wilsey⁸ – private

Male Wilsey⁸ – private

Frieda Blanche Ruffner⁷ (Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frieda was born 20 December 1909 in Illinois, the daughter of Hugh Kelley Ruffner and Mariah (Retta) *Cole*.

Orphaned at a young age, Frieda, along with her younger brother Harold, became a ward of the Odd Fellows Orphans Home in Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois.

She married **Harry Robert Ennis**, who was born 20 February 1912 in Illinois. When they were first married, Harry worked on a farm in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, where they lived.

Harry died December 1979. His last residence was Urbana, Illinois. He is buried at Locust Grove Cemetery in Philo, Champaign County, Illinois.

Frieda died at the age of 88 on 30 October 1998—her last residence at Rantoul, Champaign County, Illinois. She is buried beside her husband at Locust Grove Cemetery, Philo, Illinois. Two children (private).

Harold Thomas Ruffner⁷ (Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harold was born 13 November 1913 at Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Hugh Kelley Ruffner and Mariah (Retta) *Cole*.

Orphaned at age six, Harold was raised at the Odd Fellows Childrens Home in Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois, until he was 13 years old. At that time he went to live with Martin Ruffner, his older brother.

On 23 November 1935 at Toledo, Cumberland County, Illinois, Harold married **Maxine Cleora Sharp**, who was born 22 November 1916 in Clark County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Henry Harrison Sharp and Lennie *Packer*.

Harold was a long-time employee and warehouse foreman of Carter's Moving and Storage in its crating department as a carpenter building overseas crates. He retired in 1976. He also worked for the Philo Township driving a road grader until the year 1994.

Maxine died 31 January 1997 at the age of 80. She is buried at Locust Grove Cemetery in Philo, Champaign County, Illinois.

Harold, whose home was at Philo, Champaign County, Illinois, died at Manor Care Health Services in Urbana, Illinois, as an inpatient. He died at the age of 90 on Sunday, 1 August 2004. He is buried next to his wife Maxine at Locust Grove Cemetery in Philo, Illinois. Harold was considered Philo's #1 fan of the Chicago Cubs, and his Cubs' hat and banners were buried with him.

Harold and Maxine were survived by a son, two daughters, nine grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren (all private). His four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Hiram Bertsel Ruffner**

Helen Irene Ruffner⁷ (Hiram Bertsel Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Helen was born 22 February 1903 in Illinois. She was the daughter of Hiram Bertsel (Bert) Ruffner and America Ellen *Rennels*.

Helen married **Lawrence C. Karlee**, who was born 11 November 1899 in Wayne County, Illinois, the son of Frank and Margaret (Maggie) Karlee.

Lawrence was a self-employed carpenter. The lived at Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois; Indian Prairie, Wayne County, Illinois; and their last residence was Flora, Clay County, Illinois. Lawrence died January 1978. He is buried at Elmwood Cemetery at Flora, Illinois.

Helen died 1 April 1999. She is buried beside her husband Lawrence at Elmwood Cemetery in Flora, Illinois. Helen and Lawrence had one child, a daughter born at Flora, Clay County, Illinois.

+Lillian Bertha Karlee⁸ – 1924-2011 – married Bernard Lee Pittman.

Kenneth M. Ruffner⁷ (Hiram Bertsel Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kenneth was born 12 September 1904 in Illinois, the son of Hiram Bertsel (Bert) Ruffner and America Ellen *Rennels*.

Kenneth was a machine operator for Mount Vernon Car Manufacturing Company in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois.

Kenneth married (1) **Martha Anna Reece Hickie**, who was born 21 April 1894. She was the daughter of Oscar and Helena Reece, and the widow of Chauncie Owen Hickie (1891-1932). Anna (her preferred name) had three children from her first marriage: Gilbert Hickie, Charles Hickie and Doris B. *Hickie* McRill (1922-2011). Anna and Kenneth were separated and divorced and he married again in 1958. Anna died March 1874, and she is buried at East Hickory Hill Cemetery, Bluford, Jefferson County, Illinois, next to her first husband Chauncie Hickie.

In 1958 at St. Louis, Illinois, Kenneth married (2) **Iva Mae Mouser Harbison**, who was born 14 May 1907. She was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Mouser and Della Pearl *Knighton*. Iva Mae was divorced from James (Jim) Harbison (1902-1966). Iva Mae had seven sons and four daughters during her marriage to Jim Harbison.

Kenneth died 29 July 1978 at the age of 73. His last residence was McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Illinois. He is buried at Blooming Grove Cemetery at McLeansboro, Illinois.

Iva Mae died 5 August 1988 at the Missouri Delta Medical Center at Sikeston, Missouri. Even though at Blooming Grove Cemetery at McLeansboro, Illinois, a large gravestone has Iva Mae Ruffner's name on it next that of Kenneth Ruffner, she is not

buried there. Iva Mae Ruffner is actually buried at Matthews Cemetery in Matthews, New Madrid County, Missouri.

Although he had a large number of stepchildren, Kenneth evidently did not have any children of his own from either marriage.

Dorsey Ruffner⁷ (Hiram Bertsel Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dorsey was born circa 1907 in Jefferson County, Illinois, the son of Hiram Bertsel (Bert) Ruffner and America Ellen *Rennels*.

About 1925 Dorsey married **Ethel Winkler**, who was born in Hamilton County, Illinois, also circa 1907. Dorsey and Ethel had a daughter born to them on 12 April 1926 at Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois. She was not given a name and died at birth on the same day. The infant daughter was buried at Oakwood Cemetery at Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois. There is no listing of more children being born to them.

By the year 1929, Dorsey and Ethel were living and working at Alton State Hospital at Wood River Township, Madison County, Illinois. Dorsey was an attendant and Ethel was a waitress in the dining room. They were both still there in 1933, but the 1940 federal census does not list Ethel as being an employee or living at the institution—only Dorsey is listed although it shows he was married. This is the last record that was found for Dorsey or Ethel. Neither Dorsey nor Ethel Ruffner is listed in the Social Security death index.

Louise Ruffner⁷ (Hiram Bertsel Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) It is believed Louise was born 13 October 1908 in Illinois. She was the daughter of Hiram Bertsel (Bert) Ruffner and America Ellen *Rennels*.

There is an indication she married **Robert R. Sneddon** of Michigan, but no corroborating evidence was found. In 1960 Louise Sneddon was living in Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois (source the city directory). She was classified as the widow of Robert Sneddon, and was working for the International Shoe Co. Louise Ruffner Sneddon died 22 June 1992—her last residence Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Walter N. Ruffner⁷ (Hiram Bertsel Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 21 September 1911 in Illinois, the son of Hiram Bertsel (Bert) Ruffner and America Ellen *Rennels*.

Walter served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the USS Carroll (DE-171) from 1943-1944. He married **Lorene M. Whaley**, who was born 9 November 1911.

Walter died 5 March 1996 at the age of 84. He is buried at Blooming Grove Cemetery at McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Illinois.

Lorene died of natural causes at Alliance City Hospital, Alliance, Stark County, Ohio on 14 October 1997 at the age of 84. She is buried next to her husband Walter at Blooming Grove Cemetery at McLeansboro, Illinois.

Thelma Ruffner⁷ (Hiram Bertsel Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thelma was born 23 July 1914 in Marion County, Illinois, the daughter of Hiram Bertsel (Bert) Ruffner and America Ellen *Rennels*.

She married (1) **Kelley Rector** (1914-2008) and they were divorced before 1940. That year Thelma and her son Richard were living with her mother America Ruffner at Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois. Louise was working as a machine operating at a knitting company. Thelma and Kelley Rector had only the one child. Kelley Rector married again in 1964 and had children with his second wife.

Thelma married (2) **Loman Lee Briscoe**, who was born 23 October 1915. Loman died 17 February 1986. He is buried at Richmann Cemetery at Wappapello, Wayne County, Missouri.

Before her own death, Thelma had been a resident at the University Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois for three years. She died in Edwardsville on 22 October 2007 at the age of 93. She is buried at Richmann Cemetery at Wappapello, Missouri, next to her husband Loman.

Thelma's son Richard Rector (see below), and her two sisters and three brothers preceded her in death. She was survived by two daughters and four grandchildren—also six great-grandchildren (all private).

+Richard Eugene Rector⁸ – 1935-2003 – married private.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Margaret Mindwell *Ruffner* Wilkinson**

Paul Roland Wilkinson⁷ (Margaret Mindwell Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Paul was born 20 December 1903 in Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois. He was the son of Margaret (Maggie) Mindwell *Ruffner* and Dorus Wilkinson.

On 16 August 1925 in Coles County, Illinois, Paul married **Mary Catherine Joy Freeman**, who was born 26 February 1907 in Illinois. Joy was the daughter of Thomas Oscar Freeman and Nellie *Voight*. In 1930 they lived in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, and Paul gave his occupation as a bank examiner. In 1940 they lived in Lyons, Cook County, Illinois and Paul was a president of a bank.

Joy died at Kankakee Township, Kankakee County, Illinois on 23 November 1946 at the age of 39. Her last residence was Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. According to Joy's marital status on her death record, she and Paul were divorced. Joy Wilkinson is buried at Dodge Grove Cemetery at Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois.

Paul died 9 May 1975 in Muskegon County, Michigan. One child, a son was born to them—Paul F. Wilkinson⁸ – born 1931. No further records were found for Paul Roland Wilkinson, or his son.

Donald Edgar Wilkinson⁷ (Margaret Mindwell Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donald was born 23 July 1907 in Illinois, the son of Margaret (Maggie) Mindwell *Ruffner* and Dorus Wilkinson.

Donald served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1945 during WWII as a Pharmacist Mate 1/c. Donald was evidently a long-time employee of the railroad, since his retirement pension came through the Railroad Board rather than Social Security. Donald died 4 December 1978 at the age of 71. He is buried at Glendale Memorial Park, Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona. No record was found as to his marital status, so it is likely he was not married.

Helen Abigail Wilkinson⁷ (Margaret Mindwell Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Helen was born 3 August 1910 in Illinois, the daughter of Margaret (Maggie) Mindwell *Ruffner* and Dorus Wilkinson.

Helen married **George Wesley Bayne**, who was born 15 May 1903 in Neoga, Cumberland County, Illinois. He was the son of Charles Wesley Bayne (1875-1937) and Jenny *Montgomery* (1874-1953). George was a truck driver; first for Cumberland Coaches in Mattoon, and then he drove a mail truck for the U.S. Postal Service. George died 4 September 1975 in Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois.

Helen died 20 January 1997. She was cremated and her ashes are interred at Dodge Grove Cemetery at Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois. No record of children was found.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Maude Annetta Ruffner Doty**

Horace Doty⁷ (Maude Annetta Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Horace was born 13 November 1903 in Illinois, the oldest child of Maude Annetta (Nettie) *Ruffner* and Charles Emery Doty.

On 6 November 1929, Horace married **Lucille Leonard**, who was born 11 May 1908 in Illinois.

Horace died 1 July 1991 at the age of 87. He is buried at Windsor Cemetery, Windsor, Shelby County, Illinois.

Lucille died 21 November 2000 at the age of 92. She is also buried at Windsor Cemetery at Windsor, Illinois. Horace and Lucille had three children—all daughters.

+Alice Kathleen Doty⁸ – 1929-1998 – married Lewis Edgar Hawkins.
Female Doty⁸ – private
Female Doty⁸ – private

Margaret Doty⁷ (Maude Annetta Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 2 August 1906 in Illinois, the daughter of Maude Annetta (Nettie) *Ruffner* and Charles Emery Doty.

Circa 1927 Margaret married (1) **Harold T. Houts**, who was born 13 October 1905 in Coles County, Illinois. Harold was a barber working in a barber shop in Mattoon, Illinois. Margaret and Harold were divorced in the mid-1930s. Harold served in the U.S. Army during WWII from 1943-1945. He died at Mattoon, Illinois on 19 July 2007 at the age of 101.

Margaret married (2) **Lloyd H. Kelley**, who was born 9 July 1910, and died May 1963. Lloyd was a bookkeeper.

Margaret died 27 April 1994 at the age of 88. She is buried at Dodge Grove Cemetery at Mattoon, Illinois. Margaret had two children.

Male Houts⁸ – private
Sharon Lloyd Kelley⁸ 1938-1989 – married (private).

Dorothy Doty⁷ (Maude Annetta Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dorothy was born 13 November 1909 in Lovington, Moultrie County, Illinois, the daughter of Maude Annetta (Nettie) *Ruffner* and Charles Emery Doty.

At the age of 18 in Coles County, Illinois on 28 July 1928, Dorothy married (1) **Lester Earl Matteson**. He was born 6 April 1906 in Illinois, the son of Elmer Matteson and Rose Alice *Simerl*. Lester died December 1973. His last residence was Casey, Clark County, Illinois. Dorothy and Lester had three children—a son and two daughters.

In 1976 Dorothy married (2) **Mervin B. Hiser**, who was born 3 December 1898. Mervin was first married to M Naomi Hiser who died in 1974. Mervin died 3 April 1990. He is buried at Cerro Gordo Cemetery at Cerro Gordo, Piatt County, Illinois, next to his first wife.

Formerly a resident of Cerro Gordo, Illinois, Dorothy later moved to Quincy, Illinois to be near her daughter. Dorothy was a member of Oakley Methodist Church. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, canasta and dominoes.

Dorothy died at Sunset Home in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois on 8 November 2004 at the age of 94. She is buried at Greenup Cemetery at Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois. Dorothy was survived by the two daughters from her first marriage, and grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren (all private). One son from her first marriage survived her, but died a few years later.

+Lester Earl Matteson, Jr.⁸ – 1939-2015 – married (private)

Ada Elizabeth Doty⁷ (Maude Annetta Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ada was born 8 November 1911 in Illinois, the daughter of Maude Annetta (Nettie) *Ruffner* and Charles Emery Doty.

On 14 July 1932, Ada married **William (Bill) Nelson Tesson**, who was born 7 April 1913 at Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He was the son of William Tesson, Sr. and Connie *Stevens*.

Ada died 29 August 2001 at the age of 89. She is buried at Dodge Grove Cemetery, Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois. Her last residence was Georgetown, Vermillion County, Illinois.

Bill died at Pleasant Meadows Christian Village at Chrisman, Edgar County on 11 June 2006 at the age of 93. He is buried at Dodge Grove Cemetery at Mattoon, Illinois. His last residence was Georgetown, Vermillion County, Illinois.

At the time of Bill's death, Ada and Bill Tesson were survived by one daughter, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren (all private).

Charles Ruffner Doty⁷ (Maude Annetta Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 24 March 1914 in Coles County, Illinois. He was the son of Maude Annetta (Nettie) *Ruffner* and Charles Emery Doty.

In 1940 Charles lived in Waverly, Morgan County, Illinois and he was an agricultural teacher at a public school.

On 2 July 1940, he married **Trela Lavern Neece**, who was born 14 October 1919 at Scottville, Macoupin County, Illinois. She was the daughter of William H. Neece and Hattie R. *Hettrick*.

Trela died at Blue Mound, Macon County, Illinois on 28 August 2001 at Blue at the age of 81. She is buried at Dodge Grove Cemetery, Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois.

Charles died 8 August 2007 at the age of 93. His last residence was Blue Mound, Illinois. He is buried at Dodge Grove Cemetery at Mattoon, Illinois. Charles and Trela had two children (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Alma Effie Ruffner Higgs**

Scott R. Higgs⁷ (Alma Effie Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Scott was born 17 March 1905 at Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois. He was the eldest son of Alma Effie *Ruffner* and Bleauford Higgs.¹⁷⁷

¹⁷⁷ The surname was sometimes spelled Higgs; however, to be consistent I have used the Higgs spelling throughout as that is how Bleauford Higgs signed his name.

Scott was employed at the Consumer Ice Company plant where his father worked as an engineer. Scott was an electrician by trade, but also drove a taxi. He was not married.

It was 28 July 1927 and Scott was living in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, when he tragically drowned along with his younger brother after their canoe capsized in Lake Decatur. According to information from their parents, the boys had gone to the lake for a swim to cool off before reporting for work. They were both considered good swimmers.

A newspaper account said that Scott had suffered a severe fall a few years earlier while working for an electric company at Taylorville, Illinois, and he was partially paralyzed for months afterwards. During the previous spring, he was ill for weeks and that illness may have sapped his strength to such an extent he could not take care of himself in the water. Scott was 22 years old. He is buried at Graceland Cemetery, Decatur, Macon County, Illinois.

Wayne T. Higgins⁷ (Alma Effie Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wayne was born circa 1907 in Illinois, the son of Alma Effie *Ruffner* and Bleauford Higgins.

In 1940 he lived in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois with his wife Mary. He was 32 years old; his wife was 22 years old. Wayne was a machine operator for Caterpillar Tractor Co. In the 1941 city directory for Taylorville, Illinois, Wayne and Mary are listed. However, in the 1959 Peoria City Directory only Wayne is listed. At that time he was a machine operator for L. R. Nelson Mfg. Co. No other records.

Walter Higgins⁷ (Alma Effie Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 4 April 1911 at Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana. He was the son of Alma Effie *Ruffner* and Bleauford Higgins.

It was 28 July 1927 and Walter was 16 years old and still attending school when he died in the tragic accident which also claimed the life of his eldest brother. Walter was working for the summer at Consumer Ice Co. in Decatur, Illinois, where both his father and older brother Scott worked. It was July, the weather was hot, and according to the boys' parents, Scott and Walter decided to take their canoe to Lake Decatur, near their home in order to cool off before heading to work. Both were considered good swimmers. When their canoe overturned, both brothers drowned. Sixteen-year-old Walter Higgins is buried at Graceland Cemetery at Decatur, Macon County, Illinois.

Elizabeth Higgins⁷ (Alma Effie Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elizabeth was born circa 1915, the daughter of Alma Effie *Ruffner* and Bleauford Higgins. See footnote cxxxvi on page 252 for information on the confusion regarding this Elizabeth Higgins and another Elizabeth Higgins from a completely different family.

Robert Glenn Higgins⁷ (Alma Effie Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 31 October 1916 in Illinois, the son of Alma Effie *Ruffner* and Bleauford Higgins.

On 21 August 1937 in Peoria County, Illinois, Robert married **Betty E. Darrah**, who was born 12 February 1921 in Blandinsville, Illinois, the daughter of Fred Darrah and Jessie B. *Roll*.

Robert served as a Pfc. in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. Following his war time service, they lived in Peoria and Robert worked for the Santa Fe Railway. Robert died 13 May 1964 at the age of 47. He is buried at Chillicothe City Cemetery at Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois.

On 16 February 1990 at the age of 69, Betty married Roy M. Wisner. Roy died 24 November 2001.

Betty continued to make her home in Chillicothe, Illinois. She died at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois on Tuesday, 12 March 2013 at the age of 92—cremation followed. Robert and Betty were survived by one son, two daughters, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren (all private). One daughter is deceased.

+Cheryl M. Higgins⁸ – 1950-2008 – married (private).

James Standly Higgins⁷ (Alma Effie Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 19 February 1921¹⁷⁸ in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois. He was the son of Alma Effie *Ruffner* and Bleauford Higgins.

James served in the U.S. Army during WWII – 1942-1945. He filed a disability claim with the Social Security Administration, which was denied. James appears to have been single.

James died 4 December 1973 at the age of 51. He is buried at Parkview Cemetery in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Benjamin Harrison Ruffner**

Helen Pearl Ruffner⁷ (Benjamin Harrison Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Helen was born 7 November 1920 in Indiana, the daughter of Benjamin Harrison Ruffner and Tressa (Tressie) Hazel *Sutherlin*.

Helen married **John Henry Smith, Jr.**, who was born 17 March 1918 in Vigo County, Indiana. He was the son of John Henry Smith, Sr. and Linne J. Smith.

Helen and John lived in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana. They had at least one son who was born in 1943.

¹⁷⁸ James Higgen's birth had been given as 19 February 1919—he filed a claim with the Social Security Administration for change in his date of birth and it was changed to 19 February 1921.

Helen died 28 August 1983 at the age of 62. She is buried at Roselawn Memorial Park at Terre Haute, Indiana.¹⁷⁹

After Helen's death, John married again. He died 1 January 2002, and he is buried at Bethesda Cemetery, West Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, next to his second wife Elizabeth Smith (1922-1999).

Helen and John were survived by a son and two grandchildren (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Orrell Wayne Ruffner**

Leland Wayne Ruffner⁷ (Orrell Wayne Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leland was born 22 October 1919 at Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Orrell Wayne Ruffner and Vera Cecil *Hutton*.

Leland graduated from Central High School, South Bend, Indiana (1937). He attended Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana and graduated in 1942.¹⁸⁰ During WWII, Leland served as a 2nd Lieutenant, USAF. Leland was employed as an engineer with Stewart-Warner in Indianapolis, Indiana. He married **Elizabeth (Betty) Jane Hall**, and they had two sons (both private).



Leland died 21 June 1996 in Union County, Georgia at the age of 76. His last residence was given as Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.

Ruth Louise Ruffner⁷ (Orrell Wayne Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth was born 16 November 1924 in Indiana, the daughter of Orrell Wayne Ruffner and Vera Cecil *Hutton*.

On 15 March 1947, she married **Roscoe James Brooks**, who was born 31 May 1923 in Kentucky, the son of Riley Pat Brooks (1891-1969) and Lillie Victoria *King* (1902-1995). Roscoe had served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Roscoe died 9 August 1995 in Union County, Georgia.

Ruth died 4 September 2008. Her last residence was Citrus Heights, Sacramento County, California. Ruth and Roscoe are believed to have had two children during their marriage (both private).

¹⁷⁹ Even though Helen's gravestone is a dual one with John's name and birthdate carved in the stone next to hers, he is evidently not buried at Roselawn Cemetery.

¹⁸⁰ Photograph of Leland Wayne Ruffner, Purdue University (1942).



John Martin Ruffner⁷ (Orrell Wayne Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 19 February 1930 in Indiana, the son of Orrell Wayne Ruffner and Vera Cecil *Hutton*.

John attended James Whitcomb Riley High School in South Bend, Indiana. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, in 1955.¹⁸¹

John was married in 1951 (private). He died at the age of 70 on 31 October 2000 in Alexandria, Virginia. John and his wife had three sons (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Eva Jane Ruffner Rooney Carr

Florence Rooney⁷ (Eva Jane Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Florence was born 10 December 1918 at Miles, Custer County, Montana. She was the only child of Eva Jane *Ruffner* and Janus James Rooney.

After Florence's father died in 1919 when she was less than a year old, her mother Eva Jane and Florence went to live with Eva Jane's parents in Union, Cumberland County, Illinois. That was Florence's home until shortly before she married **William (Bill) Earl Waldrip** aka **Earl William Waldrip**. Florence and William were married at Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, on 21 September 1942. At the time they each gave their residence as Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois.

William was born 9 March 1918 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Earl D. (Doc) Waldrip (1889-1957) and Nell *McCullough* (1887-1984).

William entered the military and served as S/Sgt in the U.S. Army during WWII. At the time of enlistment he gave his education as four years of college and his occupation as a teacher.

Florence died 12 July 1996 at the age of 77. Her last residence was Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois. She is buried at Harmony Cemetery, Greenup Township, Cumberland County, Illinois.

William died 2 November 1997 at the age of 79. He is also buried at Harmony Cemetery at Greenup Township, Illinois. Florence and William may have had two sons (private).

¹⁸¹ Photograph of John Martin Ruffner, University of Illinois (1955).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Charles Bishop Ruffner**

Marion Ruffner⁷ (Charles Bishop Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marion was born 25 August 1909 in Greenup Township, Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Charles Bishop Ruffner and Jessie Mae *Coffell*.

On 2 May 1937 at Fort Benton, Chouteau County, Montana, 26-year-old Marion *Ruffner* of Miles City, Montana, married 26-year-old **Donald James Anderson** of Chinook, Blaine County, Montana—the marriage performed by a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Donald was born 8 July 1910 at Glendive, Dawson County, Montana. He was the son of Albert Anderson and Clara Jorgenson. Donald worked for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

When Marion and Donald retired, they moved to Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. Marion died there on 1 October 1990 at the age of 81.

Donald died at Phoenix, Arizona on 23 February 1998 at the age of 87. They had at least one son (private).

Margaret Ruffner⁷ (Charles Bishop Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 16 August 1911 at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, the daughter of Charles Bishop Ruffner and Jessie *Coffell*.

On 25 November 1929 in Dawson County, Montana, 18 year-old Margaret *Ruffner* and 34-year-old **Samuel (Sam) Ernest Shy** were married by a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Sam was born 14 January 1895 in Otterville, Cooper County, Missouri. He was the son of George P. Shy (1848-1931) and Mary (Mollie) Homan (1859-1931). Sam was a rancher on his own land in Garland, Custer County, Montana. He had settled in Montana with his parents as a young boy.



Margaret and Sam spent their marriage days on their ranch in Custer County. Margaret died 16 February 1958 at the age of 47. She is buried at Custer County Cemetery at Miles City, Custer County, Montana. No records were found of any children being born to Margaret and Sam during their marriage.

Sam later married again. He married (2) Grace Barbara Burlison (1906-1973). With this marriage, Sam had step-children.

Sam's last residence was Miles City, Custer County, Montana. He died in Custer County 15 April 1974 at the age of 79. Sam is buried next to his first wife Margaret at Custer County Cemetery in Miles City, Montana.

George Newman Ruffner⁷ (Charles Bishop Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 27 July 1916 at Volborg, Custer County, Montana, the son of Charles Bishop Ruffner and Jessie Mae *Coffell*.

On 20 August 1942 he married **Dorothy Virginia Bateman**, who was born 1920, in Custer County, Montana, the daughter of Joseph and Edelia Bateman.

During WWII, George served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and they lived in Ogden, Utah. In 1952, George was a roughneck for Pioneer Oil Co. in Lakewood, California. He then worked for Signal Oil & Gas Company at Long Beach and was still with them in 1969.

George and Dorothy were still living in Long Beach, California when he died 3 August 1978 at the age of 62. Dorothy died 1983. George and Dorothy had one child (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Maude Belle Ruffner Durham**

Frances Durham⁷ (Maude Belle Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frances was born 19 October 1910 at Arrowsmith, McLean County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Maude Belle *Ruffner* and Homer Ernest Durham.

She married **John Meredith Allbright**, who was born 12 February 1911 in Parke County, Indiana. He was the son of Lewis Henry Allbright (1884-1915) and Edith Aerie *Bockman*.

Frances was a handwriting analyst and spent many years promoting graphology. Frances was founder and past president (1973-75 and 1985-87) of the American Association of Handwriting Analysts and taught handwriting analysis at Lyons Township Junior College and in her home. She was past president of the West Cook County Girl Scouts and a past president of the 6th District of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs. Frances was also a longtime member of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Robert E. Coulter Post in LaGrange, Illinois.

Frances was widowed when John Meredith Allbright died 24 August 1978 at LaGrange, Cook County, Illinois at the age of 67. He is buried at Elmwood Cemetery at Centralia, Marion County, Illinois.

Frances and John lived in LaGrange, Cook County, Illinois for over 50 years. In 1983 she moved to Beacon Hill Assisted Living at Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois. Frances was one of the original residents of Beacon Hill. As a resident there, Frances was a very busy lady—she headed the Beacon Hill Crafters Group, organized "Saturday

Night at the Movies, taught AARP reminiscence classes, sang with the “Hilltoppers” and worshipped and had Bible study with her Beacon Hill neighbors.

Frances died at the Beacon Hill Health Center in Lombard, Illinois, on Sunday, 17 September 2000 at the age of 89. Interment was private and burial was not specified.

Frances and John left no children. However, they were survived by many nieces and nephews.

Janice Durham⁷ (Maude Belle Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Janice was born 12 July 1912 in Illinois, the daughter of Maude Belle *Ruffner* and Homer Ernest Durham.

She married **James Bockman Parker**, who was born 16 February 1910 in Parke County, Indiana. James was a civil engineer. In 1935 and 1940 they lived in Brookfield, Cook County, Illinois.

Janice died 5 April 1954 at the age of 41. She is buried at Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

James died 17 March 1982 in Fresno, Fresno County, California at the age of 72. It is believed Janice and James had two children, both sons (private).



Ernestine Durham⁷ (Maude Belle Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ernestine was born 11 August 1914 in Illinois, the daughter of Maude Belle *Ruffner* and Homer Ernest Durham.

On 30 May 1939 she married **John Wilbur Morrissey**, who was born 30 December 1911 at Aurora, Illinois. He was the son of John Joseph and Edna Morrissey. John was an engineer. In 1963 he traveled to Brazil via Pan America Airways on official business with a 30-day tourist card. John Morrissey's photo shown here is from his official 1963 travel card.

Ernestine died at Tryon Estates Medical Facility on 1 September 2005 at the age of 91. She was a resident of Tryon Estates at Columbus, Polk County, North Carolina. Ernestine is buried at Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

John died 18 December 2008, just 12 days before his 97th birthday. He is buried beside his wife Ernestine at Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Illinois. Ernestine and John had two children—both sons (private).

Rebecca Durham⁷ (Maude Belle Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rebecca was born 10 November 1916 in LaGrange, Cook County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Maude Belle *Ruffner* and Homer Ernest Durham.

On 27 September 1941, she married **Eric Everett Smith**, who was born 31 May 1914 at Park Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey. He was the son of Eric Vernon Smith

(1880-1977) and Ethel Grace *Everett* (1886-1949). His occupation was given as a producer.

Rebecca died at the age of 31 on 12 February 1948 at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. She is buried at Park Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey.

Eric died at the age of 44 on 11 October 1958 at Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois. He is buried at Pascack Cemetery in Park Ridge, New Jersey. Rebecca and Eric Smith had one child, a daughter (private).

Betty Jean Durham⁷ (Maude Belle Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Betty Jean was born 28 November 1923 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Maude Belle *Ruffner* and Homer Ernest Durham.

On 2 May 1942 she married **Ernest S. Cox**, who was born 28 January 1923 in Woodbury Township, Cumberland County, Illinois. He was the son of Walter and Zella M. Cox. Betty Jean and Ernest lived in Terre Haute, Indiana and had lived at Winter Haven, Polk County, Florida since 1980.

Betty Jean graduated from Greenup High School. She was known for her art in entertaining friends, and wonderful dinners. Betty Jean was a member of the Elks Club of Terre Haute, Elks Nine Hole Golfers, Sycamore Ladies Club, and Golden Girls Card Club, and was known as “Bingo Betty” by Elks members. She spent most of her married life as a homemaker, but had worked at the brewing company Champagne Velvet and the record company Columbia House.

Ernest also graduated from Greenup High School and then worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad for 42 years, first as a fireman and retiring as an engineer. During WWII he served in the military in Europe where he was a railroader. He was a member of the Terre Haute Elks Lodge 86, the Retired Railroad Association, and the Sycamore Country Club of Terre Haute.

Ernest died at Winter Haven Hospital on 29 January 2005 one day after his 82nd birthday. The cause of death was heart failure. He is buried at Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Betty Jean died at Ormond Beach, Florida on 25 August 2005 at the age 81. She is buried next to her husband Ernest at Ruffner Cemetery, Vevay Park, Illinois. Betty Jean and Ernest were survived by two sons and a grandson (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Bess Ruffner Williams**

Esther Elizabeth Williams⁷ (Bess Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elizabeth (this seemed to be the name she preferred) was born 14 March 1916 in Homer, Champaign County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Bess (Bessie) *Ruffner* and William Taylor Williams.

Elizabeth married **Robert Warner Johnson**. He was born 22 January 1916 at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

Elizabeth died 2 August 2003 at the age of 87. Elizabeth and Robert were living at Dundee, Polk County, Florida when she died. Elizabeth is buried at Grovertown Cemetery at Grovertown, Starke County, Indiana.

Robert died 12 September 2008 at the age of 92. His last residence was at Walkerton, St. Joseph County, Indiana. Robert is buried beside his wife Elizabeth at Grovertown Cemetery, Grovertown, Indiana. Elizabeth and Robert William had two children (private).

Charles William Williams⁷ (Bess Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born circa 1918 in Cumberland County, Illinois.

The last verifiable information found for Charles was the 1940 census for Crooked Creek, Cumberland County, Illinois. He was 22 years old, single, and living with his parents and working as a bookkeeper for a shoe factory.

Kenneth R. Williams⁷ (Bess Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner) Kenneth was born 25 September 1921 in Greenup Township, Cumberland County, Illinois. He was the son of Bess (Bessie) *Ruffner* and William Taylor Williams.

No record was found regarding marriage. Kenneth enlisted in the Army in 1942, and following that the Air Force. He served in the military from 1942 through 1966.

Kenneth died March 1994 at the age of 73. His last residence was Washington D.C. Previous to that he had also lived at Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida. Kenneth is buried at Harmony Cemetery, Greenup Township, Cumberland County, Illinois.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Lillian *Ruffner* Nash**

Ruth Jeanette Nash⁷ (Lillian Ruffner⁶, Walter Newman Ruffner Jr.⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jeanette was born 22 July 1924 at Marshall, Clark County, Illinois, the daughter of Lillian *Ruffner* and Heber Green Nash.

Sometime after 1967, Jeanette married **Leon Emerson Cooper**, who was born 25 September 1920 in Clark County, Illinois. He was the son of Homer Cooper and Laura *Lindley*. Leon was a widower—his first wife was Alma L. Cooper (1924-1967). Leon had a son from his first marriage: Darrell Gene Cooper (1948-2011).

Jeanette died on 3 May 1997 at the age of 72—at Union Hospital, Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, where she was being treated for pancreatic cancer. She is buried at Marshall Cemetery, Marshall, Clark County, Illinois.

Leon died 18 June 2001 at the age of 80. He is also buried at Marshal Cemetery at Marshall, Illinois. Jeanette had no children of her own.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
William C. Mooberry**

Charles Calvin Mooberry⁷ (William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 17 January 1874 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the eldest son of William C. Mooberry and Elizabeth (Lizzie) *Martin*.

On 16 February 1899, Charles married **Margaret (Maggie) Ann Thornton**, who was born 9 March 1880, the daughter of Michael Thornton and Nettie Ann *Grandstaff*.

At the beginning of their marriage and during the birth of their 10 children, Charles was a farmer in Farmdale, Tazewell County, Illinois. In 1927, Charles and Maggie were living separate lives, and by 1930, the man of the household was noticeably absent and Maggie was listed as the head of the household with her occupation given as farmer. When the 1940 census was taken, Maggie listed herself as divorced. At the time of their separation in the late 1920s Charles was living in Peoria, Illinois, and soon working as a supervisor for Fon Du Lac Township. He became the Supervisor and Overseer of the Poor at the Fon Du Lac Township Relief Office in Peoria, Illinois, a position he held until his retirement in 1956.

With the children grown, Maggie left the farm and moved to Peoria where she and Charles are both listed; although living in separate households. Maggie died 22 October 1955 in Tazewell County, Illinois. She is buried at Fon du lac Township Cemetery, East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Charles died at the age of 84 on 2 October 1961. He is also buried at Fon du lac Township Cemetery at East Peoria, Illinois. As noted, during their marriage, Charles and Maggie Mooberry had ten children; all born in Tazewell County, Illinois. Unlike a great number of large families, all the children lived to adulthood

- +Elizabeth L. Mooberry⁸ – 1900-1984 – married Edward Joseph Wilde.
- +Olive K. Mooberry⁸ – 1901-1983 – married Richard Edward Clark.
- +William Wilson Mooberry⁸ – 1903-1968 – he never married.
- +John Wilbur Mooberry⁸ – 1904-1990 – no information on marriage.
- +Margaret Rachel Mooberry⁸ – 1906-2004 – married Glen W. Waltermire.
- +Frances L. Mooberry⁸ – 1908-2008 – married and divorced Ralph E. Wilton.
- +Irene L. Mooberry⁸ – 1909-2007 – she never married.
- +Charles Vernon Mooberry⁸ – 1912-1952 – he never married.
- +Donald (Don) E. Mooberry⁸ – 1916-2012 – married (private).
- +Merrell Quinton Mooberry⁸ – 1920-2008 – married Sonya Ruth Epstein.

Chester William Mooberry⁷ (William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Chester was born 11 November 1879 at Farmdale, Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of William C. Mooberry and Elizabeth (Lizzie) *Martin*. Chester served in the Spanish American War as a private in Co. G, 1st Illinois Cavalry.

On 28 February 1900 at McLean County, Illinois, Chester married **Mary Charlotte Maloney**, who was born 24 May 1880 at Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois. She was the daughter of James Maloney and Margaret *Vaughn*, who were both from Ireland.

Chester became a fire fighter for the City of Peoria, Illinois, and was killed 13 November 1911 by a falling smoke stack while fighting a major fire at the National Hotel which was located at the corner of Hamilton and Jefferson Streets in Peoria, Illinois. Just two days before his death, Chester had celebrated his 32nd birthday. He is buried at Wiley Cemetery at Colfax, McLean County, Illinois—Block 49, Lot 3, Plot 2.

By 1920 Mary and the children had moved to California where her parents lived. She died at the age of 64 on 24 August 1944 in Los Angeles County, California. Chester and Mary Charlotte had two children, both born in Illinois.

+Ronald Mooberry⁸ – 1901—death date unknown.

+Mary Charlotte Mooberry⁸ – 1902-1921 – unmarried.

Margaret (Maggie) E. Mooberry⁷ (William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maggie was born October 1883 in Anchor, McLean County, Illinois. She was the daughter of William C. Mooberry and Elizabeth (Lizzie) *Martin*.

On 11 May 1905 at Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, Maggie married **Royden (Roy) K. Baird**, who was born 11 July 1880 in Illinois, the son of J. D. Baird and Elizabeth *McWilliams*.

Roy was a commercial traveler dealing with vehicles. Roy died at Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois on 2 February 1912 at the age of 31. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery at Bloomington, Illinois—Plot: Section 14, Lot: 134.

After his death, Maggie lived in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. She worked as a nurse in Chicago, and died there 3 December 1923 at the age of 40. She is buried at Mt. Greenwood Cemetery at Chicago, Illinois. There is no record that Maggie and Roy Baird had any surviving children.

Clive Watson Mooberry⁷ (William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clive was born 12 May 1888 in McLean County, Illinois. He was the son of William C. Mooberry and Elizabeth (Lizzie) *Martin*.

Clive married **Mary Elizabeth Hammond**, who was born 25 August 1888 in Iowa. Her father was Charles Hammond.

The first information regarding Clive Mooberry's career was found in his 1918 WWI draft registration which shows him as Dr. Clive W. Mooberry, a veterinarian with the pharmaceutical firm of Parke, Davis & Co. He later owned the Lone Pine Fox Farm at Random Lake, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin. He and his wife seemed to have been involved in numerous different financial undertakings.

As shown in the following short newspaper article, Clive's life came to a tragic end. From the *Sheboygan Press* dated 31 December 1930. *Oct. 15 – Clive W. Mooberry, age 41, of Wauwatosa, president of the Lone Pine Fox Farms, Random Lake, Wisconsin, shot and killed himself in his office at Milwaukee.*

After Clive's death, his widow Mary moved to Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas. She was living there when she died at the age of 70 on 17 January 1959 as the result a heart attack at her home—718 West 20th Street, Brownsville.

Clive and Mary Mooberry had one child, a daughter, born in Iowa. Gretchen C. Mooberry⁸ – born circa 1907 – Gretchen was listed in the 1920 and 1930 census records with her parents, and also in the 1929 city directory for Milwaukee. No other records were found.

Lyle Noel Mooberry⁷ (William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lyle was born 17 November 1902 in Colfax, McLean County, Illinois, the son of William C. Mooberry and his second wife Olive Noel Hodges.

Lyle married (1) **Wilma Mae Vincent** (1908-2003). They were divorced and she later married Thomas Smith Rowe.

Lyle married (2) **Marlus Mae Beams**. She was born 11 November 1919 Hodgenville, LaRue County, Kentucky, the daughter of James K. Beams and Ada M. Elliott.

Lyle lived in Alhambra, Los Angeles County, California, first with his mother. He worked as a crane operator for an iron works company. In 1940 he was living in Klamath Falls, Oregon with his second wife, and he was working at a lumber mill. His wife Marlus was a waitress at a restaurant.

He returned to Peoria, Illinois, where he was unemployed, and on 8 February 1942 at the age of 39 years, two months and 21 days old, Lyle committed suicide by gunshot. Lyle is buried at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery at East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois—Plot: Section H, Lot SR 47, Grave 3B. Lyle had no children from either marriage. In 1947 Lyle's second wife Marlus married Robert V. Gass. She died 1 December 1998.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Lizzie Luella Mooberry Gish**

Geneva Laura Gish⁷ (Lizzie Luella Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Geneva was born 27 July

1885 in Illinois. She was the daughter of Lizzie Luella *Mooberry* and Emory (E.G.) Gish. Geneva was a young girl when her father Emory died in 1895 at the age of 38.

Geneva and her mother lived in Onarga, Iroquois County, Illinois after the death of Emory, but they soon moved to Peoria, Illinois, to live with Matilda Mooberry, Geneva's maternal grandmother. Geneva worked as a milliner while they lived in Peoria. Geneva and her mother next moved to Los Angeles County, California.

Circa 1914, Geneva married **Thomas Albert Wood**, who was born 26 March 1886 in Benedict, York County, Nebraska. In 1930, Geneva and Thomas lived at Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, and Geneva's mother lived with them. Long Beach remained their home. Thomas was a real estate salesman.

Thomas Wood died at the age of 71 on 4 May 1957 in Los Angeles County, California. He is interred at Westminster Memorial Park, Faith Mausoleum, in Westminster, Orange County, California.

Geneva died 13 June 1985 in Los Angeles County, California. She was only two weeks from celebrating her 100th birthday when she died. She is interred next to her husband Thomas at Westminster Memorial Park, Faith Mausoleum, Westminster, California. Geneva and Thomas Wood did not have any children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Margaret Elma *Mooberry* Wilson**

Anna Mae Wilson⁷ (Margaret Elma Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anna Mae was born 20 October 1898 in Ford County, Illinois, the daughter of Margaret (Maggie) Elma *Mooberry* and Edwin E. Wilson.

She married **John Wesley Uphoff**, who was born 1 October 1900 in Cullom, Livingston County, Illinois, the son of John H. Uphoff and Stella *Maddin*. John worked as an auto mechanic.

John died 9 December 1935 at the age of 35. He is buried at Chatsworth-Charlotte Cemetery at Chatsworth, Livingston County, Illinois.

Anna Mae and their two children lived in Onarga, Iroquois County, Illinois, where Anna Mae was employed as a librarian in the public library.

Anna Mae died at the age of 88 in October 1986—her last residence was Piper City, Ford County, Illinois. She is buried at Brenton Cemetery at Piper City, Illinois.

Anna Mae and John Uphoff had two children, a son and a daughter, both born in Illinois. Their daughter is still living (private).

+John Wesley Uphoff, Jr.⁸ – 1926-2014 – married Beverly Jean Colebank.
Female Uphoff⁸ – private – married Louis C. Ranier (1919-1986).

Raymond M. Wilson⁷ (Margaret Elma Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Raymond was born 23

April 1900 in Illinois, the son of Margaret (Maggie) Elma *Mooberry* and Edwin E. Wilson. He died 31 January 1901, less than one year old. Raymond is buried at Brenton Cemetery, Piper City, Ford County, Illinois.

Gilbert E. Wilson⁷ (Margaret Elma Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gilbert was born 2 June 1903 in Ford County, Illinois. He was the son of Margaret (Maggie) Elma *Mooberry* and Edwin E. Wilson.

Gilbert always lived on the family farm at Brenton, Illinois. He completed the 8th grade of school and then helped run the farm with his father and later his younger brother. He never married. Gilbert died in 1965 and he is buried near his parents and brother at Brenton Cemetery in Piper City, Ford County, Illinois. He left no issue.

Robert D. Wilson⁷ (Margaret Elma Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 20 July 1905 in Ford County, Illinois, the youngest child of Margaret (Maggie) Elma *Mooberry* and Edwin E. Wilson.

Like his older brother Gilbert, most of Robert's life was spent on the family farm at Brenton, Illinois. He completed his schooling and stayed on the farm with his father and brother. However, Robert saw service in WWII in the U.S. Army from 1942 through 1945. He then went back home and remained on the farm for the remainder of his life. When his older brother died in 1965, Robert continued to run the farm.

Robert died in November of 1984—his last residence was Piper City, Ford County, Illinois. He is also buried at Brenton Cemetery in Piper City, Illinois. He never married and left no issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Alice Lucinda Anderson Cleveland**

Leroy Marion Lyon Cleveland⁷ (Alice Lucinda Anderson⁶, Lydia Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leroy was born 20 June 1880 in Peoria County, Illinois, the son of Alice Lucinda Anderson and Walter Lyon Cleveland.

Leroy married **Clara Mae Stower**, who was born 11 July 1888 in South Dakota. Clara became an orphan at an early age and lived with her uncle and aunt.

Leroy and Clara Mae lived in Los Angeles County, California and Leroy worked in the family business—W. L. Cleveland Co., selling and delivering farm tractors. In later life he became secretary of a lodge.

Clara Mae died in Los Angeles County, California on 21 January 1966 at the age of 77. She is buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park at Whittier, Los Angeles County, California.

Leroy died 23 February 1966 at the age of 85. His last residence was San Gabriel, Los Angeles County, California. He is buried next to his wife at Rose Hills Memorial Park at Whittier, California. Leroy and Cara Mae had two sons—born Los Angeles County, CA.

+Donald L. Cleveland⁸ – 1910-1987 – married Naomi Vivian Conant.

+Harold Robert Cleveland⁸ – 1916-2006 – never married.

Bertrand Alanson Cleveland⁷ (Alice Lucinda Anderson⁶, Lydia Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bertrand was born 9 February 1889 in Los Angeles County, California, the son of Alice Lucinda *Anderson* and Walter Lyon Cleveland.

Bertrand married **Yreba K. Hackney**, who was born 4 October 1891 in Illinois, the daughter of Fred W. and Lillie M. Hackney.

They lived in Glendale, Los Angeles County, California. Bertrand was a salesman of retail oil well machinery, and then worked for the California Ship Building Corporation during the time of WWII.

Bertrand died in Los Angeles County, California on 18 September 1974 at the age of 85. His last residence was Glendale, California.

Yreba died 17 February 1978 at the age of 86. Her last residence was Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County, California. Bertrand and Yreba Cleveland had two children—both born in Los Angeles County, California.

+Bertrand (Bert) Alanson Cleveland, Jr.⁸ – 1920-2006 – married Shirley Ann.

+Female Cleveland⁸ – private

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ada Daisy *Anderson* Andrews**

Alton Marion Andrews⁷ (Ada Daisy Anderson⁶, Lydia Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alton was born 25 February 1904 in California. He was the son of Ada Daisy *Anderson* and Owen Merriweather Andrews.

Alton married (1) **Dixie Rose Newell**, who was born 22 July 1916 in Lakeview, Lake County, Oregon. She was the daughter of George H. Newell and Elsie M. *Oswald*. Alton and Dixie lived in Stanislaus County, California. Alton was a dentist.

Alton and Dixie separated and divorced. He remarried and had three children from his second marriage (private).

Dixie remarried (2) a Mr. Frese in 1962; and (3) Hans E. Mumbrauer on 12 September 1975 when she was 59 years old. Dixie died 29 February 2004 at the age of 87. Her last place of residence was Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California.

Alton died in Contra Costa County, California on 18 December 1977 at the age of 73. His last residence was Lafayette in Contra Costa County. Alton and Dixie had three children during their marriage—none surviving to adulthood. Brother and sister Carlton and Marcia are buried together at the Modesto Pioneer Cemetery in Modesto, Stanislaus County, California—Sec. E, Lot 8, Grave 9, SW ¼.

Joyce Marion Andrews⁸ – 1938-1947

Marcia Lee Andrews⁸ – 9 Feb. 1939-26 Oct. 1943

Carlton Andrews⁸ – 25 Jan. 1943-1 Jan. 1944

Owen Nelson Andrews⁷ (Ada Daisy Anderson⁶, Lydia Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Owen was born 30 January 1914 in Yavapai County, Arizona, the son of Ada Daisy *Anderson* and Owen Merriweather Andrews.

Owen attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas near Fort Worth. In college he met first-year student **Marie Baker**, and it was not long until they married. Marie was born 28 August 1918 in Burkett, Coleman County, Texas. She was the daughter of C. D. and Maude Baker.

Owen and Marie lived in Fort Worth, Texas and Owen worked as a salesman for Swieco, Inc., a Texas corporation. On 28 September 1965 at 5:45 p.m., on Highway 158, 14 miles west of Sterling City, in Sterling County, Texas, the car Owen was driving overturned in an accident and he was killed instantly. Owen Andrews was 51 years old. He left his wife Marie and two children—his son only 10 years old. Owen is interred at Greenwood Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas Section: Repose 30.

As a widow, Marie now found she had to make her own way in order to support her family. She began as a sales associate at Lullaby Lane, a Fort Worth store which featured young apparel. She then worked in the men's department at Monnigs Department Store. A few years later she went to work for Neiman Marcus in Fort Worth, Texas. She remained with the company as a top producing sales associate in the men's department for almost 30 years, and receiving many rewards. After her retirement, Marie kept busy with volunteer work and with her church. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

Marie Andrews was 96 years old when she died in her sleep on 14 July 2015. She was survived by her two children and their families (all private).

Marie had helped to raise a grandson John Michael Manning⁹ during his young years, and they remained very close. He preceded her in death, succumbing to heart disease at the age of 41 on 5 July 2004.

William Luther Andrews⁷ (Ada Daisy Anderson⁶, Lydia Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 26 January 1917 in Los Angeles County, California, the son of Ada Dixie *Anderson* and Owen Merriweather Andrews.

The records show that William was in Galveston, Texas in 1935. In 1940, he was at Trinidad City, Las Animas County, Colorado. At that time he was 23 years old, living at the Columbian Hotel where he worked as a clerk. During WWII, William served as a SM2 in the U.S. Navy.

William died 23 August 1999 at the age of 82. His last residence was Chico, Butte County, California. He is buried at Chico Cemetery in Chico, California. No record was found that he was married or had children.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Viola Lucinda *Tarbell* Pratt**

Horace Ira Pratt⁷ (Viola Lucinda Tarbell⁶, Lucinda J. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Horace was born 5 May 1887 in Livingston County, Illinois, the son of Viola (Lola) Lucinda *Tarbell* and George Washington Pratt.

Horace graduated in the class of 1912 from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois. He was a member of Phi Alpha Delta fraternity. He was an attorney with his office in Bloomington, Illinois.

On 25 December 1916 he married **Clara Gertrude Heffernan**, who was born 27 February 1889 in Illinois. She was the daughter of John and Matilda Heffernan.

Horace died 1950 in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois. Clara died June 1985, also in Bloomington, Illinois. Horace and Clara had two sons—both born in McLean County, Illinois.

+Male Pratt⁸ – private

+John T. Pratt⁸ – 1927-2016 – married Geraldine (Jerry) R. Dillon.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Oliver Tarbell Marion**

Harry Albert Marion⁷ (Oliver Tarbell Marion⁶, Francis Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harry was born 17 September 1920 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, the son of Oliver Tarbell Marion and Elsie M. Cazey.

Harry served in WWII and Korea as a Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. At the age of 49 on 21 February 1970 in Monterey County, California, Harry married 48-year-old **Eleanor B. Hammerschmidt**. She was born 24 June 1921 in North Dakota. She may have been a widow.

Eleanor died in Sacramento County, California on 19 February 1971, age 49. Harry died on 3 May 2005 at the age of 84. He is buried at Mount Vernon Memorial Park in Fair Oaks, Sacramento County, California.

Martha Lucille Marion⁷ (Oliver Tarbell Marion⁶, Francis Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martha was born 25 July 1921 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Oliver Tarbell Marion and Elsie M. Cazez.

Martha attended East Peoria Community High School in East Peoria, Illinois and graduated in 1939.

On 14 February 1941 she married **Orville Walter Slagell**, who was born 21 March 1918 at Flanagan, Livingston County, Illinois, the son of Daniel N. Slagell and Lizzie E. Birkey. Before Martha and Orville moved to Rockford, he was employed as a machine shop worker at Hyster Co. in East Peoria, Illinois.

Martha worked for Caterpillar Tractor Co. in East Peoria before they moved to Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois in 1953. She then worked for the City of Rockford Building Inspections Department for 21 years. She attended Court Street United Methodist Church and formerly was a Sunday school teacher at the First Church of God.

Orville predeceased Martha, dying 2 June 1990 at the age of 72. His place of burial was not found.

Martha died at Rockford, Illinois on 25 May 2013 at the age of 91. She is buried at Willwood Burial Park at Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois.

Martha and Orville were survived by three sons, 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one gr-gr-grandchild (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
George Washington Holmes**

Emily Anna Holmes⁷ (George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emily was born 28 October 1891 in Nebraska, the daughter of George Washington Holmes and Ann Christina *Schultz*.

Emily married **John Dillon**, who was born 26 November 1887 in Mondovi, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, the son of John and Addis Dillon. John worked for the Mondovi Coop Equity Association in Mondovi.

John Dillon died at Superior, Douglas County, Wisconsin on 5 February 1944 at the age of 56. John is buried at Mondovi Cemetery, Mondovi, Buffalo County, Wisconsin.

Emily died at Wabasha, Wabasha County, Minnesota on 13 September 1990 at the age of 98. She is buried next to her husband John at Oak Park Cemetery in Mondovi, Wisconsin. Emily and John Dillon had two sons and two daughters.

+Florence Dillon⁸ – 1912-2002 – married (1) Anderson (2) Lorenz.

+James Dillon⁸ – 1916 – died prior to 2002.

+Harriet Dillon⁸ – 1919-1998 – marriage and divorced James Ralph Pechin.

+John T. Dillon, Jr.⁸ – 1921-2007 – no record of marriage.

Mabelle B. Holmes⁷ (George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mabelle was born 1891 in Nebraska, the daughter of George Washington Holmes and Anna Christina *Schultz*.

On 19 December 1908 in Lyman County, South Dakota, she married **Howard Everett Pease**, who was born 1884 in South Dakota, the son of Charles Edwin Pease (1850-1942) and Martha Ellen *Everett* (1852-1935).

Sometime after 1940, the family moved to Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. Mabelle died there on 4 February 1957 at the age of 65. She is buried at Skyline Memorial Gardens, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon—Garden of Nativity.

Howard Pease died 30 June 1962 in Multnomah County, Oregon. He is buried next to his wife Mabelle at Skyline Memorial Gardens in Portland, Oregon. Mabelle and Howard had six children.

+W. Stuart Pease⁸ – 1908-1967 – no information on marital status.

+Hazel Frances Pease⁸ – 1910-1986 – married Andrew Eugene Kenobbie.

+Vera E. Pease⁸ – 1913-2007 – married Dale Wheeler Engelen.

+Everett Laurel Pease⁸ – 1914-1992 – no information on marital status.

+Perna Blanche Pease⁸ – 1922 – married (1) Ice and (2) Nicks.

+Howard Quenton Pease⁸ – 1929-1980 – married Thelma Maxine Bilyeu.

Albert G. Holmes⁷ (George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Albert was born September of 1894 in Nebraska, the son of George Washington Holmes and Anna Christina *Schultz*. Albert died 5 August 1911 in Stanley County, South Dakota at the age of 16. He is buried at Kadoka Calvary-Fairview Cemetery in Kadoka, Jackson County, South Dakota.

Elmer Henry Holmes⁷ (George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elmer was born 12 May 1897 in Emerson, Dakota County, Nebraska, the son of George Washington Holmes and Ann Christina *Schultz*.

On 12 May 1923 in Jackson County, South Dakota, Elmer married **Hazel Beach**, who was born 15 April 1904 at Centerville, Turner County, South Dakota. She was the daughter of Frank Beach and Cora *Mark*. Elmer and Hazel first lived in South Dakota and then moved to Montana where Elmer began work in the petroleum business.

Elmer and Hazel lived in Casper, Wyoming 1937 to 1940 and Elmer worked as an engineer for Stanoline Oil & Gas Company out of Casper. He died 30 January 1940 at the age of 42.

Two months after Elmer's death, when the 1940 federal census was taken in April of that year, Hazel and their four-year-old son lived in a rooming house in Sheridan County, Wyoming.

On 18 January 1941 at Hardin, Big Horn, Montana 39 year-old Hazel *Beach* Holmes married (2) Fred H. Freudenthal (1901-1965). He was recently divorced and was also an engineer in the petroleum field. They later moved to Texas, where Fred Freudenthal died from a massive heart attack. Hazel died 13 January 1983 and she is buried at Conroe Memorial Park, Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas.

Elmer and Hazel Holmes had one child, a son, who was born in Montana before they moved to Wyoming (private).

Merle F. Holmes⁷ (George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) was born 9 October 1899 in Nebraska, the son of George Washington Holmes and Anna Christina *Schultz*. He died in Nebraska 9 July 1906 at the age of six years. Merle is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Emerson, Dakota County, Nebraska. Merle's gravestone is inscribed with the words *Darling we miss thee*.

Pearl Bertha Holmes⁷ (George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Pearl was born 5 March 1902 in Emerson, Dakota County, Nebraska, the daughter of George Washington Holmes and Anna Christina *Schultz*.

On 20 May 1924 in Kadoka, Jackson County, South Dakota, she married **Francis (Frank) Homer Beitel**. He was born 7 May 1902 in Iowa. Frank was a farmer. In 1935, the family lived in Chelan County, Washington and in 1940 in Nenzel, Cherry County, Nebraska.

Frank died 30 December 1995 at the age of 93. He is buried at Mitchell Cemetery in Mitchell, Scotts Bluff, Nebraska.

Pearl died 30 June 1997 at the age of 95. She is buried beside her husband at Mitchell Cemetery in Mitchell, Nebraska.

Pearl and Frank had six children—one son and two daughters are still living (private). Three sons are deceased and shown here. Pearl and Irene have one deceased grandson: Randy Warren Beitel – 15 March 1952—13 July 2014 of Ruma, Illinois.

+Jerald F. Beitel⁸ – 1925-1944 – lost his life in WWII.

+Wayne Leroy Beitel⁸ – 1929-2004 – married Beth Irene Sherman.

+ Dean C. Beitel⁸ – 1936-1980 – no record of marriage

Edward E. Holmes⁷ (George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edward was born 1902 in Nebraska, the son of George Washington Holmes and Anna Christina *Schultz*. Edward never married. In 1940 at the age of 38 he was single; he was a farmer and lived in the rural area of Wall, Jackson County, South Dakota. Edward died 7 September 1952 at the age of 50. He is buried at Kadoka Calvary-Fairview Cemetery at Kadoka, Jackson County, South Dakota—Plot: Block 6, Lot 1 2.

Unnamed infant son Holmes⁸ (George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) this unnamed son of George Washington Holmes and Anna Christina *Schultz* was born and died on the fourth of July 1904. Like his older brother Merle, he is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Emerson, Dakota County, Nebraska.

Lillian (Lily) Mae Holmes⁷ (George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lillian was born 27 May 1907 in Emerson, Dakota County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of George Washington Holmes and Anna Christina *Schultz*.

When Lillian was nine months old, the family moved to Jackson County, South Dakota. She lived there for the next 85 years. Lillian graduated from Kadoka, South Dakota High School in 1925. After attending State Teachers' College in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and then Sioux Falls College, Lillian taught in rural schools in the Kadoka area for several years. Lillian joined the Presbyterian Church in Kadoka in 1925 and was active in the church, including teaching Sunday school.

In October of 1927, Lillian married (1) **Roy Smith**. Sixteen months after their marriage Roy died from typhoid fever.

On 20 August 1930, Lillian married (2) **Ivah A. Enders**. They ranched in the Kadoka area for their entire married life. Ivah died suddenly in May of 1968.

In June of 1992, Lillian moved from Kadoka to St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings, Yellowstone County, Montana, to be near her daughter.

Lillian died at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings on Saturday, 23 February 2002 at the age of 94. She was cremated—no place given of inurnment. Lillian was survived by a daughter, a son, four grandchildren, and four great-grandsons (all private).

Ruth Marie Holmes⁷ (George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth was born 1 January 1908 in Emerson, Dakota County, Nebraska. She was the youngest child of George Washington Holmes and Anna Christina *Schultz*.

On 3 September 1927 at Kadoka, Jackson County, South Dakota, Ruth married (1) **Frank Elmer Perault**, who was born 31 March 1904 in Illinois, the son of Charles D. Perault (1872-1924) and Victoria *Augustinski* (1872-1947).

In 1930-1935 Ruth and Frank lived in Martin, Bennett County, South Dakota. Frank was a salesman for Standard Oil Co.

In 1940, they lived at Grand Coulee, Grant County, Washington. Frank was employed as a mechanic working on the construction of Grand Coulee Dam in Eastern Washington.

Frank died 14 June 1984 in Santa Clara County, California at the age of 80. He is buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Beaumont, Riverside County, California.

Ruth died 27 December 2005 at the age of 97. Her last residence was Oak Hill, Volusia County, Florida. Ruth's name at that time was Ruth Miller. Ruth and Frank had two children, both sons—both born in South Dakota.

+Robert F. Perault⁸ – 1927-1976 – married and divorced (private).
+James Dale Perault⁸ – 1930-1985 – marital status unknown.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Everett L. Holmes**

Guy Harlin Holmes⁷ (Everett L. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Guy was born 22 September 1894 in Nebraska, the son of Everett L. Holmes and Mary Alice *Larson*. Guy died at the age of 15 on 1 February 1910. He is buried at Lyons Cemetery at Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska.

Ivan Leroy Holmes⁷ (Everett L. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ivan was born 2 March 1896 in Nebraska, the son of Everett L. Holmes and Mary Alice *Larson*.

He grew up on his parent's farm just south of Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska. Ivan married **Bertha Ilene Dill**, who was born 14 February 1898 at Murray, Cass County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Riley C. Dill (1870-1930) and Willie May *Harris* (1869-1922). Ivan and Bertha farmed on their farm near Lyons for several years until they moved to southern California in 1947.

Bertha died in December of 1975 at the age of 77 in San Dimas, Los Angeles County, California. She is buried at Lyons Cemetery, Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska.

After a long illness, Ivan died at San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California on Sunday, 15 November 1987 at the age of 91. He is buried beside his wife at Lyons Cemetery in Lyons, Nebraska. Ivan and Bertha were survived by their two sons—now both deceased. They were also survived by four grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private).

+Howard Leroy Holmes⁸ – 1921-1983 – married Mary Caroline Kelly.
+Kenneth Harold Holmes⁸ – 1924-2011 – married Annette Elaine Laehle.

Ray Stanley Holmes⁸ (Everett L. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ray was born 9 April 1900 in Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Everett L. Holmes and Mary Alice *Larson*.

Ray married **Marie E. Dierking**, who was born 19 January 1902. During the 1930s and 1940s they lived in Sioux City, Iowa where Ray worked as a dairyman.

As did other members of the family, Ray and Marie moved to California. Ray died 8 September 1972 at the age of 72. He is buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park at Whittier, Los Angeles County, California.

Marie died August of 1990 at the age of 88. Her last residence was South Gate, Los Angeles County, California. No record was found that Ray and Marie had children.

Jay L. Holmes⁷ (Everett L. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jay was born 5 April 1904 in Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Everett L. Holmes and Mary Alice *Larson*. He died the same day. Jay is buried at Lyons Cemetery in Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska. His gravestone is inscribed “Our Darling.”

Everett Arthur Holmes⁷ (Everett L. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Everett was born 18 July 1905 in Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Everett L. Holmes and Mary Alice *Larson*.

Everett married **Katherine Petrucka**, who was born 4 October 1907 in Woodbury County, Iowa.

Everett died in Jefferson County, Colorado on 4 September 1988 at the age of 83. He is interred at Mount Olivet Cemetery at Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County, Colorado—Plot: Christ the King, Sec. O, Tier E, Crypt 81.

Katherine died 1996 in Jefferson County, Colorado. She is interred next to her husband at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Colorado—Plot: Christ the King, Sec. O, Tier E, Crypt 82.

Marian Adalaide Holmes⁷ (Everett L. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marian was born 14 April 1908 in Burt County, Nebraska, the daughter of Everett L. Holmes and Mary Alice *Larson*.



Marian married (1) **William W. Gregory**, who was born 3 May 1909 in Kansas. He was the son of Millard F. and Jennie Gregory. Marian and William first lived in Iowa and William worked for a dairy in Sioux City.

During WWII, William enlisted in the U.S. Army on 13 July 1942 in Los Angeles County, California. He served in the 314th Infantry Regiment, 79th Division, U.S. Army. He was killed 13 July 1944. William was buried with full military honors at Lyons Cemetery in Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska. Marian and William are shown here.

Marian did marry again (2) a Mr. Hahlbeck, but no information was found regarding the marriage.

Marian died in Orange County, California on 30 November 1990 at the age of 82. She is buried beside her first husband William Gregory at Lyons Cemetery in Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska. No record was found of any children being born to Marian during either marriage.

Gertrude Harriet Holmes⁷ (Everett L. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gertrude was born 11 June 1911 in Burt County, Nebraska, the daughter of Everett L. Holmes and Mary Alice *Larson*.

Gertrude married **Rodney L. (Rod) Rusk**, who was born 10 June 1905 in the state of Washington. He was the son of Rachel N. *Gilmore* Rusk (1877-1954). He moved to San Diego County, California in 1952 and worked for Convair for 10 years. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 152.

Rodney died in San Diego County, California on 12 July 1987 at the age of 82. He was cremated and his ashes are interred at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery at San Diego, San Diego County, California—Plot: OC 228.

Gertrude died on 20 December 2009 at the age of 98. She is interred next to her husband at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, California—Plot: OC 228. Gertrude and Rodney did not have any children.

Alice Mary Holmes⁷ (Everett L. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alice Mary was born 5 September 1913 at Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska, the youngest child of Everett L. Homes and Mary Alice *Larson*. She sometimes was called Mary Alice Smith.

Circa 1939 Alice Mary married **Jerome R. Smith**, who was born 1 November 1916 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, the son of Percy F. Smith and Emma *Egan*.

In 1940 they were living in Minneapolis and Jerome was employed by the WPA in the statistical department at the University of Minnesota. They always lived in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Alice Mary died in Hennepin County, Minnesota on 5 January 1994 at the age of 80.

Jerome Smith died in Minnesota on 16 May 1998 at the age of 81. No record was found whether Alice and Jerome Smith had children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Lillian Celia *Holmes* Schenck**

Earl James Schenck⁷ (Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹)⁷ Earl was born 12 November 1892 in Burt County, Nebraska. He was the son of Lillian (Lilly) Celia *Holmes* and Elmer Schenck.

On 20 March 1917 Earl married **Ethel A. Warnock**, who was born 5 July 1896 in Nebraska, the daughter of Thomas and Charity Warnock.

During their married life Earl and Ethel lived in Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. In 1930 they lived in Lincoln County, Minnesota and Earl worked as a section man for the railway. In 1942 they were living in Florence, Lyon County, Minnesota, and Earl was a self-employed trucker. In the 1950s, Earl and Ethel lived in Sioux City, Iowa and Earl was a machine operator for Thermoflector Corp.

Ethel died in April of 1977 at the age of 80—her last residence at Hawarden, Sioux County, Iowa. She is buried at Grace Hill Cemetery, Hawarden, Iowa.

Earl joins the 100+ club—he died 2 January 1993 at the age of 100, one month and 21 days. He is buried next to his wife Ethel at Grace Hill Cemetery, Hawarden, Iowa. Earl and Ethel had one child, a daughter—born in Minnesota.

Female Schenck⁸ – 1928 (private) – married Wayne Leroy Anderson (1920-1996).

Robert J. Schenck⁷ (Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born in 1894 in Burt County, Nebraska. He was the son of Lillian (Lilly) Celia *Holmes* and Elmer Schenck. Robert died 25 July 1895 at the age of nine months and 17 days. He is buried at Lyons Cemetery, Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska.

Pearl Mae Schenck⁷ (Lillie Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Pearl was born 4 November 1897 in Nebraska. She was the daughter of Lillian (Lilly) Celia *Holmes* and Elmer Schenck.

On 31 May 1917 at Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa, Pearl married **Elmer Bryan Harrison**, who was born 4 July 1896 in Nebraska.

Elmer served as a private in the U.S. Army (Nebraska) during WWI. Elmer and Pearl lived in Pipestone, Pipestone County, Minnesota and Newcastle, Dixon County, Nebraska. Elmer was a farmer.

Pearl died at the age of 39 on 3 February 1937. She is buried at Ponca Cemetery in Ponca, Dixon County, Nebraska.

After Pearl's death, Elmer married on 19 July 1938 in South Sioux City, Nebraska (2) Beulah A. *Foster*. Beulah was born 19 November 1903 in Caney County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Charles H. Foster and Cora E. Sargents.

In 1962, Elmer and Beulah retired to California. Elmer died in Hawthorne, California on 16 January 1971 at the age of 74. He is buried at Dakota City Cemetery, Dakota City, Dakota County, Nebraska.

In 1972, Beulah returned to live in South Sioux City, Nebraska. She died at the age of 94 on 30 January 1998. Beulah is buried at Dakota City Cemetery in Dakota City, Nebraska.

Three daughters were born to Pearl Mae and Elmer Harrison during their short marriage.

+Twila M. Harrison⁸ – 1919-2004 – married David Wesley DeLapp.

+Naomi D. Harrison⁸ – 1921-2004 – married Vern Sailor.

+Donna D. Harrison⁸ – 1927-2001 – married Harold R. Lane.

Gladys E. Schenck⁷ (Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gladys was born 1899 in Nebraska, the daughter of Lillian (Lilly) Celia Holmes and Elmer Schenck.

Gladys married **Charles J. Beck**, who was born 25 August 1893 at Clifton, Iroquois County, Illinois.

Charles died at Bismarck, Burleigh County, North Dakota on 29 January 1956 at the age of 62. He is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Gladys died in Pipestone County, Minnesota in 1985 at the age of 86. She is buried beside her husband Charles at Fairview Cemetery, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Raymond (Ray) Schenck⁷ (Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ray was born 21 January 1901 in Dixon County, Nebraska. He was the son of Lillian (Lilly) Celia *Holmes* and Elmer Schenck.

On 21 October 1925 in Lyon County, Minnesota, Ray married **Alta McCormick**, who was born 16 June 1899 at Hawarden, Sioux County, Iowa. She was the daughter of George W. McCormick and Jennie *Wallace*.

They lived in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, and Ray was the operator of a retail ice business. He died 16 May 1948 at the age of 47. He is interred at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota—Plot: Room Chapel Tier D, Niche 86.

Alta married (2) a Mr. Jacobson (no other information). She died at the age of 101 on 9 March 2001 at Edina, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Alta is interred at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota—Plot: Room Chapel Tier D, Niche 86, next to her first husband Ray Schenck and her youngest son Erdman.

Ray and Alta had two children, both sons, born to them during their short time together.

+Male Schenck⁸ – private

+Erdman Ai Schenck⁸ – 1933-2012 – married twice (private)

Secil L. Schenck⁷ (Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Secil was born 7 January 1905 in Dixon County, Nebraska, the child of Lillian (Lilly) Celia *Holmes* and Elmer Schenck. Secil died in Dixon County, Nebraska on 17 August 1905 at the age of seven months and 10 days. Secil is buried at Newcastle Cemetery, Newcastle County, Dixon County, Nebraska.

Mary Schenck⁷ (Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 9 December 1906 in Dixon County, Nebraska, the daughter of Lillian (Lilly) Celia *Holmes* and Elmer

Schenck. Mary died at the age of two days on 11 December 1906. She is buried at Newcastle Cemetery, Newcastle, Dixon County, Nebraska.

Stanley Jay Schenck⁷ (Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Stanley was born 11 November 1907 in Dixon County, Nebraska, the son of Lillian (Lilly) Celia *Holmes* and Elmer Schenck.

Stanley married **Lucille Edna Oldenburg**, who was born 31 May 1911 in Iowa, the daughter of Gustav Herman Oldenburg (1882-1960) and Viola Mae *Ross* (1889-1986).

In 1940 Stanley and Lucille lived on a farm in Lyon County, Minnesota. At that time they had no children. Stanley died at the age of 33 on 8 July 1941. He is buried at Ruthton Cemetery, Ruthton, Pipestone Cemetery, Minnesota. His gravestone says Father Stanley Schenck 1907-1941—thus, he may have had a child, however, no record was found of one. Also, no further information was found regarding his widow Lucille.

Melvin Dale Schenck⁷ (Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Melvin was born 26 August 1909 in Dixon County, Nebraska, the son of Lillian (Lilly) Celia *Holmes* and Elmer Schenck. Melvin died on 24 October 1912 at the age of three years, one month and 27 days. He is buried at Newcastle Cemetery, Newcastle, Dixon County, Nebraska.

Floyd Garland Schenck⁷ (Lillie Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Floyd was born 23 August 1910 in Dixon County, Nebraska, the son of Lillian (Lilly) Celia *Holmes* and Elmer Schenck.

During WWII, Floyd served in the U.S. Navy. On 29 November 1944 in California, where he was stationed in the Navy, Floyd married **Josie Pederson**, who was born 16 June 1918 in Murray County, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Ole Pederson and Christina *Olson*. The Pederson family farm was just down the road from the Ellsborough Lutheran Church near Ruthton, Pipestone County, Minnesota.

Following the war, Floyd and Josie made their home in Albert Lea, Freeborn County, Minnesota, where they lived on Third Street for many years. In 1989 they moved into the Shady Oaks Apartments in Albert Lea.

Floyd died at the age of 85 on 20 January 1996. He is buried at Graceland Cemetery in Albert Lea, Freeborn County, Minnesota.

In June of 2004, Josie moved to the Good Samaritan Center in Albert Lea. She died 14 July 2004. Josie is buried beside her husband at Graceland Cemetery in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Floyd and Josie were survived by a daughter and two sons; six grandchildren: and 11 great grandchildren (all private).

Carl J. Schenck⁷ (Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carl was born 8 October 1911 in Dixon County, Nebraska, the son of Lillian (Lilly) Celia *Holmes* and Elmer Schenck. Carl died 31 October 1912 at the age of one year and 20 days. He is buried at Newcastle Cemetery, Newcastle, Dixon County, Nebraska.

Carrol Merrill Schenck⁷ (Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carrol was born 29 May 1913 in Dixon County, Nebraska, the son of Lillian (Lilly) Celia *Holmes* and Elmer Schenck.

On 7 December 1937 Carrol married **Genevieve Alvilda Florence Hill** at her parents' home in Balaton, Minnesota. Genevieve was born 15 May 1919 at Balaton, Lyon County, Minnesota, the daughter of Louis Hill and Gurina *Hanson*.

Carrol and Genevieve lived in Balaton for a few years and then moved to California in 1941, where they worked during the war years. They returned to Minnesota and farmed for a few years. They moved to Russell, Minnesota, and Genevieve worked as the head cook at the Russell School for 18 years.

Carrol died on 7 April 1994 at the age of 80. He is buried at Russell Cemetery, Russell, Lyon County, Minnesota.

After Carrol's death, Genevieve moved from Russell to the Marshall Square Apartments in Marshall, Lyon County, Minnesota. She died at St. Gertrude's Health Care Center in Shakopee, Scott County, Minnesota on 12 February 2013, at the age of 93 years, eight months and 25 days. Carrol and Genevieve were survived by three sons, seven grandchildren and nine great grandsons (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Anne (Annie) M. Holmes**

Lavern James Davis⁷ (Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lavern was born 31 March 1894 in Craig, Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Anne (Annie) M. *Holmes* and Delmar R. Davis. Lavern never married. He lived most of his life with his parents. In 1930 and 1940 they were living in Rock County, Nebraska and Lavern worked as a farm laborer. Lavern died 5 November 1961 at the age of 67. He is buried at Craig Cemetery at Craig, Burt County, Nebraska. He left no issue.

Edmond (Eddie) Archibald Davis⁷ (Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eddie was born 22 October 1895 in Nebraska. He was the son of Anne (Annie) M. *Holmes* and Delmar R. Davis.

Eddie married **Eulalie (Eula) Ida Bonneau**, who was born 28 May 1899 at Herman, Washington County, Nebraska. Her parents were Earl Gregory Bonneau and Hulda Jane *Hopper*. According to the 1930 federal census for Craig, Burt County, Nebraska, the family made their home at Craig, and Eddie was the Marshal for the Village of Craig. At that time they had six children from the ages of 13 to the youngest age 5. Eddie and Eulalie still lived in Craig in 1940. Eddie continued to be employed by the Village of Craig, Nebraska.

Eddie died 23 December 1956 at the age of 61. His last address was Craig, Nebraska. He is buried at Craig Cemetery, Craig, Burt County, Nebraska.

Eulalie died 9 May 1982 at the age of 81—19 days before her 82nd birthday. She is buried next to her husband at Craig Cemetery in Craig, Nebraska. Eddie and Eulalie had six children, all born in Nebraska.

- +Geil A. Davis⁸ – 1916-1987 – unknown marital status.
- +Earl Delmar Davis⁸ – 1917-1956 – not married
- +La Rita Davis⁸ – 1919-2000 – married name Ellyson.
- +Marjorie E. Davis⁸ – 1921-1987 – married Jack Kimball Lester.
- +Edmond L. Davis⁸ – 1922-unknown – married Aileen M. Garvin.
- +Betty Jane Davis⁸ – 1924-1999 – married James Ray Brewster.

Lawrence Avon Davis⁷ (Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lawrence was born 9 August 1897 in Antelope County, Nebraska, the son of Anne (Annie) M. *Holmes* and Delmar R. Davis.

Lawrence traveled west to Washington State. He married 28 March 1933 in Olympia, Thurston County, Washington. It is probable he died in Anchorage, Alaska Territory on 30 August 1936 at the age of 39. If so, he is buried at Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery at Anchorage, Anchorage Borough, Alaska—Tract 2, Row 2, Lot 30.

Glyde Glenn Davis⁷ (Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glyde was born 19 October 1903 in Nebraska, the son of Anne (Annie) M. *Holmes* and Delmar R. Davis.

Glyde was a ranch worker where he lived in Rock County, Nebraska. He married **Mae E. Kinder** who was born circa 1904 in Nebraska.

Glyde died 28 January 1990 at the age of 86. His last address was Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas. He is buried at White Chapel Memorial Gardens in Wichita, Kansas. Mae died 1997 and she is also buried at White Chapel Memorial Gardens in Wichita, Kansas. Glyde and Mae had four children—all born in Nebraska.

- +Glyde Glenn Davis, Jr.⁸ – 1924-2011 – married (private)
- Male Davis⁸ – private
- Female Davis⁸ – private
- +Bonnie Mae Davis⁸ – 1930-1998 – married name Hutcheson.

Mabel K. Davis⁷ (Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mabel was born circa 1909 in Nebraska, the daughter of Anne (Annie) M. *Holmes* and Delmar R. Davis. It is believed that Mabel did not marry. It is possible she died in California in July of 1982.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
James Leslie Holmes**

Arthur Albert Holmes⁷ (James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Arthur was born 1 November 1899 in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska, the son of James Leslie Holmes and Minnie Lee *Elliott*.

During WWI, Arthur served in the U.S. Navy. He was discharged in 1919. On 24 April 1920 in Washington, D.C., Arthur married **Helen P. Johnson**, who was born 17 March 1899 at Forestport, Oneida County, New York. She was the daughter of Archibald C. Johnson and Sarah E. *Gallagher*.

Arthur and Helen lived in Newport, Herkimer County, New York until 1981 when they moved to Herkimer, New York. It is not known what Arthur's occupation was. However, before she retired, Helen Holmes worked in the office of the Newport Telephone Co. for many years.

Helen was living in the Galinsky Apartments in Herkimer, Herkimer County, New York, when she died at the age of 87 on 26 February 1987 at the Little Falls Hospital. She is buried at Saint Johns Cemetery, Newport, Herkimer County, New York.

Arthur had been a patient at the Folts Home, a nursing home in Herkimer, when he died 17 June 1988 at the age of 88. He is buried beside his wife at Saint Johns Cemetery at Newport, New York. They had no children.

Wilbur E. Holmes⁷ (James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wilbur was born 23 December 1901 in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska. He was the son of James Leslie Holmes and Minnie Lee *Elliott*.

Wilbur served in WWII as a Private in 1545th Ordnance, Supply & Maintenance Co. (Avn), Army Air Force.

He lived at Aspermont, Stonewall County, Texas and worked as a laborer in the agricultural industry. Wilbur died at the age of 55 years, 11 months and four days on 19 January 1957. He died after one day as a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. He is buried at Aspermont Cemetery in Aspermont, Texas. His death certificate lists him as married, but no record was found regarding a marriage. Wilbur's 1942 military enlistment papers show that he was divorced at that time.

Archie F. Holmes⁷ (James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Archie was born 15 June 1903 in Nebraska, the son of James Leslie Holmes and Minnie Lee *Elliott*.

Archie went to Arkansas, and on 24 October 1928 at Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas, he married **Marian Angle**, who was born 4 October 1908 in Arkansas. She was the daughter of Joseph Francis Angle (b. 1882) and Beulah Josephine *Kingsland* (1884-1916).

Archie and Marian are listed in the 1930 city directory for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—Archie was working as an assistant to a doctor. In 1940 they lived in Shreveport, Louisiana. Archie was in Texas when he applied for his SSN. At some time Archie and Marian were divorced.

Archie died January 1965. No record of his burial place was found. Archie and Marian had at least one child, a son.

+Jack Victor Holmes⁸ – 1930-2006 – marital status not verified.

Robert W. Holmes⁷ (James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 2 August 1907 in Nebraska, the son of James Leslie Holmes and Minnie Lee Elliott.

Robert went to Iowa to live. In Iowa he married a lady by the name of **Amanda Ethel** (surname unknown). She was born 11 February 1904. They lived in Maple, Monona County, Iowa. Robert was a farmer on a rented farm. No record was available regarding children.

Amanda died April 1976 at the age of 72. She is buried at Onawa City Cemetery, Onawa, Monona County, Iowa.

Robert died September 1982 at the age of 75. His last residence was Onawa, Monona County, Iowa. He is buried at Onawa City Cemetery at Onawa, Iowa.

Florence P. Holmes⁷ (James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) It is believed that Florence was born 17 December 1908 in Burt County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of James Leslie Holmes and Minnie Lee Elliott.

It was not to be an easy life for James and Minnie's children when they were left without parents. Florence was 15 years old when her mother died, and her father was already deceased. When the 1930 census was taken, Florence was confined to the Nebraska Institution for the Feeble Minded in Midland, Gage County, Nebraska. Records seem to indicate that by 1940 she was married to **Harold C. Stanley**, a Presbyterian minister. He was born in Iowa in 1907.

In 1940 Florence and Harold were living in Stickney Town, Aurora County, South Dakota. They had no children, but were caring for two children.

Harold died December of 1977. He is buried at Hillsboro Cemetery at Hillsboro, Jefferson County, Missouri.

Florence died 4 October 1991 at San Diego, San Diego County, California. She is buried next to her husband at Hillsboro Cemetery in Hillsboro, Missouri.

Josie Mary Holmes⁷ (James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Josie was born 2 February 1911 in Burt County, Nebraska, the daughter of James Leslie Holmes and Minnie Lee *Elliott*. She was 11 years old when her father died and 13 years old when her mother died. Left an orphan she was raised by others—possibly a family with the surname Best.

Josie married **William Deckert**. In 1930 the Deckert family moved to a ranch near Porcupine, Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota.¹⁸² They raised five children on their ranch. (see next page). Two of those children still survive.

Josie died at the Sturgis Long Term Care Facility in Sturgis, Meade County, South Dakota on 28 August 2000 at the age of 89. She is buried at Gordon Cemetery in Gordon, Sheridan County, Nebraska—Lot 2, Block 118, next to her son Lloyd.

+Lilly M. Deckert⁸ – 1928-2016 – married (3) Durell W. (Bull) White.

+Lloyd Richard Deckert⁸ – 1930-1980 – married Marguerite Louise Bohannon.

+William Martin Deckert⁸ – 1931-1963 – no record of marriage.

Female Deckert⁸ – private

Male Deckert⁸ – private

Vida Evelyn Holmes⁷ (James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Vida was born 19 May 1912 in Minnesota, the daughter of James Leslie Holmes and Minnie Lee *Elliott*.

Vida married **Henry Andrew Hellvig**, who was born 15 October 1900 in Arco, Lincoln County, Minnesota. He was the son of John Hellvig (1866-1943) and his wife Frances (1873-1911). Henry was a farmer on their farm at Island Lake, Lyon County, Minnesota. Henry's widowed father lived with them. Also, Henry's older brother, who was a carpenter and single, lived with them on the farm.

Vida died in Lyon County, Minnesota on 26 April 1980 at the age of 67. She is buried at Arco City Cemetery, Arco, Lincoln County, Minnesota.

Henry died at the age of 82 on 9 January 1983. He is buried beside his wife at Arco City Cemetery in Arco, Minnesota. Vida and Henry had three children.

Female Hellvig⁸ – private

Male Hellvig⁸ – private

+George Lloyd Hellvig⁸ – 1937-2006 – married (private).

¹⁸² Before an official name change in May of 2015, Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota was known as Shannon County.

Leslie Edward Holmes⁷ (James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leslie was born 20 May 1914 in Arco, Lincoln County, Minnesota, the son of James Leslie Holmes and Minnie Lee *Elliott*.

When Leslie married the first time on 4 September 1937, he lived in Pierce, Sioux County, South Dakota, and he was a truck driver. He had married (1) **Esther R. Jensen**. She was 23 years old—the daughter of Peter Jensen and Mary *Taft*. It is believed the marriage ended in divorce. He married again (private).

Leslie died 2 March 1981 at the age of 67. He is buried at Memorial Park Cemetery at Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa.

Marie Cecelia Holmes⁷ (James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marie was born 26 June 1916 at Hope, Lincoln County, Minnesota, the daughter of James Leslie Holmes and Minnie Lee *Elliott*.

Marie was six years old when her father died and eight years old when she lost her mother too. When the younger children were left as orphans, it became hard to find records for them. The Social Security records show that Marie had several names changes in her SSN records. In April 1942 she was listed as Marie Cecelia Lyman; January 1944 her name is given as Marie Holmes Daley; January 1950 it is Mary Cecelia Johnson; and October 1966 it was changed to Mary Cecelia Hill. Evidently Marie was married several times.

Her SSN was issued in Connecticut. She was married to **Ceal Lyman** at that time and they lived at Lake Villa, New Haven, Connecticut. When the 1940 census was taken, Marie and Ceal Lyman lived in Copake, Columbia County, New York and they had a three year old daughter. Ceal worked as a farm laborer.

Marie Cecelia *Holmes* Lyman-Daley-Johnson-Hill died November of 1975—her last benefit address was New York, New York County, New York.

Woodrow W. Holmes⁷ (James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Woodrow was born 1 April 1918 in Nebraska, the son of James Leslie Holmes and Minnie Lee *Elliott*.

In 1935, Woodrow was living in Schenectady, Montgomery County, New York. When the 1940 census was taken, he was a soldier stationed at Fort Crook, Nebraska Military Reservation (part of Co. D) located near Bellevue, Sarpy County, Nebraska.

After his service in WWII, Woodrow lived in Mississippi and Illinois. His last residence was Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. Woodrow died 13 May 1983 at the age of 65. No information was found regarding his marital status.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Jane Holmes Webster**

Lillie Mae Webster⁷ (Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lillie was born 14 February 1897 at Decatur, Burt County, Nebraska, the daughter of Mary Jane *Holmes* and Chauncey Edward Webster.

She married **Elvir Andes Anderson**, who was born 31 January 1895 at Butler, Butler County, Pennsylvania.

They first lived in Burt County, Nebraska and then moved to southern California. Elvir died at Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California on 14 September 1951 at the age of 56. He is buried at Tekamah Cemetery, Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska.

Lillie died 2 February 1979 at Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California just 12 days before her 81st birthday. She is buried next to her husband Elvir at Tekamah Cemetery, Tekamah, Nebraska. Lillie and Elvir had four children.

+Marie Elin Anderson⁸ – 1921-2012 – married Arthur Martin Farrens.

+Betty Jane Anderson⁸ – 1925-1925

+Elvir Myrle (Sonny) Anderson⁸ – 1934-2015 – He had been married.

+Female twin Anderson⁸ – born 1934 – private.

Chancy Herbert Webster⁷ (Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Herbert (the name he preferred) was born 10 September 1898 in Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Mary Jane *Holmes* and Chauncey Edward Webster.

Chancy was baptized at the Riverside Baptist Church and attended school in Burt County, Nebraska. He lived in Burt and Washington Counties in Nebraska, for several years and worked for Kelly Ryan Farm Equipment.

On 11 September 1919 in Omaha, Nebraska, Herbert married **Hazel Mae Springer**. She was born 19 October 1909 at Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska, the daughter of Lester Springer and Clara *Parr*. Clara attended school in Axtell, Kearney County, Nebraska, until her family moved to Omaha, where she completed her schooling.

Hazel Mae died at the age of 74 on 3 November 1983. She is buried at Blair Cemetery, Blair, Washington County, Nebraska.

Herbert died at Blair, Nebraska on 18 August 1994 at the age of 95.. He is buried at Blair Cemetery, Blair, Nebraska. He was preceded in death by his wife, five brothers, two sisters and one granddaughter, Carolyn Webster. Herbert and Hazel Mae had six children—four sons and two daughters. The two daughters are still living (private).

+Vaden H. Webster⁸ – 1921-1998 – married Mildred Irene Moore.

+Carroll Marvin Webster⁸ – 1923-2003 – married Staphania Rose Murczek.

+Neil Webster⁸ – 1924-2014 – married (private)

+Darold (Ozzie) Webster⁸ – 1928-2014 – married LaVonne R. Christensen.

Roy Glen Webster⁷ (Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Roy was born 10 April 1900 in Burt County, Nebraska. He was the son of Mary Jane *Holmes* and Chauncey Edward Webster.

Roy married (1) **Mae C. Reeh**, who was born March 1900 in Nebraska. She was the daughter of August D. Reeh (1865-1955) and Cora Mae *Pettit* (1871-1926).

Roy and Mae lived in Burt County, Nebraska—Roy was a farmer. They had four children before the early death of Mae in May of 1936 at the age of 36. She is buried at Blair Cemetery, Blair, Washington County, Nebraska—Plot: Block 95, Lot 12, Grave 4.

Sometime before 1940 Roy married (2) **Elfrieda Botel Brown**. Elfrieda was born 1896 in Iowa, the daughter of John Botel (1865-1936) and Marie Botel (1867-1950). She had been married previously and had children from her first marriage.

Elfrieda died February 1968. She is buried at Blair Cemetery, Blair, Nebraska—Plot: Block 95, Lot 12, Grave 6.

Roy died 15 April 1986 at the age of 86. He is buried at Blair Cemetery, Blair, Nebraska—Plot: Block 95, Lot 12, Grave 5. Roy and his first wife Mae had four children during their short marriage. He had no children during his marriage to Elfrieda.

+Ruby Marie Webster⁸ – 1920-1986 – married Thomas Breal Spencer
+Raymond Lewis (Bud) Webster⁸ – 1922-2002 – married Lorna Helen Suhr.
+Ralph A. (Jack) Webster⁸ – 1925-2012 – married (private).
+Richard (Dick) Leroy Webster⁸ – 1928-2005 – married (private).

Harold Eldon Webster⁷ (Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harold was born 1902 in Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Mary Jane *Holmes* and Chauncey Edward Webster. When the 1920 federal census was taken Harold was living at home on the farm with his parents and siblings in Burt County, Nebraska. Harold died at the age of 23 on 3 April 1925. No record of his marital status was found.

William Albert Webster⁷ (Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 19 April 1906 in Cass County, Minnesota. He was the son of Mary Jane *Holmes* and Chauncey Edward Webster.

On 22 December 1926 in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, Iowa, William married **Eliese (Elsie) Marie Moeller**, who was born 29 November 1904, at Fort Calhoun, Washington County, Nebraska, the daughter of Fred W. Moeller (1878-1965) and Minnie Louise *Steffen* (1878-1941).

William was a farmer, mainly in Burt County, Nebraska. He died at the age of 70 on 13 December 1976. His last residence was Pender, Thurston County, Nebraska. William is buried at Tekamah Cemetery in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska—Lot 55, Block 13, Section 18.

Eliese died at the age of 73 on 4 November 1978—just 25 days before her 74th birthday. She is buried next to her husband at Tekamah Cemetery in Tekamah, Nebraska. William and Eliese had at least three children.

+William Eugene (Billie Gene) Webster⁸ – 1928-1934.

Male Webster⁸ – private

Female Webster⁸ – private

Vera Eliza Webster⁷ (Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Vera was born 21 May 1907 at Decatur, Burt County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Mary Jane *Holmes* and Chauncey Edward Webster. Vera was the twin of Vira Rhoda *Webster*. Vera died 4 October 1910 at the age of three years, four months and 13 days. She is buried at Tekamah Cemetery, Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska—Lot 64, Block 2.

Vira Rhoda Webster⁷ (Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Vira was born 21 May 1907 at Decatur, Burt County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Mary Jane *Holmes* and Chauncey Edward Webster. Vira was the twin of Vera Eliza *Webster*.

On 4 November 1925 in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, Iowa, Vira married **Max Thystrup**, who was born 3 October 1902 in Copenhagen, Denmark. He was the son of Carl Thystrup and Carrie Marie *Jensen*.

Vira and Max first lived in West Branch, Pawnee County, Nebraska, where Max was a farmer (1940). Vira's brother William and his family lived on the farm with them.

In 1954, Vira and Max lived in Santa Monica, California, and Max worked as a carpenter. Max died 19 January of 1976. His last residence was Camino, El Dorado County, California.

Vira died 16 January 2000. Her last address was Corning, Tehama County, California. Vira and Max had two children, a son and a daughter (private).

George Edward Webster⁷ (Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 25 March 1911 in Decatur, Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Mary Jane *Holmes* and Chauncey Edward Webster.

On 11 June 1933 at LeMars, Plymouth County, Iowa, he married **Grace Almeda Davidson**, who was born 1 July 1912 in Gresham, York County, Nebraska. She was the youngest child of Clarence Davidson and Mary Emily *Davis*. Grace grew up and was educated in Lyons, Nebraska. She was working as a telephone operator in Tekamah, Nebraska at the time of their marriage.

George and Grace owned and operated a portable feed grinding business, and then a milk hauling business in Burt County, Nebraska. In 1949, they purchased a milk hauling business in Centerville, Turner County, South Dakota, and that became their new

home. In 1963, they sold the business and opened Webster Laundry and Dry Cleaning in Centerville. They operated that business until they retired in 1975.

They were still living in Centerville when George died at the age of 90 on 6 September 2001. He is buried at Riverview Cemetery in Centerville, Turner County, South Dakota.

Grace died at the Good Samaritan Home in Centerville, South Dakota, on 26 December 2011 at the age of 99. She is buried next to her husband at Riverview Cemetery in Centerville, South Dakota.

At the time of Grace's death, George and Grace were survived by two daughters, seven grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and six gr-gr-grandchildren (all private). Two granddaughters are deceased. As shown below, their only son is deceased.

+Ronald George Webster⁸ – 1934-2006 – married Lois Elaine Greenwell.

Gerald Elwood Webster⁷ (Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gerald was born 17 September 1913 in Nebraska. He was the son of Mary Jane *Holmes* and Chauncey Edward Webster.

On 1 October 1935, Gerald married **Dorothy Ruth Clements**, who was born 2 December 1916 at Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska, the daughter of Reuben R. Clements (1887-1937) and Laura Ruth *Nelson* (1894-1958).

In 1940 Gerald was a truck driver delivering petroleum. Gerald and Dorothy and their two daughters (ages 3 and 2) lived at Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska at that time. Gerald served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. They later moved to Colorado (early 1950s), and their two daughters attended Longmont High School. Gerald was a sheet metal worker and a carpenter.

Gerald died 6 January 1985 at the age of 71. He is buried at Foothills Gardens of Memory, Longmont, Boulder County, Colorado.

Dorothy died 26 December 1995 at the age of 79. She is buried beside her husband Gerald at Foothills Gardens of Memory, Longmont, Colorado. Gerald and Dorothy had two daughters (private).

Jay Austin Webster⁷ (Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jay was born 7 September 1915 in Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Mary Jane *Holmes* and Chauncey Edward Webster.

Jay served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was an electrician by trade, and later was an electrical inspector.

Jay married **Nadine E.** (surname unknown). She was born 21 February 1917. In the 1940s and 1950s they lived in Omaha, Nebraska. Eventually Jay and Nadine moved to Hemet, Riverside County, California.

Jay died at Riverside County, California on 25 May 1987 at the age of 71. He is buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles County, California.

Nadine died on 10 July 2011 at the age of 94. Her last residence was Nueva, Riverside County, California. She is buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California. Jay and Nadine had at least one child, a son (private).

Robert Earl Webster⁷ (Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Earl (as he preferred) was born 13 February 1918 in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska. He was the son of Mary Jane *Holmes* and Chauncey Edward Webster.

Earl married 20 August 1940 **Mary Louise Ray**, who was born 26 October 1922 in Burt County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Nemon Edward Ray and Clara E. *Crannell*. Earl served in the U.S. Army during WWII from 29 December 1942 to the time of his discharge on 2 February 1946.

Mary Louise died 16 October 1999. She is buried at Tekamah Cemetery, Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska.

Earl died 7 September 2001 at the age of 83. His last address was Craig, Burt County, Nebraska. He is buried next to his wife Mary Louise at Tekamah Cemetery in Tekamah, Nebraska. No record was available regarding possible children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Kate Ellen *Holmes* Miller**

Hazel Fern Miller⁷ (Kate Ellen Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hazel was born 1905 in Decatur, Burt County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Katie Ellen *Holmes* and Herley Miller.

Hazel died at the age of 13 on 2 October 1918 in Burt County, Nebraska. She is buried at Tekamah Cemetery in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska—Block 3, Lot 47.

According to a family posting on Ancestry.com (not proven), Hazel died from what we know today as Anthrax. Her mother Katie and her baby sister had died from it the year before. After the death of Hazel's mother and the baby, the family was supposed to burn everything they had touched. Supposedly, Hazel had secretly kept a pillow that belonged to her mother and eventually she had an open sore of some kind and as she hugged the pillow, she came in contact with the Anthrax bacteria which resulted in her own death.

Harold Irvan Miller⁷ (Kate Ellen Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Irvan was born 1 July 1906 in Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Kate Ellen *Holmes* and Herley Miller.

On 24 August 1929, he married **Carrie Alice McDonald**, who was born 6 February 1912 at Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska, the daughter of Harry McDonald and Leona A. *Marsh*. Irvan was a self-employed farmer. They lived at Silver Creek, Burt

County, Nebraska. Irvan died 10 May 1973 at the age of 67. His last residence was Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska.

Sometime after Irvan's death, Carrie remarried. When she died her married name was Carrie Alice Swanson. She died 3 March 1995. Her last residence was South Sioux City, Dakota County, Nebraska. Harold and Carrie had three children.

+Floyd Earl Miller⁸ – 1930-2006 – married Geraldine Rose Kreutz-Beachler.

Female Miller⁸ – private

+Erma Jean Miller⁸ – 1933-1936

L. Glen Miller⁷ (Kate Ellen Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glen was born 27 October 1907 in Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Kate Ellen *Holmes* and Herley Miller.

He married **Evelyn M. Walters**, who was born 26 January 1915 in Nebraska, the daughter of Hiram and Tempest Walters. Glen and Evelyn lived in Anderson, Thurston County, Nebraska, and Decatur, Burt County, Nebraska.

Glen died 1 July 1990 at the age of 82. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Decatur, Burt County, Nebraska—Section 5.

Evelyn died 9 December 2005 at the age of 90. She is buried next to her husband at Hillcrest Cemetery, Decatur, Nebraska. Glen and Evelyn had one son (private).

Lulu Gail Miller⁷ (Kate Ellen Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lulu was born 30 January 1911 in Burt County, Nebraska, the daughter of Kate Ellen *Holmes* and Herley Miller.

On 1 February 1934, Lulu married **Alby M. Helms**, who was born 19 June 1911 in Nebraska. He was the son of John Merl Helms (1883-1966) and Bertha Edith *Quick* (1888-1980). Lulu and Alby lived in Silver Creek, Burt County, Nebraska, where Alby was a farm worker.

Lulu died 10 January 1999 at the age of 87. She is buried at Tekamah Cemetery, Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska.

Alby died 9 April 2005 at the age of 93. He is buried next to Lulu at Tekamah Cemetery in Tekamah, Nebraska. Lulu and Alby had at least one child, a daughter (private).

Elwood Bernard Miller⁷ (Kate Ellen Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elwood was born 9 January 1915 in rural Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska. He was the son of Kate Ellen *Holmes* and Herley Miller.

Elwood attended grade school at Fairview School (School District No. 8) in rural Burt County, and graduated from Riverside High School in 1934. He was a farmer and a lifelong resident of Burt County, Nebraska.

On 10 April 1937 in Avoca, Pottawatomie County, Iowa, he married 22-year-old **Myrna Pearce**, who was born in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Emory Pierce and Edith *Jackson*.

Elwood and Myrna worked their farm near Bertha in Burt County, Nebraska, and then retired to Tekamah in 1981.

Myrna died in 1993. After her death, Elwood became a volunteer at the local senior center. He met his second wife at the senior center. They were married 8 October 1993 in St. Louis, Missouri, and spent several years together before Elwood's death. He died at Memorial Community Hospital in Blair, Nebraska on 28 January 2007 at the age of 92. He is buried at Tekamah Cemetery in Tekamah, Nebraska. Elwood was survived by his second wife, and also a son from his first marriage (both private).

Katie Beulah Miller⁷ (Kate Ellen Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Katie was born 28 February 1917 in Nebraska, the daughter of Kate Ellen *Holmes* and Hersey Miller.

Newborn Katie died on 3 March 1917, the day after the death of her 36-year-old mother, Kate. Baby Katie is said to be buried in her mother's arms at Tekamah Cemetery, Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska. See page 267 for the story of her mother's death. Also, see the foregoing page to read of the cause of death of Katie's oldest sister Hazel at the age of 13.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin and gr-gr-grandson
John McClellan Holmes**

Dr. John Park Holmes⁷ (John McClellan Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dr. Holmes was born 19 April 1921 at Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska, the son of John McClellan Holmes and Esther Goldie *Lewis*.

Dr. Holmes served in WWII 1943-1945. He lived in Greeley, Weld County, Colorado—his marital status unknown. Dr. Holmes died 21 December 2002 at the age of 81. His last residence was Greeley, Weld County, Colorado.

Naomi B. Holmes⁷ (John McClellan Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Naomi was born 17 January 1924 at Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska, the daughter of John McClellan Holmes and Esther Goldie *Lewis*.

She grew up in Tekamah and graduated from Tekamah High School in 1942. That same year she married (1) **Mark M. Baker**. He was born 28 June 1923 in Decatur, Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Roy Baker and Florence *Murphy*. He graduated from Decatur High School, and then served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Naomi and Mark were divorced. He died at Logan Valley Manor in Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska on 16

September 1989 at the age of 66, and he is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Decatur, Nebraska.

On 17 September 1960 in Fremont, Dodge County, Nebraska, Naomi married (2) **Gilfred G. (Gil) Garner**, who was born 13 May 1926 at Blair, Washington County, Nebraska. Gil had previously been married. Gil was in business with his father at Blair Transfer in Blair, Nebraska. He worked in the trucking business for over 40 years and retired from Consolidated Freightways in 1989. Gil died at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska on 25 July 1998 at the age of 72. He is buried at Blair Cemetery, Blair, Washington County, Nebraska—Plot: Block 81, Lot 9, Grave 5.

Over the years, Naomi worked at Boys Town in Omaha as a typist, Service Life Insurance Co. as a file Clerk, Data Documents in the accounting department, and for Omaha Public Schools. She attended summer classes for three years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and earned her certification for cafeteria management and dietary assistant. Before she retired, she spent four years working at Burke High School in Omaha. Naomi died at Crowell Memorial Home in Blair, Nebraska on Saturday, 28 June 2014 at the age of 90. She is buried beside her second husband Gil Garner at Blair Cemetery in Blair, Nebraska.

Naomi was survived by two daughters, two sons, 15 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and three gr-gr-grandchildren (all private). She was preceded in death by a grandson Kenny Erickson⁹, and two of her sons: Gary M. Baker⁸ – 1942-1999, and Robert D. (Bob) Baker⁸ – 1946-2013. All six of her children were born during her first marriage to Mark Baker.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Calvin Marion Roberts**

Charles Elmer Roberts⁷ (Calvin Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 15 November 1898, the son of Calvin Marion Roberts and Emma Mae Louise *Reinmann*.

He married **Gladys Maud Scott**, who was born 16 August 1903 in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas.

Charles died 16 November 1944 at the age of 46 years and one day. Charles is buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in Assiniboia, Assiniboia Census Division, Saskatchewan, Canada.

After Charles' death, Gladys married Norman Levi Kirby (1890-1976). He was a widower and had a son from his first marriage—Charles Edward Kirby (1914-1999). Norman Kirby is buried at Berg Cemetery in Willow Bunch, Assiniboia Census Division, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Gladys, a longtime resident of Rockglen in Saskatchewan, Canada, died there on 18 August 2006 at the age of 103 and two days. She is buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Minnie Margaret Roberts⁷ (Calvin Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Minnie was born 16 February 1900 at Yates City, Knox County, Illinois, the daughter of Calvin Marion Roberts and Emma Mae Louise *Reinmann*.

Minnie never married. She died at Saskatchewan, Canada, on 5 February 1917 at the age of 16, just 11 days before her 17th birthday. Minnie was first buried at Prairie Rest Cemetery and later transferred to Mount Hope Cemetery in Assiniboia, Assiniboia Census Division, Saskatchewan, Canada—Plot: 16, Block 17.

Walter Samuel Roberts⁷ (Calvin Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 7 August 1902 at Yates City, Knox County, Illinois, the son of Calvin Marion Roberts and Emma Mae Louise *Reinmann*.

Very little was found regarding Walter. He was listed living with his father and mother in the 1916 and 1921 Population Census Records for Canada—ages 13 and 19. The family was living in Saskatchewan, Canadian, having settled there in 1911. No other record was found regarding Walter either in Canada or the United States.

Christoph Emil Roberts⁷ (Calvin Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Christoph was born 12 February 1904 at Peoria County, Illinois, the son of Calvin Marion Roberts and Emma Mae Louise *Reinmann*.

Christoph was a carpenter in the home building business. He married **Marjorie Eleanor Pugh**.

Christoph died at Cumberland Health Center in Cumberland, British Columbia, Canada on 15 October 1992 at the age of 88. He was cremated by the Mission Hill Crematorium, Courtenay, B.C., Canada. Christoph and Marjorie had at least one child, a son (private).

Inez Fredora Roberts⁷ (Calvin Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Inez was born 7 September 1905 at Yates City, Knox County, Illinois, the daughter of Calvin Marion Roberts and Emma Mae Louise *Reinmann*.

Inez married **Oscar Sanderson**. They were married for 49 years before his death. Inez died at the Extended Care Nursing Home in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, on 27 April 2008 at the age of 102 years plus. She is buried at Rosedale Cemetery in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. All eleven of her siblings—six brothers and four sisters—predeceased Inez. She was survived by a son and a daughter, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren (all private).

Lucy Theo Roberts⁷ (Calvin Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lucy was born 20 February 1907 at Colton, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, the daughter of Calvin Marion Roberts and Emma Mae Louise *Reinmann*.

Lucy married **John Ole Johnson**, who was born 30 October 1906 at Brownwood, Brown County, Texas. A pioneer in Prince George, British Columbia, Ole was the son of Stener Johnson (1854-1941) and Gertrude *Peterson* (1881-1927). In 1914, when Ole was six years old, his family left Texas and traveled by railroad to Canada. They had planned to purchase land in the Peace River country of Canada, but settled in Prince George, B.C. instead. They acquired an original quarter-section homestead for \$18 an acre and then cleared the land with an axe and horses. The family lived in a tent while building their cabin. A year later they were planting oats, barley, and hay for the livestock. A schoolhouse was built on the site in 1917, and Ole began his schooling. Through the years, the Johnson homestead grew to 1400 acres, and a large red log barn was built in 1933. It was still standing in 1999. In 1950, a saw-mill was built—it employed 12 men. Today the farm is called Johnson's Dairy Farm and is operated by descendants of Ole and Lucy Johnson.

Lucy died at Prince George, B.C., Canada on 27 November 1995 at the age of 88. After a short illness, Ole died at Rotary Hospice House in Prince George on 24 April 1999 at the age of 92. Lucy and Ole are buried next to each other at the Prince George Municipal Cemetery, Prince George, Fraser-Fort George Regional District, British Columbia, Canada—Section F2, Block 01A, Plot 009, Locality TC. There is no marker for either grave. Lucy and Ole were survived by two daughters, six grandchildren, and five grandchildren (all private).

Louise Lucinda Roberts⁷ (Calvin Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Louise was born 17 October 1908 at Colton, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, the daughter of Calvin Marion Roberts and Emma Mae Louise *Reinmann*.

On 29 October 1930, Louise married (1) **George Pace** (1908-1987), and they were divorced.

In July of 1950, she married (2) **Samuel Walter Uhlick**. Samuel died 24 April 1997 at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Louise died at the age of 60 on 2 January 1969 at Edmonton. She is buried at Mount Pleasant Municipal Cemetery, Edmonton, Edmonton Census Division, Alberta, Canada—Plot: M0004, 0024.

Bertha Amelia Roberts⁷ (Calvin Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bertha was born 20 January 1911 at Bixby, Perkins County, South Dakota, the daughter of Calvin Marion Roberts and Emma Mae Louise *Reinmann*.

Bertha married **George Donald Sotak**, who was born 28 May 1917. He died 15 August 1983. George is interred at Calvary Cemetery, Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

Bertha died at Tacoma, Washington on 8 August 2005 at the age of 94. She is interred beside her husband George at Calvary Cemetery in Tacoma, Washington.

Marion August Roberts⁷ (Calvin Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marion was born 2 November 1912 in Saskatchewan, Canada, the son of Calvin Marion Roberts and Emma Mae Louise *Reinmann*.

Marion died at Enderby, British Columbia, Canada on 14 February 2000 at the age of 87. He is buried at Armstrong Cemetery, Armstrong, North Okanagan Regional District, British Columbia, Canada.

Lena Alberta Roberts⁷ (Calvin Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lena was born 1915 at Saskatchewan, Canada, the daughter of Calvin Marion Roberts and Emma Mae Louise *Reinmann*.

She married **Nels Vernon Nelson**. They lived in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada. Lena died there 21 March 2001 and Nels died January of 1999. They are both buried at Prince George Municipal Cemetery, Prince George, Fraser-Fort George Regional District, B. C., Canada—Section F-2, Block 01c, Plots 22 and 21.

Wilson Wilfred Roberts⁷ (Calvin Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wilson was born 25 September 1917 at Saskatchewan, Canada, the son of Calvin Marion Roberts and Emma Mae Louise *Reinmann*.

Wilson died at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on 14 September 1959 at the age of 41. No other records were found for Wilson. He probably was not married.

Herbert M. Roberts⁷ (Calvin Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Herbert was born 1921 in Saskatchewan, Canada, the son of Calvin Marion Roberts and Emma Mae Louise Reinmann. Herbert married **Bernice Edith Phillips**, who was born 1925 at Ninette, Manitoba, Canada. They lived in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada, and Bernice died there in August of 2002. Herbert died at Prince George in 2006. They are both buried at Prince George Municipal Cemetery, Prince George, Fraser-Fort George Regional District, British Columbia, Canada.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Elizabeth (Bessie) Marion Roberts Crawford**

Orville Leroy Crawford⁷ (Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Orville was born 13 February 1899 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Elizabeth (Bessie) Marion Roberts and Charles B. Crawford.

On 25 May 1920 in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, he married **Edith Marilla Leuallen**, who was born 25 March 1905 in Peoria County, Illinois, the daughter of Charles Peter Leuallen (1884-1936) and Bertha A. Rogers (1885-1940).

In 1959, Orville retired from Peoria & Pekin Union Railroad after 38 years. Orville and Edith lived in Groveland, Tazewell County and Peoria, Illinois.

Edith was a member, organist and Sunday school teacher at Oak Grove Evangelical Bible Church in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois. She was the president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Rural Home Missionary Association at Morton, and a charter member and former chaplain of Peoria Chapter, Marine Corps Auxiliary.

Orville died at Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois on 15 April 1962 at the age of 63. He is buried at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery, East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Edith died 6 April 1982 at the age of 77. She is buried next to her husband Orville at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Illinois. Orville and Edith had 11 children.

- +Orvall Charles (Smokie) Crawford⁸ – 1921-2000 – married Mildred V. Smith.
- +Marjorie Edith Crawford⁸ – 1922-1922 – seven months old.
- +Rogers Leuallen Crawford⁸ – 1923-1945 – died during the Battle for Iwo Jima.
- +Lee Walter Crawford⁸ – 1924-1994 – married Evelyn Mildred Davis.
- +Jean Elmer Crawford⁸ – 1925-1985 – married Mary C. Hoye Hardy.
- +Marian Tyler Crawford⁸ – 1926-1927 – six months old.
- +Helen Arlene Crawford⁸ – 1928-2011 – married William (Bill) F. Fandel, Sr.
- +Loren T. Crawford⁸ – 1932-1997 – married Lucille M. Wilke.
- +Alta Pauline (Polly) Crawford⁸ – 1934-2000 – married Raymond Adam Sommers.
- +Adelle Dollie) Lucille Crawford⁸ – 1937-2016 – married (1) Farley and (2) Harvey.
- +Elsa Pearl Crawford⁸ – 1940-2006 – married Willis Hazen Kimball.

Margaret E. Crawford⁷ (Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 6 March 1900 at East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Elizabeth (Bessie) Marion Roberts and Charles B. Crawford.

On 5 October 1922, she married **Cliff Swanson**, who was born 31 August 1895 at Colchester, McDonough County, Illinois. He was the son of Andrew W. Swanson (1850-1909) and Mary A. Sand (1854-1932).

Cliff was a long time employee of Caterpillar Co. in East Peoria, Illinois. Beginning as a tractor assembler, he advanced to material control.

Cliff died 5 May 1970 in Peoria County, Illinois. He is buried at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

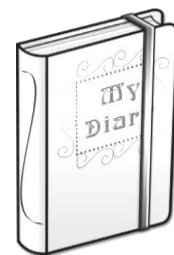
Margaret died in Peoria County, Illinois, on 7 April 1972 at the age of 72. She is buried next to her husband Cliff at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Illinois. Margaret and Cliff had two children—both sons born in Illinois (private).

Further information on Margaret E. Crawford Swanson was fully told in the Ruffner family's newsletter *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, Volume 15, Issue 1, Spring 2012. Written by Adell Crawford Harvey (1937-2016), a descendant of Benjamin Ruffner, it was the story of Aunt Margaret's Daring Adventure in the year 1921. The following is a glimpse at Aunt Margaret's adventurous motor trip as told by Adell Harvey.

Casting off the constraints of the Victorian era, a new woman was born in the Roaring 20s. She smoked, drank, danced and voted. She bobbed her hair, wore makeup, took risks, and spent much time at giddy parties. But Margaret Crawford was none of these. Dutiful daughter of the president of the Fruit Growers' Association in East Peoria, Illinois, Margaret managed her family's prosperous berry farm, cared for her nearly blind mother, worked at the Larkin Shirt Factory, and still found time to care for her dowager aunt Cindy Tarbell and help several other aunts with their canning chores.

A strict Free Methodist, Margaret abhorred gaudy jewelry and makeup, bobbed hair, dancing, movies, and especially demon rum. She so hated the evils of alcohol she became active in the Women's Christian Temperance Union and often wished she had lived in the time of Carrie Nation, so she could have personally smashed a few tavern windows.

After Aunt Margaret's death in 1972, her family found a handwritten travel diary detailing a road trip she and three friends had taken to Florida in one of Henry Ford's "Tin Lizzies." The diary revealed a remarkably different picture of Margaret. Written daily from August 20 through October 5, 1921, the diary shows an adventurous, daring 21-year-old girl who parked her corset and inhibitions and donned – not slinky knee-length shimmies of the flappers – but very unladylike bib overalls complete with a pistol in the pocket. For six weeks, she lived a wanderlust lifestyle with two girlfriends and their suffragette mother as "tin can campers" traveling over impossible roads from central Illinois to Tampa, Florida.



Before deciding at the last minute to make this trip with her friends, Margaret had become impatient with her fiancé Cliff Swanson. Engaged for two years, it seemed as if a wedding day was either far in the future, or was impossible—they each had too many responsibilities. The day before her three friends were to leave on the road trip, Margaret made up her mind to pack her own bags and go with them. She had written a letter to her fiancé regarding the long-delayed wedding and her impatience with only occasional visits and not much hope. She was ready for some adventure.



She and her friends found that adventure with moonshiners, alligators, monkeys, mosquitoes, storms, car mechanical troubles, flat tires, and dirt roads that were either dusty or muddy, and sometimes covered with large rocks. They ate from tin cans and slept in a tent by the side of the road.

Returning to East Peoria six weeks later, Margaret's life returned to her normal routine of caring for her elders. *A year later on October 5, 1922, Margaret finally married Cliff. They built a home on Margaret's 10-acre share of the Crawford family farm, where they raised two sons.*

Horace Tarbell Crawford⁷ (Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Horace was born 25 May 1904 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Elizabeth (Bessie) Marion Roberts and Charles B. Crawford.

Horace married **Theresa Regina (Tay) Theissen**, who was born 26 January 1904 in Illinois, the daughter of Herman B. Theissen, Sr. (1859-1906) and Anka Marie Adden (1867-1953). Theresa was the sister of Herman Theissen Jr., who married Horace's younger sister Viola. While living in Peoria in the 1930 and 1940s, Horace was employed as a chauffeur for a private family.

Horace died in San Diego County, California on 6 October 1975 at the age of 71. He is buried at Oak Hill Memorial Park, Escondido, San Diego County, California.

Theresa died in Orange County, California on 8 November 1990 at the age of 86. She is buried beside her husband Horace at Oak Hill Memorial Park in Escondido, California. Horace and Theresa had at least one child (shown here).

+Eldon Gilbert Crawford⁸ – 1924-1993 – marriage information unknown.

Viola L. Crawford⁷ (Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Viola was born 26 May 1906 in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Elizabeth (Bessie) Marion Roberts and Charles B. Crawford.

On 28 June 1922 in Peoria County, Illinois, Viola married **Herman B. Theissen, Jr.**, who was born 4 April 1899 at East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois. He was the son of Herman B. Theissen, Sr. (1859-1906) and Anka Marie Adden (1867-1953). Herman Jr. was the brother of Theresa, who married Viola's older brother Horace.

Herman, Jr. died at Peoria, Illinois on 29 March 1976 at the age of 76. He is buried at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery, East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois—Plot: Section G, Lot 57, Grave 7.

Viola died at Peoria, Illinois on 23 October 1977 at the age of 71. She is buried beside her husband at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Illinois.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Louise Amy Mooberry Cochrane**

Dorothy Jean Cochrane⁷ (Louise Amy Mooberry⁶, George Edwin Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dorothy was born 14 June 1908 in Washington County, Oregon, the daughter of Louise Amy *Mooberry* and Daniel Ulysses Cochrane.

In 1930 she married **Lloyd Palmer Shaw**, who was born 11 September 1907 in San Diego County, California. He was the son of Ray Palmer Shaw and Echo G. *James*.

Dorothy and Lloyd lived in Cornelius, Washington County. Lloyd was employed as a draftsman for the Oregon State Highway Department. Dorothy was a public school teacher.

Lloyd died 17 April 1996. He is buried at Cornelius Methodist Cemetery in Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon.

Dorothy died at Beaverton, Washington County, Oregon on 13 August 2008. Her age at death was 100 years, one month and 29 days—she joins several other cousins in the 100+ Club. She is buried beside her husband at Cornelius Methodist Cemetery in Cornelius, Oregon. She was the eldest of three children and she survived her two siblings. Dorothy and Lloyd had at least two children, a son and a daughter, both born in Oregon (private).

Robert M. Cochrane⁷ (Louise Amy Mooberry⁶, George Edwin Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 3 May 1915 in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, the son of Louise Amy *Mooberry* and Daniel Ulysses Cochrane. Robert was 26 years old and teaching at a primary school when he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps on 14 July 1941 in Portland, Oregon. At that time he was listed as divorced, without dependents.¹⁸³

While he was in the service, Robert married (2) **Martha Elizabeth Nance**. Martha was born 2 November 1918 at Dickson, Dickson County, Tennessee, the daughter of Harry S. Nance and Mabel E. *Richardson*.

Col. Robert Cochrane had a long military career. The source of this information is the obituary of a daughter of Robert and Martha. The obituary states that because of her father's military career, the family lived all over the United States—Florida, Oregon, Tennessee, California, Colorado. Following his military years, Robert became an educator at a college in South Bend, Indiana. Dr. Robert Cochrane received his doctorate in 1953 from Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee.

¹⁸³ Robert's first wife was probably Eleanor Edith Aspinwall (1919-2015). An unconfirmed source states that they were married 30 May 1941 at Cornelius, Washington County, Oregon. If so, the marriage was a very short one which either ended in an annulment of a very quick divorce, since Robert was a single divorced man a month and a half later. Eleanor Aspinwall married a few months later (2) Roger William Quackenbush (1920-1987) and they lived in Oregon.

Martha died at the family home 1202 Belmont Avenue, South Bend, Saint Joseph County, Indiana on 14 February 1995 at the age of 76. She is interred at Riverview Cemetery at South Bend, Indiana.

Robert died at his home in South Bend, Indiana on 23 July 2005 at the age of 90. The cause of death was prostate cancer. He is interred at Riverview Cemetery in South Bend, Indiana. Robert and Martha had two children.

+Nancy Louise Cochrane⁸ – 1946-2009 – married and divorced.

+Male Cochrane⁸ – private

IN THE KITCHEN, another aspect in the life of Dr. Robert M. Cochrane was told in **Ruffner Roots & Ramblings, Volume 2, Issue #2, April 1999**. Dr. Cochrane was not only a career Army officer and an educator, he also spent a lot of time “in the kitchen” where he specialized in pancakes.

IN THE KITCHEN with a Ruffner Descendant

The following article about Colonel Robert Cochrane, Ph.D. (desc. of Benjamin) is from the *South Bend (Indiana) Tribune*, January 25, 1999.

Leftovers take boredom out of pancakes

By Judy Bradford

Sure, you can go to the store, buy a boxed mix and make pancakes. “But that would take all the fun out of making them yourself,” says Bob Cochrane, who has been collecting pancake recipes for 40 years.

He’s the author of “Pancakes and More” a self-published cookbook that he wrote in 1991. Some of the more interesting recipes are one using ingredients that might be leftovers: rice, sour cream, bread crumbs or beer. Breakfast is not a fancy meal, but it is essential, as the author notes in his book.

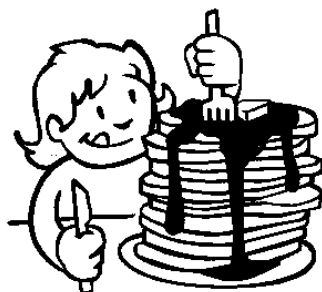


“Breakfast time at our house is not, as a rule, the time for a lavish display of food and drink,” he wrote. “Enough simple, nourishing food to keep body and soul together until lunch time has always seemed more in order.”

He started making pancakes out of necessity. His wife Martha, who died three years ago, was a wonderful homemaker, “but it took a long time for her to get moving in the morning.” He soon found that if he wanted anything to eat before work, he’d have to fix it himself.

Cochrane is retired from Cole Associates and the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He has also been an educator in Oregon, California and Colorado. Soon he’ll publish the edition of his pancake cookbook, which contains many amusing anecdotes and facts about pancakes and food in general.





To him, food is fun. "When I got my doctorate in 1953 (from Peabody College in Nashville), people said "Oh, now you can write books!" I said, 'Baloney,' but, a cookbook, now I always thought that would be fun."

The second edition of his cookbook is nearly ready for print. Here are some of the recipes:

RICE GRIDDLE CAKES

1 cup flour	1 cup milk
2 teaspoons baking powder	1 egg
1 teaspoon salt	1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 cup boiled rice	

Combine dry ingredients. Mix together with milk, egg and oil. Add liquid mix to dry mix. Add boiled rice and stir well. Bake on a medium hot griddle.

SOUR CREAM PANCAKES

½ cup flour	1 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon baking powder	2 eggs
¼ teaspoon salt	

Combine dry ingredients in a mixing bowl. Beat eggs thoroughly and blend in with the sour cream. Stir into dry mix. Bake on a moderately hot griddle.

BEER PANCAKES

3 ¾ cups flour	2 cups milk
¼ teaspoon salt	½ cup beer
¼ teaspoon sugar	4 eggs, separated

Beat egg yolks thoroughly while slowly adding milk, beer, sugar and salt. Stir in flour. Beat into a smooth batter. Beat egg whites stiff and fold into batter. Cook over medium heat on well-greased griddle.

BREAD CRUMB GRIDDLE CAKES

1 cup flour	¾ teaspoon grated orange peel
2 teaspoons baking powder	2 cups milk
1 cup dry bread crumbs	3 eggs, separated
½ teaspoon salt	2 tablespoons oil
1 teaspoon cinnamon	
2 tablespoons brown sugar	

Mix bread crumbs with 1 cup of the milk and set aside until the milk is absorbed. Grate orange peel. Mix together the egg yolks with the remaining milk and the oil.

Combine the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, orange peel, baking powder and salt.

Add the liquid mix to the dry mix and stir well. When the batter is smooth fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake on a medium hot and slightly-greased griddle.

Enjoy!

Frances Elizabeth Cochrane⁸ (Louise Amy Mooberry⁶, George Edwin Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frances was born 17 July 1916 in Oregon, the daughter of Louise Amy *Mooberry* and Daniel Ulysses Cochrane.

On 8 May 1949 in Clackamas County, Oregon, Frances married **John Edward Walsh**. He was born October 1916.

John died in Oregon on 22 June 1971 at the age of 54. Frances died in Washington County, Oregon on 11 February 1988 at the age of 71.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Thomas V. Pinkham**

George Pinkham⁷ (Thomas V. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 4 November 1908 in Woodford County, Illinois, the son of Thomas (Tom) V. Pinkham and Eva *Major*.

During WWII, George served in the U.S. Army from 5 October 1942 through 15 November 1945. Before entering the service, while still single, he was living with his mother in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. He was working as a carpenter. Three months after his mother's death in 1942, George joined the army.

After his service ended, George moved to California. At the age of 43, on 11 September 1952 in Orange County, California, he married **Ann E. Denzin**.¹⁸⁴ Ann was born 11 December 1914 in Pennsylvania, the daughter of Charles W. Denzin (1884-1960) and Mary G. Denzin (1883-1968).

George was a sheet metal worker. They lived at Baldwin Park, and later Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo County, California.

George died 14 November 1997—his last home Arroyo Grande, California. Ann died at Vancouver, Clark County, Washington on 4 December 2007. No record of any children was found.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Jennie Colson *Pinkham* Mohr**

Bernice Viola Mohr⁷ (Jennie Colson Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bernice was born 24 February 1901 at El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois, the daughter of Jennie Colson *Pinkham* and Elmer O. Mohr.

¹⁸⁴ The California Marriage Index lists George's wife's name twice—first as Ann E. Denzin and second as Ann E. Davidson. The correct name appears most likely to be Ann E. Denzin.

On 10 January 1923 in Hicksville, Defiance County, Ohio, Bernice married (1) **Alva Jacob Miller**, who was born 3 April 1897 at Grover Hill, Paulding County, Ohio, the son of Jesse Emmett Miller (1869-1936) and Lulu Eva *Barber* (1878-1949).

Alva was a farmer. He served in the National Army during WWI, having enlisted in Defiance County, Ohio on 4 September 1918 and receiving an honorable discharge 16 December 1918.

Alva died at Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana on 9 September 1973 at the age of 76. He is buried at Riverview Cemetery, Newville, DeKalb County, Indiana.

On 14 March 1976, Bernice married (2) **G. W. Harter**. G. W. survived Bernice. No record was found regarding his death or burial.

Bernice died at her home in Saint Joe, DeKalb County, Indiana on 2 August 1980 at the age of 79. She is buried beside her first husband Alva Miller at Riverview Cemetery, Newville, Indiana. Bernice and Alva are survived by two daughters, one son, 14 grandchildren and great grandchildren (private). One son and one daughter are deceased (see below).

Marjorie (Marge) J. Miller⁸ – born circa 1926 – married name was Hart—nothing further.
+Howard D. Miller⁸ – 1930-2015 – married Carolyn J. Sipe.

Mary Lee Mohr⁷ (Jennie Colson Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Lee was born 30 April 1903 in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Jennie Colson *Pinkham* and Elmer O. Mohr.

On 25 December 1925, Mary Lee married **Wade Anthony Abbott**. He was born at Rensselaer, Indiana, circa 1903, the son of Albert E. Abbott and Elizabeth *Keiper*. Shown here is Wade's photo from his 1922 Rensselaer High School yearbook.



Mary Lee and Wade lived in Kankakee, Kankakee County, Indiana, where Wade was the branch manager for Kroger Grocery and Bakery Company.

Mary Lee died at Eden Village Health Care Center in Glen Carbon, Madison County, Indiana on 6 July 2003 at the age of 100 years, two months and six days. She is buried at Memory Gardens Cemetery at Arlington Heights, Cook County, Illinois. Wade had preceded her in death. Mary Lee and Wade Abbott had three children (as shown).

Male Abbott⁸ – born 1923 (private)
+Albert Lee Abbott⁸ – 1926-2002 – married Roma Williams.
+Lyle Eugene Abbott⁸ – 1930-1983 – married (private)

Harold David Mohr⁷ (Jennie Colson Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harold was born 12 June 1904 in Newkirk, Kay County, Oklahoma, the son of Jennie Colson *Pinkham* and Elmer O. Mohr.

On 31 May 1930 at Kankakee County, Illinois, Harold married **Ruth Widney**, who was born 23 September 1906 in Ohio. In the 1930s and 1940s in Hicksville, Ohio, Harold worked at a factory that manufactured handles.

Ruth died March 1986 at the age of 79. She is buried at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Defiance County, Ohio—Plot: Lot 165, Section D.

Harold died at a long-term care facility in Defiance County, Ohio on 10 August 2001 at the age of 96. He is buried next to his wife Ruth at Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville, Ohio. No record of children was found.

Kenneth L. Mohr⁷ (Jennie Colson Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kenneth was born 7 July 1907 in Ohio, the son of Jennie Colson *Pinkham* and Elmer O. Mohr.

Kenneth married **Marguerite Helsel**, who was born 1911 in Ohio. In 1940, Kenneth was a farmer where they lived in Carryall, Paulding County, Ohio. Their nine-year-old daughter and Kenneth's father and mother lived with them.

Kenneth died in Defiance County, Ohio on November 1977 at the age of 70. His last residence was Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio. He is buried at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Defiance County, Ohio.

Marguerite died at St. Luke's Hospital, Maumee, Lucas County, Ohio on 13 December 1985 at the age of 73. She is buried at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio, next to her husband Kenneth. They had at least two children, both daughters.

+Berdene Bell Mohr⁸ – 1930-2003 – married Harry Hutson.

+Female Mohr⁸ – private

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Edith Evaline *Pinkham* North**

Edith Eva North⁷ (Edith Evaline Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edith was born 1921 in Bloomington, McClean County, Illinois, the daughter of Edith Evaline *Pinkham* and John W. North.

In 1941, Edith married **George F. Edwards**. He died at an unknown date prior to the death of Edith. Edith died at her home in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona on Tuesday, 3 February 2015 at the age of 93. She and her husband had formerly lived in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. She was survived by four daughters, one son, 16 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and four gr-gr-grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ida C. *Pinkham* Blackmore**

Emmett A. Blackmore⁷ (Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emmett was born 21 July 1905 in Woodford County, Illinois, the son of Ida C. *Pinkham* and Albert Blackmore.

He married **Elva Grace Wilkey**, who was born 1908 in Illinois. They lived in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. Emmett was an auto mechanic.

Elva died 1974. She is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. Emmett died 13 April 1993. He is buried beside his wife Elva at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois. Emmet and Elva had five children—one daughter and four sons—born Woodford County, Illinois.

+Norma E. Blackmore⁸ – 1930-2016 – married Lloyd Partner, Jr.

+Harold Dean Blackmore⁸ – 1933-1974 – probably unmarried.

+Lowell E. Blackmore⁸ – 1936-2013 – married (private)

+Keith Blackmore⁸ – 1940-2015 – married twice (private)

+Roger Dale Blackmore⁸ – 1949-1966 – unmarried.

Blanche Alvira Blackmore⁷ (Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Blanche was born 16 November 1906 at El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Ida C. *Pinkham* and Albert Blackmore.

In 1931 at Crown Point, Lake County, Indiana, Blanche married **Earl Kenneth Stouffer**, who was born 5 October 1904 at Durance Township, Winnebago County, Illinois. He was the son of John H. Stouffer (1878-1920) and Anna Mabel *Breneman* (1880-1958).

Earl died at Caledonia, Boone County, Illinois in August of 1972 at the age of 67.

Blanche died 8 February 2000 at the age of 93—her last residence was Roscoe, Winnebago County, Illinois. She is buried at Highland Garden of Memories, Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois. No further information was found.

Elsie Elizabeth Blackmore⁷ (Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elsie was born 3 October 1908 in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois, the daughter of Ida C. *Pinkham* and Albert Blackmore.

In 1914, as a young boy, Anton moved with his family to Sleepy Eye, Brown County, Minnesota. They lived on a farm southwest of the town. Before they moved,

Anton had started his schooling in South Dakota and then later attended a country school in Leavenworth Township, Brown County, Minnesota.

On 14 February 1933 in Kankakee County, Illinois, Elsie married **Anton Shebetka**, who was born 4 September 1906 in Oldham, Kingsbury County, South Dakota. He was the son of Rudolph Shebetka and Tillie *Marek*.

After his marriage to Elsie, they lived in rural Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. Anton was a farmer and also worked at the Sleepy Eye Auction Market for several years.

Anton died at New Ulm, Brown County, Minnesota on 11 May 1999 at the age of 92. He is buried at Home Cemetery, Sleepy Eye, Brown County, Minnesota.

Elsie died 29 March 2007 at the age of 98. Her last residence was Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. All six of her siblings preceded her in death. She was survived by a son and two daughters, six grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren (all private).

Florence Ida Blackmore⁷ (Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Florence was born 15 November 1910 at El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois, the daughter of Ida C. *Pinkham* and Albert Blackmore.

Florence married **Kenneth C. Johnson**, who was born 22 August 1912. Kenneth died 27 October 1983 at the age of 71. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

Florence died while a patient in a nursing home on 6 March 2005 at the age of 94. Her last residence was Hamilton, Hamilton County, Ohio. She is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois.

Arthur John Blackmore⁷ (Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Arthur was born 28 October 1912 in Woodford County, Illinois, the son of Ida C. *Pinkham* and Albert Blackmore.

On 2 June 1940, Arthur married **Goldie Mae Hornback**, who was born 28 February 1912 in Breckinridge County, Kentucky, the daughter of Lafayette Hornback and Lou *Winchel*. Goldie worked as an operator in a beauty shop in Normal, McLean County, Illinois. Arthur was a farmer.

Goldie died 26 October, 1994 at the age of 82. Arthur died 10 February 1998 at the age of 85. They are both buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso Woodford County, Illinois.

Claude Eldon Blackmore⁷ (Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Claude was born 29 July 1918 in Woodford County, Illinois, the son of Ida C. *Pinkham* and Albert Blackmore.

He served as a CWO3 in the U.S. Air Force during WWII and Korea Conflict.

Claude married **Dorothy Smith**, who was born 28 December 1914 at Charleston, Coles County, Illinois, the daughter of William A. Smith and Eva C. *Phipps*.

Claude died 11 November 1982 at the age of 64. His last residence was Chino Valley, Yavapai County, Arizona. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

Dorothy died at Vail, Pima County, Arizona on 25 August 2001 at the age of 86. She is buried next to her husband Claude at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Illinois. No record of children was found.

Clarence M. Blackmore⁷ (Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clarence was born 20 October 1921 in Woodford County, Illinois, the youngest child of Ida C. *Pinkham* and Albert Blackmore.

During WWII, Clarence served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Corps. After the war, on 19 September 1945, Clarence married **E. Ruth Kearfott**, who was born 18 June 1926, the daughter of Gordon Kearfott (1896-1960) and Annie Katherine *Farrell* (1900-1975).

Clarence died 21 October 1986 at the age of 65 years and one day. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

Ruth died 14 February 2005. She is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Illinois, next to her husband Clarence. Clarence and Ruth were survived by two sons, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
George Cleveland Pinkham**

John Bruce Pinkham⁷ (George Cleveland Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bruce was born 26 January 1913 in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. He was the son of George Cleveland (Cleve) Pinkham and Ella Fern *Roth*.

On 4 September 1937 in El Paso, Illinois, Bruce married **Mary Elizabeth Dust**, who was born 3 May 1918.

Bruce owned and operated his own trucking company for 30 years. He owned Pinkham Tap for 10 years, and he served on the El Paso Fire Department for 45 years. He was a long time member of Secor Methodist Church.

Mary died 23 October 1994 at the age of 76. She is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

During his last year, Bruce was a resident of Heritage Manor Nursing Home in El Paso. It was said that his smile could light up a room. He died at Advocate Eureka Hospital in Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois on 29 July 2014 at the age of 101. Bruce is inurned at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Illinois. Bruce and Mary were survived by two sons, five grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and six gr-gr-grandchildren (all private). Bruce's two brothers, Fred and George, predeceased him.

Frederick (Fred) H. Pinkham⁷ (George Cleveland Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Fred was born 7 April 1917 at Panola, Woodford County, Illinois, the son of George Cleveland (Cleve) Pinkham and Ella Fern *Roth*.

Fred served during WWII as a Sergeant in the U. S. Army. On 3 October 1943, in West Milford, Passaic County, New Jersey, he married **Susan G. Downs**, who was born 21 September 1918 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Ross Sherman Downs and Marjorie Pearl *Hill*.

Susan worked as a department store manager for Montgomery Wards for several years. In 1974, Fred and Susan purchased and operated the Berta Jewelry store in El Paso until they retired.

Fred died at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in El Paso, Illinois on 12 December 2009 at the age of 92. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

Susan died at Heritage Health in El Paso, Illinois on 5 September 2014 at the age of 95. Fred and Susan were survived by one daughter (private).

George Clarke Pinkham⁷ (George Cleveland Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 6 July 1919 in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois, the son of George Cleveland (Cleve) Pinkham and Ella Fern *Roth*.

George served in the U.S. Army during WWII, enlisting at Peoria, Illinois, in 1942. At that time George was single. He married (1) **Bernice Josephine Wessel**, who was born 13 October 1920 at Secor, Woodford County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Henry M. Wessel and Tena *Clausen*.

Bernice died 6 April 1990 at the age of 69. She is buried at Secor Cemetery, Secor, Woodford County, Illinois.

After Bernice's death George married circa 1994 (2) **Vida Jane Gerdes Kingen Trantina**, who was born 16 August 1931 at Benson, Woodford County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Peter A. Gerdes and Elizabeth T. *Johnson*.

George died at Minonk, Woodford County, Illinois, on 29 July 1996 at the age of 77. He is buried next to his first wife Bernice at Secor Cemetery, Secor, Illinois.

Vida died 31 May 2005. She is buried at Clayton Township Cemetery, Benson, Woodford County, Illinois. George and Bernice were survived by two sons (both private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
William Steven Pinkham**

Frances Eleanor Pinkham⁷ (William Steven Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frances was born

19 January 1922 at Gridley, McLean County, Illinois, the daughter of William Steven Pinkham and Ethel M. *Punke*.

On 29 November 1953 in Peoria County, Illinois, Frances married **Christian Gottlieb Schmidgall**, who was born 22 September 1916 at Dillon, Tazewell County, Illinois. Christian was a farmer in the Tremont, Tazewell County, Illinois area until he retired. During WWII, he served in the U.S. Army.

Frances died 3 August 1979 at the age of 57. She and Christian had no children during their 25 years of marriage.

Christian married a second time to a widow, Eva Lucille *Gettings* Miller (1922-2012). He died 4 December 2005 at the age of 88. Christian is buried at Mount Hope Cemetery, Tremont, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Robert (Bob) Earl Pinkham⁷ (William Steven Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bob was born 1 January 1925 in Woodford County, Illinois, the son of William Steven Pinkham and Ethel M. *Punke*.

On 1 May 1954, Bob married (1) **Ellen Joan Reeves**, who was born 13 February 1931 in McLean County, Illinois. Bob and Ellen had two children before a later divorce.

Ellen and Bob farmed north of El Paso, Illinois. Ellen had a lengthy office career at Admiral and Country Companies. Ellen died at her residence in Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois on 25 August 2005 at the age of 74. Her ashes are buried at St. Marys Cemetery, Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois.

On 30 June 1979, Bob married (2) **Donna Joy Carter Clark**, who was born 28 February 1943 in Saginaw, Saginaw County, Michigan. Donna and Bob lived in El Paso, Illinois. She died in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois, on Saturday, 1 February 2014 at the age of 70. Donna is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Illinois. She was survived by her children from her first marriage.

Bob died at Eureka Community Hospital in Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois on Thursday, 1 February 2007 at the age of 82 years and one month. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Illinois. Bob and his first wife Ellen were survived by two children, a son and a daughter (private).

Richard (Dick) (Pinky) Pinkham⁷ (William Steven Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dick was born 24 January 1927 in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois, the son of William Steven Pinkham and Ethel M. *Punke*.

Dick served in the Air Force during WWII. He worked as a mechanic at Case International Harvester in Minonk, Illinois. Dick was married. He and his wife took ballroom dance lessons, and went to dances almost every weekend.

Dick died at his home at Morton Terrace in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, on 26 May 2016 at the age of 89. He was survived by his wife, one daughter, two sons, five grandchildren, five great grandchildren and two brothers (all private).

Harold William (Billy) Pinkham⁷ (William Steven Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harold was born 14 February 1935 in Woodford County, Illinois, the son of William Steven Pinkham and Ethel M. *Punke*.

Harold was not married. He lived in El Paso, Illinois, and then Buzzville. He died at his home in Buzzville, Mason County, Illinois, on 23 November 2006 at the age of 71. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. Harold was survived by four brothers.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Elsie Margaret *Pinkham* Koch**

Phyllis Koch⁷ (Elsie Margaret Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Phyllis was born 1919 in Woodford County, Illinois, the daughter of Elsie Margaret *Pinkham* and Chester August Koch. Phyllis is listed in the 1920, 1930 and 1940 federal census records for Panola, Woodford County, Illinois. In 1940 she was 21 years old and still living at home with her parents and younger sister. That is the last record found for her.

Catherine Alvira Koch⁷ (Elsie Margaret Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Catherine was born 3 December 1921 in Woodford County, Illinois, the daughter of Elsie Margaret *Pinkham* and Chester August Koch.

On 14 September 1944, Catherine married **Walter Herman Hielscher**, who was born 6 February 1911 in Illinois, the son of Alfred Hielscher (1875-1941) and Clara E. *Kohler* (b.1886). Walter was a farmer.

Walter died 18 April 1981 at the age of 70. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

Catherine died 28 June 1990. She is buried beside her husband Walter at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois. No record of children was available although it is possible that they did have two children (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Royal (Roy) Edgar Pinkham**

Eva Jane Pinkham⁷ (Royal Edgar Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴,

Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eva Jane was born 30 April 1924 in Flanagan, Livingston County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Royal (Roy) Edgar Pinkham and Alta Marie *Holt*.

On 23 June 1946 in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois, Eva Jane married **Glenn C. Kingdon**, who was born 27 July 1923 in Illinois. Glenn served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Eva Jane and Glenn owned and operated the Kingdon Family Farm, northeast of El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois, and also Kingdon's Superette in El Paso, which they ran from 1957 to 1977. After the store closed, Eva Jane was employed by the El Paso Public Library. She is also remembered as the "pager voice" for the El Paso Fire Department.

Glenn died 20 April 2001 at the age of 77. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois.

Eva Jane died at her home 107 North Adams in El Paso, Illinois on Tuesday, 28 February 2012 at the age of 87. She is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois. Eva Jane and Glen were survived by two sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren (all private).

Lyle Eugene Pinkham⁷ (Royal Edgar Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lyle was born 31 July 1926 in Woodford County, Illinois. He was the son of Royal (Roy) Edgar Pinkham and Alta Marie *Holt*.

During WWII, Lyle served in the Pacific in the U.S. Navy as a Fireman 1st Class. On 31 July 1949 in Benson, Woodford County, Illinois, Lyle married **Anna Margaret Otten**, who was born 29 June 1929 at Secor, Woodford County, Illinois. She was the daughter of John Otten and Theda *Schroeder*.

Lyle worked for 21 years at National Marina in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois as a boat mechanic. Later he worked for 10 years as a teamster at Peoria Roofing. He retired 1 September 1991. He was a member of Bloomington American Legion Post 2910, and Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton, Illinois.

Anna worked for Caterpillar Tractor for 10 years and retired in 1994 from Libby's in Morton. She was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church and taught Sunday school for several years. Anna volunteered with the Cub Scouts, the Boy Scouts, and the Crippled Children's Campaign. Lyle and Anna lived at East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Lyle died at the age of 80 on 10 June 2007. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

Anna died at the age of 84 on Tuesday, 3 June 2014. She is buried beside her husband Lyle at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Illinois. Lyle and Anna were survived by three daughters, one son, several grandchildren and great grandchildren (all private). They were predeceased by daughter Cheryl Lynn Pinkham⁸ (3 May 1956—6 May 1956—buried Evergreen Cemetery) and a grandson, David Williams⁹.

Peggy Gail Pinkham⁷ (Royal Edgar Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Peggy was born 13

January 1937 in Woodford County, Illinois, the daughter of Royal (Roy) Edgar Pinkham and Alta Marie *Holt*.

She was married 1 September 1957 in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. Peggy worked as a secretary at Soy Capital in Bloomington, Illinois.

Peggy Gail *Pinkham* Schneider died 27 March 2015 at the age of 78. She is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. Peggy was survived by her husband, three children, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, two brothers and one sister (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Harry H. Mooberry**

Orville Mooberry⁷ (Harry H. Mooberry⁶, Milton Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Orville was born 6 March 1920 in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Harry H. Mooberry and Viola May *Oetzel*. He was the eldest of four children.

After completing high school, he took some courses in business administration. He began his civil service career on 1 November 1940 at the Savanna Ordnance Depot in Savanna, Illinois. There he met the young lady who would become his wife. However, Orville was told he was being transferred to Utah. Not to let the opportunity pass him by, Orville proposed marriage and Laurine accepted.

A year later in 1942 at Salt Lake City, Utah, Orville and **Laurine Elizabeth *Senne*** were married. In Utah, Orville worked as the chief clerk and assistant to the commanding officer of the new ordnance depot under construction in Tooele, Utah. In February of 1943, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He completed training at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, and then attended Mississippi Southern College for Army administrative training. He then served at Elmendorf Air Base near Anchorage, Alaska, until the war ended in 1945.

Orville returned to Tooele in February of 1946, where he eventually became the comptroller at Tooele Army Depot. In 1972, Orville received the Department of the Army Decoration for Meritorious Civilian Service. Orville retired in 1975 after 33 years of civilian government service, and he and Laurine moved to Santa Rosa, California.

Laurine was born 17 November 1917. She was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church. She died at their home in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California on Thursday, 19 August 2010 at the age of 92. She and Orville had been married for 68 years. Laurine is inurned at Tooele City Cemetery in Tooele, Tooele County, Utah.

Orville had been a resident of Santa Rosa, California for 30 years, and then spent the last three years of his life at the Alma Via Adult Community in San Rafael, Marin County, California to be close to his family. After a short illness, Orville died 2 December 2013 at the age of 93. Orville and Laurine had three children—two sons and one daughter, all born in Utah.

+Mark Milton Mooberry⁸ – 1952-1971 – unmarried.

Female Mooberry⁸ – private

Male Mooberry⁸ – private

UPDATE REGARDING ORVILLE MOOBERRY—

Almost a year following Orville's death, he was posthumously honored by our government. On 4 September 2014, at the unveiling and dedication of a \$2.2 million dollar, 17,169 square-foot renovated structure at the Tooele Army Depot it was announced that the building was to be named to honor the memory of Orville M. Mooberry, its first civilian employee from its very beginning in 1942. Brig. Gen. Kristen K. French watched as Orville Mooberry's daughter cut the ribbon with the symbolic scissors. Gen. French spoke of Orville as being a pioneer in the munitions business, having seen the building of the munitions ordnance from its infancy. When Orville had first arrived at Tooele, two small tarpapered shacks were the only buildings on the property. The grounds were covered in mud until summer arrived and the mud turned into clouds of dust. ¹⁸⁵



Glen Elmer Mooberry⁷ (Harry H. Mooberry⁶, Milton Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glen was born 24 April 1922 in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Harry H. Mooberry and Viola May *Oetzel*.

On 23 October 1949 at Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, Glen married **Dorothy E. Ropp**, who was born 9 May 1929 at Tremont, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Reuben Ropp and Ferne *Heiser*.

Glen grew up on his parents' farm in East Peoria. He was baptized in the Mennonite faith. He and Dorothy lived in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Dorothy was a bookkeeper for Grimm Oil and Interlocking, and before retiring in 1980, she worked for Grimm Diversified Services. She was a member of the First Mennonite Church in Morton, Illinois.

Glen died 17 April 1999 at the age of 76. He is buried at Pleasant Grove Mennonite Cemetery, Tremont, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Dorothy died 31 July 2011 at the age of 82. She is buried at the Pleasant Grove Mennonite Church in Tremont, Illinois, next to her husband Glen. Glen and Dorothy were survived by two sons, one daughter, and eight grandchildren (all private)

Buford L. Mooberry⁷ (Harry H. Mooberry⁶, Milton Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Buford was born 4 February 1924 in Peoria, Illinois. He was the son of Harry H. Mooberry and Viola May *Oetzel*.

He was married on 4 December 1955 in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois, (private).

¹⁸⁵ Tooele is located a few miles southwest of Salt Lake City on Interstate Highway 80 near the south end of the Great Salt Lake in Utah.

Buford was a long-time farmer in the Morton area of Tazewell County, Illinois. He was a 25-year member of the Peoria Area Woodworkers Club, and in 1988 he built a large machine/woodworking shop for his hobby of woodworking. He built beautiful furniture for his home and his family. He also used his shop for another hobby, welding; and created many useful machines and tools. Buford was a 64-year member of the East Peoria First United Methodist Church.

He was a resident of East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois, when he died at Heartland of Riverview Care Center in East Peoria on Sunday, 7 October 2012 at the age of 88. He is buried at Roberts Cemetery in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois. Buford was survived by his wife, two sons and six grandchildren (all private).

Donna Mooberry⁷ (Harry H. Mooberry⁶, Milton Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donna was born 17 September 1927 in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Harry H. Mooberry and Viola May *Oetzel*.

Before marrying and becoming a fulltime homemaker, Donna worked at Interlocking Fence Co. in Morton, Illinois. She was a long-time member of the Morton United Methodist Church.

On 12 June 1949, Donna married **George Daniel Crumrine**, who was born 22 September 1924 at Flanagan, Livingston County, Illinois. He was the son of George Wayne Crumrine (1903-1982) and Esther *Augsburger* (1902-1984). Donna and George made their home in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois.

George died 19 May 2009 at the age of 84. He is buried at Roberts Cemetery in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Donna died at the Apostolic Christian Restmor nursing center in Morton, Illinois on Sunday, 10 January 2016 at the age of 88. She is buried at Roberts Cemetery in Morton, Illinois.

Donna and George were survived by one son, two daughters, five grandchildren and one great grandson (all private). Donna was preceded in death by her three brothers, Orville, Glen and Buford. One great granddaughter also preceded them in death.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Thornton Fields Mooberry**

Marjorie I. Mooberry⁷ (Thornton Fields Mooberry⁶, Milton Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marjorie was born 4 September 1926 in Cloverdale, DuPage County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Thornton Fields Mooberry and Edna Irene *Burroughs*.

On 6 February 1949 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois, Marjorie married **Glenn R. Hillman**, who was born 16 July 1919 at Elm Grove Township, Pekin, Illinois. He was the son of Henry Hillman and Sophia *Freidinger*.

Glen graduated from Tremont High School in 1937. He served in the 768th Field Artillery, U.S. Army during WWII and was a staff sergeant when he was discharged. After the war, Glen became a milk tester on a government GI program. He met Marjorie when he went to the Mooberry's family farm to test the milk. After they married, Marjorie and Glen lived at Hopedale in Tazewell County, where Glen became a dairy farmer. In 1960, they moved to a farm near Flanagan in Livingston County, Illinois, where Glen raised hogs until he retired in 1985. In November of 1986, they moved to a duplex at the Good Samaritan Home in Flanagan.

Marjorie died at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois on Tuesday, 3 August 2010 at the age of 83. She is buried at Center Cemetery, just outside of Flanagan, Livingston County, Illinois.

Glen died at the Good Samaritan Home on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the age of 95. He is buried beside his wife Marjorie at Center Cemetery, Flanagan, Illinois.

Marjorie and Glen were survived by five children, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren (all private).

Ila Mae Mooberry⁷ (Thornton Fields Mooberry⁶, Milton Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ila Mae was born 21 February 1930 at the family home in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Thornton Fields Mooberry and Edna Irene *Burroughs*.

On 24 September 1950 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, Ila Mae married **Warren Eugene Miller**, who was born 6 February 1928 at Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois. He was the son of Milo Allen Miller and Emma Louise *Brenneman*.

Warren was a dairy and grain farmer all his life on Ropplawn Farm, the family farm in Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois. He was a lifetime shipper for Prairie Farms Dairy. Warren served as a board member of the Pekin National Bank from 1986 to 2010, and Prairie Farms Dairy from 1980 to 1998. He was a member of the Tazewell County Zoning Board of Appeals and served as treasurer of the Tazewell County Farm Bureau Board from 1965 to 1976 and as vice-president from 1977 to 1979. He was a member of the Bethel Mennonite Church in Pekin, serving in several capacities as a trustee, secretary and vice-president of the board.

After her marriage to Warren, Ila Mae became active in the duties of a farmer's wife and she enjoyed working outside. She served in many volunteer capacities in the Pekin area, including as a 4-H leader and activities for her church.

Warren died at the Methodist Medical Center on Wednesday, 20 February 2013 at the age of 85. He is buried at Glendale Memorial Gardens in Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Ila Mae died at the Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka on Thursday, 28 August 2014 at the age of 84. She is buried at Glendale Memorial Gardens, Pekin, Illinois.

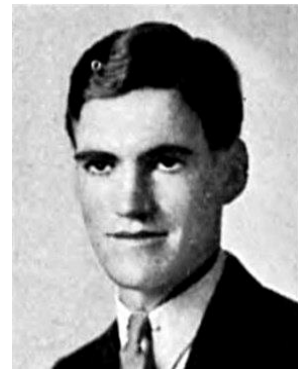
Ila Mae and Warren were survived by one son, one daughter, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren (all private). Ila Mae was survived by a brother and a sister (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Edna Myrtle O'Brien Conklin**

Martha Conklin⁷ (Edna Myrtle O'Brien⁶, Dorcas Jane Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴ Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martha was born 9 September 1912 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Eugene Lester (Cap) Conklin and Edna Myrtle O'Brien.

On 30 October 1937 in Tazewell County, Illinois, Martha married **Tilford Andrew Olson**, who was born 14 November 1912 in Bergen, Norway. His parents were Andrew Olson and Marie Dahl.

Tilford graduated with honors on 11 June 1934 from the Engineering School of the University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois with a degree as a civil engineer. In college he had worked on a project and collaborated to write a paper on the subject of rigid frame bridges. Tilford is shown here in his 1934 graduation photo from college.



In 1940, Tilford was a civil engineer in Champaign County, Illinois, working on construction for the War Department. He worked for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and his retirement pension came from the railroad board rather than social security. He also was manager of Conklin Lumber Co. in Pekin, Illinois.

The Olsons were well-respected and active in community affairs. For example, in September of 2013, a concert was given at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 343 Buena Vista in Pekin, Illinois. The concert was a dedicatory recital to celebrate a major rebuilding of St. Paul's pipe organ which was completed in 2012. The dedication was in loving memory of Martha Conklin Olson, who had been a longtime member of St. Paul's and who had contributed substantial monetary help for the rebuilding of the pipe organ.

Tilford died 9 May 1985 at the age of 72. He is interred at the Mausoleum, Lakeside Cemetery in Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Martha died 5 December 1998 at the age of 76. She is interred beside her husband at the Mausoleum at Lakeside Cemetery in Pekin, Illinois. Martha and Tilford had at least one child, a daughter, and possibly more (private).

Mary Eugenie Conklin⁷ (Edna Myrtle O'Brien⁶, Dorcas Jane Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴ Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 27 March 1915 at Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Eugene Lester (Cap) Conklin and Edna Myrtle O'Brien. Mary died at the age of 16 on 23 May 1932. She is buried at Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois—Section 7.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Coral M. Allen Mead

Arlene Isla Mead⁷ (Coral M. Allen⁶, Malinda B. Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Arlene was born 20 July 1918 at Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of Coral M. Allen and Charles Faye Mead.

As a young woman, Arlene was a long distance telephone operator for Bell Telephone Company. Arlene married **Gaylord Chester Watson**, who was born 11 September 1913 at Saint Charles City, Winona County, Minnesota. He was the son of Merton C. Watson and Emily Weeks.

In February of 1986 Arlene and Gaylord were in Chandler, Arizona. In June of 2000 their address was Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Gaylord died at Saint Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota on 30 November 2000 at the age of 87.

Arlene's home was in Hopkins, Hennepin County, Minnesota. She was under care at the Jones-Harrison Residence, a nursing home in Minneapolis, Minnesota, when she died 6 April 2006 at the age of 87. Arlene and Gaylord were survived by two children, a son and a daughter, also three grandchildren (all private).

Gwendolyn (Gwen) Lucy Mead⁷ (Coral M. Allen⁶, Malinda B. Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gwen was born 21 January 1920 at Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin, the daughter of Coral M. Allen and Charles Faye Mead.

As a young single lady, Gwendolyn worked as a clerk at a drugstore in Shell Lake. She was married to a Mr. Bennett (no other information). Her last residence was Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Gwen died 28 November 2010 at the age of 90. She was survived by her younger sister, and two children from her marriage to Mr. Bennett—a son and a daughter (all private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson Lester William Allen

Doris (Dottie) May Allen⁷ (Lester William Allen⁶, Malinda B. Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Doris was born 15 May 1921 at Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of Lester William Allen and Mabel L. Merchant.

Doris graduated from Shell Lake High School in 1939. After graduating from Superior Normal School, she completed a business course at Hamline University in St. Paul. Dotty worked for Shell Lake State Bank and later at Allen Gas and Oil Company.

She married **Clinton (Clint) F. DesJardins** at Shell Lake, Wisconsin, on 29 November 1945. Clint was born 23 June 1918 at North Dewey Township, Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin. He was the son of Francis DesJardins and Mary Evelyn *Walker*. Clint lost his mother when she died during childbirth in June of 1930 when he was only 12 years old. Clint attended North Dewey Grade School and graduated from Shell Lake High School in 1936.

Clint started work in Flint and Detroit, Michigan for General Motors as a machinist prior to joining the military. He began training in January of 1941 and then he was sent to officers training at Camp Hood, Texas, where he ranked 20th out of a class of 400. In January of 1943, Clint was sent to North Africa for one year. He was then sent to Naples, Italy, and served as 1st Lt. Tank Commander. He was injured in action on 11 January 1944, and was then returned to Oran, North Africa for three months. He returned to Italy and was wounded a second time in May of 1944. Following his seconded injury, Clint was transferred to an ordinance company where he was Company Commander and promoted to Captain. He returned home in November of 1945.

Back home, in 1946, Clint, Doris and Clint's brother Ben purchased the Tip Town Restaurant, which they operated for ten years. Clint also worked for Chicago Northwestern Railroad from 1950 to 1974, when he retired. Clint was a lifetime member of the American Legion in Shell Lake, also of the Shell Lake/Spooner Masonic Lodge #221. He received a 50-year pin from the Masons and was the Mason of the Year. Both Doris and Clint were members of the United Methodist Church in Shell Lake. Doris belonged to the Methodist Women's Guild. She was a 50-year member of both the American Legion Auxiliary and the Order of Eastern Star, and she was a Cub Scout leader for several years. Clint and Doris established a lifetime Masonic scholarship fund in their names. The fund awarded a \$1000 scholarship each year to both the Shell Lake and Spooner High Schools to help young people further their educations.

Doris died at Shell Lake, Wisconsin on 21 February 2005 at the age of 83. She is buried at Shell Lake Cemetery, Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin.

Clint died at Spooner, Washburn County, Washburn County, Wisconsin on 22 November 2011 at the age of 93. He is buried next to his wife Doris at Shell Lake Cemetery in Shell Lake, Wisconsin. Doris and Clint were survived by one son, one daughter, two granddaughters, one great grandson and one great granddaughter (all private). They were predeceased by one son, Richard, and by a granddaughter, Jennifer Beth DesJardins.

+Richard (Rick) A. DesJardins⁸ – 1949-2000 – not married.

Barbara Allen⁷ (Lester William Allen⁶, Malinda B. Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Barbara was born 27 January 1924 at Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin, the daughter of Lester William Allen and Mabel L. *Merchant*.

Barbara married **Wendell Pederson**, who was born 8 May 1925 at Barronett, Wisconsin. He was the son of Peter and Margaret Pederson, both born in Norway.

Barbara died at Shell Lake, Wisconsin on 6 July 1991 at the age of 67. She is buried at Shell Lake Cemetery, Washburn County, Wisconsin. Wendell died at Shell Lake, Wisconsin on 4 July 1992 at the age of 67. He is buried next to his wife Barbara at Shell Lake Cemetery, Shell Lake, Wisconsin. Barbara and Wendell have two surviving children, a son and a daughter (both private). One son survived, but is since deceased.

+Kenneth R. Pederson⁸ – 1951-2013 – married (private).

Donna Jeanne Allen⁷ (Lester William Allen⁶, Malinda B. Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donna was born 27 June 1931 at Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin, the daughter of Lester William Allen and Mabel L. *Merchant*.

In 1955, she married **Vincent Roger Simonetti**, who was born 27 January 1929 at Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. He was the son of Dr. David and Mrs. Margaret Simonetti. Vincent was the youngest of four children.

Vincent graduated from St. Thomas University at St. Paul, Minnesota. He served in the U.S. Army. His career was in sales and management. Donna and Vincent first lived in Minneapolis, and then in the late 1960s they moved to Troy, Oakland County, Michigan.

Donna and Vincent were still living at Troy, Michigan when Donna died at Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan on 4 January 1990 at the age of 58. She is buried at Shell Lake Cemetery, Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin.

Vincent married a second time. He and his second wife lived in Naples and Punta Gorda, Florida. Vincent died at Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Florida on 27 October 2015 at the age of 86. His second wife survived him.

Donna and Vincent had four children—one daughter and three sons (private). They were also survived by eight grandchildren (all private).

Edwin C. Allen⁷ (Lester William Allen⁶, Malinda B. Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edwin was born 13 March 1935 at Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin. He was the son of Lester William Allen and Mabel L. *Merchant*.

Edwin grew up in Shell Lake and graduated from Shell Lake High School in 1953. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Germany during the Korean Conflict—SP4, Hq. Co., 2nd Armed Rifle Battalion, 52nd Infantry. He was in the same company as Elvis Presley. Returning to Shell Creek following his service, he went to work for at Allen Gas and Oil and was there for 30 years. He then joined Bernhard's Woodworking for several years.

On 30 December 1967, Edwin married **JoAnn Isabella**, who was born 6 September 1934 at Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

JoAnn died at Shell Lake on 20 October 2006 at the age of 72. She is buried at Shell Lake Cemetery, Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin.

Edwin died at Shell Lake on 22 March 2013 at the age of 78. He is buried beside his wife JoAnn at Shell Lake Cemetery in Shell Lake, Wisconsin.

Edwin and JoAnn were survived by one daughter and two grandchildren (all private). Edwin's three sisters, Dorothy, Barbara and Donna, preceded him in death.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Laurel Wilcox Huddleston**

Laurel Ray Huddleston⁷ (Laurel Wilcox Huddleston⁶, Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵, Christine Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ray (as he preferred) was born 16 June 1931 at St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Utah. He was the son of Laurel Wilcox Huddleston and Florence May *James* Newey.

In 1959, he was living with his first wife in Ogden, Weber County, Utah. Ray was employed as a car inspector for Ogden Union Railway & Depot Company in Ogden, Utah.

Ray was married twice (private). It is not known if he had any children. No record was available. Ray died at Ogden, Weber County, Utah on 1 April 2000 at the age of 58. He is buried at Ogden City Cemetery, in Ogden, Utah—Plot: R-17-28-2W. He was survived by a younger sister (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Marie Huddleston Hicks**

Christina Lorraine Hicks⁷ (Marie Huddleston⁶, Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵, Christine Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Christina was born 22 May 1923 in Missouri. She was the daughter of Marie *Huddleston* and Charles Presley Hicks.

Christina married (1) a **Mr. Barrett**—no other information was found. They had at least five children.

On 5 July 1978 at Omaha she married (2) **Dean Merritt Stolp, Jr.** Dean was born 25 November 1948 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. He was one of three sons of Dean Merritt Stolp, Sr. and Marilyn Joanne *Ivy*. Christina, Dean and her children first made their home in Omaha, and later moved to Glenwood, Mills County, Iowa.

Dean had grown up in Omaha, graduating from Tech High School in 1968. Following school, Dean joined the U.S. Navy. He was stationed on the aircraft carrier USS *Bon Homme Richard* during the Vietnam War—he served as an ordinance mechanic. He was discharged in 1971 and returned home to Omaha. He began working as an optical technician for an eyeglass manufacturer. In 2001, Dean's health forced him to retire after 30 years as an optical technician.

Christina and Dean had been married for 29 years when she died at their home in Pacific Junction, Mills County, Iowa, on 18 June 2007 at the age of 84. Christina is

buried at Westlawn-Hillcrest Memorial Park, Omaha, Nebraska. Christina was survived by her husband Dean. She was also survived by two daughters, three sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren (private). She was predeceased by three grandchildren: Dennis Eugene Jackson, Jr.⁸, Bill Eugene Hurt, Jr.⁸, and Shoddy Springs⁸.

Dean died at the Golden Living Care Center in Omaha, Nebraska on 28 March 2009 at the age of 60 years, four months and three days. He was predeceased by an infant daughter, and survived by his step-children, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Alice Dorothy *Huddleston* Sandlin**

Charlotte Margaret Sandlin⁷ (Alice Dorothy Huddleston⁶, Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵, Christine Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charlotte was born 27 November 1927 at Wathena, Doniphan County, Kansas. She was the daughter of Alice Dorothy *Huddleston* and Ralph Sandlin.

Charlotte never married, and always lived at home with her parents. She never worked outside the home and may have had health problems. She had been under the care of a doctor for seven years before her early death.

She died at the family home, 167 Tucker Road, St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. This had been their home for 27 years. The date of her death was 3 June 1960—she was 33 years old. The cause of death was pneumonia, due to inhalation of a foreign body. Charlotte is buried at St. Joseph Memorial Park in St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. She was survived by her parents and six siblings.

Mary Jean Sandlin⁷ (Alice Dorothy Huddleston⁶, Lorenzo William Huddleston⁵, Christine Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Jean was born 25 December 1930 at St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. She was the daughter of Alice Dorothy *Huddleston* and Ralph Sandlin.

Circa 1950, Mary Jean married (private). Mary Jane *Sandlin* Holtsclaw died at the age of 71 on 13 September 2002. Her last residence was St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. She was survived by one brother and four sisters (all private). No record of children was available.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Charles Herbert Ruffner**

Herbert Kenneth Ruffner⁷ (Charles Herbert Ruffner⁶, John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Herbert was

born 3 July 1916 at Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia, the son of Charles (Charlie) Herbert Ruffner and Eva Belle *Eades*.

Herbert died at Ansted, West Virginia, 7 November 1923 at the age of seven years, four months and three days. The cause of death was hydrophobia (rabies). He had been treated by a doctor for two days before his death. He is buried at Westlake Cemetery, Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia.

Glenna Mae Ruffner⁷ (Charles Herbert Ruffner⁶, John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glenna Mae was born 8 December 1925 at Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Charles (Charlie) Herbert Ruffner and Eva Belle *Eades*.

Glenna Mae died at the family home in Ansted on 14 February 1938 at the age of twelve years, two months and six days. The cause of death was lobar pneumonia. Her death certificate stated that she was buried at Ansted, West Virginia on 16 February 1938. However, the cemetery was not identified.

Eva Kathryn Ruffner⁷ (Charles Herbert Ruffner⁶, John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kathryn was born 21 June 1928 at Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia, the daughter of Charles (Charley) Herbert Ruffner and Eva Belle *Eades*.

Kathryn graduated from Ansted High School. In 1950 at Fayette County, West Virginia, Kathryn married **Howard Leroy Drennen**, who was born 25 August 1926 in West Virginia. He was the son of Monte Drennen and Gladys *Preast*. Sometime after the birth of their second son in the 1950s, they were divorced and Howard remarried. He died 22 September 2012 in Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio.

Kathryn remained in West Virginia, living at Fayetteville, Fayette County, where she raised her two sons. She worked for the Fayette County Schools and retired as the Fayette County School Lunch Supervisor. Her favorite hobby was cooking and baking pastries. Kathryn was a member of the Fayetteville Baptist Church.

Kathryn died at the home of her son and his family on 23 February 2016 at the age of 87. She was survived by her youngest son, his wife, a grandson and a granddaughter (all private). She was predeceased by her eldest son Howard Jr.

+Howard Leroy Drennen Jr.⁸ – 1951-2001 – no marriage information was found.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mae Ruffner Brown**

Frank Elliott Brown⁷ (Mae Ruffner⁶, John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frank was born 14

January 1908 in Nicholas County, West Virginia. He was the son of Mae *Ruffner* and her first husband Austin E. Brown.

In 1935, Frank married **Gladys Agnes Callison**, who was born 19 April 1916 at Ravenseye, Fayette County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Myrth B. Callison (1883-1963) and Stella Emma *Amick* (1883-1967).

Frank served in the U. S. Army during WWII as a TEC 5. Frank and Mae lived in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia, and he worked in the coal mines—first as a coal loader. He retired from Union Carbide in Alloy, Fayette County, West Virginia, south of Gauley Bridge, West Virginia.

Frank died at Beckley, Raleigh County, West Virginia on 2 February 1973 at the age of 65. He is buried at Restlawn Memory Gardens, Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia.

Gladys died at Winchester City, Virginia on 28 February 2002 at the age of 85. She is buried beside her husband Frank at Restlawn Memory Gardens in Ansted, West Virginia. Frank and Gladys had at least three children, all daughters, born in Fayette County, West Virginia (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Walter Lee Ruffner**

Robert Lee Ruffner⁷ (Walter Lee Ruffner⁶, John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 1921 in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. He was the son of Walter Lee Ruffner and Laura Vesta *Eades*.

Robert died 30 April 2003 at the age of 81. His last residence was Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. No record was found showing that he ever married or had children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Myrtle *Ruffner* Massey**

Gladys A. Massey⁷ (Myrtle Ruffner⁶, John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gladys was born 27 March 1913 at Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Myrtle *Ruffner* and Grover Cleveland Massey.

Gladys Massey died December of 1977 at the age of 64—her last Social Security address: Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia.¹⁸⁶ No information on a marriage or children was found.

¹⁸⁶ It is possible that Gladys Massey married a Joseph Durocher. If she did, the marriage ended and she reverted to her birth name of Massey. Original death data source: Social Security Administration. Social Security Death Index, Master File: Social Security Administration.

Grover Lee Massey⁷ (Myrtle Ruffner⁶, John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Grover Lee was born 21 April 1916 at Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia, the son of Myrtle *Ruffner* and Grover Cleveland Massey.

Grover Lee married **Evelyn Virginia Kidd**, who was born 6 May 1915 at Covington, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Cameron A. Kidd and Annie M. *Kiblinger*.

In 1940, they were living in Mountain Cove, Fayette County, and Grover Lee was employed as a painter at a chemical plant. Their two young sons, Grover Lee's widowed mother Myrtle, and his 21-year-old brother Lyle, were living in the same household.

Evelyn died 11 April 1992 at the age of 76. Grover Lee died at Beckley, Raleigh County, West Virginia on 26 September 2004 at the age of 88. According to the United States Genealogy Bank, Grover Lee was survived by five children—three sons and two daughters (private).

Lyle Marshall Massey⁷ (Myrtle Ruffner⁶, John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lyle was born 28 September 1918 in Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. He was the son of Myrtle *Ruffner* and Grover Cleveland Massey.

In 1940, Lyle was 21 years old, single, and living in the household of his older brother Grover Lee at Mountain Cove, Fayette County, West Virginia. He was working in a chemical plant.

Lyle was married on 22 October 1942 at Newport News, Virginia, to 18-year-old **Grace Marie Simpson**, who was born in Princeton, Mercer County, West Virginia. He was 24 years old at that time working as a welder for Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

Lyle died 1 January 1981 at the age of 62. His home at that time was at Victor, Fayette County, West Virginia. Lyle and his wife had at least two daughters (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Margaret Bell *Ruffner* Skaggs**

James Garland Skaggs⁷ (Margaret Bell Ruffner⁶, John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 15 June 1923 at Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. He was the son of Margaret Bell *Ruffner* and Jay Garland Skaggs.

James attended Ansted High School. He was married in 1942 at Fayette County, West Virginia.

On 12 February 1943, James entered service in the U.S. Navy during WWII as a Motor Machinist's Mate 1st Class. His photo appeared in *Young Patriots of Fayette County, West Virginia*.

Back at his home in Ansted, West Virginia, James worked as an electrician for a coal company.

James died 28 May 2004 at the age of 80. He is buried at Restlawn Memory Gardens, Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. He was survived by his wife (private).



**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Clarence R. Ruffner**

Betty Doris Ruffner⁷ (Clarence R. Carr⁶, John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Betty was born 23 February 1926 at Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Clarence R. Ruffner and Gladys Mohr.

Circa 1962, Betty married **Wilford Clayton Fox**. He was born 5 December 1926 at Oak Hill, Fayette County, West Virginia, the son of Carl B. Fox and Berna V. Johnson. Wilford served in WWII as a TSgt in the U.S. Air Force. He re-enlisted in 1957 and was discharged in 1961.

Wilford died 4 March 1991. He is buried at Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia.

Very little information was available regarding Betty's life. Social Security records reveal that her date of death was April of 1996, and last residence was Ansted, Fayette County, West Virginia. Betty and Wilford had two children (both private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Eva Virginia Ruffner Rosson**

Juliette Rosson⁷ (Eva Virginia Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Juliette was born 23 February 1917 at Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Eva Virginia Ruffner and Robert Pendleton Rosson.

Juliette married **James Ellis Battaile**, who was born 17 April 1915 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Percy Eugene Battaile and Ina Eugenia Hester. James was the older brother of Grace Hasentine Battaile, who married Juliette's younger brother James Walter Rosson.

Juliette died 18 December 1968 at the age of 51. She is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

James retired from work as an auto body repairman. He died 10 November 2004 at the age of 89. James is buried beside his wife Juliette at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Virginia.

Juliette and James were survived by two daughters, one son, six grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren (all private). One daughter preceded them in death. A grandson, Timothy J. Hawley,⁹ is also deceased.

+Lillian Iris Battaile⁸ – 1949-1955 – age five years.

James Walter Rosson⁷ (Eva Virginia Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 29 June 1918 at Louisa County, Virginia. He was the son of Eva Virginia *Ruffner* and Robert Pendleton Rosson.

On 2 January 1943 at Goochland County, Virginia, before a Baptist minister James married **Grace Hasentine Battaile**. Grace was born 1924 at Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Percy Eugene Battaile and Ina Eugenia *Hester*. At the time of their marriage, James was serving in the U.S. Army.

James died 22 April 2001 at the age of 82. He is buried at Oakland Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Grace died while she was a patient at the Laurels of University Park, a nursing center at Richmond, Virginia. She died on Sunday, 17 February 2013 at the age of 89. She is buried beside her husband at Oakland Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. Grace and James were survived by one son, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren (all private).

Dorothy Rosson⁷ (Eva Virginia Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dorothy was born 20 March 1920 in Louisa County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Eva Virginia *Ruffner* and Robert Pendleton Rosson.

Dorothy married **Kenneth Brockman**, who was born 24 February 1919. Kenneth died 14 October 1989. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Dorothy died 18 December 1968. She is buried beside her husband Kenneth at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia.

Lucille W. Rosson⁷ (Eva Virginia Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lucille was born 19 December 1921 in Louisa County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Eva Virginia *Ruffner* and Robert Pendleton Rosson.

On 9 March 1957 (age 35) at Winchester, Roanoke County, Virginia, Lucille married (2) **Donald Andre King**, age 35. He was born 30 October 1921 in Culpeper County, Virginia, and was the son of Thomas King and Elizabeth *Doggett*. At the time of

their marriage, Lucille worked as a machine operator at a garment factory, and Donald was an automobile mechanic.

Donald died at the age of 53 on 24 August 1975. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Lucille died at the Beth Shalom Home of Richmond, Virginia, on 15 December 2013 at the age of 91. She is buried beside her husband Donald at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. Lucille was survived by three children, a son and two daughters; seven grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and six gr-gr-grandchildren (all private).

Mae Edith Rosson⁷ (Eva Virginia Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mae was born 22 July 1923 in Louisa County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Eva Virginia *Ruffner* and Robert Pendleton Rosson.

On 21 December 1940 at Louisa County, Virginia, Mae married (1) **Marvin Garrett Shealor**. Marvin was born 1919 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Emmett Bain Shealor and Olive May *Trice*. Marvin served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was an automotive Mechanic in Richmond, Virginia.

Marvin died at St. Mary's Hospital at Richmond, Virginia on 11 May 1975 as the result of a self-inflicted gunshot at his home at Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia. He was 55 years old. Marvin is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

In Henrico County, Virginia on 4 August 1988, 65-year-old Mae married (2) 80-year-old **Elton Gray Callaham**. He was born 19 October 1907 at Lynchburg City, Virginia. He was the son of Leslie Flintroy Callaham and Nora Belle *Murray*. Elton was a widower, having previously been married to Grace Shealor (1900-1977). Elton was a barber and a beauty shop operator. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Elton died 18 September 2003 at the age of 95. He is buried next to his first wife Grace at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, County, Virginia.

The date or place of death for Mae Edith *Rosson* Shealor Callaham was not found.

Robert Edward (Nook) Rosson⁷ (Eva Virginia Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 7 April 1930 in Orange County, Virginia. He was the son of Eva Virginia *Ruffner* and Robert Pendleton Rosson.

Robert served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Following his service, Robert worked as a mower operator for the Virginia State Highway Department. He married 28 June 1952 (private).

Robert died 21 September 1992 at the age of 62. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia. Robert was survived by his wife (private). He had at least one daughter who is now deceased.

+Brenda Joy Rosson⁸ – 1956-2003 – married (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Pauline Viola Ruffner Denton**

Alice Elizabeth Denton⁷ (Pauline Viola Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alice was born 1920 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Pauline Viola *Ruffner* and Roy William Denton, Sr.

Alice married **Russell Thomas Barton**, who was born 30 September 1909 in Virginia. According to the 1940 federal census record, Russell was a truck driver. The family lived in Mineral, Louisa County, Virginia. Living with Alice and Russell was their 10-month old son.

Russell died 2 June 1970 at the age of 60. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Lois Virginia Denton⁷ (Pauline Viola Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lois was born 3 March 1921 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Pauline Viola *Ruffner* and Roy William Denton, Sr.

On 22 June 1946 in King and Queen County, Virginia, Lois married **Donald Lewis Boyd**, who was born 31 January 1928 in Delaware County, Ohio, the son of Lewis Boyd and Gladys Marie *McMahon*. At the time of their marriage, Donald was in the U.S. Navy, and Lois worked as a telephone operator.

After marriage, Donald was employed by an appliance sales and service company. Lois worked as a sales clerk. They were separated 23 August 1965, and divorced 2 September 1966 in Louisa County, Virginia. They had no children. Donald remarried. He died 16 July 1996 in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Lois was living in Richmond, Virginia, when she died Tuesday, 10 July 2007 at the age of 86. She is buried at Washington Memorial Park & Mausoleums in Sandston, Henrico County, Virginia.

Walter Clyde Denton⁷ (Pauline Viola Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 6 March 1923 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Pauline Viola *Ruffner* and Roy William Denton, Sr.

Walter died 5 November 2000 at the age of 77. He is buried at Lakewood Cemetery, Bowling Green, Caroline County, Virginia. He was married and his wife survived him (private). Walter and his wife had three children, all sons—two sons survive (private). One son is deceased (shown here).

+Glen Douglas (Butch) Denton⁸ – 1948-2012 – married (private).

Roy William (Bill) Denton, Jr.⁷ (Pauline Viola Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Roy was born 22 August 1925 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Pauline Viola *Ruffner* and Roy William Denton, Sr.

Roy was a veteran of WWII having served in Co. F, 376th Infantry, U.S. Army. He was awarded a Purple Heart for injuries he sustained during combat in Germany.

He was employed in the automotive industry for several years before his health required that he join Martha Jefferson Hospital at Charlottesville, Virginia, where he worked with his special medical team in the lab for 25 years before retiring at age 82. Roy was a long-time member of the Louisa Christian Church.

Roy was married (private). Roy died Saturday, 21 March 2015 at the age of 89. He is buried at Monticello Memorial Park in Albemarle County, Virginia. Roy and his wife had no children.

Margie Viola Denton⁷ (Pauline Viola Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margie was born 8 March 1928 in Louisa County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Pauline Viola *Ruffner* and Roy William Denton, Sr.

On 27 November 1946 in Pasquotank, North Carolina, Margie married **Otis Ashton Denton**. He was born 6 August 1922 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Ollie A. Denton (1892-1971) and Farrie *Isbell* (1893-1976).

Otis served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Margie and Otis lived in Sandston, Henrico County, Virginia. Otis worked for a tobacco company.

Margie had been a member of Corinth Methodist Church since 1955, and was active in the Christian Fellowship Class.

Otis died at Retreat Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, on 25 November 1981 at the age of 59. Cause of death was cardiac arrest due to prostate cancer. He is buried at Washington Memorial Park & Mausoleums, Sandston, Henrico County, Virginia.

Margie died 9 January 2014 at the age of 85. She is buried at Washington Memorial Park & Mausoleums at Sandston, Virginia. Margie and Otis were survived by two sons, one daughter, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren (all private).

Esther Denton⁷ (Pauline V. Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Esther was born 1930 in Louisa County, Virginia,. She was the daughter of Pauline Viola *Ruffner* and Roy William Denton, Sr.

Esther married **John V. Smith**, who was born 4 October 1925 in Virginia. John was a sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII.

John died 2 February 1996 at the age of 70. He is buried at Washington Park & Mausoleums in Sandston, Henrico County, Virginia.

Esther died at Mechanicsville, Hanover County, Virginia, on 1 September 2009 at the age of 79. She is buried beside her husband John at Washington Park & Mausoleums,

Sandston, Virginia. Esther and John were survived by a son and a granddaughter (both private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Emma Edmonia (Dollie) *Ruffner* Harlow**

Aubrey James (Ted) Harlow⁷ (Emma Edmonia Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ted was born 5 May 1930 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Emma Edmonia (Dollie) *Ruffner* and Winfrey James Harlow.

Ted was married (private). He retired from the Virginia Department of Forestry and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

He died in Albemarle County, Virginia on 21 July 2013 at the age of 83; and was buried at Mount Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery at Tabscott, Goochland County, Virginia. Full military honors were conducted at his graveside.

Ted was survived by his wife, one son, two grandchildren and his two sisters (all private). He was preceded in death by another son (see below).

+Mark Daniel Harlow⁸ – 1959-2008 – married (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Addie Mae *Ruffner* Snider**

Earl Joseph Snider⁷ (Addie Mae Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Earl was born in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania on 16 October 1931, and baptized on 28 February 1932 at Siloam United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His parents were Addie Mae *Ruffner* and Earl Snider.

Earl served in the U.S. Air Force as an Airman First Class during WWII. He was married (private).

Earl died at Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia on 24 February 1998 at the age of 66. He is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. His wife survived him.

Edgar Martin Snider⁷ (Addie Mae Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edgar was born 17 March 1934 at Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, and baptized 3 January 1943 at Siloam United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. He was the son of Addie Mae *Ruffner* and Earl Snider.

Edgar married (1) **Dolores Jane *Park***, who was born 6 February 1939 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Edward Park and Bertha M. *Greenway*. They were divorced. Dolores remarried, and she died 15 March 1988 at the age of 49. She is

buried at Lawn Croft Cemetery at Linwood, Delaware County, Pennsylvania (Name: Dolores Jane Winn).

Edgar remarried (private). In the 1980s and 1990s, he lived at Chadd's Ford, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Edgar's last residence was Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. He died 21 June 2011. No record was found regarding children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mattie Rea Ruffner Ware**

Marvin Ruffner Ware⁷ (Mattie Rea Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marvin was born 12 September 1924 at Mineral, Louisa County, Virginia. He was the son of Mattie Rea Ruffner and Levy Curry Ware.

On 15 April 1949 in Craig County, Virginia, Marvin and 16-year-old **Nancy Elizabeth Traynham** were married by a minister of the Methodist Church. Nancy was born 22 July 1932 in Brokenburg, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, the daughter of Horace Thomas Traynham and Lottie Estelle Simms. Marvin lived in Mineral, Virginia at that time, and was a farmer. Mineral, Virginia, continued to be their home for the remainder of their lives.

Marvin died 17 March 2007. He is buried at the Ware Family Cemetery at Ware's Crossroads, Route 208, Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

Nancy died at her residence in Mineral, Virginia on Tuesday, 14 April 2015 at the age of 82. She had been under the care of Hospice of the Piedmont. She is buried next to her husband Marvin at the Ware Family Cemetery in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

Survivors included five daughters, six grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren, plus two step-grandchildren and seven step-great grandchildren (all private).

Carlton Azal Ware⁷ (Mattie Rea Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carlton was born 17 September 1931 at Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia. He was the son of Mattie Rea Ruffner and Levy Curry Ware.

Carlton was a veteran having served in the U.S. Army, 3rd Armour at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

He married **Christine Henderson**, who was born 1925. She was a native of Meade County, Kentucky. Carlton and Christine made their home at Louisville, Kentucky. Carlton retired from General Electric after 30 years of service with the company.

Christine died at Norton Suburban Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky on Sunday, 10 September 2006 at the age of 81. She is entombed at the Last Supper Mausoleum, Resthaven Memorial Cemetery, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Carlton died at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville on Tuesday, 24 February 2009 at the age of 77. He is entombed next to his wife Christine at the Last Supper Mausoleum in Resthaven Memorial Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky. Carlton and Christine had no children of their own. However, they enjoyed their numerous nieces and nephews as if they were their own.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Roy Watson Ruffner**

Mabel Inez Ruffner⁷ (Roy Watson Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mabel was born 7 February 1923 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Roy Watson Ruffner and Louise Willie *Rosson*.

On 25 June 1950 in Winchester, Virginia, before a minister of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mabel married as his second wife, **Albert Kramer Nielsen**. Albert was born 5 November 1920 in Liberia, Africa. He was the son of Carl Henry Nielsen and Dorothy Ann *Kramer*. Albert was divorced from his first wife. He was a laboratory technician at a hospital. Mabel was a practical nurse.

Albert died at the age of 78 on 6 February 1999, his last residence Savannah, Hardin County, Tennessee.

Mabel died at Herbert Hills Nursing Home in Savannah, Tennessee, on Wednesday, 3 December 2001 at the age of 78. She is buried at Memory Gardens, Savannah, Hardin County, Tennessee. Mabel and Albert were survived by two children, a son and a daughter (both private).

Earl Daniel Ruffner⁷ (Roy Watson Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Earl was born 27 December 1924 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Roy Watkins Ruffner and Louise Willie *Rosson*.

On 25 March 1946 at Campbell County, Virginia before a minister of the Methodist Church, Earl married **Nellie Jane Horner**, who was born 28 November 1923 at Renick, Greenbrier County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Annis Horner and Elsie *Todd*.

Earl was an electrician, and Nellie worked at a silk mill. They lived in Louisa, Gordonsville, Charlottesville, and Orange, Virginia.

Earl died 31 March 1979 at the age of 54—cause of death was lung cancer. Nellie died 29 September 2007 at the age of 83. They are both buried at Graham Cemetery in Orange, Orange County, Virginia. Earl and Nellie were survived by two children—a son and a daughter (both private).

Clyde Watson Ruffner⁷ (Roy Watson Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clyde was born 29 November 1926 in Virginia, the son of Roy Watson Ruffner and Louise Willie *Rosson*.

Clyde served in WWII as a Private First Class in the U.S. Army. On 31 August 1962 at Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, before a pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Clyde married (1) **Patricia Ellen VerValin Hill**, who was born 1937 at Oneonta, Otsego County, New York, the daughter of Ellis Emory VerValin and Genevieve Emeline *Holmes*.

Clyde and Patricia separated 6 August 1967 and were divorced 17 September 1968 in Louisa County, Virginia. At the time of the divorce, Clyde was a steel worker in a metal factory.

On 24 December 1969 in Louisa County, Virginia, before a minister of the Methodist Church, Clyde married (2) **Jane Victoria Clark Jordan**. Jane was also divorced. She was born 27 February 1923 in Virginia, the daughter of Clinton Mchone Clark and Agnes Irene *Mays*. Jane died 23 December 1987 at the age of 64. She is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Clyde died at Charlottesville, Virginia, on 12 November 1994 at the age of 67. He is buried beside his wife Jane at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia.

It is not known if Clyde had any children, but he did have a step-daughter: Mary Jane *Jordan* – 10 August 1946 – 3 May 2012, died age 65 – buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Lucille Ruffner Snider**

George Harold Snider Jr.⁷ (Mary Lucille Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 27 January 1923 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Mary Lucille *Ruffner* and George Harold Snider, Sr.

During WWII, George Jr. served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He married **Ruth Lucy McGinnis**, who was born 15 April 1922 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Edward V. McGinnis and Ruth M. *Heinbach*.

George died 21 September 1989 at the age of 66, and he is buried at West Nottingham Cemetery, West Nottingham, Cecil County, Maryland. George's last residence was Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Ruth died 19 December 1996 at the age of 74. Her last residence was Newark, New Castle County, Delaware. She is buried at West Nottingham Cemetery in West Nottingham, Maryland. George and Ruth had three children, two daughters (private), and one son (now deceased).

+George Harold Snider, III⁸ – 1954-1995 – no record of marriage.

Frederick Tucker Snider⁷ (Mary Lucille Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frederick was born 25 January 1925 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Mary Lucille *Ruffner* and George Harold Snider, Sr. Frederick was baptized at the age of five on 13 April 1930 at the Siloam United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He and his wife lived at Willistown, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Frederick died 9 August 2008 at the age of 83. He is buried at West Nottingham Cemetery in West Nottingham, Cecil County, Maryland.

At the time of Frederick's death, he had been married for 61 years. He was survived by his wife, three daughters, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private). Frederick was also survived by his younger brother (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Gladys Evelyn Ruffner**

Harold Daniel Bickley⁷ (Gladys Evelyn Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harold was born 26 May 1921 in Louisa County, Virginia. He was the son of Gladys Evelyn *Ruffner* and Floyd Evelyn Bickley.

When he was a young boy Harold's father taught him carpentry, and in the 1960s he began following that line of work. He built his own home. He was also a farmer for many years, and in addition worked at a steel mill in Orange, Virginia.

Harold married three times. At the age of 18, he married 18 March 1940 before a minister of the Baptist Church in Orange County, Virginia (1) 16-year-old **Lucille Gussie Brooks**, who was born 8 June 1923 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Boyd and Florrie Jane Brooks. Harold and Lucille were separated 14 March 1960 and divorced 2 September 1961 in Louisa County, Virginia. Lucille married a second time. Lucille Gussie *Brooks* Bickley Wilson died 2 June 1992. She is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia. According to the 1961 divorce decree, Harold and Lucille had three children (all minors) at the time of the divorce.

Harold married two more times—both marriages ending in divorce (private). According to the divorce record from his second marriage there were four children from this second marriage; two of them still minor children at that time.

Harold's home was in Kents Store, Fluvanna County, Virginia. He died at the Louisa Healthcare Center at the age of 88 on 21 March 2009. Harold is buried at Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery, Kents Store, Fluvanna County, Virginia.

He was survived by five sons, two daughters, 19 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and 14 gr-gr-grandchildren. Harold was preceded in death by a grandson, Christopher Lee Pearson⁹ – 22 July 1981—15 September 1992—buried Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia. Also, a daughter Frances Bickley⁸ preceded Harold in death. Harold is survived by his youngest brother (private).

Elizabeth Evelyn Bickley⁷ (Gladys Evelyn Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elizabeth was born 5 October 1923 in Louisa County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Gladys Evelyn *Ruffner* and Floyd Edwin Bickley, Sr.

On 10 April 1943, Elizabeth married **Marvin Monroe Carter**, who was born 19 May 1919 in Louisa County, Virginia. Elizabeth and Marvin separated 24 February 1966 and were divorced 8 November 1967. At the time of their divorce, Marvin lived in Henrico County, Virginia, and he was working for Phillip Morris, the tobacco company. Elizabeth was living in Richmond, Virginia, and she was employed at Woolworth's Department Store. The couple had two minor children at that time (private).

Marvin married again. He died in 2006 and is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Elizabeth died 20 June 1993. She is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. Elizabeth is survived by her youngest brother (private).

Floyd Edwin Bickley, Jr.⁷ (Gladys Evelyn Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Floyd was born 23 February 1928 in Louisa County, Virginia. He was the son of Gladys Evelyn *Ruffner* and Floyd Edwin Bickley, Sr.

Floyd married **Myrtle Louise Hunley**, who was born 7 August 1929 in Delaware. She was the daughter of John Hunley and Minnie *Boyer*. Myrtle worked for Louisa Manufacturing and retired from the company. She was a member of the Yanceyville Christian Church in Louisa, Virginia.

Floyd worked for the Virginia State Highway Department. He died at Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia on 7 November 1966 at the age of 38. The cause of death was rapid onset septicemia (a blood infection). Floyd is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Myrtle died 16 November 2009 at the age of 80. She is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Virginia. Floyd and Myrtle are survived by one son, two granddaughters, and two great grandchildren (all private). Floyd is survived by his youngest brother (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ruth May Ruffner Rosson**

Garnett Walter (Flip) Rosson, Jr.⁷ (Ruth May Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Garnett was born 3 January 1923 In Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Ruth May *Ruffner* and Garnett Walter Rosson, Sr.

Garnett graduated in the class of 1939 from Thomas Jefferson High School in Alexandria, Virginia. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII 1941-1945. In private life he was a salesman.

On 11 December 1955, he married at Grace Baptist Church (1) **Florence Young**, who was born circa 1920 at Richmond, Virginia, the daughter of William S. Brockwell and Sadye *Woodcock*. Garnett and Florence separated and were divorced 14 November 1956. They had no children.

Garnett married (2) **Ila June Allen White**, who was born 1929, the daughter of John Broadus Allen and Janie *Scruggs*. June was a former licensed practical nurse, but retired after several years of employment at General Motors Insurance Co. as a claims examiner.

He died at Powhatan County, on 25 December 1990 at the age of 67. Garnett is buried at Signal Hill Memorial Park in Hanover, Hanover County, Virginia.

June died 2011 at the age of 81. She was living in Richmond, but had formerly lived at Glen Allen, Henrico County, Virginia. She is buried next to her husband Garnett at Signal Hill Memorial Park in Hanover, Virginia. No record of children was found.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
James Ambler Ruffner, Sr.**

James (Jim) Ambler Ruffner, Jr.⁷ (James Ambler Ruffner Sr.⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jim was born 6 August 1929 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the son of James Ambler Ruffner Sr. and Virginia Bell *Dunn*.

After the early death of his father, Jim, along with his younger brother William, became a student at Girard College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a live-in boarding school for boys. Jim attended the school from grades one to 11 and then finished high school at Temple Night School in Philadelphia. He served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, and then worked as a storekeeper for C & P Phone Co.

Jim married **Barbara Clark**. She was born 17 August 1932 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Benjamin A. Clark and Mary *Hartlieb*.

Jim died at his home in Crumpton, Queen Anne's County, Maryland on Wednesday, 28 March 2012 at the age of 82.

His wife Barbara was living at Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland, when she died at the age of 81 on Monday, 11 August 2014 at Heron Point, an assisted living community in Chestertown. Jim and Barbara were survived by two daughters, one son, two grandchildren and one great grandchild (all private).

William Eugene Ruffner⁷ (James Ambler Ruffner Sr.⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 1 April 1931 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of James Ambler Ruffner, Sr. and Virginia Bell *Dunn*.

After the early death of his father, William, along with his brother Jim, became a student at Girard College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a live-in boarding school for boys.

William served in the U.S. Army from 17 March 1948 through 30 September 1969. He was in the Army when he married his wife in 1954 at Warwick, Virginia. They divorced in 1964 at Hampton, Virginia. At the time of the divorce, William and his wife had three children under the age of 18. William's address at that time was Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

William died 7 June 2003. His last residence was Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Two of his three children survive (private)—one, a son, is deceased.

+William Eugene Ruffner, Jr.⁸ – 1955-2010 – no marriage information.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Sally Ann *Ruffner* Ware-Kirby**

Frank Elwood Ware⁷ (Sally Ann Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elwood was born 8 January 1928 in Charlottesville, Virginia. He was the son of Sally Ann Ruffner and Walter Nathan Ware.

By the time Elwood was 12 years old, his parents had separated and then divorced. He became a boarding student at the Miller School of Albemarle, a school founded by Samuel Miller for orphaned children—it was located at the village of Crozet in Albemarle County, Virginia, 12 miles from Charlottesville, Virginia.

Elwood served in the U.S. Army during WWII. In Charlottesville, he was a well-known and respected plasterer and sheetrock contractor. He had an avid interest in flying and spent a lot of time at the airport and flying with his friends.

Elwood was married twice. On 4 February 1956 at Charlottesville, Virginia, at the age of 28, before a minister of the Presbyterian Church, he married (1) 39 year-old **Ethel Elliott Gleason**, who was born 5 November 1916 in Charlottesville, Virginia. She was the daughter of William R. Elliott and Blanche E. *Morris*. This was Ethel's second marriage. Elwood and Ethel were separated for one year and then divorced 15 October 1971 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Ethel died 2001—she is buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Charlottesville, Virginia. Elwood and Ethel had one child, a son.

Elwood married (2) **Emily Anne Davis Bishop**, who was born 19 January 1935 at Charlottesville, Virginia. She was the daughter of John William Davis and Lottie Anne *Wood*. Emily died 12 June 2001 at the age of 66. She is buried at Holly Memorial Gardens, Hollymead, Albemarle County, Virginia.

Elwood died at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Monday, 11 May 2009 at the age of 81. He is buried at Holly Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Hollymead, Virginia, next to his second wife Emily. He was survived by one son and a sister (both private). Elwood's sister is his half-sister from the second marriage of their father Walter Nathan Ware.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
William Robert Wright**

William Randolph Wright⁷ (William Robert Wright⁶, Thomas Reuben Wright⁵, America Virginia Wright⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Randolph was born 5 December 1917 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of William Robert Wright and Myrtle (Myrtie) Pendleton *Bickley*.

He married prior to 1940 **Elizabeth** (her surname unknown). She was born 23 February 1916 in Louisa County, Virginia. They lived in Louisa County, Virginia. Elizabeth died there on 7 September 1989 at the age of 73. She is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

Randolph died 14 August 2002 at the age of 84. He is also buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, Virginia. They had at least one child, a daughter who was born circa 1938 (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Bernie Thomas Wright**

Douglas Thomas Wright⁷ (Bernie Thomas Wright⁶, Thomas Reuben Wright⁵, America Virginia Wright⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Douglas was born 22 March 1931 in Richmond, Virginia. He was adopted as an infant by Bernie Thomas Wright and Edna Rebecca *Shank*. He was legally their son—listed as such on all recorded papers.

Douglas was 21 years old and serving as an airman in the U.S. Air Force when he married on 27 December 1952 in Franklin County, Virginia, before a minister of the Methodist Church (1) **Jessie Loretta Madison**. She was born 10 July 1932 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Thomas Henry Madison (1883-1935) and Birdie May *Poore* (1895-1964). At the time of their marriage, Jessie was 20 years old and working as a machine operator for Woolfolk & Co.

Jessie died 9 July 1985, the day before her 53rd birthday. She is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery at Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

In a civil ceremony on 8 June 1986 in Louisa County, Virginia, Douglas married (2) **Katherine McDaniel Butler**, a widow. She was born 2 February 1932 in Virginia, and was the daughter of Gilbert R. McDaniel and Bessie P. *Pettit*.

Douglas died 1 October 1995. On his Social Security death record, his birth father is listed by the name of Harold K. Auld.

Katherine died at the age of 63 on 18 March 1995 at Charlottesville, Virginia. Her last residence was Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Carroll Thornton Hughes, Sr.**

Carroll Thornton Hughes, Jr.⁷ (Carroll Thornton Hughes, Sr.⁶, Lena Blanch Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carroll Jr. was born 16 July 1931 in Henrico County, Virginia, the son of Carroll Thornton Hughes, Sr. and Evelyn *Ergins*.

On 27 June 1953 Carroll Jr. married (private) and then divorced. On 29 March 1963 in a civil ceremony in Richmond, Virginia, Carroll married again (private). It is not known whether he had children. His wife survived him. Carroll, Jr. was also survived by his younger half-brother (private).

Carroll Jr. died at the age of 73 on 1 April 2005 at Hyannis, Barnstable County, Massachusetts. His last residence was Nantucket, Massachusetts.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Alta Scott Herring Drinkard**

James Leslie Drinkard⁷ (Alta Scott Herring⁶, Lucy Sally Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 7 June 1937 at Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He was the third son born to Alta Scott *Herring* and William Francis Drinkard.

James died at the age of 10 on 20 January 1948, at Charlotte, North Carolina. He is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia. James was survived by his father and mother—now deceased. He was also survived by his three brothers (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Lannie Virginia Ruffner Bailey-Predy**

Dr. Rev. William (Bill) Wheat Bailey, Jr.⁷ (Lannie Virginia Ruffner⁶, John Thomas Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bill was born 24 December 1921 in Richmond, Virginia, the son of Lannie Virginia *Ruffner* and William Wheat Bailey, Sr.

Bill graduated from John Marshall High School in Richmond in 1940. He then served as a corporal in the U.S. Air Force during WWII, where he was stationed in the Pacific. After the war Bill completed his Bachelor Degree in 1951 and his Masters in French in 1952 at the University of Virginia. He studied abroad at the University of Grenoble in France, and the University of Stockholm, Sweden. He completed his Ph.D. in French at the University of Virginia in 1961.

Bill had a love for learning that took him all over the world. He met his future wife during a trip to Portugal.

For many years, Bill was a university professor of languages, including French and Russian. He left teaching to complete a Masters in Theology at SMU Perkins School of Theology in order to enter the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. His degrees in French Theology led him to the Congo (Zaire) in Africa. There he helped found an Anglican Theological Seminary in Bukavu, Congo. After five years in the Congo, Bill returned to their home in Garland, Texas. He was semi-retired and served as a fill-in priest for the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, and as a volunteer chaplain at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

After a long illness, Bill died 23 June 2004 at the age of 82. He is interred at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas—Section 14C, Site 49.

Bill was survived by his wife of 44 years, three sons, two daughters, and eight grandchildren (all private).

Emmett Hulcher Bailey⁷ (Lannie Virginia Ruffner⁶, John Thomas Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emmett was born 10 November 1924 at Richmond, Virginia, the son of Lannie Virginia *Ruffner* and William Wheat Bailey, Sr.

Emmett was married. He lived in Cape Charles, Northampton County, Virginia. He was retired from the Virginia Department of Health. Emmett was the founder of Bailey's Tackle Shop in Cape Charles. He attended Cheriton Baptist Church, was past Master and a member of Capeville Masonic Lodge #107 AF&AM, a member of the Northampton Chapter #2 Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the A & N Antique Car Club, and a founding member of the Cape Charles Anglers Club.

Emmett died at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox, Northampton County, Virginia, on Sunday, 4 December 2011 at the age of 87. Emmett was interred at Cape Charles Cemetery in Cape Charles, Northampton County, Virginia.

He was survived by his wife, three daughters, four grandchildren, and three great grandsons (all private). Emmett was also survived by his youngest brother (private) and he was preceded in death by his older brother Dr. William Wheat Bailey, Jr.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
John Raymond Ruffner**

Howard Dennis Ruffner⁷ (John Raymond Ruffner⁶, John Thomas Ruffner⁵, John Hersey Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 28 September 1943 at Brooklyn, New York, the hometown of his mother. Howard was the son of John Raymond (Buster) Ruffner and Henrietta Sophie *Becker*.

Howard was married 26 October 1964 in Warren County, North Carolina (private).

He died in Henrico County, Virginia on 24 June 2005 at the age of 61. Howard was survived by his wife (private) and at least one son (private). He was also survived by his two younger brothers (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Hubert Conway Moss**

Charles Conway Moss⁷ (Hubert Conway Moss⁶, John Franklin Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 7 June 1929 in Louisa County, Virginia. He was the son of Hubert Conway Moss and Lulu Agnes *Diggs*.

Charles' first marriage took place in Washington, D.C. on 21 August 1962, and ended 28 August 1979 by a divorce in Alexandria, Virginia. Charles and his first wife had no children.

On 1 June 1981 in Alexandria, Virginia, Charles married (2) **Gloria Anne Walker Bolenbaugh**. Gloria was born 7 January 1935 in Washington, D.C. Her parents were Benson Oliver Walker and Doris Randolph *Burr*.

Charles died at the General Hospital in Swain County, North Carolina on 1 March 1991 at the age of 61. His step children from his marriage to Gloria Anne evidently held Charles in great esteem and wrote a very nice tribute to him: *Charlie was a kind dear man. He and my mom started dating (and then married) when she needed him most. He wasn't only her husband but I would say the love of her life. He loved us as if we were his own and made my mom very happy.*

Charles is buried at Swain Memorial Park in Bryson City, Swain County, North Carolina. Charles had no children of his own.

Gloria Anne died 28 December 2011 at the age of 76. She is buried next to her husband Charles Moss at Swain Memorial Park in Bryson City, Virginia. Gloria Anne was survived by the children from her previous marriage—one son, two daughters, and five grandchildren (all private). Gloria Anne's obituary stated that she was an amazing artist having studied at Corcoran School of the Arts in Washington, D.C. and NOVACC (Northern Virginia Community College).

Dudley Diggs Moss⁷ (Hubert Conway Moss⁶, John Franklin Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dudley was born 24 June 1931 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Hubert Conway Moss and Lulu Agnes *Diggs*.

Dudley married 5 December 1952 in Alexandria, Virginia (private). At the time of his marriage Dudley was working as a carrier for the Postal Service. He served in the U.S. Army from 4 May 1953 – 15 April 1955 and from 11 March 1961 – 19 December 1961. He was later employed as a driver for Packard Motors in Alexandria, Virginia.

Dudley died 28 March 1986 at the age of 54. He is buried at Meadowlawn Cemetery in Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mabel Marie Moss Harris

Frank Leo Harris⁷ (Mabel Marie Moss⁶, John Franklin Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frank was born 23 January 1929 in Washington, D.C. He was the son of Mabel Marie Moss and Clyde W. Harris.

Frank died 11 March 1992 at the age of 63. His home at the time of his death was Fairfax, Virginia. No marriage record was found. Frank was preceded in death by his older brother Clyde, who evidently died young. Frank's sister may have survived him.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Elizabeth Adelaide Moss Everhardt-Hodgman

Joyce Adelaide Everhardt⁷ (Elizabeth Adelaide Moss⁶, Andrew Compton Moss⁵, Clara Clarinda Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Joyce was born 8 February 1928 in Richmond, Virginia. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Adelaide Moss and Pendleton Balmer Everhardt.

When Joyce's parents separated in 1936 Joyce was not quite eight years old. When her mother remarried a few years later after her divorce in 1939, Joyce lived with her mother and step-father in Richmond, Virginia.

Joyce never married. In 1953, in her mid-20s, Joyce was living and working in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Minneapolis City Directory lists Joyce as working for Coast to Coast Stores as a stenographer. Minneapolis was her home for the remainder of her life.

Joyce died in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota on 29 October 1999 at the age of 71. No record of her burial place was found.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Lester Walker Hall, Sr.

Constance (Connie) Hall⁷ (Lester Walker Hall⁶, Eleanor Ann Reynolds⁵, Diana M. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Connie was born in 26 July 1925 Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Lester Walker Hall, Sr. and Melissa Alyce Stogdale. She was the birth daughter of Melissa and her first husband Armsby Lewis Hulvey. However, when Melissa's first marriage to Mr. Hulvey ended when Connie was a baby and then her mother later married Lester Hall, Connie's name was changed to that of her stepfather and she was then known as Constance Hall.

Connie was a member of the Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church in Fishersville, August County, Virginia.

Connie married **Edward McCarthy (Mac) Driver, Jr.** who was born 3 February 1924. He was the son of Edward McCarthy Driver, Sr. (1889-1938) and Gertrude Robson *Driver* (1888-1980).

Mac died 23 May 1991 at the age of 67. He is buried at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Fishersville, August, Virginia.

Connie died at her home in Fishersville, Virginia on 17 November 2010 at the age of 85. She is buried beside her husband Mac at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Fishersville, Virginia.

Connie was survived by four children, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren, as well as one brother and one sister (all private). She was predeceased by four brothers, Richard, Lester, Thomas and William, and one sister, Melissa Anne.

Richard Edwin Hall⁷ (Lester Walker Hall⁶, Eleanor Ann Reynolds⁵, Diana M. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Richard was born 31 October 1935 at Waynesboro, Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Lester Walker Hall, Sr. and Melissa Alyce *Stogdale*. Richard died in Augusta County, Virginia on 14 April 2003 at the age of 67. He is buried at Thornrose Cemetery, in Staunton City, Virginia—Section 11. No record was found showing he was ever married.

Lester (Buzz) Walker Hall, Jr.⁷ (Lester Walker Hall⁶, Eleanor Ann Reynolds⁵, Diana M. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lester was born 13 October 1936 at Waynesboro, Augusta County, Virginia. He was the son of Lester Walker Hall, Sr. and Melissa Alyce *Stogdale*.

Lester retired from E. I. DuPont Companies. He was married (private), and lived at Stuarts Draft, Augusta County, Virginia.

He died at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia on 11 March 2004 at the age of 67. Lester is buried at Augusta Memorial Park, Waynesboro, Augusta County, Virginia. He was survived by his wife, a son and a daughter (all private).

Melissa Anne (Annie) Hall⁷ (Lester Walker Hall⁶, Eleanor Ann Reynolds⁵, Diana M. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Annie was born 20 March 1939 at Fishersville, Augusta, Virginia. She was the daughter of Lester Walker Hall, Sr. and Melissa Alyce *Stogdale*.

Annie married **Thomas L. Underwood**, who was born 26 May 1933 at Shadwell, Albemarle County, Virginia. He was the son of Lloyd A. Underwood and Madge *Morris*. Thomas retired from the Shamrock Corporation in Charlottesville, Virginia. Thomas was a life member of the Charlottesville/Albemarle Rescue Squad, and a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

Annie died at Charlottesville City, Virginia, on 7 November 2006 at the age of 67. She is buried at Holly Memorial Gardens, Hollymead, Albemarle County, Virginia.

Thomas died Charlottesville City, Virginia, Tuesday, 9 July 2009 at the age of 76. He is buried beside his wife Annie at Holly Memorial Gardens in Hollymead, Virginia.

Annie and Thomas were survived by a son and two grandchildren (private).

Thomas Michael Hall⁷ (Lester Walker Hall⁶, Eleanor Ann Reynolds⁵, Diana M. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thomas was born 1 May 1942 in Augusta County, Virginia. He was the son of Lester Walker Hall, Sr. and Melissa Alyce *Stogdale*. Thomas did serve in the military. He worked as a furniture builder. Thomas never married.

Thomas died at his home in Waynesboro, Augusta County, Virginia at the age of 44 from a sudden stroke when the right middle cerebral artery ruptured. His was found deceased on 22 November 1986. Thomas is buried at Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton City, Virginia—Section 11.

William (Bill) Steven Hall⁷ (Lester Walker Hall⁶, Eleanor Ann Reynolds⁵, Diana M. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 13 January 1946 in Augusta County, Virginia. He was the son of Lester Walker Hall and Melissa Alyce *Stogdale*.

Bill graduated from Wilson Memorial High School in Fishersville, Augusta County, Virginia. He was baptized at the Fishersville Baptist Church. Bill was employed at Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Virginia.

Bill was a resident of the Envoy of Staunton, a Virginia nursing home. He died at the Augusta Health Center in Fishersville on Saturday, 12 December 2009 at the age of 63. He is buried at Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton City, Virginia—Section 11.

Bill was not married, and was survived by two sisters and a brother (all private). He was predeceased by his brothers, Richard, Lester and Thomas, and a sister Melissa.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ruth Myrtle *Reynolds Fauver-Hook***

Robert Lewis Fauver⁷ (Ruth Myrtle Reynolds⁶, Samuel Washington Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 29 August 1929 at Riverbend, August County, Virginia. He was the son of Ruth Myrtle *Reynolds* and her first husband Theodore Weldon Fauver.

Robert was a veteran of the Korean Conflict—where he served as a corporal in the U.S. Army. In private life, Robert was a resident of North Garden, Albemarle County, Virginia, and he was in the gas and oil distribution business as the general manager of Barr Oil Company.

Robert was killed 6 November 1963 at the age of 34, as the result of a work related head-on auto-truck collision on Highway 250 East near Charlottesville in Albemarle County, Virginia. He suffered multiple head injuries and death was instantaneous. He is buried at Mooreland Church Cemetery, North Garden, Albemarle County, Virginia.

Robert was married on 2 September 1950 in Charlottesville, Virginia (private). In 1975, Robert's wife married again. Robert and his wife had at least one child, a son, who was born in Virginia.

+Gary Wayne Fauver⁸ – 1952-1986 – never married.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Kenneth Bradford Sensabaugh**

James Edwin Sensabaugh⁷ (Kenneth Bradford Sensabaugh⁶, Addie Olivia Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 7 March 1934 in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia, the son of Kenneth Bradford Sensabaugh and Nannie Mae *Marion*.

James served in the U.S. Army as a CWO4. He was married by a minister of the Methodist Church on 25 December 1953 at Winchester, Virginia (private). It is not known if he had any children. James died 18 July 1998 at the age of 63, and he is buried at Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton Staunton City, Virginia—Section 11-4.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Virginia Lebew Beahm**

Anna (Annie) Catharine Beahm⁷ (Mary Virginia Lebew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Annie was born 5 February 1884 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Virginia Lebew and Thomas Jefferson Beahm.

On 22 December 1922 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, Annie married **Charles Wellington Payne**, who was born 3 January 1870 in Stafford County, Virginia. He was the son of Augustus and Ardelia Payne. Charles was a widower, having been married in 1894 to Texanna Henrietta *Dwyer* (1873-1911). Charles and his first wife had several children before her death. Texanna is buried at the Dwyer Cemetery in Shenandoah National Park at Flint Hill, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

During their marriage, Annie and Charles always lived in Page County, Virginia, where Charles was a farmer.

Charles died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia on 26 August 1940 at the age of 70 years, seven months and 19 days. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Page County, Virginia.

Annie died at her home in the Kimball area, Page County, Virginia on 3 April 1951 at the age of 67 years, one month and 28 days. The cause of death was a stroke. She is buried beside her husband Charles at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia. Since their marriage was a late-in-life one, Annie and Charles had no children.

Mattie Lee Beahm⁷ (Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mattie was born 13 October 1886 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Virginia *Lehew* and Thomas Jefferson Beahm.

On 27 December 1905 in Page County, Virginia, Mattie married **Isaac Ferdinand Cave**, who was born 8 May 1884 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Ivan Cave and Sarah A. *Middleton*.

Mattie and Isaac lived in the Kimball area of Page County, Virginia. Isaac was a farmer and worked as a laborer for the WPA.

Mattie died in Page County, Virginia, on 28 April 1941 at the age of 54. She is buried at Beahm Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Isaac died in Page County, Virginia on 31 December 1951 at the age of 67. He is buried beside his wife at Beahm Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Mattie and Isaac had eight children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

- +Thomas J. Cave⁸ – 1909-1924 – 15 years old.
- +Edna Virginia Cave⁸ – 1912-1999 – married Ernest Manson Renshaw.
- +Leedy Jasper Frederick Cave⁸—1915-1997 – married (1) Colvin (2) Cave.
- +Charles Hudson Cave⁸ – 1917-1983 – married Mildred Catherine Lamberson.
- +Isaac Freeman Cave⁸ – 1920-1967 – married and divorced.
- +Mary Ellen Cave⁸ – 1923-2010 – married (1) Shaffer and (2) Good.
- +Rose Lee Cave⁸ – 1925-2005 – married Garland Randolph Miller.
- +William Aaron Cave⁸ – 1928-1969 – married (private)

Blanch Susan Beahm⁷ (Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Blanch was born 18 March 1889 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Virginia *Lehew* and Thomas Jefferson Beahm.

Blanch married **Homer Clarence Fox**, who was born 26 February 1888 in the Kimball section of Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Noah Fox (1844-1902) and his second wife Adeline *Jenkins* (b. 1848). Blanch and Homer lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia, where Homer was a sawmill operator.

Blanch died in Page County, Virginia, on 18 February 1965 at the age of 75. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Homer died in Page County, Virginia, on 10 May 1965 at the age of 77. He is buried next to his wife at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Page County, Virginia.

Blanch and Homer had one child, a daughter, who was born in Page County, Virginia.

+Margaret Virginia Fox⁸ – 1916-2005 – married Franklin Edward Miller.

Thomas Gilbert Beahm⁷ (Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thomas was born 12 February 1891 at Beahms Gap in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Mary Virginia *Lehew* and Thomas Jefferson Beahm. Thomas died at Beahms Gap, Virginia, on 23 February 1892 at the age of one year and 15 days. He is buried at Beahm Cemetery (Kemp Hollow), Page County, Virginia.

Berney Booten Beahm⁷ (Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Berney was born 13 October 1892 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Virginia *Lehew* and Thomas Jefferson Beahm. Berney died in Page County, Virginia, on 30 April 1900 at the age of seven years. He is buried at Beahm Cemetery (Kemp Hollow), Page County, Virginia.

Isaac William Beahm⁷ (Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Isaac was born 22 April 1895 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Virginia *Lehew* and Thomas Jefferson Beahm.

Isaac married **Ollie Mae Waters**, who was born 27 June 1889 at Page County, Virginia, the daughter of James Henry Waters (1864-1943) and Lucy Ann Bywaters (1868-1932). Isaac and Ollie lived in the Kimball district of Page County, Virginia. Isaac was a long-time employee at Virginia Oak Tannery in Luray, Virginia.

Ollie died 14 February 1975 at the age of 85. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Isaac died 5 September 1990 at the age of 95. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Isaac and Ollie had two children, both daughters—both born in Page County, Virginia (shown here). Ollie's nephew Oliver Elwood Waters (1925-1993) grew up in their home after his mother's death in 1928.

+Murle Virginia Beahm⁸ – 1915-1994 – married Bernard Earl Judd.

+Lucy Irene Beahm⁸ – 1918-unknown – married Jesse William Riley.

Rosey Mary Beahm⁷ (Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rosey was born 13 May 1897 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Virginia *Lehew* and Thomas

Jefferson Beahm. Rosey died in Page County, Virginia, on 16 July 1899 at the age of two years. She is buried at Beahm Cemetery (Kemp Hollow), Page County, Virginia.

Mary Margaret (Maggie) Beahm⁷ (Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maggie was born 13 May 1899 in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Mary Virginia *Lehew* and Thomas Jefferson Beahm.

Maggie married **Hunter Frederick Cave**, who was born 14 November 1888 in Page County, Virginia.

Maggie and Hunter were natives of the Kimball area of Luray, Page County, Virginia, but lived in Ohio for a number of years.

Hunter died at Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio on 8 November 1937 at the age of 48. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Maggie died at a hospital in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, on 23 May 1945 at the age of 46. She is buried next to her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Maggie and Hunter had two children, both born in Page County, Virginia.

+Orlando F. (Duke) Cave⁸ – 1918-1968 – married (private).

+Iona Mary Cave⁸ – 1919-1991 – married James Franklin Batman, Jr.⁸

Olena (Lena) Virginia Beahm⁷ (Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lena was born 13 May 1901 in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Mary Virginia *Lehew* and Thomas Jefferson Beahm.

In October of 1920, Lena married **Elmer Jonah Seal**, who was born 22 August 1898 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Isaac Hubert Seal (1872-1959) and Esther (Effie) Rebecca *Cave* (1876-1950). Elmer was a farmer.

Lena died 3 March 1943 at the age of 41. She is buried at Beahms Chapel in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Elmer's home was in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia, when he died at Warren Memorial Hospital in Front Royal on 27 May 1974 at the age of 75. He is also buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. At the time of his death, Elmer and Lena were survived by 19 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren (all private). Shown here, their five children are deceased.

Reva E. Seal⁸ – 1921-1924 – buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery beside her parents.

+Mary Elizabeth Seal⁸ – 1923-2010 – married John William Knight.

+Oneta Glenrose Seal⁸ – 1925-2012 – married Thomas Amos Dwyer.

+Luther William Seal⁸ – 1928-2004 – married – private.

+Elmer Paul Seal⁸ – 1936-1993 – married Ethel May Rothgeb.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Florence Catharine *Lehew* Kibler-Foley

Daisy Mary Kibler⁷ (Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Daisy was born 13 December 1889 in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Florence Catharine *Lehew* and John W. Kibler.

Daisy married **Amos Franklin (Frank) Stombock**, who was born 12 February 1871 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of David Stombock and Susanne *Heiston*. Daisy and Frank lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Frank was a farmer on the family farm.

Frank died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray on 3 February 1963 at the age of 91. The cause of death was a stroke. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Daisy died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 2 March 1968 at the age of 78—cause of death toxemia from gangrene of the feet from diabetes. She is buried next to her husband Frank at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. They had no children.

Edna Earle Kibler⁷ (Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edna was born 20 January 1892 in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Florence Catharine *Lehew* and John W. Kibler.

On 29 February 1916 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, Edna married **Samuel Lindsey Thomas**, who was born 9 August 1889 in Rappahannock County, Virginia. He was the son of Samuel Henry Thomas and Maggie *Finchum*.

Edna and Samuel lived in the Springfield district of Luray, Virginia. Samuel was employed as a labor foreman at Virginia Oak Tannery in Luray.

Samuel died at his home in Luray, Virginia on 13 February 1954 at the age of 64 years, six months and four days. The cause of death was a stroke. Samuel is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in the Kimball district of Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Edna died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on 31 May 1967 at the age of 75. Edna is buried next to her husband Samuel at Beahm Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Virginia. Edna and Samuel had two children, twin sons, born in Page County.

+Samuel Henry Thomas⁸ – 1921-2012 – married Charlotte Virginia Burner.

+John Washington Thomas⁸ – 1921-2007 – married Rebecca Shedd.

Joseph (Joe) Vernon Foley, Sr.⁷ (Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Joe was born 16 August 1900 at Kimball in Page County, Virginia, the son of Florence Catharine *Lehew* and her second husband, John Washington Foley.

On 27 March 1923, Joe married **Angie Gaynelle Stombock**, who was born 1 September 1899 at Harrisonburg, Virginia. She was the daughter of George Samuel Stombock and Lizzie *Beach*.

Joe and Gaynelle lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia, along Highway 211. Joe was a foreman with a plumbing company.

Joe died at Page Memorial Hospital on 8 June 1970 at the age of 69. Cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Gaynelle died at Harrisonburg, Virginia on 6 April 1994 at the age of 94. She is buried beside her husband Joe at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Joe and Gaynelle had three sons, all born in Page County, Virginia. One son survives (private). At the time of Gaynelle's death, Joe and Gaynelle were also survived by six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren (all private). Their two deceased son are:

+Joseph Vernon Foley, Jr.⁸ – 1924-1996 – married 1944 (private)

+Roland Stombock Foley⁸ – 1937-2011—married Robbie Lee Bauserman.

John Cletus Foley⁷ (Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 13 December 1901 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Florence Catharine *Lehew* and her second husband John Washington Foley.

On 9 November 1929 John married **Velma Louise Mauck**, who was born 9 April 1908 in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Charles Oscar Mauck and Bessie Elizabeth *Hill*.

John and Velma lived on their farm in Luray, Virginia. They owned their own farm and raised poultry.

Velma was a patient at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray for four days when she died on 8 November 1957 at the age of 49 years. The immediate cause of death was pulmonary congestion. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Virginia.

John died at his home in Luray, Virginia on 27 August 1961 at the age of 66. John had a massive heart attack and death occurred within 10 minutes. He is buried beside his wife Velma at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia. John and Velma had one child, a son—born in Page County, Virginia.

+William Eugene Foley⁸ – 1930-2014 – married (private).

Paul Wilson Foley⁷ (Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Paul was born 23 October 1903 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Florence Catharine *Lehew* and her second husband John Washington Foley.

On 15 September 1925, Paul married **Minerva M. Frazier**, who was born 8 September 1902 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Hubert H. Frazier and Mattie *Weaver*.

Paul died 14 January 1962 at the age of 58. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Minerva was a patient at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 10 days when she died 8 August 1978 at the age of 75. She is buried next to her husband Paul at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Paul and Minerva had one child, a son, born in Page County, Virginia.

+John Gibson Foley⁸ – 1931-2005

Roland Theodore Foley⁷ (Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Roland was born circa 1905 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Florence Catharine *Lehew* and her second husband John Washington Foley.

Roland never married. He worked as a lineman for the railroad, and was in Mercer County, West Virginia, when he died on 16 May 1930 at the age of 23 years, five months and 13 days. The cause of death was acute meningitis. Roland is buried at Beahm Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He left no issue.

Virginia Foley⁷ (Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia was born 3 November 1907 in the Kimball area of Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Florence Catharine *Lehew* and her second husband John Washington Foley.

On 1 February 1929 in Page County, Virginia, Virginia married **Ernest Howard**, who was born 21 September 1905 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Harry Howard and Rebecca Yarwood.¹⁸⁷

Virginia and Ernest lived in the Springfield district of Page County, Virginia. Ernest was employed as a carpenter for the park service at Shenandoah National Park.

Ernest died at Page Memorial Hospital on 30 March 1966 at the age of 60. He died two hours after suffering a heart attack. Ernest is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Virginia died 18 July 1994 at the age of 86. She is buried beside her husband Ernest at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Virginia and Ernest had at least one child, a son, born in Page County, Virginia.

+Bobby Wilson Howard⁸ – 1930-1971 – married Vera Lorraine *Norris*.

¹⁸⁷ This is the name shown on Ernest Howard death certificate.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Isaac William Lehew**

Raymond Isaac Lehew⁷ (Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Raymond was born 20 January 1890 in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Isaac William Lehew and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Belle *Fincham*.

Raymond married **Sarah Ellen Grandstaff**, who was born 14 October 1885 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of George William Grandstaff and Clara Elizabeth Judd.

In May of 1939 Luray's newspaper the *Page News Courier* published a photo of Raymond when he served as the assistant to Luray Chief of Police Leake. At that time Raymond had been on the police force for 15 months. Raymond was also a volunteer with the Luray Fire Department. Later Raymond worked for Norfolk & Western Railroad as a fireman and engineer.



Raymond died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 11 June 1964 at the age of 74. The cause of death was a stroke. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Sarah died 3 July 1974 at the age of 88. She is buried beside her husband Raymond at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Virginia. Raymond and Sarah had four children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

+Lynn Edward Lehew⁸ – 1910-2005 – married Dorothy Dee Baxter.

+Hazel Viola Lehew⁸ – 1911-2008 – married and divorced Everette Lee Emerson.

+Carroll Benton Lehew⁸ – 1915-1970 – married twice.

+Raymond Clyde Lehew⁸ – 1917-1984 – married June Carol Wood.

Carrie Lehew⁷ (Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carrie was born 27 May 1893 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Isaac William Lehew and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Belle *Fincham*.

Carrie married **Harry Oscar Bradley**, who was born in 13 May 1893 in Page County, Virginia, the son of William Henry Bradley and Emma *Shenk*. Harry served in the U.S. Army during WWI from 1917-1919. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren (Dunkard). Harry retired as a long-time employee of the Royal Dairy of Front Royal, Virginia.

Carrie died at Warren Memorial Hospital in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia on 21 November 1967 at the age of 74. The cause of death was cardiac failure. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

After Carrie's death, at the age of 76, Harry married again on 28 April 1970 (2) Mary Catherine *Lichleter* Barton, a 55-year-old widow.

Harry died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Page County, Virginia, on 21 February 1977 at the age of 84. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He is buried beside his first wife Carrie at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Carrie and Harry had no children.

Virginia (Virgie) Frances Lehew⁷ (Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virgie was born 30 November 1895 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Isaac William Lehew and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Belle *Fincham*.

At age of 16, Virgie married 20-year-old **Luther Franklin Woods**⁷. He was born 11 June 1889 in Page County, Virginia, the son of James Lever Woods and Ettie V. *Fox*.

Luther was a retired carpenter. He died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Page County, Virginia on 12 December 1978 at the age of 89. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Virgie died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray on 16 February 1985 at the age of 89. The immediate cause of death was due to pneumonia as the result of a stroke. She is buried beside her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Virgie and Luther had one child, a daughter.

+Fern Edith Woods⁸ – 1912-2000 – married Elder John Lester Bradley.

Amanda Gladys Lehew⁷ (Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Amanda was born 17 May 1898 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Isaac William Lehew and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Belle *Fincham*.

Amanda married **Allen Bryan Judd**, who was born 30 March 1896 in Page County, Virginia. Amanda died in Page County, Virginia, on 13 August 1919 at the age of 21 years, two months and 26 days. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

After Amanda's death, Allen married (2) Alberta Kibler (1906-2000), the daughter of William Booten Kibler and Lena *Hammer*.

Allen died 28 September 1965 at the age of 69. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Clarence William Lehew⁷ (Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clarence was born 6 April 1900 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Isaac William Lehew and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Belle *Fincham*.

On 27 January 1920 Clarence married **Ruth Margaret Showalter**, who was born 14 September 1899. Clarence and Ruth lived in Harrisonburg City, Virginia. Clarence was a salesman for gas and oil products in Harrisonburg.

Clarence, Sr. died at the Bridgewater Home for the Aging in Bridgewater, Rockingham County, Virginia on 3 April 1969 at the age of 69. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia due to chronic health problems. Clarence is buried at Woodbine Cemetery, Harrisonburg, Harrisonburg City, Virginia—Section 10.

Ruth died 31 January 1985 at the age of 85. She is buried beside her husband Clarence at Woodbine Cemetery in Harrisonburg City, Virginia—Section 10. Clarence, Sr. and Ruth had three children, all born in Virginia.

+Norma Dale Lehew⁸ – 1922-1987 – married Robert Olin Whitmore.

+Jean Addison Lehew⁸ – 1924-2009 – married James Elden Lineweaver.

+Clarence William Lehew, Jr.⁸ – 1927-2015 – married twice.

Eva Cline Lehew⁷ (Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eva was born 19 September 1904 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Isaac William Lehew and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Belle *Fincham*.

Eva married **Harry Ronald Kibler**, who was born 4 May 1897 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of William Henry Kibler and Mary Ella *Fristoe*.

Harry served in WWI. In private life he was employed as a station agent for the N & W Railroad. They lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Eva died at Miller Nursing Home in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia on 21 October 1961 at the age of 57. The cause of death was acute uremia due to diabetes. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Harry died at Manassas Manor Nursing Home at Manassas, Prince William County, Virginia, on 3 November 1971 at the age of 74. He is buried beside his wife Eva at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. No record of any children was found.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Martha Jane Heiston Moyer

Mary Susan Moyer⁷ (Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Susan was born 4 August 1888 at Luray, Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Martha Jane *Heiston* and William Theodore Moyer.

Mary Susan was left motherless at the age of seven by the early death of her mother at the age of 33. Mary Susan attended school in Luray. She never married and made her home with her widowed father. Mary Susan was ill for three weeks before being admitted to the University of Virginia Hospital at Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia on 20 April 1941, suffering from a brain tumor. She died three days

later on 23 April 1941, following an operation the day before. She was 51 years old. Mary Susan is buried beside her parents at the Heiston Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. At the time of her death, Mary Susan's father, sister and two brothers had survived her.

Joseph Samuel Moyer⁷ (Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Joseph was born during 1890 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Martha Jane *Heiston* and William Theodore Moyer.

Joseph married **Virginia Alice Herndon**, who was born 1900. Virginia died 15 August 1942 at the age of 42. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Joseph died 1973 at the age of 73. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Joseph and Virginia had five children, all born in Page County, Virginia.

- +Granville Herndon Moyer⁸ – 1921-1978 – married Alice Jean Barham.
- +William Tyler Moyer⁸ – 1923-2010 – married (private).
- +Joseph Samuel Moyer, Jr.⁸ – 1925-1995 – married Maxine Virginia Martin.
- +Virgil Randolph Moyer⁸ – 1927-2001 -- married Mildred Elain Marston.
- +Franklin Delano Roosevelt Moyer⁸ – 1933-1962 – married Janice Marie Rickard.

Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷ (Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Delilah was born 29 February 1892 at Luray, Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Martha Jane *Heiston* and William Theodore Moyer.

On 30 December 1908 in Luray, Virginia, Delilah married **Dillard Vernon Heiston, Sr.**, who was born 22 March 1887 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of John Heiston and Emma *Shaver*.

Dillard died at Alexandria, Virginia on 29 December 1964 in at the age of 77. The cause of death was a stroke. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Delilah died at New Alexandria Hospital in Alexandria, Virginia on 20 October 1967 at the age of 75. The cause of death was heart disease. She is buried next to her husband Dillard at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Virginia. Delilah and Dillard had at least 11 children, all born in Page County, Virginia. Of those 11 children born to Delilah and Dillard, two daughters are still living (private).

- +Rachel Heiston⁸ – 1909-2000 – married (1) Vaughan and (2) Ellis.
- +Dillard Vernon (Country) Heiston, Jr.⁸ – 1911-1999 – m. Lucille Laverne Whitmore.
- +James Marshall Heiston⁸ – 1914-1977 – married Nancy Lee Bradford.
- +Emma Louise Heiston⁸ – 1916-2002 – married Raymond Wiley Taylor, Sr.
- +Vallie G. Heiston⁸ – 1918-2006 – married (private).

+Virgil Hammer Heiston⁸ – 1921-1989 – married and divorced.
+Albert Benton Heiston⁸ – 1921-2001 – married Geraldine Frances Neighbor.
Male Infant Heiston⁸ – born and died 16 October 1929 – 15 minutes old.
+Robert Wayne Heiston⁸ – 1935-2016 – married (private).

Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷ (Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Raymond was born 2 June 1895 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Martha Jane *Heiston* and William Theodore Moyer. Raymond was less than one year old when his mother Martha died.

On 24 March 1914 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, Raymond at the age of 18, married (1) 15 year-old **Mae Estelle Moyer**, who was born 28 June 1898 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Andrew G. Moyer and Flora *Cullers*.

Mae died at their home in the Fairview section of Luray, Page County, Virginia, on 7 September 1921 at the age of 23 years, two months and nine days. The cause of death was acute meningitis.

Raymond married (2) **Ina Pearl Judd**, who was born 25 May 1905 in Virginia. She was the daughter of David Henry Judd (1857-1927) and Eddie Belle *Cullers* (1880-1958).

Ina Pearl died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 7 February 1962 at the age of 56. She had been afflicted with heart disease for several years and the cause of death was a heart attack. Ina Pearl is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Ina Pearl was a member of Beth-Eden Lutheran Church.

Raymond was retired as a maintenance worker at the Luray Caverns, Luray, Virginia. He died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 23 September 1977 at the age of 82. His death was the result of pulmonary insufficiency due to emphysema. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Raymond had 14 children from his two marriages. Three children were born during his first marriage to Mae Estelle. Raymond and his second wife Ina Pearl had 11 children—four of those 11 are still living and thus are private. There are ten deceased offspring and these are shown below.

+Nelson Raymond Moyer⁸ – 1915-1987 – married and divorced Modelle Frances Crist.
+Elsie Mae Moyer⁸ – 1917-2006 – married Roy Erskine Griffith
+William Douglas Moyer⁸ – 1920-1981 – married Ada Florence Jenkins.
+Robert Theodore Moyer⁸ – 1923-1989 – no marriage found.
+Kathleen Virginia Moyer⁸ – 1924-1972 – married Russell Lee Graves
+Dorothy Pearl Moyer⁸ – 1925-2003 – married Isaac Freeman Purdham.
+Betty June Moyer⁸ – 1931-1982 – married (2) Lewis Edwin Lawson
+Glyndon Elwood Moyer⁸ – 1932-1950 – died in Korea.
Male Infant Moyer⁸ – died as infant — no further information.
+Shirley Faye Moyer⁸ – 1945-1980 – married (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
John Henry Heiston**

Kirby Oswell Heiston⁷ (John Henry Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kirby was born 27 February 1891 in Page County, Virginia, the son of John Henry Heiston and Lena Alice Freeze.

Kirby married **Eva Goddard**, who was born 26 December 1896 at Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, the daughter of Fred and Mary Goddard.

Kirby and Eva always lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Kirby was division superintendent for Northern Virginia Power Company. Eva was a high school teacher.

Kirby died four hours after admittance to Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 3 November 1960 at the age of 69. Cause of death was shock due to blood loss from a dissecting aneurism. He is buried at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Eva died in Page County, Virginia, on 1 August 1995 at the age of 98. She is buried next to her husband Kirby at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Kirby and Eva did not have any children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Christina (Tena) Elizabeth Heiston Moyer**

Elmer Samuel Moyer⁷ (Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elmer was born 27 March 1889 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Christina (Tena) Elizabeth Heiston and Perry Washington Moyer.

Elmer was a resident of Stanley, Page County, Virginia. He worked as an upholsterer.

Elmer married (1) **Leona Watson**, who was born 3 March 1893. Leona died 4 January 1919 at the age of 25. She is buried at Heiston Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Elmer married (2) **Essie Blanche Painter**, who was born 16 October 1899 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Hubert Painter and Sarah Seekford.

Elmer died at Page Memorial Hospital on Monday night, 18 July 1960 at the age of 71. He is buried at the Heiston Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Essie, Elmer's second wife, died at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia on Tuesday, 10 May 1983 at the age of 83. Before entering the hospital, her residence was still Stanley, Virginia. She is buried at Stanley Advent Cemetery in Stanley, Page County, Virginia. Elmer had no children from either marriage.

Estelle Moyer⁷ (Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Estelle was born October 1890 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Christina (Tena) Elizabeth *Heiston* and Perry Washington Moyer. Estelle died in Page County on 6 July 1892 at the age of one year, nine months and 18 days. She is buried at the Heiston Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Ruth May Moyer⁷ (Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth was born 2 May 1894 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Christina (Tena) Elizabeth *Heiston* and Perry Washington Moyer.

On 5 February 1915 in Page County, Virginia, Ruth married **James Franklin (Pete) Painter**, who was born 3 July 1893 at Grove Hill, Page County, Virginia. He was the son of George W. Painter and Mary Ellen *Carpenter*. Ruth and Pete lived in Luray, Virginia. Pete was a carpenter and a foreman for Baughan Construction Company in Luray. They were members of the Luray Church of the Brethren.

Pete was a patient for six days at Page Memorial Hospital where he died on Monday, 2 August 1971 at the age of 78. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Ruth died at her home as the result of a heart attack on 8 July 1980 at the age of 86—death was immediate. Ruth is buried beside her husband Pete at Evergreen Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Ruth and Pete are survived by a son and five grandchildren (all private). Pete's obituary shows another deceased son.¹⁸⁸

+Mary Elizabeth Painter⁸ – born 1921 – married Archie Lee Jenkins, Sr.

+Elsie Marie Painter⁸ – 1922-1996 – never married.

Ollie Virginia Moyer⁷ (Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ollie was born 22 March 1896 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Christina (Tena) Elizabeth *Heiston* and Perry Washington Moyer.

Ollie lived in Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania for 21 years and Ford City, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania for 26 years. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Ollie and Joseph celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 11 May 1974.

Ollie married **Joseph Leopold Decock**, who was born 29 May 1890 in Belgium. Joseph was married previously to Lenora *Gillet* and he had children by his first wife, to-wit: Eugene Joseph Decock (1913-2001), Lea Josephine *Decock* Rodgers (1911-1975) and Augustine Octavia *Decock* Gaydos.

¹⁸⁸ The obituary for James Franklin Painter said he was also survived by another daughter and Find A Grave shows Ila Hausey Painter Rothgeb (1920-1951) as the daughter of James Franklin Painter and Ruth May Moyer, however Ila's mother is shown as Lillian Young on her birth and death records.

Joseph was a glasscutter with a glass manufacturer. During his marriage to Ollie, the family lived in Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and Ford, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

Ollie died at her home in Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania on Monday, 26 December 1977 at the age of 81. She is buried at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Joseph died 3 August 1981 at the age of 91. He is buried next to his wife Ollie and their infant son Charles at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Ollie and Joseph had four children during their marriage—all born in Pennsylvania.

+William Arnold Decock⁸ – 1925-2013 – married Wilhelmina Talmadge Woodman
Charles Lewis Decock⁸ – 20 May 1926—12 December 1926—Heiston Family Cemetery.
Female Decock⁸ (private) – married Wingard & Czapor (private)
+Donald Perry Decock⁸ – 1933-1983 – married twice and divorced twice.

Ezra F. Moyer⁷ (Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ezra was born 1 September 1898 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Christina (Tena) Elizabeth *Heiston* and Perry Washington Moyer.

Ezra was a long-time machinist with York Safe & Lock Company in York, York County, Pennsylvania, where he and Virgie lived.

Ezra married **Virgie G. Watson**, who was born 20 June 1898 in Virginia. Virgie died July 1991 at the age of 92. She is buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery in York, Pennsylvania.

Ezra died at their home at 335 Pattison Street in York, York County, Pennsylvania, on 12 August 1943 at the age of 44. The cause of death was a stroke. He is buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery in York, Pennsylvania. Ezra and Virgie had two children, both daughters, born in Pennsylvania.

+Margaret P. Moyer⁸ – 1918-d. after 1982 – married George Owen Heckert.
+Gladys Moyer⁸ – 1920-1988 – married James Edward Robison.

Edna Irene Moyer⁷ (Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edna was born 12 May 1904 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Christina (Tena) Elizabeth *Heiston* and Perry Washington Moyer.

On 25 August 1923 in Page County, Virginia, Edna married **Regenal/Reginald Clifton Mauck**, who was born 11 June 1903 in Rileyville, Page County, Virginia, the son of Edward Martin Mauck and Hester Gertrude *Beahm*. Edna and Clifton made their home in York, York County, Pennsylvania. Clifton was a wheelwright in his own shop.

Clifton died March 1971 at the age of 67. His last residence was York, York County, Pennsylvania.

Edna died January 1983 at the age of 78. Her last residence was York, Pennsylvania. Edna and Clifton had five children—all born in Virginia.

+Clifton Leon Mauck⁸ – 1924-1999 – married Ruth Agnus Storm.

+Eleanor F. Mauck⁸ – 1924-2015 – married Sherman (private).

+Colleen Mildred Mauck⁸ – 1928-2015 – married Theodore Spangler, Sr.

Female Mauck⁸ – private – married Charles E. Burkhardt (1927-2005)

Male Mauck⁸ – private

Eston Washington Moyer⁷ (Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eston was born 20 February 1907 in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Christina (Tena) Elizabeth *Heiston* and Perry Washington Moyer.

Eston's occupation was a glass worker. He married (1) **Margaret** (1907-1955). Eston was a widower, when at the age of 52 on 3 August 1959 in Frederick County, Virginia, before a minister of the Presbyterian Church, Eston married (2) 55-year-old **Mary Balogh Lind**, who had been widowed and divorced. Mary was born in Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Frank Balogh and Jennie *Barko*. Eston and Mary were later divorced.

On 15 March 1965, now 58 years old, Eston married (3) **Susan Levering Veverka**, a 54-year-old widow. Susan was born in Irwin, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John Levering and Mary Ockai. Eston and Susan were married in Frederick County, Virginia, by a minister of the Methodist Church.

Eston died 26 December 1973 at the age of 66. He is buried at Belle Vernon Cemetery, North Belle Vernon, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania—Section 03, Lot 109, Grave 6. No record was found regarding children.

Earl Hudson Moyer⁷ (Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Earl was born 18 March 1909 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Christina (Tena) Elizabeth *Heiston* and Perry Washington Moyer.

In 1941 in Brooke County, West Virginia Earl married **Saima Tellervo (Tillie) Matta**, who was born 10 March 1911 in Monessen, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Earl was employed at the Charleroi Plant of the Corning Glass Works. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Earl died at the Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, 1 October 1969. He was 60 years old. He is buried at Belle Vernon Cemetery, North Belle Vernon, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania—Section 11, Lot 111, Grave 1.

Tillie died 10 May 1983 at the age of 72 years and two months. She is buried beside her husband Earl at Belle Vernon Cemetery, North Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania—Section 11, Lot 111, Grave 2. Earl and Tillie had one daughter—she lived in Lompoc, California (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Laura Angeline Heiston Baker**

John Mervin Baker⁷ (Laura Angeline Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 1893 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Laura Angeline *Heiston* and Joseph Samuel Baker.

On 13 June 1923 in Page County, Virginia, John married **Lizzie Pearl Ellis**, who was born 16 September 1898 at Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Thomas Martin Ellis and Mittie Belle *Sours*.

John and Lizzie lived on the family farm on Dry Run Road in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

John died 30 March 1958 at the age of 64. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Lizzie died 17 September 1980 at the age of 82. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. John and Lizzie had two children—both born in Page County, Virginia.

+Joseph Willard Baker⁸—1924-2013 – married Margaret Elizabeth Rountree.

+Robert Wayne Baker⁸ – 1932-1988 – married (private)

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Joseph Samuel Heiston**

Cletus Franklin Heiston⁷ (Joseph Samuel Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christian Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Cletus was born 1 January 1907 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph Samuel Heiston and Dora Alice *Griffith*.

On 12 June 1929 in Page County, Virginia, Cletus married **Bertha Estelle Ellis**, who was born 29 October 1907 in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Thomas Martin Ellis (1873-1943) and Mittie Belle *Sours* (1874-1952). Bertha was the sister of Lizzie Pearl *Ellis* who married John Mervin Baker, a cousin of Cletus Heiston.

Cletus and Bertha lived in Luray, Virginia, where Cletus worked as a carpenter. He died 12 November 1973 at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Virginia, at the age of 66. The cause was acute cardiac arrest due to congestive heart disease. Cletus is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Bertha died at Rockingham County, Virginia on 8 July 1995 at the age of 87. She is buried next to her husband Cletus at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Cletus and Bertha had one child, a daughter (private).

John Samuel Heiston⁷ (Joseph Samuel Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christian Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 16

November 1908 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph Samuel Heiston and Dora Alice *Griffith*.

John married **Edna Virginia Judd**⁸, who was born 12 February 1910 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Elmer Osborne Judd (1889-1959) and Lena Irene *Racer* (1892-1981). Edna had a sister Elva Modelle *Judd* Miller, who was born 10 August 1914 and died 26 September 2014, having lived over 100 years. Another thing of note about Edna's sister—she married a young man who was a John F. Kennedy look-alike.

Edna died 21 November 1997 at the age of 87. She is buried at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

John died 26 January 2000 at the age of 91. He is buried beside wife Edna at the Heiston Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Mattie Virginia Heiston⁷ (Joseph Samuel Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christian Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mattie was born 14 March 1914 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Joseph Samuel Heiston and Dora Alice *Griffith*.

Mattie married **Philip Irvin Dinges**, who was born 23 October 1906 in Virginia, the son of Charles Edward Dinges (1852-1915) and Maggie L. *Higgs* (1866-1949).

Mattie and Philip lived in Marksville, Page County, Virginia. Philip was a general building carpenter.

Philip was DOA upon arrival at Page Memorial Hospital on 23 September 1970. He was 63 years old. The cause of death was a heart attack. Philip is buried at Leaksville Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Mattie died at Southwest General Hospital in Middleburg Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on 28 February 1986 at the age of 71. She is buried next to her husband Philip at Leaksville Cemetery, Luray, Virginia. No record was found regarding children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Benjamin Franklin Batman**

Clyde Batman⁷ (Benjamin Franklin Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clyde was born 2 May 1886 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Franklin (Frank) Batman and Mary Lee *Shenk*.

Clyde went to college and became a civil engineer. He worked for the U.S. Government on dam building and flood control, including the Berlin Dam in Mahoning County, Ohio; as well as dam work in Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and Saltsburg, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

When Clyde retired he lived in Luray. He suffered with diabetes for 15 years and as a result his heart became diseased. He died at his home in Luray from a heart attack on 20 December 1957 at the age of 71 years, seven months and 18 days. He is buried at Greenhill Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Clyde never married.

Lennis Batman⁷ (Benjamin Franklin Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lennis was born 22 August 1893 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin (Frank) Batman and Mary Lee *Shenk*.

Lennis married **Everett Maurice Berrey**, who was born 9 October 1890 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Thomas Jefferson Berrey (1852-1922) and Annie V. *Renalds* (1853-1932).

Everett was the postmaster for Luray, Virginia from 1920 until his death in 1929. Everett died 14 July 1929 at the age of 38. He is buried at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Lennis was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Main Street Baptist Church in Luray. After her husband's death, Lennis went to live with her parents in their home. Lennis had been a patient at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray for three months when she died at the hospital on Friday, 18 May 1979 at the age of 85. She is buried beside her husband Everett at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Lennis and Everett had no children.

James William Batman⁷ (Benjamin Franklin Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 17 August 1897 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Franklin (Frank) Batman and Mary Lee *Shenk*.

In 1918 at the age of 21, James was attending the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He completed four years of college, and became sales supervisor for manufacturing companies.

On 10 June 1922 in Wellsburg, Brooke County, West Virginia, James married **Sarah Olive Brush**, who was born 3 September 1899 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of John L. Brush and Margaret *Adell*. James and Sarah lived in Kentucky, where their two children were born, and then Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia for many years. While living in Charleston, Sarah worked for the State Unemployment Office and for the State Liquor Control Board.

Sarah died at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, on 18 December 1963 at the age of 64. Her death was caused by complications from congestive heart failure. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

James died in 1984 at the age of 87. His last residence was Luray, Virginia. He is buried beside his wife Sarah at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Virginia. James and Sarah had two children, a son and a daughter, both born in Kentucky.

+Doris Adele Batman⁸ – 1923-1955 – married Col. Charles Francis Hoy, Jr.

+James Franklyn Batman⁸ – 1924-2002 – married (private)

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Samuel Luther Batman**

William Elmer Batman⁷ (Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 26 September 1887 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Samuel Luther Batman and Emma Jane *Beahm*.

William married **Angie Ruth Shenk**, who was born 30 September 1891 in Page County, Virginia. William was a self-employed farmer. William and Angie's farm was in the Kimball area of Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Angie died in Page County, Virginia on 5 December 1982 at the age of 91. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

William died in Page County, Virginia on 7 April 1987 at the age of 99. The cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried beside his wife at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. William and Angie had two children, a son and a daughter, both born in Page County, Virginia.

+Bernard Elmer Batman⁸ – 1908-1995 – married Valda Mae Berry.

+Dorothy Pearl Batman⁸ – 1912-2003 – married and divorced Charles Franklin Veach.

James Franklin Batman, Sr.⁷ (Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 8 October 1889 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Samuel Luther Batman and Emma Jane *Beahm*.

James married **Eva Earle Judd**, who was born 15 February 1895 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John Samuel Judd (1863-1934) and Millie Alice Judd (1867-1950). Eva was a member of the Rocky Branch Baptist Church. After a long illness, Eva died at her home in Luray, Virginia, on Friday, 28 December 1962 at the age of 67. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

James was retired from work at the Bellwood Quartermaster Depot in Richmond, Virginia. He died 30 October 1968 at the age of 79. While picking apples on his farm in Luray, Virginia, James was at the top of an 18-foot ladder when he fell—and instantly died as the result of a fractured skull. James is buried next to his wife Eva at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. James and Eva had six children.

+Louise Virginia Batman⁸ – 1913-1922 – nine years old.

+Mary Batman⁸ 1916-1996 – married and divorced Lewis Hudson Atkins.

+Emma Eileen Batman⁸ – 1918-2012 – married (1) Atkins (2) Griffin.

+James Franklin Batman, Jr.⁸ – 1920-1983 – married Iona Mary Cave.

+Elsie Katherine Batman⁸ – 1924-2016 – married Bernard Oswald Spitler.

+Richard (Dickie) Earl Batman⁸ – 1931-2002 – married Dorothy May Dyke.

Zada Pearl Batman⁷ (Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Zada was born 16 April 1893 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Samuel Luther Batman and Emma Jane *Beahm*.

Zada married **Henry Leslie Griffith**, who was born 28 August 1887 in Page County, Virginia.

Henry was a farmer. He died 27 January 1953 at the age of 65, and is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Zada retired as a plant worker in Luray. She died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 9 March 1985 at the age of 91. The cause of death was pneumonia due to cardiovascular disease. Zada is buried next to her husband Henry at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Zada and Henry had one son.

+Samuel Henry (Sporty) Griffith⁸ – 1915-1999 – married Violet Mae Clatterbuck.

John Samuel Batman⁷ (Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 21 September 1901 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Samuel Luther Batman and Emma Jane *Beahm*.

John married **Janette Willis**, who was born 24 August 1902 at Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland, the daughter of Harry and Hallie Willis. John and Janette met in Washington, D.C. when she was a nurse in the U.S. Navy on duty at the U.S. Naval Hospital. They married 21 November 1932 in Baltimore, Maryland.

John was a retired Naval Commander on duty in the Navy in his capacity as an attorney. Because of his work, he and Janette were stationed in many different areas such as Arlington, Virginia; Albany, New York; Raleigh, North Carolina; Providence, Rhode Island; and Knoxville, Tennessee.

John died at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia on 1 August 1986 at the age of 84. His death was due to an accident on his farm in Luray, Virginia. He was cutting tree limbs down when one struck him on his head. He died as the result of head trauma caused by a skull fracture. John is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Janette died 8 February 1992 at the age of 89 in Page County, Virginia. She is buried next to her husband John at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. John and Janette had no children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Martha Ann Batman Judd**

Elmer Osborne Judd⁷ (Martha Ann Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elmer was born 1

December 1889 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Martha Ann *Batman* and Isaac Casper Judd.

Elmer married **Lena Irene Racer**, who was born 22 September 1892 in Page County, Virginia, daughter of Joseph H. Racer and Laura Belle *Rowe*. Elmer and Lena lived in the Springfield area of Luray, Virginia. Elmer was a self-employed farmer on their own farm.

Elmer died at his home in Luray, Page County, Virginia on 20 December 1959 at the age of 70. The cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Lena died at Page Memorial Hospital, Luray, Virginia, on 11 April 1981 at the age of 88. The cause of death was respiratory failure due to pneumonia and chronic pulmonary disease. She is buried next to her husband Elmer at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Elmer and Lena had five children, all daughters.

+Edna Virginia Judd⁸ – 1910-1997 – married John Samuel Heiston⁷.

+Elizabeth Irene Judd⁸ – 1912-1913 – one year, 4 months, 8 days.

+Elva Modelle Judd⁸ – 1914-2014 – married Ernest Granville Miller.

Female Judd⁸ (private) – married Thomas Edward Broyles, Sr. (1919-1998)

Female Judd⁸ (private) – married Joseph Vernon Foley, Jr. (1924-1996)

Carrie Thelma Judd⁷ (Martha Ann *Batman*⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵ Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carrie was born 7 January 1898 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Martha Ann *Batman* and Isaac Casper Judd.

On 12 September 1917, Carrie married **John William Shenk**, who was born 17 August 1899 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Adolphus Shenk and Aramento *Beach*.

John retired from work at the Virginia Oak Tannery in Luray. He died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Virginia, on 10 April 1980 at the age of 80 from a stroke. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Carrie died at Page Memorial Hospital on 13 December 1988 at the age of 90. She is buried beside her husband John at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Carrie and John were survived by one child, a son—now deceased (see below). Carrie and John are survived by one grandchild and five great grandchildren (private). Another grandchild: Shirley A. *Shenk* Turner is now deceased.

+Orville Leon Shenk⁸ – 1918-1990 – married three times.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Olive *Batman* Moyer**

Ethel May Moyer⁷ (Mary Olive *Batman*⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ethel was born 16

January 1891 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Olive *Batman* and Doctor David Moyer (he is not a medical doctor—Doctor is his given name).

On 20 March 1912 in Page County, Virginia, Ethel married **Isaac Maurice Waters**. He was born 20 August 1891 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Isaac O. Waters and Louella *Willard*.

Ethel and Maurice always lived in Luray, Virginia. Maurice (preferred name) became the owner of an automobile dealership in Luray, Virginia. Maurice began his career as the manager in the automobile business with Luray Motor Company, the first auto dealership in Luray—established in 1914 by E. N. Hershberger.¹⁸⁹ Ethel was a member of the Main Street Baptist Church in Luray, Virginia.

Ethel died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, on 17 April 1963 at the age of 72. The cause of death was shock caused by acute renal failure and bronchopneumonia. Her health had been failing for 27 years. Ethel is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Maurice died as the result of a heart attack at home on 25 September 1968 at the age of 77. He is buried beside his wife Ethel at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Ethel and Maurice had two children, both daughters—born in Page County, Virginia—only one is deceased.

+Reda Mae Waters⁸ – 1913-2011 – married Allen Elmore Rickard.
Female Waters⁸ – private – married (private)

Eula N. Moyer⁷ (Mary Olive Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eula was born 25 August 1895 in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Mary Olive *Batman* and Doctor David Moyer. Eula never married and lived at home with her parents. Eula died at their home in Luray, Page County, Virginia on 25 May 1914 at the age of 19 years and nine months. Eula is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Fleda Fern Moyer⁷ (Mary Olive Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Fleda was born 10 April 1900 at Kimball (Luray), Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Mary Olive *Batman* and Doctor David Moyer.

Fleda married **Hoyte Edward Foster**, who was born 14 May 1894 in Rileyville, Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Horace Edward Foster and Bertha *Baker*. Hoyt was first a farmer on their farm in the Springfield area of Page County, Virginia. Later (before 1942) the family moved to Falling Waters, Berkley County, West Virginia.

Hoyte died 30 September 1963 at the age of 69. He is buried at Pleasant View Memory Gardens in Martinsburg, Berkley County, West Virginia.

¹⁸⁹ A photo on page 124 of Images of America publication *Luray and Page County* shows Maurice Waters during the year 1927 standing in front of the dealership with other employees of the company.

Fleda died 2 December 1987 at the age of 87. She is buried next to her husband Hoyte at Pleasant View Memory Gardens in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Fleda and Hoyte had two children, both sons, born in Virginia.

+Edward Delaine Foster⁸ – 1922-2001 – married Dorothy Regina Bartley.

+James Alanson Foster⁸ – 1925-1944 – Never married.

Woodrow Edward Moyer⁷ (Mary Olive Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Chrisitiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Woodrow was born 30 October 1912 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Olive *Batman* and Doctor David Moyer.

On 4 April 1941 in Stanardsville, Greene County, Virginia, before a minister of the Methodist Church, Woodrow married **Mary Virginia White**, who was born 16 September 1916 in Greene County, Virginia. She was the daughter of James H. White and Neta Virginia *Durette*. Mary was a school teacher.

Woodrow served as a TEC5 in the U.S. Army during WWII. He lifetime work until retirement was with the National Park Service.

Woodrow died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on 2 March 1983 at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer of the pancreas. He was also suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Woodrow is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Mary died 5 November 1997 at the age of 81. She is buried beside her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Virginia. No record was found for any children.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Annie Belle *Batman* Webster**

John Orland Webster⁷ (Annie Belle Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 18 March 1907 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Annie Belle *Batman* and Thomas (Tom) L. Webster.

John married **Ethel Virginia Dwyer**, who was born 24 August 1907 in Virginia, the daughter of Jacob S. Dwyer and Frances L. *Manuel* of Rappahannock County, Virginia.

John and Ethel lived in the Kimball area of Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was a farmer and a sawmill operator.

John died in Springfield, Page County, Virginia on 4 April 1960 at the age of 53 years and 16 days. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Ethel died at the Luray Nursing Home on South Court Street in Luray, Page County, Virginia, on 14 April 1971 at the age of 63. The cause of death was a cerebral

hemorrhage. She is buried beside her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. John and Ethel had one child, a son, who was born in Luray, Virginia .

+John Leon Webster⁸ – 1925-1994 – not married.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Bettie Alice Batman Griffith

Amos Roscoe Griffith⁷ (Bettie Alice Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Amos was born 14 April 1899 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Bettie Alice *Batman* and Willis (Willie) Irvin Griffith.

Amos married **Margarette Virginia Martin**, who was born 16 September 1905. She was the daughter of Willis Warren Martin (1881-1963) and Anna Mabel *Alther* (1884-1970).

Amos and Margarette lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia, where Amos was a farmer.

At the age of 31 years at 6:30 a.m. on 15 July 1930 at his home, Amos committed suicide (gunshot). He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was survived by his wife and three young children—one only a year old.

Margarette married (2) Edward Richard Dodson (1925-1995). Margarette died 26 August 1995 at the age of 89. She is buried next to her second husband Edward at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. All three children of Amos and Margarette were born in Page County, Virginia.

+Elsie Marie Griffith⁸ – 1921-1983 – married (1) Long and (2) Rudolph.

+Kenneth Junior Griffith⁸ – 1924-2009 – married Mildred

+Norma Jean Griffith⁸ – 1929-1990 – married (1) Forestell and (2) Duley

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Carrie Batman Cliser

Blanch Merle Cliser⁷ (Carrie Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Merle was born 12 March 1904 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Carrie *Batman* and Herbert Melanchthon Cliser.

On 30 March 1921 in Page County, Virginia, Merle married (1) **Reuben Allen Shenk** (1902-1993). Merle and Reuben Shenk were divorced in Page County, Virginia, on 14 August 1933.

On 30 March 1934 Merle married (2) **Bergie Franklin Fox**⁷, who was born 23 January 1901 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Edward Benton Fox and Ida

Bell *Fox*. (See page 587 for Bergie's family connection). Merle and Bergie always lived in Luray, Virginia. Bergie was a salesman for the Hess Monument Company.

Bergie died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on 19 September 1967 at the age of 66. He died 19 days after suffering a heart attack. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Merle died at the Hawksbill Rest Home in Luray, Virginia on 27 January 2000 at the age of 95. She is buried beside her husband Bergie at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Edelia (Eddie) Virginia *Fox* Woods**

Luther Franklin Woods⁷ (Edelia Virginia Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Luther was born 11 June 1889 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Edelia Virginia *Fox* James Lever Woods.

Luther had been a farmer as well as working as a sawyer at a lumber mill—later he became a carpenter.

Luther married 16-year-old **Virginia (Virgie) Frances *Lehew***⁷, who was born 30 November 1895 in Luray, Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Isaac William Lehew and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Belle *Finchum*.¹⁹⁰

Luther died 12 December 1978 at the age of 89. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Virgie died from pneumonia at Page Memorial Hospital on 16 February 1985 at the age of 89. She is buried next to her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Luther and Virgie had one child, a daughter, born in Page County, Virginia.

+Fern Edith Woods⁸ – 1912-2000 – married Elder John Lester Bradley.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Benton Dagabert Fox**

Lennis Myrtle Fox⁷ (Benton Dagabert Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lennis was born 4 October 1898 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Benton Dagabert Fox and Sarah (Sadie) Catherine *Judd*.

Lennis married **Samuel Theron Stombock**, who was born 28 December 1902. Lennis worked as a sawyer at a saw mill. They lived at Springfield, Page County,

¹⁹⁰ This information on Virgie's parents came from her death certificate information. Find A Grave website has a listing that is evidently erroneous.

Virginia. Lennis died 7 August 1992 at the age of 93. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Samuel died at Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia on 22 October 1995 at the age of 92. He is buried beside his wife at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Lennis and Samuel had one child, a daughter, born in Page County, Virginia.

+Creta Eileen Stombock⁸ – 1921-2010 – married Hubert Franklin Griffith.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Bertha *Fox* Beahm**

Lydia Duan Beahm⁷ (Bertha Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵ Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lydia was born 31 January 1898 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Bertha *Fox* and John William Beahm.

Lydia married **Otha Clarence Miller**, who was born 1895.

Otha died 10 October 1942 at the age of 47. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Lydia died 20 April 1988 at the age of 90. She is buried beside her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Lydia and Otha had four children, three sons and one daughter, all born in Page County, Virginia.

+Franklin Edward Miller⁸ – 1916-2004 – married Margaret Virginia Fox⁸.

+Mildred May Miller⁸ – 1918-1992 – not married

+Harold Elwood Miller⁸ – 1925-1966 – married Louise May Frazier.

+Allen Leroy (Jack) Miller⁸ – 1931-1956 – married Hattie Fern Fox.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Viola *Fox* Judd**

Pauline Reva Judd⁷ (Mary Viola Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Pauline was born 10 August 1905 in Virginia, the daughter of Mary Viola *Fox* and Virgil H. Judd.

Pauline married **Alexander Frazier**, who was born 17 January 1901 in Virginia, the son of Newton and Sally Frazier.

Pauline retired from work at a canning factory in Luray, Virginia. Alexander retired as a saw mill operator.

Pauline was blind as the result of cataracts. She died at MontVue Nursing Home in Luray, Page County, Virginia on 8 April 1983 at the age of 77. The cause of death was a stroke. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Alexander died at the Life Care Center in New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia on 14 August 1985 at the age of 85. The cause of death was listed as infirmities of old age. He is buried next to his wife at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Pauline and Alexander had one daughter, who was born in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

+Doris June Frazier⁸ – 1931-2015 – married and divorced.

Myrtle B. Judd⁷ (Mary Viola Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Myrtle was born 17 October 1908 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Viola *Fox* and Virgil H. Judd.

On 1 January 1927 in Berryville, Clarke County, Virginia, Myrtle married **Claude Cecil Griffith**, who was born 4 August 1902 in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Joseph G. Griffith and Mamie *Colvin*. Myrtle and Claude lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia, and Claude worked for a creamery company.

He died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 2 December 1978 at the age of 76. The cause of death was cancer of the trachea and esophagus. Claude is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Myrtle died 26 August 1979 in Page County, Virginia. She is buried next to her husband Claude at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

John William Judd⁷ (Mary Viola Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 6 July 1917 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Viola *Fox* and Virgil Henry Judd.

John served as a Pfc. in the U.S. Army during WWII. On 3 June 1943 John married **Elva Catherine Griffith**, who was born 17 August 1923 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Harper Gilbert Griffith and Bessie Mae *Ellis*.

John died 4 January 1989 at the age of 71. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Elva died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on Tuesday, 23 September 2014 at the age of 91. She is buried beside her husband John at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. No record of children was found.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ida Bell Fox Fox**

Ermon Luther Fox⁷ (Ida Bell Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ermon was born 18 March 1895 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Ida Bell *Fox* and Edward Benton Fox.

Ermon married **Anna Fern Bradley**, who was born 27 September 1897 in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of John G. Bradley and Medora *Shenk*.

Erman worked as a foreman at the Luray Motor Company in Luray, Virginia. He died at Kimball, Page County, Virginia on 24 December 1950 at the age of 55 years, nine months and 11 days. The cause of death was a stroke. Ermon is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Anna died while a resident at Shawnee Springs Nursing Home in Winchester, Virginia, on 15 July 1985 at the age of 88. The cause of death was pneumonia. She is also buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Ermon and Anna had two children, both born in Page County, Virginia.

+Laura Isabelle Fox⁸ – 1915-1957 – married (1) Griffith and (2) Fraley

+John Edward Fox⁸ – 1917-1987 – married (1) *Deavers*-Carter and (2) *Miller*-Bailey

Bergie Franklin Fox⁷ (Ida Bell Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bergie was born 23 January 1901 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Ida Bell *Fox* and Edward Benton Fox.

On 30 March 1934 Bergie married **Blanch Merle Cliser Shenk**⁷, who was born 12 March 1904 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Herbert Melanchthon Cliser and Carrie *Batman*. (See page 583 for Merle's family connection). Merle was the former wife of Reuben Allen Shenk (1902-1993). Bergie and Merle lived in Luray, Virginia. He was a salesman for the Hess Monument Company.

Nineteen days after suffering a heart attack, Bergie died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 19 September 1967 at the age of 66. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Merle died at the Hawksbill Rest Home in Luray, Virginia, on 27 January 2000 at the age of 95. She is buried beside her husband Bergie at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Charles Hubert Fox**

Cary Miller Fox⁷ (Charles Hubert Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Cary was born 20 May 1901 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Charles Hubert Fox and Lucy (Lulu) Dora *Carpenter*.

On 29 December 1927 Cary married **Lucille Updyke**, who was born 12 February 1899 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John Henry Updyke and Annie Elizabeth *Kibler*. In the 1930s and 1940s they lived on their farm in Stonewall, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Cary died at home in Brandy Station, Culpeper County, Virginia on 6 May 1970 at the age of 68. The possible cause of death was carcinoma of the bladder. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Lucille died 21 February

1986 in Page County, Virginia. She is buried next to her husband Cary at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Cary and Lucille had no children.

Charles Collier Fox⁷ (Charles Hubert Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 29 November 1903 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Charles Hubert Fox and Lucy (Lula) Dora *Carpenter*.

On 31 October 1926 in Culpeper, Rappahannock County, Virginia, Charles married (1) **Vinda Elizabeth Kibler**, who was born 22 January 1905 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Reuben Taylor Kibler and Nellie Grace *Kemp*. Charles and Vinda separated in May of 1935. They were divorced 10 June 1938 in Rappahannock County, Virginia. They had one child (a son) born 30 November 1932.

On 12 January 1939 at Flint Hill, Rappahannock County, Virginia, before a minister of the Baptist Church, Charles remarried **Vinda Elizabeth Kibler Fox**. Charles was a farmer and a gas station operator. Vinda was a school teacher.

Charles died 3 October 1988 at the age of 84. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Vinda, died 11 October 1993 at the age of 88. She is buried next to her husband Charles at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Charles and Vinda only had one child, the son mentioned above (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Ella Nora *Fox* Mauck**

Annie Elizabeth Mauck⁷ (Ella Nora Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Annie was born 24 January 1904 at Kimball in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Ella Nora *Fox* and Wilbie Lacurgus Mauck.

On 25 December 1923 in Page County, Virginia, Annie married (1) **Pinkney Davis Morgan**, who was born 10 January 1895 in Rockbridge County, Virginia. His parents were John and Reva Morgan. Annie and Pinkney Morgan lived in Akron, Ohio, and a son was born to them there. Annie and Pinkney were later divorced. Pinkney died 28 January 1971 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio.

Annie married (2) **Lee Raymond Arbogast**, who was born 7 April 1902. He was a resident of Akron, Ohio. Raymond died 16 May 1963 at the age of 61. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Annie died at Akron, Ohio on 18 November 1980 at the age of 76. She is buried next to her second husband Raymond Arbogast at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Virginia. Annie had a son from her first marriage to Pinkney Morgan.

+Jennings Davis Morgan⁸ – 1924-1989 – marital status unknown.

Edgar Lynn Mauck⁷ (Ella Nora Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lynn (preferred) was born 10 January 1907 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Ella Nora *Fox* and Wilbie Lacurgus Mauck.

On 11 January 1930 in Page County, Virginia, Lynn married **Emma Daisy Painter**, who was born 30 January 1913 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ruffner Reuben Painter (1874-1944) and Sarah Elizabeth *Broy* (1877-1950).

Lynn was a supervisor for the Virginia State Highway Department, having first started out as a highway patrolman. Lynn and Emma lived in Rileyville, Page County, Virginia.

Lynn died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Page County, Virginia on 11 November 1966 at the age of 59. He was treated at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia, for carcinoma of the bladder until his condition became terminal. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Emma died 12 November 2004 at the age of 91. She is buried beside her husband Lynn at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Lynn and Emma had at least two children, both daughters (private).

Glendon Oscar Mauck⁷ (Ella Nora Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glendon was born 20 September 1909¹⁹¹ in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Ella Nora *Fox* and Wilbie Lacurgus Mauck.

Glendon married (1) **Virginia (Jennie) Harriet Akers**, who was born 14 January 1915 in Rock County, Virginia, the daughter of Warren J. Akers and Effie *Shephard*.

Jennie died 10 August 1952 at the age of 37. The cause of death was unknown—she was found deceased in their home in Roanoke, Virginia. However, Jennie had a history of asthmatic attacks. She is buried at Sherwood Burial Park in Salem City, Virginia.

On 7 March 1954 in Bristol, Sullivan County, Tennessee, Glendon married again (private). Glendon's second wife remarried after his death.

Glendon was the Area Maintenance Engineer for the Hercules Powder Company in Radford, Virginia, where he lived.

Glendon died at Radford Arsenal Hospital in Radford (Montgomery County), Virginia on 17 January 1968, age 58, as the result of stroke. He is buried at Sherwood Burial Park in Salem City, Virginia.

Glendon had three children from his first marriage to Jennie—all private except for his eldest son. It is possible he had children from his second marriage.

+Berkley Warren Mauck⁸ – 1935-1952 – 17 years old.

¹⁹¹ Glendon's birth certificate gives the day of his birth as the 20th—his death certificate says Sept. 21.

Rachel Edna Mauck⁷ (Ella Nora Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rachel was born 16 May 1913 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ella Nora *Fox* and Wilbie Lacurgus Mauck.

On 18 September 1932, Rachel married **Claude Ernest Smith**, who was born 12 April 1911. In 1940 Claude was working as a clerk in a retail meat store.

Claude died in Page County, Virginia on 8 June 1988 at the age of 77. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Rachel died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on 25 November 2007 at the age of 94. She is buried next to her husband Claude at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Rachel and Claude were survived by two children—twin daughters—born c. 1935; two grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and two gr-gr-grandchildren (private).

Rachel was preceded in death by a foster son, Clarence Lee Woodward. Clarence was born 5 December 1943 and was orphaned by the death of his parents George Woodward and Emma Blanche *Smith*. Rachel and Claude took him into their home and Clarence made his home with Rachel and Claude from the time he was six years old. He did have two brothers who lived in Stanley, Page County, Virginia. Clarence lived in Luray, but he died at Charlottesville, Virginia on 20 January 1995 at the age of 51. Clarence is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Hilda Virginia Mauck⁷ (Ella Nora Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hilda was born 21 November 1915 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ella Nora *Fox* and Wilbie Lacurgus Mauck.

Hilda married (1) **Joseph Earl Kibler**, who was born 13 September 1910 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph F. Kibler and Alma *Heiston*. Joseph was a retail merchant in Luray, as well as a volunteer fireman. Hilda and Joseph Kibler were divorced sometime prior to 1954. He married (2) Ada Virginia *Ponn* (1922-1963). Joseph died 25 December 1968, and he is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

On 16 November 1954 in Fairfax County, Virginia, Hilda married (2) **William McBride**, who was 53 years-old and a widower. He was the son of Jerome N. McBride and Cora Belle *Mitchell*. Hilda and William divorced.

On 21 November 1958 in New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia, 41-year-old twice-divorced, Hilda married (3) **Cornelius Lorenzo Dofflemoyer**, a 38-year-old single man. He was the son of Hubert Stanley Dofflemoyer and Catherine Minnie *Clem*. Cornelius died 31 August 1982 at the age of 62. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Hilda died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 13 February 1986 at the age of 70. Cause of death was a stroke. She is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Virginia, next to her third husband Cornelius Dofflemoyer.

During her first marriage to Joseph Earl Kibler, Hilda had four children: two sons and two daughters. Three are still living and one son James is deceased (see next page).

+James (Jimmy) Earl Kibler⁸ – 1935-2009 – married with children.

Evelyn Rebecca Mauck⁷ (Ella Nora Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Evelyn was born 15 August 1917 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ella Nora Fox and Wilbie Lacurgus Mauck.

Before she married, Evelyn was employed as a receptionist in a doctor's office in Luray. On 6 July 1944 Evelyn married **Keith Willis Sanders**, who was born 4 December 1917 at Hawarden, Sioux County, Iowa, the son of Francis Laverne Sanders and Rena Marie Wampfler.

Evelyn had been in failing health and was a patient at the M. L. McCreedy Home in Washington, Iowa, when she died 24 March 2001 at the age of 83. Evelyn is buried at Elm Grove Cemetery in Washington, Washington County, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her two brothers, Edgar and Glendon; and two sisters, Annie and Hilda. At the time of her death, Evelyn had been survived by her sister Rachel—however; Rachel followed her in death in 2007.

Keith was also a patient at M. L. McCreedy Home in Washington, Iowa. After a lengthy illness, Keith died there on 19 May 2001 at the age of 83. He is buried beside his wife Evelyn at Elm Grove Cemetery in Washington, Iowa. Evelyn and Keith had four children. They are survived by one son, one daughter, 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren (private). One son and a daughter are deceased (shown here).

+Eleanor Rebecca Sanders⁸ – 1939-2013 – married name Timmons.

+Kenwood W. (Plywood) Sanders⁸ – 1946-2014 – married—no information.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
William Lee Fox**

William Randolph Fox⁷ (William Lee Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 13 October 1910 in Page County, Virginia, the son of William Lee Fox and Ollie Rae Viands.

On October 5, 1940 William married (2) **Myrtle Christine Eidsaa**, who was born 11 July 1910 at Hoffman, Grant County, Minnesota, the daughter of Peter A. Eidsaa and Marie C. Mattson.

In 1940¹⁹² William was living in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, with his younger brother Elwood. At that time William was listed as divorced. William was a guard in the employ of the U.S. Government. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII with the rank of Lt. Col.

¹⁹² 1940 federal census—Henrico County, Virginia.

William died 8 November 1955 at the age of 45. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia—Section 30, Site: 1041-C.

Myrtle was living in Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia, when she died 13 September 1993 at the age of 83. She is buried beside her husband William at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. William and Myrtle had three children—one son and two daughters (all private).

Elwood Franklin Fox⁷ (William Lee Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elwood was born 25 April 1917 in Page County, Virginia, the son of William Lee Fox and Ollie Rae Viands.

On 7 September 1940 in Rowan County, North Carolina, Elwood married (1) **Margaret May Cranford**, who was born 15 May 1918 in Spencer, Rowan County, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Edmond E. Cranford and Ada M. Hayes.

After 37 years of marriage, Elwood and Margaret separated in 1977 and on 27 June 1988 in Orange County, Virginia, they were divorced.

On 5 July 1988 in Orange County, Virginia, Elwood married (2) **Marjorie Ann Roeber**, who was born 29 December 1930 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Her parents were John Frederick Roeber and Stella Jane Brown.

Margaret died 29 March 1996 at the age of 77. She had been a patient at the Orange County Nursing Home in Orange, Virginia.

Elwood died in Albemarle County, Virginia on 15 January 2010 at the age of 92—burial unknown. Two children were born to Elwood and Margaret during their marriage (both private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Bertha Violetta Fox Cave**

James Franklin Cave⁷ (Bertha Violetta Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 12 August 1903 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Bertha Violetta Fox and Rev. Ernest Lee Cave, Sr.

On 25 December 1941 in Rockingham County, Virginia, James married (1) a 33-year-old widow **Zelma Rae Blake Koontz**. She was born 20 September 1909 in Pender County, North Carolina, the daughter of Alonzo Cornelius Blake (1880-1955) and Bessie Ann Harrell (1880-1979). James and Zelma were married by a minister of the Church of the Brethren. Zelma was formerly married to Owen A. Koontz, who was born 1903 and died in 1940.

Zelma died at Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia, on 17 September 1970 at the age of 60. She is interred at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens, Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia.

James was a resident of Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia, and on 12 June 1971, at the age of 67, he married (2) a 69-year-old widow **Lula Mae Comer Bennett**. They were married in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia. Lula was born 29 September 1901 in Virginia, the daughter of Isaac Samuel Comer and Mollie Elizabeth *Varnier*. She was a resident of St. Petersburg, Florida. Her first husband was Dallas Truen Bennett (1903-1966).

Lula died 15 August 1977 at the age of 75. She is buried at Mount Zion Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia next to her first husband Dallas Bennett. James and his first wife Zelma had one child, a daughter.

+Frances Ann (Fran) Cave⁸ – 1944-2004 – married Chapman (private).

Elsie Lee Cave⁷ (Bertha Violetta Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elsie was born 10 August 1910 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Bertha Violetta *Fox* and Rev. Ernest Lee Cave, Sr.

Elsie married **Roy Eldridge Roudabush**, who was born 23 October 1907 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Hiram Eldridge Roudabush (1865-1955) and Virginia Elizabeth *Strole* (1885-1975).

For a number of years, Elsie was an assistant cashier at the Virginia National Bank at Shenandoah, Virginia. She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Shenandoah, Virginia.

Roy died December 1985 at the age of 78, and he is buried at Coverstone Cemetery in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia.

Elsie died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital on Monday afternoon, 17 March 1986 at the age of 75. She is buried beside her husband Roy at Coverstone Cemetery, Shenandoah, Virginia. Elsie and Roy had two children, a son and a daughter, both born in Page County, Virginia.

+James Eldridge Roudabush⁸ – 1934-2006 – married at least twice.

+Martha Lee Roudabush⁸ – 1938-1950 – 12 years old.

Louise Cave⁷ (Bertha Violetta Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Louise was born 31 January 1913 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Bertha Violetta *Fox* and Rev. Ernest Lee Cave, Sr.

On 9 October 1942 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, Louise married **George William Sedwick**, who was born 16 May 1909 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Nathan Tassell Sedwick and Mary Frances *Keyser*. George was a banker in Luray, Virginia.

Louise died 26 January 1977 at the age of 63. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. No record was found that she had children.

After Louise's death, on 12 July 1985, George married (2) Mary Rebecca *Hudson* (1926-2004). George died at Luray, Page County, Virginia on 16 May 1993 at the age of 84. He is buried next to his first wife Louise at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Ruth Elizabeth Cave⁷ (Bertha Violetta Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth was born 6 November 1916 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Bertha Violetta *Fox* and Rev. Ernest Lee Cave, Sr.

Ruth married **Stuart Carter Steele**, who was born 4 April 1916 in Virginia, the son of Grover Cleveland Steele (1887-1946) and Ollie W. *Robertson* (1894-1989). Stuart was a civil engineer. They lived in Arlington, Virginia.

Ruth died 22 March 2004 at the age of 87. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia – Sec. 17, Lot 12.

Stuart died in Henrico County, Virginia on 4 July 2004 at the age of 88. He is buried next to his wife Ruth at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia – Sec. 17, Lot 12. Ruth and Stuart had at least one child, a son who was born in Washington, D.C. (private).

June Cave⁷ (Bertha Violetta Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) June was born 25 September 1922 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Bertha Violetta *Fox* and Rev. Ernest Lee Cave, Sr. June was the twin of Ernest Lee Cave, Jr., who died as an infant.

On 26 January 1947, June married **Richard W. (Dick) March**, who was born 1925, the son of Clarence F. March (1900-2003) and Ethel M. Davis (1902-1959).

Dick died 1 May 2014. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

June died in New York on 27 November 2016 at the age of 94. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. No record of children was found.

Ernest Lee Cave, Jr.⁷ (Bertha Violetta Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ernest, Jr. was born 25 September 1922 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Bertha Violetta *Fox* and Rev. Ernest Lee Cave, Sr. and the twin brother of June *Cave* March.

Ernest, Jr. died 19 July 1923 at the age of 10 months. Ernest, Jr. is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He is buried next to his infant sister Adalaid *Cave*, who was born and died on 18 May 1917.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Edward Franklin Fox**

Edward Randolph Fox⁷ (Edward Franklin Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Randolph was born 8 July 1910 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Edward Franklin Fox, Sr. and Anna Flora *Moyer*. Randolph's name as shown here was on his death certificate—however, it is believed he was called Randolph by the family.

Randolph died at home on 20 September 1919 at the age of nine. The cause of death was inflammation of the heart. He is buried next to his parents at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Anna Belle Fox⁷ (Edward Franklin Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anna Belle was born 24 May 1912 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Edward Franklin Fox, Sr. and Anna Flora *Moyer*.

When they were both still teenagers, Anna Belle married (1) **Harry C. Kibler**. In 1930 Harry was working as a clerk in a grocery store in Luray, Virginia. Anna Belle and Harry Kibler were later divorced.

On 4 November 1938 at Arlington, Virginia, Anna Belle married (2) **Bryant Burke**, who was born 13 May 1911 Washington County, Virginia, the son of Joshua M. Burke and Ada *Fincham*. Bryant had served in the peacetime U.S. Army 1931-1937.

In 1940 Anna Belle and Bryant lived in Washington, D.C. and Bryant was a street car operator for the transit system. Later they lived in Luray, Virginia, and Anna Belle worked as a nurse's aide at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray.

Anna Belle died at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia, on 23 November 1966 at the age of 54. The cause of death was respiratory failure due to leukemia. Anna Belle is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Bryant died in Broward County, Florida, on 20 February 1979 at the age of 67. He is buried next to his wife Anna Belle at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Anna Belle and Bryant had at least one child, a daughter, who was born at Washington, D.C.

+Sue Carole Burke⁸ – 1944-2015 – married Richard (Dick) Allen Moyer.

John Harold Fox⁷ (Edward Franklin Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 24 June 1915 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Edward Franklin Fox, Sr. and Anna Flora *Moyer*.

On 3 July 1940 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, with a minister of the Lutheran Church officiating, John married **Lillian Marguerite Keyser**, who was born 15

December 1919 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ernest Leon Keyser and Louella Lee *Lineweaver*. During WWII, John served as a corporal in the U.S. Army. In public life he was an auto body repairman. They lived in Luray, Virginia.

John died at Winchester Hospital in Winchester, Virginia, on 10 November 1973 at the age of 58. The cause of death was cardiorespiratory arrest due to pulmonary embolus. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Edward Franklin Fox, Jr.⁷ (Edward Franklin Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edward was born 25 October 1917 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Edward Franklin Fox Sr. and Anna Flora *Moyer*.

Edward married **Jane Elizabeth Stover**, who was born 8 January 1922 in Virginia, the daughter of Elmer C. Stover and Margaret C. *Campbell*.

Edward served in the U.S. Navy during WWII—1941-1945. In private life he was service manager for the Dick Strauss car dealership in Richmond, Virginia.

Edward died at the VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia, on 24 December 1981 at the age of 64. The cause of death was a massive stroke. Edward is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Jane died in Fairfax County, Virginia on 22 February 1994 at the age of 72. Her last residence was Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia. She is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Virginia. No information was found regarding children.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
William Keller Alther**

Frederick Thornton Alther⁷ (William Keller Alther⁶, William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frederick was born 6 May 1910 in Nebraska, the son of William Keller Alther and Julia C. *Woore*.

While still a young boy the family moved to Buffalo, Erie County, New York, and that is where Frederick grew up, went to school, and lived for most of his life.

Frederick enlisted in the New York National Guard in Buffalo on 7 May 1928 at the age of 18. He served in the 3rd Division, 3rd Battalion, and was discharged prior to WWII. Frederick married **Helen Dorothy Grady**, who was born 19 March 1914 in New York.

According to the city directories for Buffalo, New York, Frederick was a retail dealer in music and musical instruments.

Helen was living in Buffalo when she died in May of 1993. She is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, Erie County, New York—Section 1.

Frederick's last residence was Churchville, Monroe County, New York. He died 5 July 1997 at the age of 87. He is buried next to his wife Helen at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, New York. Frederick and Helen had two children, both born in New York.

+Barbara Lee Alther⁸ – 1943-2005 – married (private).
+William Grady Alther⁸ – not married.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Sarah Elizabeth Alther Bowman**

Paul E. Bowman⁷ (Sarah Elizabeth Alther⁶, William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Paul was born 1898 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Sarah (Sadie) Elizabeth Alther and Byrd Alexander Bowman.

Paul married **Mary Ann Gavin**, who was born 1905 in Maryland, the daughter of John and Margaret Gavin of Piedmont, Maryland.

Between 1929 and 1942, Mary Ann was employed at the Luke Paper Mill in Luke, Maryland, as a secretary to the local managers. Paul and Mary Ann lived in Luke, Allegany County, Maryland.

Mary Ann died 15 November 1967 at the age of 62. She is buried at Philos Cemetery, Westernport, Allegany County, Maryland – Lot 340, Friendship Addition.

Paul Bowman died 1978 at the age of 80. He is buried next to his wife Mary Ann at Philos Cemetery, Westernport, Maryland – Lot 340, Friendship Addition. Paul and Mary Ann were survived by one son (private).

Ray Oliver Bowman⁷ (Sarah Elizabeth Alther⁶, William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ray was born 13 September 1900 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Sarah (Sadie) Elizabeth Alther and Byrd Alexander Bowman.

Ray married **Wanda Marie Anna Seehafer**, who was born 15 May 1901 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, daughter of Julius Seehafer and Rebecca Schmorgo.

In 1940 Ray and Wanda and their children lived in Steubenville, Ohio. Before that they lived in Riverside, Providence County, Rhode Island. Earlier they lived in Pennsylvania. Ray was a chemical engineer working in chemical plants.

Ray's last place of residence was Follansbee, Brooke County, West Virginia. He died at Trinity West Hospital in Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio on 25 June 1982 at the age of 81. Ray is buried at Highland Hills Memorial Gardens in Follansbee, Brooke County, West Virginia.

Wanda died at Trinity West Hospital in Steubenville, Ohio on 31 October 1983 at the age of 82. She is buried next to her husband Ray at Highland Hills Memorial Gardens in Follansbee, West Virginia. Ray and Wanda had three children, one daughter and two sons. One of the sons is still living (private).

+Wanda Carolyn Bowman⁸ – 1926-2008 – married Frank Victor Weiler.
+Bruce A. Bowman⁸ – 1933-2008 – no information on marriage.

Carl A. Bowman⁷ (Sarah Elizabeth Alther⁶, William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carl was born 25 September 1907 in Maryland, the son of Sarah (Sadie) Elizabeth *Alther* and Byrd Alexander Bowman.

Carl married **Ethel Virginia Roberts**, who was born 12 November 1901, the daughter of Edwin James Roberts (1865-1949) and Mary Buchanan *Rankin* (1868-1918).

Ethel died 16 July 1971 at the age of 69. She is buried at Philos Cemetery in Westernport, Allegany County, Maryland – Lot 180, Friendship Addition.

Carl's last address was Mars, Butler County, Pennsylvania. He died 21 September 1987, just four days before his 80th birthday. Carl is buried at Philos Cemetery, Westernport, Maryland – Lot 180, Friendship Addition. No record of children was available.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Frances Keller *Alther* Sale**

Douglas Andrew Sale⁷ (Frances Keller Alther⁶, William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Douglas was born 15 May 1907 in Winchester City, Virginia, the son of Frances Keller *Alther* and William Andrew Sale.

Douglas graduated from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia.

On 26 December 1936 in Winchester, Virginia, Douglas married **Harriet Atkinson Pearson**, who was born 4 March 1907.

Harriet died April 1983 at the age of 47. She is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia.

Douglas died 24 August 1989 at the age of 82. He is also buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Lolah Lois *Alther* Forney**

Forrest Andrew Forney⁷ (Lolah Lois Alther⁶, William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Forrest was born 11 October 1905 in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Lolah Lois *Alther* and Raymond R. Forney.

Forrest never married. After his father's early death, Forrest and his widowed mother made their home together. In 1955 he and his mother Lolah were living in Miami, Dade County, Florida.

Forrest and his mother continued to make their home in Florida. Forrest died in Dade County, Florida in May of 1965 at the age of 59. Since he never married, he left no issue.

Lois M. Forney⁷ (Lolah Lois Alther⁶, William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lois was born 23 July 1908 in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Lolah Lois *Alther* and Raymond R. Forney.

On 8 May 1928 Lois married **Max W. Lewis**, who was born 23 February 1902 in Darksville, Berkeley County, West Virginia. He was the son of Charles B. Lewis and Ida Mae Wagely. Max was a fruit broker in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, their long-time home.

Max died at their home in Winchester on 9 April 1981 at the age of 79 as the result of a stroke. He is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery at Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia.

Lois continued to live in Winchester, Virginia, and died there on 6 June 1992 at the age of 83. Lois and Max had one child, a daughter.

+Patricia Ann Lewis⁸ – 1931-1991 – she was not married.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
William Allie Alther**

John W. Alther⁷ (William Allie Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 24 October 1917 in Virginia, the son of William Allie Alther and Lillie E. *Burke*.

Following his parents separation, in 1935, John lived in Washington, D.C. with his mother and his brother Robert. He later worked as a painter. In April 1944 he was mustered into the U.S. Marine Corps as a private, and was stationed at the First Recruit Battalion, Recruit Depot, Marine Barracks, Parris Island, South Carolina.

On 26 June 1965 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, John married **Hilda M. Jones**. John died March 1974. No record of his burial location was found. Also no further information on his marriage or any children was available.

Robert M. Alther⁷ (William Allie Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 5 June 1922 in Virginia, the son of William Allie Alther and Lillian E. *Burke*.

On 18 July 1942 at Flint Hill, Rappahannock County, Virginia, Robert married **Mildred Lucille Silvey**. She was born 8 May 1925 in Amissville, Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of John W. Silvey and Irene *Hitt*.

Robert served in the U.S. Army during WWII from 1942 until 1945. Robert and Lucille lived in Washington, D.C., where he worked as a painter, Mildred was a bookkeeper.

Robert died in Washington, D.C. on 20 December 1985 at the age of 62.

Mildred died at Ann Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Maryland on 27 January 2014 at the age 88. Mildred was interred at Hitt-Eisenmann Family Cemetery in

Amissville, Virginia. Robert and Mildred were survived by four daughters, two sons, 13 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and 11 gr-gr-grandchildren (all private).

Madeline Alther⁷ (William Allie Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Madeline was born circa 1926 in Virginia, the daughter of William Allie Alther and Lillie E. *Burke*.

By 1935 her parents were separated and her mother Lillie and her two brothers had moved to Washington, D.C. Madeline was living with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thomas Moore in Jackson, Rappahannock County, Virginia. She was listed as their adopted daughter. Mrs. Moore (Bertha) may have been the sister of Lillie Alther, Madeline's mother.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
From son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
David Austin Alther**

Ivan Donald Alther⁷ (David Austin Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Clem³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ivan was born 30 December 1911 in Massaponax, Spotsylvania County, Virginia. He was the son of David Austin Alther and Rachel Eliza *Griffin*.

Ivan was an aviation metalsmith in the U.S. Navy during WWII—stationed in San Diego, San Diego County, California.

He married **Rubie Wearne**, who was born 17 December 1909 in Colorado. They continued to make their home in California—moving to Los Angeles.

Ivan died in Los Angeles County, California on 9 April 1965 at the age of 53.

Rubie died in Los Angeles County, California on 21 August 1971 at the age of 71. Ivan and Rubie had four children, a son and three daughters, all born in California (all private).

Ruth Eleanor Alther⁷ (David Austin Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Clem³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth was born 12 February 1914 in Welch, Caroline County, Virginia, the daughter of David Austin Alther and Rachel Eliza *Griffin*.

Ruth and her sister Lillian attended Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia. They were in the sophomore class together in 1934.

Ruth married a man with the surname of Stuart. No information could be found on him. Ruth Stuart died 6 July 2000 at the age of 86.

Lillian Carol Alther⁷ (David Austin Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Clem³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lillian was born 19 September 1915 in Welches, Caroline County, Virginia, the daughter of David Austin Alther and Rachel Eliza *Griffin*.

Lillian attended Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia—shown here in 1934 during her sophomore year. After college, she worked as a typist for an engineering company. Lillian served in the Army 1945-1946. She married a man with the surname of Carter. No record was found regarding the marriage or any possible children. Lillian Carter died in Irvine, Dallas County, Texas on June 1995 at the age of 79.



David Lawrence Alther⁷ (David Austin Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Clem³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 6 April 1921 in Caroline County, Virginia, the son of David Austin Alther and Rachel Eliza *Griffin*.

David enlisted in the National Guard in Allegany County, Pennsylvania on 7 February 1941, and served in the U.S. Army Field Artillery during WWII—receiving a Bronze Star. After the war he entered the ministry.

On 5 July 1950 David married **May Irvine Thoroughman Dunn**. May had previously been married to George Dunn, whom she married in 1939 in Newport, Kentucky. She did have two children from that marriage. May was born 30 November 1910 in Tollesboro, Lewis County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of John Henry Thoroughman and Hanna Grace *Irvine*.

Rev. David Alther died in McIntosh County, Oklahoma on 21 January 2003 at the age of 81. He is buried at Park Grove Cemetery in Broken Arrow, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

May died in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on 21 September 2004 at the age of 93. She is buried at Park Grove Cemetery in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. She was survived by two children, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren from her first marriage. There was no evidence that any children were born during David and May's marriage.



Rachel Wilma Alther⁷ (David Austin Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Clem³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rachel was born 26 July 1927 in Caroline County, Virginia, the daughter of David Austin Alther and Rachel Eliza *Griffin*.

Rachel graduated from Herbert Hoover High School in San Diego, California. She is shown here in 1951.

On 9 May 1952 in San Diego County, California, Rachel married (1) **James R. Frazier**.

At the age of 30 on 2 February 1958 in Los Angeles County, California, Rachel married (2) **Thomas G. Irving**. Rachel Irving died 22 August 2002 at the age of 75—her last residence was San Diego, California.

Wilfred Charles Alther⁷ (David Austin Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Clem³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wilfred was born 14 November 1929 in Caroline County, Virginia, the son of David Austin Alther and Rachel Eliza *Griffin*.

In 1947, Wilfred graduated from Sweetwater High School in National City, California. Wilfred also chose to make his home in California and settled in San Diego.

No record was found to show that he ever married. He worked in the aerospace industry, and in the early 1960s he was an assembler for Convair—then in the 1970s he became a machinist at General Dynamics.

Wilfred died 3 May 1986 at the age of 56 in San Diego, County, California. No burial information was found.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Birkett Henry Alther**

Ethel Lee Alther⁷ (Birkett Henry Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ethel was born 2 February 1907 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Birkett (Buck) Henry Alther and Josephine (Josie) Lee *Cloud*.

On 15 March 1930 Ethel married **John Walker Mozingo**, who was born 10 January 1896 in Rappahannock County, Virginia. He was the son of Gideon Mozingo and Nellie *Lee*.

Ethel and John were living in Castleton, Culpeper County when Ethel died suddenly while sitting in her car at 9:00 a.m. on 8 January 1940. She was 32 years, 11 months and six days old. Her former physician said that Ethel had a bad heart valve leakage. She was very delicate, pale and had a look of being undernourished, which the doctor said was classic signs of that condition. Ethel is buried at an undisclosed cemetery in Culpeper County, Virginia.

After the death of Ethel, John lived with his parents in Rappahannock County, Virginia, for a short while. He then married (2) 29 year-old Gladys Gertrude *Dodson*, the daughter of Ernest Dodson and Neva Florence *Nicholson*.

John died in 1966 at the age of 70. He is buried at Gourdvine Baptist Church Cemetery in Rixeyville, Culpeper County, Virginia.

William Alfred Alther⁷ (Birkett Henry Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 17 June

1909 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Birkett (Buck) Henry Alther and Josephine (Josie) Lee *Cloud*.

On 14 December 1935 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, William married **Neva Clara Whorton**. Neva was born 5 August 1916 in Virginia, the daughter of Samuel Henry Wharton and Julia *Hitt*.

Neva died at home in Castleton, Rappahannock County, Virginia, on 13 September 1981 at the age of 65. She is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, Culpeper County, Virginia.

William died in Albemarle County, Virginia on 23 September 1988—age of 79. Although no evidence was found, it is assumed that William is also buried at Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, Virginia. William and Neva had at least one child, a son.

+Winston Lee Alther⁸ – 1936-1961 – never married – died in a farm accident.

Wallenham (Wallie) Alther⁷ (Birkett Henry Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wallie was born 26 March 1915 in Virginia, the son of Birkett (Buck) Henry Alther and Josephine (Josie) Lee *Cloud*.

Wallie was proprietor of a grocery store in Culpeper, Virginia. On 10 June 1939 Wallie married **Etta Mae Bayne**, the daughter of Norman Henry Bayne and Frances Elizabeth *Kerns*. Wallie and Etta Mae separated 26 July 1953 and were divorced 25 February 1957 in Culpeper County, Virginia.

Wallie died at The Towers Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia on 17 February 1979 at the age of 63. The cause of death was lung cancer. Wallie is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, Culpeper County, Virginia.

Elizabeth Browning Alther⁷ (Birkett Henry Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elizabeth was born 25 August 1917 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Birkett (Buck) Alther and Josephine (Josie) *Copenhaver*.

On 20 January 1936 at the age of 18, Elizabeth married (1) 30-year old **Ulysses Stover Grant**. He was born circa 1906 in Culpeper County, Virginia, the son of Spurgeon and Mittie T. Grant. Elizabeth worked for a garment company, and Ulysses was a farmer.

After six years and two months of marriage, Elizabeth and Ulysses were divorced on 31 March 1942 in Culpeper County, Virginia. There was one minor child.

On 9 June 1945 in Culpeper County, Virginia, a minister of the Methodist Church officiating, Elizabeth married **Steven Joseph Ippolito**, a member of the U.S. Army. Steven was born 1 April 1909 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, the son of Joseph C. Ippolito and Josephine C. *Cali*.

Steven served in the U.S. Army from 21 May 1942 – 31 October 1945. He then became a long-time employee of the U.S., Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Co. in Chicago, Illinois.

Steven and Elizabeth were living at Oak Lawn, Cook County, Illinois, when Steven died 23 September 1976 at the age of 67.

Elizabeth continued to live at Oak Lawn, Illinois. She died 20 December 2013 at the age of 96. No information was found regarding her child/children. Also, no burial information was found.

John Marshall Alther⁷ (Birkett Henry Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 16 January 1921 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Birkett (Buck) Alther and Josephine (Josie) *Copenhaver*.

On 9 June 1945 John married **Drusilla Marie Brown**, who was born 23 August 1922 in Lignum, Culpeper County, Virginia. Marie (her preferred name) was the daughter of Charlie Martin Brown and Edna Marie *Myers*.

At the time of their marriage, John was working as a clerk for Southern Garment Manufacturing Co. in Culpeper, and Marie was a machine operator at the same company. Marie then worked in food services for the Culpeper County School System for 20 years, retiring as manager. She was a member of the Culpeper Methodist Church and taught Sunday school at the church for 48 years.

John died 20 December 2000 in Culpeper, Virginia. He is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, Culpeper County, Virginia.

Marie died at the Blue Ridge Christian Home in Bealeton, Fauquier County, Virginia on Monday, 23 March 2009 at the age of 86. She is buried next to her husband at Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, Virginia. John and Marie are survived by four sons, two daughters, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild (all private).

Thomas Henry Alther⁷ (Birkett Henry Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thomas was born 20 March 1925 in Laurel Mills, Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Birkett (Buck) Alther and Josephine (Josie) *Cloud*.

Thomas served as a Pfc. in the U. S. Army during WWII.

On 6 February 1943 in Culpeper, Culpeper County, Virginia, before a minister of the Methodist Church, Thomas married **Margaret Russell Kincer**. She was the daughter of Hugh Kincer and Frances Josephine *Copenhaver*. Margaret graduated from Brandy Station High School. She worked in the Lake Ridge School system in Gary, Indiana, returned to Culpeper, and then worked at The White Shop until she retired. She was a member of the Culpeper United Methodist Church.

Thomas died 30 July 2006 at the age of 81. He is buried at the Culpeper National Cemetery in Culpeper, Culpeper County, Virginia – Section 10, Site 40.

Margaret died at Culpeper Regional Hospital on Sunday, 3 August 2014 at the age of 92. She is buried next to her husband Thomas at the Culpeper National Cemetery in Culpeper, Virginia – Section 10, Site 40.

Thomas and Margaret are survived by one son, three daughters, seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
George Alther**

Irene M. Alther⁷ (George Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Irene was born 19 October 1918 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of George Alther and Lillian *Clatterbuck*.

On 23 November 1935 Irene married **Wade Amos Frazier**, who was born 5 September 1900 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Lewis Amos Frazier and Isabel *Fletcher*.

Irene and Wade lived in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia. He worked as a farm laborer.

Wade died 25 June 1956 in Sperryville, Virginia at the age of 55. The cause of death was cancer of the throat. He is buried at Sperryville Cemetery in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Irene died at MontVue Nursing Home in Luray, Page County, Virginia, on 5 December 2014 at the age of 96. She is buried at Sperryville Cemetery in Sperryville, Virginia. Irene and Wade were survived by two sons, two daughters, 10 grandchildren, 18 gr-gr-grandchildren and 3 gr-gr-grandchildren (all private).

Levi (Lee) Alther⁷ (George Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Levi was born 25 September 1920 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of George Alther and Lillian *Clatterbuck*.

Levi served in the U.S. Army in Germany during WWII. He was an employee of many years with the Arlington, Virginia, school system. He was also a farmer.

On 14 March 1946 in Culpeper County, Virginia, before a minister of the Baptist Church, Levi married **Edna Virginia Ralls**, who was born 12 June 1920 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Houston George Washington Ralls (1893-1943) and Callie Virginia *Clatterbuck* (1893-1978). Edna's younger sister Hilda May *Ralls* married the younger brother of her husband Levi.

Edna died 8 May 1993 at the age of 72. She is buried at Sperryville Cemetery in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Levi died peacefully at Royal Haven Assisted Living in Front Royal, Virginia, on Monday, 2 June 2014 at the age of 93. He is buried beside his wife Edna at Sperryville Cemetery in Sperryville, Virginia.

Levi and Edna were survived by two sons, one daughter and two grandchildren (all private).

Alice Alther⁷ (George Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alice was born 26 July 1922 in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of George Alther and Lillian *Clatterbuck*.

On 30 June 1945 before a minister of the Baptist Church in Rappahannock County, Virginia, Alice married **Raymond George Washington Ralls**. He was born 25

July 1918 in Warren County, Virginia, the son of Houston George Washington Ralls (1893-1943) and Callie Virginia *Clatterbuck* (1893-1978). Raymond was the brother of Edna Virginia *Ralls* and Hilda May *Ralls*, who each married brothers of Alice *Alther* Ralls (the wife of Raymond).

Alice died 1 November 2001 at the age of 79. She is buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Raymond died at his residence in Sperryville on Sunday, 31 October 2010 at the age of 92. He is buried next to his wife at the Masonic Cemetery in Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Alice and Raymond were survived by two sons (both private). One daughter predeceased them—Mary Elizabeth Ralls⁸

John William Alther⁷ (George Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 27 June 1924 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of George Alther and Lillian *Clatterbuck*.

He married **Hilda May Ralls**, who was born 17 March 1929 in Warren County, Virginia, the daughter of Houston George Washington Ralls (1893-1943) and Callie Virginia *Clatterbuck* (1893-1978). Hilda's older sister Edna Virginia *Ralls* married John's older brother Levi.

John and his wife Hilda were members of the Pentecostal Church in Sperryville, Virginia, for many years.

Hilda died at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, on Tuesday, 26 July 2011. She is buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

John died at MontVue Nursing Home in Luray, Page County, Virginia on Thursday, 22 March 2012. He had formerly been a resident of Sperryville, Virginia. John is buried next to his wife Hilda at the Washington Masonic Cemetery in Washington, Virginia.

John and Hilda had no children of their own—however, they were survived by 17 nieces and nephews, and many other family members (all private).

George William Alther⁷ (George Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 23 November 1933 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of George Alther and Lillian *Clatterbuck*. George was single.

He lived with his parents in Sperryville, Virginia, and worked as a laborer in an apple orchard. George died a tragic death at the age of 21 years, 10 months and six days. He was instantly killed at 12:50 a.m. on 30 September 1955 in an automobile accident on the highway near Sperryville in the Piedmont District. George was buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Bessie Alther Woodard**

Kathryn Brown (Brownie) Woodard⁷ (Bessie Alther⁶, Jacob Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kathryn was born 19 September 1913 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Bessie *Alther* and Charles Hubert Woodard.

Kathryn attended James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. On 10 August 1931 she married **Virgil Hinkel (Hink) Griffith**, who was born 6 June 1905 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph Zirkle Griffith (1879-1942) and Mamie Ella *Colvin* (1884-1931).

Virgil died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on 10 December 1981 at the age of 78. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Kathryn died 17 March 1997 at the age of 83. She is buried beside her husband Virgil at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Kathryn and Virgil were survived by two daughters, six grandchildren and a great grandchild (all private).

Charles Daniel Woodard⁷ (Bessie Alther⁶, Jacob Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born March of 1915 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Bessie *Alther* and Charles Hubert Woodard. Charles died 1 January 1917 at the age of 22 months in Rappahannock County, Virginia, and he is buried at Sperryville Cemetery in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Hubert Wilson Woodard⁷ (Bessie Alther⁶, Jacob Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hubert was born 10 July 1917 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Bessie *Alther* and Charles Hubert Woodard.

On 26 October 1938 at Flint Hill in Rappahannock County, Virginia before a minister of the Methodist Church Hubert married **Lou Emma Clatterbuck**. She was born 1918 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of James Albert Clatterbuck and Olive *Jenkins*. Hubert and Emma lived in rural Rappahannock County, Virginia. Hubert died 7 March 1991 at the age of 73. He is buried at Sperryville Cemetery in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Susie Virginia Woodard⁷ (Bessie Alther⁶, Jacob Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Susie was born 10 May 1919 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Bessie *Alther* and Charles Hubert Woodard. On 5 September 1940 in Frederick County, Virginia before a minister of the Baptist Church, Susie married **Edward Wilson Woodard**, who was born 3 June 1914 in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Jack Woodard and Minnie *Clatterbuck*. Edward listed his occupation as a carpenter.

Edward died 14 February 1999 at the age of 84. His last residence was Norfolk, Virginia. Susie died 15 July 1999 at the age of 80. Her last residence was also Norfolk, Virginia. No record was found regarding children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Virgie Mary Alther Pullen**

James Henry Pullen⁷ (Virgie Mary Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 18 November 1923 in West Virginia. He was the son of Virgie Mary *Alther* and Joseph John Pullen.

James married **Frances Rene Sisk**, who was born 3 December 1924 at Peola Mills, Rappahannock, Virginia, the daughter of Andrew and Gladys Sisk.

James and Frances lived in Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia, where James was a mechanic. Frances is shown here.



James accidentally lost his life when their home caught fire and burned in the very early morning of 22 June 1986. Cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning and extensive burn injury. He was 62 years old. James is buried at the Pullen Family Cemetery in Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Frances was living in Warrenton, Virginia, when she died 4 December 2012, one day after her 88th birthday. Frances is buried at Bright View Cemetery in Warrenton, Fauquier County, Virginia.

James and Frances are survived by five children, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren (all private). One other child, a son as shown below is deceased.

+Ronald Lee Pullen⁸ – 1948-1987 – he never married – accidental death.

Mary Ellen Pullen⁷ (Virgie Mary Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Ellen was born 14 June 1924 in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, the daughter of Virgie Mary *Alther* and Joseph John Pullen.

On 2 March 1942 in Flint Hill, Rappahannock County, Virginia, with a minister of the Methodist Church officiating, Mary Ellen married **James William Thomas**. James was born 29 June 1921 in Virginia, the son of Willie Jobe Thomas and Virgie *Baker*. James was a self-employed tree surgeon.

He died three hours after suffering a heart attack at his home in Sperryville, Rappahannock, Virginia, on 7 April 1966 at the age of 44. James is buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Mary Ellen died at Culpeper Memorial Hospital in Culpeper, Rappahannock County, Virginia, on 1 April 1981 at the age of 56. The cause of death was cardiac arrest.

Mary Ellen is also buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Washington Virginia. Mary Ellen and James had at least one child, a daughter (private).

Virginia Lee Pullen⁷ (Virgie Mary Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia was born 26 September 1926 in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Virgie Mary *Alther* and Joseph John Pullen.

Virginia never married, and always lived at Sperryville. She died 3 January 1992 at the age of 65. Virginia is buried at Sperryville Cemetery in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Jonas Alther, Sr.**

Evelyn Marie Alther⁷ (Jonas Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵ Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Clem³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Evelyn was born 12 July 1930 in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Jonas Alther, Sr. and Louise Mildred *Jenkins*.

Evelyn was born and raised in Sperryville. She married **Bruce Henry Brown**, who was born 27 September 1928 at Woodville, Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Henry Aldridge Brown and Chloe Merle Brown.

Bruce attended Sperryville Elementary School as a child. He served in the Army Air Force 1946-1949 as a corporal. He was employed by the Holsum Bread Company and retired after 25 years. Both Evelyn and Bruce were long-time members of the Thornton Gap Baptist Church. They continued to live in Woodville, Virginia.

Bruce died at their Woodville home on Saturday, 5 July 2008 at the age of 79. He is buried at Sperryville Cemetery, Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

After her husband's death, Evelyn moved to Martinsburg, West Virginia. She died 28 July 2014 at the age of 84 at her home in Martinsburg. Evelyn is buried next to her husband at Sperryville Cemetery in Sperryville, Virginia.

Evelyn and Bruce are survived by two sons, one daughter, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren (all private).

Rebecca Martha Alther⁷ (Jonas Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵ Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Clem³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rebecca was born 21 June 1931 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Jonas Alther, Sr. and Louise Mildred *Jenkins*.

Rebecca was married three times—(1) **George Washington Lee**; (2) **James Preston Walters**; and (3) **Richard Lea Menefee**.

Rebecca was a long-time resident of Sperryville. After her father's death, Rebecca cared for her aging mother Louise, until her mother's death in 2002. Rebecca

then rented a small cottage and lived alone until two strokes disabled her. Rebecca was cared for in the her granddaughter and then she moved to Houston, Texas to live with her daughter. Rebecca lived in Houston until her death on 29 March 2015. Rebecca is buried at Flint Hill Cemetery in Flint Hill, Rappahannock County, Virginia. Rebecca was survived by two daughters, three granddaughters, and five great grandchildren (all private).

Annie Belle Alther⁷ (Jonas Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵ Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Clem³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Annie Belle was born 22 July 1932 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Jonas Alther, Sr. and Louise Mildred *Jenkins*.

On 9 November 1951 she married **Berkeley Edward Jeffries, Sr.**, who was born 13 March 1930 at Warrenton, Fauquier County, Virginia, the son of John T. and Lottie M. Jeffries.

Berkeley died 14 April 1998 at the age of 68. He is buried at Bright View Cemetery in Warrenton, Fauquier County, Virginia.

Annie Belle worked as a purchasing agent for Medical Supply Hospital. Annie Belle died at Royal Haven in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia on 3 January 2010 at the age of 77. She was buried at Bright View Cemetery in Warrenton, Virginia. Annie Belle and Berkeley were survived by two sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren (all private).

Jonas Alther, Jr.⁷ (Jonas Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵ Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Clem³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jonas was born 8 August 1933 at Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia. He was the son of Jonas Alther, Sr. and Louise Mildred *Jenkins*. Jonas is shown here as a young man.

Jonas served in the U.S. Army. He lived in Washington, Virginia and was a 50-year member of Carpenters Union Local 2033; and a lifetime member of the Washington Volunteer Fire Department.

He was married (private) and he and his wife had four children: one son and three daughters; two grandchildren; two great grandchildren (all private). Jonas is survived by one brother (private).



Jonas died at his residence in Washington, Rappahannock County, Virginia on Tuesday, 13 September 2011 at the age of 78. He is buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Washington, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Charles Edward Shenk**

Virginia Shenk⁷ (Charles Edward Shenk⁶, James Henry Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia was born 30 December 1906 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, the daughter of Charles Edward Shenk, Sr. and Maud Lenora *Barkdoll*.

On 20 August 1938 in Harrisonburg, Virginia, before a minister of the Southern Methodist Church, Virginia married **Harold French Wills**, who was born 3 December 1911 in Tom's Brook, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Vernon L. Wills and Annie *Hawkins*. This was Harold's second marriage.

Harold first worked in Hagerstown, Maryland as a driver for Vernon L. Wills Co., his father's business, and by 1945 the business name was changed to Vernon L. Wills and Son. Hagerstown was the permanent home for Virginia and Harold during their marriage.

Harold died 8 January 1983 at the age of 71. He is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland.

Virginia died in Washington County, Maryland on 17 November 1999 at the age of 92. She is buried beside her husband at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown, Maryland. No record for any children was available.

Letitia Shenk⁷ (Charles Edward Shenk⁶, James Henry Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Letitia was born 25 June 1908 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, the daughter of Charles Edward Shenk, Sr. and Maud Lenora *Barkdoll*.

Letitia was born and raised in Hagerstown, Maryland. After graduating from Hagerstown High School in 1927 she studied voice at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland. She received a coveted 3-year Tiffany Scholarship in music, and then became studio accompanist for her voice teacher, George Castile.

Letitia married **Elmer F. Bernhardt**. In 1939 Elmer was head of Baltimore's Central Payroll Bureau and founder of the Classified Municipal Employees Union. As a soprano, Letitia was a soloist and served as musical director to several Baltimore churches for many years. In 1949, Letitia and her husband were two of the five people who organized the Baltimore Opera Company, which was incorporated in 1958. Letitia worked with the company in many different capacities for 40 years. The company celebrated its 50th anniversary in the fall of 2000. Both Letitia and her husband Elmer were vocalists and were prominent in the musical circles in Baltimore where Letitia lived for 60 years. Because of falling attendance, the opera company closed its doors in 2009 and filed for bankruptcy. Elmer died in 1964.

In 1993 Letitia returned to Hagerstown and in 1999 became a resident at the Homewood Retirement Center in Williamsport, Maryland. She died at Homewood at the



age of 95 on Thursday, 13 May 2004. Letitia is interred at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. She and her husband Elmer had no children. Letitia was survived by several nieces and nephews. Her brother and two sisters preceded her in death.

Julia Belle Shenk⁷ (Charles Edward Shenk⁶, James Henry Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Julia was born 30 September 1909 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, the daughter of Charles Edward Shenk, Sr. and Maud Lenora *Barkdoll*. Julia Belle was evidently the namesake of her aunt, Julia Belle *Shenk* Stombock.

Julia married **Walter Arthur Westphal**, who was born 4 February 1898 in Platte County, Nebraska, the son of August Herman Westphal (1859-1939) and Augusta *Born* (1867-1949).

Before his marriage to Julia, Walter was a schoolteacher in Pennsylvania. After he moved to Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, Julia and Walter were married at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hagerstown on 12 May 1941. They made their home in Hagerstown and Walter was President of the Web Truss Company (building components).

Walter died in Hagerstown, Maryland, on 30 July 1987 at the age of 89. He is interred in the mausoleum at Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland.

Julia died at Hagerstown, Maryland on 4 November 2001 at the age of 92. She is interred next to her husband Walter at the mausoleum at Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown, Maryland. They may have had one child (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Julia Belle Shenk**

Zaida Mae Stombock⁷ (Julia Belle Shenk⁶, James Henry Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Zaida was born 28 May 1901 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Julia Belle *Shenk* and Henry Michael Stombock.

Zaida married **Edward Harold Vogt**, who was born 23 March 1894 in Buffalo, Erie County, New York. He was the son of John H. Vogt and Sarah Jane Russell.

During WWI, Edward served in the U.S. Army, Co. B, 311 Infantry and MG Co. 311 Infantry. He saw overseas duty from 20 May 1918 until 22 May 1919, and was honorably discharged 29 May 1919.

After marriage, Zaida and Edward first lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Edward was pastor of St. Peter Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. Later they lived on East Lee Highway in Luray, Page County, Virginia. .

Edward died 27 May 1962 at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, 11 hours after suffering a stroke. He was 68 years old. He is buried at Arlington Cemetery in Philadelphia, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Zaida died 23 January 1975 at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The cause of death was abdominal cancer. She is buried beside her husband Edward at Arlington Cemetery in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. No record of children was available.

Electra Stombock⁷ (Julia Belle Shenk⁶, James Henry Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Electra was born 26 March 1905 at Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Julia Belle *Shenk* and Henry Michael Stombock.

Electra married **Joseph Harrison Holtzman** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was born 9 June 1898 in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph F. Holtzman and Betty Bell *Lantz*. Joseph was a pharmacist in Luray, Virginia.

Joseph died at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia on 14 April 1963 at the age of 64. The cause of death was a heart attack due to Leukemia. He is buried at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Electra died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia on 26 May 1965 at the age of 60. The cause of death was ovarian cancer. She is buried next to her husband Joseph at Green Hill Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. No record was found regarding any children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Emma Belle Lillard Strickler**

Esther (Esta) Mae Strickler⁷ (Emma Belle Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Esta was born 20 June 1908 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Emma Belle *Lillard* and David Harrison Strickler.

On 22 March 1924 at Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia, Esta married **Everett Roderick Mauck**, who was born 26 July 1899 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Charles Mauck and Mary Fannie *Bailey*.

Everett died 29 September 1962 in Berkeley County, West Virginia at the age of 63. He is buried at Rosedale Cemetery in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia.

Esta died December 1988 at the age of 90. She is also buried at Rosedale Cemetery in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Esta and Everett had two sons, both born in West Virginia.

+Max (Ace) Everett Mauck⁸ – 1928-1998 – married Nancy Gail (surname unknown)

+David Wayne Mauck⁸ – 1930-1983 – no information on possible marriage.

Elbert Harrison Strickler⁷ (Emma Belle Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elbert was born 3 December 1901 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Emma Belle *Lillard* and David Harrison Strickler.

Elbert married **Oneida Glenrose Kibler**, who was born 23 April 1907 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John Roland Kibler (1882-1918) and Anna Lee *Kibler* (1887-1973).

They lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia at 80 Cave Road. Elbert retired from work as a mechanic for the National Park Service at Shenandoah National Park. Oneida was a grocery store clerk.

Elbert died at home on 10 January 1974 at the age of 66. Cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Oneida died at Page County Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on 21 February 1978 at the age of 70. Cause of death was colon cancer. She is buried beside her husband Elbert at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Elbert and Oneida had four children, all sons. Three survived (private). One is deceased (shown here).

+Willys Roland Strickler⁸ – 1926-1974 – married Betty June Holtzman.

Ruth Virginia Strickler⁷ (Emma Belle Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth was born 9 August 1909 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Emma Belle *Lillard* and David Harrison Strickler.

On 18 July 1927 in Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland, Ruth married (1) **Charles Luther Beahm**. Charles, who was born 31 July 1876, was almost 33 years older than Ruth. He was the son of Benjamin Franklin Beahm (1843-1914) and Josephine *Butler* (1849-1924). Charles was previously married to Rachel Elizabeth *Knight* (1879-1923), and had children from his first marriage.

During their marriage, Ruth and Charles lived on the Lee Highway at Springfield, Page County, Virginia. Ruth and Charles separated 22 June 1943 and were divorced 24 September 1945 in Page County, Virginia. At the time of the divorce, the decree noted that there were four minor children affected by this divorce. Charles died at Luray Nursing Home in Luray, Page County, Virginia on 24 February 1973 at the age of 96. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

On 25 January 1946 in Page County, Virginia, Ruth married (2) **Malcolm Thomas Stickley**, who was born 11 October 1915 in Augusta County, Virginia. He was the son of Sylvester Stickley and Adeline *Wiseman*. It was evidently not a long-lasting marriage and little noted as the death certificate for Malcolm states he was never married. Malcolm died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia on 12 April 1967. His home had been in Washington, D.C. Malcolm is buried at Edgewood Cemetery, Weyers Cave, Augusta County, Virginia.

No record was found regarding the date of death for Ruth. Her daughter Joyce Beahm Mills' obituary gives her mother name as Ruth Strickler Beahm Kite, indicating

Ruth may have married for a third time. The five children born to Ruth and Charles Beahm were all born in Page County, Virginia.

+Doris Beahm⁸ – 1931-2009 – married Arthur G. DeWitt, Sr.

+Male Beahm⁸ – private

+Male Beahm⁸ – private

Loretta Beahm⁸ – premature—born and died 22 Oct. 1937—Beahms Chapel Cemetery.

+Joyce Velma Beahm⁸ – 1938-2013 – three marriages.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
John Silas Lillard**

Amiss Franklin Lillard⁷ (John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Amiss was born 4 April 1892 in Page County, Virginia, the son of John Silas Lillard and Emma Susan Louderback.

On 26 May 1916 in Washington, D.C., Amiss married **Amanda Louise Ross**, who was born 27 August 1895 in Loudoun County, Virginia.

Amiss died in Frederick County, Virginia on 24 April 1957 at the age of 65. He is buried at Refuge United Methodist Church Cemetery, Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia. Amanda died 27 March 1977 at the age of 81. She is buried next to her husband at Refuge United Methodist Church Cemetery in Stephens City, Virginia.

+Frances L. Lillard⁸ – 1917-2002 – married Thomas Downer Whitely, Sr.

+Amiss Ross Lillard, M.D.⁸ – 1918-1985 – married Greta Marguerite Broy.

+Zane Lee Lillard⁸ – 1920-1996 – married Harry Irvin Grim.

+Shirley Mason Lillard⁸ – 1923-2006 – married Gervis L. Grim.

Mamie Lillard⁷ (John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mamie was born 11 September 1896 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John Silas Lillard and Emma Susan Louderback. Mamie had a twin sister, Sadie Irene Lillard Huffman.

When Mamie was 26 years old, she married **Randolph Howard Leith**, who was born 8 May 1895 in Mountville, Loudoun County, Virginia, the son of Arthur F. Leith (1862-1942) and Mary Frances Leith (1867-1940). Randolph was a farmer. Mamie and Randolph lived in Warren County, Virginia in 1940. Their final home was Stephens City in Frederick County, Virginia.

Randolph died at Winchester Memorial Hospital, in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia on 17 December 1981 at the age of 86. He is buried at Middleburg Memorial Cemetery¹⁹³ at Middleburg, Loudoun County, Virginia—Lot 2.

¹⁹³ Middleburg Cemetery is also known as Sharon Cemetery.

Mamie died at Middletown, Frederick County, Virginia on 9 October 1986 at the age of 90. Mamie is buried at Middleburg Cemetery in Middleburg, Virginia—Lot 2. Mamie and Randolph had no children.

Sadie Irene Lillard⁷ (John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sadie was born 11 September 1896 in Page County, Virginia—her twin sister was Mamie *Lillard* Leith. Sadie's parents were John Silas Lillard and Emma Susan *Louderback*.

On 21 October 1918 Sadie married **Arthur Franklin (Frank) Huffman**, who was born 25 July 1892 in Page County, Virginia, the son of David Lee Huffman (1868-1923) and Ada Florence *Dovel* (1872-1939). Arthur was a self-employed farmer and a painter.

Frank died 10 August 1978 in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia at the age of 86 as the result of a stroke. He is buried at Green Hill Cemetery in Stephens City, Virginia. Sadie died 28 May 1991 at the age of 94. She is buried next to her husband Frank at Green Hill Cemetery in Stephens City, Virginia. Six children.

+Marjorie Huffman⁸ – 1920-2009 – married Harold Preston Teets.

+John David Huffman⁸ 1922-1937 – died from complication of acute appendicitis.

+Emilie Lillard Huffman⁸ – 1925-2005 – married twice.

Female Huffman⁸ – private

+Connie June Huffman⁸ – 1930-2005 – married Holmes Delano Smoke, Sr.

Male Huffman⁸ – private

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Charles Gilbert Lillard**

Pearl Irah Lillard⁷ (Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Pearl was born 19 July 1894 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Charles Gilbert Lillard and Annie Edith *Aleshire*.

Pearl married an older man, a widower, **Bishop Weaver Stearn**. Bishop was first married to Lucy B. *Dovel* (1880-1912). Bishop was born 12 February 1872 in Rockingham County, Virginia, the son of John Stearn and Josie *Lincoln*. He was a shoemaker in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where the family lived. Bishop had one child from his first marriage: Fleta *Stearn* (1906-1977).

Bishop died in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, on 18 June 1933 at the age of 61, as the result of a stroke. He is buried at Lacey Springs Cemetery at Lacey Spring, Rockingham County, Virginia. With three young children still at home and the need to support them, Pearl went to work as a seamstress in a garment factory.

Pearl died at New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia on 15 April 1998 at the age of 103. She is buried next to her husband at Lacey Springs Cemetery in Lacey

Spring, Virginia. Pearl was honored in the family's newsletter *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, as one of the Ruffner family's centenarians. Pearl and Bishop had four children from their marriage—all born in Rockingham County, Virginia.

+Bernard Weaver Stearn⁸ – 1916-2002 – married Gwendolyn Anna Armentrout.

+Alethea Davis Stearn⁸ – 1919-2015 – married Carl Frederick Behrman, Sr.

+Anna Marie Stearn⁸ – 1921-1986 – married Howard Edwin Morrissey

+John Gilbert Stearn⁸ – 1924-1999 – married Crystal Hope *Snead* Brown.

Effie M. Lillard⁷ (Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Effie was born 4 May 1900 and died 12 May 1901 at the age of one year and 8 days. She was born in Page County, Virginia and was the daughter of Charles Gilbert Lillard and Annie Edith *Aleshire*. Effie is buried at Leaksville Church Cemetery, Page County, Virginia.

Mary Edythe Lillard⁷ (Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 15 March 1902 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Charles Gilbert Lillard and Annie Edith *Aleshire*.

She married **Ray Perry Finter**, who was born 19 June 1904, the son of Charles Wesley Finter (1874-1958) and Fannie Belle *Fox* (1875-1951).

Ray died 22 October 1973 in Page County, Virginia at the age of 69. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Mary died 16 April 1994 in Page County, Virginia, at the age of 92. She is buried next to her husband Ray at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Child:

+Junior Ray Finter⁸ – 1925-1992 – married Stella Virginia Vaughan.

Claude Robert Lillard⁷ (Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Claude was born 9 September 1904 at Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Charles Gilbert Lillard and Annie Edith *Aleshire*.

Claude married **Thelma Virginia Lawrence**, who was born 30 January 1909 in Bristol, Virginia, the daughter of John H. Lawrence and Mattie L. *Tinley*.

Claude and Thelma lived in Alexandria, Virginia. Claude was a welder at one time working for Atlas Iron Works in Alexandria.

Claude died at Alexandria Hospital in Alexandria, Virginia on 20 December 1969 at the age of 65. The cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Washington National Cemetery at Suitland, Prince George's County, Maryland.

Thelma evidently married again—when she died in March of 1996, her name was Thelma Virginia Viands.

Clifton Lillard⁷ (Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clifton was born 12 November 1906 and died 14 November 1906 at the age of 2 days. Clifton was born in Page County, Virginia and he was the son of Charles Gilbert Lillard and Annie Edith *Aleshire*. Clifton is buried at Leaksville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia.

Zula Lillard⁷ (Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Zula was born 21 May 1908 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Charles Gilbert Lillard and Annie Edith *Aleshire*.

On 12 June 1926 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, Zula married (1) **Lorenzo O. Short**, who was born 27 March 1903 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Jacob Edward Short and Mattie Belle *Smelzer*. Lorenzo was a clerk in a clothing store in Luray. After a separation of six years, Zula and Lorenzo were divorced 25 March 1941 in Page County, Virginia. They had no children. Lorenzo married again. He died at Page Memorial Hospital 16 April 1962 at the age of 59, and is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Zula was a beautician with her own beauty shop in Luray. In 1964, she moved to Georgia and remained there. She may have married again as her name at the time of her death was Zulu *Lillard* Bryson. Zula died 7 August 1996 at the age of 87 at Hephzibah, Richmond County, Georgia. Zula *Lillard* Bryson is buried at Liberty United Methodist Church cemetery in Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia. Zula had one son who was born in 1947 (private).

Ruth Lillard⁷ (Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth was born 14 June 1911 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Charles Gilbert Lillard and Annie Edith *Aleshire*. She died 15 June 1911 at the age of one day. Ruth is buried at Leaksville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Annie Bertie *Lillard* Dovell**

Neva Bertie Dovell⁷ (Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Neva was born 19 November 1895 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Annie Bertie *Lillard* and George Ernest Dovell.

Neva married **Albert Moody Dyke**, who was born 19 January 1891 at Star Tannery, Frederick County, Virginia. He was called Moody. His parents were Warner Dyke and Sarah *Lockmiller*.

They lived in Reliance, Warren County, Virginia. Neva was a public school teacher, and Moody was a farmer. After the death of Neva's father in 1930, Neva and Moody moved to the farm to live with Neva's widowed mother Annie.

Neva died at Winchester Memorial Hospital in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia on 11 February 1954 at the age of 58. The cause of death was a stroke. She is buried at Reliance Cemetery in Reliance, Warren County, Virginia.

Moody died at Millard Nursing Home in Winchester, Virginia on 8 August 1976 at the age of 85. The cause of death was prostate cancer. He is buried at Reliance Cemetery in Reliance, Virginia. Neva and Moody had two daughters—both born in Warren County, Virginia.

+Anna Catherine Dyke⁸ – 1924-2012 – married John Millard Derr.

+Female Dyke – private – married Lyle Randolph Jenkins (1924-2015)

Grace Elizabeth Dovell⁷ (Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Grace was born 31 December 1897 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Annie Bertie *Lillard* and George Ernest Dovell.

On 14 August 1916 in Washington, D.C. Grace married **Samuel Tyree Pool**, who was born 16 August 1891 in Campbell County, Virginia. He was the son of Birroughs Eleazer Pool and Nannie Holmes *Scott*. Grace and Samuel lived in Waynesboro, Virginia. Samuel was a dealer in farm machinery in Waynesboro.

Grace died at Waynesboro Community Hospital in Waynesboro, Virginia, on 24 March 1963 at the age of 65. She died seven days after suffering a stroke. Grace is buried at Riverview Cemetery in Waynesboro, Waynesboro City, Virginia—Block 70, Lot 8A.

Samuel died at his home in Waynesboro, Virginia, on 20 May 1970 at the age of 79. The cause of death was a heart attack. Samuel is buried at Riverview Cemetery, Waynesboro City, Virginia—Block 70, Lot 1C. Grace and Samuel had three children, all born in Virginia.

+Tyree Conway Pool⁸ – 1917-1937 – automobile accident.

+Carroll Dovell Pool⁸ – 1920-1998 – married Lavelle Phipps.

Infant Male Pool⁸ – born and died 28 Sept. 1928 – buried Riverview Cemetery.

Clark Ernest Dovell⁷ (Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clark was born 16 September 1900 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Annie Bertie *Lillard* and George Ernest Dovell.

On 26 August 1922 Clark married **Marcie E. Rinker**, who was born 15 September 1898 in Warren County, Virginia. Marcie died October 1974. Her last residence was Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland.

Clark was a painter and a police officer in Montgomery County, Maryland. He died at Reliance, Warren County, Virginia, from a stroke suffered on 27 October 1950 at the age of 49. Clark is buried at Leaksville Cemetery in Page County, Virginia. Clark and Marcie had three children—two survive (private). One is deceased.

+Clark William Dovell⁸ – 1924-2011 – married (private)

Mary J. Dovell⁷ (Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 12 November 1902 in Page County, Virginia, daughter of Annie Bertie *Lillard* and George Ernest Dovell.

Very little could be found regarding Mary. The 1930 census for Washington, D.C. shows that she was the wife of **Neil McKay**, age 22, who was working as a waiter in a lunch room. She was doing clerical work for the General Printing Office. Living with them was their two-year-old daughter, Mary A. McKay. Next when the 1940 census was taken, daughter Mary Alice McKay, age 12, was living at Cedarville, Warren County, Virginia, with her grandmother Annie B. Dovell. Her mother and father's information could not be found.

Mary J. *Dovell* McKay's place of burial is at Leaksville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia. The record there gives her name as Mary Dovel McKay, her birthdate as shown above, and the date of her death, 26 October 1957, age 54.

George Eldon Dovell⁷ (Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 16 February 1906 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Annie Bertie *Lillard* and George Ernest Dovell.

George was a self-employed merchant in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia. George married **Willa Rose Huffer**, who was born 19 August 1914 in August, Columbia County, Georgia. She was the daughter of Frank Moffet Huffer, Sr. and Willa Eileen *Hanger*.

George died 23 January 1968 at the age of 61. He is buried at Reliance Cemetery at Reliance, Warren County, Virginia.

Willa died 7 February 2009 at the age of 94. Her home at that time was Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia. She is buried next to her husband at Reliance Cemetery in Reliance, Virginia. George and Willa had two children.

Male Dovell⁸ – private

+Willa Ann Dovell⁸ – 1941-1968 – married Vernon Wesley Hensell.

Bernard Clinton Dovell⁷ (Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bernard was

born 27 November 1908 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Annie Bertie *Lillard* and George Ernest Dovell.

In 1930, Bernard lived in Washington, D.C. and was working as a delivery clerk in a dry goods store. He was 21 years old and single.

In 1940, Bernard's younger brother Edwin had joined him in Washington, D.C. They were living in a boarding house. Bernard was now age 32 and was a cab driver. Edwin was 24 years old and working as a truck driver.

No record was found that Bernard ever married. He returned to Warren County, Virginia and his last residence was Front Royal, Warren County. Bernard died 30 May 1993 at the age of 83, and he is buried at Reliance Cemetery in Reliance, Warren County, Virginia.

Edwin Garland Dovell⁷ (Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edwin was born 10 August 1912 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Annie Bertie *Lillard* and George Ernest Dovell.

According to information from Edwin's death certificate, he was a produce huckster and married to **Esther Hurd**—no further information was found regarding his marriage. Edwin died at his home in White Post, Frederick County, Virginia, on 4 November 1978 at the age of 67. The cause of death was listed as unknown. Edwin is buried at Reliance Cemetery in Reliance, Warren County, Virginia.

Ileene Clara Dovell⁷ (Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ileene was born 14 February 1915 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Annie Bertie *Lillard* and George Ernest Dovell.

On 30 September 1960 in Falls Church, Arlington County, Virginia, before a minister of the United Presbyterian Church, Ileene married **Curtis Sebiakin Coons**. He was born 4 September 1911 in Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, the son of Walter E. Coons and Josephine M. *Ross*. It is believed this ceremony may actually be a renewal of their marriage vows.

Ileene was a secretary with the U.S. Government. Curtis was an Operations Planning Assistant in the aircraft industry.

After retirement, Ileene and Curtis lived in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia. Ileene died at Warren Memorial hospital in Front Royal on 16 July 1987 at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. She is buried at Reliance Cemetery in Reliance, Warren County, Virginia.

Curtis died 26 February 1992 at the age of 80. He is buried at Reliance Cemetery, Reliance, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
William Ambrose Lillard**

Hettie Jane Lillard⁷ (William Ambrose Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hettie was born 21 June 1896 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of William Ambrose Lillard and Elizabeth Frances *Strickler*.

Hettie married **Carl David Moyer**, who was born 30 December 1889 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Macon Lee Moyer (1862-1937) and Mary Ellen Stombock (1868-1891).

Hettie and Carl made their home in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. Hettie was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical United Brethren Church. Carl was a member of Otterhein United Methodist Church. Having served in WWI, Carl was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of several fraternal organizations. Prior to his retirement in 1955, he was route foreman for Hagerstown Dairy for 35 years.

Hettie died at Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown, Maryland on Monday morning, 26 September 1955 at the age of 59. She is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland—Sec. 13.

Carl died at Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown, Maryland, on Sunday afternoon, 14 November 1976 at the age of 86. He is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown, Maryland—Sec. 13. Hettie and Carl were survived by one son who is now deceased. They were also survived by two grandchildren and two great grandchildren (private).

+Frederick (Fred) William Moyer⁸ – 1922-2004 – married Rejeanne Yvette Bruneau.

Frederick (Fred) William Lillard⁷ (William Ambrose Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Fred was born 5 August 1899 at Leaksville, Page County, Virginia. He was the son of William Ambrose Lillard and Elizabeth Frances *Strickler*.

Fred married (1) **Carrie Elizabeth (Betty) Bageant**, who was born 27 April 1896 and died 9 May 1931. She is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown, Washington County, Virginia. She and her husband Fred share the same gravestone.

Fred married (2) **Elizabeth Virginia Morin**, who was born 7 September 1909 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, daughter of Wilfred L. Morin and L. Irene *Eckstine*.

Fred was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical United Brethren Church, and several fraternal organizations. Before his illness, he was an employee of the Potomac Motor Lines.

Elizabeth, Fred's second wife, graduated from Washington County High School in 1928, Towson Normal School and Shepherd College. She earned a Master's Degree from Western Maryland College, and taught in several elementary schools. She was the

principal at Pinesburg, Winter Street and Pangborn schools in Washington County, Maryland.

Fred died at Williamsport Sanatorium early Tuesday morning 7 January 1958 at the age of 58. He is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland.

Elizabeth was a resident of the Coffman Nursing Home in Hagerstown, Maryland. She died at Washington County Hospital on Saturday, 25 August 2007 at the age of 97. She is also buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Fred was survived by two daughters, one from each of his marriages and two grandsons from his first marriage (all private). Elizabeth is survived by one daughter (private). They are both survived by two grandsons and three great grandchildren from their marriage (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Elizabeth Lillard Kite**

Olin Edgar Kite⁷ (Mary Elizabeth Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Olin was born 4 May 1900 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) *Lillard* and John Edgar Kite.

In Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania in 1923, Olin married **Jayne M. Kurtz**

Olin was a machinist for Midland Steel Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They lived in Marksville, Page County, Virginia. He was also a farmer.

Olin died at Leakesville, Page County, Virginia on 9 June 1926 at the age of 26. The cause of death was acute nephritis. He is buried at Leakesville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia. There was no record of any children.

Sina Elizabeth Kite⁷ (Mary Elizabeth Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sina was born 28 December 1901 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Elizabeth *Lilliard* and John Edgar Kite.

On 28 June 1928 Sina married **Elon Solomon Rothgeb**, who was born 24 April 1905 in Page County, Virginia. Elon was a farmer.

Sina died at MontView Nursing Home in Luray, Page County, Virginia on 11 July 1987 at the age of 85. She died instantly from a heart attack. Sina is buried at Leakesville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia.

Elon died in Page County, Virginia on 25 May 1992 at the age of 87. He is also buried at Leakesville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia. Sina and Elon had one child, a son, born in Page County, Virginia.

+Edgar Elon Rothgeb⁸ – 1934-2011 – not married.

Edna Mae Kite⁷ (Mary Elizabeth Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edna Mae was born 5 December 1903 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) *Lillard* and John Edgar Kite.

On 2 January 1931, Edna Mae married **Leo Abraham Shirley**, who was born 28 January 1906 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Abraham Z. Shirley and Mary *Aleshire*. Leo had been married before and divorced—(1) Lillian M. Shirley (1906-1959).

Edna Mae and Leo lived in Washington, D.C. and also Alexandria, Virginia, where Leo was the proprietor of a grocery store.

After 16 years and nine months of marriage Edna Mae and Leo were divorced on 6 October 1947 in Arlington County, Virginia. They had one minor child from their marriage. After the divorce, Leo married (3) Robbie *Weaver* Hodge (1907-1992).

Leo died at Luray, Page County, Virginia on 10 September 1974 at the age of 68 years. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Edna Mae died at Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia, on 30 August 2001 at the age of 97. She is buried at Leaksville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia. Edna Mae and Leo were survived by their daughter⁸ (private).

Alma Virginia Kite⁷ (Mary Elizabeth Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alma was born 9 March 1906 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) *Lillard* and John Edgar Kite.

On 28 June 1927 at Clarendon, Virginia (an Arlington neighborhood) Alma married **Earl Lynnwood Jenkins**, who was born 14 February 1904 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of John Benton Jenkins and Bessie Blanche *Dovell*. Earl grew up in Marksville, Page County, Virginia (on the Leaksville-Alma Road).

Alma was a bookkeeper, and Earl had been a salesman for Washington Flour Co. in Alexandria, Virginia, where they lived.

Alma died 28 September 2004 at the age of 98. She is buried at National Memorial Park at Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia—Plot: BB-180.

Earl died June, 1966 at the age of 62. He is buried beside Alma at National Memorial Park, Falls Church, Virginia—Plot BB-180.

Alma and Earl were survived by one daughter⁸, one grandchild and two great grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Laura Bessie Shenk Beahm**

Gilbert Alderton Beahm⁷ (Laura Bessie Shenk⁶, Benjamin Franklin Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gilbert was born in Virginia, 16 June 1905, the son of Laura Bessie *Shenk* and Thomas Mann Beahm.

Gilbert married (1) **Phyllis Taft Crawford**, who was born 14 January 1908 in Basic City (now Park Station), Gaithersburg, Maryland, the daughter of James Marion Crawford and Ida *Grim*.

Gilbert worked as a mechanic for DuPont in their fabric division (nylon and rayon) in Augusta County, Virginia.

Phyllis died at King's Daughters Hospital in Staunton, Virginia on 23 January 1958 at the age of 50. She had been a patient at the hospital for 13 hours before her death. She is buried at Riverview Cemetery, Waynesboro, Waynesboro City, Virginia—Block 128, Lot 3C. Phyllis was a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waynesboro.

At the age of 54, Gilbert married 8 May 1960 before a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waynesboro, Virginia (2) **Daisy May Alther**, age 55—it was her first marriage. Daisy was born 24 February 1905 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Joseph William Alther (1867-1944) and Flora Catherine *Shenk* (1870-1958).

Gilbert died 26 August 1991 at the age of 86. He is buried at Riverview Cemetery in Waynesboro, Waynesboro City, Virginia—Block 128, Lot 3B—between his two wives, Phyllis and Daisy.

Daisy died at Augusta County, Virginia, on 17 December 2001 at the age of 96. She is buried at Riverview Cemetery, Waynesboro City, Virginia—Block 128, Lot 3A.

Gilbert had children from his first marriage to Phyllis—one son (now deceased—shown below) and two daughters (private). At the time of Phyllis' death, they had five grandchildren. One grandson, Douglas A. Beahm, died accidentally in 1980.

+James Thomas Beahm⁸ – 1931-2005 – married (private).

Clara Viola Beahm⁷ (Laura Bessie *Shenk*⁶, Benjamin Franklin *Shenk*⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Viola (preferred name) was born 18 September 1908 in Virginia, the daughter of Laura Bessie *Shenk* and Thomas Mann Beahm.

She married **Richard Lee Foltz**, who was born 8 July 1908 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Jacob Perry Foltz and Mary Susan (Mollie) *Emerson*.

Viola and Richard lived in Stanley, Page County, Virginia. Richard was a self-employed farmer. They were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia.

Viola died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Virginia on 16 October 1986 at the age of 78. The cause of death was cardiac arrhythmia due to ovarian cancer.

Richard died at the Life Care Center in New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia, where he had been living since August of 1995. He died 30 November 1995 at the age of 87. Richard is buried next to his wife at St. Paul's Cemetery in Shenandoah, Virginia.

Viola and Richard were survived by one daughter, three grandchildren, and four great grandchildren (all private).

Vinda Beahm⁷ (Laura Bessie Shenk⁶, Benjamin Franklin Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) She was the daughter of Laura Bessie *Shenk* and Thomas Mann Beahm. Vinda whose full name may have been Mary Susan Vinda Beahm left a small paper trail. She was born 31 March 1912 in Springfield, Page County, Virginia, and supposedly died May of 1931 at the age of 18, unmarried.

Thomas Edward Beahm⁷ (Laura Bessie Shenk⁶, Benjamin Franklin Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Called Edward by the family, he was born 23 September 1912 in Springfield, Page County, Virginia, the son of Laura Bessie *Shenk* and Thomas Mann Beahm.

On 29 January 1942 In Waynesboro, August County, Virginia, a minister of the Lutheran Church performed the ceremony uniting Edward and **Vera S. Dilley** in marriage. Vera was born 29 December 1912 in Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of R. W. Dilley and Estie *Alderman*.

They lived in Waynesboro, Augusta County, Virginia, where Edward was employed by DuPont Company.

Edward died in Augusta County, Virginia on 6 March 1990 at the age of 77. He is buried at Augusta Memorial Park at Waynesboro, Augusta County, Virginia—Plot: Garden of Love.

Vera died April of 1997 at the age of 84. She is buried beside her husband Edward at Augusta Memorial Park in Waynesboro, Virginia—Plot: Garden of Love. No record was found for any children.

Catherine Beahm⁷ (Laura Bessie Shenk⁶, Benjamin Franklin Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Catherine was born 6 September 1915 in Virginia, the daughter of Laura Bessie *Shenk* and Thomas Mann Beahm.

Catherine married **Vincent Spiker Coe**, who was born 5 October 1915 in Arden, Barbour County, West Virginia. He was the son of James Carter Coe and Margaret *Spiker*.

They lived in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. Vincent was a lifelong dairy farmer. They were members of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hagerstown. Vincent was a member of the Washington County Farm Bureau, Southern States Cooperative and Maryland-Virginia Milk Producers.

Catherine died 30 July 2001 at the age of 85. She is buried at Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery in Bakersville, Washington County, Maryland.

Vincent was living at Gapland, Washington County, Maryland when he died at Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland on 25 February 2005 at the age of 89. He is also buried at Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery in Bakersville, Maryland.

Catherine and Vincent were survived by two daughters, three sons, 16 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and four gr-gr-grandchildren (all private). In addition, they had one daughter and a grandson who are both deceased.

+Mary Jane Coe⁸ – 1941-1993 – married (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Daly Lee *Batman* Griffith**

Raymond Lee Griffith⁷ (Daly Lee Batman⁶, Eva Ann Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Raymond was born 10 October 1899 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Daly Lee *Batman* and Thomas Edward Griffith. Raymond worked first as a lineman for a power company, then as a carpenter in building construction.

Raymond married (1) **Dorothy Coates**, who was born 11 June 1893 in Texas. She was the daughter of Frank Coates and May *Hearst* who were both born in Texas. Dorothy died in Rockingham County, Virginia, on 22 March 1937 at the age of 43 years. The cause of death was an embolism attributed to heart disease. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

On 17 October 1959 by a minister of the Methodist Church at Stanley, Page County, Virginia, Raymond married (2) **Lois Virginia Aleshire Hackley**, a widow. She was born 1908 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Vernon F. Aleshire and Viola B. *Foster*. Lois' first husband was Rev. Charles Kenneth Hackley (1908-1955), a very prominent and well-respected pastor of the Blue Ridge Methodist charge. He was the pastor of the Jolletts, Hensley, Furnace and Mt. Pleasant churches.

Lois died on 28 August 1962 at the age of 54. She is buried next to her first husband, Rev. Hackley, at Graves Chapel Cemetery in Stanley, Page County, Virginia.

Thirty minutes after suffering a heart attack, Raymond died at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, on 19 April 1976 at the age of 79. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Raymond and his first wife Dorothy had one child, a daughter, born in Fort Worth, Texas.

+Peggy Jean Griffith⁸ – 1932-2004 – married (private).

Arthur Leonard Griffith⁷ (Daly Lee Batman⁶, Eva Ann Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Arthur was born 18 March 1901 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Daly Lee *Batman* and Thomas Edward Griffith. Arthur was employed as a machine operator for American Viscose Corp., the first American company to manufacture rayon fiber.

He married **Isabelle Fox**, who was born 22 June 1915 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ermon L. Fox and Anna Fern *Bradley*.

Raymond died at his home in Kimball, Page County, Virginia on 1 September 1951 at the age of 50 years, five months and 13 days. The cause of death was a heart attack. Raymond is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

On 2 December 1952 at Winchester, Virginia, Raymond's widow Isabelle married (2) John Matthew Fraley, a widower. Isabelle died 26 April 1957 at the age of 41. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Raymond and Isabelle had three children—two, a son and a daughter survive (private). One son is deceased.

+James Randolph Griffith⁸ – 1937-2015 – married (private).

Wallace Leon Griffith⁷ (Daly Lee Batman⁶, Eva Ann Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wallace was born 3 December 1902 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Daly Lee *Batman* and Thomas Edward Griffith. Wallace was an electrician.

On 13 December 1933 Wallace married **Iva Marie Foltz**, who was born 30 June 1907 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John Amos Foltz (1875-1966) and Flora Virginia *Sours* (1876-1962).

Wallace died at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Virginia on 30 January 1985 at the age of 82. The cause of death was heart disease with congestive failure. Wallace is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Iva Marie died at Luray, Virginia on 1 November 1995 at the age of 88. She is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Virginia. No record was found of any children being born to Wallace and Iva Marie.

Charles Hamilton Griffith⁷ (Daly Lee Batman⁶, Eva Ann Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 10 September 1905 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Daly Lee *Batman* and Thomas Edward Griffith.

Charles never married and lived in Springfield, Virginia, with his widowed mother. He was an electrician.

Charles died instantly as the result of a heart attack on 25 June 1966 at the age of 60—the place was Rileyville, Page County, Virginia. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Otis Franklin Griffith⁷ (Daly Lee Batman⁶, Eva Ann Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Otis was born 11 May 1908 at Page County, Virginia, the son of Daly Lee *Batman* and Thomas Edward Griffith.

On 12 August 1931, Otis married **Elizabeth Belle Coffman**, who was born 23 June 1915 in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Elon Boone Coffman and Lorelle Gertrude *Williams*.

Otis was a veteran of WWII, having served in Germany as a private in Co. C, 284th Engineers, Combat Battalion, U.S. Army. At home, he was an electrician.

Otis died in Luray, Virginia on 8 October 1972 at the age of 64. Cause of death was a heart attack due to an enlarged heart. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Elizabeth died at Harrisonburg City, Virginia on 2 December 1986 at the age of 71. She is also buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Otis and Elizabeth were the parents of nine children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
William Hester Barr**

Myrtle E. Barr⁷ (William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Myrtle was born 13 February 1890 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of William Hester Barr and Annie Ophelia *Brown*.

Before her marriage, Myrtle worked as a servant in the household of John H. Copp in Davis, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

She married **Alva Crowell Frye**, who was born 2 April 1892 in Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Charles Frye and Sarah Ann *Neekirk*. Alva was a factory worker for the Virginia Woolen Mill Co. at Winchester, Virginia. They lived in Winchester on Pleasant Valley Road.

Alva died at Shawnee Springs Nursing Home in Winchester, Virginia on 17 September 1980 at the age of 88. The cause of death was a stroke. Alva is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester City, Virginia.

Myrtle died 7 December 1989 at the age of 99. Her last address was Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. She is probably buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester City, Virginia, where her husband Alva is buried. Myrtle and Alva had three children, all born in Frederick County, Virginia.

+Vada Madge Frye⁸ – 1916-2005 – married Clarence Lee.

+Delmar Ockley Frye⁸ – 1918-1999 – married Lucille Dix.

+Eldred Dalton Frye⁸ – 1921-died after 1990 – married Rhoda May Fletcher.

Edna Ruth Barr⁷ (William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edna was born 23 January 1892 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of William Hester Barr and Annie Ophelia *Brown*.

Edna married **Levi Franklin Anderson**, who was born 18 July 1895¹⁹⁴ in Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Franklin Anderson and Alice *Bauserman*.

They lived in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. Levi was a mechanic at the Winchester Woolen Mills in Winchester, Virginia.

¹⁹⁴ This is the date on his death certificate—Levi's gravestone gives his birth year as 1893.

Levi Anderson, Sr. died at the Winchester Memorial Hospital on 27 November 1962 at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. Levi is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia.

Edna died at Winchester Memorial Hospital 30 minutes after being struck by an automobile on the highway in the evening of 14 July 1963. She suffered multiple injuries. Edna was 71 years old. She is buried next to her husband at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester City, Virginia. Edna and Levi had nine children—all born in Frederick County, Virginia.

+Virginia Ruth Anderson⁸ – 1918-1980 – married Bermah Jackson (aka) Jack B. Scott.

+Robert Lee Anderson⁸ – 1920-died bef. 2012 – married Dorothy Lee Legge.

+Levi Franklin Anderson, Jr.⁸ – 1921-1945 – KIA in Germany.

+Thelma M. Anderson⁸ – 1923-1992 – married Robert (Bob) William Jenkins.

Female Anderson⁸ – private

+Gordon E. Anderson⁸ – 1926-1927 – buried Mount Hebron Cemetery

+Therman Leroy Anderson⁸ – 1927-2013 – married (private)

+Marjorie Ann Anderson⁸ – 1928-2005 – married name Vance.

Female Anderson⁸ – private

Ethel Clara Barr⁷ (William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ethel was born 23 July 1894 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. She was the daughter of William Hester Barr and Annie Ophelia *Brown*.

On 16 October 1919 in Waterlick, Warren County, Virginia, Ethel married **Perry Franklin Crabill, Sr.**, who was born 27 February 1889 in Virginia, the son of Richard Franklin Crabill (1853-1929) and Emma Sarah *Copp* (1859-1924).

They lived in Silver Springs, Montgomery County, Maryland, and later in Washington, D.C. Perry was an auditor for the U.S. Government Accounting Office.

Ethel died at Arlington Hospital in Arlington County, Virginia, on 21 October 1958 at the age of 64—one day after suffering multiple pulmonary embolisms. She is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suitland, Prince George's County, Maryland.

After Ethel's death, Perry married (2) Gladys (1899-1983). Perry died at Bon Air Home, Inc., an elder-retirement complex in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia, on 24 November 1985 at the age of 96. The cause of death was septicemia from a urinary tract infection. Perry is buried at Parklawn Memorial Park, Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland. Ethel and Perry Crabill had five sons and one daughter. Four sons still survive (private). One son and their only daughter are deceased.

+Ward Barr Crabill⁸ – 1922-2015 – married Dorothy Gene Starkey.

+Anne Marie Crabill⁸ – 1929-2014 – married and divorced.

Anna Maude Barr⁷ (William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anna was born 30 November

1896 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of William Hester Barr and Annie Ophelia *Brown*.

On 20 December 1922 at Staunton, Virginia, Anna married **Clarence Myrton Russell**, who was born 27 May 1896, the son of James Joel Russell and Alice *Singhas*. Clarence was a self-employed cream and egg buyer in Winchester, Virginia.

Anna died at Shawnee Springs Nursing Home in Winchester, Virginia, on 1 November 1985 at the age of 88. That cause of death was cardiorespiratory arrest due to cancer of the stomach. She is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia.

Clarence died at Shawnee Springs Nursing Home in Winchester, Virginia on 1 May 1987 at the age of 90. The cause of death was heart disease. He is also buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester City, Virginia. Anna and Clarence Russell had four children.

+Clarence Myrton Russell, Jr.⁸ – 1923-1990 – married Idell G. (surname unknown)

+Anal Barr Russell⁸ – 1929-1988 – married Orville Douglas Fearnow.

+Bay Russell⁸ – 1931-2014 – married name Jackson.

+Natala Russell⁸ – 1933-2012 – married and divorced Robert Allen Geanious

Paul Lester Barr⁷ (William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Paul was born 1 December 1901 in Virginia, the son of William Hester Barr and Annie Ophelia *Brown*.

Paul married **Vallie Virginia Barbee**, who was born 22 July 1908 in Virginia, the daughter of Walter Barbee and Amanda *Ritenour*.

Paul died in Warren County, Virginia, April 1971 at the age of 69. He is buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia.

On 6 April 1983, Vallie died at her home in Linden, Warren County, Virginia, from complications of chronic lung disease. She was 74 years old. Vallie is also buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Front Royal, Virginia. Paul and Vallie Barr had five children—two sons and a daughter survive (private) and two are deceased (see below).

+Curtis Lee Barr⁸ – 1933-1989 – married (private)

+Margaret Virginia Barr⁸ – 1943-2000 – married Lee Smith Morrison.

Cecil Leroy Barr, Sr.⁷ (William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Cecil was born 1 December 1904 in Virginia, the son of William Hester Barr and Annie Ophelia *Brown*.

Cecil married **Clara McKown Clevenger**, who was born 8 May 1901 in Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Robert G. Clevenger and Ada Florence Willey. Cecil served in the U.S. Army from 1923 through 1932. After marriage Cecil and Clara lived in Winchester, Virginia. Cecil worked as a fabric weaver.

Cecil, Sr. died at Bon Air Nursing Home in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia on 27 September 1986 at the age of 81. The cause of death was several years of

arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Cecil is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia.

Clara died at Winchester City, Virginia on 30 October 1988 at the age of 87. She is also buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester City, Virginia. Cecil, Sr. and Clara had at least three children, all sons, born in Frederick County, Virginia.

Cecil Leroy Barr, Jr.⁸ – 3 Mar. 1937—28 April 1938 – Mount Hebron Cemetery.

Male Barr⁸ – private

Robert William Barr⁸ – 23 Dec. 1941—31 May 1942 – Mount Hebron Cemetery.

Evelyn Ophelia Barr⁷ (William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Evelyn was born 10 February 1908 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of William Hester Barr and Annie Ophelia *Brown*.

Evelyn married **Robert Abner Rhodes**, who was born 6 July 1901 in Warren County, Virginia, the son of Lonnie Rankin Rhodes (1876-1944) and Lalah Catherine *Brown* (1879-1959). Robert was a self-employed farmer. They lived at Strasburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Robert Sr. died at Warren Memorial Hospital in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia on 1 March 1980 at the age of 78. The cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Slate Hill Cemetery¹⁹⁵ in Dilbeck, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Evelyn died 7 September 1989 at the age of 81. She is also buried at Slate Hill Cemetery in Dilbeck, Virginia. Evelyn and Robert Sr. had seven children, all born in Shenandoah except one (Richard) born in West Virginia.

+Ethel Roberta Rhodes⁸ – 1926-1984 – married Louis Emmett Guilliams.

Elinor Anne Rhodes⁸ – 1 March 1928—24 December 1928—Slate Hill Cemetery

+Robert Abner Rhodes, Jr.⁸ – 1930-2001 – no record of marriage.

+Charles Wayne Rhodes⁸ – 1932-1995 – married Catherine Violet Mohr.

+Betty-Jean Catherine Rhodes⁸ – 1933-1993 – married (1) Powell (2) Cary.

+Richard Arlen Rhodes – 1936-1949 – accidental death

+Patricia Elaine Rhodes⁸ – 1939-1976 – married Wayne Nesbitt Bloom.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Silas Leonard Barr**

Clyde Edgar Barr⁷ (Silas Leonard Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clyde was born 27 March 1898 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was the son of Silas Leonard Barr and Elizabeth (Bettie) Frances *Knisely*.

¹⁹⁵ Slate Hill Cemetery is also known as Brown Cemetery and/or Golladay Cemetery.

In 1927 at Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Clyde married **Susan (Susie) F. Walters**.

They lived in Cumru and West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, where Clyde worked as a knitter in a hosiery mill.

Clyde died December of 1973 at the age of 74. His last residence was Mohnton, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Three sons were born to Clyde and Susie, their only daughter was stillborn. Two sons still survive (private).

Baby girl Barr⁸ – born and died Sept. 1928—buried Laurel Dale, West Reading, PA.
+Paul Samuel Barr⁸ – 1933-2005 – married (private)

Virgil H. Barr⁷ (Silas Leonard Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virgil was born 26 August 1900 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Silas Leonard Barr and Elizabeth (Bettie) Frances *Knisely*.

Virgil married **Dorothy J. Clayton**, who was born 18 March 1906 in Burlington, Mineral County, West Virginia. They lived in Alleghany County, Maryland and Virgil worked for a paper mill.

Dorothy died 13 January 1958 at the age of 51 in Alleghany County, Maryland. She is buried at Philos Cemetery, Westernport, Alleghany County, Maryland.

Virgil died March 1972 at the age of 71. He is buried beside his wife Dorothy at Philos Cemetery in Westernport, Maryland.

Virgil and Dorothy had four children, as follows: Frances Barr (born c. 1924); James Barr (born c. 1925); Robert Barr (born c. 1927) and Mildred Barr (born c. 1929). They are shown with their parents Virgil and Dorothy Barr in the 1930 census living in Luke, Alleghany County, Maryland. All the children were born in Maryland. No other information found could be verified.

Harry Alvin Barr⁷ (Silas Leonard Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harry was born 2 March 1905 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Silas Leonard Barr and Elizabeth (Bettie) Frances *Knisely*.

On 11 August 1929 Harry married **Daisy Rilla Bradfield**, who was born 14 May 1911 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Homer Lee Bradfield and Mazie Ethel *Sager*.

Harry and Daisy lived in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia. In 1940, Harry was working in an orchard.

Daisy died 3 April 1991 at the age of 79. She is buried at Sunset View Memorial Gardens in Woodstock, Virginia.

Harry died 7 November 1994 at the age of 89. He is buried beside his wife Daisy at Sunset View Memorial Gardens in Woodstock, Virginia. Harry and Daisy had at least two children, daughters, who were both born in Shenandoah, County.

+Dickie Rilla Barr⁸ 1931-1985 – married (private).
Female Barr⁸ – born circa 1934 (private)

Naomi C. Barr⁷ (Silas Leonard Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Naomi was born 2 May 1908 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Silas Leonard Barr and Elizabeth (Bettie) Frances *Knisely*. Naomi died 9 September 1908 at the age of four months and seven days. She is buried at Detrick Cemetery in Detrick, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Audrey Ophelia Barr⁷ (Silas Leonard Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Audrey was born 25 September 1911 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Silas Leonard Barr and Elizabeth (Bettie) Frances *Knisely*.

Audrey married **Magnus J. Schaebler**, who was born 1 November 1906 at Pittsburgh, Alleghany County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Aloysius Schaebler and Catherine *Greenawald*.

Magnus worked for Lucas Paint Co. in Reading, Pennsylvania for 33 years—retiring as the manager of the company 1 November 1969. He was one of the founders of the Wilson High School Football Boosters Club in Reading. Audrey and Magnus liked to travel and in the summer of 1956 made a trip on the SS *Queen of Bermuda* from New York to Bermuda.

In 1979, Audrey and Magnus were on another Atlantic Ocean cruise on the ship the SS *Atlantic Oceanic*. While still aboard the ship, Audrey died on 12 January 1979, one day before the ship docked at the New York harbor. She was 67 years old. Audrey is buried at Forest Hills Memorial Park in Reiffton, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Magnus died 25 January 1994 at the age of 87. He is buried beside his wife Audrey at Forest Hills Memorial Park in Reiffton, Pennsylvania. Audrey and Magnus had at least one child, a son, who was born in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

+Matthew Lee Schaebler, M.D.⁸ – 1932-2004 – married (private)

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Francis Lee Barr**

Margaret Frances Barr⁷ (Francis Lee Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 17 October 1906 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Francis Lee Barr and Anna M. *Smith*. Margaret was baptized 30 April 1907 at the United Church of Christ in Blue Bell, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Margaret was married (1) to a Mr. Mayer (no information). On 12 January 1941 at Camden County, North Carolina, she married (2) **Edgar Allen Powell**, who was born

12 January 1909 at Chesapeake Bay's Gwynn Island, Mathews County, Virginia, the son of William Edward Powell and Eva *Pickett*. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Margaret and Edgar were living in Norfolk, Virginia when Margaret died at DePaul Hospital in Norfolk on 3 September 1961 at the age of 54. Cause of death was a heart attack. She is buried at Rosewood Memorial Park, Virginia Beach, Virginia Beach City, Virginia.

Edgar retired after his employment as an assistant superintendent of an oil company. He died at Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia on 17 April 1973 at the age of 64. He is buried at Rosewood Memorial Park, Virginia Beach City, Virginia. Margaret and Edgar had at least one child, a son (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
George Washington Barr**

Esta Thelma Barr⁷ (George Washington Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Esta was born 9 May 1904 in Virginia, the daughter of George Washington Barr and Nettie May *Taylor*.

Esta married **William Frederick Lichliter**, who was born 6 August 1899 in Virginia, the son of William B. Lichliter and Mary Elizabeth *Shipe*.

Esta and William lived in Seven Fountains, Shenandoah County, Virginia. William was the owner/proprietor of a grocery store.

William fell at his home and fractured his left hip. As a result, he died 52 days later on 2 November 1974 at Shenandoah County Memorial Hospital in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was 74 years old. William is buried at Detrick Cemetery in Seven Fountains, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Esta died at Shenandoah County Memorial Hospital in Woodstock, Virginia, on 4 December 1982 at the age of 78, as the result of a heart attack. She is buried beside her husband William at Detrick Cemetery in Seven Fountains, Virginia.

Alvin H. Barr⁷ (George Washington Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alvin was born 11 April 1907 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was the son of George Washington Barr and Nettie May *Taylor*.

Alvin married **Dorothy Burner**. Alvin and Dorothy lived in Arlington, Virginia. Alvin worked as a technician at an ordnance factory.

He died in Arlington, Virginia on 22 August 1951 at the age of 44 years, four months and 11 days. The cause of death was suicide by gunshot. Alvin is buried at Detrick Cemetery in Detrick, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Leslie Clifton Barr⁷ (George Washington Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leslie was born 1908 in

Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of George Washington Barr and Nettie May *Taylor*.

Leslie was an automotive mechanic at Falls Church Motors. He married 10 March 1934 (1) **Charlotte M. Barr**. They separated during 1937 and were divorced 25 November 1939. There were no children.

Leslie married (2) **Rita Bernice Crumbaugh** on 6 August 1941. They separated in May of 1944 and Leslie was awarded a decree of annulment on 29 September 1944—the reason for the annulment was that Rita had been married previously and her divorce was not final. There were no children.

Leslie died 1947 – he is buried at Detrick Cemetery in Detrick, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Dorothy Cleo Barr⁷ (George Washington Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dorothy was born 26 November 1910 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of George Washington Barr and Nettie May *Taylor*.

Dorothy was still a schoolgirl when she died at Johnson, Shenandoah County, Virginia, on 21 February 1920 at the age of nine years, two months and 22 days. The cause of death was double lobar pneumonia due to influenza. She is buried at Detrick Cemetery in Detrick, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Delmas Wellington Barr⁷ (George Washington Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Delmas was born 6 March 1912 at Detrick, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of George Washington Barr and Nettie May *Taylor*.

Delmas married **Dorothy Elizabeth Reamy**, who was born 2 October 1916 in Berthaville, King George County, Virginia, the daughter of Richard Reamy and Etna *Grismond*. Delmas and Dorothy lived in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was the retail manager of a printing company.

At the age of 65 he was DOA at Shenandoah County Memorial Hospital in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia on 16 February 1978. The cause of death was heart arrest due to lung cancer. Delmas is buried at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Prince George's County, Maryland.

Dorothy died 10 February 1994 at the age of 77. Her last home was Bowie, Prince George's County, Maryland. There were no children.

Marguerite Frances Barr⁷ (George Washington Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marguerite was born 6 November 1918 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of George Washington Barr and Nettie May *Taylor*.

She married **William F. Clow**, who was born 12 December 1909 in Georgia. They lived in Washington, D.C.

Marguerite died at Northern Virginia Doctors Hospital in Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia on 6 February 1978 at the age of 59. The cause of death was acute bronchitis contributed to by rheumatoid arthritis and multiple rib fractures. She is buried at National Memorial Park in Falls Church, Virginia.

William died 31 May 1994 at the age of 84. His last residence was Annandale, Fairfax County, Virginia. Marguerite and William had two daughters who survived them—both born in Washington, D.C. (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Curtis Talmage Barr**

Wilbur Lee Barr⁷ (Curtis Talmage Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wilbur was born 25 March 1906 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, the son of Curtis Talmage Barr and Lillian (Lillie) May *Wisman*.

Wilbur graduated from Temple University, and was a pharmacist with W. B. Boyer, Inc. of Reading, Pennsylvania. He later served as secretary of the corporation.

On 18 June 1932 he married **Rachel E. *Bamberger***, who was born 30 July 1907 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Paul Bamberger and Beulah *Boughter*. Wilbur and Rachel lived in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Rachel was a patient at the Reading Hospital in West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, when she died on 9 April 1958 at the age of 50. Cause of death was a malignant brain tumor. She is buried at Laureldale Cemetery in Muhlenberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Wilbur died 23 January 1995 at the age of 88. His last residence was Palmyra, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. Wilbur and Rachel were survived by one daughter⁸ (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through grandson Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Elisabeth Elton *Barr* Taylor**

Maurice Orville Taylor⁷ (Mary Elisabeth Elton Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maurice was born 3 July 1902 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Mary (Mamie) Elisabeth Elton *Barr* and Oscar Hugh Taylor, Sr.

Maurice married **Verna Blanche *Brazelton***, who was born 7 January 1909 in California, the daughter of James E. Brazelton and Blanche *Arkells*.

By 1930, Maurice had relocated to California. He was married with a daughter and living in Los Angeles County, where he worked as an auto mechanic. His younger brother Douglas was living with them.

In 1935 and 1940, Maurice and Verna now had two children and lived in Glendale, Los Angeles County, California. Maurice was working as a machinist in the air craft industry.

Maurice died 26 August 1989 at the age of 87. Verna died 23 April 1996 at the age of 87. Their last address was Fresno, Fresno County, California. They were survived by a son and a daughter (both private)

Lillian E. Taylor⁷ (Mary Elisabeth Elton Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lillian was born 29 May 1904 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and she died 5 November 1904 at the age of five months and six days. She was the daughter of Mary (Mamie) Elisabeth Elton *Barr* and Oscar Hugh Taylor, Sr. Lillian is buried at Detrick Cemetery in Detrick, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Harold L. Taylor⁷ (Mary Elisabeth Elton Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harold was born 18 December 1905 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and he died 11 March 1907 at the age of one year, two months and 26 days. He was the son of Mary (Mamie) Elisabeth Elton *Barr* and Oscar Hugh Taylor, Sr. Harold is buried at Detrick Cemetery in Detrick, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Douglas Taylor⁷ (Mary Elisabeth Elton Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Douglas was born 16 January 1909 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Mary (Mamie) Elisabeth Elton *Barr* and Oscar Hugh Taylor, Sr.

Douglas followed his older brother Maurice to California and in 1930 he was living at LaCrescenta, Los Angeles County, California, with Maurice and his family. Douglas was 21 years old at that time and was working as a stockroom clerk for the Ford Agency.

Douglas moved to Washington, D.C. and married **Mae Green**. She was born circa 1912 in Washington, D.C.—daughter of William Edgar and Clara Green. In 1940 they lived in Washington, D.C. where Douglas was a carpenter in the construction industry and Mae was a secretary in the Treasury Department.

Douglas' last residence was Gaithersburg, Montgomery County, Maryland. He died 27 October 1994 at the age of 85.

Before her death, Mae also lived in Gaithersburg, Maryland. She died 1 March 2002 at the age of 90.

Beatrice Taylor⁷ (Mary Elisabeth Elton Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Beatrice was born 4

September 1912 in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary (Mamie) Elisabeth Elton *Barr* and Oscar Hugh Taylor, Sr.

Beatrice married **Frank Herbert Gardner**, who was born 13 April 1909 in Minnesota. Frank was an insurance salesman. Beatrice and Frank lived in Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia and Lynchburg, Virginia.

Frank died 17 August 2001 at the age of 92. Beatrice and Frank had been married 70 years. Frank is buried at Spring Hill Cemetery in Lynchburg, Lynchburg City, Virginia.

Beatrice died 12 February 2002 at the age of 89. She is buried beside her husband Frank at Spring Hill Cemetery in Lynchburg City, Virginia. They had at least two children.

+Female Gardner⁸ – private

+Frank Herbert Gardner, Jr.⁸ – 1936-2013 – married Adelaide Adella Barker.

Oscar Hugh Taylor, Jr.⁷ (Mary Elisabeth Elton Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Oscar, Jr. was born 25 June 1916 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Mary (Mamie) Elisabeth Elton *Barr* and Oscar Hugh Taylor, Sr.

Oscar married **Eleanor Qualls**. She was born circa 1917 in Illinois. Eleanor worked as a stenographer for the Agriculture Department in Washington, D.C. Oscar was an accountant with the Washington Gas & Light Co. They lived in Arlington County, Virginia.

After 10 years of suffering poor health, Oscar committed suicide by gunshot. He died in the emergency room at Arlington Hospital, Arlington County, Virginia one and a half hours later on 22 March 1956 at the age of 39. Oscar is buried at National Memorial Park, Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia. There was no record of children being born to them.

Madolyn Louise Taylor⁷ (Mary Elisabeth Elton Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Madolyn was born 16 June 1922 in Washington, D.C., the daughter of Mary (Mamie) Elisabeth Elton *Barr* and Oscar Hugh Taylor, Sr.

Circa 1942 in Alexandria, Virginia, Madolyn married **Lt (JG) Clarence Arthur Teige**, USNR, who was born 16 March 1920 in North Dakota. Madolyn and Clarence were married only a short time before he was sent to the South Pacific during WWII.

Lt. Clarence Teige was killed in 1945. He was awarded the Air Medal with two Gold Stars. His award says:

USN Lt. (JG) Clarence Arthur Teige's TBM Torpedo Bomber attacking a Japanese carrier group, was shot down by anti-aircraft fire about 10:00 hours on 24 July 1945 over a small island 20 nautical miles South of Hiroshima, Japan, and was killed in action and awarded the Air Medal among other decorations. He left

behind his 23-year old widow, Madolyn Louise Taylor Leige. He was interred in The Punchbowl, Honolulu, Hawaii in 1949.

Lt. Teige was temporarily buried at Yokohoma Cemetery No. 1 in Japan and then on 14 February 1949 his body was removed and permanently interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (The Punchbowl), Plot C, Row O, Grave 1212.

After the death of her husband, Madolyn became a career woman—never marrying again. She became district manager for Avon Cosmetics in Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming. Her last residence was Brooklyn, New York. Madolyn died 17 December 2000 at the age of 78.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Hettie May Barr Munch**

Ivan Barr Munch⁷ (Hettie May Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ivan was born 26 November 1907 in Virginia, the son of Hettie May Barr and Austin Clarence Munch.

Ivan was a graduate of Eastern High School, Class of 1926. Ivan was an accountant with the U.S. Government. He was listed in Who's Who in Government for 1972-1973.

He married **Margaret Gilbert**, who worked for the National Rifle Association in Washington, D.C. She was born 5 December 1910 in Washington, D.C.

Margaret died 4 August 1984 at the age of 73. She is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suitland, Prince George's County, Maryland.

Ivan died 25 February 1993 at the age of 85. He is buried beside Margaret at Cedars Hill Cemetery in Suitland, Maryland. They had a son Lawrence McCune Munch⁸ who was born 17 June 1946, and died 4 August 1946. Lawrence is buried beside his parents at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suitland, Virginia.

Reba Frances Munch⁷ (Hettie May Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Reba was born 23 May 1917 in Virginia, the daughter of Hettie May Barr and Austin Clarence Munch.

Reba was married twice (1) **Charles Nedomanski** and (2) **Mr. Mayer**. She worked for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company while living in Washington, D.C. Reba Mayer died at General Hospital in Mecklenburg County, Maryland on 25 September 1992 at the age of 75.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Loy Wilbur McInturff**

Virginia Mildred McInturff⁷ (Loy Wilbur McInturff⁶, Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia was born 6 June 1917 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Loy Wilbur McInturff and Vernie Lee *Gilkerson*.

Virginia married **Arthur Lee Cook**, who was born 15 January 1916 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Virginia died 7 September 2005 at the age of 88. She is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, at Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Arthur died 6 November 2008 at the age of 92. He is buried beside his wife at McInturff Cemetery #2, at Fort Valley, Virginia.

Virginia and Arthur had three children, all born in Edinburg in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

+Female Cook⁸ – private

+Donald (Donnie) Lee Cook⁸ – 1941-2001 – married and divorced (private).

+Roger Allen Cook⁸ – 1946-2015 – married (private).

Vallie Marie McInturff⁷ (Loy Wilbur McInturff⁶, Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Vallie was born 14 March 1919 at Linville, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Loy Wilbur McInturff and Vernie Lee *Gilkerson*.

Vallie was a life member of Oak Hill Church of the Brethren in Fort Valley, Virginia.

On 12 October 1940 in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia, Vallie married (1) **Carl Wright Golladay**, who was born 5 June 1908 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was the son of St. James Edgar Golladay (1864-1933) and Dollie Lee Wright (1877-1957). Carl died 1 November 1981 at the age of 83. He is buried at the Clem-Golladay Cemetery in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

After Carl's death, on 16 June 1986, Vallie married (2) **Hugo Maters**, a widower, who was formerly married to Isabel Frances *Munch* (1908-1985). Hugo was born 15 August 1900. Hugo died 12 June 2002 at the age of 101. He is buried at Clem-Golladay Cemetery in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Vallie Marie *McInturff* Golladay Maters died 31 January 2009 at the age of 89. She is buried next to her first husband Carl at Clem-Golladay Cemetery in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Vallie and Carl Golladay were survived by four children—three daughters and one son, all born in Shenandoah County, Virginia (all private). They also were survived by eight grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and one gr-gr-granddaughter (all private).

Bernard Charles McInturff⁷ (Loy Wilbur McInturff⁶, Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bernard was born 7 December 1921 in Linville, Rockingham County, Virginia, the son of Loy Wilbur McInturff and Vernie Lee *Gilkerson*.

Bernard married **Fleta Mae Bowman**, who was born 18 September 1921 at Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Albert Mayberry Bowman and Bertha Mae *Nicholson*.

Bernard died in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia on 21 February 1998 at the age of 76. He is buried at Isaiah Clem Cemetery in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Fleta retired from Aileen in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia. She was a member of Oak Level United Methodist Church in Fort Valley. She died at Consulate Health Care in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia on Saturday, 19 April 2014 at the age of 92. She is buried beside her husband Bernard at Isaiah Clem Cemetery in Shenandoah County, Virginia. Bernard and Fleta were survived by their only child, a son (private). Fleta was survived by a sister (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Vernon Leroy McInturff**

Richard Vernon McInturff⁷ (Vernon Leroy McInturff⁶, Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Richard was born 25 May 1928 in Virginia, the son of Vernon Leroy McInturff and Leila May *Good*.

Richard served as a TEC 5 in the U.S. Army during WWII. In private life, Richard was a transit bus driver.

On 3 May 1949 Richard married (1) **Juanita Ware**, who was born 7 April 1930 in Cleveland (within Metropolitan Houston) Texas. They were separated in 1966 and divorced 17 June 1968 in Fairfax County, Virginia. Juanita married again—and she died 4 February 1998 in Alexandria, Virginia.

During their marriage, two children were born to Richard and Juanita (both private). After his divorce from Juanita, Richard married (2) private.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Wilmer Samuel McInturff**

Charles William McInturff⁷ (Wilmer Samuel McInturff⁶, Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 19 May 1918 in Linville, Rockingham County, Virginia, the son of Wilmer Samuel McInturff and Nina Florence *Cunningham*.

Charles married **Ilda (Hilda) Virginia Rush**, who was born 24 July 1918 in Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia, daughter of Clarence (Pete) Rush and Regina

Wolford. Hilda was a member of the Palmyra Christian Church. They lived in Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Charles died 7 March 2002 at the age of 83. He is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Hilda had been a resident of Consulate Health Care when she died at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia, on Monday, 23 February 2009. She is also buried at McInturff Cemetery #2 in Fort Valley, Virginia.

Charles and Hilda were survived by four sons, five daughters, 19 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren (all private).

Howard Lee McInturff⁷ (Wilmer Samuel McInturff⁶, Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Howard was born 10 February 1922 at Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was the son of Wilmer Samuel McInturff and Nina Florence *Cunningham*.

Howard served in the U.S. Army during WWII (1942-1945). In private life he was a truck driver for a concrete company.

On 8 December 1945 at Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia, Howard married (1) **Elesta Virginia Nicholson**. She was born 9 March 1924 in Shenandoah County, the daughter of Kemper T. Nicholson and Cleda *Baker*.

Howard and Elesta separated on 10 November 1963, and were divorced 26 December 1968 in Circuit Court in Fairfax, Virginia. They were both residents of Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia at that time.

On 22 November 1972 Howard married (2) **Esther Reed Maughan**, who was born 10 February 1922, the daughter of Charles Parrigen Reed and Annie *Landreth*.

Howard died at Mt. Vernon Hospital in Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia on 5 October 1985 at the age of 63. The cause of death was acute respiratory failure due to lung cancer. He is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Howard's first wife, Elesta McInturff, died 25 February 1991 at the age of 66. She was living at Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania at that time. Elesta is buried at Fairview Cemetery, West Catasauqua, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania—Section 14.

Howard's second wife, Esther McInturff, died 24 September 2008 at the age of 76. She is buried at National Memorial Park in Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia—Section A. Howard and his first wife, Elesta, had one child, a son.

+Timothy Michael McInturff⁸ – 1958-1999

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Fred Theodore McInturff**

Virginia Irene McInturff⁷ (Fred Theodore McInturff⁶, Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹)

Virginia was born 24 July 1929 in Sleepy Creek, Morgan County, West Virginia, the daughter of Fred Theodore McInturff and Erma Moneda *Clingerman*.

Virginia graduated in 1948 from Hancock High School in Hancock, Washington County, Maryland. She was a long-time employee of Londontown Manufacturing Corporation in Hancock, Maryland, before retiring in 1993.

Virginia died at her home in Hancock, Maryland on Tuesday, 26 May 2009 at the age of 79. She is buried at Mays Chapel Christian Cemetery in Warfordsburg, Fulton County, Pennsylvania.

She was married and her husband of 57 years did survive her (private). Virginia was also survived by her two sons, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren (all private). Virginia's brother and one sister also survived her (private).

Wilma Ruth McInturff⁷ (Fred Theodore McInturff⁶, Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wilma was born 31 December 1931, the daughter of Fred Theodore McInturff and Erma Moneda *Clingerman*.

Wilma served as an Airman 3/C in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Wilma evidently married several times. Social Security records show her as Wilma Ruth Reynolds, Wilma Ruth Weller, and finally Wilma Ruth Woods.

Wilma married **Roy Francis Woods** in 1974 in Florida. A widower, Roy had children from his first marriage. He was born 3 October 1922 in Boston, Massachusetts. He served in the Marine Corps during WWII, and saw action in the Pacific Theater on Iwo Jima. Roy retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1984, and he and Wilma then moved to Stuart, Martin County, Florida, where they were living at the time of Wilma's death.

Wilma died 15 August 2003 at Stuart, Florida. She was 72 years old. Wilma is buried at Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery in Flintstone, Allegany County, Maryland. It is believed that Wilma had no children of her own, and left no issue. At the time of her death, she was survived by two sisters and a brother. Since that time, her elder sister Virginia is also deceased.

Wilma's husband Roy died 21 January 2008 at the age of 86. He is buried at South Florida National Cemetery at Fort Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
George Roy Clem**

George R. Clem⁷ (George Roy Clem⁶, George W. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 15 October 1906 in Knox County, Tennessee. He was the son of George Roy Clem and Christiana (Chrissie) H. *Schaefer*.

George married (1) **Beatrice Dix Edwards**, who was born 31 May 1909 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, the daughter of William Harrison Edwards and Dora

Gordon *Dix*. George and Beatrice lived in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. They had five children, all born in Knox County, Tennessee.

By 1940, George and Beatrice were divorced. Beatrice and the children remained in Knoxville, but George moved to Fresno County, California.

Beatrice continued to live in Knoxville, and married again. Beatrice *Edwards* Clem Treadway died 6 May 1983, and she is buried at Lynnhurst Cemetery in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. Beatrice had a son from her second marriage: Mike Treadway (deceased).

George married (2) **Cecelia M. Massa**, who was born 29 March 1912 in Kansas. They lived in Fresno, Fresno County, California. George worked in Fresno as shop foreman for Pacific Tent and Awning Company.

He died in Fresno, Fresno County, California on 12 January 1969 at the age of 62. There is no record that he had any children during his marriage to Cecelia.

Cecelia died in Fresno County, California on 23 March 1992 at the age of 79.

Three of the five children of George and his first wife Beatrice are still living (private). Two are now deceased.

+Joyce Patricia Clem⁸ – 1926-2000 – married twice.

+George Robert (Bob) Clem⁸ – 1935-2003 – married (private)



Marguerite M. Clem⁷ (George Roy Clem⁶, George W. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marguerite was born 10 October 1908 in Knox County, Tennessee, the daughter of George Roy Clem and Christiana (Chrissie) H. *Schaefer*.

At age 21, Marguerite was still single and living on Mill Road, Civil District 2, Lawrence County, Tennessee as a boarder with two other ladies. They were all three teachers at a parochial school. That is the last definite finding for her as Marguerite Clem.

Later Marguerite became Sister Mary Benedict Clem of the St. Bernard Convent of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nashville, Tennessee, continuing as a parochial school teacher, of the Order of Sisters of Mercy.

Sister Mary Benedict died 10 March 1957 at the age of 48 and is buried at Calvary Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. Sister Mary Benedict Clem's grave site is shown here as it appears on the Find A Grave website.

Ralph Edwin Clem⁷ (George Roy Clem⁶, George W. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ralph was born 18 January 1911 in Knox County, Tennessee, the son of George Roy Clem and Christiana (Chrissie) H. *Schaefer*.

On 21 January 1933 at Anderson County, Tennessee, he married **Alice Hester Franklin**, who was born 9 January 1916 in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee, the daughter of Carlyle Franklin and Hattie *Duncan*.

They always lived in Knoxville, Tennessee. Ralph died there 28 May 1994 at the age of 83. He is buried at Lynnhurst Cemetery in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.

Alice died 19 March 1996 at the age of 80. She is buried next to her husband Ralph at Lynnhurst Cemetery in Knoxville, Tennessee. Ralph, Sr. and Alice had at least four children—one son and one daughter survive (private) and the other two are deceased and shown here.

+Ralph Edwin Clem, Jr.⁸ – 1933-1992 – married Dolly Alice Edwards.

+Jeanette Pauline Clem⁸ – 1936-1954 – 17 years old

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Olive A. L. McInturff Cockrell

Stanley W. (Poppy) McInturff⁷ (Olive A. L. McInturff⁶, Amanda S. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Stanley was born 20 February 1907 in Loudon County, Virginia. He was the son of Olive (Ollie) A. L. McInturff. In the 1930 census Ollie Cockrell, a widow, was listed as a servant in a private residence in Jefferson, Loudon County, Virginia, and Stanley was listed as the servant's three-year-old son. No record was found regarding Mr. Cockrell.

Stanley was an auto mechanic. He married **Emma F. Crawford**, who was born 8 June 1912. For many years they lived in Rising Sun, Maryland. Their last home was at Quarryville, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Stanley died 19 December 1997 at the age of 90. He is buried at the Brick Meeting House Cemetery at Calvert, Cecil County, Maryland.

Emma died 12 May 2001 at the age of 88. She is buried next to her husband Stanley at the Brick Meeting House Cemetery in Calvert, Maryland.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Phillip Edward McInturff

Lillian Elizabeth McInturff⁷ (Phillip Edward McInturff⁶, Amanda S. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lillian was born 26 October 1911 in Leesburg, Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Phillip Edward McInturff and Edith Irene Maffet.

On 14 July 1934 In Luray, Page County, Virginia, Lillian married **William Kibler**, who was born 4 October 1908 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Bertram Kibler and Lena *Strickler*. William served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Lillian was a

public school teacher, and William was an automobile mechanic. They lived in Rising Sun, Cecil County, Maryland.

William died 22 June 1985 at the age of 77. Lillian died 11 June 1997 at the age of 86. No records were available regarding children.

Jestine E. McInturff⁷ (Phillip Edward McInturff⁶, Amanda S. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jestine was born 31 August 1912, the daughter of Phillip Edward McInturff and Edith Irene *Moffet*.

She married **Elson Ernest Crookshank**, who was born 10 August 1913 in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. He was the son of Elbert and Mary Crookshank. Jestine and Elson lived in Newark, New Castle County, Delaware—their last address.

Elson died February 1983 at the age of 72. He is buried at Gracelawn Memorial Park, New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware.

Jestine died October 1992 at the age of 80. She is buried beside her husband Elson at Gracelawn Memorial Park in New Castle, Delaware. No information on children was available.

Thelma P. McInturff⁷ (Phillip Edward McInturff⁶, Amanda S. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thelma was born 1916 in Cecil County, Maryland, the daughter of Phillip Edward McInturff and Edith Irene *Moffet*. She died in Cecil County, Maryland in 1918, and is buried beside her parents at the Brick Meeting House Cemetery in Calvert, Cecil County, Maryland.

Virginia Edith McInturff⁷ (Phillip Edward McInturff⁶, Amanda S. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia was born 31 October 1919 at Calvert, Cecil County, Maryland, the daughter of Phillip Edward McInturff and Edith Irene *Moffet*.

Virginia married **Harry E. Stallard**, who was born 4 November 1916, the son of Elbert S. Stallard (1875-1941) and Sallie C. Stallard (1894-1988).

Virginia and Harry had resided in Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee since 1952. Virginia was a teacher at Saint Dominic Catholic School for 27 years. After she retired from teaching, Virginia became well known for her folk art painting—from her home she operated her own business The Paintin' Place.

Harry died 7 March 1994 at the age of 77. He is buried at Holston View Cemetery in Weber City, Scott County, Virginia.

Virginia died Sunday, 28 January 2007 at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center at Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee, after a brief illness. She was 87 years old. Virginia is buried at Holston View Cemetery in Weber City, Virginia, next to her husband Harry.

All three of Virginia's sisters preceded her in death. Virginia was survived by two daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren (all private). She was also preceded in death by a grandson, James E. Lowe.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ophelia Ellen Bixler Barton

Linwood Bixler Barton⁷ (Ophelia Ellen Bixler⁶, Ella Virginia Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Linwood was born 16 January 1905 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Ophelia Ellen *Bixler* and Emmet Arthur Barton.

He married **Florence Virginia Hottel**, who was born 7 January 1913 in Virginia, the daughter of Charles Franklin Hottel and Marie *Rinkin*. Linwood and Florence lived at Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County, Virginia. Linwood was a material handler for a retail textile business.

Linwood died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Virginia on 31 July 1986 at the age of 81, as the result of a stroke. Harrisonburg Cremation Services was in charge of his remains.

Florence died at Harrisonburg, Virginia on 9 December 1988 at the age of 75. No record of children was available.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Howard Phillip Hodson

Jeannette Elizabeth Hodson⁷ (Howard Phillip Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jeannette¹⁹⁶ was born 17 September 1914 at Anderson, Madison County, Indiana, the daughter of Howard Phillip Hodson and Leona *Riley*.

Jeannette died at Falls Creek, Henry County, Indiana, on 29 June 1922 at the age of seven years, nine months and nine days. The cause of death was a cystic tumor of the kidney. Jeannette is buried with her parents at Miller Cemetery, Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Sarah Hazel Hodson Lovett

Florence Marie Lovett⁷ (Sarah Hazel Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Florence was born 1 August 1910 in Fall Creed, Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Sarah (Sallie) Hazel *Hodson* and Roscoe (Ross) Harvey Lovett.

¹⁹⁶ Both her birth certificate and gravestone give the name as Jeannette—however, her death certificate reads Genetta.

Florence married **Cletus William Bronnenberg** (1913-1997). Sometime after 1940, they were divorced, and she never married again. Florence was a clerical worker at Fort Benjamin Harrison, a military base in Marion County, Indiana.

Florence died at Middletown, Henry County, Indiana as the result of a stroke on 3 April 1985 at the age of 74. She is buried at Miller Cemetery in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana. She is survived by one daughter who was born to Florence during her marriage to Cletus Bronnenberg (private).

Edith Christina Lovett⁷ (Sarah Hazel Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edith was born 6 June 1912 at Middletown, Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Sarah (Sallie) Hazel *Hodson* and Roscoe (Ross) Harvey Lovett.

Edith was a 1930 graduate of Markleville High School in Madison County, Indiana. She was a bookkeeper at the Madison County Courthouse for over 20 years, and a member of the Pleasant Valley Christian Church.

She married **Paul Van Dyke Markle**, who was born 21 December 1909 at Markleville, Madison County, Indiana. He was the son of Samuel Markle and Eva Jane *Van Dyke*. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. In private life, Paul retired from work at Delco Remy Corp. of Indiana.

Paul died at St. John's Hospital in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana, on 16 January 1966 at the age of 56. The cause of death was congestive heart failure—an underlying contributor was diabetes. He is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana.

After a long illness, Edith died at Middletown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Middletown, Indiana, on 9 May 2009 at the age of 96. She is buried next to her husband Paul at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Indiana. Edith and Paul were survived by a daughter and three grandchildren (all private). Another daughter is deceased.

+Carolyn Dee Markle⁷ – 1947-2000 – married Donald (Don) Marvin McKee.

Harold Augustus Lovett⁷ (Sarah Hazel Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harold was born 6 December 1914 at Fall Creek, Henry County, Indiana, the son of Sarah (Sallie) Hazel *Hodson* and Roscoe (Ross) Harvey Lovett.

During WWII, Harold served in the U.S. Army. Harold was a production supervisor for an auto parts manufacturing company. He and his family lived in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

He married **Lavonne (Sally) Fouch**, who was born 4 October 1917 at Atlanta, Hamilton County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Raymond J. Fouch and Alta *Lacy*.

Harold died at Community Hospital in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana on 1 December 2000 at the age of 85. Death was due to sepsis pneumonia with leukemia as a factor. He is buried at Millers Cemetery in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

Lavonne died at the Countryside Manor on 6 March 2008 following a long illness. She was 90 years old. She is buried beside her husband Harold at Miller Cemetery in Middletown, Indiana. Harold and Lavonne had one daughter who is now deceased: Myrna Lovett⁸ (no further information was found).

Marvin Woodrow (Woodie) Lovett⁷ (Sarah Hazel Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Woodrow was born 26 December 1916 at Fall Creek, Henry County, Indiana, the son of Sarah (Sallie) Hazel *Hodson* and Roscoe (Ross) Harvey Lovett.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Woodrow was married to (2) **Ruth A. Lovett** for 30 years when they divorced 17 July 1985 in Erie County, Ohio. They were both residents of Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio, at that time. As noted, Woodrow was married previously.

Woodrow worked for Ford Motor Company as a general foreman. At the time of his death Woodrow was living at the home of his eldest daughter at Middletown, Henry County, Indiana. He died at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana on 20 May 1993 at the age of 76. Cause of death was congestive heart failure. He is buried at Miller Cemetery, Middletown, Henry County, Indiana. Woodrow was survived by two daughters (both private).

Clayton Eugene (Jeep) Lovett⁷ (Sarah Hazel Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clayton was born 5 June 1921 in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana, the son of Sarah (Sallie) Hazel *Hodson* and Roscoe (Ross) Harvey Lovett.

Clayton was a 1939 graduate of Middletown High School. He worked for Guide Lamp of Anderson, Indiana, retiring in 1986. He served for eight years as clerk/treasurer for the Town of Middletown. Clayton was a 38-year member of Pleasant Valley Christian Church and taught Sunday school for many years.

Clayton was living in Chesterfield, Madison County, Indiana, when he died at his home on 15 February 2010 after a long illness. He was 88 years old. He is buried at Miller Cemetery in East Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

Clayton was survived by his wife, three daughters, 11 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren (all private). His three brothers and two sisters all preceded him in death. Clayton and his wife had an infant son who was born 1953 and died at birth. Their infant son is buried at Miller Cemetery in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana.

Jerry Lee (Coach) Lovett⁷ (Sarah Hazel Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jerry was born 17 July 1930 in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana, the son of Sarah (Sallie) Hazel *Hodson* and Roscoe (Ross) Harvey Lovett.

When he was young, Jerry received a basketball scholarship to Louisiana Tech. He also played baseball while attending the college. After graduation from Louisiana

Tech, he continued his education and received a Master's Degree from Northwestern State of Louisiana. Jerry served in the U.S. Army. After his service he moved to Calhoun, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana and worked with the Ouachita Parish School System as a coach and teacher at Calhoun High School. He retired after 31 years.

Jerry was inducted into Louisiana Tech Athletic Hall of Fame and the Louisiana State Hall of Fame. He was named Louisiana's Mr. Basketball, and the gymnasium at Calhoun High School was renamed Lovett Gymnasium in his honor. He was a member of the Calhoun First Baptist Church for 52 years and served as a deacon.

Jerry died at West Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana on 8 February 2009 at the age of 78. He is interred at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Calhoun, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. Jerry was survived by his wife of 55 years, a son, two daughters, and eight grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ruth M. Hodson Hale**

Byron H. Hale⁷ (Ruth M. Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴ Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Byron was born 12 June 1916 in Henry County, Indiana, the son of Ruth M. *Hodson* and Augusta (Gus) Hale.

Byron married **Delores Derrow**, who was born 20 October 1917 at New Castle, Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Sam Derrow (1883-1963) and Esta *Strough* (1887-1958).

Byron and Delores lived in Sulphur Springs, Henry County, Indiana. Byron was a truck driver. Delores was a graduate of Sulphur Springs High School and a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Byron died Middletown, Henry County, Indiana, on 26 August 1992 at the age of 74. He is buried at Miller Cemetery in Middletown, Indiana.

Following a short illness, Delores died at Ball Hospital's Urgency Care in Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana on 16 May 2012 at the age of 94. She is buried at Miller Cemetery in Middletown, Indiana.

Byron and Delores had five children, two sons and three daughters. One son and the three daughters survive (private). They were also survived by 10 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren (all private). One son, and three grandchildren are deceased. The deceased son is shown here.

+Gary Duane Hale⁸ – 1943-1992 – married (private)

Walter L. Hale⁷ (Ruth M. Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴ Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 25 February 1919 in Henry County, Indiana, the son of Ruth M. *Hodson* and Augustus (Gus) Hale.

Walter married **Barbara Ruth Cronin Fowler**, who was born 27 October 1928 in Seabrook, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, the daughter of Everett F. Cronin and Lola M. *Dow*.

Walter served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and Korea (1943-1953). He and Barbara lived in Newburyport, Massachusetts and Seabrook, New Hampshire.

Walter died 7 August 1986 at the age of 67. He is buried at Hillside Cemetery in Seabrook, Rockingham County, New Hampshire—Section 2, Plot 45.

Barbara died 27 October 2001 at the age of 73. She is buried beside her husband at Hillside Cemetery in Seabrook, New Hampshire.

Jane Elizabeth Hale⁷ (Ruth M. Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴ Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jane was born 30 May 1931 at Sulphur Springs, Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Ruth M. *Hodson* and Augustus (Gus) Hale.

She married **Walter Clarence Kendall**, who was born 8 June 1921 in Wayne County, Indiana, the son of Walter Kendall and Lola *Hormel*.

Walter was a 1930 graduate of New Lisbon High School. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII as a surgical technician in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He was a part-time Christian minister for many years. He started work at Dana Corporation in New Castle, Indiana in 1941 and retired from the company in 1975.

Jane was a homemaker for most of her married life. She attended Corinth United Methodist Church and was also actively involved in the Messick United Brethren Church, including the Ladies' Aide. She and Walter moved to Daleville, Delaware County, Indiana in 1996—that became their final home.

After an extended illness, Jane died at Ball Hospital in Muncie, Indiana on 28 March 2003 at the age of 81. She is buried at Mooreland Cemetery in Mooreland, Henry County, Indiana. Jane and Walter had been married for 62 years.

Walter died at Elmcroft Assisted Living in Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana, on Monday evening, 28 April 2014 at the age of 92. He is buried next to his wife Jane at Mooreland Cemetery in Mooreland, Indiana.

Jane and Walter are survived by two daughters, one son and many grandchildren and great grandchildren (all private). She was also survived by one brother (private). Deceased are a son, a daughter, granddaughters Julie Ann Morris (1962-1966) and Jo Ellen Morris (1964-1966), and grandson Jason Kendall Geiling (1976-1981).

+Janet Marlene Kendall⁸ 1942-1966 – married (private) Morris.

+Kenneth Bruce Kendall⁸ – 1949-1970 – killed at Cambodia.

Virginia Mae Hale⁷ (Ruth M. Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴ Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia was born 13 August 1923 in Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Ruth M. *Hodson* and Augustus (Gus) Hale.

Virginia married **Arthur Leon Lewis**, who was born 28 January 1921 in Spiceland, Henry County, Indiana, the son of Edward G. Lewis and Regina *Mills*.

Virginia died on 23 November 1979 at the age of 56 from a heart attack. She is buried at Mooreland Cemetery in Mooreland, Henry County, Indiana—Plot 3-290. .

Arthur died at Puyallup, Pierce County, Washington on 18 February 1991 at the age of 70. He is buried at next to Virginia at Mooreland Cemetery in Mooreland, Indiana—Plot 3-290E.

Virginia and Arthur had at least two children, both born in Indiana. One son survives (private), the other, shown here, is deceased.

+Tony Ray Lewis⁸ – 1945-2006 – married (private)

Mary Katherine Hale⁷ (Ruth M. Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴ Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 11 November 1925 at Sulphur Springs, Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Ruth M. *Hodson* and Augustus (Gus) Hale.

Mary married **Paul Gregory Brothers**, who was born 20 May 1920 at Greensfork, Wayne County, Indiana, the son of Bernard Brothers and Mary *Ellis*. Paul worked for the railroad. They later divorced.

Mary was employed as a secretary for Indiana Gas Co. at Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana, where she lived.

Paul's home was at Fountain City, Wayne County, Indiana. He died at Reid Hospital in Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana, four hours after suffering a ruptured aortic aneurism on 10 August 1994 at the age of 74. He is buried at St. Mary Cemetery, Richmond, Indiana.

Mary died at Cherish Nursing Home in Richmond, Indiana, on 3 December 1989 at the age of 64. She died as the result of cancer and pneumonia. Mary is buried at Mooreland Cemetery, Mooreland, Henry County, Indiana. Mary was survived by one daughter (private).

Alfred Lee Hale⁷ (Ruth M. Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴ Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alfred was born 25 November 1932 at Sulphur Springs, Henry County, Indiana. He was the son of Ruth M. *Hodson* and Augustus (Gus) Hale.

On Thursday, 1 February 1951 at Blountsville, Henry County, Indiana, Alfred married (1) **Ruth Ann O'Brien**. She was born 17 February 1934 in Connerville, Fayette County, Indiana, the daughter of Charles L. O'Brien and Gladys R. *Wood*. At the time of their marriage Alfred was a private in the U.S. Army (Korea)—he was home on sick leave. On February 17 he was scheduled to report back to the Army Hospital at Camp Atterbury, near Edinburgh, Indiana. Ruth was still a senior at Mooreland High School.

Alfred was a corporal when he was discharged from the Army in 1953. Alfred and Ruth had two children during their marriage, and were later divorced.

Alfred married (2) **Emelene Hollars Silvers**, the widow of Lindsey M. Silvers (1921-1955). Emelene was born 21 August 1925 in Pulaski County, Kentucky. She had a family from her first marriage to Mr. Silvers. Emelene died 18 July 2014 at the age of 88. She is buried at Elm Ridge Memorial Park in Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana.

On 6 April 1974 in Henry County, Indiana, Ruth married (2) Jerry Lee Houser, a teacher and farmer who was also divorced. At the time she lived in Mooreland, Indiana and worked at the State Hospital. They were later divorced.

Ruth became a supervisor at the State Hospital. She died at New Castle Healthcare Center in New Castle, Henry County, Indiana, on 29 April 2001 at the age of 67. Cause of death was pneumonia. She is buried next to her son Michael Allen Hale at Mooreland Cemetery, Mooreland, Henry County, Indiana.

Alfred was a corrections officer for the Indiana Department of Corrections. He was experiencing heart complications when he died at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana, on 6 February 1992 at the age of 59. He is buried at Elm Ridge Memorial Park, Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana. Alfred and Ruth Ann Hale had three children—one daughter surviving (private).

+Michael Allen Hale⁸ –1954-1962 – eight years old.

+Helen Denise Hale⁸ – 1955-1998 – married and divorced--Ankrom.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Eva Nadine Hodson Markle**

Martha Elaine Markle⁷ (Eva Nadine Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martha was born 2 July 1925 in Markleville, Madison County, Indiana, the daughter of Eva Nadine Hodson and Everett J. Markle.

Martha married (1) **Eugene Melvin Camplin**, who was born 1923 in Shirley, Henry County, Indiana, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Camplin. Eugene was a brakeman and conductor for the New York Central Railroad. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainman, and the Shirley Methodist Church. Martha worked in Anderson, Indiana, as a secretary at Guide Lamp (a division of General Motors).

After a year-long illness, Eugene died at St. John's Hospital in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana, on 5 December 1962 at the age of 39. He is buried at McCray Cemetery in Wilkinson, Hancock County, Indiana.

Martha married (2) **Gerald Lewis**. He survived her.

Martha died at Middletown, Henry County, Indiana, on 25 May 1997 at the age of 71 from heart failure. Martha is buried next to her first husband Eugene Camplin at McCray Cemetery in Wilkinson, Indiana. Martha and Eugene Camplin had two children, a daughter who survives (private), and a son now deceased (shown here).

+Mark Eugene Camplin⁸ – 1954-2007 – married (private).

William Eldon Markle⁷ (Eva Nadine Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 11 September 1929 in Markleville, Madison County, Indiana. He was the son of Eva Nadine *Hodson* and Everett J. Markle. William married **Lois Joyce Whitaker**, who was born 13 July 1930 in Markleville, Madison County, Indiana. Joyce died 15 January 1989. She is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana.

William was a lifetime resident of Markleville. He graduated from Markleville High School in 1947. He worked for the New York Central Railroad and retired from Guide Lamp, a Division of General Motors, in Anderson, Indiana. William was a member of North Christian Church in Markleville.

He died 28 September 2003. William is buried beside his wife Joyce at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Indiana.

They are survived by four daughters, one son, and six grandchildren (all private). William is also survived by two brothers and one sister (private). His sister Martha preceded him in death.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Osa Ward Bushong**

Georganice Bushong⁷ (Osa Ward Bushong⁶, Andrew Jackson Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Georganice was born 1924 in Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Osa Ward Bushong and Gretchen C. *Swain*.

She may have been married to **Henry (Hank) Joseph Abel** (1922-1989). He probably married again. Georganice died in 1956 at the age of 32. She is buried at Anderson Memorial Park in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana.

Harriet Swain Bushong⁷ (Osa Ward Bushong⁶, Andrew Jackson Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harriet was born 6 May 1926 in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Osa Ward Bushong and Gretchen C. *Swain*.

Harriet was a graduate of Middletown High School. She retired from Delco-Remy of Anderson, Indiana, after 40 years of employment with the company. Harriet was a member of the Cornerstone Ministries of Anderson, Indiana. She was married in 1965, and in 2005, Harriet and her husband would have celebrated their 50th year of marriage.

After a short illness, Harriet *Bushong* Collis died at St. John's Medical Center on 30 November 2004 at the age of 78. She is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana. Harriet was survived by her husband and two children (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Fred Sherrel Hodson**

Frederick Clay Hodson⁷ (Fred Sherrel Hodson⁶, Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frederick was born 24 September 1922 in Markleville, Madison County, Indiana, the son of Fred Sherrel Hodson and Doris Marie *Hunter*.

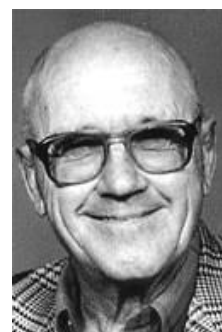
On 3 June 1946, he married **Ova Emogene Keesling**, who was born 13 January 1928 in Henry County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Cecil Keesling (1905-1965) and Crystal G. Keesling (1902-1977).

Frederick lived his entire life in Markleville, Indiana. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII—serving in the 52nd Engineers in demolition work. He was a long-time farmer, and he also worked at the Farm Bureau Co-op in Pendleton, Indiana. In addition, Frederick worked for Bob Taylor Construction Co. in Daleville. He was a member of the IOOF of Anderson, Indiana, and attended Pleasant Valley Christian Church.

Emogene died 12 July 1994. She is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana.

Frederick died at Miller's Merry Manor in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana on Sunday evening, 13 January 2013 at the age of 90. He is buried next to his wife at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Indiana.

Frederick and Emogene were survived by a daughter, two grandsons, four great granddaughters, and one gr-gr-grandson (all private).



Betty Lou Hodson⁷ (Fred S. Hodson⁶, Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Bushong³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Betty Lou was born 4 November 1926 in Madison County, Indiana, the daughter of Fred Sherrel Hodson and Doris Marie *Hunter*.

On 28 February 1946 in Henry County, Indiana, she married **Earl Junior McGinnis**, who was born 13 April 1927 in New Castle, Henry County, Indiana. He was the son of William E. McGinnis and Mary *Dalton*. At the time of their marriage, Earl was a member of the U.S. Navy. He served in the Navy during WWII from 1944 through 1946. After the war and in private life Earl was an electrician with Chrysler Corporation. They lived in Markleville, Indiana. After Earl's death, Betty Lou spent some time in Ruskin, Florida.

Earl died from congestive heart failure at St. John's Medical Center in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana on 30 September 2000 at the age of 73. He is buried at South Mound Cemetery at New Castle, Henry County, Indiana.

Betty Lou died at St. Vincent's Anderson Regional Hospital in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana on Thursday morning, 21 March 2013 at the age of 86. She is buried at South Mound Cemetery, New Castle, Indiana.

Betty Lou and Earl had one son, who is deceased (shown here). They were survived by four grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and six gr-gr-grandchildren (all private). Betty Lou was survived by one brother (private). She was predeceased by two brothers.

+Robert Alan McGinnis⁸ – 1947-1993 – married and divorced (private).

George Ivan Hodson⁷ (Fred Sherrel Hodson⁶, Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Bushong³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 10 December 1929 at Madison County, Indiana, the son of Fred Sherrel Hodson and Doris Marie *Hunter*.

George served in the armed forces during the Korean Conflict. He worked for Guide Lamp (a division of General Motors) in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana. George's home was in Pendleton, Indiana. He never married.

George was killed in a motor vehicle accident on Indiana State Route 58 at Pendleton, Madison County, Indiana on 19 August 1957 at the age of 27. An inquest was held (no further information was given). George is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Hazel Helen *Hodson* Scothorn**

Helen Mae Scothorn⁷ (Hazel Helen Hodson⁶, Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Helen was born 9 November 1921 in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Hazel Helen *Hodson* and Joseph Dan Scothorn.

On 3 July 1948, Helen married **Orville Belcher, Jr.**, who was born 19 November 1920 in Scioto County, Ohio, the son of Orville Belcher, Sr. and Ethel *Hager*. Orville was a utility man for Delco-Remy.

They lived in Middletown, and Helen was a 35-year employee of the Guide Lamp Division of General Motors, retiring in 1975.

Orville died at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, on 27 August 1977 at the age of 56. He is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Indiana.

Surrounded by her family, Helen passed away peacefully on 18 October 2010 at the age of 88. She is buried beside her husband Orville at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Indiana.

Helen and Orville were survived by two daughters, six grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren (all private). Helen was also survived by a younger sister (private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ida Elizabeth *English* Coole Toner

Helen V. Coole⁷ (Ida Elizabeth English⁶, Ida A. Welker⁵, Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Helen was born 19 September 1907 in Vigo County, Indiana, the daughter of Ida Elizabeth (Lizzie) *English* and Wilbur Coole.

Helen married **John Paul Kingston**, who was born 14 April 1899 in Vigo County, Indiana, the son of John Roy Kingston and Nora Prudence *Summerville*. John retired after many years of work as an insurance adjuster. They lived in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

John was DOA at St. Anthony's Hospital in Terre Haute, Indiana on 22 October 1966. Cause of death was a stroke. He was 67 years old. John is buried at Roselawn Cemetery in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

Helen died in Terre Haute, Indiana, in May of 1970 at the age of 63. She is also buried at Roselawn Cemetery in Terre Haute, Indiana. There was no record that they had children.

Charles T. Coole⁷ (Ida Elizabeth English⁶, Ida A. Welker⁵, Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 23 June 1910 in Vigo County, Indiana, the son of Ida Elizabeth (Lizzie) *English* and Wilbur Coole.

Charles married **Mabel V. Gruver**, who was born 21 February 1910. They lived in St. Louis, Missouri.

Charles died 27 August 1973 at the age of 63. He is buried at Saint Matthew Cemetery, St. Louis, St. Louis City, Missouri. Mabel's last residence was Arnold, Jefferson County, Missouri. She died 17 September 2001 at the age of 91. She is buried at Saint Matthew Cemetery at St. Louis City, Missouri. No record of children.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Lillian A. Jones Montgomery

Grant Earl Montgomery⁷ (Lillian A. Jones⁶, Michael Richard Jones⁵, Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Grant was born 7 October 1929 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the son of Lillian A. Jones and Earl Cyrus Montgomery.

Grant graduated from Albuquerque High School in 1947. He attended the University of New Mexico and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. Grant was employed by Scandia Labs from 1951 until 1953. He then served two years in the U.S. Air Force from 1953-1955. Grant returned to Albuquerque and taught math at Jefferson Junior High School until 1959.

In 1957 Grant married **Gladys (Teddy) Baer**, who was born in Kansas circa 1930. She moved with her Baer family to California and then to Seattle, Washington, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and became a Registered Nurse. In 1953 she went to Embudo, New Mexico for the Presbyterian Mission, and then transferred to Manuel School where she served as a school nurse in Albuquerque. She joined Immanuel Presbyterian Church where she met Grant in 1956. Grant was a charter member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church. He also served as an elder, a deacon and trustee.

After their 1957 marriage, Grant and Gladys made their home at Cedar Crest, a part of Albuquerque in Bernalillo County, Arizona, and lived there for 52 years. In 1960, Grant built Cedar Crest Hardware and operated the store for eight and a half years. He then opened another business in 1970, Montgomery Electric. He and Gladys continued to operate the business until Grant's death when he was on his way to work on Friday morning, 23 October 2009. He was 80 years old.

Gladys died on Saturday, 26 February 2011 at the age of 80. Grant and Gladys were survived by two sons and six grandchildren (all private). Grant was also survived by a younger brother (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Milton Richard Jones**

Russell Maurice Jones⁷ (Milton Richard Jones⁶, Michael Richard Jones⁵, Mary Louise Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Russell was born 9 July 1925 in El Paso County, Texas, the son of Milton Richard Jones and Ruthene (Ruth) Viola *Nickles*.

Russell married **Jane Virginia (Ginny) Marie Brewster**, who was born 18 March 1923 in Appleton, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, the daughter of Harley and Melina Brewster. She grew up in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She then moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and met Russell at a USO dance. Russell was a M/Sgt in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII.

Russell died in June of 1956 at the young age of 30. He is buried at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

After Russell's death, Ginny did a lot of traveling. She lived in California, Arizona and then Williamsburg, Sierra County, New Mexico, where she worked for the Chamber of Commerce and met Walter Stolte (1930-1998), who became her second husband. Ginny was always active in the community, and even portrayed Mae West at the New Mexico State Fair.

Ginny died Sunday, 3 April 2011 at the age of 88. She is buried next to her first husband Russell Jones at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Russell and Ginny were survived by two children, a son and a daughter (private). Russell is survived by a brother and a sister (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-granddaughter
Hester Caroline Roney Schlesinger**

James Clyde Schlesinger⁷ (Hester Caroline Roney⁶, Irene Jones⁵, Sarah M. Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clyde (preferred name) was born 20 May 1935 in Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois. He was the son of Hester Caroline Roney and George P. Schlesinger.

Clyde was a retired truck driver with Beelman Trucking. He formerly worked for Peabody River King Underground Mine in Freeburg, Illinois. He also was the former owner and operator of Clarence and Clyde's Service Station in Freeburg, Illinois. He was a member of the Belleville First Assembly of God Church, a life member of Freeburg Masonic Lodge No. 418 AF&M, a Fayetteville Township trustee, a member of the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department, and a former trustee for the Village of Fayetteville. Clyde served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean Conflict, and then later was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves.

On 9 July 1955, Clyde married (1) **Joan Elizabeth Schneider**, who was born 4 September 1935, the daughter of Rudolph Henry Schneider (1900-1963) and Hazel M. Bills (1910-1990). Clyde and Joan had one child, a son.

Joan died 30 December 1990 at the age of 55. She is buried at Trinity Cemetery, Fayetteville, St. Clair County, Illinois.

On 29 November 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada, Clyde married again. His second wife (private) survived him.

Clyde died in his sleep at his home in Fayetteville, St. Clair County, Illinois, on 6 April 2012 at the age of 76. He is buried beside his first wife Joan at Trinity Cemetery in Fayetteville, Illinois. Clyde and Joan are survived by their son (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Raymond Medford Zink**

Carolyn (Kitten) Zink⁷ (Raymond Medford Zink⁶, Margaret A. Freeman⁵, Eliza Ellen Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carolyn was born 19 March 1925 in Logansport, Cass County, Indiana, the daughter of Raymond Medford Zink and Mary Veta Sherrick.

As a teenager Carolyn moved with her family to the Washington, D.C. area, and attended Woodrow Wilson High School.

Carolyn married **William Heilman Skinker**, who was born 24 January 1924, the son of Benjamin and Estella Skinker. William died 18 May 1994 at the age of 70. His last residence was Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland.

Carolyn died at Rehoboth Beach, Sussex County, Delaware on 7 March 2012 at the age of 86. She is buried at Monocacy Cemetery at Beallsville, Montgomery County, Maryland—Row K, Lot 41 Lower, Site 1. Carolyn and William were survived by three sons, one daughter, and one granddaughter (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Rossine Ruffner McFarling**

Julia (Judy) McFarling⁷ (Rossine Ruffner⁶, Glen Ruffner⁵, Abraham Lincoln Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Judy was born 26 May 1935 at Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Rossine *Ruffner* and John McFarling.

Judy attended school in Greenup, and graduated from Greenup High School in June of 1953. A week after graduation, she married **Arthur Riley Hickle**—it was a marriage which lasted until his death in 2011. Following family tradition, Arthur enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He enlisted on his 17th birthday. Arthur was born 28 December 1932 in Seattle, King County, Washington. The oldest of eight children, and as stated, he was raised in a Marine Corps family. His parents were Virgil and Elizabeth Hickle.



Following their 1953 marriage, Julia and Arthur lived in several Marine Corps installations: Albany, Georgia; Pensacola, Florida; Beeville, Texas; Cherry Point, North Carolina; El Toro and China Lake, California; Washington, D.C.; Auburn, Alabama, and finally their last duty station in College Station, Texas. When it was necessary for Arthur to be overseas, Judy and the children lived in Greenup with her parents. Five children were born to them during all their moves. Arthur had a 27-year Marine Corps career which included two wars: Korea and Vietnam. He was a decorated veteran and served three tours as a Naval Aviator in Vietnam—last as Squadron Commander of VMA 311.

He rose from the rank of private to a permanent retired rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His last duty station was with the NROTC unit at Texas A&M in 1974. Judy and Arthur had come to like this area so much, they made it their home. Upon retirement from their Marine Corps duty, Arthur and Judy opened a photography studio which they named AR Photography. It proved to be very successful—known nation-wide.

Arthur died at his home in Bryan, Brazos County, Texas on 10 October 2011 at the age of 76. Judy died at St. Joseph Manor in Bryan, Texas, on Monday, 24 March 2014 at the age of 78.

They were survived by one son, four daughters, 13 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren (all private). One granddaughter, Katherine (Katie) Elizabeth Hickle died 28 October 1980 and is buried at Bryan City Center Cemetery in Bryan, Brazos County, Texas—Block 20. Judy's younger brother Stephen preceded her in death.

Stephen R. McFarling⁷ (Rossine Ruffner⁶, Glen Ruffner⁵, Abraham Lincoln Ruffner⁴, Michael Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Stephen was born 9 December 1941 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Rossine *Ruffner* and John McFarling.

Stephen attended Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois, graduating in 1961. He had a career as a road racing driver. He lived in Delray Beach, Florida, where he was an avid golfer at the Delray Beach Golf Club. He won several individual titles, as well as multiple team titles. Stephen achieved the unusual distinction of achieving four *Holes-In-One*.

Stephen was married twice (both private). His last address was Delray Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida. Stephen died 19 September 2008 at the age of 66.

Stephen had no children of his own. However, he was survived by a step-daughter a step-son, and a step-grandson (all private). Stephen was a favored golf buddy to his brother-in-law Lt.Col. Arthur Riley Hickie, the husband of his sister Judy.



End of Chapter Seven

Chapter Eight

Eighth Generation



The Gr-Gr-Gr-Gr-Gr-Grandchildren
Of
Peter and Mary Ruffner

CHAPTER EIGHT.....THE GR-GR-GR-GR-GR-GRANDCHILDREN

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman Through Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson Robert Phifer Duncan

Barbara Duncan⁸ (Robert Phifer Duncan⁷, Thomas J. Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Barbara was born 19 November 1915 at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of Judge Robert Phifer Duncan and Edna *Campbell*.

Barbara married **Albert Tracy Johnson**, who was born 1 August 1910 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, the son of George and Esther Johnson. At one time he was a salesman for air conditioners in Akron, Summit County, Ohio. After that, Albert saw service during WWII from 1943 to 1946. Later, Barbara and Albert moved to New York.

They were living at Sagaponack, Suffolk County, New York, when Albert died on 16 June 1976 at the age of 65.

Barbara *Duncan* Johnson died at Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York on 11 December 1992 at the age of 80. She is buried at Edgewood Cemetery in Bridgehampton, Suffolk County, New York. No record was found regarding children.

Cynthia Campbell Duncan⁸ (Robert Phifer Duncan⁷, Thomas J. Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Cynthia was born 6 August 1919 at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Judge Robert Phifer Duncan and Edna *Campbell*.

Cynthia grew up in Bexley, Franklin County, Ohio, and attended the Columbus School for Girls, graduating in 1937. She also attended Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, graduating in 1941 with a BA in Sociology.

After WWII, she met Major **Sterling L. Hill**, and they were married 26 April 1947. Sterling was born 12 August 1914.

In 1957, Cynthia and Sterling moved to Granville, Licking County, Ohio. After her husband's death, Cynthia remained in Granville until 1996. She then moved west and divided her time between Bozeman, Montana, and Spokane in Washington State.

Sterling died 9 May 1978 at the age of 63. He is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio—Section 100, Lot 77.

Cynthia died in Spokane, Spokane County, Washington on 16 August 2006 at the age of 87. She is buried beside her husband Sterling at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

Cynthia and Sterling Hill were survived by three sons and seven grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Murray Armstrong Ashbrook**

Barnes Duncan Ashbrook⁸ (Murray Armstrong Ashbrook⁷, Mary Savilla Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Barnes was born 28 April 1904 in Nebraska, the son of Murray Armstrong Ashbrook and Estelle *Barnes*.

On 7 March 1959 in Clark County, Nevada, Barnes married **Josephine Kathleen Isard**, who was born 21 January 1901. In 1962 they lived in Alhambra, Los Angeles County, California.

Barnes died in Los Angeles County, California, on 11 June 1978 at the age of 74. He is buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Los Angeles County, California.

Josephine died the following month on 21 July 1978 at the age of 77. She is also buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California. No record of children was available.

Blanche Estelle Ashbrook⁸ (Murray Armstrong Ashbrook⁷, Mary Savilla Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Blanche was born in 1908 in Oklahoma, the daughter of Murray Armstrong Ashbrook and Estelle *Barnes*.

Blanche married **Albert Edward Addyman**. In the 1940s they lived in Omaha, Nebraska. While living in Omaha Blanche worked as a stenographer for the National Parks Service. In the 1960s and 1970s they were living in Fort Worth, Texas, and Albert was president of ADCO Industries, Inc.

Blanche died in Dallas County, Texas on 14 October 1998 at the age of 90. Her last residence was in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.



Robert Thomas Ashbrook⁸ (Murray Armstrong Ashbrook⁷, Mary Savilla Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 12 September 1910 in Oklahoma, the son of Murray Armstrong Ashbrook and Estelle *Barnes*.

Robert attended Long Beach Junior College in Long Beach, California, graduating in 1933. He is shown here while in college and serving as class president.

On 10 January 1942 in Cook County, Illinois, Robert married **Barbara Morgan**.

Robert died 11 September 1986, one day before his 76th birthday.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
William Ward Duncan**

Mary Alice Duncan⁸ (William Ward Duncan⁷, James W. Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Alice was born 19 April 1908 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of William (Willie) Ward Duncan and Pearl Ellen *Fetters*.

Mary Alice never married and lived at home with her parents until they died. She died 30 November 1986 at the age of 78. Mary Alice is buried next to her parents at Forest Rose Cemetery in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio—Plot: B3, Lot 360.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
James Russell Duncan**

Walter Gardner Duncan⁸ (James Russell Duncan⁷, James W. Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 21 May 1913 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of James Russell Duncan and Iva Montana *Gardner*.

Walter attended the one-room Kilbarger School through the eighth grade. When he was 13 years old he drove a Model T Ford to Lancaster High School. He graduated in 1930. He became a life-long dairy farmer in Fairfield County and was an avid horseman who traveled many miles with his team of mules. He was well remembered for his trick mule Snowball. Walter was a member of Trinity Church on Crumley Road in Fairfield County.

He married **Nellie E. Paugh**, who was born 14 December 1914 at Fairfield County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Henry J. Paugh and Edna M. *Ety*.

Nellie died at Fairfield Hospital Medical Center in Lancaster, Ohio, on 8 May 2000 at the age of 80.

Walter's end came peacefully at his farm on 1 March 2011. He was 97 years old. He was survived by two daughters, one son, six grandchildren, great grandchildren, and gr-g-grandchildren (all private). Walter was preceded in death by his wife Nellie; his sister Martha Jean; and one granddaughter, Victoria Stevens.

Margaret Ruth Duncan⁸ (James Russell Duncan⁷, James W. Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 28 September 1916 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of James Russell Duncan and Iva Montana *Gardner*.

Margaret married **Harry Dale Awalt**, who was born 14 May 1916 in Ohio, the son of John F. Awalt and Laura *Bigham*.

Margaret was a long time employee of J. C. Penney Co. Both Margaret and Harry were life-long members of Trinity Lutheran Church on Crumley Road in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Harry graduated from Lancaster High School in 1934. Harry retired from Penn Railroad after 25 years of service, and he also retired from the Fairfield County Road Department after 24 years.

Harry died at his home in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio on Wednesday, 30 January 2008 at the age of 91. He is buried at Green Mound Cemetery in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Margaret died at Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster, Ohio on Monday, 29 August 2011 at the age of 94. She is buried next to her husband Harry at Green Mound Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio.

Margaret and Harry were survived by one son, one daughter, six grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren (all private). Margaret was predeceased by her brother Walter and sister Martha Jean.

Martha Jean Duncan⁸ (James Russell Duncan⁷, James W. Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jean (preferred name) was born 25 August 1925 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of James Russell Duncan and Iva Montana *Gardner*.

Jean married a man by the name of **Beougher**—his given name was not found. They were divorced. Jean evidently always lived in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Jean and her husband had a daughter Sherry Ann Beougher. She was born and died on 4 November 1949. Sherry is buried at Green Mound Cemetery in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Jean died in a nursing home in Carroll, Fairfield County, Ohio on 14 November 2005 at the age of 80. She is buried at Green Mound Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Thomas Peter Myers**

Paul L. Myers⁸ (Thomas Peter Myers⁷, Clara Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Paul was born 10 April 1908 in Assumption, Christian County, Illinois, the son of Thomas Peter Myers and Hattie Gertrude *Long*.

On 29 January 1951 Paul married **Beatrice Ione Keller**, who was born 26 February 1907.

Paul died in Christian County, Illinois on 20 February 1986 at the age of 77. He is buried at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Assumption, Christian County, Illinois.

Beatrice died 21 January 1996 at the age of 88. She is buried next to her husband at St. Mary's Cemetery in Assumption, Illinois. Paul and Beatrice had no children.

Clara Margaret Myers⁸ (Thomas Peter Myers⁷, Clara Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clara was born 24 June 1915 at Assumption, Christian County, Illinois, the daughter of Thomas Peter Myers and Hattie Gertrude *Long*.

She married **Harry R. Allen**, who was born 1916. By 1952 they lived in Los Angeles County.

Clara died 1 March 2002 at the age of 86. She is buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Los Angeles County, California—Plot: Sacred Heart, Burial Section 9, Lot 1544.

Harry died 23 November 2004 at the age of 88. He is buried next to his wife Clara at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California—Plot: Sacred Heart, Burial Section 9, Lot 1544. Clara and Harry were survived by one son and grandchildren (private). Another son is deceased.

+Gary Robert Allen⁹ – 1952-2003 – married with children (private).

Dotha Elise Myers⁸ (Thomas Peter Myers⁷, Clara Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dotha was born 8 January 1918 at Assumption, Christian County, Illinois, the daughter of Thomas Peter Myers and Hattie Gertrude *Long*.

On 3 April 1942 in Christian County, Illinois, Dotha married **George S. Hiler**, who was born 5 October 1919 at Tower Hill, Shelby County, Illinois, the son of Walter Hiler and Minnie *Schoch*. George served overseas as a captain in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Dotha died 22 July 1989 at the age of 71. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Assumption, Christian County, Illinois.

George died at Saint Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri on 30 June 1996 at the age of 76. He is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Assumption, Illinois. Dotha and George were survived by two sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren (all private).

Erma Jean Myers⁸ (Thomas Peter Myers⁷, Clara Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Erma Jean was born 20 May 1921 at Assumption, Christian County, Illinois, the daughter of Thomas Peter Myers and Hattie Gertrude *Long*.

On 24 April 1946 in the Presbyterian Church in Assumption, Illinois, Erma Jean married **Richard F. Postlewait**, D.D.S. Dr. Postlewait was born 19 September 1922 in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois.

Richard Postlewait was a dental student at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Erma Jean graduated from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. After graduation, she worked in a hospital laboratory in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Dr. Postlewait sent her an engagement ring in the mail.

During WWII, Dr. Postlewait served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force in the U.S. and Panama. Married in 1946, Erma Jean and Richard began their married life and started their family while he was still in the Air Force and stationed at Albrook Air Force Base in the Panama Canal Zone. After service, they made their home in Decatur, Illinois. They were both members of Central Christian Church in Decatur.

Dr. Postlewait died in 1980. He is entombed at Graceland Cemetery in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois.

Erma Jean died at Keystone Meadows in Decatur, Illinois, on Saturday, 6 August 2011 at the age of 90. She is entombed next to her husband at Graceland Cemetery in Decatur, Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Postlewait were survived by two daughters, one son, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren (all private). Another daughter is deceased.

+Marcia Jean Postlewait⁹ – 1954-2001 – unmarried.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter Mary Emma Myers
Wysong

Aaron Meredith Wysong⁸ (Mary Emma Myers⁷, Clara Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Aaron was born 7 March 1925 in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, the son of Mary Emma Myers and Coleman Gay Wysong.



Aaron graduated from Illinois State University at Normal, McLean County, Illinois in 1949. His photo shown here is from his college yearbook. Aaron served as a corporal in the U.S. Army during WWII.

He married **Mary Evelyn Moore**, who was born 22 March 1926. Mary died in Christian County, Illinois on 4 February 1977 at the age of 50. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Assumption, Christian County, Illinois.

Aaron died 11 June 1993 at the age of 68. He is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Assumption, Illinois. No record was found regarding children.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Hazel E. Beck Badger

Thomas Duncan Badger⁸ (Hazel E. Beck⁷, Etta Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thomas was born 13 October 1930 at Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Hazel E. Beck and Charles Badger.

Thomas graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio. He then attended Ohio State University in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio—graduating in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He was a member and president of Delta Upsilon fraternity. Thomas then graduated from law school at Ohio State University and was admitted to the bar 20 October 1960. He served as a judge in the Knox County Common Pleas Court in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.



Thomas married **Barbara Lois Meyer**, who was born 9 July 1934 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, the daughter of Delbert Meyer and Lois *Sundvahl*. Barbara attended Denison University, and then graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in Occupational Therapy. In college, she was a member of Alpha Phi Sorority. Barbara was employed as an Occupational Therapist in Columbus, Ohio for several years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. For a few years she wintered on her boat in Bradenton, Florida.

Thomas died at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, on 15 February 1991 at the age of 60.

Barbara died at her home in Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, on Friday, 27 May 2016 at the age of 81. Thomas and Barbara were survived by a daughter, a son, and five grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Estella *Shaw* Elder**

Avis Gwendolyn Elder⁸ (Estella Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Avis was born 19 October 1899 in Athens, Athens County, Ohio, the daughter of Estella (Stella) *Shaw* and Dr. Adam Griggs Elder.

Avis married **Clare Lowry Campbell**, who was born 7 February 1899 in Illinois. Clare served in the U.S. National Army during WWI. He became a salesman for a printing company and then he and Avis established their own printing company in Columbus, Ohio, which they ran together—Clare L. Campbell, Inc. The company later saw new ownership and a merger and is now known as West-Camp Press, Inc. of Westerville, Franklin County, Ohio.

Clare died in Franklin County, Ohio, on 14 July 1977 at the age of 78. He is buried at Senecaville Cemetery in Senecaville, Guernsey County, Ohio.

Avis died at her home in Westerville, Franklin County, Ohio, on 14 April 1990 at the age of 90. She is also buried at Senecaville Cemetery in Senecaville, Ohio. Avis and Clare are survived by one son and a large step-family (private). One daughter is deceased.

+Gwendolyn (Gwen) Campbell⁹ – 1923-2011 – married Andre Norbert Trudeau.

Eleanor Grace Elder⁸ (Estella Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eleanor was born 25 January 1905 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of Estella (Stella) *Shaw* and Dr. Adam Griggs Elder.

Eleanor began her young life in the entertainment field—as a dancer. She married **Arthur Philander Jones**, who was born 17 November 1896 in Newburgh, Orange County, New York. Arthur was in the printing business, and became an administrative officer with a printing company. They lived most of their married life in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, but in their elder years they moved to Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, to be near their daughter.

Arthur died at Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio on 17 March 1991 at the age of 94. He is buried at Union Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Eleanor died in a long-term care facility in Sharonville, Hamilton County, Ohio, on 21 June 1997 at the age of 92. She is also buried at Union Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio. Eleanor and Arthur were survived by one daughter (private). A son is now deceased (shown below).

+Richard Bontecou Jones⁹—1931-2001

Gladys Louise Elder⁸ (Estella Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gladys was born 22 February 1908 in Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of Estella (Stella) *Shaw* and Dr. Adam Griggs Elder.

Gladys married **Walter D. (Flivver) Ford**, who was born 17 January 1906 in Ohio. He was the son of William and Amanda Ford. In 1930, Walter graduated from Ohio State University in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, with a degree in Ceramic Engineering.

In the mid-1930s, Walter teamed up with Paul V. Bogatay (1905-1972), an instructor of design at OSU, and for approximately five years in the late 1930s their company Ford Ceramics Arts, Inc., a small and little-known Columbus, Ohio firm specializing in ceramic art and design, produced unique pottery. The first plant established in 1936 was located on the grounds of OSU, and the company at first became associated with the college. The kilns produced decorated pottery and dinnerware, molded porcelain cameos and advertising specialties.

Walter Ford was president and the ceramic engineer and Bogatay was the art director. Soon the company moved off campus to North High Street in Columbus and Walter Ford's brother Byron became vice-president.

Walter Ford was mainly interested in the engineering aspects of their venture and it was his process for producing photographic images in relief on ceramics that made the products of this company unique. Shown here is an



example of the company's decorated pottery. The little cream pitcher is called Boy w/Wheat. Walter Ford's method of photography print on ceramic was patented—later others would copy his method.

In 1941, Walter accepted a position as Senior Ceramic Engineer with Pittsburgh Corning, where he remained until his retirement 30 years later. Walter's leaving Columbus ended the company. His partner, Paul Bogatay went back to teaching at OSU until his death. The lot where their building stood became an asphalt parking lot.

Although some pieces of Ford Ceramic Art, particularly the dinnerware, were not marked, many of the more artistic pieces bear the company's name with an *ARS* logo—which was also used on the company's letterhead. These are often unrecognized today, even in Columbus. Other pieces are clearly marked "Ford Ceramic Arts, Inc., Columbus, Ohio. This abbreviated information on Walter Ford and his company appeared in an article *Ford Ceramic Art, Columbus, Ohio*, by James L. Murphy.

Walter died in Alleghany County, Pennsylvania on 14 March 1988 at the age of 82. After Walter's death, Gladys returned to Columbus, Ohio, where she died in a nursing home on 13 March 2004 at the age of 96. No record of children was found.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Maggie E. Shaw Horner**

Alma Mae Horner⁸ (Maggie E. Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alma was born 27 July 1896 in Salem, Shelby County, Ohio, the daughter of Maggie E. Shaw and Risto O. Horner.

Alma married **Daniel Webster Lyons**, who was born 2 February 1893 in St. Paris, Champaign County, Ohio. They first lived in Madison County, Illinois, where Daniel worked as a commercial salesman for floor coverings. By 1940 they had moved to Houston, Harris County, Texas, and Daniel was working as a salesman of retail furniture. Then, as many of the men did with the advent of WWII, he worked for Houston Shipbuilding Corporation in Houston, Texas.

Alma died at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston, Harris County, Texas, as the result of a heart attack—12 February 1972 at the age of 75. She is buried at Woodlawn Garden of Memories in Houston, Texas.

Daniel died in Fulton County, Georgia on 2 December 1978 at the age of 85. His last residence was Roswell, Fulton County, Georgia. Roswell, Georgia was also the home of their youngest son. Alma and Daniel's two sons were born in Shelby County, Ohio.

+Don LeRoy Lyons⁹ – 1918-1955 – married Edna Maxine Buchanan.

+Francis Eugene (Gene) Lyons⁹ – 1923-2007 – married Dorothy Meeks.

Leora Restina Horner⁸ (Maggie E. Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leora was born 11 September 1897 in Maplewood, Shelby County, Ohio, the daughter of Maggie E. *Shaw* and Rista O. Horner.

On 7 January 1914 Leora married (1) **Floyd Malcolm Dachenbach** (1895-1948). They were divorced.

On 11 March 1922, Leora married (2) **Homer J. Haines**, who was born 28 July 1892 in Miami Township, Clermont County, Ohio, the son of Lewis Haines and Georganna *Kreglow*. Homer Haines was a farmer. Homer died at his home about two miles west of Quincy, Logan County, Ohio, on Friday morning, 22 January 1960 at the age of 67. He is buried at Cedar Point Cemetery in Pasco, Shelby County, Ohio.

Leora died from a sudden heart attack at her home in Quincy, Ohio, on Monday morning, 22 August 1966 at the age of 68. She is also buried at Cedar Point Cemetery in Pasco, Ohio. Leora had one son from her first marriage to Floyd Dachenbach, and twin daughters from her second marriage to Homer Haines.

+Newell Waldo Dachenbach⁹ – 1914-1967 – married Virginia May Shaw.

+Leota Anna Haines⁹ – 1933-2015 – married (private).

+Ledona Mae Haines⁹ – 1933-2016 – married Robert Charles Heath.

Leroy Glen Horner⁹ (Maggie E. Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leroy was born 6 November 1900 in Shelby County, Ohio, the son of Maggie E. *Shaw* and Rista O. Horner. Leroy was never married, and he died 17 December 1936 at the young age of 36. He is buried at Glen Cemetery in Port Jefferson, Shelby County, Ohio—Plot 40-B. Leroy's large red marble gravestone reads: *How peaceful they be, the sorrow is to us, not to those that die.*

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Robert Ruffner Theobald**

Mary Meloy Theobald⁸ (Robert Ruffner Theobald⁷, Mary J. McCullough⁶, Martha Ann Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Meloy was born 3 January 1923 at Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, the daughter of Robert (Bob) Ruffner Theobald and Mary Meloy *Rankin*.

Having lost both her mother and her father when she was only an infant, Mary was cared for by her paternal grandmother until her grandmother's own death in 1932. In 1929 when Mary was six years old, she traveled with her grandmother to Italy. On their return trip home from Trieste, Italy, they traveled on the steamship *Saturnia* landing at New York's harbor.

Mary married a man by the name of Bonser, however, no record was found to identify him. She lived in Connecticut and spent her last years in Kennebunkport, York County, Maine. She died there on Saturday, 1 January 2005 at the age of 81.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Hugh Jackson Means**

Sara A. Means⁸ (Hugh Jackson Means⁷, Estella M. Thomas⁶, Minerva Jane Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sara was born 8 August 1918 in Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of Hugh Jackson Means and Eleanor Mabelle *Hammond*.

She married **Stuart Dobbie Eagleson**, who was born 3 November 1918 in Franklin County, Ohio, the son of John H. Eagleson and Grace *Dobbie*. Stuart served in the Army during WWII. He attended Ohio State University (OSU) in Columbus, Ohio—law school followed. His law practice was in Columbus.

Sara died at Upper Arlington in Franklin County, Ohio, on 10 August 1959 at the age of 41. She is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. No record was found of any children being born to her.

After Sara's death, Stuart married again. He died in a long-term care facility in Columbus, Ohio on his birthday, 3 November 1997 at the age of 79.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
John William Means**

Madelaine Butler Means⁸ (John William Means⁷, Estella M. Thomas⁶, Minerva Jane Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Madelaine was born 22 August 1925 in Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of John William Means and Madelaine Virginia *Butler*.

She married **Henry Kenneth Meek**, who was born 1 April 1916 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, the son of Henry L. Meek and Pearl M. *Fritz*.

Henry died while he was a patient at Clinton Memorial Hospital at Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio on 22 March 1977 at the age of 60.

Madelaine's home was at Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio. She died as an inpatient at Clinton Memorial Hospital at Wilmington, Ohio. No record was found regarding the birth of any children.

Polly M. Means⁸ (John William Means⁷, Estella M. Thomas⁶, Minerva Jane Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Polly was born 27 March 1927 in Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of John William Means and Madelaine Virginia *Butler*.

She married **William Russell Hire**, who was born 24 September 1923 in Lima, Allen County, Ohio, son of Russell L. Hire and Sue *Veach*.

In 1957 Polly and William were living in Marion, Marion County, Ohio, and William was working for Henney & Cooper Co. as a supervisor.

Polly died 13 July 1974 at the age of 46. She is buried at King Cemetery at Middle Point, Van Wert County, Ohio.

William's last place of residence was Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida. He died 18 March 2002 at the age of 78. He is buried next to his wife Polly at King Cemetery in Middle Point, Ohio. It is unknown whether Polly and William had children.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Charles Atlee Schisler**

Forrest Edward Schisler⁸ (Charles Atlee Schisler⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Forrest was born 8 January 1919 in Alcony, Miami County, Ohio, the son of Charles Atlee Schisler and Osa Ellen *Young*. Forrest served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII.

He married (1) **Irene Elizabeth Hillis**, who was born 11 January 1923 in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of Allen Hillis and Jennie *Savage*. Forrest and Irene were divorced 19 July 1953. She married (2) 10 July 1954, Donald Francis Kauer. Irene died March 1993. Her last residence was Pearl City, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Forrest married again (private). He died at New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio on 12 April 2006 at the age of 87. Forrest is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio. He did have children (private).

Richard Dean Schisler⁸ (Charles Atlee Schisler⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Richard was born 18 March 1921 in Miami County, Ohio, the son of Charles Atlee Schisler and Osa Ellen *Young*.

Richard served in the Army during WWII, and was awarded a Silver Star. In private life he was a truck driver in the trucking business.

Richard married **Melba (Babe) Katherine Thompson**, who was born 22 February 1922 in Butler County, Ohio, the daughter of William Christie Thompson (1889-1942) and Anna Marie *Fogarty* (1894-1977).

Richard died in the emergency room at Stouder Memorial Hospital in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, on 15 June 1995 at the age of 74. Richard is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Melba died at Koester Pavilion in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, on Saturday, 1 February 2014 at the age of 91. She is buried beside her husband Richard at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio.

Richard and Melba had one child, a son, Rick Dean Schisler, who died at the age of 30 (1950-1981). He was married and divorced (private). Rick is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio.

Geneva Pauline Schisler⁸ (Charles Atlee Schisler⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Geneva was born 17 September 1924 in Ohio, the daughter of Charles Atlee Schisler and Osa Ellen *Young*.

Geneva married **Glenn William Boggs**, who was born 7 November 1923 in Scioto County, Ohio. Glen was a truck driver for OSF Co. in Springfield, Ohio.

Glenn died in Clark County, Ohio, on 14 May 1960 at the age of 37. He is buried at Ferncliff Cemetery in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio.

After her husband's death, Geneva worked for many years in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the Shawnee High School cafeteria, and retired as a dietician at St. Francis Hospital in Broken Arrow.

After a brief illness, Geneva died in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on 7 April 2013 at the age of 88. She is buried next to her husband Glenn at Ferncliff Cemetery in Springfield, Ohio. Geneva and Glen were survived by four sons, seven grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren (all private). She was preceded in death by one daughter, Karen Meyer. Geneva was also survived by her younger sister, and predeceased by her two brothers and one sister.

Rowena Vivian Schisler⁸ (Charles Atlee Schisler⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rowena was born 15 September 1927 in Ohio, the daughter of Charles Atlee Schisler and Osa Ellen *Young*.

Rowena married **Chester Edwin Davis**, who was born 6 October 1921 at Troy, Miami County, Ohio. He was the son of Alva Davis and Bertha *Rudisill*.

Chester was a lifetime resident of Miami County, mainly in Casstown. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Early in his working life, Chester worked in the plastering and plumbing trades. He was a member of the Ohio Auctioneers Association. Chester worked for Hobart Corp. selling commercial kitchen and food equipment for 26 years. In addition, he was a real estate broker and insurance agent for over 40 years, and an auctioneer for 50 years. Also, Chester was involved in farming for his entire lifetime.

Rowena died in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, on 28 September 1999 at the age of 72. She is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Chester died at Piqua Manor in Piqua, Miami County, Ohio, on Thursday, 5 June 2008 at the age of 86 years. He is buried beside his wife at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio. Rowena and Chester were survived by two sons and two daughters, also five grandchildren (all private). They were preceded in death by a granddaughter, Megan Davis¹⁰.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Katherine Louise Vandever Fisher

Carolyn Louise Fisher⁸ (Katherine Louise Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carolyn was born 12 December 1912 at New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio, the daughter of Katherine Louise *Vandever* and Ennis Muriel Fisher.

On 23 November 1939 she married (1) **Morris Ernest Hastings**, who was born 3 August 1902 in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, the son of Robert Samuel Hastings and Mary Josephine *Brown*.

In addition to being a homemaker, Carolyn worked as a hair dresser and a clerk in a retail store. Morris worked in maintenance.

Morris died in Champaign County, Ohio on 21 February 1973 at the age of 70. He is buried at Terre Haute Cemetery in Terre Haute, Champaign County, Ohio.

After Morris' death, Carolyn had a very short marriage to (2) **Vernie Loren Swinford** (1912-2001). They were married 18 January 1982 and divorced 13 May 1982—she returned to her former name: Carolyn Hastings.

Carolyn was living in Leesburg, Lake County, Florida when she died at Leesburg Medical Center on 29 March 1990 at the age of 77. She is buried next to her first husband Morris Hastings at Terre Haute Cemetery in Terre Haute, Champaign County, Ohio. Carolyn and Morris are survived by one son⁹, two grandchildren¹⁰ and great grandchildren¹¹ (all private).

Ellen Minerva Fisher⁸ (Katherine Louise Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ellen was born 18 November 1915 in Clark County, Ohio, the daughter of Katherine Louise *Vandever* and Ennis Muriel Fisher.

Ellen married **Melvin Sutherly**, who was born 18 March 1910 in Ohio, the son of Luther Sutherly and Maude *Layman*.

Ellen died 9 August 1972 at the age of 56. She is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Melvin died at a long-term care facility in Huber Heights, Montgomery County, Ohio on 23 July 1996 at the age of 86. He is also buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio. Ellen and Melvin had children and grandchildren (all private).

Benjamin Franklin Fisher⁸ (Katherine Louise Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Benjamin was born 29 September 1917 in Clark County, Ohio, the son of Katherine Louise *Vandever* and Ennis Muriel Fisher.

On 27 May 1939 Benjamin married **Caryl L. Carter**, who was born 30 July 1920 in Ohio.

Benjamin served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He died at his home in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio on 20 March 1984 at the age of 66. He is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio.

Caryl died 5 October 1990 at the age of 70. She is buried beside her husband at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio. Benjamin and Caryl had two children and grandchildren (all private).

Helen Louise Fisher⁸ (Katherine Louise Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Helen was born 12 September 1919 in Clark County, Ohio, the daughter of Katherine Louise *Vandever* and Ennis Muriel Fisher.

Helen married **Garnard Eugene Littlejohn**, who was born 18 September 1920 in Ohio. Garnard served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Because of their close friendship with Ralph Zimmerman, popular former long-time fire chief in Christiansburg, Helen and Garnard were dedicated supporters of the Christiansburg Fire Department and its auxiliary.

Helen died at home at Christiansburg, Champaign County, Ohio, on 3 May 1987 at the age of 67. She is buried at Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Garnard died 21 November 2008 at the age of 88, and he is buried next to his wife Helen at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio. Helen and Garnard were survived by a son and grandchildren (all private).

John Eugene Fisher⁸ (Katherine Louise Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 30 April 1924 in Clark County, Ohio, the son of Katherine Louise *Vandever* and Ennis Muriel Fisher.

John was a tanker truck driver for Shell Oil Co. for over 30 years. On 10 November 1944 in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, John married (1) **Irene Evelyn Metz**, who was born 17 August 1925 in Putnam County, Ohio. They were married over 26 years when she died in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, on 1 January 1971 at the age of 45. She is buried at New Carlisle Cemetery in New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio.

On 1 June 1974 in Clark County, Ohio, 50-year-old John Fisher married (2) a 49-year-old widow **Bertha Harriett Truman Murray**, who was born 7 April 1925 in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, the daughter of James Earl Truman and Bessie Marie *Davie*.

Bertha died in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio on 11 April 2006 at the age of 81. She is buried at New Carlisle Cemetery in New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio.

John survived both of his wives. He died in Clark County, Ohio, on Wednesday, 23 September 2009 at the age of 85. He is buried beside his first wife Irene at New Castle Cemetery, New Castle, Ohio.

John and his first wife Irene are survived by three children, two sons and one daughter, and also grandchildren and great grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Melvina Ellen Vandever Kennedy**

Ellen Irene Kennedy⁸ (Melvina Ellen Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Irene (preferred name) was born 15 June 1921 in Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of Melvina Ellen Vandever and Harley Firman Kennedy.

On 15 August 1942 Irene married **Donald S. Penewit**, who was born 22 May 1918 in Bellbrook, Greene County, Ohio, the son of Swayne Rempson Penewit and Alma K. Maxwell.

Irene was a member of the Vandalia United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Eastern Star for over 50 years. Their home was in Vandalia, Ohio.

Donald retired from his long-time work as a process engineer with West Milton Precision Tool and Die in Vandalia, Ohio. He and his wife were nationwide travelers in their Avion trailer and were members of the Avion Travelers Club. Donald was a 32nd Degree Mason. Following Irene's death, he lived in Roswell, New Mexico, for three years in order to be near their son.

Irene died at Garden Villa of Bloomington, Indiana, on 6 February 2009 at the age of 87. She is buried at Bellbrook Cemetery in Bellbrook, Greene County, Ohio.

Donald died at Beehive Homes, an assisted living and memory care facility, in Roswell, New Mexico, on 16 September 2013 at the age of 95.

Irene and Donald Penewit were survived by a son, a widowed daughter, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren (all private).

Mary (Mae) Fern Kennedy⁸ (Melvina Ellen Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mae was born 17 September 1924 in Miami County, Ohio, the daughter of Melvina Ellen Vandever and Harley Firman Kennedy.

She married **Arthur H. Peoples**, who was born 19 April 1926 in Ohio, the son of Frank H. Peoples and Bessie Yowler.

Arthur served as a medic in the U.S. Army during WWII. He retired from long-time employment as a pattern maker at Duriron Company, an industrial component manufacturer. Arthur was a member of the Brandt United Methodist Church. Arthur and Mae were residents of Medway, Clark County, Ohio.

Mae died on Friday, 6 March 2015 at the age of 90. She is buried at Medway Cemetery in Medway, Clark County, Ohio.

Arthur died at Bethany Village in Centerville, Ohio, on 27 February 2016 at the age of 89. He is also buried at Medway Cemetery in Medway, Ohio.

Mae and Arthur were survived by two sons, two daughters, and seven grandchildren (all private). Mae has one sister who is still living (private).

Forrest McLain Kennedy⁸ (Melvina Ellen Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Forrest was born 17 October 1931 Ohio, the son of Melvina Ellen *Vandever* and Harley Firman Kennedy.

Forrest married **Anita Erma Clark**, who was born 23 November 1931 in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, the daughter of John Clark and Mildred *West*.

He and Anita lived in Troy, Miami County, Ohio. Forrest was a farmer all of his life and he and Anita operated Kennedy Farms. They were both members of the Farm Bureau of Miami County, Ohio. They were also members of the Cove Springs Grange in Troy, Ohio.

Forrest died in Miami County, Ohio, on Thursday, 18 February 2010 at the age of 78. He is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

After her husband's death, Anita left the farm and during the last four years of her life she lived with one of their daughters in Casstown. Anita died in Miami County, Ohio, on 14 January 2014 at the age of 82. She is buried next to her husband at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio. Forrest and Anita were survived by four daughters, 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private).

Lucille Patricia Kennedy⁸ (Melvina Ellen Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lucille, the youngest of the five children, was born 19 September 1937 in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, the daughter of Melvina Ellen *Vandever* and Harley Firman Kennedy.

Lucille never married. She lived in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, during the latter years of her life. She died at a long-term care facility in Clark County, Ohio, on 10 September 2001 at the age of 63. At the time of her death, she was survived by her three sisters and one brother. No record was found regarding burial.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Bessie Lucille *Vandever* Davidson**

Frank J. Davidson⁸ (Bessie Lucille Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frank was born 23 October 1920 at New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio, the son of Bessie Lucille *Vandever* and Raymond Dewey Davidson.

Frank was born and raised on the family farm near New Carlisle, Ohio—the farm is now known as “Davidson’s Apple Orchard.” During WWII Frank served with the Armed Guard aboard several merchant ships. Later he was commissioned in the U.S. Naval Reserve following schooling at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, following completion of the V-12 program in 1946 at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts.

On 27 December 1945, Frank married **Flora (Flo) Pearl Cannington**. They were married at her family home in Lenox, Cook County, Georgia. Flora was born 30 July 1921 in Lenox, Georgia, the daughter of James Allen Cannington and Lola Belle *Touchstone*. Frank and Flora lived for many years at Valdosta, Georgia, however, in 1967 they moved to Vidor, Orange County, Texas, and that became their permanent home.

Frank died there on 2 August 2002 at the age of 81. He is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Flora was a full-time homemaker, and she was fully involved in her children's activities. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Vidor, Texas. Flora died 19 March 2007 at the age of 85. She is buried next to her husband Frank at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio. Frank and Flora were survived by two children (a son and a daughter), five grandchildren and six great grandchildren (all private).

Glendon Dewey (Dave) Davidson⁸ (Bessie Lucille Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glendon was born 1 August 1922 at New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio, the son of Bessie Lucille *Vandever* and Raymond Dewey Davidson.

Glendon served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He married (1) **Martha Louise Culley**, who was born 3 July 1923 in Ohio, the daughter of Alfred and Verna Mae Culley. Glendon and Martha had two small children when Martha developed lung cancer and then died at the young age of 27. For her obituary, her husband told the story that when Martha was in the hospital and critically ill, he visited her each day. One night, when he was leaving, he said "I'll see you tomorrow" and Martha answered "Don't bother, I won't be here." She died the following day—21 May 1951. Martha is buried next to her parents at Ferncliff Cemetery in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio.

Almost two years later, Glendon went on a blind date, and on that date he met **Lydia Marie Skidmore**. On 19 March 1953 in North Hampton, Clark County, Ohio, they were married. Lydia was born 1 April 1919 in Braxton County, West Virginia, the daughter of Pierson Burbeck Skidmore and Dola Agnes *Dillon*.

Lydia became stepmother to Glendon and Martha's two young children, and mother to a daughter from her marriage to Glendon. Lydia and Glendon celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary in 2005 in Mesa, Arizona. On 1 June 2005 in Maricopa County, Arizona, Lydia peacefully passed away at the age of 86. She is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

During his last days, Glendon was cared for at the Hospice of Saint John, Lakewood, Colorado. He died at Lakewood, Jefferson County, Colorado, on 11 June 2010 at the age of 87. Glendon is buried next to his second wife Lydia at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio. Glendon is survived by his daughter from his first marriage to Martha (private). He and his second wife Lydia were survived by a daughter (private). His eldest child, the son of Glendon and Martha is deceased.

+Carl Edwin Davidson⁹ – 1948-1971 – not married.

Freida Marie Davidson⁸ (Bessie Lucille Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Freida was born 17 October 1927 in New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Bessie Lucille Vandever and Raymond Dewey Davidson.

Freida graduated from Northwestern High School. She worked for the former Huntsman Container Co. in Troy, Ohio. She was a member of Casstown United Methodist Church in Casstown.

Freida was married four times: (1) **Wilford Carson**; (2) **Willard E. Iddings** (1927-2013); (3) **Preston Lewis** (1929-1980); and (4) **William Iddings** (1924-1994). All preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her long-time companion Hobart Collett (1920-2008).

Freida died at Troy Care Center in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, on Tuesday, 18 February 2014 at the age of 86. She is buried at Miami Memorial Park Cemetery in Covington, Miami County, Ohio.

Freida is survived by three sons and one daughter (private). One son is deceased (see below). She is also survived by nine grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and two gr-gr-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by two brothers. Her sister and one brother also survive (private).

+Gary Eugene Iddings⁹ – 1950-2015 – married and divorced (private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Emma Doris Swisher Bosse

Norman Clifford Bosse⁸ (Emma Doris Swisher⁷, Estella Mae Bragunier⁶, Melina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Norman was born 26 February 1923 at Green Camp, Marion County, Ohio, the son of Emma Doris Swisher and Otto Garret Bosse.

Norman served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was a former flight instructor and manager of the Delaware Airport in Marion County, Ohio, and he also was a factory worker at Whirlpool Corporation. Norman was a member of the Green Camp Baptist Church and American Legion Post 162 in Marion. His home was in Marion, Marion County, Ohio.

Norman was married 29 November 1971 at Grace Baptist Church in Marion, Marion County, Ohio.

Norman died at his home in Prospect, Marion County, Ohio, on Sunday, 1 November 1998 at the age of 75. He is buried at Green Camp Cemetery in Green Camp, Marion County, Ohio. Norman is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren (all private).

Ralph W. Bosse⁸ (Emma Doris Swisher⁷, Estella Mae Bragunier⁶, Melina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ralph

was born 16 June 1926 in Marion, Marion County, Ohio, the son of Emma Doris *Swisher* and Otto Garret Bosse.

Ralph served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was employed for 35 years in the Tool and Die Dept. at Eaton Manufacturing Company in Marion County, Ohio. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and he volunteered at the Marion Senior Center for many years. In his free time he enjoyed making oak furniture for his family and friends.

On 21 June 1947 he married **Martha K. Lee**, who was born 1924. She preceded him in death. She died 25 June 2008 at the age of 84. She is buried at Marion Cemetery in Marion, Marion County, Ohio.

Ralph died at his home on Tuesday, 1 December 2009 at the age of 83. He is buried beside his wife Martha at Marion Cemetery in Marion, Ohio.

Ralph and Martha are survived by two daughters, three grandchildren, and one great grandson (all private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Amanda Swisher Barnett**

Donald Russell Barnett⁸ (Mary Amanda Swisher⁷, Estella Mae Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donald was born 5 July 1931 in Franklin County, Ohio, the son of Mary Amanda *Swisher* and Floyd R. Barnett.

Donald was an Air Force veteran (Airman First Class) of the Korean Conflict. He was a Ham radio operator, and a member of the Columbus, Ohio Power Squadron. His home was at Hilliard, Franklin County, Ohio.

Donald had been married (private) and had children. Donald's last residence was given as Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He died Friday, 18 July 2008 at the age of 77, and is interred at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Hilliard, Franklin County, Ohio. He was survived by two daughters, one son, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren (all private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Margaret Melvina Proctor Rilling**

Carmel E. Rilling⁸ (Margaret Melvina Proctor⁷, Addie Martha Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carmel was born 13 July 1926 in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, the daughter of Margaret Melvina *Proctor* and Frederich (Fred) Karl Rilling.

Circa 1946, Carmel married **Robert Marion Adams, Sr.**, who was born 17 January 1921 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. Robert served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Robert died in Kettering, Montgomery County, Ohio, on 1 March 1996 at the age of 75. He is buried at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio.

Carmel was a member of Bellbrook First Baptist Church in Dayton. She was a volunteer for Dayton Chapter of American Ex-POWs, Dayton Christian Schools, and Boy Scouts of America

Carmel died Monday, October 22, 2007 at the age of 80. She is buried next to her husband at Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Miami County, Ohio. Carmel and Robert were survived by two sons, two daughters, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren (all private).

Fred Carl Rilling, Jr.⁸ (Margaret Melvina Proctor⁷, Addie Martha Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Fred was born 29 August 1930 in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, the son of Margaret Melvina *Proctor* and Frederick (Fred) Karl Rilling.

Fred became a career officer in the U.S. Marine Corps with the rank of Lt. Col. He served in Vietnam and the Korean Conflict. For the performance of his duty in Korea, Fred was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. His award read: **Awarded for actions during Korean War—Fred C. Rilling, Jr. (MCSN: 0-55336) United States Marine Corps, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in action against enemy forces in Korea.**

On 11 April 1955 in Culver City, Los Angeles County, California, Fred married **Burleene Gladys Van Wie**, who was born 21 September 1930 in Alexandria, Douglas County, Minnesota. She was the daughter of William Van Wie and Bernice *Iverson*. Burleene graduated from Central High School in Alexandria in 1948. During Fred's time as a pilot in the Marine Corps, they lived in a number of states.

After Fred retired in 1970, he and Burleene purchased and operated La Grande Resort in Alexandria, Minnesota, until Fred died. He died in Alexandria, Minnesota on 26 October 1986 at the age of 56. Fred is buried at Kinkead Cemetery in Alexandria, Douglas County, Minnesota.

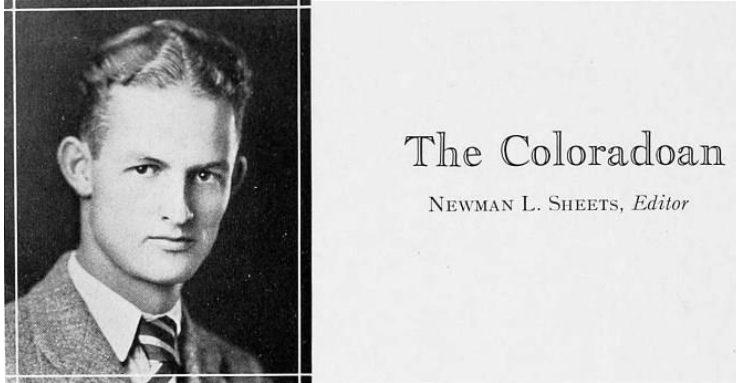
Burleene moved to Camarillo, Ventura County, California, where she lived with their daughter and her family from 2001-2012. She then moved to Gerald Residential Care Home (Emma's Place), a board and care facility in Newbury Park, Ventura County, California. Burleene died there on 29 December 2014 at the age of 84. She is buried at Kinkead Cemetery in Alexandria, Virginia. Fred and Burleene were survived by a son, a daughter, four grandchildren, and a great grandson (all private)

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Gertrude Rigg DeSpain**

Shirley Jeannette DeSpain⁸ (Gertrude Rigg⁷, Alma Rosella Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner²,

Peter Ruffner¹⁾ Shirley was born 23 May 1909 at Westminster, Colorado, the daughter of Gertrude Rigg and Earl Stanley DeSpain.

On 6 December 1930 in Denver, Denver County, Colorado, Shirley married (1) **Newman Lloyd Sheets**. The family's story is that Shirley met Newman on a blind date.



When she opened the door upon his arrival at her home, Newman caught sight of her and fell head over heels in love!¹⁹⁷

Newman was born 29 May 1906 in Durango, LaPlata County, Colorado. He was the son of Lloyd Clarence Sheets (1875-1965) and Edna Newman Sheets (1896-1962). Newman graduated 1922 from State Preparatory School in Boulder, Colorado. The photo of a young Newman Sheets was taken in 1928, his senior year at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado, when he was the editor of the school's newspaper, *The Coloradoan*.

Newman died at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, on 8 March 1960 at the age of 53, as the result of a heart attack. Cremation followed.

After Newman's death, on 22 April 1961 in Los Angeles County, California, Shirley married (2) **William Hayward Claire, Jr.** (1911-1995). See following article.

Shirley died in Denver, Denver County, Colorado on 25 May 1989 at the age of 80 years and two days. Shirley and Newman Sheets are survived by two children, a son and a daughter.

¹⁹⁸ **Shirley Jeannette deSpain** was the first child born to Stanley and Gertrude (Rigg) deSpain on 23 May 1909 in the town of Westminster, Colorado, founded by her great grandparents Pleasant and Sara (Mutter) deSpain. A graduate of East High School in Denver, she studied voice at Lamont (University of Denver) College of Music. She made her operatic debut in Gounod's "Faust" with the Denver Opera Company in 1928. She married Newman Sheets. He was the great great grandson of Robert Newman who showed the two lanterns in the steeple of Boston's Old North Church for Paul Revere, April 18, 1775.

Shirley was well known for her voice recitals and concerts in Colorado and Puerto Rico. She performed with the Denver Municipal Band Summer Concert Series, sang on local radio programs, taught music in Randall School, and was director of the Highlander Boys Chorus. She directed the Sigma Chi Choirs at the University of Colorado and Denver University. Following Newman's death she married William Hayward Claire, Jr. in Pasadena, California on April 22, 1961. He was a renowned civil engineer and author on City Planning. They lived in Pacific Palisades, California; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Bel Air, Maryland; London, Teheran

¹⁹⁷ Rigg, Virginia: *Harrison and Catherine Ruffner in the valley of the Little Wabash* (1999)

¹⁹⁸ This article is courtesy of Robert Newman Sheets and Shirley Ann Sheets, son and daughter of Shirley (DeSpain) and Newman Lloyd Sheets.

and Memphis, Tennessee before returning to Denver in 1973. When in Tennessee Shirley was Managing Director of the Memphis Grand Opera. Bill was born 1911 in Chicago, Illinois to William Hayward Claire, Sr. and Louise Payne. He had a long career in city planning, Urban Renewal, public transportation development and served on the State Land Board of Colorado. He died in 1995 in San Clemente, California. Shirley died in Denver, May 25, 1989 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Her ashes were scattered on Boreas Pass in the Colorado Rocky Mountains.

Louise Irma DeSpain⁸ (Gertrude Rigg⁷, Alma Rosella Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Louise was born 15 October 1910 in Westminster, Colorado, the daughter of Gertrude Rigg and Earl Stanley DeSpain.

The following article regarding Louise DeSpain is shown here courtesy of her nephew Robert Newman Sheets.

Louise deSpain, niece of Virginia Rigg, was the middle child of Stanley and Gertrude (Rigg) deSpain, born in Westminster, Colorado, 15 October 1910. She graduated from East High School in Denver and attended the University of Denver. In 1934 she married Johnny Mills in Kalamazoo, Michigan. They lived in Southern California and were divorced by 1948 when she married Al Richards who was the Technical Supervisor for the Universal Film Studios. After he retired in 1957, they moved to Menlo Park, California where Louise opened "Louise Richards Interior Design" studio. She was recognized as one of the Bay Area's top decorators. After Al's death in 1971, she moved to Laguna and later married Richard Vernon in 1974. She was his widow when she died in Redwood City, California, 31 May 1992. Her ashes were scattered in the Colorado Rocky Mountains on Boreas Pass.

Olive Velma DeSpain⁸ (Gertrude Rigg⁷, Alma Rosella Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Olive was born 28 November 1914 at Westminster, Colorado, the daughter of Gertrude Rigg and Earl Stanley DeSpain.

On 23 January 1942 Olive married **Charles Harold Hayes**, who was born 18 September 1906 at San Marcial, Socorro County, New Mexico, the son of James Boyd Hayes and Bessie Mary *Hitchcock*. When he married Olive, Charles was a 35-year old widower, formerly married to Elizabeth Rittenhouse *Snell* (1907-1940). Charles had a 35-year career in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1930 to 1965 before retiring as a Lt. General.

The following article regarding Olive Velma DeSpain is shown here courtesy of her nephew Robert Newman Sheets.

Olive Velma deSpain, niece of Virginia Rigg, was the youngest child of Stanley and Gertrude (Rigg) deSpain, born in Denver, Colorado, 28 November 1915. She was 15 when her mother died so she left school and worked at various

jobs in Denver and California. She was in Hawaii to celebrate her engagement to Lt. Charles Hayes, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Caught on a fishing pier at Ford Island, she witnessed the entire catastrophe to the Pacific Fleet. Because Hayes was off island on secret maneuvers, it was weeks before each of them knew the other was alive and well. They were married on 23 January 1942 in San Diego.

Olive died April 1989 and her ashes were scattered at sea by her husband. Lieutenant General Charles Hayes (Retired) died 3 April 1995 at his home in Rancho Bernardo, California, and was interred with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. In attendance were Olive's aunt, Virginia Rigg, and their niece and nephew.



Charles Hayes, called "Fog" was born near Albuquerque, New Mexico September 18, 1906. He attended Colorado A&M College in Ft. Collins, Colorado and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1930 as a Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. [He is shown here at the time of his graduation from Annapolis.] He attended the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Fog was Deputy Chief of Staff, Fleet Marine Aircraft Wing in Korea. He served as Deputy Chief of Staff, Fleet Marine Force Pacific before becoming Commander Marine Corps Air station, Kaneohe, Hawaii 1954-55; made Brigadier General, October 1955; Liaison Officer, Office of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. 1955-56; Commander 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Iwakuni, Japan 1957-59; and Major General 1959; Commander 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, El Toro, California 1959; Deputy Commander Fleet Marine Force Pacific, Oahu, Hawaii 1959; Deputy Chief of Staff, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington D.C. 1963. He made Lieutenant General, April 9, 1963 and was serving with the Joint Chiefs during the Cuban Missile Crisis and was appointed Assistant Commander of the Marine Corps, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. 1963.

He retired from the United States Marine Corps in 1965 with Two Legion of Merit Awards and with Combat "V" and the Navy Distinguished Service Medal for defense of Guadalcanal. He was in charge of building the first landing strip in the battle to take back the island in WWII.

Gen. Hayes last residence was in San Diego, California, when he died 3 April 1995 at the age of 88. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Although her ashes were scattered at sea, Olive is memorialized on her husband's gravestone at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia—Section 3, Site 4222-G.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Leland Stanford Rigg**

Luella May Rigg⁸ (Leland Stanford Rigg⁷, Alma Rosella Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Luella was born 8 April 1916 in Westminster, Colorado, the daughter of Leland (Lee) Stanford Rigg and Clara Isabelle *Cram*.

Luella was a 1937 graduate of Arvada High School. She married **Wallace Roy Munro, Jr.**, who was born 11 June 1915 in Evanston, Cook County, Illinois, the son of Wallace Roy Munro, Sr. and Oral Charity *Aker*.

In 1940 Roy was a welder in a machine factory. In 1970 he owned and operated Munro & Co., his business in Denver, Colorado.

They lived in Arvada, Jefferson County, Colorado. Roy died 30 September 1992 at the age of 77. Luella died 13 June 2003 at the age of 87.

Luella and Roy were survived by one daughter and three grandchildren (private). Another daughter is deceased (shown here).

+Donna Mae Munro⁹ – 1939-1990 – married Joseph (Joe) George Pipa.

William Newton Rigg⁸ (Leland Stanford Rigg⁷, Alma Rosella Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 18 May 1918 in Westminster, Colorado, the son of Leland (Lee) Stanford Rigg and Clara Isabelle *Cram*.

William married **Rose Mineff Wiley**, who was born 8 January 1913 in Treona, Bulgaria. She was the daughter of Peter Mineff and Catherine Petrova. Rose attended State Teachers' College (1933) at Greeley in Weld County, Colorado.

In 1970, William was the manager of a power equipment company in Denver, Colorado.

William died 30 December 1994 at the age of 76. His last address was Arvada, Jefferson County, Colorado.

Rose's last address was Salem, Dent County, Missouri. She died 4 May 2001, and she is inurned at Crown Hill Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County, Colorado—Cremation Garden.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Walter Ray Ruffner**

George Edward Ruffner⁸ (Walter Ray Ruffner⁷, Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner²) George was born 27 September 1925 in Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Walter Ray Ruffner and Theta Evelyn *Logan*. The following

biographical obituary appeared in *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, Volume 5, Issue #3, September 2002.

In Memoriam: George Edward Ruffner – September 17, 1925-July 9, 2002.

A Great Tree has fallen in the forest of our family and the landscape will never again be the same. These words written by Bob Sheets in conveying the sad news of George Edward Ruffner's death are echoed by all Ruffner family members who came to know, love and admire this gallant and humane man. As Bob went on to say, *he has completed the journey of a great and giving life, whose inspiration will be forever implanted upon the soul of our Ruffner Family Association.*

George, a proud descendant of Benjamin Ruffner, was the first child of Walter Ray and Theta Logan Ruffner. He was born in Effingham County, Illinois at the home of his great grandfather, Harrison Ruffner. After graduating from Effingham High School, he entered active service in the U.S. Army in January of 1943. While in the service, he was wounded in action and received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. After his discharge in 1945, he returned home to Mason, Illinois, and married Ruth Lavonne Byers on November 22, 1945. They began their married life in Mason, with George working in the Post Office.

In 1965, George transferred to Bedford, Texas. After a disability retirement in 1972 and upon recovery, he began working for Absolute Security as chief of security. In 1974, the family moved to Niotaze, Kansas, where he worked for Cookson Hills Christian School. A year later, he transferred to the main unit of the school in Kansas, Oklahoma, where he served as superintendent.

In 1979, the family moved to Miami, Oklahoma where George worked with the Miami Police Department and started traveling with World Mission Builders (WMB). In 1989, they moved to Inola, Oklahoma where George continued his mission work with WMB, building churches and holding crusades in Missouri, Arizona, North Carolina and third world countries. In 1992, they built the Inola Christian Church, with a large addition being made in 1998. George was a charter member and served as an elder of the church.

In 2001, at the Ruffner Family Reunion in Luray, Virginia, George was awarded the first RFA Humanitarian Award for his work with World Mission Builders. George with his cousin Lester Ward "Budge" Ruffner began the Ruffner Family Reunions in 1991. From that reunion would eventually spring the formation of the Ruffner Family Association. He was a founding member of the RFA Board of Directors and faithfully attended each meeting sharing his sage counsel at each gathering. George wrote last year about how blessed he felt to see the growth of the Ruffner Family reunions and the joy he felt in the opportunity to meet cousins he might never have known.

George was preceded in death by his parents, grandson Aaron Gill, great-grandson Darin Gill, and his brother Bob Ruffner.

A celebration of George's life and accomplishments was held at the Inola Christian Church on July 12, 2002, followed by a graveside service at Highland Cemetery. A floral tribute from the Ruffner Family association graced the altar. The pastor read the poem *How do you live your dash?* Readers may remember this poem which appeared in the August 1999 issue of RR&R about the dash signifying

all the years between one's birth and death dates. George Edward Ruffner could certainly be proud of the way he lived his *dash*.

George's wife **Ruth Lavonne Byers** was born 18 November 1926 in Edgewood, Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Henry Lee Byers and Ruth *Broom*. As a young girl, Ruth lived in the Champaign and Effingham areas. At the age of 16, with the outbreak of WWII, she began teaching school at a one-room school called West Union. She met George Ruffner during that time, and they kept in touch by letters during the war. When he returned home, they were married in Effingham. While they were living in Texas, Ruth became ill, and was the recipient of a kidney transplant. She lived for another 27 years before dying in 2007. George and Ruth were survived by six children, four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren (all private).

Robert (Bob) Eugene Ruffner⁸ (Walter Ray Ruffner⁷, Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bob was born 24 March 1927 in Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Walter Ray Ruffner and Theta Evelyn *Logan*.

Bob served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and the Korean Conflict. After its launching in 1944, Bob was stationed aboard CV-38 *Shangri-la*, an air-craft carrier of the Essex class.

Back home in Macon County, Illinois, following his service in Korea, Bob was the proprietor of Bob's Barber Shop in Decatur. He was married (private).

Bob died 22 July 1996 at the age of 69. He is buried at Macon County Memorial Park in Harristown, Macon County, Illinois. He was survived by his wife, and his two brothers and two sisters (all private). One of those brothers, George, is now deceased. His other siblings are living, and thus not included here.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Clare Anderson Ruffner**

Clare (Gene) Ruffner⁸ (Clare Anderson Ruffner⁷, Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clare was born 15 August 1931 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Clare Anderson Ruffner and Geneva Blanche *Bailey*. His home was in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

He was married on 23 October 1955 in Effingham County, Illinois (private). Clare was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict and had been awarded a Good Conduct Medal and a National Defense Ribbon. He was a retired truck driver for Yellow Freight, and a member of the Yellow Freight 1,000,000 mile club. Clare was a member, an elder and a deacon at Mason Christian Church, and a founding member of Mason Christian Academy.

Clare died at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham, Illinois on 24 November 2006 at the age of 75. He was survived by his wife, one son, one daughter,

and five grandchildren (all private). He was also survived by one brother (private). He was preceded in death by his sister and two brothers.

Sarah Joan Ruffner⁸ (Clare Anderson Ruffner⁷, Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sarah was born 31 January 1933 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Clare Anderson Ruffner and Geneva Blanche *Bailey*.

When she was five years old, Sarah fell off the merry-go-round at school, hit her head and died of complications from the fall. She died at Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois on 23 September 1938.

Urban Bailey (Oogie) Ruffner⁸ (Clare Anderson Ruffner⁷, Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Urban was born 3 November 1934 in Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Clare Anderson Ruffner and Geneva Blanche *Bailey*.

Urban got the nickname Oogie when he was about three years old. He loved to honk the horn on the family car, which made an “ooga” sound. The nickname stuck with him all his life—many people didn’t even realize he had any other name.

He joined the U.S. Navy to serve in the Korean Conflict. The ship he served on tested Atomic bombs at Eniwetok, a deserted island in the Pacific Ocean. When he was 20-years old, the ship received word from the Red Cross that Urban’s mother had been killed in an explosion and fire. Within an hour his shipmates had taken up a collection and his captain had made flight arrangements for him to go home.

After his service was completed, Urban returned home to Mason for a short time, and then moved to Anaheim, California, where he lived until he returned to Mason in April of 1999. Urban had never married. He hadn’t had much contact with his family during the time he lived in California, only an occasional Christmas card or a phone call. He returned home to be with his family during his fight against cancer. Oogie’s stay with them was a short one; he lost the fight on 1 November 2000 at the age of 65, just two days before his 66th birthday. He is buried at Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

Paul Dean (P.D.) Ruffner⁸ (Clare Anderson Ruffner⁷, Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Paul was born 14 January 1937 at Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Clare Anderson Ruffner and Geneva Blanche *Bailey*.

Paul was married 13 November 1954 (private). Paul worked for Howell Asphalt of Mattoon, Illinois for 24 years, and was a teamster for 42 years. He was a member of the Mason Christian Church. Paul was *Jimmie Diesel* to his C.B. radio buddies.

Paul died at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on Wednesday, 17 December 2003 at the age of 66. He is buried at Mason Union

Cemetery in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois. Four children were born to Paul and his wife.

Paul was survived by his wife, three of his four children (one son and two daughters), nine grandchildren and one great grandchild (all private). Paul was preceded in death by son Michael, brother Urban and sister, Sarah. Of Paul's siblings, only one is still living at this time.

+Michael Dean Ruffner⁹ – 1955-1977 – died in auto accident.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Glen E. Ruffner**

Nancy Ann Ruffner⁸ (Glen E. Ruffner⁷, Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Nancy was born 16 November 1946 in Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois, the daughter of Glen E. Ruffner and Louise *Logan*.

In 1976 Nancy married **John Pollard Millican**, who was born 16 September 1943 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma. John attended Okmulgee High School in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and Northeastern State College in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

They owned several businesses throughout Missouri until 1984 when their son was born. Nancy and John then moved to Wood River, Madison County, Missouri. John worked with the Boy Scouts of America, and Nancy put her Master's Degree to good use and became the librarian for Lewis and Clark Elementary School. Nancy was active in volunteering with the Boy Scouts and at East Alton-Wood River High School with the booster club.

John died 2 March 2001 at the age of 57. Nancy was diagnosed with breast cancer and was in remission in 2003. She was then diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphomas in 2011. She fought the disease for three years, but at the Mount Carmel Senior Living center in St. Charles, St. Charles County, Missouri on Wednesday, 5 February 2014, Nancy lost the battle. She was 67 years old. Cremation followed and her ashes are interred at Woodland Hill Cemetery, East Alton, Madison County, Illinois. Nancy and John are survived by one child, a son (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Arthur Lee Ready**

Carl D. Ready⁸ (Arthur Lee Ready⁷, Mary Emma Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carl was born 1 October 1915 in Illinois, the son of Arthur (Artie) Lee Ready and Beulah E. *Douglas*.

On 28 December 1966 in Los Angeles County, California, at the age of 51, Carl married **Loree Lucy Lyon**, age 43. She was born 10 July 1923 in Bartlett, Wallowa County, Oregon, the daughter of Emery Lyon and Edrie *Mallory*.

She graduated from high school at LaGrande, Oregon. Loree trained as a Civilian Cadet Nurse in the Army. She was employed for 25 years at Lanterman State Hospital, a hospital in Pamona, California for the severely developmentally delayed.

Carl and Loree lived in Azusa, Los Angeles County, California, when he died at the age of 60 in October of 1975, Los Angeles County, California. It is believed that Carl had no children of his own, although his wife Loree had a daughter.

After Carl's death, Loree married (2) Roy Raymond Leonard (1914-2005). Loree died at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, California on Monday, 22 July 2013 at the age of 90. She is buried next to her second husband Roy Leonard at Island City Cemetery, Island City, Union County, Oregon. Loree was survived by a daughter, one grandchild, and one great grandchild.

Verne Eugene Ready⁸ (Arthur Lee Ready⁷, Mary Emma Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Verne was born 16 July 1918 in Mason City, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. He was the son of Arthur (Artie) Lee Ready and Beulah E. *Douglas*.

Verne served in the U.S. Army during WWII. His last residence before his death was Anaheim, Orange County, California. Verne died 17 May 1998 at the age of 79.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Grace M. Ready Tucker**

Donald Lee Tucker⁸ (Grace M. Ready⁷, Mary Emma Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donald was born 21 June 1916 in Macon County, Illinois, the son of Grace M. *Ready* and Floyd Pinkney Tucker.

Donald was married to his sister Helen's closest friend (private). He was a carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

Donald died 7 March 1997 at the age of 80. He is buried at Mount Olive Cemetery in Mayview, Champaign County, Illinois. He was survived by his wife, his children and grandchildren (all private).

Helen Tucker⁸ Grace M. Ready⁷, Mary Emma Wilson⁶, Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Helen was born 29 October 1918 in Mason City, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, the daughter of Grace M. *Ready* and Floyd Pinkney Tucker.

On 7 May 1946, Helen married **Francis (Tom) Prestin**. Tom was born 7 December 1915 in Illinois. He attended Urbana High School in Urbana, Champaign

County, Illinois. Tom served as a Cpl. in the U.S. Army Air Forces during WWII. Before his early death, Tom became the Assistant Supervisor of Texaco, Inc. in Peoria, Illinois.

Tom died on 17 February 1965 at the age of 49. He is buried at East Lawn Cemetery in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois—Sec. 15, Lot 35, Sp. 3.

Helen was a hair stylist and at the age of 21 she owned her own salon. She and her husband had lived in Peoria and Champaign in Illinois, and shortly before her death she moved to Country Terrace, an independent living facility in Hoopeston in Vermillion County, Illinois. She died Thursday, 17 January 2008 at the age of 89. Helen is buried at Mount Olive Cemetery in Mayview, Champaign County, Illinois. She was survived by one daughter and grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Lynn Wilson Ready**

Barbara Ready⁸ (Lynn Wilson Ready⁷, Mary Emma Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Barbara was born 1930 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the daughter of Lynn Wilson (Skinny) Ready and Myrtle Esther *Shumaker*.

She never married. Barbara died 2010, and she is buried at Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois.

Urban Lynn (Buck) Ready⁸ (Lynn Wilson Ready⁷, Mary Emma Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Urban was born 8 December 1931 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Lynn Wilson (Skinny) Ready and Myrtle Esther *Shumaker*.

During the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1954, Urban served in the U.S. Navy. Urban then attended and graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign, Illinois. He became an architect. Urban was married.

Urban died as an inpatient at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana on 28 March 2005 at the age of 73. The cause of death was lung cancer. He is buried at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Newman, Douglas County, Illinois. Urban was survived by his wife (private).

John (Johnny) Raymond Ready⁸ (Lynn Wilson Ready⁷, Mary Emma Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Johnny was born 16 May, 1933 in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Lynn Wilson (Skinny) Ready and Myrtle Esther *Shumaker*.

Johnny served as a Sgt. in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. On 4 February 1954 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois, he married **Marguerite (Peggy) Sheets**.

Peggy was born 4 September 1927 and died 11 December 1975 at the age of 48. She is buried at Chatsworth-Charlotte Cemetery in Chatsworth, Livingston County, Illinois.

On 22 May 1980 in Chatsworth, Livingston County, Illinois, Johnny married again (private).

As well as living in Chatsworth, Illinois, Johnny had also lived in Wilmington, Will County, Illinois. He died at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham, Illinois, on Tuesday, 13 October 2009 at the age of 76. Johnny is buried at Chatsworth-Charlotte Cemetery in Chatsworth, Livingston County, Illinois.

Johnny and Peggy are survived by three sons, three daughters, 22 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren (all private). Johnny was survived by his second wife (private). Johnny and his first wife Peggy had one son who is deceased (shown here).

+Jeffrey Scott Ready⁹ – 1956-2003 – married (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Margaret Clare *Wilson Selman***

Sara Lee Selman⁸ (Margaret Clare Wilson⁷, Lucas Lee Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sara was born 24 September 1918 in Waco, McLennon County, Texas, the daughter of Margaret Clare *Wilson* and John Henry Selman, Jr.

Sara attended John Tyler High School in Tyler, Smith County, Texas. She was active in the drama club at the school. She is shown here in 1934 as a member of the high school drama club.



Sara married (1) **Ray Thedford**, who was born 10 November 1913 in Texas, the son of Andrew J. Thedford and Lexie B. Pride. They were divorced, and both remarried. Ray died 14 November 1992. He is buried at Dean Baptist Cemetery in Tyler, Texas. Ray was a farmer in Tyler, Texas.

On 25 January 1966 In Hopkins, Sulphur Springs County, Texas, at the age of 47 Sara married (2) 54-year-old **James Henry Bullard**, who was born 22 March 1911 in Quinton, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. He was the son of Dr. E. C. Bullard and Eula Katie *Aldridge*. James was in the oil business.

James died at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, Smith County, Texas on 22 September 1978 at the age of 67. He is buried at Dean Baptist Cemetery in Tyler, Smith County, Texas.

Sara Lee died at Tyler, Texas on 24 February 2005 at the age of 86. She is also buried at Dean Baptist Cemetery in Tyler, Texas.

Sara and her first husband Ray Thedford had three children, one son and twin daughters—all born in Texas (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Virginia Lorrain *Donaldson* McCart-Romness-Short

Richard Herbert McCart⁸ (Virginia Lorrain Donaldson⁷, Grace H. Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Richard was born 8 December 1926 in Texas, the son of Virginia Lorrain *Donaldson* and William H. McCart.

Richard graduated from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. His picture shown here was taken in 1948 when he was an upper level member of the Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Following college, Richard served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was married (private). However, it is not known whether he had children.

Richard died 8 December 1926 at the age of 78. He is buried at Lone Oak Cemetery in Leesburg, Lake County, Florida—Block K.



Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Virginia Leah *Ruffner* Casey



Stanley Thomas (Tom) Casey, Jr.⁸ (Virginia Leah Ruffner⁷, Benjamin Merle Ruffner⁶, Eli Ashbrook Ruffner⁵, Benjamin Ruffner III⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Tom was born 18 December 1952 in Harris County, Texas, the son of Virginia Leah *Ruffner* and Stanley Thomas Casey, Sr.

Tom attended Waltrip High School in Houston, Harris County, Texas. His 1971 class photo is shown here.

Tom was a native Houstonian—a resident of Oak Forest and the Houston Heights. He was a gifted and accomplished artist. Tom never married.

On 5 October 2007 at the age of 55, Tom went to his rest peacefully surrounded by his family and friends. He left behind his partner of many years (private). His three sisters survive him (all private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
George Rolland Berry**

Kathryn Blanch Berry⁸ (George Rolland Berry⁷, Ruffner Arthur Berry⁶, Lucretia Ann Ruffner⁵, Noah Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kathryn was born 11 June 1926 in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, the daughter of George Rolland Berry and Katherine (Katie) *Thomas*. Kathryn died 16 September 1935 at the age of nine years. She is buried at Oaklawn Cemetery in Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. Kathryn was survived by her parents and her younger brother.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Raymond Griffith Hite**



Marilyn Rae Hite⁸ (Raymond Griffith Hite⁷, Benjamin Griffith Hite⁶, Benjamin Ruffner Hite⁵, Dorothy Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marilyn was born 2 September 1924 in Los Angeles County, California. She was the daughter of Raymond Griffith Hite and Violet *Peck*. In the Salt Lake City Temple on 20 June 1944, Marilyn married **James David (Dave) Stevens**.

Dave was born 17 January 1919 in Taber, Alberta, Canada. He was the son of Clarence Edward Stevens (1877-1957) and Ann Edith *Rodeback* (1883-1973).

Dave died at Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington, on 22 November 1971 at the age of 52. He was originally buried in Pioneer Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Moses Lake, Grant County, Washington. However, On 2 July 1975, his casket was disinterred and removed, and then buried at Salt Lake City Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah.

Marilyn was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many church callings.

She died 20 July 2015 at Orem, Utah County, Utah, at the age of 91. She is buried beside her husband at Salt Lake City Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Marilyn and Dave Stevens are survived by seven children, 28 grandchildren and 48 great grandchildren (all private). She was also survived by her brother.



**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter Ann Louise Mason Bonsall**

Marian M. Bonsall⁸ (Ann Louise Mason⁷, Cora Bell Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbaugh⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marian was born 27 July 1916 at Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. She was the daughter of Ann Louise *Mason* and David Harrison (Harry) Bonsall, Sr.

Marian married **Richard P. Barnard**, who was born 30 September 1911 in Arizona. Richard was married before and had a son from his first marriage. He was a long time employee of Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Phoenix, Arizona.

Richard died August 1983 in Maricopa County, Arizona and he is buried at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona.

Marian is a 1938 graduate of the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona—her graduation picture is shown here.

Marian died in Maricopa County, Arizona in May of 1993 at the age of 76, and is buried beside her husband Richard at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona. There is no record that they had children.

David Harrison Bonsall, Jr.⁸ (Ann Louise Mason⁷, Cora Bell Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbaugh⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 10 September 1920 at Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. He was the son of Ann Louise *Mason* and David Harrison (Harry) Bonsall, Sr.

David worked in the family milling business in Phoenix, Arizona. His last residence was in Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona. David died March 1984 at the age of 63. No record of a marriage was found.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Isabelle Mason Platner-Phelps**

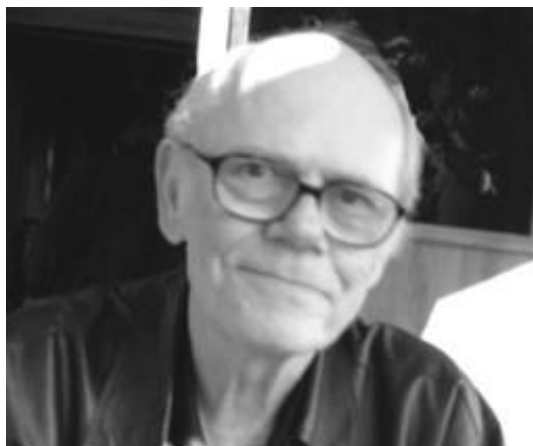
Carl Francis Platner⁸ (Isabelle Mason⁷, Cora Bell Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbaugh⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carl was born 8 December 1917 In Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, the son of Isabelle *Mason* and William G. Platner.

Carl died in Maricopa County, Arizona, on 29 March 1920 at the age of two years. He is buried at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Sheldon Brumbaugh

Alex Gaylord Brumbaugh⁸ (Sheldon Brumbaugh⁷, Jesse F. Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbaugh⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alex was born 11 October 1942 in Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon, the son of Sheldon Brumbaugh and Catherine *Gaylord*.

Having been born and raised in Klamath Falls, and after the ending of a brief teenage marriage and the birth of his first child, Alex left and settled in San Francisco, California. On 15 December 1961 in San Francisco, Alex married again. A daughter was born to Alex and his wife. They moved to Colorado and Alex attended Colorado State College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in American History in 1967. The family then returned to California and Alex taught American History at Monterey High School from 1967 to 1979. In September of 1970 in Monterey, his second marriage also ended with a divorce.



The next few years, Alex fought the battle of his addiction to Alcohol. Recovered in 1993, he became the director of Project Recovery (the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction). He wrote two books: *Transformation and Recovery* (1994) and *The Praxis of Recovery* (released 2013, the same year as his death). During this time, Alex married again: Laurie Avila, who died in 2003.

Alex died at his home in Santa Barbara, California, on 29 May 2013 at the age of 70. He was cared for by his companion of nine years. Alex was survived by his two daughters, step-daughters and grandchildren, as well as his long-time companion (all private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Beatrice Campbell Gynther

Malcolm Donald Gynther, PhD.⁸ (Mary Beatrice Campbell⁷, Orpha May Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbaugh⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Malcolm was born 16 March 1927 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, the son of Mary Beatrice *Campbell* and Lawrence Carl Gynther.

Malcolm graduated from Jefferson High School in Portland, Oregon. His graduation photo is shown here.

Malcolm married (1) **Mearl Marcheta Markley** (1926-1950) on 18 September 1948 in Multnomah County, Oregon. They were divorced after a very short marriage. She was the daughter of Nevada Ruth *Stotts* and Mearl Lee Markley (see below).

Malcolm graduated from Stanford University at Palo Alto, California in 1950.

On 29 May 1954 in Orange County, North Carolina, Malcom was married a second time (private). Dr. Gynther was a practicing psychologist in Columbia, South Carolina.

He died at his home in Auburn, Cayuga County, Alabama, on 26 January 2009 at the age of 81. Cause of death was cancer. He was cremated and his ashes inurned at Town Creek Cemetery in Auburn, Lee County, Alabama—South Columbarium. He was survived by his wife, children and grandchildren (all private). The inscription on Dr. Gynther's crypt reads: *The wisdom of the scarecrow, the heart of the tin woodman, the courage of the lion.*



GYNTHER, MALCOLM

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Donald Barcher Campbell, Sr.**

Donald Barcher Campbell, Jr.⁸ (Donald Barcher Campbell, Sr.⁷, Orpha May Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbaugh⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donald was born 19 September 1927 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, the son of Donald Barcher Campbell, Sr. and Neva V. *Larson*.

Donald was an Eagle Scout, and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Donald received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Colorado in 1951.

He died in Pueblo, Colorado, on 17 December 2007 at the age of 80. Cremation followed at Davis Crematory. He was survived by his wife and two sons, and also his two sisters (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Nevada Ruth *Stotts* Markley**

Mearl Marcheta Markley⁸, (Nevada Ruth *Stotts*⁷, Laura Gertrude Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbaugh⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marcheta was born 1926 in Missouri, the daughter of Nevada Ruth *Stotts* and Mearl Lee Markley.

On 18 September 1948 in Multnomah County, Oregon, she married **Malcolm D. Gynther, PhD.**, who was born 16 March 1927 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, the son of Lawrence Carl Gynther and Mary Beatrice *Campbell*. It was a very short

marriage and they were soon divorced. Marcheta resumed her birth name rather than that of Gynther. Marcheta Markley died in 1950 at 24 years of age. She is buried at Graceland Cemetery, at Burlington, Coffey County, Kansas.

Maurice Lee Markley⁸ (Nevada Ruth Stotts⁷, Laura Gertrude Brumbaugh⁶, Noah Brumbaugh⁵, Isaac Brumbaugh⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maurice was born 25 January 1928 in Paola, Miami County, Kansas, the son of Nevada Ruth *Stotts* and Mearl Lee Markley. Maurice probably did not marry. He died in Los Angeles County, California on 9 December 1976 at the age of 48. Maurice is buried at Graceland Cemetery at Burlington, Coffey County, Kansas. He was survived by a younger sister and brother (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Pearl Monroe Leach**

Geraldine Maryalice Leach⁸ (Pearl Monroe Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Geraldine was born 25 May 1915 in Ohio, the daughter of Pearl Monroe Leach and Emma A. *Ricketts*.

She married **Floyd Arnold Schweikle**, who was born 24 December 1907 in Ohio, the son of Albert John Schweikle (1871-1942) and Freida Josephine *Geis* (1882-1939). They lived in Van Wert County in Ohio. Floyd was a mail clerk for an insurance business. Geraldine worked as a legal secretary for the City of Van Wert, Ohio.

Floyd died in Van Wert County, Ohio on 5 March 1983 at the age of 75. Floyd is buried at Woodland Union Cemetery in Van Wert, Ohio.

Geraldine died in Van Wert County, Ohio, on 12 January 1985 at the age of 69. She is buried at Woodlawn Union Cemetery at Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio. Geraldine and Floyd had a son.

+Ladoyt Pearl Schweikle⁹ – 1936-2007 – married (private)

Opal Irene Leach⁸ (Pearl Monroe Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Opal was born 15 April 1924 in Ohio, the daughter of Pearl Monroe Leach and Emma A. *Ricketts*. Opal died 30 January 1925 less than a year old. She is buried at Union Cemetery, Mercer County, Ohio—Row 11.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Julia E. Leach McLaughlin**

Leota Faye McLaughlin⁸ (Julia E. Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leota was born 15 May 1909 in Perry County, Ohio, the daughter of Julia E. *Leach* and Henry B. McLaughlin.

Leota married **George W. Smith**, who was born 1911 in Indiana. They lived in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. George was a baker, at one time owning his own bakery, and then working as a baker for Schaefer Brothers Bakery in Lancaster, Ohio. In the late 1940s and in 1954, George and Leota still lived in Lancaster, Ohio, and George was employed as a glass worker for Anchor Hocking Corporation.

Leota and George were divorced. Leota died at Fairfield Hospital in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio on 24 March 2001 at the age of 91. The burial place is not known. There was no record found showing that Leota had any children.

*If you think your family is normal, you are probably not a
genealogist.*

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
George Washington Leach**

Kenneth R. Leach⁸ (George Washington Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kenneth was born 5 May 1918 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of George Washington Leach and Mary *Jenkins*.

Kenneth married **Gleneva Louise McDonald**, who was born 26 July 1926 in Ohio, the daughter of Ralph and Dorothy McDonald. Gleneva worked for many years at the Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster, Ohio. She attended Maple Grove United Brethren Church in Baltimore, Ohio, and was a member of the Pythian Sisters for over 50 years. Kenneth and Gleneva lived in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, and raised their children there.

Kenneth died 14 April 1976 at the age of 57. He is buried at the Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Gleneva died on Wednesday, 26 March 2014 at the age of 87. She is buried beside her husband Kenneth at the Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. Kenneth and Gleneva were survived by one daughter, one son, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild (all private). Another son predeceased Kenneth and Gleneva.

+Ronald (Ron) Lynn Leach⁹ – 1954-1972 – still a high school student.

Karroll Gene Leach⁸ (George Washington Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Karroll was born 20 November 1922 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of George Washington Leach and Mary *Jenkins*.

Karroll served as a Pfc. in the U.S. Army during WWII. He married **Esther V. Scheidegger**. Esther was born 30 May 1926 in Ohio, the daughter of William and Cleava Scheidegger.

Karroll died as an inpatient at Fairfield Medical Center, Lancaster, Ohio, on 26 September 2002 at the age of 79. He is buried at the Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Esther died at Lan-Fair Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fairfield County, Ohio, on Sunday, 25 January 2009. She is buried beside her husband at the Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio.

Karroll and Esther are survived by two daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren, and five great grandchildren (all private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Elizabeth *Leach Spitzer***

Eugene Lee Spitzer⁸ (Elizabeth Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eugene was born 6 May 1925 in Perry County, Ohio. He was the son of Elizabeth *Leach* and Cecil Lee Spitzer.

As a young boy at home living with his widowed father and younger brother, Eugene was a newspaper delivery boy. Eugene served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was married twice—his first marriage unknown, ending in divorce. In 1970 he worked in civil construction.

On 11 April 1970 at the First Baptist Church in LaPorte, LaPorte County, Indiana, Eugene married (2) **Jessie Gaye Bower Lisk**, a widow. She was born 3 June 1928 in Spencer, Roane County, West Virginia, the daughter of William A. Bower and Dovie E. *Starcher*. Eugene and Jessie lived at Benton Harbor, Berrien County, Michigan.

Eugene died at St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan on 27 December 1986 at the age of 61. His residence at that time was Hartford, Van Buren County, Michigan.

Jessie died at her home in Washington County, Ohio, on 6 March 1996—age 67.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Bertha Corinna *Leach England***

William (Bill) Eugene England⁸ (Bertha Corinna Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bill was born 1 March 1921 in Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Bertha Corinna

Leach and Earl R. England. It appears that Bill never married. He died in Sarasota County, Florida, on 8 August 2002 at the age of 81. He is buried at Violet Township Cemetery in Pickerington, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Dale Robert England⁸ (Bertha Corinna Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dale was born 6 October 1923 at Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio. He was the son of Bertha Corinna *Leach* and Earl R. England.

Dale served as a Pfc. in the U.S. Army during WWII. Dale was married. His final home was in Reynoldsburg, Franklin County, Ohio, when he died 30 September 2004 at the age of 80. Dale is buried at Violet Township Cemetery in Pickerington, Fairfield County, Ohio. His wife survived him (private). No record of children.

**Descendants of Benjamin Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Charles Arthur Leach**

Alice B. Leach⁸ (Charles Arthur Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alice was born 30 September 1930 in Thurston, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Charles Arthur Leach, Sr. and Lucille Othello *Kinney* Mast.

On 27 June 1950 Alice married (private). After 34 years, Alice retired as purchasing agent from General Motors.

She was a resident of Galloway, Franklin County, Ohio, when she died on Thursday, 12 May 2011 at the age of 80. Alice is buried at Alton Cemetery in Alton, Franklin County, Ohio. Alice is survived by her husband, two sisters, and three brothers (all private). She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother. No children were mentioned.

Mary Kathryn Leach⁸ (Charles Arthur Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 17 December 1931 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Charles Arthur Leach, Sr. and Lucille Othello *Kinney* Mast. Mary died in a long-term care facility in Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio on 17 April 2001 at the age of 68. She was survived by her husband (private).

Charles Arthur Leach, Jr.⁸ (Charles Arthur Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 17 October 1934 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Charles Arthur Leach, Sr. and Lucille Othello *Kinney* Mast.

Charles served in the military as an Airman 1st Class in the U.S. Air Force. He married **Dorothy Hoffpauir**, who was born 5 April 1927, the daughter of Raymond J. Hoffpauir (1902-1964) and Odessa *Guidry* (1902-1975).

Dorothy died 4 February 1980 at the age of 52. She is buried at Highland Memory Gardens in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

Charles died 23 August 1990 at the age of 55, and he is buried at Sunrise Cemetery, Maysville, Banks County, Georgia. No record was found regarding children.

Geraldine Lucille Leach⁸ (Charles Arthur Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Geraldine was born 13 November 1936 in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Charles Arthur Leach, Sr. and Lucille Othello *Kinney* Mast.

Geraldine married **Arnold Eugene (Gene) Peake**, who was born 1 May 1936, the son of Arnold Whitney Peake (1909-1988) and Lillian Elizabeth *Stilwell* (1915-1955). Geraldine and Arnold were later divorced. Arnold married (2) Jessica *Runyan* (1937-2015). Arnold died 27 June 2010. He is buried in Grove City Cemetery West in Grove City, Franklin County, Ohio.

Geraldine died Friday, 11 March 2011 at the age of 74. Her remains were cremated and ashes given to family. Geraldine is survived by three daughters and two grandchildren (private). She was also survived by two sisters and three brothers (private). One brother and two sisters are now deceased, as well as granddaughter April Woodrum⁹.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ethel A. Fritz Trimmer**

Violet L. Trimmer⁸ (Ethel A. Fritz⁷, Sarah Angeline Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Violet was born 9 April 1920 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Ethel A. *Fritz* and Earl Chester Trimmer.

Circa 1939 Violet married **Raymond P. Bibler**, who was born 18 April 1917 in Ohio. In 1940 the newlyweds lived at Etna, Licking County, Ohio, where Raymond was a farmer. On Friday, 6 April 1973, the *Lancaster Eagle Gazette* of Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, published a notice that Violet L. Bibler and Melvin Trimmer had been appointed Executors of the Estate of Ethel Trimmer, deceased (their widowed mother).

Raymond died at his home in Fairfield County, Ohio, on 5 April 1968 at the age of 50. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

In 1993, Violet Bibler was still living in Baltimore, Ohio. No record has been found regarding Violet's death, or whether she is still living. If she is still living, she would be over 106 years old. Violet and Raymond Bibler had at least one child, a son, shown below. Violet's younger brother survives her (private).

+Ralph D. Bibler⁹ – 1941-1968 – married (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ella Emaline Fritz Sager**

Chester James Sager⁸ (Ella Emeline Fritz⁷, Bryan Harvey Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Chester was born 11 November 1919 at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Ella Emeline Fritz¹⁹⁹ and Bryan Harvey Sager.

Chester served as a Pfc. in the U.S. Army during WWII. He married (1) **Mary Alice Miller**. They were divorced.

On 3 August 1946 at the Methodist Parsonage in Carroll, Fairfield County, Ohio, Chester married (2) **Anna Frances Spangler**, who was born 24 March 1927, the daughter of Clarence Spangler and Effie Calvert.

Chester and Anna were separated and then divorced 31 March 1970 in Fairfield County, Ohio. Then in July of 1986 at the United Methodist Church at Tuckerton/Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, Chester and Anna married for the second time.

Chester died a few months later on 9 December 1986 at the age of 67, at Lancaster-Fairfield Hospital in Lancaster, Ohio.

Anna died in Licking County, Ohio, on 12 December 1999 at the age of 72. Chester and Anna are buried beside each other at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. Three children were born to Chester and Anna. Two survive (private). One, shown here, is deceased.

+Rev. James Raymond Sager⁹ – 1947-2004 – married (private)

Harold Raymond Sager⁸ (Ella Emaline Fritz⁷, Sarah Angeline Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harold was born 30 June 1924 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Ella Emaline Fritz and Bryan Harvey Sager.

He graduated from Liberty Union High School in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, with the class of 1942. He served with the U.S. Army in France and Germany during WWII. Chester retired from Alten Foundry and Machine Works and Westerman Companies after 46 years of service. He was a long-time member of New Zion Methodist Church and served as the Sunday School Superintendent for 25 years.

Harold married **Carol J. Snider**, who was born 10 May 1923 in Fairfield County, Ohio. Carol was born into a family with 11 children. Named Melda by her birth parents, when she was two years old, along with some of the other siblings, she was put into the New Lexington Children's Home in Perry County, Ohio. Shortly thereafter she was

¹⁹⁹ Both Chester and his brother Harold are the offspring of cousins Bryan Harvey Sager and Ella Emeline Fritz, who were from different generations, and when they married the result produced a rather unusual lineage. As a result these two brothers are listed in both the 7th and 8th generations.

adopted by Orla and Blanche Snider and she became lost to her birth siblings. Eventually surviving members of the other 10 siblings found each other, but Carol (Melda was still missing). Thirty-four years following her adoption, Carol was found and the family was reunited in November of 1959.²⁰⁰

Carol was employed at the Don Miller Music Store. She was a member of the New Zion United Methodist Church, and she was an accomplished organist. Carol died 8 January 2009 at Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. She is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Harold died at LanFair Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lancaster, Ohio, on Monday, 31 December 2012 at the age of 88. He is buried beside Carol, his wife of 62 years, at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Harold and Carol were survived by one son, a daughter, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren (all private). Harold's older brother Chester preceded him in death.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Leroy Joseph Fritz**

Glenn Edward Fritz⁸ (Leroy Joseph Fritz⁷, Sarah Angeline Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glen was born 6 December 1927 at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Leroy Joseph Fritz and Ina Marie *Shimp*.

Glenn was married to **Mary J. Fritz**; her maiden name unknown. Glenn was a Sgt. in the U.S. Airforce during WWII and the Korean Conflict. In private life he was a carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

Glenn died as an inpatient at Doctors Hospital-West in Franklin County, Ohio, on 26 January 2002 at the age of 74. At the time of his death he was widowed, and his last residence was given as Groveport, Franklin County, Ohio. Glenn is buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. He was survived by a brother and a sister (both private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Elizabeth *Fritz* Mauger**

Ronald L. Mauger⁸ (Mary Elizabeth Fritz⁷, Sarah Angeline Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ronald was born 1 September 1939 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Mary Elizabeth *Fritz* and Fred L. Mauger.

²⁰⁰ See pages 446-448 for further information on Carol J. *Snider* Sager and her adoption.

Ronald was retired from the Fairfield County Utilities office and also H & R Block, where he worked with accounting and tax preparation. He was a life-long member of Trinity United Church of Christ, and a member of the Baltimore Lions Club, a life member of the Lancaster Old Car Club, a life member of United Commercial Travelers, and he was also a volunteer at the Fairfield Medical Center.

Ronald died at his home in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, on Sunday, 5 July 2015 at the age of 75. His ashes were inurned at Maple Grove Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. Ronald is survived by his wife of 55 years, a son, a daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren (all private). He was also survived by his sister (private). His ten-day-old infant brother Donald Reid Mauger predeceased him.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Glen Gideon Miller**

Barbara M. Miller⁸ (Glen Gideon Miller⁷, Clara Emma Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Barbara was born 19 August 1934 in Ohio, the daughter of Glen Gideon Miller and Winnie Ethel *Shaffer*.

Barbara married **Robert Paul Kegler**, who was born 23 February 1934 in Pennsylvania. He died in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio on 23 May 1992 at the age of 58. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Barbara died at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at the age of 80. She is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. Barbara was survived by six daughters, one son, 13 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren, and her sister (all private). She was predeceased by her husband, her daughter Karen (see below), and her great granddaughter Destiny *Skipper*.

Karen Ann Kegler⁹ – died 26 October 1958 as an infant—buried Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Noah Lee Sager**

Nelson Durwood Sager⁸ (Noah Lee Sager⁷, Susannah Jinetta Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Nelson was born 26 August 1928 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Noah Lee Sager and Mary Christine *Hazard*.

Nelson served in the U.S. Army and was a decorated veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Baltimore, Ohio

and Wenatchee, Washington. He lived in Wenatchee for over 30 years and much of that time worked for the Chelan County Assessor's Office. He retired to Bellingham in 2001.

On 17 June 1948, Nelson married (1) **Marilyn Kay Johnson**, who was born 31 December 1926 in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Harold Raymond Johnson and Ethel Mae Schenk.

He married (2) private. Nelson died in Bellingham, Whatcom County, Washington on 17 May 2005 at the age of 76. He is buried at Bayview Cemetery in Bellingham, Washington.

Nelson was survived by his second wife, three daughters, and two grandchildren (all private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Harold B. Fritz

Alberta Mae Fritz⁸ (Harold B. Fritz⁷, Lester Elmer Fritz⁶, Mary Catharine Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alberta was born 10 February 1926 in Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio, the daughter of Harold B. Fritz and Sarah (Sadie) *Rector* Derenberger.

Alberta was married three times.²⁰¹ She married (1) **Arlie A. Beekman**, circa 1943. Arlie died 10 May 1955. He is buried at Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield, Clark County, Ohio.

Alberta married (2) a man by the name of **Flack** in 1955. On 3 October 1970, she married (3) **Richard Williams**, age 36, in Franklin County, Ohio.

Alberta Williams' last residence before her death was: Peurto Gorda, Florida. She died 9 January 2000. Alberta was survived by her younger sister (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Erma Fern Spitler Green

Dorothy Green⁸ (Erma Fern Spitler⁷, Dora C. Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dorothy was born 20 June 1916 in Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of Erma Fern *Spitler* and Clarence Newell Green.

On 23 December 1939 she married (1) **Raymond Oliver Wood**, who was born 8 August 1911 in Illinois, the son of Charles Wood and Minnie *Jordan*.

Raymond served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. In private life Raymond was a press operator. He died 28 June 1959 at the age of 47. Raymond is buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio—Section: Devotion, Lot 1050, Space 3.

²⁰¹ The name changes and years of the changes are shown in her Social Security death records.

Dorothy married (2) **Richard Eugene Temple**, who was born 1 January 1918. Richard died 27 August 1984 at the age of 66. He is buried at Trenton Cemetery in Sunbury, Delaware County, Ohio.

Dorothy died 26 July 1984 at the age of 68. She is buried at Trenton Cemetery in Sunbury, Ohio.

Frederick (Fred) Green⁸ (Erma Fern Spitler⁷, Dora C. Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Fred was born 25 June 1918 in Franklin County, Ohio, the son of Erma Fern *Spitler* and Clarence Newell Green.

On 20 March 1937 Fred married **Ruth Gloyd**, who was born 19 December 1919 in Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of Clarence E. Gloyd and Freda *Ohde*. Early in their marriage, Ruth worked as a waitress for the Eagles.

Fred served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. When he returned from the war he worked for Columbus Metal Products Co. His last residence was Grove City, Franklin County, Ohio.

Fred died in Franklin County, Ohio on 27 April 1980 at the age of 61. Ruth died in a nursing home in Grove City, Franklin County, Ohio, on 1 December 2003 at the age of 83. Fred and Ruth had two children—one daughter survived (private). Their son is deceased—see below.

+Kenneth Alvin Green⁹ – 1938-2009 – married Minnie May Haeszel.

Marion Leroy Green⁸ (Erma Fern Spitler⁷, Dora C. Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marion was born 25 January 1923 in Franklin County, Ohio, the son of Erma Fern *Spitler* and Clarence Newell Green. Marion was a metal worker.

On 29 August 1946 he married **Phyllis Lavina Sowers**, who was born 1 November 1925 in Ohio, the daughter of Jacob Sowers and Mabel Lurrie *Crabtree*.

Marion died 20 May 1989 at the age of 66. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Phyllis died 1997 and she is buried beside her husband at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Ohio. It is believed that Marion and Phyllis were survived by three daughters (all private). Two daughters are deceased (shown here).

Dianna Lynn Green⁹ – 31 Aug. 1955—3 Sept. 1955 – Union Evangelical Cemetery.

+Christine Lurrie Green⁹ – 1961-2011 – unknown marital status.

Ida Mae Green⁸ (Erma Fern Spitler⁷, Dora C. Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ida Mae was born 20 March 1928 in Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of Erma Fern *Spitler* and Clarence Newel Green. Ida Mae may have died in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in 1985.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Clyde I. Sager

Waldo Eugene (Gene) Sager⁸ (Clyde I. Sager⁷, John David Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gene was born 30 July 1930 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Clyde I. Sager and Mildred E. Miller.

According to Ohio Death Records, Gene was married. However, no record was found to verify that. He was a manager in the construction business. Gene died at home in Licking County, Ohio, on 3 September 1996 at the age of 66. He is buried at Kirkersville Cemetery in Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio.

Ronald (Ron) Arlen Sager⁸ (Clyde I. Sager⁷, John David Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ron was born 4 July 1938 at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Clyde I. Sager and Mildred E. Miller.

Ron was married in Richmond, Virginia on 22 July 1959 (private). He was the owner of Ron Sager Water Systems. Ron died 10 October 2010 at the age of 72. His home at the time of his death was Kirkersville in Licking County, Ohio. He was survived by his wife, two sons, and three grandchildren (private). He also has two sisters who survive (private). His brother Gene preceded him in death.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mildred Mae Graham Presley

Sharon Lee Presley⁸ (Mildred Mae Graham⁷, Maude E. Sager⁶, Lydia Sager⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sharon was born 27 July 1948 in Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of Mildred Mae Graham and George Orson Presley.

She was a member of the Covenant Evangelical Church, an elder of the church and church treasurer. Her home was in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

Sharon married (1) **John Edgar Galleher, Sr.** (14 April 1946 – 4 February 2000) buried Grand Prairie Cemetery, Brush Ridge, Marion County, Ohio; and (2) **Donald Lee Mullins** (1957-2004).

Sharon died in Franklin County, Ohio on Saturday, 26 May 2012 at the age of 63. She is buried next to her second husband Donald Mullins at Kirkersville Cemetery in Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio.

She is survived by two sons from her marriage to John Galleher, Sr. and an adopted son (all private); as well as four grandchildren (private). She is also survived by a brother and a sister (private). Sharon was preceded in death by John Edgar Galleher, Jr.⁹, who was her son from her first marriage.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson Ralph Brussell**

Betty Jean Brussell⁸ (Ralph Brussell⁷, Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Betty was born 22 June 1923 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Ralph Brussell and Cora Mae *Jobe*. Betty Jean is shown here as a sophomore in 1944 at Illinois State University (Normal School.)



Betty married **Harold Carson Catey**, who was born 6 December 1921 in Illinois, the son of Winford Elmer Catey (1889-1956) and Grace Elder *Carson* (1892-1965).

Betty and Harold were divorced 10 June 1980 in Los Angeles, California. Harold continued to live in California—his last residence was the small desert town of Boron in Kern County. Their daughter lived in Lancaster, Los Angeles County, California.

Betty was living in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, when she died at the Davis Gardens Health Center in Terre Haute on 24 October 2002 at the age of 79. Cremation followed and her cremains were interred at Harmony Cemetery in Greenup Township, Cumberland County, Illinois.

Harold was still living in Boron, California when he died 15 March 2016 at the age of 94. Even though Betty's gravestone in Harmony Cemetery in Greenup, Illinois includes Harold's name and date of birth, he is evidently not buried there. Harold is buried at Joshua Memorial Park cemetery in Lancaster, Los Angeles County, California. Betty and Harold had at least one daughter⁹ who survives (private).

James W. Brussell⁸ (Ralph Brussell⁷, Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 23 July 1930 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Ralph Brussell and Cora Mae *Jobe*.

He graduated from Greenup High School in 1948 and joined the U.S. Army in 1949. James was stationed in France and Germany before and during the Korean Conflict, serving as a supply sergeant in a tank company in the 14th Armored Cavalry. He was discharged in 1952. He then began his college career at Eastern Illinois State College and later transferring to the University of Denver where he graduated with a BSBA in accounting. He began his accounting profession in Denver. Living in Denver he came to love and enjoy snow skiing. For 25 years he was involved with the National Ski Patrol System.

James married a public health nurse who was from Vulcan, Minnesota and working in Denver. After the birth of their first daughter, the family moved to Milwaukee and two years later to Portage, Wisconsin, where James joined the CPA firm of Hoppe and Miller. The firm later became Miller, Brussell, Ebben & Glaske and James remained with the firm until he retired in 1990 as the managing partner.

Shortly before he retired, James developed heart problems. James was a resident of Waunakee, Wisconsin when he died peacefully at Agrace Hospicecare in Madison, Wisconsin on Tuesday, 4 December 2012 at the age of 82. James was survived by his wife, four daughters, and at least three grandchildren (all private). He was preceded in death by his sister Betty (1923-2002) and maternal half-sister Evelyn Wiley Adamson (1911-1999).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
William Brussell, Jr.**

Delia Mae Brussell⁸ (William Brussell, Jr.⁷, Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Delia was born 8 April 1918 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of William Brussell, Jr. and Ethel M. *Phillips*.

On 8 June 1941, Delia married **William (Bill) H. Dittamore** of Montrose, Illinois. He was born 1918, the son of Rollie Lee Dittamore (1889-1969) and Flavia *Bunton* (1895-1975).

Bill Dittamore served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. He died 1998, and is buried at Mullen Cemetery in Cumberland County, Illinois.

Delia was a resident of Effingham, Illinois, and formerly Montrose, when she died at Brookstone Suites in Effingham, Illinois on Saturday, 2 April 2016 at the age of 97. Delia and her husband Bill are survived by two sons, 14 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren; also her youngest sister (all private). They were preceded in death by their son Kent and daughter Linda, and three great grandchildren. Delia was predeceased by her brothers William, Glenn and Sylvan, and sister Maurine.

Maurine Brussell⁸ (William Brussell, Jr.⁷, Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maurine was born 1919 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of William Brussell, Jr. and Ethel M. *Phillips*.

Maurine never married. She retired from her work as a long-time seamstress at Ettelbrick Shoe Company in Cumberland County, Illinois. Maurine died at Cumberland Rehab & Health Care Center in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois on Thursday, 23 October 2008 at the age of 89.

Sylvan E. (Bud) Brussell⁸ (William Brussell, Jr.⁷, Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sylvan was born 26 March 1921 in Cumberland County, Illinois. He was the son of William Brussell, Jr. and Ethel M. *Phillips*.

He served in the U.S. Army 1942-1946 during WWII. On 10 November 1942 in Minnehaha County, South Dakota, Sylvan married **Betty Goodman**, age 18, of Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois. He retired from International Minerals Corp.

Sylvan died in the emergency room at Terre Haute Regional Hospital in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, on 29 December 1985 at the age of 64. Cause of death was cardiac arrhythmia. He is buried at Roselawn Memorial Park, in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

William Brussell III⁸ (William Brussell, Jr.⁷, Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 23 November 1924 in Hazel Dell, Cumberland County, Illinois. He was the son of William Brussell, Jr. and Ethel M. *Phillips*.

William served in WWII from 1943-46 as a Boatswain 3/c in the U.S. Navy. He served aboard the ships USS *Sargent Bay*, USS *Tarawa* and USS *Kearsarge* in the Pacific Theater. He was a life member of Greenup VFW Post 4598 and a member of Greenup Legion Post 566. He was a grain and livestock farmer. William married in 1950 (private). William's home was in Casey, Clark County, Illinois.

William died at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care Center in Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois on Tuesday 28 May 2013 at the age of 88. He is buried at Washington Street Cemetery in Casey, Clark County, Illinois.

He was survived by his wife, one grandson, one brother, and two sisters (private). William was preceded in death by two sons (shown below), one brother and one sister.

+David Eric Brussell⁹ – 1951-2011 – he was not married.

+Kevin L. Brussell⁹ – 1954-2011 – married (private)

Glenn E. Brussell⁸ (William Brussell, Jr.⁷, Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glenn was born 4 January 1931 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of William Brussell, Jr. and Ethel M. *Phillips*.

Glenn served four years in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. Next he received his Master of Science Degree in Botany and Plant Pathology from the University of Illinois in 1958.

In 1951, Glenn married his high school sweetheart. They lived in Overland Park, Johnson County, Kansas, and raised their three daughters there. Glenn worked in various positions with Bayer Corporation in Overland Park.

Glenn died in St. Louis, Missouri on 14 September 2014 at the age of 84. He was survived by his wife and their two daughters (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ena Phipps McNary-Bloom**

C. Ruth McNary⁸ (Ena Phipps⁷, Kate Estella Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruth was born 11 August 1915 at Martinsville, Clark County, Illinois, the only child from the marriage of Ena Phipps and her first husband Fred E. McNary.

On 8 June 1941 in Champaign County, Illinois, Ruth married **Russell Conrad Burnham**, who was born 10 May 1912 in Harpster, Ford County, Illinois, the son of John David Burnham and Louise B. Spears.

Russell graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois (1934). He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity at the university. After college, he became a Certified Public Accountant and was transferred to Springfield, Massachusetts after he and Ruth married. In Springfield, Massachusetts in 1948, Russell became a member of the Blue Hill Lodge of the Masonic Order. Ruth and Russell lived at Canton, Norfolk County, Massachusetts.

In early 1952, Russell was transferred to Houston, Texas, where he was assistant controller at Gas Transmission Company. He was working for that company when he died 19 October 1955 at Hermann Hospital in Houston, Harris County, Texas, at the age of 43. The cause of death was uremia. He is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois.

After Russell's death, Ruth returned to Champaign, Illinois. She was a teacher at Leal Elementary School in Urbana School District 116.

Ruth died in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, on 24 June 1997 at the age of 81. She is also buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Urbana, Illinois. No record was found that Ruth had any children.

Earl Phipps Bloom⁸ (Ena Phipps⁷, Kate Estella Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Earl was born 7 February 1921 at Champaign, Champaign County, Illinois, the son of Ena Phipps and Peter Earl Bloom.

Earl graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign, Illinois in 1943. He became an instructor at the university and lived in Urbana. It appears that he never married. Earl died in Cook County, Illinois on 12 October 1982 at the age of 61.

Ralph Ulysses Bloom⁸ (Ena Phipps⁷, Kate Estella Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ralph was born 8 October 1922 in Campaign County, Illinois, the son of Ena Phipps and Peter Earl Bloom.

Ralph served as a major in the U.S. Army during WWII. He attended the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois. No record was found showing that he had ever married.

Ralph died 25 October 2000 at the age of 78. He is buried at Woodlawn/Lincoln Cemetery in Urban, Champaign County, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his older brother Earl, his sister Maxine, and half-sister Ruth *McNary* Burnham. One younger sister survives (private).

Estella Maxine Bloom⁸ (Ena Phipps⁷, Kate Estella Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Maxine (her preference) was born 10 November 1924 in Vermilion County, Illinois, the daughter of Ena *Phipps* and Peter Earl Bloom.

Maxine never married. She was a teacher at Cicero, Cook County, Illinois (Cicero was a suburb of Chicago). During part of her teaching career, she lived with her older brother Earl in Urbana, Illinois. Maxine died 3 January 1999 at the age of 74. She is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Martin Adison Ruffner**

Marjorie C. Ruffner⁸ (Martin Adison Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marjorie was born 25 October 1917 in Illinois, the daughter of Martin Adison Ruffner and Rachel Helene *Black*.

She married **Joseph Bruce Buckler, Jr.**, who was born 26 November 1917 in Illinois, the son of Joseph Bruce Buckler, Sr. and Edna *Glenn*. Mr. Buckler, Sr. was the Superintendent of Schools in Minonk, Woodford County, Illinois.

Joseph Jr. was a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII. He was the recipient of a Purple Heart. Later he worked for oil companies.

He died 24 October 2001 at the age of 83, and he is buried at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Sumter County, Florida—Section 410, Site 959.

Marjorie was a resident of Hamlin, New York, when she died on Saturday, 11 July 2009 at the age of 91. She is buried at Florida National Cemetery next to her husband Joseph. Marjorie and Joseph were survived by two daughters (both private).

James Hugh Ruffner⁸ (Martin Adison Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 1919 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the son of Martin Adison Ruffner and Rachel Helene *Black*. He died the following year, 1920, and is buried at Washington Cemetery at Vevay Park, Cumberland County, Illinois.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
William (Willie) L. Ruffner**

William (Billy) Hugh Ruffner⁸ (William L. Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 8 April 1922 in Clark County, Illinois, the son of William (Willie) L. Ruffner and Mabel Ione *Morrell*.

William served as a corporal in Medical Detachment #255, U.S. Army Infantry, WWII. On 9 August 1942, William married **Freda Lois Spencer**, who was born in 1924. She was the daughter of Earl Perry Spencer (1903-1967) and Grace Edna *Huddlestun* (1902-1949).

William died on 29 July 1959 at the age of 37. He is buried at Hazel Dell Cemetery (South) in Hazel Dell, Cumberland County, Illinois.

After William's death, Freda married (2) Robert W. Green on 21 July 1972. Freda died 1998. She is buried next to her first husband William Ruffner at Hazel Dell Cemetery (South) in Hazel Dell, Illinois. No record of children was found.

Walter E. Ruffner, Sr.⁸ (William L. Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Walter was born 15 October 1923 in Casey, Clark County, Illinois, the son of William (Willie) L. Ruffner and Mabel Ione *Morrell*.

On 17 August 1946 in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, Walter married **Bernice Adaline Wicoff**, who was born 8 November 1922 in Champaign, Champaign County, Illinois, the daughter of Charles Sylvester Wicoff and Inez *Burwell*.

Walter served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was a member of Casey United Methodist Church, Casey VFW Post 5752, and a member of Operators and Engineers Union Local #849. He was a dynamite blaster for Vulcan Materials in Casey for over 30 years.

Bernice died at Casey, Illinois, on 17 January 1985 at the age of 62. She is buried at Casey-Cumberland Cemetery in Casey, Clark County, Illinois.

Walter died at Union Hospital in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana on Tuesday, 25 February 1997 at the age of 73. He is buried next to his wife Bernice at Casey-Cumberland Cemetery in Casey, Illinois.

Walter and Bernice were survived by a son, three daughters, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren (all private). Walter was preceded in death by his brother William and his sister Rosemary.

Rosemary Morrell Ruffner⁸ (William L. Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rosemary was born 1 December 1924 in Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of William (Willie) L. Ruffner and Mabel Ione *Morrell*.

Rosemary was a 1942 graduate of Casey High School, a member of the Casey United Methodist Church and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Casey, Illinois.

On 25 April 1947, Rosemary married **Marion R. (Pete) Shawver**. Pete was born 27 July 1920 in Casey, Clark County, Illinois, the son of Eli Clarence Shawver (1891-1967) and Audrey *Weaver* (1896-1924). Rosemary and Pete were co-owners of Shawver Newsstand and Shawver Clothing and Dry Goods Store in Casey, Illinois, for more than 40 years. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Pete was a member of the Casey Masonic Lodge 442 and the Casey United Methodist Church.

Rosemary died at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care Center in Casey on Friday, 18 October 1996 at the age of 71. She is buried at Washington Street Cemetery in Casey, Clark County, Illinois.

Pete died at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital in Effingham, Illinois, on Wednesday, 25 June 2003 at the age of 82. He is buried next to his wife Rosemary at Washington Street Cemetery in Casey, Illinois.

Rosemary and Pete were survived by two daughters, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren (private). Rosemary's two brothers are both deceased.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Ernest Clyde Ruffner**

Darol Edward Ruffner⁸ (Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Darol was born 2 September 1919 in Illinois, the son of Ernest Clyde Ruffner and his first wife Nora May *Hurt*.

On 23 October 1937 in Daviess County, Indiana, Darol married (1) **Ruth Pauline Gust**, who was born 21 February 1919 at Dietrich County, Illinois, the daughter of Otto Gust and Edythe *Graves*. The marriage came to an end.

Darol served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He married (2) **Bernice M. Niemeyer**. Darol and Bernice lived in Lompoc, California and later in Visalia, Tulare County, California, where Darol was sales manager for A&E Beverage Co. and then the manager of Exeter Lanes, Inc. It is believed they had two sons (private). They were divorced in April of 1972 in Santa Clara County, California.

On 5 October 1972 in Las Vegas, Nevada, Darol married (3) **Lelia Grace Vangilder**. She was born 18 January 1925. Lelia was an operator for Contel Telephone Co. in Exeter, Tulare County, California—in the San Joaquin Valley.

Darol died 28 July 1979 in Tulare County, California at the age of 59. He is buried at Exeter District Cemetery, Exeter, Tulare County, California—Plot: 8/52-14.

Lelia died 20 November 2008 in Tulare County, California at age of 83. She is also buried at Exeter District Cemetery in Exeter, California. Lelia had children, probably from a previous marriage.

Marcella Ruffner⁸ (Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marcella was born 8 March 1922 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Ernest Clyde Ruffner and his first wife Nora May *Hurt*.

Marcella retired in 1982 after working for 25 years for Indiana Bell Telephone Co. She was a resident of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana.

On 8 August 1942 in Marion County, Indiana, she was married to **Glenn Leron Alstott**, who was born 28 December 1919 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the son of Martin T. Alstott and Anna M. *Sirey*.

He attended Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. Glenn served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Glenn entered the Army in December 1942. Previous to entering the service he had worked at Perfection Windshield Co. He took his training at Camp Howe in Texas, and Camp Claiborne in Louisiana. He was then sent overseas in September of 1944. Sgt. Glenn Alstott was with the 84th Infantry in Belgium when he was wounded on January 7, 1945. He received treatment at a hospital in England.

Glenn was the owner and operator of the East Side Auto Glass & Upholstery Shop in Nashville, Brown County, Indiana; where he and Marcella lived. Glenn died at Bloomington Hospital in Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, on 15 February 1987 at the age of 67. The cause of death was a stroke. He is buried at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Johnson County, Indiana.

Marcella moved to Bloomington and died there at the Bloomington Hospital on Thursday, 26 October 1995 at the age of 73. She is also buried at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Johnson County, Indiana.

Marcella and Glenn are survived by two daughters and six grandchildren (all private). An infant son preceded them in death, and a daughter died later.

+Glenda Rebecca Alstott⁹ – 1943-2010 – married (private).

Glenn Leron Alstott, Jr.⁹ – 1960-1960 – three days old—buried Washington Park East Cemetery, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.

Martha Jean (Jiggs) Ruffner⁸ (Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martha was born 14 January 1924 in Greenup, Cumberland County, Illinois, the daughter of Ernest Clyde Ruffner and Nora May *Hurt*.

She married (1) **Richard Alfred Salazar**, who was born 28 September 1916 in California, the son of Louis and Mary Salazar. Martha and Richard lived in Tulare County, California, as did her older brother Darol and her sister Alberta. Richard served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was of Mexican descent.

Richard died 30 January 1976 at the age of 59. He is buried at Coachella Valley Public Cemetery in Coachella, Riverside County, California.

In Riverside County, California on 29 October 1976 at the age of 52, Martha married (2) **Mays Copeland**, age 63.

Martha's last residence was Indio, Riverside County, California. She died 1 January 1999 at the age of 74. She is buried under the name of Martha J. (Jiggs) Salazar, next to her first husband Richard Salazar at Coachella Valley Public Cemetery in Coachella, California. It is believed that Martha and Richard had children, but no information was found regarding verification.

Alberta Elnora Ruffner⁸ (Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alberta was born 1 January 1926 in Casey, Clark County, Illinois, the daughter of Ernest Clyde Ruffner and Nora May *Hurt*.

She was married—her married name was Ginter. No information could be verified regarding her husband. They were probably separated. In the 1950s she lived in Tulare County, California, where her older brother Darol lived. In California she was also known as Bertie Robinson.

Alberta Ginter died at her home in Gary, Lake County, Indiana on 17 June 1963 at the age of 37. Her death certificate states that burial was at a local cemetery in Casey, Clark County, Illinois.

William (Billy) Gene Ruffner⁸ (Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Billy was born 25 May 1930 in Casey, Clark County, Illinois, the son of Ernest Clyde Ruffner and his second wife Susan (Susie) Rebecca *Hock*.

Billy served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict as a Private First Class, light weapons infantryman, 24th Division, Cavalry, Infantry. He was seriously wounded by a missile on 18 October 1951 in the North Korea Sector, and returned to duty 20 November 1951.

Billy died 15 July 1995 at the age of 65. His last residence was Casey, Illinois. Billy is buried at Danville National Cemetery in Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois. There was no record found showing that Billy had ever married.

Phyllis Mae Ruffner⁸ (Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Phyllis was born 25 July 1931 in Casey, Clark County, Illinois, the daughter of Ernest Clyde Ruffner and Susan (Susie) Rebecca *Hock*.

Circa 1957 Phyllis married a man with the surname of Wilcoxon (no other information on him was found). They were divorced. Phyllis' home was Lima, Allen County, Ohio. She died as an inpatient at St. Ritas Medical Center in Lima, Ohio, on 21 March 2000 at the age of 68.

Ernest Wayne Ruffner⁸ (Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ernest was born 10 August 1933 in Casey, Clark County, Illinois, the son of Ernest Clyde Ruffner and Susan (Susie) Rebecca *Hock*.

Very little was found regarding Ernest. He did live in Tulare County, California in the 1950s, as did several other siblings. Ernest died 6 March 2011 in California, at the age of 77—his last residence was Modesto, Stanislaus County, California.

Jimmie Lee Ruffner⁸ (Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jimmie was born 21 May 1936 in Casey, Clark County, Illinois, the son of Ernest Clyde Ruffner and Susan (Susie) Rebecca *Hock*.

Jimmie served in the U.S. Army. On 11 March 1961, Jimmie was married (private). Their home was in Lima, Allen County, Ohio.

Jimmie was an inpatient at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, when he died 26 August 2002 at the age of 66. He is buried at Mendon Cemetery, Mendon, Mercer County, Ohio. Jimmie and his wife had at least three children. These three, all sons, are deceased and shown here.

+Steven Lee Ruffner⁹ – 15 March 1962—20 March 1962.

+Lewis C. Ruffner⁹ – 1967-1996 – married and divorced (private).

+Richard L. Ruffner⁹ – 1972-1996 – never married.

Donald (Donnie) Ray Ruffner⁸ (Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donnie was born 5 February 1939 in Casey, Clark County, Illinois, the son of Ernest Clyde Ruffner and Susan (Susie) Rebecca *Hock*.

Donnie graduated from Casey High School in 1957, and three months later he married his 16-year-old high school sweetheart **Carolyn Sue Payne**. At first Donnie worked two menial jobs to support his young wife. He went to work at the Casey shoe factory and Donnie and Carolyn were soon expecting their first child. The tragic death of Carolyn's father, and a miscarriage two months later seemed to be too much for the young couple to handle. The marriage ended and they were divorced. After that Donnie's life seemed to take a turn for the worse. He moved to Florida in 1961. In November of 1966 in Lantana, Palm Beach County, Florida, he married **Patricia Irene Weaver**. Donnie was working; they had a child in 1967; everything finally seemed to be working out for Donnie and his little family. It didn't last.

One night on 19 December 1968, Patricia came home from work, a domestic dispute ensued ending with the death of Patricia at the hands of her husband. Donnie was sentenced to prison for 20 years at hard labor. He was paroled in 1973. Donnie's life was far from a happy one; no longer in touch with his family back in Illinois, he couldn't seem to find his way. He spent the last few months of his life all alone in a little bungalow in Palm Beach, seldom stepping out the door. Old before his time, Donnie died at the Good Samaritan Hospital on 27 December 1999. He was 60 years old. With no one of record to be notified, Donnie's ashes were scattered by the authorities.²⁰²

²⁰² Donnie Ray Ruffner's full story was told in *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*—Vol. 15, Issue 4, Winter 2013.

Donnie and his wife Patricia had one son born to them during their short marriage. Their son was adopted and his name changed to Donald Ray Cauble.

+Donald Ray Ruffner, Jr.⁹ (aka Donald Ray Cauble) – 1967-1988 – married (private).

Robert (Bobby) Allen Ruffner⁸ (Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bobby was born 30 April 1941 in Casey, Clark County, Illinois, the son of Ernest Clyde Ruffner and Susan (Susie) Rebecca *Hock*.

Bobby was not married. Out boating on the Wabash River with friends on a Saturday afternoon, 1 July 1972, he suddenly jumped from the boat into the river, and disappeared from sight. After searches conducted by his boating friends, police divers, sheriff department divers and commercial fishermen, his body was found by his friends the following Monday about 25 miles south of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana. The obituary states that Bobby's body was recovered from the Wabash River near the Hutsonville, Illinois, bridge at what is known as *Horseshoe Bend* on the Indiana side of the river. Bobby was 31 years old. He is buried at Washington Street Cemetery in Casey, Clark County, Illinois.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Allen Edgar Ruffner

Mildred A. Ruffner⁸ (Allen Edgar Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mildred was born 1 September 1919 at Philo, Champaign County, Illinois, the daughter of Allen Edgar Ruffner and Laura A. *Ellis*.

Mildred married **Lowell Raymond Potts**, who was born 8 July 1917 in Illinois, the son of Enos Raymond Potts (1891-1976) and Ethel M. *Beard* (1895-1971). Newly married when the 1940 census was taken, they were living in Urbana, Illinois, with Lowell's maternal grandfather Wallace L. Beard when the 1940 census was taken. Lowell was working as a horticulturist for the University of Illinois.

During WWII, Lowell served as a Private First Class in the 482nd Army Air Force. He died in Champaign County, Illinois on 21 October 1950 at the age of 33. Lowell is buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in Sidney, Champaign County, Illinois—Grave #4, Lot 56.

After her husband's death, Mildred worked as a clerk and typist at the University of Illinois and lived in Champaign, Champaign County, Illinois. She died 26 September 2003 at the age of 84. No record of children was found.

Thelma Maxine Ruffner⁸ (Allen Edgar Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter

Ruffner¹) Thelma was born 31 December 1920 at Philo, Champaign County, Illinois, the daughter of Allen Edgar Ruffner and Laura A. *Ellis*.

On 18 June 1939 she married **Albert Alexander Craig, Jr.** who was born 8 September 1920 at Philo, Champaign County, Illinois, the son of Albert Watson Craig (1882-1932) and Ethel A. Craig (1886-1967).

Thelma died at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois on Thursday, 21 March 1991 at the age of 70. She is buried at Locust Grove Cemetery in Philo, Champaign County, Illinois.

Albert died at Sangamon County, Illinois on 12 October 2013. He is buried next to his wife at Locust Grove Cemetery in Philo, Illinois. Thelma and Albert were survived by a son and three daughters, 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mabel Levonia Ruffner Wilsey**

Clifford Lawrence Wilsey⁸ (Mabel Levonia Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clifford was born 5 June 1923 at Sidney, Champaign County, Illinois, the son of Mabel Levonia *Ruffner* and Ross G. Wilsey.

On 23 December 1946 at Blytheville, Mississippi County, Arkansas, Clifford married **Marjorie L. Crouse**, who was born 26 November 1926 at Olney, Richland County, Illinois, the daughter of James Crouse and Gladys *Hillborn*. Clifford was a farmer in the Sidney and St. Joseph, Illinois, areas. He was a veteran of WWII. Clifford was a member of Fairland Methodist Church.

Clifford died at St. Joseph, Champaign County, Illinois on Wednesday, 23 April 1986 at the age of 59.

Marjorie died at the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, on 11 December 2010 at the age of 84. She is buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in Sidney, Champaign, Illinois. Clifford and Marjorie were survived by three sons, one daughter, and nine grandchildren (all private).

Berdena Maxine Wilsey⁸ (Mabel Levonia Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelley Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Berdena was born 2 June 1925 at Sidney, Champaign County, Illinois, the daughter of Mabel Levonia *Ruffner* and Ross G. Wilsey.

Berdena married **Wallace W. Campbell**, who was born 17 October 1921, the son of Frank A. Campbell (1887-1970) and Lucy May *Wilker* (1900-1996). Wallace was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII. They moved to Washington State and had lived in Vancouver, Clark County, Washington since 1953. Berdena was a member of the Mount Zion Tabernacle church in Brush Prairie, Washington.

Wallace died January 1975 at the age of 53. He is buried at Brush Prairie Cemetery in Brush Prairie, Clark County, Washington—Sec. C. Block 085, Lot 04.

Berdena died in Vancouver, Clark County, Washington on Monday, 18 August 2003 at the age of 78. Cause of death was an aneurysm. She is buried beside her husband Wallace at Brush Prairie Cemetery in Brush Prairie, Washington—Sec. C, Block 085, Lot 03.

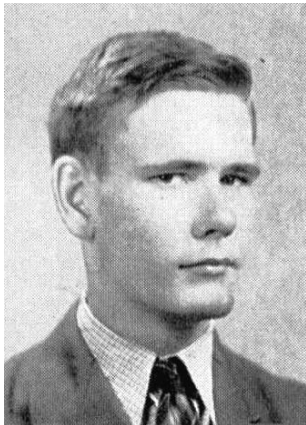
Berdena and Wallace were survived by three daughters and seven grandchildren (all private). Berdena was also survived by two brothers (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Helen Irene Ruffner Karlee**

Lillian Bertha Karlee⁸ (Helen Irene Ruffner⁷, Hiram Bertsel Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lillian was born 18 June 1924 in Rinard, Wayne County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Helen Irene Ruffner and Lawrence C. Karlee.

In 1947 she married **Bernard Lee Pittman**, who was born 14 May 1922 in Flora, Clay County, Illinois, the son of Bert Pittman and Parnishue Spencer.

Bernard graduated from Flora High School, class of 1940 (his class picture shown here). He was drafted in 1942 and served in WWII as a Pfc. in the U.S. Army until discharge in December of 1945. He saw service with Battery C, 196th Field Artillery Battalion in the European Theater of Operations. Landing at Utah Beach, his unit took part in battle at Normandy Beach, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns.



Lillian and Bernard lived at Flora, Illinois. Bernard died 1 October 1978 at the age of 56. He is buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Flora, Clay County, Illinois.

Flora died at the Champaign-Urbana Regional Rehab Center in Savoy, Champaign County, Illinois, on 25 February 2011 at the age of 86. She is buried next to her husband Bernard at Elmwood Cemetery in Flora, Illinois.

Flora and Bernard were survived by one son, one daughter, a granddaughter, and step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren (all private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Thelma Ruffner Rector Briscoe**

Richard Eugene Rector⁸ (Thelma Ruffner⁷, Hiram Bertsel Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Richard was born 6 December 1935 at Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois, the son of Thelma Ruffner and Kelley Rector.

He served as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict, and was a graduate of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. He was a teacher and then worked in management for Distillers Company, Ltd in Plainfield, Illinois.

Richard was a former resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico and also a former resident of Romeoville, Illinois. He died Monday, 6 October 2003 at the age of 67. Cremation followed. Richard's ashes are interred at Santa Fe National Cemetery in Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, New Mexico—Section 12, Site 6.

Richard was survived by his wife of 45 years, two daughters, and a special grandson (all private). At the time of his death, Richard was survived by both parents—who are now deceased. He is also survived by three sisters and two brothers (all private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Horace Doty**

Alice Kathleen Doty⁸ (Horace Doty⁷, Maude Annetta Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alice was born 16 November 1929 in Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, the daughter of Horace Doty and Lucille *Leonard*.

On 3 July 1954 in Mississippi, Alice married **Lewis Edgar Hawkins**, who was born 11 April 1925 in Sargent Township, Douglas County, Illinois. He was the son of Hervie Arthur Hawkins and Charlotte Mae *Brown*.

Lewis graduated from Oakland High School in 1943. Following his graduation, Lewis joined the U.S. Army Air Forces for duty during WWII. After his discharge, he returned to Oakland, Illinois, and began his lifetime work—farming. They remained in Oakland, Coles County, Illinois, for the remainder of their lives.

Alice died 18 August 1998 at the age of 68. No information was found regarding burial for either Alice or Lewis.

Lewis died at Provena Covenant Medical Center in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, on Wednesday, 6 September 2000 at the age of 75.

Alice and Lewis Hawkins were survived by two daughters, one son, and three grandchildren (all private). Alice is survived by two sisters (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Margaret Doty Houts Kelley Foringer**

Sharon Lloyd Kelley⁸ (Margaret Doty⁷, Maude Annetta Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sharon was born 1938 in Illinois, the daughter of Margaret *Doty* and Lloyd H. Kelley.

She was married (private) and had two children (private). Sharon *Kelley* Foringer died in Cook County, Illinois, on 9 May 1989 at the age of 51.

As well as being survived by her husband and two daughters, Sharon is survived by an older half-brother.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Dorothy Doty Matteson Hiser**

Lester Earl Matteson, Jr.⁸ (Dorothy Doty⁷, Maude Annetta Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Earl was born 31 July 1939 in Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, the son of Dorothy Doty and Lester Earl Matteson, Sr.

Earl was a 1958 graduate of Cerro Gordo High School in Cerro Gordo, Piatt County, Illinois. He served in the U.S. Army. Earl retired from Caterpillar Co. as a pipefitter. He was a member of the UAW #751. Also, Earl was a member of Mt. Zion Methodist Church.

Earl married 14 August 1965 (private). They lived in Mt. Zion, Macon County, Illinois.

Earl died at Heritage Healthcare in Mt. Zion on Friday, 28 August 2015 at the age of 76. He is buried at Mount Zion Cemetery in Mount Zion, Macon County, Illinois. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, a son, three grandchildren, and two sisters (all private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Peter Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Robert Glenn Higgins**

Cheryl M. Higgins⁸ (Robert Glenn Higgins⁷, Alma Effie Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Cheryl was born 18 August 1950 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, the daughter of Robert Glenn Higgins and Betty E. Darrah.



Cheryl was a 1968 graduate of Chillicothe Township High School in Chillicothe, Illinois—her senior picture is shown her. She was married 2 November 1968 at Benton Harbor, Berrien County, Michigan (private). Her family said she had a whimsical sense of humor and was an endless source of entertainment for her family and friends—also a calming effect on those around her. Cheryl loved fishing with her husband, cross stitching, girls' night out and gardening.

Cheryl M. Higgins Cox died at her home in Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, on Friday, 11 April 2008 at the age of 57. Cremation followed, and her ashes are buried at Chillicothe City Cemetery in Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, two sons and a

granddaughter (all private). She was also survived by one brother and two sisters (also private). She was preceded in death by her father; however her mother survived her, but is now deceased.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Charles Calvin Mooberry**

Elizabeth L. Mooberry⁸ (Charles Calvin Mooberry⁷, William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elizabeth was born 8 February 1900 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Charles Calvin Mooberry and Margaret (Maggie) Ann *Thornton*.

Elizabeth married **Edward Joseph Wilde**, who was born 6 May 1905 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, the son of Frank Peter Wilde and Anna *Altmeier*. Edward was a jeweler and watchmaker. They live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Edward died in Milwaukee on 26 November 1970 at the age of 65. He is interred at Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Elizabeth's last residence was at Hemet, Riverside County, California. She is interred with her husband Edward at Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. No record was found for any children.

Olive K. Mooberry⁸ (Charles Calvin Mooberry⁷, William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Olive was born 3 March 1901 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Charles Calvin Mooberry and Margaret (Maggie) Ann *Thornton*.

Olive worked as a saleslady in a retail millinery shop in Peoria, Illinois. She married **Richard Edward Clark**, who was born 28 October 1899 in Illinois. Richard was a long-time employee of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad (TP&WRR). He first worked as a telegraph operator and retired as a dispatcher. He received his retirement pension from the Railroad Board.

Richard died August 1977 at the age of 77. His last residence was Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois—this was always his home. Richard is entombed at the American Mausoleum in Peoria, Illinois.

Olive died at the age of 82 on 20 August 1983 in Hemet, Riverside County, California, where she was living in her later years. She is entombed next to her husband Richard at the American Mausoleum in Peoria, Illinois. Olive and Richard did not have any children.

William Wilson Mooberry⁸ (Charles Calvin Mooberry⁷, William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 30 January 1903 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Charles Calvin Mooberry and Margaret (Maggie) Ann *Thornton*.

William served as a captain in the U.S. Army during WWII. William was a 35-year resident of Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, where he was a practicing attorney.

William was DOA at Mercy Hospital in Brownsville, Texas, on 2 July 1968. He suffered a severe head injury when he was involved in a two-car automobile collision at the intersection of the Expressway and Price Road in Brownsville at 8:20 p.m. He was the driver of one of the cars. William was 65 years old. He apparently never married.

He is buried at Fon du lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois—Section I, Lot 39, Grave 6.

John Wilbur Mooberry⁸ (Charles Calvin Mooberry⁷, William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 6 March 1904 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Charles Calvin Mooberry and Margaret (Maggie) Ann *Thornton*.

Very little was found relating to John Mooberry. If he was married, no record was found. California death records show that he died at Hemet, Riverside County, California, on 11 September 1990 at the age of 86. John is entombed at the American Mausoleum in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

Margaret Rachel Mooberry⁸ (Charles Calvin Mooberry⁷, William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 28 January 1906 in Farmdale, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Charles Calvin Mooberry and Margaret (Maggie) Ann *Thornton*.

On 28 April 1945 in Las Vegas, Nevada, Margaret married **Glen W. Waltermire**, who was born 18 September 1909 in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. Glen served as a CSC in the U.S. Navy in WWII and Korea.

Glen died 21 February 1969 at San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, at the age of 59. He is buried at Fon du lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois—Sec. I, Lot 39, Grave 6.

Margaret worked in inventory control at Twenty-nine Palms Marine Corps Base at Twenty-nine Palms, California, for 12 years. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Twenty-nine Palms, California.

Margaret was a resident of Hemet, California, when she died at the Yorkshire House Board and Care center in Hemet, on Monday, 1 March 2004. She is buried beside her husband at Fon du lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Illinois.

Margaret and Glen had no children. She was survived by two sisters, Frances and Irene, and two brothers, Don and Quinton (now deceased). She was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Frances L. Mooberry⁸ (Charles Calvin Mooberry⁷, William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter

Ruffner¹) Frances was born 24 January 1908 in Farmdale, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Charles Calvin Mooberry and Margaret (Maggie) Ann *Thornton*.

Frances had been married to **Ralph E. Wilton** (1911-1981) – they were divorced. She was a secretary for Commercial National Realty Insurance Co. from 1951 until 1959. Frances was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Peoria, Illinois.

Frances Wilton was a resident of the Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria, Illinois, when she died at the Methodist Medical Center in Peoria on 25 August 2008 at the age of 100. She was buried at Fon du lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois next to her sister Irene. Her only child, a son, was the funeral director and handled all the burial arrangements for both his mother Frances and his Aunt Irene.

Frances was survived by her son, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private). She was also survived by one brother Don, who is now also deceased. Four brothers and four sisters did precede her in death.

Having lived to 100+ years, Frances is a member of the Ruffner Family Association's Centenarian Club as shown in Ruffner Roots and Ramblings, Vol. 18, Issue 4, Winter 2016.

Irene L. Mooberry⁸ (Charles Calvin Mooberry⁷, William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Irene was born 17 April 1909 at Farmdale, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Charles Calvin Mooberry and Margaret (Maggie) Ann *Thornton*.

Irene never married. She and her older sister Frances remained very close. Irene was a secretary at Underwriters Adjusting Company of Chicago for 23 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in East Peoria, Illinois since 1955. She was also a member of the East Peoria Women's Club and the East Peoria Republican Women's Club.

Formerly a resident of East Peoria, Illinois, Irene lived at the Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria, Illinois, where she died on Wednesday, 31 January 2007 at the age of 97. She is buried at Fon du lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois, next to her sister Frances.

Irene was survived by her sister Frances and her two brothers Don and Quinton—all now deceased. She was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Charles Vernon Mooberry⁸ (Charles Calvin Mooberry⁷, William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 6 April 1912 in Farmdale, Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Charles Calvin Mooberry and Margaret (Maggie) Ann *Thornton*.

Charles served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII—1941-1945. He was with the Tank Park Motor Pool Detachment, the Armored School. His residence was in East Peoria, Illinois. He was employed by Cullinan Construction Co. of Tremont, Illinois. Charles was a member of the East Peoria American Legion Post, and a member of the Methodist Church.

He died Monday, 24 March 1952 at St. Francis Hospital where he had been a patient for five weeks. Charles was 39 years old. He is buried at Fon du lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois—Section I. At the time of his early death, Charles was survived by his parents and his nine siblings. He had never married.

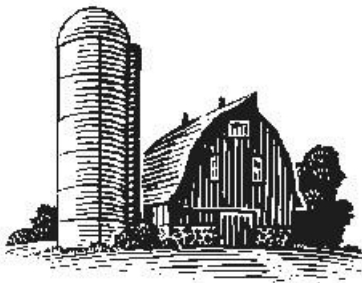
Donald (Don) E. Mooberry⁸ (Charles Calvin Mooberry⁷, William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Don was born 3 February 1916 in Farmdale, Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Charles Calvin Mooberry and Margaret (Maggie) Ann *Thornton*.

After Don graduated from East Peoria High School in Tazewell County, Illinois, he went to Springfield with Al Clauser's Oklahoma Outlaws Band; a band featuring what was coined as Western Swing. The following story about Don Mooberry was written for the winter 2016 issue of *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, the newsletter of the Ruffner Family Association.

*HOW YOU GONNA KEEP 'EM DOWN ON THE FARM...*²⁰³
THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF DON MOOBERRY

By Betty Lou Gaeng

Radio was already becoming a force in bringing the world into our living rooms when the 1930 federal census was taken. With this census the government asked the question "Do you own a radio set?" The largest group to answer "yes" was the city folks. However, when newly elected President Franklin Delano Roosevelt took office and in the mid-1930s began electrifying the nation's countryside with his rural electrification program (REA), the farmers in the Midwest were among the first to experience the huge changes radio would make in their lives. For many of the young people what they heard over the air waves became a magnet drawing them away from the family farms into the cities and the world of entertainment. The lifestyle of thousands of American families was to be changed forever.



In the State of Illinois, when 12-year-old Don Mooberry's mother, 45-year-old Maggie Mooberry, answered the census question regarding having a radio, she said **yes**.

By the late 1920s, the children's father Charles Mooberry had left the family and the farm to live and work in the city. Thus, Maggie Mooberry, a Tazewell County farmer and head of the Mooberry household, had

²⁰³ From the 1919 WWI song, with lyrics by Andrew Bird: How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm, after they've seen Paree'? How ya gonna keep 'em away from Broadway, Jazzin' around and paintin' the town.

her hands full taking care of the farm and raising a family of ten children all alone. For this family the radio must have been a great comfort in the evenings as they gathered around it to listen to entertainment and news. With the country deep into the Great Depression, and even though Mr. Mooberry no longer lived with them, the family seemed to be luckier than many—the Mooberry's farm appeared to be a prosperous one.

From the time he was a young and promising musician, Don Mooberry experienced a lifetime of love for music; and it was the stringed instruments and America's own special country music that called to him. During his career, he played and taught guitar, banjo and mandolin.

Radio opened a new beginning for Don Mooberry—and life on the farm was left far behind. Soon after Don graduated from high school in Tazewell County, he joined up with Al Clauser's Oklahoma Outlaws Band and went to Springfield. The band featured music coined as *Western Swing*. They played in Des Moines, Iowa, for radio station WHO and for Barn Dance.



In 1937, when the band received a telephone call from Hollywood's singing cowboy Gene Autry asking for the band to come to Hollywood and appear in a movie he was starring in, "Dutch" Reagan, the young and good-looking sportscaster at WHO, suggested that the band should go to Hollywood. Dutch then asked if he could make the trip with them. For Ronald "Dutch" Reagan it was a step that would launch not only a career in the movies – it led all the way to the White House. Maybe the Outlaws Band didn't experience the fame that Ronald Reagan would have, but they did appear in the movie *Rootin' Tootin' Rhythm* (1937). Throughout the movie starring Gene Autry and his sidekick Smiley Burnette, Don Mooberry on guitar could be heard playing the background music.

Don Mooberry's musical career was silenced from 1941 through 1945. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the Third Armored Division in Germany and ended up taking part in the Battle of the Bulge.

Meantime, while Don was in Germany serving his country, the band continued a weekly radio show on KTUL Radio in Oklahoma. They hired an 18 year-old singer from Claremore, Oklahoma, by the name of Clara Ann Fowler. Since the 15-minute radio program was sponsored by Page Milk Company, Clara Fowler was soon called Patti Page, and another long-lasting career was born.





When his WWII service ended, Don Mooberry did not return to the Outlaws Band, instead he began working as a staff musician and announcer at WHOW in Clinton, Illinois. He then went to WSIV as an announcer for the popular shows *Swap Shop* and *Problems & Solutions*. He also worked for WMBD as an announcer and staff musician, as well as for WPEO and WGLO. Don taught strings for Peoria Music, Matthews Music, Ozzie Music, and Byerly's. He retired from Flores Music in 2008. He also played for several bands throughout the Peoria and Springfield areas and with John Stuper's Polka Pals. Don was a member of Musician's Local 26.

On 8 July 1956 Don was married (private). Don and his wife had one child, a daughter, and in keeping with his special love of music, he named his daughter Melody.

Don Mooberry's music was silenced forever at the age of 96. He died on Saturday, December 29, 2012 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois. Don was buried with full military rites at Parkview Cemetery in Peoria, Illinois.

Don was survived by his wife and daughter (private). He was preceded in death by his four brothers and five sisters: Elizabeth, Olive, William, John, Margaret, Frances, Irene, Charles and Merrell.

Note: Information on the history of the band is from Wikipedia, the free Encyclopedia.



Merrell Quinton Mooberry⁸ (Charles Calvin Mooberry⁷, William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Merrell was born 7 July 1920 at Farmdale, Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Charles Calvin Mooberry and Margaret (Maggie) Ann *Thornton*.

Merrell was a boatswain mate in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was wounded on D-Day on Omaha Beach and was awarded a Purple Heart. Merrell was a patent attorney for Caterpillar Co., General Motors Corp. and the City of Pasadena, California.

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 5 April 1950, Merrell married **Sonya Ruth Epstein**, who was born 27 June 1918 in Oklahoma, the daughter of Arthur Louis Epstein (1889-1957) and Gertrude *Pochter* (1895-1973). Sonya was a comptometer operator for Kroger Company in Peoria, Illinois, for 15 years.

Sonya died at Hemet, Riverside County, California on 19 May 2001 at the age of 82. She is buried at Fon du lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois—Sec. I, Lot 39, Grave 3.

Merrell died in Hemet, Riverside County, California on 8 July 2008 at the age of 88. He is buried beside his wife Sonya at Fon du lac Township Cemetery, in East Peoria, Illinois.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Chester William Mooberry

Ronald W. Mooberry⁸ (Chester William Mooberry⁷, William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ronald was born circa 1901 in McLean County, Illinois, the son of Chester William Mooberry and Mary Charlotte *Maloney*.

After their father's tragic death in the 1911 hotel fire, Ronald moved with his mother and sister to Los Angeles, California. The last record found for him was the 1924 city directory for Los Angeles—Ronald was listed as living with his mother and working as a bookkeeper.

Mary Charlotte Mooberry⁸ (Chester William Mooberry⁷, William C. Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charlotte (her preferred name) was born 27 November 1902 at Chenoa, McLean County, Illinois, the daughter of Chester William Mooberry and Mary Charlotte *Maloney*.

After the family moved to Peoria, Illinois, Charlotte attended school in Peoria, graduating from Lincoln High School. She was a member of the Catholic Church. She moved with her mother and brother to Los Angeles, California, after her father's death in 1911. Their home in 1921 was in Los Angeles, where Charlotte was working as a stenographer. However Charlotte and her mother had returned to Illinois in January for a visit. They were in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, when Charlotte died in the morning of 25 April 1921 at Bloomington's St. Joseph Hospital. She was 18 years old. Charlotte is buried at Colfax, McLean County, Illinois—probably Wiley Cemetery, where her father is buried.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Anna Mae Wilson Uphoff

John Wesley Uphoff, Jr.⁸ (Anna Mae Wilson⁷, Margaret Elma Mooberry⁶, Matilda E. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John Jr. was born 11 February 1926 in Onarga, Iroquois County, Illinois, the son of Anna Mae *Wilson* and John Wesley Uphoff, Sr.

John served in the U.S. Navy from 1 July 1944 to 27 February 1947. During his service he was awarded the American Area Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Medal. He was the vice president of the Enterprise Paint Co. in Chicago, Illinois, and vice president of Valspar in Kankakee, Illinois. Valspar is a global paint and coatings company, one of the largest in the world. John was a member of the Kankakee Elks Lodge, past president of the Masonic Lodge and the American Legion.

On 2 September 1949 in Onarga, Iroquois County, Illinois, John married **Beverly Jean Colebank**, who was born 11 March 1930 in Onarga, Illinois, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Colebank.

Beverly died in Kankakee County, Illinois, on 23 April 2003 at the age of 73. She is buried at Kankakee Memorial Gardens and Chapel Mausoleum at Kankakee, Kankakee County, Illinois.

John died in Kankakee County, Illinois, on 8 March 2014 at the age of 88. He is buried next to his wife Beverly at Kankakee Memorial Gardens and Chapel Mausoleum in Kankakee, Illinois.

John and Beverly were survived by two sons, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren (all private). John's only sibling, a sister, survives him (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Leroy Marion Lyon Cleveland**

Donald L. Cleveland⁸ (Leroy Marion Lyon Cleveland⁷, Alice L. Anderson⁶, Lydia Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donald was born 20 November 1910 in Los Angeles County, California, the son of Leroy Marion Lyon Cleveland and Clara Mae Stower.

He married **Naomi Vivian Conant**, who was born 8 January 1915. Donald was a chemist for an oil refinery and then became Department Head at Shell Oil Company in Long Beach, California. When Donald retired they moved to Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County, California.

Donald died 17 January 1987 at the age of 76. Naomi died 29 October 2005 at the age of 90. They were still residents of Santa Cruz, California at the time of their deaths. Donald and Naomi were predeceased by one daughter. Two daughters survive (private).

+ Carol Ann Cleveland⁹ – 1938-1947 – 9 years old.

Harold (Hal) Robert Cleveland⁸ (Leroy Marion Lyon Cleveland⁷, Alice L. Anderson⁶, Lydia Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hal was born 13 September 1916 at Boyle Heights, City of Los Angeles, California, the son of Leroy Marion Lyon Cleveland and Clara Mae Stower.



Hal was a resident of San Gabriel, California, and he lived on the same property for 70 years. He was a graduate of the University of California Berkley, and worked as a loan officer for Bank of America for 25 years.

However, what Hal is remembered for is his lifetime role as an entertainer—an ability to give joy to



others. He served five years in the U.S. Army Air Corps, first as an enlisted man, then as a sergeant, and then attaining the rank of Captain because of his work in entertaining the troops during WWII. He became the liaison between the Air Corps and the USO in England, France and Germany. He worked as a special service officer for USO shows on the front line with Bob Hope. He not only directed events, he was himself a performer.

It wasn't until 2001, 54 years after his WWII service, and by order of the President of the United States, Hal received the medals he was entitled to from his wartime service.

After his service, Hal attended the Theater of Arts at the Pasadena Playhouse, graduating in 1948. He appeared in hundreds of plays and musicals during his 72-year career in show business with

diverse performing arts organizations, including playhouses, dinner theaters, civic light opera and even the Tournament of Roses. His favorite songs were *Who Can I Turn To*, *I Double Dare You*, and *It Had to be You*. Hal played a role in the movie *Titanic*. He did cartoon voices for Hanna-Barbera. Still an entertainer right to the end, his favorite place to perform during his last ten years was the Stoney Point Restaurant in Pasadena.

At the age of 90, Harold Robert Cleveland died at Palm Desert in Riverside County, California on Saturday, 9 December 2006 of natural causes. He is buried at Resurrection Cemetery in Montebello, Los Angeles County, California. Hal never married and left no issue. However, he was survived by a host of friends. Hal was preceded in death by his older brother Donald.



**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Bertrand Alanson Cleveland, Sr.**

Bertrand (Bert) Alanson Cleveland, Jr.⁸ (Bertrand Alanson Cleveland, Sr.⁷, Alice L. Anderson⁶, Lydia Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bert was born 6 September 1920 in Los Angeles County, California. He was the son of Bertrand Alanson Cleveland, Sr. and Yreba K. *Hackney*.

Bert married **Shirley Ann**, who was born 1 November 1921. They lived in San Francisco, and Bert worked as a clerk for George S. Paddleford, a prominent Palo Alto Oldsmobile dealership.

Bert's last residence was Glendale, California. He died 13 December 2006 at the age of 86. Shirley Ann was living in Pacific Palisades, California, when she died 20 November 2013 at the age of 92. Shirley Ann is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Santa Monica, Los Angeles County, California. Bert and Shirley Ann had children and grandchildren (all private). Bert's sister may still be living (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Horace Ira Pratt**

John T. Pratt⁸ (Horace Ira Pratt⁷, Viola Lucinda Tarbell⁶, Lucinda J. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 11 August 1927 in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, the son of Horace Ira Pratt and Clara Gertrude *Heffernan*.

On 14 February 1953, John married **Geraldine (Jerry) R. Dillon**, who was born 19 February 1930 at Normal, McLean County, Illinois, the daughter of Burt Dillon and Margaret Darling Crumbaugh.

John was a graduate of the public schools in Bloomington, the University of Illinois and the University of Illinois Law School. He was a member of the Bloomington Public Schools Hall of Fame. He served in the U.S. Navy in WWII. He was an attorney in private practice for over 50 years. He served as president of the McLean County Bar Association. He was also active in local organizations often as an officer or board member. John always encouraged his wife Jerry in her writing career.

Jerry held a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education and Master's Degrees in English and Fine Arts in Writing. She was an accomplished writer. Her poetry appears in numerous publications. She served as assistant editor of the Spoon River Poetry Review and taught creative writing at Lincoln College. She was a Junior Great Books leader and served on the board of directors for the ISU Friends of the Arts and IWU Writers Conference. She was an avid reader and enjoyed purchasing books for all members of her family.

Jerry died at St. Joseph Hospital in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois on 11 September 2003 at the age of 73. She is buried at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois—Section 21, Lot 270.

John died at his home in Bloomington, Illinois on Thursday, 4 February 2016 at the age of 88. He is buried beside his wife Jerry at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Bloomington, Illinois.

John and Jerry were survived by five children and three grandchildren (all private). John was survived by his only sibling, his older brother (private).



**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Emily Ann Holmes Dillon**

Florence Dillon⁸ (Emily Ann Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Florence was born 18 September 1912 in Mondovi, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, the daughter of Emily Ann *Holmes* and John Dillon.

Florence graduated from Mondovi High School and Winona State Teachers College in Winona, Minnesota. Beginning with her first teaching job at the Whelan country school in rural Buffalo County, Wisconsin, Florence had a long career as a teacher. After Whelan she taught at Pepin, Wisconsin. Florence and her husband moved to Lake City, Minnesota, where she did substitute teaching. In 1943, they moved to Wabasha, Minnesota and she taught at the Wabasha Elementary School from then until she retired from teaching in 1976. Even after retirement, Florence became an active volunteer at the school, and up to the time her death she was a volunteer reader to the school children.

Florence was a member of the United Church of Christ in Wabasha, and was active with its fellowship and the choir. She was a member of the Eastern Star and was a past guardian of the Job's Daughters in the state. She was also a member of the Retired Teachers Association and the Buffalo County Historical Society. She was named Outstanding Wabasha County Senior Citizen. Over the years while her first husband was still with her, they were host parents to 22 Youth for Understanding exchange students.

On 15 April 1938 in Red Wing, Goodhue County, Minnesota, Florence had married (1) **Miner S. Anderson**, who was born 4 May 1912 in Wabasha County, Minnesota. Miner owned and operated Petite Products, a woodworking business in Wabasha, his hometown. Florence and Miner had been married less than 30 years when Miner died at Rochester, Olmsted County, Minnesota, on 2 March 1978 at the age of 65. Miner is buried at Riverview Cemetery in Wabasha, Minnesota.

At the age of 76, on 25 February 1989 in Alma, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, Florence married (2) **Harvey Lorenz**, who was born 3 February 1911. Harvey was a farmer in Buffalo County. Harvey's last address was Arcadia, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, when he died 28 July 2005 at the age of 94. Harvey is buried at Riverview Cemetery in Wabasha, Minnesota.

Florence died at Wabasha, Wisconsin, on 3 March 2002 at the age of 89. She is buried at Riverview Cemetery in Wabasha, Minnesota.

Florence and her first husband Miner Anderson were survived by one daughter and two grandchildren (all private). Her brothers James and John T. and her sister Harriet are deceased.

James Dillon⁸ (Emily Ann Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 21 October 1915 in Mondovi, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, the son of Emily Ann *Holmes* and John Dillon.

James entered the U.S. Navy in 1933 at the age of 18, and served in WWII. No record was found to verify that he was married.

He died 8 September 1991 at the age of 75. James is buried at Forest Hills Cemetery in Chippewa Falls, Chippewa County, Wisconsin.

Harriet Dillon⁸ (Emily Ann Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harriet was born 13 September 1919 in Mondovi, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, the daughter of Emily Ann *Holmes* and John Dillon.

Harriet married **James Ralph Pechin**, who was born 26 January 1923 in Minnesota, the son of Thomas and Winifred Pechin. In 1956, they lived in El Paso, Texas—James was serving in the U.S. Army at that time. He was a career Army veteran, attaining the rank of Captain. He saw service in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

Harriet and James were divorced in San Francisco, California in 1973. Harriet evidently did not remarry, but James did. He married (2) Geraldine Maxine *Mayberry* Lockhart (1922-2016). They lived in Anchorage, Alaska. The *Anchorage Daily News* carried the obituary for James Pechin. He died at his home in Anchorage on 14 December 1997 from lung cancer at the age of 74. Graveside services were held with full military honors at Fort Richardson National Cemetery located at Fort Richardson, Anchorage Borough, Alaska—Plot: I, O, 306.

Harriet's last residence was Grass Valley, Nevada County, California. She died 21 November 1998 at the age of 79. Harriet and James Pechin had two children during their marriage—a son and a daughter (private).

John T. Dillon, Jr.⁸ (Emily Ann Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 14 July 1921 in Wisconsin, the son of John Dillon and Emily Anna *Holmes*.

During WWII, John served as a Flight Officer in the U.S. Army. After the war, John worked as an able bodied seaman in the Merchant Marine sailing from the Port of New York across the Atlantic Ocean.

John died at Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, on 8 January 2008 at the age of 86. He is buried at Oak Park Cemetery in Mondovi, Buffalo County, Wisconsin. There was no record found showing that he ever married.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mabelle B. Holmes Pease**

Stuart W. Pease⁸ (Maybelle B. Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹)

Stuart was born 22 August 1908 in Lyman County, South Dakota, the son of Mabelle B. *Holmes* and Howard Everett Pease.

In Montana, Stuart enlisted in the U.S. Army during WWII, and served as a Technician 5th Grade (T/5). He would have been addressed as a corporal. He may not have gone to Oregon with the other members of the family—no record was found that he was there.

Stuart died at Deer Lodge, Powell County, Montana, on 29 May 1967 at the age of 58. He is buried at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, Flathead County, Montana. He was probably married, but no definite record was found, and no offspring have been mentioned.

Hazel Frances Pease⁸ (Maybelle B. Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hazel was born 1 November 1910 in Reliance, Lyman County, South Dakota, the daughter of Mabelle B. *Holmes* and Howard Everett Pease.

On 30 July 1937 in Beadle County, South Dakota, Hazel married **Andrew Eugene Kenobbie**, who was born 10 December 1908 in Reliance, Lyman County, South Dakota. In 1945 they lived in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Andrew's last residence was Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, where he died in September of 1984 at the age of 75. Hazel died 6 June 1986 at the age of 75.

Vera E. Pease⁸ (Maybelle B. Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Vera was born 7 February 1913 in Kennebec, Lyman County, South Dakota, the daughter of Mabelle B. *Holmes* and Howard Everett Pease.

Vera graduated from Kadoka High School in Kadoka, Jackson County, South Dakota. She married **Dale Wheeler Engelen**, who was born 24 February 1908 in South Dakota, the son of Harry Dedrick Engelen (1863-1937) and Hannah Mary *Coughtry* (1878-1972).

Vera was a member of the United Church of Christ in Forest Grove, Oregon, and a member of the Royal Neighbors of America. She and Dale lived for many years in Forest Grove, Oregon.

Dale died in Oregon on 23 August 1970 at the age of 62. He is buried at Skyline Memorial Gardens in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon—Plot: Masonic Garden.

Prior to her death, Vera moved to Federal Way, King County, Washington, to be near her daughter. Vera died in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington, on 3 September 2007 at the age of 94. She is buried next to her husband Dale at Skyline Memorial Gardens in Portland, Oregon—Masonic Garden.

Vera and Dale were survived by a son, a daughter, six grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and one gr-gr-granddaughter born the month before Vera's death. Vera was preceded in death by three brothers: Stuart, Everett and Howard, and two sisters: Hazel and Perna.

Everett Laurel Pease⁸ (Maybelle B. Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Everett was born 23 May 1914 in Orange City, Sioux County, Iowa, the son of Mabelle B. *Holmes* and Howard Everett Pease. No record was found as to whether Everett was married. His last residence was Lancaster, Los Angeles County, California. He died 15 January 1992 in Los Angeles County, California at the age of 72.

Perna Blanche Pease⁸ (Maybelle B. Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Perna was born circa 1922 in South Dakota, the daughter of Mabelle B. *Holmes* and Howard Everett Pease.

Perna attended Rapid City High School. On 14 September 1938 Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota, she married **Charles (Chuck) David Ice**, a 1934 graduate of Rapid City High School. He was born 28 May 1915 at St. Lawrence, Hand County, South Dakota, the son of Clyde W. Ice and Beatrice Fay *Reeves*. Perna and Chuck lived in Rapid City, and by 1944 they were divorced. Chuck married (2) Hazel Beatrice *Yarborough* (1913-1994). He died 14 March 2000 at Lookout Memorial Hospital in Spearfish, Montana.

In 1944 in Florida, Perna married (2) **Carl Ray Nicks**. It is believed that this marriage also ended with a divorce. Perna died sometime prior to 2007.

Howard Quenton Pease⁸ (Maybelle B. Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Howard was born 8 February 1929 in Reliance, Lyman County, South Dakota, the son of Mabelle B. *Holmes* and Howard Everett Pease.

On 17 March 1947 in Clark County, Washington, Howard married **Thelma Maxine Bilyeu**, who was born 20 January 1930 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, the daughter of Lydia Josephine *Simonson* Bilyeu (1893-1965).

Howard died in Paranaque, Metro Manila, National Capital Region, Philippines on 12 January 1980 at the age of 50. He is buried at Mission City Memorial Park in Santa Clara, Santa Clara County, California—Corridor 7, No. 53.

Thelma died 16 April 2005 at the age of 75. She is buried next to her husband Howard at Mission City Memorial Park in Santa Clara, California.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Pearl Bertha *Holmes* Beitel**

Jerald F. Beitel⁸ (Pearl Bertha Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jerald was born 12 March 1925 in South Dakota, the son of Pearl Bertha Holmes and Francis

(Frank) Homer Beitel. Jerald lived with his parents in Chelan County, Washington, and Nenzel, Cherry County, Nebraska.

Jerald gave his home as Perry County, Missouri when at the age of 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Army on 2 June 1943 at Fort Francis E. Warren in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He served during WWII as a private in the V Force²⁰⁴ (Infantry), and was killed in action in China on 16 October 1944. In 1948 Jerald's remains were returned to the United States and buried near his parents at Mitchell Cemetery, Mitchell, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

Wayne Leroy Beitel⁸ (Pearl Bertha Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wayne was born 2 February 1929 at Weta, Jackson County, South Dakota, the son of Pearl Bertha *Holmes* and Francis (Frank) Homer Beitel.

Wayne married **Beth Irene Sherman**, who was born 12 October 1930. Wayne and Beth lived at Broadwater, Morrill County, Nebraska.

Beth died 26 January 2007 at the age of 76. She is buried at Dalton Cemetery in Dalton, Cheyenne County, Nebraska.

Wayne died 21 May 2004 at the age of 75. He is buried next to his wife at Dalton Cemetery in Dalton, Nebraska. No record of children was found. Wayne was predeceased by his brother Jerald, and survived by his two sisters and one brother.

Dean C. Beitel⁸ (Pearl Bertha Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dean was born 4 December 1936 in Chelan County, Washington, the son of Pearl Bertha *Holmes* and Francis (Frank) Homer Beitel.

Dean was a member of the Masonic Order. He died 29 January 1980 at the age of 43. He is buried at Maple Park Cemetery in Aurora, Lawrence County, Missouri—Aurora, Missouri was his last home.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ruth Marie *Holmes* Perault

Robert F. Perault⁸ (Ruth Marie Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 14 December 1927 in South Dakota, the son of Ruth Marie Holmes and Frank Elmer Perault.

²⁰⁴ The V Force was a reconnaissance and intelligence-gathering organization established by the British during the Burma Campaign in WWII. Jerald is memorialized on a veterans' memorial in Perryville, Perry County, Missouri.

At the age of 17 Robert began work as a seaman in the Merchant Marine, with California as his home base. He married on 10 April 1954 in Los Angeles County, California, and was divorced in August of 1967 in Orange County, California (private).

His last residence was Fullerton, Orange County, California. Robert died in Orange County on 18 June 1976 at the age of 48.

James Dale Perault⁸ (Ruth Marie Holmes⁷, George Washington Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 15 August 1930 in Kadoka, Jackson County, South Dakota, the son of Ruth Marie *Holmes* and Frank Elmer Perault.

James served in the U.S. Navy 1948-1950. He died in Alameda, Alameda County, California on 4 March 1985 at the age of 54. There was no record found regarding his marital status.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Ivan Leroy Holmes**

Howard Leroy Holmes⁸ (Ivan Leroy Holmes⁷, Everett L. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Howard was born 4 December 1921 in Rosalie, Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Ivan Leroy Holmes and Bertha Ilene *Dill*.

Howard served in the U.S. Navy during WWII – 1942-1945. He married **Mary Caroline Kelly**, who was born 1923. Howard and his wife Mary lived in Sioux City, Iowa. At one time Howard was an office clerk for Armour Co.

Howard died in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, on 13 June 1983 at the age of 61. He is interred at Laurel Land Memorial Park in Dallas, Texas.

Mary died in 2007, and is also buried at Laurel Land Memorial Park in Dallas, Texas.

Kenneth Harold Holmes⁸ (Ivan Leroy Holmes⁷, Everett L. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kenneth was born in Rosalie, Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Ivan Leroy Holmes and Bertha Ilene *Dill*.

Kenneth married **Annette Elaine Laehle**, who was born 17 May 1925 in Iowa, the daughter of Frank Laehle and Elizabeth *Hoelker*.

Kenneth served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. After the war, Kenneth was hired by U.S., Chicago and North Western Railroad as a brakeman in Sioux City, Iowa. From 1978 to 1981 he and his wife lived in Alta, Loma County, California. Later in life they moved to Plano, Collin County, Texas.

Annette died 28 December 2003 at the age of 78. Annette is interred at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas—Abbey Mausoleum North.

Kenneth's last residence was Plano, Texas. He died 7 April 2011 at the age of 86. Kenneth is interred next to Annette at Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Pearl Mae Schenck Harrison**

Twila M. Harrison⁸ (Pearl Mae Schenck⁷, Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza M. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Twila was born 19 June 1919 in Dixon County, Nebraska, daughter of Pearl Mae Schenck and Elmer Bryan Harrison.

On 4 October 1941 in Venice, California, Twila married **David W. DeLapp**, who was born 12 August 1909 in Minnehaha County, South Dakota, the son of Frank DeLapp and Una Maud *Lawton* (1887-1984). David was in the armed services 1935-1939.

They were residents of Hawthorn, Los Angeles, California. David died there on 2 September 1979 at the age of 70. He is buried at Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach, Los Angeles, California.

Twila died 27 November 2004 at the age of 85. She is buried beside her husband David at Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach, California. Twila and David DeLapp had two children, both born in Los Angeles County, California—one daughter survives (private). The other daughter is deceased.

+Sharon Lee DeLapp⁹ – 1943-1987 – married (private)

Naomi D. Harrison⁸ (Pearl Mae Schenck⁷, Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza M. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Naomi was born 9 June 1921 in Tyler, Lincoln County, Minnesota, the daughter of Pearl Mae *Schenck* and Elmer Bryan Harrison.

On 17 November 1937 in Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota, Naomi married **Vern Sailor**, who was born 24 July 1909. Their home was in South Sioux City, Dakota County, Nebraska. Naomi was employed as a nurse's aide and retired in 1979. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and a charter member of South Sioux City Eagles. Naomi and Vern moved to Brush, Morgan County, Colorado in 2000 to be close to their family.

Naomi died at Colorado Plains Medical Center in Fort Morgan, Morgan County, Colorado, on Wednesday, 10 March 2004 at the age of 82. She is buried at Ponca Public Cemetery in Ponca, Dixon County, Nebraska.

Vern died in Longmont, Boulder County, Colorado, on 10 October 2006 at the age of 97. He is buried next to his wife Naomi at Ponca Public Cemetery, Ponca, Nebraska.

Naomi and Vern were survived by a son, a daughter, a grandson and a great granddaughter (private). They were predeceased by one son and one daughter.

Donna D. Harrison⁸ (Pearl Mae Schenck⁷, Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza M. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donna was born 18 July 1927 in Newcastle, Dixon County, Nebraska, the daughter of Pearl Mae *Schenck* and Elmer Bryan Harrison.

Donna married **Harold R. Lane**, who was born 21 December 1919 in Nebraska, the son of Charles and Lois Lane. Charles served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 11 January 1940 through 16 January 1946. In 1940 he was stationed at San Diego, San Diego County, California with the Second Marine Brigade FMF. Before entering the service, he lived with his parents at Rosalie, Nebraska.

Donna and Harold lived in Nebraska. Harold died 15 March 1986 at the age of 67. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Walthill, Thurston County, Nebraska.

Donna's last residence was Dakota City, Dakota County, Nebraska. She died 11 November 2001 at the age of 74. She is buried beside her husband at Evergreen Cemetery in Walthill, Nebraska. Children are unknown.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Raymond Schenck**

Erdman Ai Schenck⁸ (Raymond (Ray) Schenck⁷, Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Morrison⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Erdman was born 13 August 1933 in Lincoln County, Minnesota, the son of Raymond (Ray) Schenck and Alta *McCormick*.

Erdman was married twice (both private). His first marriage ended in divorce and he married a second time when he was 54 years old—26 January 1989.

Erdman died 14 June 2012 at the age of 78. He is interred at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota—Room 111C, West Wall, Tier D, Niche 5. Erdman was survived by one brother (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Edmond Archibald Davis**

Geil A. Davis⁸ (Edmonds Archibald Davis⁷, Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Geil was born 21 August 1916 in Newcastle, Dixon County, Nebraska, the son of Edmond (Eddie) Archibald Davis and Eulalie (Eula) Ida *Bonneau*.

Geil died in Webster County, Nebraska, on 26 January 1987 at the age of 70. He is buried at Fordland Cemetery in Fordland, Webster County, Nebraska.

Earl Delmar Davis⁸ (Edmonds Archibald Davis⁷, Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Earl

was born 23 November 1917 in Newcastle, Dixon County, Nebraska, the son of Edmond (Eddie) Archibald Davis and Eulalie (Eula) Ida *Bonneau*.

Prior to WWII, Earl was teaching at a rural school in Burt County, Nebraska. The following year he enlisted in the service. Earl served as a Captain in Battery B, 871st Field Artillery Battalion, U.S. Army in Europe. He was awarded a Silver Star and a Bronze Star medal.

Earl died at Vallejo, Solano County, California, on 23 December 1956 at the age of 39. He is buried at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, San Mateo County, California—Plot: W, 818. He was not married.

La Rita Davis⁸ (Edmonds Archibald Davis⁷, Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) La Rita was born 30 September 1919 at Maskell, Dixon County, Nebraska, the daughter of Edmond (Eddie) Archibald Davis and Eulalie (Eula) Ida *Bonneau*.

Circa 1963, La Rita married and her name became La Rita Ellyson. However, her later marital status is unknown.

La Rita's last known residence was Eldorado Hills, Eldorado County, California. She died at Roseville, Placer County, California on 27 December 2000 at the age of 81—cremation followed.

Marjorie E. Davis⁸ (Edmonds Archibald Davis⁷, Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marjorie was born 29 March 1921 in Nebraska, the daughter of Edmond (Eddie) Archibald Davis and Eulalie (Eula) Ida *Bonneau*.

She married **Jack Kimball Lester**, who was born 18 August 1920 in Craig, Burt County, Nebraska, the son of William W. Lester and Katie L. *Kimball*. Jack served in the U.S. Navy during WWII (1944-1946).

They lived in Redington Beach on Florida's Gulf Coast near St. Petersburg, where Jack was Vice President of the engineering firm of Victor W. Kuhl & Son.

Marjorie died 23 June 1987 at the age of 66. She is interred at Garden Sanctuary Cemetery in Seminole, Pinellas County, Florida.

Jack died 9 November 2001 at the age of 81. He is interred next to his wife Marjorie at Garden Sanctuary Cemetery in Seminole, Florida.

Edmond (Eddie) L. Davis⁸ (Edmonds Archibald Davis⁷, Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eddie was born in 5 June 1922 in Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Edmond (Eddie) Archibald Davis and Eulalie (Eula) Ida *Bonneau*.

Eddie served in the U.S. Army in World War II (1943-1946). On 20 July 1942 in Carson City, Nevada, Eddie married **Aileen M. Garvin**, who was born 20 July 1924 in San Benito County, California, the daughter of John Garvin and Elizabeth *Lumsden*.

They were longtime residents of San Jose, California, where Eddie became the manager of Barclay's Bank. No further information was found for either of them.

Betty Jane Davis⁸ (Edmonds Archibald Davis⁷, Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Betty Jane was born 30 July 1924 in Craig, Burt County, Nebraska, the daughter of Edmond (Eddie) Archibald Davis and Eulalia (Eula) Ida *Bonneau*.

On 31 December 1945 Betty Jane married **James (Jimmie) Ray Brewster**, who was born in Newcastle, Dixon County, Nebraska, the son of James M. Brewster and Edna Teed. Jimmie served in WWII 1942-1945 and the Korean Conflict 1951-1953 (Air Force). During WWII, Jimmie was a gunner and radio operator on a B-25 dubbed *Baby Shoes*. The Navy gave *Baby Shoes* official credit for sinking the German sub that sank the SS *Dorchester* in the North Atlantic in 1943. The SS *Dorchester* was a War Shipping Administration troop ship allocated to the U.S. Army. It was sunk in the Labrador Sea by a torpedo from a German U-Boat on 3 February 1943. The ship had more than 900 men on board. It sank quickly and almost 700 men died. It was the third largest loss of life at sea during WWII.

Betty Jane and Jimmie lived in San Francisco and then Los Angeles County, California.

Betty Jane died in Los Angeles County, California, on 24 July 1999 at the age of 74. She is buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California – Jasmine Section, Lot 152, Grave 1-A.

Jimmie died at Huntington Beach, Orange County, California on 28 May 2000 at the age of 78. He is buried beside his wife at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Long Beach, California – Jasmine Section, Lot 152, Grave 1-B.

Betty Jane and Jimmie had at least two children, both sons. The eldest son survives (private). The youngest predeceased them: Lee James Brewster⁹ – 28 March 1960 – 31 October 1960 – buried Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Long Beach, California.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Glyde Glenn Davis, Sr.**

Glyde Glenn Davis, Jr.⁸ (Glyde Glen Davis, Sr.⁷, Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glyde was born 21 June, 1924 in Newcastle, Dixon County, Nebraska, the son of Glyde Glenn Davis, Sr. and Mae E. *Kinder*.

Glyde, Jr. was a Seaman 1st Class in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Following his service during the war, on 7 September 1946, Glyde went to work for the U.S., Chicago and North Western Railroad in Nebraska.

His last residence was Denver, Colorado. Glyde, Jr. died 12 March 2011 in Thornton, Colorado at the age of 86. He is buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery in

Denver, Denver County, Colorado—Section 47, Site 388. His gravestone reads Husband, Father and Grampa. Glyde, Jr. is survived by a brother and a sister.

Bonnie Mae Davis⁸ (Glyde Glen Davis, Sr.⁷, Anne M. Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bonnie was born 25 December 1930 in Bassett, Rock County, Nebraska, the daughter of Glyde Glenn Davis, Sr. and Mae E. *Kinder*.

Bonnie was married—her married name Hutcheson. In 1993 she lived in Alamosa, Alamosa County, Colorado.

Bonnie Mae Hutcheson died 18 September 1998 at the age of 67. She is buried at the Alamosa Municipal Cemetery in Alamosa, Alamosa County, Colorado. No further information was found regarding her marriage or any children. Bonnie is survived by a brother and a sister.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Archie F. Holmes**

Jack Victor Holmes⁸ (Archie F. Holmes⁷, James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jack was born 15 October 1930 in Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas, the son of Archie F. Holmes and Marian *Angle*.

Moving with his family to Shreveport, Louisiana, in the early 1940s, Jack attended Fair Park High School in Shreveport. He also lived in Des Moines and Bremerton, Washington. It is believed that Jack's last home was in Sullivan, Franklin County, Missouri, and that he died there on 28 August 2006.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Josie Mary *Holmes* Deckert**

Lilly M. Deckert⁸ (Josie Mary Holmes⁷, James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lilly was born 8 January 1928 in Iowa, the daughter of Josie Mary *Holmes* and William Deckert.

She was the oldest of the five children, and when she was two years old, the family moved to a ranch near Porcupine, Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota. Lilly grew to womanhood on the ranch. She married twice and had six children. Those marriages were not successful and Lilly worked hard to support her six children—sometimes two jobs, while living in several different towns.

At the age of 33 she moved to Gordon, Sheridan, Nebraska, to be closer to home. She met **Durell (Bull) or (D.W.) White** (29 October 1927—1 November 1985) and they

were married in 1963. They lived in Martin, Bennett County, South Dakota. In 1970 the family moved to Batesland, Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota. After Bull's death and her own retirement following 20 years of employment, Lilly retired to life on the ranch at Porcupine, South Dakota.

With her health declining, Lilly moved to Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota, where she died on 18 January 2016. Cremation followed, and her ashes are inurned at Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis, Meade County, South Dakota. Lilly is survived by five children, 19 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren (private). She was preceded in death by two brothers, a son Virgil (see below), one grandson Robbie and one great grandson Reuben. She is also survived by one brother and one sister (private).

+Virgil Lee Kelley⁹ – 1952-1979 – married (private).

Lloyd Richard Deckert⁸ (Josie Mary Holmes⁷, James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lloyd was born 2 April 1930 in Pender, Thurston County, Nebraska, the son of Josie Mary *Holmes* and William Deckert.

Lloyd was serving in the U.S. Army, stationed in Kentucky, when he married on 3 October 1951 in Robertson County, Tennessee: **Marguerite Louise Bohannon**, who was born 2 July 1923 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, daughter of Ollie D. Bohannon (1891-1973) and Mary L. *Beach* (1901-1973).

Lloyd remained in the Army and in 1954 they lived in Vallejo, Solano County, California—in 1958-1961, they were in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. They evidently were later either separated or divorced.

Lloyd died 18 April 1980 at the age of 50. He is buried next to his mother, Josie *Holmes* Deckert at Gordon Cemetery, Sheridan County, Nebraska—Lot 2, Block 118.

Marguerite was a graduate of Garland High School class of 1941 in Dallas. She retired in 1991 from George W. Truett Elementary in Dallas, where she had worked in the cafeteria for 17 years. She was a member of the Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church.

Marguerite died in Dallas, Texas on 14 April 2015 at the age of 91. She is buried at Grove Hill Memorial Park in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

Lloyd and Marguerite are survived by one son, one daughter, three grandchildren and one great grandchild (all private). Lloyd is survived by one brother and one sister (private). His brother William and his sister Lilly are deceased.

William Martin (Fritz) Deckert⁸ (Josie Mary Holmes⁷, James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 19 December 1931 in South Dakota, the son of Josie Mary *Holmes* and William Deckert.

Fritz was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army in the Korean Conflict, having enlisted in 1949. His SSN was issued in Alaska, so he must have lived there at one time.

He died 9 February 1963 at the age of 31. He was probably not married—no record was found of any marriage. Fritz is buried at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, Meade County, South Dakota.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Vida Evelyn Holmes Hellvig

George Lloyd Hellvig⁸ (Vida Evelyn Holmes⁷, James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 28 May 1937 in Lyon County, Minnesota, the son of Vida Evelyn Holmes and Henry Andrew Hellvig.

George was married 20 October 1960 in Brookings County, South Dakota (private). His last residence was Ivanhoe, Lincoln County, Minnesota. George died 11 November 2006 at the age of 69. He is buried at Arco City Cemetery in Arco, Lincoln County, Minnesota. Besides his wife, George was survived by a sister and a brother.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Lillie Mae Webster Anderson

Marie Elin Anderson⁸ (Lillie Mae Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marie was born 7 September 1921 in Decatur, Burt County, Nebraska, the daughter of Lillie Mae Webster and Elvir Andes Anderson.

When she was young the family moved to Southern California, and Marie graduated from Venice High School in Venice, Los Angeles, California. On 13 September 1941, she married **Arthur (Art) Martin Farrens**, who was born 10 May 1917 in Decatur, Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Ralph Leroy and Elizabeth Farrens. Art graduated from Riverside High School and worked as a salesman in the auto parts industry for 24 years. For a short time Art drove an ambulance for Evan Weigg. He was a member of the Grange. In 1955, Marie and Art had moved to Oroville, Butte County, California.

Marie worked as a bookkeeper at Oroville Auto Parts, and for many years she worked in Chico, Butte County, California at Chico Auto Parts and Casco Auto Warehouse. After retirement, Marie and Art traveled in their motor home from California up the Oregon Coast and even made a trip across the United States.

Art died at Oroville, Butte County, California on 19 February 2009 at the age of 91. His burial information is unknown. At the time of Art's death, they had been married 68 years.

Marie was living at Sacramento, Sacramento County, California, when she died there on 20 February 2012 at the age of 90. Cremation followed and her ashes were scattered on the family's land in Oroville, California. Marie and Art are survived by

three daughters, 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren (all private). Another child, a son, survived them, but is now deceased (shown here).

+Wayne Arthur (W.A.) Farrens, Sr.⁹ – 1946-2015 – married and had children.

Betty Jane Anderson⁸ (Lillie Mae Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Betty Jane was born 3 March 1925 in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska, the daughter of Lillie Mae *Webster* and Elvir Andes Anderson. She died 4 August 1925 at the age of four months at Tekamah, Nebraska. Betty Jane is buried at Tekamah Cemetery in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska.

Elvir Myrle (Sonny) Anderson⁸ (Lillie Mae Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sonny was born 2 March 1934 in Los Angeles County, California, and raised in Tekamah, Nebraska. He was the son of Lillie Mae *Webster* and Elvir Andes Anderson.

Sonny married 16 October 1955 in Los Angeles County, California (private). He owned and operated two masonry construction businesses in Lancaster, California. When he retired in 1987, he moved to the Redlands in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado. He lived a comfortable life at his Redlands Ranch with his cows and his dog Buffy.

Sonny died 12 February 2015 at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado, from Alzheimer's related complications. He was 80 years old.

He was survived by his twin sister, two daughters, two sons, seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren (all private). Services were private and burial unknown.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Chancy Herbert Webster**

Vaden H. Webster⁸ (Chancy Herbert Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Vaden was born 14 December 1921 in Nebraska, the son of Chancy Herbert Webster and Hazel Mae *Springer*.

Vaden married **Mildred Irene Moore**, who was born 15 November 1918, the daughter of Sumner Ivan Moore and Maude *Gilliam*.

Vaden died 27 November 1998 at the age of 76. He is buried at Maple Park Cemetery in Aurora, Lawrence County, Missouri—Block 104.

Mildred died 7 April 2001 at the age of 82. She is buried beside her husband Vaden at Maple Park Cemetery in Aurora, Missouri. Vaden and Mildred Webster had at least three children (all private).

Carroll Marvin Webster⁸ (Chancy Herbert Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carroll was born 19 February 1923 in Nebraska, the son of Chancy Herbert Webster and Hazel Mae *Springer*.

Carroll served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. In San Diego County, California on 1 December 1956 Carroll married **Staphania (Stella) Rose Murczek**, who was born 1 April 1915 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, the daughter of Joseph Frank Murczek (1882-1970) and Agnes *Firley* (1884-1947). This was Stella's second marriage. Their home was in Chula Vista, San Diego County, California. Stella died 11 September 2002 at the age of 87. She is buried beside her husband at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, California.

Carroll died 2 September 2003 at the age of 80. He is buried at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, San Diego County, California. There is no record of any children being born to them.

Neil Webster⁸ (Chancy Herbert Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Neil was born 13 October 1924 in Nebraska, the son of Chancy Herbert Webster and Hazel Mae *Springer*.

At the time of his death, Neil had been married for 63 years. Neil died 1 May 2014 at the age of 85. He is buried at Bellevue Cemetery in Bellevue, Sarpy County, Nebraska.

Neil was preceded in death by his daughter Carolyn Webster (see below), and his three brothers: Vaden, Carroll and Darold Webster. He was survived by his wife, four sons, five grandchildren, one great grandchild, and his two sisters (all private).

+Carolyn Anne Webster⁹ – 1956-1983 – unmarried.

Darold (Ozzie) Webster⁸ (Chancy Herbert Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Darold was born 8 November 1928 in Herman, Washington County, Nebraska, the son of Chancy Herbert Webster and Hazel Mae *Springer*. He was raised in the Herman area and graduated from Blair High School.

He joined the U.S. Army 30 August 1946 and served in Japan. He was honorably discharged in 1947.

On 6 June 1948, he married **LaVonne Christensen** at the First Lutheran Church in Blair, Washington County, Nebraska. LaVonne was born 2 April 1928 in Blair, Washington County, Nebraska, the daughter of Otto Christensen and Lydia Lilly Witte. LaVonne graduated from Blair High School in 1945.

They made their home in Omaha, Nebraska, 1952-1971 where Darold farmed with his father-in-law. In 1972, Darold purchased the Blair Flour Mill and operated the business until he retired in 1994. After retirement, he continued to work at harvest time,

helping many of his farming friends. Darold and LaVonne enjoyed traveling during their retirement years.

LaVonne died at their home in Blair, Nebraska, on Thursday, 12 February 2004 at the age of 75. She is buried at Blair Cemetery in Blair, Washington County, Nebraska.

Darold died at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska on 25 April 2014 at the age of 85. He is buried at Blair Cemetery in Blair, Nebraska.

Darold and LaVonne were survived by two sons, one daughter, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private). Darold was survived by his two sisters (all private). His three brothers are now deceased.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Roy Glen Webster**

Ruby Marie Webster⁸ (Roy Glen Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ruby was born 2 April 1920 in Washington County, Nebraska, the daughter of Roy Glen Webster and Mae C. *Reeh*.

Ruby married **Thomas Breal Spencer**, who was born 11 July 1922. They lived in Los Angeles County, California.

Ruby died in Los Angeles County, California on 2 September 1986 at the age of 66. She is buried at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes, Los Angeles County, California—Plot: Summit Lawn, 430, B.

Breal died 26 April 2016 at the age of 93. He is buried next to his wife Ruby at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes, California—Plot: Summit Lawn, 430, A. No record of any children was found.

Raymond Lewis (Bud) Webster⁸ (Roy Glen Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Raymond was born 18 July 1922 in Washington County, Nebraska, the son of Roy Glen Webster and Mae C. *Reeh*.

Raymond served as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. After the war on 29 May 1948 he married **Lorna Helen Suhr**, who was born 22 August 1930 on a farm northwest of Pender, Thurston County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Rudolph and Adeline Suhr. Lorna graduated from Pender High School.

Raymond and Lorna always lived near Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska, where he farmed with his father and then his brother Ralph (Jack) Webster.

Raymond died 31 March 2002 in Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska at the age of 79. He is buried at Blair Cemetery in Blair, Washington County, Nebraska—Block: 95, Lot: 12, Grave 3.

Lorna died at the age of 84 on Wednesday, 28 January 2015 at the Oakland Mercy Hospital in Oakland, Burt County, Nebraska. The cause of death was heart failure. She is buried next to her husband Raymond at Blair Cemetery in Blair, Nebraska. Raymond

and Loran Webster were survived by four children, two sons and two daughters (all private), as well as four grandchildren and three great grandchildren (all private).

Ralph A. (Jack) Webster⁸ (Roy Glen Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jack was born 8 November 1925 in Kennard, Washington County, Nebraska, the son of Roy Glen Webster and Mae C. *Reeh*.

Jack began his schooling at Silver Creek Country School. Then the family moved to Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska where he completed his education at Jefferson Country School.

Jack was married on 25 March 1951 at the First Presbyterian Church in Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska (private). During their marriage, Jack and his wife lived in Walthill and Craig, Nebraska, and then returned to Lyons. Jack worked for the State of Nebraska, but his main interest was in farming. Jack farmed with his father and his brother Raymond (Bud). When he was semi-retired, Jack continued farming with his son and grandson. Jack was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lyons, Nebraska.

Jack died at Oakland Mercy Hospital in Oakland, Burt County, Nebraska on 22 December 2012 at the age 87. He is buried at Lyons Cemetery in Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska.

Jack was survived by his wife, his two sons, a daughter, 10 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren (all private). He was preceded in death by his sister Ruby, and his two brothers, Bud and Dick.

Richard (Dick) Leroy Webster⁸ (Roy Glen Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dick was born 30 August 1928 in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska, the son of Roy Glen Webster and Mae C. *Reeh*.

During WWII, Dick served as a TEC5 in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific Theater. On 24 September 1950 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Pender, Thurston County, Nebraska, Dick married (private).

Dick died 14 February 2005 at the age of 77. His home at that time was Pender, Thurston County, Nebraska. He is buried at Saint Mark's Lutheran Cemetery in Pender, Nebraska.

Dick was survived by his wife, one daughter, one son, and several grandchildren (all private). He was preceded in death by one grandson.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
William Albert Webster**

William Eugene (Billie Gene) Webster⁸ (William Albert Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner²,

Peter Ruffner¹) Billie Gene was born 1 June 1928 in Nebraska, the son of William Albert Webster and Eliese (Elsie) Marie *Moeller*. He died 17 November 1934 at the age of six. William is buried at Fort Calhoun Cemetery in Fort Calhoun, Washington County, Nebraska—Section B, Box 113, Grave 5. He was survived by his parents, a younger brother and a younger sister.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
George Edward Webster**

Ronald George Webster⁸ (George Edward Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ronald was born 27 July 1934 in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska, the son of George Edward Webster and Grace Almeda *Davidson*.

Ronald was a 1952 graduate Centerville High School, in Centerville, Turner County, South Dakota. After graduation he entered the U.S. Navy in 1953. He retired from the Navy in 1976 with a rating of Chief Petty Officer. He then worked for 20 more years in the civil service field with the Navy at the Naval Ocean Systems Center in San Diego. He retired from there in 1999.

On 30 December 1960 in Honolulu, Hawaii, he married **Lois Elaine Greenwell**, who was born 9 November 1924. Lois was a veteran of WWII, having served as a surgical nurse and instructor in the U.S. Army. After the war, she continued her nursing career for 20 years, working in many health care settings. Lois was a member of the Catholic Church. Ronald and Lois were long-time residents of San Diego, California.

Ronald died at the Cypress Court Assisted Living Home in Tucson, Arizona on 29 July 2006, following a brief battle with cancer. He was 72 years old. Ronald was buried with full military honors at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, California.

Lois died on Sunday, 7 March 2010 at the age of 85. She was also buried with full military honors at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, California.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Harold Irvan Miller**

Floyd Earl Miller⁸ (Harold Irvan Miller⁷, Kate Ellen Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Floyd was born 20 September 1930 at Burt County, Nebraska, son of Harold Irvan Miller and Carrie Alice *McDonald*.

On 5 August 1962 Floyd married **Geraldine Rose Kreutz Beachler** at the Trumbull Christian Church in Trumbull, Nebraska. She was born 13 January 1935 in Harvard City, Clay County, Nebraska, the daughter of Doyle V. Kreutz and Mabel *Hill*.

Harold and Geraldine farmed north of Craig, Burt County, Nebraska, for many years before they moved to Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska, in 1972. They retired from

farming in 1983, and in 1984 moved to North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, where they owned and operated the Stop Inn Motel. They moved to Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska in 1989 and then returned to Tekamah in 1991. They were members of the First Presbyterian Church in Tekamah.

Geraldine died 31 January 2002 at the age of 67. Floyd died at the Memorial Community Hospital in Blair, Washington County, Nebraska on Sunday, 16 July 2006 at the age of 75. He is buried at Tekamah Cemetery in Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska. Floyd and Geraldine were survived by four daughters, one son, and nine grandchildren (all private). Floyd was preceded in death by his youngest sister Erma Jean. One sister survived him (private).

Erma Jean Miller⁸ (Harold Irvan Miller⁷, Kate Ellen Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Erma Jean was born 20 March 1933 in Burt County, Nebraska, daughter of Harold Irvan Miller and Carrie Alice *McDonald*. Erma died at Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, on 21 April 1936 at the age of three. At the time of her death Erma was survived by her parents, one brother and one sister.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-grandson
Orville Leroy Crawford**

Orvall Charles (Smokie) Crawford⁸ (Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Orvall was born 10 January 1921 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Orville Leroy Crawford and Edith Marilla *Leuallen*.

Orval served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. On 1 January 1948 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, Orvall married **Mildred (Millie) V. Smith**, who was born 4 October 1929 in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, the daughter of Earl Smith and Mary *Travis*.

Millie worked as a printer at Pekin Community High School in Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois. She was a member of Grace Church in Morton, Illinois.

Orvall died 21 December 2000 in Tazewell County, Illinois, at the age of 79. He is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois. Orvall and Millie were survived by two sons, two daughters, 12 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and two gr-gr-grandchildren. They have one deceased grandson, Troy Morgan¹⁰.

Marjorie Edith Crawford⁸ (Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marjorie was born 21 January 1922 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Orville Leroy Crawford and Edith Marilla *Leuallen*. She died 25 August

1922 at the age of seven months. Marjorie is buried at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois—Section G.

Rogers Leuallen Crawford⁸ (Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rogers was born 28 January 1923 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Orville Leroy Crawford and Edith Marilla *Leuallen*.

After high school, Rogers enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on 28 August 1941. He was a corporal in Co. E of the Third Marine Division. During the battle to capture the Island of Iwo Jima which took place between 19 February 1945 and 26 March 1945, Rogers was killed 5 March 1945. His remains were returned to the United State in July of 1948 and he was buried at Fond du Lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Lee Walter Crawford⁸ (Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lee was born 6 May 1924 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Orville Leroy Crawford and Edith Marilla *Leuallen*.

Lee married **Evelyn Mildred Davis**, who was born 10 October 1924 in Empire, Christian County, Kentucky, the daughter of Forrest Ewing Davis and Helen *Elliott*.

Lee was an inspector for the Peoria & Pekin Union Railway in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

Evelyn died 24 October 1965 at Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida at the age of 41. She is buried at Oakdale Cemetery in DeLand, Volusia County, Florida.

Lee's last residence was Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Florida. He died 29 April 1994 in Volusia County, Florida, at the age of 69. Cremation followed—his ashes were given to the family. Lee had five children (all private).

Jean Elmer Crawford⁸ (Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jean was born 16 November 1925 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Orville Leroy Crawford and Edith Marilla *Leuallen*.

On 14 March 1964 in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, Jean married **Mary C. Hoyer Hardy**, who was born 30 May 1927 at Sac City, Sac County, Iowa, the daughter of Alphonsus Hoyer and Ruth E. *Thompson*.

Jean served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Mary worked for Illinois Bell for 42 years and retired in December of 1994 as a supervisor. She was also the union vice president of Communications Workers of America for eight years, also retiring from that position the same year.

Jean died in Peoria County on 9 December 1985 at the age of 60. He is buried at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery, East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois—Section K, Lot 290, Grave 6.

Mary died at her home in Peoria, Peoria County on Friday, 25 April 2003 at the age of 75. She is buried beside her husband Jean at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Illinois.

Marian Tyler Crawford⁸ (Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marian was born 20 October 1926 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Orville Leroy Crawford and Edith Marilla *Leuallen*. She died 6 May 1927 not yet seven months old. Marian is buried at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Helen Arlene Crawford⁸ (Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Helen was born at home on 9 February 1928 in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Orville Leroy Crawford and Edith Marilla *Leuallen*.

On 8 June 1947 in Peoria County, Illinois, Helen married **William F. (Bill) Fandel**, who was born 5 November 1925 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, the son of William J. Fandel ((1895-1980) and Thelma Pearl *Lowe* (1904-1992).

Bill served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He worked for Peoria & Pekin Union Railway as a crew dispatcher and also was a bus driver for East Peoria Community High School. He retired from both occupations in 1978.

Bill died at Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois on 13 June 2006 at the age of 80. He is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Helen died at Peoria County, Illinois, on 25 November 2011 at the age of 83. She is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in East Peoria, Illinois. Helen and Bill were preceded in death by one son, William Jr. They were survived by one daughter, a son, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private).

+William Frederick Fandel, Jr.⁹ – 1952-1994 – married (private).

Loren T. Crawford⁸ (Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Loren was born 25 June 1932 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Orville Leroy Crawford and Edith Marilla *Leuallen*.

On 10 October 1954, Loren married **Lucille M. (Lucy) Wilke**, who was born 30 September 1933, the daughter of Clare Wilke and Lucille *Honald*.

Loren died 12 February 1997 at the age of 64. He is buried at Roberts Cemetery in Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Lucy died 17 December 1998 at the age of 65. She is buried beside her husband Loren at Roberts Cemetery in Morton, Illinois. They had four children (all private).

Alta Pauline (Polly) Crawford⁸ (Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Polly was born 24 February 1934 in Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Orville Leroy Crawford and Edith Marilla *Leuallen*.

Polly was married twice and then in 1976 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, she married (3) **Raymond Adam Sommers**, who was born 8 January 1936 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, the son of Raymond Sommer and Mildred *Nieukirk*.

Raymond was a veteran of the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He worked for Continental Can Co. for 10 years, and then worked for International Paper Co. for another 10 years, retiring in 1995. He was a member of Oak Grove Church in Pinckneyville, Illinois.

Polly died in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, on 17 April 2000 at the age of 66. She is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois. Polly's son Donovan from her first marriage survived her, but is now deceased.

Raymond died at Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, on 8 February 2005 at the age of 69. Cremation followed and his ashes were inurned at Fon du Lac Cemetery in East Peoria, Illinois.

+Donovan Wayne Gaede⁹ – 1968-2012

Adell (Dollie) Crawford⁸ (Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dollie was born on the family's farm near East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois, on 25 February 1937. She was the daughter of Orville Leroy Crawford and Edith Marilla *Leuallen*. She was the 10th of 11 children.

In 1955, Dollie graduated as salutatorian from East Peoria High School. On 2 September 1955 at the First Baptist Church in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois, she married (1) **William Thomas Farley, Sr.**, who was born 5 April 1935 in Henry County, Tennessee, the son of James A. and Mary (Lynn) Farley.

Dollie and her husband, Rev. Farley left their careers with Caterpillar Tractor Co. in 1964 to serve as missionaries in Appalachia. Three children were born to them. Rev. Farley died in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania on 18 February 1967 at the age of 31. He is buried at Fon du Lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois—Section G, Lot 3, Grave 10. Following her husband's death, Dollie and the three children returned to Illinois, where she handled public relations for the Rural Home Missionary Association.

On 6 October 1968, Dollie married (2) **Rev. John Leroy (Jack) Harvey**, a widower with four children. Rev. Harvey was born 4 May 1930 at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, Illinois, the son of Floyd Harvey and Elsie Ines *Condit*.

Jack Harvey graduated from Miami, Florida's Miami Jackson High School in 1949. He played semi-professional football on a farm team for the Miami Dolphins from the time he graduated until he joined the U.S. Naval Reserves in 1951. He completed training as a Construction Electrician's Mate at the Construction Battalion Center in Port Hueneme, California. After serving in the Korean Conflict aboard the U.S.N.S.

Brewster, Jack returned home and married (1) Melvina Pearl Stroup in 1955. He began working as a licensed electrician as well as a pastor in a local church. Jack and Melvina had five children—one dying shortly after birth. Melvina died as the result of cancer in 1967.

A year after Dollie and Rev. Jack Harvey married a child was born to them. Dollie and her husband ran an electrical sign business in the Peoria, Illinois area for several years. Following the 1976 Teton Dam flood in Teton, Idaho, Dollie and her husband moved to Teton to work with the Interfaith Disaster Coalition. They pastored several churches in Idaho and Montana before moving to California in 1996 where Rev. Harvey was appointed director of a Missionary Gospel fellowship.

Dollie wrote for several newspapers and had 16 books published. She was awarded an honorary doctorate in ministry in 2013 from the Institut Baptiste Formation Pastorale et Missionnaire de Cote d'Ivoire.²⁰⁵

A resident of Yuba City, California, Dollie died at Rideout Memorial Hospital in Marysville, Yuba County, California on 28 June 2016 as the result of a heart attack. She was 79 years old. Dollie's husband Jack survived her, but died about three weeks later.

Rev. Jack Harvey died at his home in Yuba City, Sutter County, California on 22 July 2016 at the age of 86. Dollie was survived by her three children, four step-children and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren (all private). One son, William Farley, Jr.⁹ predeceased her. Also, her granddaughter, Jaymi Farley-Long¹⁰ (1988-2015) preceded her in death.

+Rev. William Thomas (Bill) Farley, Jr.⁹ – 1956-2015 – married (private).

Elsa Pearl Crawford⁸ (Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elsa was born 12 January 1940 in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Orville Leroy Crawford and Edith Marilla *Leuallen*.

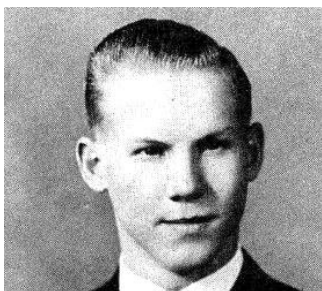
On 15 September 1957, Elsa married **Willis Hazen Kimball**, who was born 27 November 1933 in Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, the son of William H. and Edith M. Kimball.

Elsa and Willis lived in Illinois, and when they retired they moved to Florida, where they lived in Orlando, Orange County. Elsa died 27 June 2006 at the age of 66. She is buried at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Gotha, Orange County, Florida.

Willis died 3 September 2009 at the age of 75. He is also buried at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Gotha, Florida. Elsa and Willis are survived by three children (all private).

²⁰⁵ Information on the life and career of Dollie and Rev. William Thomas Farley, Sr. and Rev. John Leroy (Jack) Harvey was taken from the obituary of Adell (Dollie) Crawford and *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings*, Vol. 19, Issue 2, Summer 2016, and also the obituary of John Leroy (Jack) Harvey (1930-2016).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Horace Tarbell Crawford



Eldon Gilbert Crawford⁸ (Horace Tarbell Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eldon was born 7 January 1924 in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois, the son of Horace Tarbell Crawford and Theresa Regina *Theissen*.

Eldon (pictured here) graduated from Woodruff High School in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois with the class of 1941. His last residence was Boise, Ada County, Idaho. He died there 27 November 1993 at the age of 69. Eldon is buried at Dry Creek in Boise, Ada County, Idaho. No record was found of a marriage or children.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Robert M. Cochrane

Nancy Louise Cochrane⁸ (Robert M. Cochrane⁷, Louise Amy Mooberry⁶, George Edwin Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Nancy was born 19 February 1946 in West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, the daughter of Robert M. Cochrane and Martha Elizabeth *Nance*.

Because of her father's long military career, Nancy lived in many different places in the United States: Florida, Oregon, Tennessee, California, Colorado and Indiana. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Indiana University in Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana.

Nancy was married 15 August 1970 in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana, at the age of 24—married name Roberts. Nancy and her husband had two sons, and were later divorced.

Nancy was a long-time resident of Irvine, Orange County, California and was an Assistant Vice President in the commercial lending division of Bank of America, when because of her illness she was forced to take disability leave. She was an active member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Tustin, California.

Nancy Louise Roberts was living in South Bend, Indiana when she died at the Hospice and Palliative Care Center in South Bend on 30 October 2009 at the age of 63. Cause of death was uterine cancer. Nancy is interred at Riverview Cemetery in South Bend, St. Joseph, Indiana. She was survived by her two sons and her brother (all private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Bernice Viola *Mohr* Miller Harter

Howard D. Miller⁸ (Bernice Viola Mohr⁷, Jennie Colson Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Howard was born 29 March 1930 in Defiance County, Ohio, the son of Bernice Viola *Mohr* and Alva Jacob Miller.

He was a 1948 graduate of St. Joe High School in St. Joe, DeKalb County, Ohio. On 9 April 1948, Howard married **Carolyn J. Sipe**, who was born 4 September 1929 in Portland, Jay County, Indiana, the daughter of Carl Sipe and Cynthia *Garinger*.

Howard was a truck driver for Consolidated Freightways for 34 years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of Local Teamsters Unions #135 and #710. He and Carolyn were active members of the First United Methodist Church in Mooresville, Indiana. After retirement, they traveled and Howard worked on his mini-farm.

Howard and Carolyn lived at Mooresville, Brown County, Indiana, when she died 16 September 2008 at the age of 79. Carolyn is buried at Newville Cemetery in Newville, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Howard's home was in Butler, Indiana, when he died at The Laurels of DeKalb in Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, on Wednesday, 27 May 2015 at the age of 85. He is buried at the Newville Cemetery in Newville, Indiana.

Howard and Carolyn are survived by one son, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren (all private). Two sons Laurence and David are deceased (see below). Howard was survived by a brother and two sisters (private). He was preceded in death by his older sister, Marjorie J. *Miller* Hart.

+David Eugene Miller⁹ – 1948-1997 – married status unknown.

+Laurence Dean Miller⁹ – 1950-1987 – he had been married.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Lee *Mohr* Abbott

Albert Lee Abbott⁸ (Mary Lee Mohr⁷, Jennie Colson Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Albert was born 18 September 1926 in Sheldon, Iroquois County, Illinois, the son of Mary Lee *Mohr* and Wade Anthony Abbott.

Albert was a veteran of WWII. On 14 July 1946 in Kankakee County, Indiana, he married **Roma Williams**, who was born 5 January 1924 in Evanston, Cook County, Illinois, the daughter of Dr. Morgan and Mrs. F. Maude Williams. Roma was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Collinsville, Illinois. She had a BS Degree in sociology from Illinois Wesleyan University. She worked at the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and the Illinois Job Service, as well as for Krogers and the Ammunition Plant in Joliet, Illinois.

Albert was a resident of Glen Carbon, Illinois when he died at the Eden Village Care Center in Glen Carbon on 2 September 2002 at the age of 75. He is buried at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon, Madison County, Illinois.

Roma was also a resident of Glen Carbon, Illinois, when she died at the Anderson Hospital in Maryville, Madison County, Illinois on Friday, 4 September 2015 at the age of 91. She is also buried at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon, Illinois.

Albert and Roma were survived by two sons, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren (all private). Albert was survived by his eldest brother (private).

Lyle Eugene Abbott⁸ (Mary Lee Mohr⁷, Jennie Colson Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lyle was born 17 February 1930 in Kankakee County, Illinois, the son of Mary Lee *Mohr* and Wade Anthony Abbott.

Lyle was married (private). Lyle was a longtime employee of General Electric Supply Co. in Wichita, Kansas, where he and his wife lived.

He died 20 April 1983 at the age of 53. He is buried at Resurrection Cemetery & Mausoleum in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas. His gravestone is inscribed *Loving Husband and Daddy*.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Kenneth L. Mohr**

Berdena Bell Mohr⁸ (Kenneth L. Mohr⁷, Jennie Colson Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Berdena was born 1930 in Defiance County, Ohio, the daughter of Kenneth L. Mohr and Marguerite *Helsel*.

She was the second wife of **Harry Hutson**, who was born 26 June 1926 in Winchester, Randolph County, Indiana, son of Harry Hutson and Josephine *Szymanski*. Henry was a widower after the death of his first wife Mildred Hutson. Harry was a veteran of WWII, having served in the U.S. Navy. He was a mail carrier for the Bryan City, Ohio area for 22 years and retired in 1986.

Berdena died in Bryan, Williams County, Ohio on 18 February 2003 at the age of 72. She is buried at Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, Williams County, Ohio.

Harry died at the TCU of Community Hospitals & Wellness Center in Bryan on Wednesday, 7 June 2006 at the age of 79. He is also buried at Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, Ohio. Berdena was survived by her younger sister (private) and by children (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Emmett A. Blackmore**

Norma E. Blackmore⁸ (Emmett A. Blackmore⁷, Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Norma was born 20 August 1930 in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois, the daughter of Emmett A. Blackmore and Elva Grace Wilkey.

On 9 November 1947 in El Paso, Illinois, Norma married **Lloyd Partner, Jr.**, who was born 12 January 1925 in Illinois, the son of Lloyd H. Partner, Sr. and Anna K. Partner. Lloyd was a TEC5 in the U.S. Army during WWII. They were residents of El Paso, Illinois.

Norma was a member of the El Paso United Methodist Church. She was a farm wife, but she had also worked outside the home at the Montgomery Ward Catalogue Store in El Paso.

Lloyd died 26 March 1986 at the age of 61. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

Norma died at the Heritage Health Center in El Paso, Illinois on Thursday, 11 August 2016 at the age of 85. She is buried beside her husband at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Illinois.

Norma and Lloyd are survived by three daughters, four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren (all private). They were preceded in death by one son, Jay⁹. She was also preceded in death by her four brothers, Harold Dean, Lowell E., Keith and Roger Dale Blackmore.

+Jay Lynn Partner⁹ – 1951-2005 – married Sharon Marie Mool.

Harold Dean Blackmore⁸ (Emmett A. Blackmore⁷, Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harold was born 11 November 1933 in Woodford County, Illinois, the son of Emmet A. Blackmore and Elva Grace Wilkey. Harold always lived in Illinois. His final place of residence was Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. He died in September of 1974 at the age of 41. Harold is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. No record was found to show that he was married or had children.

Lowell E. Blackmore⁸ (Emmett A. Blackmore⁷, Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lowell was born 2 November 1936 in Woodford County, Illinois, the son of Emmett E. Blackmore and Elva Grace Wilkey.

Lowell attended schools in El Paso and graduated in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1965 in Korea. He was a member of the military Honor Guard.

Lowell was married 26 April 1964 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Minonk, Woodford County, Illinois (private).

After suffering a massive stroke, Lowell died at the Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal, McLean County, Illinois, on Saturday, 9 November 2013. He was 77 years old. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. Lowell was survived by his wife, one daughter, three grandchildren and one grandson (all private). His four siblings are now deceased.

Keith Blackmore⁸ (Emmett A. Blackmore⁷, Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Keith was born 30 January 1940 at home in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois, the son of Emmett A. Blackmore and Elva Grace *Wilkey*.

Keith grew up in El Paso, and graduated from high school there in 1958. He earned both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in zoology from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. He also studied at Colorado State University, the University of Minnesota's Lake Itasca Field Station, and Western Illinois University.

He was married in 1961 and divorced in 1985. They had two sons. He married a second time in 1988. Keith taught high school biology at Forreston in Ogle County, Illinois from 1962 through the spring of 1969 and continued there until his retirement in the spring of 2006. He taught several subjects, but mainly his specialties were general biology, ecology and field ornithology. After retirement, Keith began a consulting business "Blackmore in Nature." He had a great love for nature and enjoyed being able to teach people about the world around them.

Forreston remained Keith's home. On 21 July 2015 at the age of 75, Keith died peacefully in his sleep from neuro-endocrine cancer. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. Keith is survived by his second wife, two sons and four grandchildren (all private).

Roger Dale Blackmore⁸ (Emmett A. Blackmore⁷, Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Roger was born 12 October 1949 in Woodford County, Illinois, the son of Emmett A. Blackmore and Elva Grace *Wilkey*. Roger died 8 January 1966 at the age of 16. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Orville Mooberry**

Mark Milton Mooberry⁸ (Orville Mooberry⁷, Harry H. Mooberry⁶, Milton Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mark was born 5 April 1952 in Salt Lake City, Utah, the son of Orville Mooberry and Laurine Elizabeth *Senne*.

Beloved Son & Brother Mark Milton Mooberry died 16 December 1971 in Tooele County, Utah at the age of 19. He is buried at Tooele City Cemetery in Tooele, Tooele

County, Utah—Plot: 13-50-5. Mark was survived by his parents and his sister and brother.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Doris (Dottie) May Allen DesJardins

Richard (Rick) A. DesJardins⁸ (Doris May Allen⁷, Lester William Allen⁶, Malinda B. Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rick was born 29 June 1949 in Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin, the son of Doris (Dottie) May *Allen* and Clinton (Clint) F. DesJardins.

Rick graduated from Shell Lake High School in 1968 and then attended the University of Wisconsin-Barron County at Rice Lake, Wisconsin, for two years. After that he was employed by the Lund Boat Factory and was a driver for the Shell Lake Pharmacy. He also worked as a truck driver for Beaver Manufacturing Co. and for Bernhard's Woodwork, Ltd.

He was a musician and up until his early death played with "Malpractice," a band featuring grunge and rock music. He was also a member of the community band and the Shell Lake Pep Band and entertained at Terraceview Living Center in Shell Lake. Rick was a member of the Shell Lake United Methodist Church, the Shell Lake Fire Department, and he was serving as Master of Shell Lake Masonic Lodge F&AM #221.

Rick died at Indianhead Medical Center in Shell Lake, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, 29 February 2000 at the age of 50. He is buried at Shell Lake Cemetery in Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin. Rick was unmarried. He is survived by a brother and sister (both private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Barbara Allen Pederson

Kenneth (Ken) R. Pederson⁸ (Barbara Allen⁷, Lester William Allen⁶, Malinda R. Huddleston⁵, Christine Margaret Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kenneth was born 24 May 1951 at Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin, the son of Barbara *Allen* and Wendell Pederson.

Ken graduated in 1969 from Shell Lake High School. He then attended University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. He was married on 13 September 1975 (private).

After he graduated from high school, Ken taught at the Shell Lake Indianhead Arts Center in its jazz percussionist program.

It was while he was attending college at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse that he won the award for Best Musician at the Kansas City Jazz Festival. The award was seldom won by a drummer. At the college, Ken also met his future wife, a classically trained violinist. With her support and talent they formed the band "Bluerock," which became one of the most popular bands in the Midwest with repeat performances at the

Wisconsin State Fair, the Minnesota State Fair, Summerfest at Milwaukee, and Opryland in Nashville, in addition to other places. Ken was also the owner of the legendary Fiddlesticks night club in Spooner, Wisconsin. He finished his working life with his own painting company, Pederson Paint and Stain. Ken was a lifelong member of the Spring Lake Lodge hunting camp.

Ken died at Fairview University Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Thursday, 1 August 2013 at the age of 62. He is buried at Shell Lake Cemetery in Shell Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin.

Ken was survived by his wife, two sons, and a granddaughter (all private). He was also survived by a brother and a sister (both private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Eva Kathryn Ruffner Drennen

Howard Leroy Drennen, Jr.⁸ (Eva Kathryn Ruffner⁷, Charles Herbert Ruffner⁶, John Whitfield Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Howard was born 28 March 1951 in Montgomery, Fayette County, West Virginia, the son of Eva Kathryn Ruffner and Howard Leroy Drennen, Sr.

Howard married on 12 April 1977 in Pulaski County, Virginia, and was divorced February of 1980 (private). He married (2) 28 July 1983 in Giles County, Virginia (private).

Howard's last residence was Oak Hill, Fayette County, West Virginia. He died 23 July 2001 at the age of 50. His wife and his younger brother survive (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Juliette Rosson Battaile

Lillian Iris Battaile⁸ (Juliette Rosson⁷, Eva Virginia Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lillian was born 6 July 1949 in Louisa County, Virginia, the daughter of Juliette Rosson and James Ellis Battaile.

Lillian died at Louisa Hospital in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia on 16 May 1955 at the age of five years. She died as the result of a fractured skull after she was accidently hit by an automobile at Route 33 in Louisa County, Virginia. She died within 20 minutes after the accident. Lillian is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia. Lillian's two sisters survive (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Robert Edward Rosson

Brenda Joy Rosson⁸ (Robert Edward Rosson⁷, Eva Virginia Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Brenda was born 17 September 1956 in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, the daughter of Robert Edward (Nook) Rosson and his wife.

On 28 September 1978 in Louisa County, Virginia, Brenda and her husband were married by the pastor of the Louisa Baptist Church. They lived in Gordonsville, Orange County, Virginia. She died at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia on 14 July 2003 at the age of 46. Brenda is survived by her husband (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Walter Clyde Denton

Glen Douglas (Butch) Denton⁸ (Walter Clyde Denton⁷, Pauline Viola Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glen was born 12 November 1948 in California, the son of Walter Clyde Denton and his wife.

Glen was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He worked for Dominion Power in North Carolina for 39 years, retiring in 2009. He was a member of Poplar Chapel Church of Christ in Jamesville, North Carolina.

Glen died 11 October 2012 in North Carolina, at the age of 63. He is interred at Washington Memorial Park & Mausoleums in Sandston, Henrico County, Virginia. Glen is survived by his wife, three children, two grandsons, a granddaughter, his mother, and two brothers (all private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Aubrey James (Ted) Harlow

Mark Daniel Harlow⁸ (Aubrey James Harlow⁷, Emma Edmonia Ruffner⁶, Edgar Reuben Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mark was born 2 May 1959 in Louisa County, Virginia, the son of Aubrey James (Ted) Harlow and his wife.

Mark was a technician in Fire Prevention. He was a member of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Mark died at his home in Louisa, Louisa County, Virginia, on 21 May 2008 at the age of 49. He is buried at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery in Tabscott, Goochland County, Virginia. Mark was survived by his mother, his second wife, four sons, one grandchild, and one brother (all private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
George Harold Snider, Jr.

George Harold Snider III⁸ (George Harold Snider, Jr.⁷, Mary Lucille Ruffner⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) George was born 26 May 1954 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of George Harold Snider, Jr. and Ruth Lucy McGinnis.

George served in the U.S. Navy from 20 July 1978 until his discharge 20 June 1980.

George's last residence before his death was Bangor, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. He died 16 May 1995 at the age of 40. George is buried at West Nottingham Cemetery in West Nottingham, Cecil County, Pennsylvania. No information was found regarding a marriage or children.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
William Eugene Ruffner, Sr.

William Eugene Ruffner, Jr.⁸ (William Eugene Ruffner, Sr.⁷, James Ambler Ruffner, Sr.⁶, James Daniel Ruffner⁵, James B. Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William Jr. was born 16 May 1955 in Newport News, Virginia, the son of William Eugene Ruffner, Sr. and his wife.

William Jr. had lived in Pennsylvania and had a home in De Leon Springs, Volusia County, Florida, as late as 1999. William's last residence was Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia. That was William's home when he died 22 January 2010 at the age of 62. He was married twice and divorced twice—1980 and 1992—both records in Volusia County, Volusia County, Florida. His two brothers survived him. No further record was found.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Robert Lewis Fauver

Gary Wayne Fauver⁸ (Robert Lewis Fauver⁷, Ruth Myrtle Reynolds⁶, Samuel Washington Reynolds⁵, Diana Marie Ruffner⁴, Reuben Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gary was born 31 October 1952 in Albemarle County, Virginia, the son of Robert Lewis Fauver and his wife Mildred Alberta Melton.

In 1986, Gary was a student at Piedmont Community College in Charlottesville, Virginia. At 12:25 p.m. on 7 May 1986 in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, Gary was riding his motorcycle along a highway when, as witnesses said, he drove his motorcycle into the broadside of a tractor trailer. He was rushed to the University of

Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, where he died of closed head trauma at 1:15 p.m. Gary was 33 years old. He had never been married.

This accident must have been especially hard for his mother to understand. In 1963, Gary's father, at the age of 34, lost his life from multiple head injuries and trauma when the vehicle he was driving collided with another vehicle on Highway 20 near Charlottesville.

Gary is buried near his father at Mooreland Baptist Church Cemetery in North Garden, Albemarle County, Virginia. Gary was survived by his mother, Mrs. Mildred Tapscott, and his stepfather.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mattie Lee Beahm Cave**

Thomas J. Cave⁸ (Mattie Lee Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thomas was born 7 February 1909 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Maggie Lee *Beahm* and Isaac Ferdinand Cave. Thomas died at Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia on 23 March 1924 at the age of 15.

Edna Virginia Cave⁸ (Mattie Lee Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edna was born 22 September 1912 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mattie Lee *Beahm* and Isaac Ferdinand Cave.

On 8 February 1971 in a civil Arlington County, Virginia wedding, 58-year-old Edna married 71-year-old **Ernest Manson Renshaw**, a divorced man. He was born 27 May 1899 in Maryland, son of George W. Renshaw and Mary *Malone*. Ernest served as a bugler in the U.S. Army during WWI, Maryland. This was Edna's first marriage.

Their home was in Arlington, Virginia. Ernest died at Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia, on 8 February 1973 at the age of 73. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Edna died 16 October 1999 at the age of 87. She is buried beside her husband Ernest at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Edna had no children.

Leedy Jasper Frederick Cave⁸ (Mattie Lee Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leedy was born 24 August 1915 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mattie Lee *Beahm* and Isaac Ferdinand Cave.

Leedy married (1) **Florence Arlene Colvin**, who was born 7 June 1921, the daughter of Mary Frances Morgan (1899-1982). Florence died 3 October 1989 at the age of 68. She is buried next to her husband Leedy at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Leedy married (2) **Nettie Arlene Cave**, who was born 2 October 1939 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Luther Wayne Cave and Gernie Lee *Thomas*. Nettie was employed as a supervisor at MontVue Nursing Home in Luray, Virginia.

Leedy died 14 March 1997 at the age of 81. He is buried next to his first wife at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Leedy was survived by three daughters, two sons, and six grandchildren (all private)

Nettie died on Monday, 31 August 2009 at the age of 69. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Charles Hudson Cave⁸ (Mattie Lee Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 1917 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mattie Lee *Beahm* and Isaac Ferdinand Cave.

Charles married **Mildred Catherine Lamberson**, who was born 23 October 1921 in Arlington, Virginia, the daughter of Daniel and Bessie Lamberson.

Charles died 1993 at the age of 66. He is buried at National Memorial Park in Falls Church, Fairfax, Virginia—Plot: G-264-1.

Mildred died Washington Hospital on 15 March 2001 at the age of 79. She is buried beside her husband Charles at National Memorial Park in Falls Church, Virginia. Charles and Mildred were survived by two sons and four daughters (all private).

Isaac Freeman Cave⁸ (Mattie Lee Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Isaac was born 9 April 1920 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mattie Lee *Beahm* and Isaac Ferdinand Cave.

Isaac was a truck driver for Page Milling Co. in Luray, Virginia, where he made his home. He had been married and was divorced at the time of his death. No record of children was found.

Isaac died at Culpeper, Culpeper County, Virginia on 12 July 1967 at the age of 47. The cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Mary Ellen Cave⁸ (Mattie Lee Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Ellen was born 4 February 1923 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mattie Lee *Beahm* and Isaac Ferdinand Cave.

On 6 February 1943 Mary Ellen married (1) **David William Shaffer**, a soldier in the U.S. Army. He was born 29 September 1920 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Bergie Floyd Shaffer and Ela Catherine *Miller*. Mary Ellen and David separated 16 January 1960 and were divorced on 5 October 1962 in Page County, Virginia. The decree states that they had four minor children at that time. Mary Ellen worked for Blue Bell, Inc., and David was an employee of Kidwell & Menefee Builders. David William

Shaffer died 16 October 1994 at the age of 74. He is buried at Morning Star Lutheran Church Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Mary Ellen married 2 January 1964 in New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia (2) **James Franklin Good**. This was the first marriage for James. He was a plumber by trade. James was born 23 January 1910 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Charles William Good and Lillie Mae *Campbell*.

They lived in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia. James died at Luray, Page County, Virginia on 21 January 1983 at the age of 72. The cause of death was a stroke. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Mary Ellen died 3 November 2010 at the age of 87. She is buried next to her second husband James Good at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Virginia.

Rose Lee Cave⁸ (Mattie Lee Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rose Lee was born 17 July 1925 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mattie Lee *Beahm* and Isaac Ferdinand Cave.

On 26 September 1957, Rose married **Garland Randolph Miller**, who was born 21 November 1924 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Harry Cletus Miller (1895-1969) and Viola Beahm *Sours* (1901-1985).

Garland served as a Pfc. in the U.S. Army in WWII and Korea. They lived in Luray, Virginia, and Rose was a textile worker at Luray's Blue Bell, Inc., a clothing factory. Garland was a member of VFW Post 621 in Luray.

Garland died 2 March 1984 at the age of 59. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Rose died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray on Monday, 5 September 2005 at the age of 80. She is buried beside her husband Garland at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Virginia. Rose and Garland were survived by two daughters, two sons, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private).

William (Billy) Aaron Cave⁸ (Mattie Lee Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 22 January 1928 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mattie Lee *Beahm* and Isaac Ferdinand Cave.

William served as a Pfc. in the U.S. Army in WWII. William was married on 24 December 1950 in Page County, Virginia (private). He worked as a laborer at the tannery in Luray, where the family lived. A family record shows William and his wife with six children (not verified).

William died at Winchester Memorial Hospital in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia on 2 July 1969 at the age of 41. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was survived by his wife and children (private). A son William is now deceased.

+William Edward (Buster) Cave⁹ – 1957-2010 – married (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Blanch Susan Beahm Fox

Margaret Virginia Fox⁸ (Blanch Susan Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 21 August 1916 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Blanch Susan *Beahm* and Homer Clarence Fox.

On 31 July 1934, Margaret married **Franklin Edward Miller**⁸, who was born 25 November 1916 in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Otha Clarence Miller (1895-1942) and Lydia Duan *Beahm* (1898-1988).

Margaret was a homemaker. Franklin was a textile worker at the Virginia Oak Tannery for 40 years. He and Margaret were members of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Luray.

Franklin died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 1 February 2004 at the age of 87. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Margaret died at her home in Luray on Tuesday, 18 January 2005 at the age of 88. She is buried next to her husband Franklin Sr. at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Margaret and Franklin had four children and are survived by one daughter⁹, seven grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren (all private). They have three deceased children: Phyllis, Franklin, Jr. and John (shown below).

+Phyllis Jeannette Miller⁹ – 1936-2008 – married (private).

+Franklin Edward (Bug Eye) Miller, Jr.⁹ – 1939-1999 – married Judy Marie Good.

+John Alton Miller⁹ – 1942-2005 – married (private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Isaac William Beahm

Murle Virginia Beahm⁸ (Isaac William Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Murle was born 23 March 1915 in Kimball, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Isaac William Beahm and Ollie Mae *Waters*.

On 1 March 1941 in Page County, Virginia, Murle married **Bernard Earl Judd**, who was born 28 December 1913 in Page County, Virginia, the son of William D. Judd and Eliza *Batman*. Bernard worked for the government as a janitor for the National Park Service. They made their home in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Bernard died 24 December 1964 at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, at the age of 50. The cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Murle died 9 May 1994 at the age of 79. She is buried next to her husband Bernard at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Lucy Irene Beahm⁸ (Isaac William Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lucy was born 25 July 1918 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Isaac William Beahm and Ollie Mae *Waters*.

On 18 September 1940 in Page County, Virginia Lucy married **Jesse William Riley**, who was born 22 June 1916 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph Andrew Riley and Annie Savilla *Rinker*. Jesse worked as a roofer. Jesse died in Page County, Virginia on 30 April 1990 at the age of 73. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. No record of Lucy's death was found.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Margaret (Maggie) Beahm Cave

Orlando F. (Duke) Cave⁸ (Mary Margaret Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Orlando was born 7 January 1918 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Margaret (Maggie) *Beahm* and Hunter Frederick Cave.

Orlando was married and their home was in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. Orlando died 16 May 1968 at the age of 50. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Orlando was survived by his wife, his son, who was a Sgt. in the U.S. Army at the time of his father's death, and he was also survived by a daughter (all private).

Iona Mary Cave⁸ (Mary Margaret Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Iona was born 19 October 1919 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Mary Margaret (Maggie) *Beahm* and Hunter Frederick Cave.

Iona married **James Franklin Batman, Jr.**⁸, who was born 16 September 1920 in Page County, Virginia, the son of James Franklin Batman and Eva Earl *Judd*. James worked as a Park Ranger for the Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

James died 15 August 1983 at the age of 52. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Iona died 3 February 1991 at the age of 71. She is buried next to her husband James at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Olena (Lena) Virginia Beahm Seal

Mary Elizabeth Seal⁸ (Olena Virginia Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter

Ruffner¹) Mary was born 14 July 1923 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Olena (Lena) Virginia *Beahm* and Elmer Jonah Seal.

Mary married **John William Knight**, who was born 18 December 1919 in Page County, Virginia.

Mary died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on 18 April 2010 at the age of 86. She is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

John died 29 May 1999 at the age of 79. He is buried beside his wife Mary at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Virginia.

Oneta Glenrose Seal⁸ (Olena Virginia Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Oneta was born 15 June 1925 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Olena (Lena) Virginia *Beahm* and Elmer Jonah Seal.

Oneta retired from the garment company Aileen, Inc. She was a member of Rivermont Baptist Church in Front Royal, Virginia.

Oneta married **Thomas Amos (Buddy) Dwyer**, who was born 15 March 1915, the son of Thomas J. Dwyer and Mamie Bell *Cornell*. Thomas served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was a truck driver for Golliday Building Supply

Thomas died at Warren Memorial Hospital at Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia on 6 April 1959 at the age of 44. Cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Oneta died at her home in Front Royal, Virginia, on Monday, 30 October 2012 at the age of 87. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Oneta and Thomas were survived by two daughters, one son, four grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren (all private). A son Thomas Jr. and a daughter Edith are deceased.

Thomas Amos Dwyer, Jr.⁹ – no information found for him.

+Edith Glenrose Dwyer⁹ – 1951-2015 – not married.

Luther William Seal⁸ (Olena Virginia Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Luther was born 6 November 1928 in Rocky Branch, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, the son of Olena (Lena) Virginia *Beahm* and Elmer Jonah Seal.

Luther enlisted in the U.S. Army on 19 May 1949 and was a member of the 504th AAA Operations Detachment stationed at Mannheim-Kafertal, Germany and at other military bases throughout the U.S. He was discharged 13 November 1952 with the rank of sergeant. He was married 24 November 1950 at Stony Man, Virginia.

Luther died at Limeton, Warren County, Virginia, on Saturday, 3 April 2004 at the age of 75. He was buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Washington, with full military honors provided by Winchester VFW Post 2123

Luther was survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Elmer Paul Seal, Sr.⁸ (Olena Virginia Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Paul (his preference) was born 5 January 1936 in Page County, Virginia, the youngest child of Olena (Lena) Virginia *Beahm* and Elmer Jonah Seal.

On 17 September 1955 in Page County, Virginia, Paul married **Ethel May Rothgeb**, who was born 29 April 1939 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Hubert Martin Rothgeb and Bertie Lee *Mauck*.

Paul and Ethel lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia, and Paul was a farmer. He died at Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, on 25 November 1993 at the age of 57. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Ethel died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on Friday, 23 December 2005 at the age of 66. She is buried beside her husband Paul at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Paul and Ethel were survived by two sons, three daughters, eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren (all private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Edna Earle Kibler Thomas

Samuel Henry Thomas⁸ (Edna Earle Kibler⁷, Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Samuel was born 13 January 1921 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Edna Earle *Kibler* and Samuel Lindsey Thomas. Samuel was a twin brother of John Washington Thomas.

On 10 February 1951 he married **Charlotte Virginia Burner**, who was born 13 June 1926 in Overall, Warren County, Virginia, the daughter of Homer Isaac Burner and Anna Mae *Foster*.

Samuel served as president of the Page County Co-op Farm Bureau in Luray. He was a member of the Page United Methodist Church, also in Luray. He and his wife lived on 454 Sandy Hook Road in Luray, Virginia. Charlotte was a homemaker. She was a member of the Luray Christian Disciples of Christ church and the John Rhodes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Charlotte died at the skilled nursing home Avante in Harrisonburg, Virginia on Friday, 11 February 2005 at age 78. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Samuel died at MontVue Nursing Home in Luray, Virginia, on Tuesday, 6 November 2012 at the age of 91. He is buried beside his wife at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Samuel and Charlotte are survived by two sons and one grandson (all private). A daughter Patsy is deceased.

+Patsy Ann Thomas⁹ – 1959-2013 – never married.

John Washington Thomas⁸ (Edna Earle Kibler⁷, Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 13 January 1921 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Samuel Lindsey Thomas and Edna Earle *Kibler*. John was the twin brother of Samuel Henry Thomas.

On 3 April 1951, he married **Rebecca Shedd**, who was born 15 February 1918 in North Conway, Carroll County, New Hampshire, daughter of Dr. John Ziba Shedd and Alice Estelle *Allen*.

Rebecca died at Montvue Nursing Home in Luray, Virginia, on Saturday, 19 February 2005 at the age of 87. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

John died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on Wednesday, 26 September 2007 at the age of 86. John and Rebecca were survived by three sons, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren (all private). John's twin brother Samuel survived him, but he is now deceased.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Joseph (Joe) Vernon Foley, Sr.**

Joseph Vernon Foley, Jr.⁸ (Joseph Vernon Foley⁷, Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Joseph was born 4 June 1924 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph (Joe) Vernon Foley, Sr. and Angie Gaynelle *Stomback*. Joseph married on 4 November 1944. Joseph was living in Luray, Virginia, when he died 29 August 1996 at the age of 72 years. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter and five grandchildren (all private).

Roland Stombock Foley⁸ (Joseph Vernon Foley⁷, Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Roland was born 20 July 1937 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph (Joe) Vernon Foley, Sr. and Gaynelle *Stomback*.

Roland graduated from Luray High School in 1956. Roland was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

On 1 July 1961, Roland married **Robbie Lee Bauserman**, who was born 7 October 1941 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Raymond Edgar Bauserman (1899-1970) and Elizabeth Elaine *Houser* (1910-1995).

Roland worked as a supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service in Indianapolis until he retired in 1996 after 37 years. After his retirement, he and his wife Robbie moved back to Luray, Virginia. He was a member of the Page United Methodist Church in Luray and an avid geologist.

Robbie was a real estate agent and an underwriter insurance agent. She was a member of the Page United Methodist Church choir and women's group.

Roland died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Virginia on Saturday, 12 February 2011 at the age of 73. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Robbie died at MontVue Nursing Home in Luray, Virginia on 23 February 2011 at the age of 69. She is buried next to her husband Roland at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Roland and Robbie Foley were survived by a son and two grandchildren (Private). Roland is also survived by one brother (private). His eldest brother Joseph Jr. is deceased.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
John Cletus Foley**

William Eugene Foley⁸ (John Cletus Foley⁷, Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 18 May 1930 in Page County, Virginia, the son of John Cletus Foley and Velma Louise *Mauck*.

William graduated from Luray High School, where he excelled at baseball. He moved to Northern Virginia, and worked as a plumber. By 1962, William was a partner in a plumbing business and several years later William E. Foley & Sons, now called Foley Plumbing, was established. He was a member of the Page United Methodist Church. Until he retired, he was an active member in state and local Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association, the Home Builders Association, and he also served on the Fairfax County Plumbing and Electrical Advisory Board.

William died at his home in Luray, Page County, Virginia, on 22 February 2014 at the age of 83. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

William was survived by his wife, two sons, and two grandchildren (all private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Paul Wilson Foley**

John Gibson Foley⁸ (Paul Wilson Foley⁷, Florence Catharine Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Paul was born 23 May 1931 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Paul Wilson Foley and Minerva M. *Frazier*.

John grew up in Luray, Virginia, and graduated from Luray High School and James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He taught at Springfield Elementary School and was the supervisor of elementary education for Page County, Virginia. Later he joined the State Department of Education in Richmond, Virginia.

There he worked on the elementary staff and with the State Accreditation Program. He served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1961. After he retired, John volunteered in Richmond, Virginia, at the Sheltering arms Rehabilitation Center and he served as president of the AARP Richmond Chapter #69. John was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Richmond, Virginia.

John's home was still in Richmond, Virginia, when he died on Sunday, 21 August 2005 after a long battle with cancer. He was 74 years old. John is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. No survivors were mentioned in John's obituary.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Virginia *Foley* Howard**

Bobby Wilson Howard⁸ (Virginia *Foley*⁷, Florence Catharine Lehw⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bobby was born 16 April 1930 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Virginia *Foley* and Ernest Howard.

Bobby served as an MM3 in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was still serving in the Navy when he married **Vera Lorraine Norris** on 9 June 1952 in Page County, Virginia. Vera was born 16 August 1932 in Arlington, Virginia, the daughter of Thomas Edmund Norris and Lucille V. *Cullers*. Vera graduated from Luray High School. When they married, she was employed at Western Union in Washington, D.C.

Bobby was employed at Kennard-Pace Co. in Roanoke, Virginia, where they lived. He died at Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia on 8 May 1971 at the age of 41. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

After her husband's death, Vera married (2) Harry E. Smith – 19 September 1928 – 20 May 1997.

Vera died 22 May 2003 at the age of 70. She is buried between her two husbands at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. No record of children was found.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Raymond Isaac Lehw**

Lynn Edward Lehw⁸ (Raymond Isaac Lehw⁷, Isaac William Lehw⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lynn was born 1910 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Raymond Isaac Lehw and Sarah Ellen *Grandstaff*.

On 16 February 1936 in Williamsburg, Virginia, Lynn married **Dorothy Dee Baxter**, who was born in 1912 at Harlowe, Carteret County, North Carolina. She was raised in North Carolina and Colonial Heights, Virginia.

Two years after their 1936 wedding, Lynn and Dorothy relocated to Newport News, Virginia in 1938, where they resided until their deaths.

Lynn worked with the National Geographic Survey in his youth, which included survey work for a road which later became Skyline Drive. He performed survey work all along the East Coast from Maine to Florida. However, the majority of his career was in the insurance field from which he retired at the age of 70. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Newport News, Virginia, and the United Methodist Men. He was also active in the Kiwanis Club and the Masonic Lodge.

Besides being a homemaker, Dorothy was a Licensed Practical Nurse at Riverside Hospital in Newport News for many years. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Newport News. She was also a member of the Newport News Women's Club, and was an active volunteer in several organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, and a reading tutor at Riverside Elementary.

Dorothy died on Thursday, 19 May 2005 at the age of 93. She is buried at Peninsula Memorial Park in Newport News, Newport News City, Virginia.

Lynn died 8 August 2005 at the age of 95. He is buried next to his wife Dorothy at Peninsula Memorial Park in Newport News, Virginia. They were survived by two daughters, four grandchildren and one great grandchild (all private).

Hazel Viola Lehew⁸ (Raymond Isaac Lehew⁷, Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Hazel was born 3 September 1911 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Raymond Isaac Lehew and Sarah Ellen *Grandstaff*.

On 18 December 1930 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, Hazel married **Everette Lee Emerson**, who was born 4 September 1909 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Milton E. Emerson and Elmer Lee *Wood*. On 28 March 1948 Hazel and Everette separated, and on 5 June 1954 they were divorced.

Hazel worked as a seamstress for the clothing manufacturer Blue Bell Co. in Luray, Virginia. She was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church and the Edith Rebekah Lodge.

Everette Emerson, Sr. retired from the electric power company. He was living in New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia, when he died at the Life Care Center in New Market, Virginia, on 15 August 1987 at the age of 77. Everette Sr. is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Hazel died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on Saturday, 21 June 2008 at the age of 96. She is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Virginia.

Hazel and Everette Emerson Sr. were survived by two granddaughters (private). Their son Everette is deceased (see below). One grandson, Steven Neil Emerson¹⁰ is also deceased.

+Everette Lee Emerson, Jr.⁹ – 1931-2008 – married (private).

Carroll Benton Lehew⁸ (Raymond Isaac Lehew⁷, Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carroll was born 15 August 1915 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Raymond Isaac Lehew and Sarah Ellen *Grandstaff*.

On 31 December 1939 in Madison County, Virginia, Carroll married (1) **Hazel Virginia Revercomb**, who was born 1914 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of William Herbert Revercomb and Fenton *Hudson*. On 18 August 1954, Carroll and Hazel separated, and on 25 January 1956 they were divorced in Page County, Virginia. At that time they had two minor children.

On 9 June 1956, Carroll married (2) **Marilyn Lancaster Moore**, who was born 1930 in Nash County, North Carolina, the daughter of Clarence Albert Lancaster and Beady *Coggins*. Marilyn was divorced from her first husband.

Carroll lived in Hampton, Virginia, and was the manager of Rich's Super Market in Richmond, Virginia. He died at Medic-Home Health Center in Newport News, Virginia, on 13 September 1970 at the age of 55—cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

As shown above, Carroll had two children from his first marriage to Hazel. No further information was found.

Raymond Clyde Lehew⁸ (Raymond Isaac Lehew⁷, Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Raymond was born 3 November 1917 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Raymond Isaac Lehew and Sarah Ellen *Grandstaff*.

Raymond served in the U.S. Army during WWII. On 13 July 1947, he married **June Carol Wood**, who was born 11 August 1924 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ernest W. Wood and Avis E. *Kentner*.

Raymond worked for Colonial Stores, Inc. as a store manager. He and June lived in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia.

Raymond died at his residence, 7907 Galaxie Road in Richmond, Virginia, on 20 November 1984 at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. Raymond is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia—Section 23.

On 28 October 1987 in Henrico County, Virginia, June *Wood* Lehew married (2) Miles Taylor Holt.

June died Wednesday, 11 June 2003 at the age of 78. She is buried beside her first husband Raymond Clyde Lehew at Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum in Richmond, Virginia—Section 23. She was preceded in death by both husbands.

Raymond and June were survived by their two sons, two grandsons and one great grandson (all private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Virginia (Virgie) Frances *Lehew* Woods

Fern Edith Woods⁸ (Virginia Frances Lehew⁷, Isaac William⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Fern was born 12 June 1912 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Virginia (Virgie) Frances *Lehew* and Luther Franklin Woods.

Fern married Elder **John Lester Bradley**, who was born 10 September 1907 in Page County, Virginia, the son of John G. Bradley and Medora *Shenk*. Fern and John lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Elder John Bradley was retired from work at Luray Motor Co. in Luray. He died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Virginia on 9 December 1980 at the age of 73. Cause of death was an aneurism. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Fern died 10 February 2000 at the age of 87. She is buried beside her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Fern and John Bradley had at least one child, a son (private). See Page 802 for the paternal lineage for Fern *Woods* Bradley.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Clarence William Lehew

Norma Dale Lehew⁸ (Clarence William Lehew⁷, Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Norma was born 23 January 1922 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Clarence William Lehew, Sr. and Ruth Margaret Showalter.

Norma graduated from Harrisonburg High School in 1939 (her senior photo shown here). She then attended Madison College in Harrisonburg, Virginia, graduating in 1944.



On 27 June 1943 in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, Norma married **Robert Olin Whitmore, Jr.**, who was born 19 May 1921 in Bridgewater, Rockingham County, Virginia, son of Robert Olin Whitmore, Sr. and Mattie R. *Long*. At the time of their marriage, Robert was a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He became career Army, serving in WWII, Korea and Vietnam from January 1951 through July 1970, and attaining the rank of Colonel.

Norma's last residence was San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. She died there 29 June 1987 at the age of 62. Norma is buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas—Section 8A 497.

Later Robert married on 23 March 1991 in Bexar County, Texas (2) Gloria *Ketchum* Lawless. They were divorced 25 June 1988 in Bexar County, Texas.

Robert died 7 April 2004 at the age of 82. He is buried beside his first wife Norma at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas—Section 8A 497.

Jean Addison Lehew⁸ (Clarence William Lehew⁷, Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jean was born 3 March 1924 in Rockingham County, Virginia, the daughter of Clarence William Lehew, Sr. and Ruth Margaret *Showalter*.

She married **James Elden Lineweaver**, who was born 7 February 1923 in Harrisonburg, Virginia, the son of Dold Lineweaver (1887-1971) and Edna R. *Summers* (1901-1990).

James and Jean were living in Richmond, Virginia, when James died there 6 March 1992 at the age of 70. He is buried at Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia

Jean was a member of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church. Her home had been in Cumberland County, Virginia, when she died in Farmville, Virginia on 5 July 2009 at the age of 85. Jean is buried at Greenwood Memorial Gardens in Goochland, Virginia. Jean and James were survived by a son and two granddaughters (private).

Clarence William Lehew, Jr.⁸ (Clarence William Lehew⁷, Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clarence was born 19 May 1927 in Rockingham County, Virginia, the son of Clarence William Lehew, Sr. and Ruth Margaret *Showalter*.

Clarence served as a Corporal in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII. On 23 April 1949, he married (1) **Anna Belle Detamore**, who was born 14 August 1929 in Dayton, Rockingham County, Virginia, the daughter of Robert Harry Detamore and Elsie *Keyton*. They separated in November of 1972, and divorced 24 February 1976. At the time of the divorce, Clarence was living in Greenville, South Carolina.

Clarence married (2) **Betty Ann**, who was born 15 April 1934. She died 5 February 2009 at the age of 74, and is buried at South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Clarence was living in Boca Raton, Palm Beach County, Florida, when he died on 5 March 2015 at the age of 87. He is buried next to his second wife Betty Ann at South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida. Clarence is survived by four daughters, 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Joseph Samuel Moyer, Sr.**

Granville Herndon Moyer⁸ (Joseph Samuel Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter

Ruffner¹) Granville was born 21 February 1921 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph Samuel Moyer, Sr. and Virginia Alice *Herndon*.

On 16 March 1943, he married **Alice Jean Barham**, who was born 4 August 1924 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Thurman Theodore Barham and Mary Elizabeth *Strickler*. Granville and Alice made their home in Luray, Virginia.

Granville died 30 January 1978 at the age of 56. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Alice's home was at 18 Park Avenue in Luray, when she died at Montvue Nursing Home in Luray on Wednesday, 31 August 2011 at the age of 87. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Granville and Alice were survived by one daughter, one son, three grandsons, and one great grandchild (all private).

William Tyler Moyer⁸ (Joseph Samuel Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 18 April 1923 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph Samuel Moyer, Sr. and Virginia Alice *Herndon*.

William was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal. William retired from the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control as the Assistant Director of Stores. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in Richmond, Virginia; a member of American Legion Post #0022; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #621; Masonic Lodge #11; Scottish Rites Valley of Richmond Orient of Virginia; and the ACCA Shriners of Richmond, Virginia.

William's home was in Suffolk, Virginia, when he died on 22 January 2010 at the age of 86. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was survived by his wife of 63 years, his son, and two grandchildren (all private).

Joseph Samuel Moyer, Jr.⁸ (Joseph Samuel Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Joseph Jr. was born 20 October 1925 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph Samuel Moyer, Sr. and Virginia Alice *Herndon*.

Joseph Jr. was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. In private life, he was a self-employed plumber. On 28 September 1946, he married **Maxine Virginia Martin**, who was born 1 December 1925 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Lester Eugene Martin and Clara *Hill*.

Maxine worked as a payroll clerk at the Luray Textile plant for 44 years. She was a member of the Beth Eden Lutheran Church in Luray.

Joseph Jr. died at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Monday, 9 January 1995 at the age of 69. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Maxine died at MontVue Nursing Home in Luray, Page County, Virginia on Thursday, 1 January 2015 at the age of 89. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in

Luray, Virginia. Joseph Jr. and Maxine are survived by a son, two granddaughters and great grandchildren (all private).

Virgil Randolph Moyer⁸ (Joseph Samuel Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virgil was born 19 June 1927 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph Samuel Moyer, Sr. and Virginia Alice *Herndon*.

Virgil served as a TEC3 in the U.S. Army during WWII. On 23 December 1944 before a minister of the United Lutheran Church in Luray, Page County, Virginia, Virgil married **Mildred Elaine Marston**, who was born 26 October 1924 in Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Edward Jackson Marston and Olga Gertrude *Bell*. When they married, Virgil was working for Viscose Corporation, and Mildred was an employee of Luray Textile Corporation. They both resided in Luray, Virginia.

Virgil died 29 May 2001 in Page County, Virginia, at the age of 74. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Moyer⁸ (Joseph Samuel Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Franklin was born 28 March 1933 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Joseph Samuel Moyer, Sr. and Virginia Alice *Herndon*.

Franklin served as a Corporal in the Quartermaster Corps for two years from May 1953 to May 1955. On 17 August 1956, in Luray, Page County, Virginia, a minister of the Baptist Church officiated at the marriage of Franklin and **Janice Marie Rickard**. Janice was born 8 September 1940 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of David Leroy Rickard and Valley Skyland *Parks*. Franklin and Janice made their home in Luray, where Franklin was a truck driver for Luray Home Laundry.

Following an operation in an attempt to save his life after a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Franklin died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 30 July 1962 at the age of 29. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Franklin was survived by one son, one daughter, and grandchildren (all private).

Janice married again on 10 July 1979 (2) David Stanley Marsh, who was born 18 July 1936 in Maryland. They were divorced 18 August 1981. Janice died at MontVue Nursing Home in Luray, Virginia, on Thursday, 3 July 2014 at the age of 73.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Delilah Blanche *Moyer* Heiston

Rachel Heiston⁸ (Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Rachel was born 14 August 1909 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Delilah Blanche *Moyer* and Dillard Vernon Heiston, Sr.

Rachel married (1) **Ralph Marvin Vaughan** (1913-1987). By 1940 they were divorced and Rachel and her daughter were living with her parents.

On 11 March 1942, Rachel married (2) **Robert Franklin Ellis**, who was born 9 February 1913 in Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Thomas Martin Ellis (1873-1943) and Mittie Belle *Sours* (1874-1952). Robert served as a TEC5 in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was a member of Luray's Comer-Jones VFW Post #621.

Robert died 22 March 1984 at the age of 71. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Rachel was a homemaker and a member of the Main Street Baptist Church in Luray, Virginia. She was a saleslady for Avon Products, Inc. in the Luray area for over 45 years. Rachel's three brothers James, Virgil and Dillard preceded her in death.

Dillard Vernon (Country) Heiston, Jr.⁸ (Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dillard was born 13 September 1911 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Delilah Blanche *Moyer* and Dillard Vernon Heiston, Sr.

Dillard, Jr. married **Lucille Laverne Whitemore**, who was born 19 October 1914. Lucille died 21 October 1978 at the age of 64. She is buried at Washington National Cemetery in Suitland, Prince George's County, Maryland.

Dillard, Jr. died 26 January 1999 in Maryland, at the age of 87. He is buried at Washington National Cemetery in Suitland, Maryland. Dillard and Lucille had at least one child, a son (see the following information).

+Dillard Vernon Heiston III⁹ – 1933-1982 – married Patricia N. Gregory.

James Marshall Heiston⁸ (Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 13 February 1914 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Delilah Blanche *Moyer* and Dillard Vernon Heiston, Sr.

James worked as an auto mechanic in Washington, D.C. He was the husband of **Nancy Lee Dudley**, who was born 3 April 1916. She was the daughter of Herman Bradford and Martha M. Dudley.

The last residence for James before his death was Hollywood, Saint Mary's County, Maryland. James died 4 August 1977 at the age of 63. He is buried at Hollywood Church of the Nazarene Cemetery in Hollywood, St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Nancy died 20 June 1992 at the age of 76. Her last residence was King George, King George County, Virginia. Nancy is buried beside her husband James at Hollywood Church of the Nazarene in Hollywood, Maryland. James and Nancy are survived by a son, three grandchildren and one great grandchild (all private). One son (shown below) is deceased.

+ John Benjamin Heiston⁹ – 1937-2006 – married and divorced.

Emma Louise Heiston⁸ (Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Louise was born 11 January 1916 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Delilah Blanche *Moyer* and Dillard Vernon Heiston, Sr.

She married **Raymond Wiley Taylor**, Sr. who was born 14 October 1923 in Spring Creek, Rockingham County, Virginia, the son of Albert J. Taylor and Treva P. *Sutter*.

Louise and Raymond lived in Arlington and Fairfax Counties, Virginia. Raymond died 25 February 1993 at the age of 69. He is buried at National Memorial Park in Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia – Evergreen Garden, Plot 518.

Louise died 26 January 2002 at the age of 86. She is buried next to her husband Raymond at National Memorial Park, Falls Church, Virginia – Evergreen Garden.

Vallie G. Heiston⁸ (Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Vallie was born 27 March 1918 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Delilah Blanche *Moyer* and Dillard Vernon Heiston, Sr.

Vallie was married and lived in Washington, D.C. and Capitol Heights, Prince George County, Maryland.

She died 25 February 2008 at the age of 97. Vallie Hidrobo (her married name) is buried at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland—Section 3. She was survived by her husband.

Virgil Hammer Heiston⁸ (Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virgil was born 24 July 1921 at Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was the son of Delilah Blanche *Moyer* and Dillard Vernon Heiston, Sr. Virgil was a twin brother of Albert Benton Heiston.

Virgil served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He lived in West Virginia, and was a construction worker.

He was married to **Virginia Bell Walters** on 4 October 1942. They separated in November of 1955 and divorced 5 June 1957. Virgil and Virginia had six children.

Virgil died 20 November 1989 at the age of 58.²⁰⁶ He is buried at Pleasant View Memory Gardens in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia.

Albert Benton Heiston⁸ (Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Albert was born 24 July 1921 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Delilah Blanche *Moyer* and Dillard Vernon Heiston, Sr. He was the twin brother of Virgil Hammer Heiston.

²⁰⁶ Find A Grave errs in giving the date of 1981 for the death of Albert. The Social Security records have 1989 in all their records.

Albert married **Geraldine Frances Neighbor**, who was born 16 September 1929 in Waynesboro, Augusta County, Virginia.

Geraldine died 29 July 1999 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 69. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Albert died 19 June 2001 at the age of 79. He is buried beside his wife at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Robert Wayne Heiston⁸ (Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 13 December 1935 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Delilah Blanche *Moyer* and Dillard Vernon Heiston, Sr.

Robert attended Mount Carmel Regular Baptist Church and Antioch Independent Bible Church.

On 2 April 1973 he was married (private) – his wife survives him. Robert died at MontVue Nursing Home in Luray, Page County, Virginia on Thursday, 28 April 2016 at the age of 80. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Besides his wife, Robert was survived by three daughters, seven sons, two sisters, 26 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren (all private). He was preceded in death by a son, John Joseph Heiston⁹; three sisters: Rachel Virginia Ellis; Emma Louise Taylor and Vallie G. Hidrobo; also four brothers: James, Albert, Virgil, and Dillard Jr.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Raymond Theodore Moyer**

Nelson Raymond Moyer⁸ (Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Nelson was born 28 June 1915 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Raymond Theodore Moyer and his first wife Mae Estelle *Moyer*.

On 14 December 1935 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, Nelson married **Modelle Francis Crist**, who was born 22 February 1919 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Clarence J. Crist (1896-1942) and Mary E. *Racer* (1895-1939).

Nelson served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was then an attendant at a service station. Modelle was a clerk at a grocery store and then worked in a textile plant. The couple separated in November of 1942, and were divorced 28 June 1965 in Page County, Virginia.

Modelle died at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia on Wednesday, 16 January 1985 at the age of 65. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. She did not marry again. She was survived by Thurman Campbell, a friend.

Nelson died 7 July 1987 at the age of 72. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Nelson and Modelle were survived by one son born during their marriage (private).

Elsie Mae Moyer⁸ (Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elsie was born 24 October 1917 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Raymond Theodore Moyer and his first wife Mae Estelle *Moyer*.

On 23 December 1936 Elsie married **Roy Erskine Griffith**, who was born in 1918. Roy died 21 November 1973 at the age of 55. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Virginia.

Elsie died at MontVue Nursing home in Luray, Page County, Virginia, on 3 April 2006 at the age of 88. She is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Virginia. Elsie and Roy are survived by one son, a daughter, eight grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and two gr-gr-grandchildren survive (private). Elsie was also survived by four half-brothers and one half-sister (all private). Another son is deceased (shown below).

+Roy Lynwood Griffith⁹ – 1940-2007 – married Gail Nancy Williams.

William Douglas Moyer⁸ (Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 6 February 1920 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Raymond Theodore Moyer and his first wife Mae Estelle *Moyer*.

On 18 August 1942 William married **Ada Florence Jenkins**, who was born 16 February 1924 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Charles Franklin Jenkins (1897-1974) and Viola Virginia *Alger* (1903-1981). They were married by a minister of the Lutheran Church in Page County, Virginia. During WWII William served in the military. He worked as an auto mechanic. Their home was in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

William died at Page County Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 18 February 1981 at the age of 61. Cause of death was a heart attack. He is buried at Saint Luke Cemetery in Page County, Virginia.

Ada died 18 September 1993 at Harrisonburg, Virginia, at the age of 69. She is buried next to her husband William at Saint Luke Cemetery, Page County, Virginia.

Robert Theodore Moyer⁸ (Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 21 April 1923 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Raymond Theodore Moyer and his second wife Ina Pearl *Judd*. Robert lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He served in the military during WWII and was a member of Comer-Jones Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #621, Luray, Virginia. Robert died 16 February 1989 at the age of 65. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. No record was found of a marriage or children.

Kathleen Virginia Moyer⁸ (Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kathleen was born 28 April 1924 at Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Raymond Theodore Moyer and his second wife Ina Pearl *Judd*.

On 18 July 1942 a minister of the Lutheran Church officiated at the wedding of Kathleen Moyer and **Russell Lee Graves** in Page County, Virginia. Russell was born 21 November 1917 in Page County, Virginia, the son of George Thomas Graves and Myrtle Lee Donovan. Russell was the owner of Gold Star Auto in Luray, Virginia.

Russell, Sr. died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 13 March 1979 at the age of 62. Death was the result of congestive heart failure. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Kathleen died at their home in Luray on 18 November 1972 at the age of 48. Death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage. Kathleen is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Kathleen and Russell Graves, Sr. had two daughters and three sons—all deceased.

- +Robert Lee Graves⁹ – 1943-1994 – married (private)
- +Juanita Virginia Graves⁹ – 1944-2006 – married (private).
- +Jerry Wayne Graves⁹ – 1950-1987 – never married.
- +Russell Lee Graves, Jr.⁹ – 1962-2007 – married (private).
- +Kathy Lynn Graves⁹ – 1965-2014 – married (private).

Dorothy Pearl Moyer⁸ (Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dorothy was born 13 June 1925 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Raymond Theodore Moyer and his second wife Ina Pearl *Judd*.

On 31 July 1948 in Page County, Virginia, Dorothy married **Isaac Freeman Purdham**, who was born 13 January 1923 in Stanley, Page County, Virginia, the son of John Stanley Purdham (1896-1929) and Mamie Florence *Wilson* (1899-1988).

Isaac was a saw mill operator. Dorothy worked for Luray Textile Corp. in Page County, Virginia.

Isaac died 2 June 1989 at the age of 66 in Stanley, Page County, Virginia. He is buried at Graves Chapel Cemetery in Stanley, Page County, Virginia.

Dorothy died 24 November 2003 at the age of 78. She is buried next to her husband Isaac at Graves Chapel Cemetery in Stanley, Virginia.

Betty June Moyer⁸ (Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Betty June was born 24 June 1931 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Raymond Theodore Moyer and his second wife Ina Pearl *Judd*.

Betty June married (1) a Mr. Comer and they were divorced. No further information was found regarding the marriage.

On 29 April 1972 in Stanley, Page County, Virginia, before a minister of the Baptist Church, Betty June *Moyer* Comer married (2) **Lewis Edwin Lawson**, a single man. Lewis was born 23 September 1939 in Rockingham County, Virginia, the son of Elmer Clarence Lawson and Mamie Alice *Williams*.

Lewis served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a foreman for Massanutten Co. in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia, where he and Betty June lived.

Lewis lost his life at 12:20 a.m. on 26 March 1977 at the age of 37, when their mobile home located on State Route 763 in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia, accidentally burned. He died in the burning home from carbon monoxide poisoning and the burns he sustained. Lewis is buried at Elk Run Cemetery in Elkton, Rockingham County, Virginia.

Betty June died at her home in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia, on 11 March 1982 at the age of 51. The cause of death was a stroke. Betty June is buried at Rest Haven Cemetery in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia. She had at least one child, a daughter, probably from her first marriage (private).

Glyndon Elwood Moyer⁸ (Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glyndon was born 12 June 1932 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Raymond Theodore Moyer and his second wife Ina Pearl *Judd*.

Pfc. Glyndon Moyer entered military service in the U.S. Army on 12 September 1949 at the age of 17. Serving in the Korean Conflict, Glyndon was reported as missing in action on 2 December 1950. Still on the MIA list on 31 December 1953, the Army confirmed Glyndon's death on that date. For more than 63 years, Glyndon's name remained on the list of those still missing in action. The search for Glyndon came to an end in 2013 when his remains were located and identified. Glyndon was returned to Luray, his birth home, where he was buried with full military honors on Thursday, 25 July 2013 at Beahms Chapel Cemetery.

Glyndon's parents were deceased many years before his body was found. Thus, they never knew the fate of this son. Only three brothers and one sister remained to see their brother finally returned home to his family for burial.

Shirley Faye Moyer⁸ (Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Shirley was born 8 July 1945 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Raymond Theodore Moyer and his second wife Ina Pearl *Judd*.

Shirley and her husband were married by a minister of the regular Baptist Church in Luray, Page County, Virginia, on 2 December 1961. She was 16 years old. She was a homemaker. They lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He did farm work.

Shirley died from an act of homicide—a gunshot wound to the neck. It happened at her home in Luray—10:30 p.m. on 25 November 1980 at the age of 35—she died within minutes. Shirley is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery at Luray, Page County, Virginia. She was survived by her husband (private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ruth May Moyer Painter

Mary Elizabeth Painter⁸ (Ruth May Moyer⁷, Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Elizabeth was born 13 February 1921 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of James Franklin (Pete) Painter and Ruth May Moyer.

Mary Elizabeth married **Archie Lee Jenkins**, who was born 3 May 1915 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Leander A. Jenkins and Rosie Belle Gochenour.

Archie retired from work at Blue Bell, Inc. in Luray, Virginia. He died in Page County, Virginia on 11 May 1977 at the age of 62. Archie is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Mary Elizabeth died sometime after 2005.

Mary Elizabeth and Archie Jenkins, Sr. were survived by one daughter. One son is deceased (see below).

+Archie Lee Jenkins, Jr.⁹ – 1942-2005 – not married.

Elsie Marie Painter⁸ (Ruth May Moyer⁷, Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elsie was born 15 October 1922 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ruth May Moyer and James Franklin Painter.

Elsie Marie lived in Luray, and never married. She died at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia, on 28 March 1996 at the age of 73. She is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Page County, Virginia. One brother survives (private)

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ollie V. Moyer Decock

William Arnold Decock⁸ (Ollie V. Moyer⁷, Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 21 April 1925 in Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania, the son of Ollie Virginia Moyer and Joseph L. Decock.

William graduated with the class of 1944 from Ford City High School in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. He served with the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII. William received a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from Indiana University in Pennsylvania. He later attended Penn State University where he earned a Master's Degree in School Administration. For eight years, he worked at Moesta and Sons Clothing Store in Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and for 18 years taught geography and social studies in the Armstrong School District—teaching at Valley Township School, Kittanning Junior High School and Kittanning High School. Throughout the 1970s and

1980s, he worked as the supervisor of construction for the school district, and he then went on to fill the positions of building and grounds and school construction supervisor and assistant supervisor of personnel. William spent nearly 40 years of his life with the Armstrong School District. He retired in 1987.²⁰⁷

William was involved with many organizations in the community where he lived, i.e. BPO Elks #203 of Kittanning; Masonic Lodge #244 of Kittanning; the Latin American Club of Ford City; and the Worthington American Legion. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kittanning, where he served as chairman of the trustees. He belonged to the National Education Association and the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Organization. He also served as vice-chairman and was a member of the Kittanning Planning Commission. In his spare time William enjoyed woodworking and model trains—collecting o-gauge model trains and he belonged to the Lionel Operating Trains Society.²⁰⁸

William married **Wilhelmina Talmadge Woodman**, who was born 27 November 1924 in Vancleave, Jackson County, Mississippi, the daughter of Henry T. Woodman and Mary E. Roberts.

Wilhelmina died in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, on 1 January 1999. She is buried at Lawn Haven Burial Estates in Worthington, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

William died at Armstrong County Memorial Hospital in Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania on 30 October 2013 at the age of 88. He is buried next to his wife Wilhelmina at Lawn Haven Burial Estates in Worthington, Pennsylvania.

William and Wilhelmina were survived by two sons, a daughter, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren (all private). William was also survived by a half-sister (private). He was preceded in death by two brothers: Donald P. (information shown next) and Charles Lewis (born and died 1926). William was also preceded in death by a half-brother Eugene L. Decock (1913-2001).

Donald Perry Decock⁸ (Ollie V. Moyer⁷, Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donald was born 5 September 1933 in Ford City, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, the son of Ollie Virginia Moyer and Joseph Leopold Decock. Donald was married and divorced twice. He made his home in New Kensington, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Donald died January of 1983 at the age of 49. He had at least one child.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Ezra F. Moyer**

Margaret P. Moyer⁸ (Ezra F. Moyer⁷, Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret

²⁰⁷ From William Arnold Decock's obituary published in the *Pittsburgh Tribune Review* – 31 October 2013.

²⁰⁸ From William Arnold Decock's obituary (*Ibid.*)



was born 1918 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ezra F. Moyer and Virgie *Watson*.

Margaret married **George Owen Heckert**, who was born 5 June 1915 in York, York County, Pennsylvania, son of George Albert Heckert and Hazel *Owen*. He was baptized in the Asbury United Methodist Church on 6 June 1915. He graduated from Sigillum College in York, Pennsylvania in 1937. George is shown here during his senior year in the college.

George died at York, York County, Pennsylvania in October of 1986 at the age of 71. He is buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery, York, Pennsylvania. In 1982 Margaret was living in York, Pennsylvania. This was the last information found for her. No date was found regarding her death.

Gladys Marie Moyer⁸ (Ezra F. Moyer⁷ Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gladys was born 25 October 1920 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ezra F. Moyer and Virgie *Watson*. The family moved to York, York County, Pennsylvania and Gladys and her sister Margaret grew up there.

Gladys married **James Edward Robison**, who was born 16 March 1920 in York, York County, Pennsylvania, the son of Thomas B. Robison and Ella M. Bailey.

James entered service in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and was an aviation cadet in the U.S. Army Air Forces during WWII from 30 October 1943 to 10 November 1945. He was discharged at Richmond, Virginia.

James died at York, Pennsylvania on 26 November 1997 at the age of 77. He is buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery in York, Pennsylvania.

Gladys died 18 November 1988 at the age of 68. She is buried beside her husband at Prospect Hill Cemetery in York County, Pennsylvania.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Edna Irene Moyer Mauck

Clifton Leon Mauck⁸ (Edna Irene Moyer⁷, Christine Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clifton was born 18 June 1924 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Edna Irene *Moyer* and Reginald Clifton Mauck. Clifton was the twin brother of Eleanor F. *Mauck* Sherman, who died in 2015.

Clifton was a supervisor for Harley-Davidson, Inc. He retired from that position in 1985 after 25 years of service. Prior to that, he worked at the Naval Ordnance Plant in York, Pennsylvania. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Clifton married **Ruth Agnus Storm**, who was born 6 May 1924 in York County, Pennsylvania. Her parents are unknown. In 1930 at the age of five, Ruth was living in

New Oxford, Adams County, Pennsylvania with her uncle and aunt, Leo C. and Mary L. (Storm) Robinson. Ruth served as a private in the U.S. Army during WWII. She was discharged at Fort Dix, New Jersey after having served from 3 June 1944 to 26 November 1944.

Ruth died 12 January 1998 in York County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 73. She is buried at Susquehanna Memorial Gardens, York, York County, Pennsylvania.

Clifton died at the home of his son in West York, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, 3 February 1999 at the age of 74. He is buried next to his wife Ruth at Susquehanna Memorial Gardens in York, Pennsylvania.

Clifton and Ruth were survived by three sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private). They were preceded in death by an infant daughter: Brenda Lee Mauck⁹ who was born prematurely on 15 February 1949 in York, York County, Pennsylvania. She only lived three hours and 54 minutes. She is buried at Saint Marys-Saint Patricks Cemetery in Violet Hill, York County, Pennsylvania.

Eleanor F. Mauck⁸ (Edna Irene Moyer⁷, Christine Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eleanor was born 18 June 1924 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Edna Irene Moyer and Reginald Clifton Mauck. Eleanor was the twin sister of Clifton Leon Mauck, who died in 1999.

Eleanor was employed by McKay Chain Company and retired after 40 years with them. She was a member of the Covenant Moravian Church in York, Pennsylvania. Eleanor married in December of 1944 and she and her husband celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in December of 2014.

Eleanor Mauck Sherman died at Manor Care North in York, Pennsylvania on Friday, 23 October 2015 at the age of 91. She is buried at Mount Rose Cemetery in York, York County, Pennsylvania.

Eleanor was survived by her husband (private); also, two sons, two grandchildren and one great granddaughter (all private).

Coleen Mildred Mauck⁸ (Edna Irene Moyer⁷, Christine Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Colleen was born 22 November 1928 in Luray, Page County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Edna Irene Moyer and Reginald Clifton Mauck.

She married **Theodore B. Spangler, Sr.**, who was born 16 August 1927 in Pleasureville, York County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of John Ralph Spangler and Florence Minnich. They celebrated 66 years of marriage in 2015.

Theodore served in the U.S. Army in WWII. He worked for New York Wire Cloth in manufacturing and retired from Harley Davidson as a maintenance worker.

Coleen was called “a solid wife, wonderful friend, and a truly beautiful human being.” She was a homemaker. Coleen died at the M.S. Hershey Medical Center on Sunday, 1 March 2015 at the age of 86. She is buried at Mount Rose Cemetery in York, York County, Pennsylvania.

Theodore died at Manor Care North in York, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, 5 July 2016 at the age of 88. He was buried with full military honor next to his wife at Mount Rose Cemetery in York, Pennsylvania.

Coleen and Theodore Spangler were survived by two sons, five grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one gr-gr-grandson (all private). An infant son Jeffrey Allen Spangler⁹ preceded them in death. He was born 5 October 1954 and died 8 October 1954 in West York, York County, Pennsylvania, and he is buried at Mount Rose Cemetery.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
John Mervin Baker**

Joseph Willard Baker, PhD⁸ (John Mervin Baker⁷, Laura Angeline Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Joseph was born 15 September 1924 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of John Mervin Baker and Lizzie Pearl *Ellis*.

Dr. Baker was a graduate of Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Rockingham County, Virginia. He received his Master of Science Degree and PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of Virginia. He was a senior Group Leader in the Research Department of Monsanto for more than 33 years. He was the inventor on 1,927 U.S. and Foreign Patents and the author of 15 scientific articles and book chapters. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, Alpha Chi Sigma Professional Fraternity and the society of Sigma XI. Dr. Baker had a great interest in genealogy and spent many hours in libraries, churches, courthouses, and on the computer tracing his family's heritage.²⁰⁹ Dr. and Mrs. Baker lived in Kirkwood, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Dr. Baker married **Margaret Elizabeth Rountree**, RN. Margaret was born 21 March 1927 in Gates County, North Carolina, the daughter of Thomas W. Rountree and Elizabeth *Hurdle*. She served in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps during WWII. Margaret graduated from the Norfolk General Hospital School of Nursing. She attended the University of Virginia and Old Dominion University. She was employed as an instructor at Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Virginia, and also worked in nursing in Virginia, Florida and St. Louis, Missouri.²¹⁰

Margaret died 15 June 2009 at the age of 82. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Dr. Baker died 3 January 2013 at the age of 88. He is buried beside his wife at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. They were survived by one son and two grandchildren (private) and preceded in death by a daughter Laura. Dr. Baker was preceded in death by his younger brother Robert Wayne Baker.

+Laura Elizabeth Baker⁹ – 1954-2005 – married (private).

²⁰⁹ Information on the lifetime activities of Dr. Baker are from his obituary published in the *Page News and Courier*, Luray, VA – 10 January 2013.

²¹⁰ Information regarding Margaret Baker came from the records of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, Missouri.

Robert Wayne Baker⁸ (John Mervin Baker⁷, Laura Angeline Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 22 February 1932 in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was the son of John Mervin Baker and Lizzie Pearl *Ellis*.

Robert graduated from Luray High School in Luray, Page County, Virginia with the Class of 1951 (shown here).

In Luray, Virginia on 30 August 1957 Robert was married (private). At that time he was working as a carpenter and was living in Luray.

Robert died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia on 20 February 1988, two days before his 56th birthday. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Robert is survived by his wife (private).



**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
James William Batman**

Doris Adele Batman⁸ (James William Batman⁷, Benjamin Franklin Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Doris was born 8 August 1923 in Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky, the daughter of James William Batman and Sarah Olive *Brush*.

The family soon moved to Charleston, West Virginia, and Doris attended high school in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, graduating in 1940. In 1944, Doris was listed in the Charleston City Directory working as a secretary in the office of Valley Motor Company. With that finding, Doris seemed to drop from sight and no further record of her life could be found when searching the normal genealogical sites. Realizing she either married or died, my curiosity took over and I wondered why nothing could be found to verify this. Thus, I went to *Google*, a great resource for finding the unusual. This time I hit the jackpot. With my findings about what happened in the life of Doris Batman, I wrote her story for a *Looking Back* column I write for three local news outlets in the area where I live in Washington State. Her story follows:

Looking Back: Doris and Charles — and a love affair to be remembered

July 26, 2016

You may be surprised to learn this is actually a story about genealogy research. However, I am something of a romanticist when it comes to genealogy, and I definitely saw that this particular research project is all about romance.

Unlike most of my *Looking Back* stories, this one doesn't take place locally; instead it has its beginnings in Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky, where Doris was born in 1923, and onto Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, where Charles was born in 1924. It follows in 1946 to the office of the sheriff in Covington, Fountain County,

Indiana and at exactly the same time, to the headquarters of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Overseas Service lines located in Nurnberg/Nuremberg, Germany—and eventually to Washington, D.C. The final ending is in Arlington, Virginia.

For the past year I have been working on a genealogy/history book for a family with its roots in Virginia. I am now on page 586 of a book that is approaching record length for any genealogy work I have ever done before. A week ago during my research, I came across the record of a young lady by the name of Doris (her last name will not be used here). As mentioned, Doris was born in Kentucky. The family soon moved to Charleston, West Virginia, where Doris went to school, graduating from Charleston High School in 1940. In 1944 Doris, as shown in the city directory, was working as a secretary in the office of Valley Motor Company in Charleston. Here, Doris drops from sight. I could find no further records for her in the regular genealogy sites. So, I assumed she had married and now had a different name, or she had died. Still, there should be a record. Thus, I did what is always a wise choice; I went to my old friend Google. Entering Doris' maiden name and her date of birth, my answer came immediately from the most surprising and unusual genealogical source I have ever encountered. Following is the source which appeared on my computer screen.

“General Accounting Office. DECISIONS OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, Volume 27 – July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948. Lindsay G. Warren, Comptroller General of the United States. Frank I. Yates, Assistant Comptroller General of the United States. United States Government Printing Office, Washington: 1948. (B-657750)”

At first, I thought, what on earth can this be—it must be a mistake. It was not—what I received from office of the Comptroller of our country's finances was a record of Doris' marriage to Charles. Now, if any of you have done even a little bit of genealogy, you know this is not the normal place to find primary evidence for a marriage; and you probably have guessed by now, this had to be a very unusual marriage ceremony. Yes, it was very unusual—in fact the title of the Comptroller's case was “Validity of Marriage by Telephone.”

Charles, a Captain in the U.S. Air Corps, following WWII was stationed in Nuremberg at the time of the Nuremberg war trials in 1946. He had received written permission from his commanding officer for his marriage to Doris. The problem was that Charles was in Germany and Doris was in Indiana. The license for the two to marry had been obtained in Fountain County, Indiana, because it was understood that a telephone marriage would be legal according to the laws of that state.

Thus, at 4:35 p.m. on 4 May 1946, Central European Summer Time, over the wires of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Overseas Service lines, with Doris sitting in the office of the sheriff of Fountain County, Indiana, a minister of the Covington Methodist Church performed the ceremony joining Doris and Charles in marriage. At the side of Charles in Germany was a chaplain from the Air Service Group, as well as two

official witnesses from the Air Corps. The official record of the marriage was filed in the office of the sheriff of Fountain County, Indiana.

Of course, this still doesn't explain how the Comptroller General of the U.S. finances became involved. After the official ceremony, Doris went back to her home in Charleston, West Virginia, and Charles, doing his duty as a husband, filed for rental allowance for Doris as the wife of an officer in the U.S. Air Corps. The local finance officer had a problem about the legality of a telephone marriage and forwarded the matter to the Comptroller General of the United States for a ruling. Sad to say, the decision was that the comptroller's office did not recognize that a telephone marriage qualified as an officer's right to increased allowance for a "lawful wife." Thus the financial allowance normally given a wife was denied to Doris.

Charles remained in the service, and he and Doris were living in Washington, D.C. when in 1955, at the age of 32, Doris died. Evidently, the official supervising the burials of service men and their spouses in our national cemeteries had no trouble approving the legality of the marriage. Doris is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, her gravestone stating that she was the wife of Charles, a Col. in the USAF.

Following 30 years of service, Charles retired in 1971. Charles had what was called a distinguished military career—first with the Thirty-fourth Photo Reconnaissance Squadron during WWII and then receiving a regular commission in 1946, he continued in photo reconnaissance. He served a combat tour in Korea and also served in Vietnam. During his years in the service he was assigned to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Defense Intelligence Agency. Charles received numerous service awards, including the Space Pioneers Medal.

Charles died in late 2003 at the age of 79, and in January of 2004, he was laid to rest beside his wife Doris at Arlington National Cemetery.

As you can see, this story about Doris and Charles is not only a fantastic genealogical treasure—it is without doubt, a love affair to be remembered.

-By Betty Gaeng

Betty Gaeng is a long-time resident of Lynnwood and Edmonds, coming to the area in 1933. She researches and writes about the history and the people of both early-day Lynnwood and Edmonds.

For privacy, you will notice I did not use the last names of the couple. For the record here is the rest of the story.

On 4 May 1946, **Doris Batman** married **Capt. Charles Francis Hoy, Jr.** Charles Hoy was born 21 January 1924 in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia. He was the son of Charles Francis Hoy, Sr. and Mabel A. Tedder. Charles was a career member

of the armed forces attaining the rank of Colonel, USAF. He served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Doris and Charles were living in Washington, D.C. when Doris died 23 September 1955 at the young age of 32. She is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington County, Virginia—Section 30: Grave 1145-RH.

Col. Hoy did marry again. However, when he died on 13 October 2003 at the age of 79, he was laid to rest next to his first wife Doris at Arlington National Cemetery—Section 30: Grave 1145-LH. The cemetery's website contains photos of Col. Hoy.

James Franklyn Batman⁸ (James William Batman⁷, Benjamin Franklin Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 9 October 1924 in Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky, the son of James William Batman and Sarah Olive Brush.

On 16 September 1945, James married (private). They lived in Bridgeport, Harrison County, West Virginia.

James died at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, West Virginia, on 17 April 2002 at the age of 77. He is buried at Bridgeport Cemetery in Bridgeport, Harrison County, West Virginia.

He was survived by his wife, who had remarried and was widowed again (private). He was also survived by two daughters, one son, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren (all private). As shown below, one son is deceased.

+Richard Nile Batman⁹ – 1948-2007 – married (Private)

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
William Elmer Batman**

Bernard Elmer Batman⁸ (William Elmer Batman⁷, Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bernard was born 20 June 1908 in Page County, Virginia, the son of William Elmer Batman and Angie Ruth *Shenk*.

On 13 June 1942 in Page County, Virginia, Bernard married **Valda Mae Berry**, who was born 11 August 1918 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Charles Berry and Blanche *Judd*.

Valda was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bernard and Valda lived in Luray, Virginia.

Bernard died 22 October 1995 at the age of 87. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Valda died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray on Monday, 17 August 2009 at the age of 91. Valda is buried next to her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Bernard was survived by his sister Dorothy, who is now deceased. There was no mention of children.

Dorothy Pearl Batman⁸ (William Elmer Batman⁷, Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dorothy was born 9 September 1912 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of William Elmer Batman and Angie Ruth *Shenk*.

Dorothy was employed in Luray, Virginia, as a cafeteria worker. On 13 February 1930 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, Dorothy married **Charles Franklin Veach**, who was born 27 September 1905 in the Springfield area near Kimball, Page County, Virginia. Dorothy and Charles were divorced in March of 1958. In June of 1958, Charles married (2) Mittie Byrd *Dismukes* (1918-2009). Charles died 19 January 1996 at the age of 90. He is interred at the First Presbyterian Church Columbarium in Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa County, Florida.

Dorothy and Charles had two daughters during the time of their marriage—they survive (private). Dorothy and Charles were also survived by seven grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Dorothy was preceded in death by her brother Bernard.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
James Franklin Batman, Sr.**

Louise Virginia Batman⁸ (James Franklin Batman⁷, Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Louise was born 13 February 1913 in Kimball, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of James Franklin Batman, Sr. and Eva Earle *Judd*.

Louise died at the Rockingham County Hospital in Harrisonburg, Virginia on Tuesday, 1 August 1922 as the result of blood poisoning. She was nine years old. Louise is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Mary Batman⁸ (James Franklin Batman⁷, Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 10 October 1916 in Kimball, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of James Franklin Batman, Sr. and Eva Earle *Judd*.

At a young age, Mary married **Lewis Hudson Atkins**, who was born 18 December 1916 in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Homer C. and Lavinia Atkins. The marriage ended in divorce by the early 1950s. Lewis died 14 September 2005.

Mary died 18 November 1996 at the age of 80. She is buried at Beahms Cemetery (Rocky Branch), Page County, Virginia.

Emma Eileen Batman⁸ (James Franklin Batman⁷, Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emma was born 1 December 1918 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of James Franklin Batman Sr. and Eva Earle *Judd*.

Emma attended the Rocky Branch Regular Baptist Church and was a member of the Eastern Star.

Emma was married twice. Her first marriage was to **Wilbur M. Atkins** (1911-1980), the son of John R. Atkins and Eva Croxton. Emma and Wilbur lived in Washington, D.C. and Buffalo, New York. They were divorced. Wilbur married again and died in Henrico County, Virginia.

On 31 August 1962 Emma married (2) **Ray Clarence Griffin**, who was born 2 February 1915 in Lumberport, Harrison County, West Virginia, the son of Jerome Sylvester Griffin and Mattie Etta *Murray*. Ray and Emma lived in Luray, Virginia. Ray died 7 March 1990 at the age of 75 years. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Emma's home was on Batman Hill Road in Luray. She died at MontVue Nursing Home in Luray on Sunday, 18 November 2012 at the age of 93. She is buried beside her second husband Ray Griffin at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Emma's children are from her first marriage. She is survived by one son, one daughter, three granddaughters and four great grandchildren (all private).

James Franklin Batman, Jr.⁸ (James Franklin Batman⁷, Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 16 September 1920 in Page County, Virginia, the son of James Franklin Batman, Sr. and Eva Earle *Judd*.

James served in the U.S. Air Corps during WWII from 1941 through 1945. James was retired from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service where he worked as a U.S. Park Ranger.

On 17 June 1946 in Winchester, Virginia, he married **Iona Mary Cave**, who was born 19 October 1919 in Stanley, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Hunter Frederick Cave (1888-1937) and Mary Margaret *Beahm* (1899-1945). It was the second marriage for Iona Mary.

James died 15 August 1983 from an accident while working on his farm where they lived on U.S. Highway 211 East in Luray. While operating a bush logging machine, he fell from the tractor and died instantly from head injuries. He was 62 years old. James is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Iona May died 3 February 1991 at the age of 71. She is buried beside her husband James at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Elsie Katherine Batman⁸ (James Franklin Batman⁷, Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elsie was born 15 July 1924 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of James Franklin Batman and Eva Earle *Judd*. Elsie was a graduate of Luray High School, and worked as a clerk for the Town of Luray. She was a member of the Luray United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star for 54 years.

In 1946, Elsie married **Bernard Oswald Spitler, Jr.**²¹¹. Bernard was born 8 August 1920 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Bernie Oswald Spitler, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth *Brubaker*.

Bernard Jr. was retired from working at the Blue Bell Plant in Luray. He died at his home on 13 March 1981 at the age of 60. Cause of death was a heart attack and death was immediate. Bernard is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Elsie was living at 316 Sixth Ave. in Luray when she died on Monday, 4 July 2016 at the age of 91. She is buried next to her husband Bernard at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Elsie and Bernard are survived by one son, one daughter, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private). One daughter, Cynthia, is deceased (see below). Elsie was preceded in death by three sisters: Emma Eileen, Louise, and Mary; and by two brothers: James and Richard.

+Cynthia Ann Spitler⁹ – 1954-2013 – married (private).

Richard (Dickie) Earl Batman⁸ (James Franklin Batman⁷, Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Richard was born 25 April 1931 in Page County, Virginia, the son of James Franklin Batman, Sr. and Eva Earle *Judd*.

Richard served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. On 3 January 1952 in Jackson County, Missouri, Richard married **Dorothy May Dyke**, who was born 26 October 1931 at Lees Summit, Jackson County, Missouri, the daughter of Otis Leroy Dyke and Fannie L. *Clark*.

Dorothy died at Harrisonburg, Virginia on 27 February 1999 at the age of 67. She is buried at Batman Cemetery (Rocky Branch), Kimball, Page County, Virginia.

Richard died 13 January 2002 at Page County, Virginia—age 70. He is buried at Batman Cemetery (Rocky Branch), Kimball, Virginia.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Zada Pearl Batman Griffith**

Samuel Henry (Sporty) Griffith, Sr.⁸ (Zada Pearl Batman⁷, Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Samuel was born 9 May 1915 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Zada Pearl *Batman* and Henry Leslie Griffith.

On 9 December 1940, Samuel married **Violet Mae Clatterbuck**, who was born 21 August 1915 in Warrenton, Fauquier County, Virginia, the daughter of Edward Clatterbuck and Anne Beach.

²¹¹ This death date shown is the one listed on Bernard Spitler's death certificate. Find A Grave erroneously gives his death as being 1961, even though the attached photo of the gravestone clearly shows 1981. Also, I have used Bernard's middle name as Oswald, since that is the one given on his death certificate. Others use the name Oswel.

Samuel and Violet lived in Luray, where they owned and operated the Hillside Motel²¹² for more than 55 years—with Violet continuing to operate it until the year 2000, when she retired. Violet was a member of the Luray United Methodist Church and the Springfield Community Club, in addition to other community organizations.

Samuel died 20 August 1999 in Page County, Virginia, at the age of 84. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Violet died on Thursday, 9 May 2013 at the age of 97. She is buried beside her husband Samuel at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Samuel and Violet were survived by one son, a daughter, five grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Elmer Osborne Judd**

Edna Virginia Judd⁸ (Elmer Osborne Judd⁷, Martha Ann Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edna was born 12 February 1910 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Elmer Osborne Judd and Lena Irene *Racer*.

On 23 December 1933 in Page County, Virginia she married **John Samuel Heiston**⁷, who was the son of Joseph Samuel Heiston (1877-1954) and Dora Alice *Griffith* (1889-1974).

Edna died 21 November 1997 at the age of 87. She is buried at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

John died 26 January 2000 at the age of 91. He is buried next to his wife Edna at the Heiston Family Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Edna and John had at least two children, both daughters. One daughter survives (private). The eldest daughter is deceased (see below).

+Martha Jane Heiston^{8 and 9} – 1935-2015 – married Eunice Rexall Good.

Elizabeth Irene Judd⁸ (Elmer Osborne Judd⁷, Martha Ann Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elizabeth was born 16 February 1912 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Elmer Osborne Judd and Lena Irene *Racer*. She died 24 June 1913 at the age one year, four months and eight days. Elizabeth is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

²¹² Advertising for the motel states: *The Hillside Motel in Luray, VA is nestled between the Blue Ridge and Massanutten Mountains. We are located at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains (Thornton Gap entrance) of the Skyline Drive. We are conveniently located near all there is to do, see and enjoy in the Shenandoah Valley.* www.lurayhillsidehotel.com.

Elva Modelle Judd⁸ (Elmer Osborne Judd⁷, Martha Ann Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Elva was born 10 August 1914 at Pumpkin Hill, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Elmer Osborne Judd and Lena Irene *Racer*.

Elva attended Hall school in Shank Hollow and graduated from Luray High School in 1932. After high school she worked at the Mimslyn Hotel in Luray.

On 8 October 1937 in Manassas, Prince William County, Virginia, Elva married **Ernest Granville Miller**, who was born 28 September 1899 in Morning Star, Page County, Virginia, the son of David Wesley Miller (1858-1930) and Henrietta Virginia *Judd* (1857-1937). This was the second marriage for Ernest. His first marriage had ended in divorce in 1931. He did have two children from that marriage.

Elva and Ernest ran a country store at Morning Star for a short time after WWII. Elva worked 16 years as a sale associate at Leggett (Belk's) Department Store in Luray; retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Luray Christian Church. Ernest worked as a blacksmith for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

He died at his home in Luray, Virginia on 27 April 1966 at the age of 66. The cause of death was a heart attack. Ernest is buried at Morning Star Lutheran Church Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Elva lived at her home in Morning Star for nearly 75 years. She died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray on 26 September 2014 at the age of 100 years, one month and 16 days. She is buried next to her husband Ernest at Morning Star Lutheran Church Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Elva and Ernest are survived by two sons, six grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren (all private). She was also survived by two sisters (private).

Female Judd⁸ (Elmer Osborne Judd⁷, Martha Ann Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) She was born 1921 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Elmer Osborne Judd and Lena Irene *Racer*.

On 13 September 1941, she married **Thomas Edward Broyles Sr.**, who was born 6 March 1919 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Everett Broyles and Esther *Taylor*. At the time of their marriage, Thomas was working as a telephone lineman. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII – 1942-1945.

Thomas died 24 June 1998 at the age of 79. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery at Luray, Page County, Virginia, in the old Section 6, Lot 13, Grave 8. Thomas and his wife had two children, a daughter and a son (the son is now deceased).

+Thomas Edward Broyles, Jr.⁹ – 1945-2011 – married (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Carrie Thelma Judd Shenk

Orville Leon Shenk⁸ (Carrie Thelma Judd⁷, Martha Ann Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Orville was born 16 December 1918 in Kimball, Page County, Virginia, the son of Carrie Thelma *Judd* and John William Shenk.

Orville served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Later he worked as a disc jockey at a movie theater and radio Station.

Circa 1940 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, Orville married (1) **Mary Louise Knott**, who was born 1 October 1919 in Virginia, the daughter of Jesse J. Knott and Ruth L. *Rosser*. Orville and Mary Louise were separated 22 July 1948, and divorced 29 November 1950 in Page County, Virginia. Mary Louise died 15 March 1974 at the age of 54. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Mary Louise and Orville Shenk had a daughter, Shirley Ann.

On 20 October 1951 in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, Orville married (2) **Edna Blanche McCoy**, who was born 30 June 1930 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of John William McCoy and Dora *Lucas*. They separated 19 August 1965 and were divorced 7 October 1966. Edna worked for Blue Bell Co.

On 16 April 1967 Orville married (3) **Ethel Irene Ellis Jenkins**, who was born 29 November 1921 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Hubert Daniel Ellis (1895-1946) and Ollie Elizabeth *Fox* (1896-1950). Ethel had been married to Clyde Leonard Jenkins (1912-1992) and divorced 20 March 1967. She was a saleslady at a movie theater. Ethel died 9 May 1970 at the age of 48. She is buried beside her husband Orville at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Orville died 21 July 1990 at the age of 71. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Orville had a daughter from his first marriage, and he also had another daughter who died as an infant.

+Shirley Ann Shenk⁹ – 1941-2014 – married (1) Moyer and (2) Turner.

Susan Rebecca Shenk⁹ – 1964-1964 – died as an infant and buried beside her father.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ethel May Moyer Waters

Reda Mae Waters⁸ (Ethel May Moyer⁷, Mary Olive Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Reda was born 2 June 1913 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ethel May *Moyer* and Isaac Maurice Waters.

She married **Allen Elmore Rickard**, who was born 1 May 1921. He died in Page County, Virginia on 29 March 1992 at the age of 70. Allen is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Reda died at MontVue Nursing Home in Luray, Page County, Virginia, Saturday, 7 May 2011 at the age of 97. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Fleda Fern Moyer Foster**

Edward Delaine Foster⁸ (Fleda Fern Moyer⁷, Mary Olive Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edward was born 23 April 1922 at Charles Town, Jefferson County, West Virginia, the son of Fleda Fern Moyer and Hoyte Edward Foster.

Edward was a 1941 graduate of Martinsburg High School in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII. He retired from work at DuPont Company. Edward was a member of the Little Falls Presbyterian Church in Falling Waters, Berkeley County, West Virginia, where he served as an elder, a deacon, Sunday school teacher and a member of the choir. He was a member of American Legion Post 202 in Williamsport.

He married **Dorothy Regina Bartley**, who was born 3 September 1922 in Berkeley County, West Virginia, the daughter of Joseph L. Bartley and Lottie Mae Maybush. Their home was in Falling Waters, West Virginia.

Edward died at City Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on Thursday, 15 March 2001 at the age of 78. He is buried at Pleasant View Memory Gardens in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia.

Dorothy died 16 August 2011 at the age of 88. She is also buried at Pleasant View Memory Gardens in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Edward and Dorothy were survived by two daughters, two sons, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren (all private). A grandson John Paul Foster¹⁰ was deceased. Edward was preceded in death by his younger brother James.

James Alonson Foster⁸ (Fleda Fern Moyer⁷, Mary Olive Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 9 August 1925 in West Virginia, the son of Fleda Fern Moyer and Hoyte Edward Foster.

Pfc. Foster was a member of Co. K, 310th Infantry, 78th Div. serving in Germany during WWII. He died 20 December 1944 at Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany, of wounds he received in action at the Hurtgen Forest in Germany. James was 19 years old. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia—Section 12, Site 2308.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
John Orland Webster**

John Leon Webster⁸ (John Orland Webster⁷, Annie Belle Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 7 August 1925 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of John Orland Webster and Ethel Virginia Dwyer. John lived in Luray, Virginia, and was a supervisor for a door company in Luray. He died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 19 October 1994 at the age of 69. John is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was not married and left no issue.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Amos Roscoe Griffith**

Elsie Marie Griffith⁸ (Amos Roscoe Griffith⁷, Bettie Alice Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marie (preferred name) was born 23 December 1921 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Amos Roscoe Griffith and Margarette Virginia Martin.

On 8 June 1936 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, Marie married (1) **Marvin Gilbert Long**, who was born 4 August 1917 in Page County, Virginia. Marvin served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1946 during WWII. They were separated in March of 1946 and divorced 26 July 1948. They had two minor children at this time. Marvin Long married again and died 13 January 1993.

Marie married 9 July 1949 in Frederick County, Virginia (2) **Ray Daniel Rudolph**, who was born 20 January 1923 at Stephen City, Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Norman Rudolph and Katie Robinson. Marie Rudolph died in Orange County, Florida, on 4 September 1983 at the age of 61.

Kenneth (Kenny) Junior Griffith⁸ (Amos Roscoe Griffith⁷, Bettie Alice Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kenneth was born 14 July 1924 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Amos Roscoe Griffith and Margarette Virginia Martin.

Kenneth was a decorated U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He participated in the invasion of Normandy and was a POW. In private life, he retired as a mechanic from Avtex after 40 years of service at Fort Royal, Virginia. He was a member of VFW Post 1860; American Legion, Giles B. Cook Post 53; and the Front Royal Order of Moose Lodge 829.

Kenneth died at his home in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia, on Thursday, 19 March 2009 at the age of 84. Kenneth is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was survived by his wife (private), and one son, two daughters, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren (all private).

Norma Jean Griffith⁸ (Amos Roscoe Griffith⁷, Bettie Alice Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Norma Jean was born 7 April 1929 at Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Amos Roscoe Griffith and Margarette Virginia *Martin*. Norma Jean was only a year old when her father Amos took his own life.

On 5 February 1966 in Fairfax County, Virginia, Norma Jean married (2) **Carter Gilmore (Sam) Duley**, who was born 7 March 1923 in the District of Columbia, a son of Harry G. Duley (1903-1950) and Ethel F. *Carter* (1905-1957).

Sam served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and participated with the D-Day landing craft and at Iwo Jima. He worked as an electrician with the Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C. Norma Jean worked as a bookkeeper.

Norma Jean died 27 November 1990 at the age of 61. She is buried next to her husband Carter at Columbia Gardens Cemetery in Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia – Section P.

Carter was living at Lake of the Woods at Locust Grove, Orange County, Virginia when he died on Tuesday, 30 July 2002 at the age of 79. Carter is buried at Columbia Gardens Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. He was survived by a daughter, a son, four grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren (all private). These may have been children of an earlier marriage.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Luther Franklin Woods**

Fern Edith Woods⁸ (Luther Franklin Woods⁷, Edelia Virginia Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Fern was born 12 June 1912 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Luther Franklin Fox and Virginia (Virgie) Frances *Lehew*.²¹³

Fern married Elder **John Lester Bradley**, who was born 10 September 1907 in Page County, Virginia, the son of John G. Bradley and Medora *Shenk*. Fern and John lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Elder John Bradley was retired from work at Luray Motor Co. in Luray. He died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Virginia on 9 December 1980 at the age of 73. Cause of death was an aneurism. John is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Fern died 10 February 2000 at the age of 87. She is buried beside her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Fern and John Bradley had at least one child, a son (private). See Page 775 for the maternal lineage for Fern *Woods* Bradley.

²¹³ These are the paternal roots for Fern Woods—she is enumerated on page 775 regarding her maternal roots.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Lennis Myrtle Fox Stombock

Creta Eileen Stombock⁸ (Lennis Myrtle Fox⁷, Benton Dagabert Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Creta was born 25 August 1921 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Lennis Myrtle Fox and Samuel Theron Stombock.

On 9 September 1939 she married **Hubert Franklin Griffith**, who was born 22 November 1920 in Page County, Virginia. Creta lived in Luray, Virginia, and was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church.

Hubert died 1 August 1997 at the age of 76. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Creta died at Hidden Springs Senior Living center in Bentonville, Warren County, Virginia on Tuesday, 12 January 2010 at the age of 88. She is buried next to her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Creta and Hubert were survived by one son, two grandsons and four great grandchildren (all private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Lydia Duan Beahm Miller

Franklin Edward Miller, Sr.⁸ (Lydia Duan Beahm⁷, Bertha Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Franklin was born 25 November 1916 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Lydia Duan Beahm and Otha Clarence Miller.

On 31 July 1934 Franklin married **Margaret Virginia Fox**⁸, who was born 21 August 1916 at Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Homer C. Fox and Blanche S. Beahm.

Franklin had been a textile worker at the Virginia Oak Tannery for 40 years. Margaret was a homemaker. They were members of Mt. Carmel Regular Baptist Church.

Franklin died at the Page Memorial Hospital in Luray on Sunday, 1 February 2004 at the age of 87. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Margaret died at her home in Luray, Virginia on Tuesday, 18 January 2005 at the age of 88. She is buried next to her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

Franklin and Margaret are survived by one daughter, seven grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren (all private). They have three deceased children: Phyllis, Franklin and John.

+Phyllis Jeanette Miller⁹ – 1936-2008 – married (private)

+Franklin Edward (Bug Eye) Miller, Jr.⁹ – 1939-1999 – married Judy Marie Good.

+John Alton Miller⁹ – 1942-2005 – married (private).

Mildred May Miller⁸ (Lydia Duan Beahm⁷, Bertha Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mildred was born 15 December 1918 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Lydia Duan *Beahm* and Otha Clarence Miller.

Mildred never married. She died 27 February 1992 at the age of 74. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Harold Elwood Miller⁸ (Lydia Duan Beahm⁷, Bertha Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Harold was born 13 March 1925 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Lydia Duan *Beahm* and Otha Clarence Miller.

On 3 December 1946 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, Harold married **Louise May Frazier**, who was born 1 October 1926 in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia, the daughter of Homer Newton Frazier and Virgie Alma *Dwyer*.

Harold died 17 June 1966 at the age of 41. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Louise died at Alexandria, Virginia, on 3 May 2001 at the age of 74. She is buried next to her husband Harold at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Harold and Louise were survived by one daughter (private). A son Eddy is deceased (see below).

+Eddie Wayne (Sneaky) Miller⁹ – 1950-1998 – married (private).

Allen Leroy (Jack) Miller⁸ (Lydia Duan Beahm⁷, Bertha Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Allen was born 3 January 1931 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Lydia Duan *Beahm* and Otha Clarence Miller.

Allen married **Hattie Fern Fox**, who was born 13 March 1930 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Raymond Leon Fox and Ruth Marie *Bradley*.

Allen was DOA at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on 28 June 1956. He died instantly from a skull fracture and leg fractures when his car overturned while going around a curve in the road at 8:15 p.m. on that date. Allen was 25 years, five months and 26 days old. He is buried at Morning Star Lutheran Church Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

In 1962, Hattie married a second time. She worked 36 years as a clerk for Pine Knoll Gift Shop in Luray. She was a member of Morning Star Lutheran Church.

Hattie Fern *Fox* Miller Jenkins died at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia on Tuesday, 1 July 2008 at the age of 78. She is buried at Morning Star Lutheran Church Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. She was survived by her second husband (private).

Allen and Hattie were survived by a daughter who was born 1949; by a granddaughter, a grandson, and two great grandchildren (all private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Pauline Reva Judd Frazier

Doris June Frazier⁸ (Pauline Reva Judd⁷, Mary Viola Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Doris was born 4 March 1931 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Pauline Reva Judd and Alexander (Todie) Frazier.

Doris worked as a cashier for the Luray Caverns Corporation in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

On 13 October 1950 in Page County, Virginia, Doris married (private). Doris and her husband were separated and divorced 12 January 1976.

Doris' home was in Luray. She died at Page Memorial Cemetery in Luray on Saturday, 26 December 2015 at the age of 84. Doris *Frazier* Hoak is buried at Beahm's Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. She was survived by a son, a daughter, and two grandsons. Doris was preceded in death by an infant son Kevin.

Kevin Neil Hoak⁹ – 18 Dec. 1961 – 25 Dec. 1961—buried Beahms Chapel Cemetery.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Ermon Luther Fox

Laura Isabelle Fox⁸ (Ermon Luther Fox⁷, Ida Bell Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Isabelle was born 22 June 1915 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ermon Luther Fox and Anna Fern *Bradley*.

Isabelle first married **Leonard A. Griffith**, who was born circa 1902 in Page County, Virginia.

5 December 1952 in Winchester, Virginia, she married (2) 52-year-old retired widower **John Matthew Fraley**, who was born in Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, West Virginia, the son of Charles W. Fraley and Sarah *Jones*.

Isabelle died at Rileyville, Virginia on 26 April 1957 at the age of 41. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery, Luray, Page County, Virginia.

John Edward Fox⁸ (Ermon Luther Fox⁷, Ida Bell Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 21 July 1917 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Ermon Luther Fox and Anna Fern *Bradley*.

John served as a S/Sgt in the U.S. Army during WWII. He worked for the Virginia Telephone and Telegraph Co. and for a grocery company.

On 14 November 1946 in Page County, Virginia, John married (1) **Minnie Marie Deavers Carter**, a divorcee. She was born in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of

Edward Deavers and Mary *Nichols*. John and Minnie separated 30 July 1949 and were divorced 21 January 1954 in Page County, Virginia—no children.

On 18 July 1953 John married (2) **June Elizabeth Miller Bailey**, a divorcee. She was born circa 1923 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Grover Cleveland Miller and Ollie *Modisett*. They were separated 5 February 1955 and divorced 14 October 1959 at New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia. They had no children.

John died 1 August 1987 at the age of 70. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Franklin and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Annie Elizabeth Mauck Morgan Arbogast**

Jennings Davis Morgan⁸ (Annie Elizabeth Mauck⁷, Ella Nora Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jennings was born 12 October 1924 in Richwood, Nicholas County, West Virginia, the son of Annie Elizabeth *Mauck* and her first husband Pinkney Davis Morgan.

Jennings served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was a tool and die maker for the electric light and power company. His marital status is unknown, although his death lists him as married. Jennings last residence was Akron, Summit County, Ohio.

Jennings died in a long-term care facility in Barberton, Summit County, Ohio on 30 January 1989 at the age of 64.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Glendon Oscar Mauck**

Berkley Warren Mauck⁸ (Glendon Oscar Mauck⁷, Ella Nora Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Berkley was born 22 February 1935 in Roanoke, Virginia, the son of Glendon Oscar Mauck and Virginia (Jennie) Harriet *Akers*.

The family lived in Roanoke, Virginia, where his father was a maintenance engineer.

Berkley was a student at Jefferson High School in Roanoke, Virginia in 1951 when this photo of him was taken. The following year while he was still a student, Berkley accidentally drowned in a public swimming pool in Roanoke, Virginia on 25 May 1952. He was 17 years old. Berkley is buried at Sherwood Burial Park in Salem City, Roanoke County, Virginia. His mother and father survived him. However, Berkley's mother died from an unknown cause less than three months after her son's tragic death. His father died in 1968.



Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Hilda Virginia Mauck Kibler McBride Dofflemoyer

James (Jimmy) Earl Kibler⁸ (Hilda Virginia Mauck⁷, Ella Nora Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 16 January 1935 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Hilda Virginia Mauck and Joseph Earl Kibler.

James was a 1954 graduate of Luray High School. He owned and operated Kibler's Central Market (a Richfood member) in Luray for 31 years. In 1969 he relocated and modernized the store into one of the premier independent supermarkets in the Shenandoah Valley.

He earned his private pilot's license at the age of 20, owned his own plane and was a member of the Aircraft Owner's and Pilot's Association (AOPA). Serving with his father and his uncle Lloyd G. Kibler, he was a 50-year member of the Luray Volunteer Fire Department. He served for 18 years on the Luray Planning Commission and was a board member of the Beahms Chapel Cemetery. He was a member of the Luray Church of the Brethren.

James was very active in Luray, the community where he lived. He was a Mason and Past Master of Lafayette Lodge No. 137, A.F. & A.M. and Past District Deputy Grand Master in the 5th Masonic District. He was also a Past Governor of Luray Moose Lodge No. 1413. He and his three sons were members of Boy Scout Troop 7 in Luray, and the Boy Scouts of America organization and Shenrapawa District Council were special to him.

James had a home in Luray and Daytona Beach, Florida. He died at the Winchester Medical Center on Friday, 28 August 2009 at the age of 74. Death came as the result of a stroke he suffered on August 14 in Luray. While living at his Florida home 14 years before he died, James had his first stroke.

His marriage took place on 2 November 1956, and they had three sons. James is survived by his three sons (all private). James was also survived by his two sisters and one brother (all private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Evelyn Rebecca Mauck Sanders

Eleanor Rebecca Sanders⁸ (Evelyn Rebecca Mauck⁷, Ella Nora Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eleanor was born 13 November 1939 in Richmond, Virginia. She was the daughter of Evelyn Rebecca Mauck and Keith Willis Sanders.

Eleanor graduated in 1958 from Oskaloosa High School in Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa. She later earned her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license. Eleanor worked as a nursing assistant and medication aide. She was employed at the Washington Care Center, the University of Iowa Hospitals, and at the Halcyon House, where she

worked until she retired. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Washington, Iowa. She had been married. Her married name was **Timmons**.

Eleanor *Sanders* Timmons was living in Washington, Washington County, Iowa, when she died at the M. I. McCreedy Home in that city, on Monday, 25 February 2013 at the age of 73. She is interred at Elm Grove Cemetery in Washington, Iowa.

Eleanor was survived by three daughters, a son, and eight grandchildren (all private). A brother and a sister survive (private). Eleanor has one deceased brother Kenwood (shown below).

Kenwood W, (Plywood) Sanders⁸ (Evelyn Rebecca Mauck⁷, Ella Nora Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kenwood was born 8 September 1946 in South Dakota, the son of Evelyn Rebecca *Mauck* and Keith Willis Sanders.

Kenwood graduated from Washington High School in Washington, Iowa. He then ran the Apco Gas Station in Washington. He also worked for Modine Mfg. Company for 38 years.

Kenwood had been married. He died at the Select Specialty Hospital in Davenport, Iowa, on Wednesday, 18 June 2014 at the age of 67. He is buried at Elm Grove Cemetery in Washington, Washington County, Iowa.

He was survived by four sons and four grandchildren (all private). He was also survived by a brother and a sister (private). He was preceded in death by his sister Eleanor Timmons.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
James Franklin Cave**

Frances (Fran) Ann Cave⁸ (James Franklin Cave⁷, Bertha Violetta Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frances was born 24 May 1944 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of James Franklin Cave and Zelma Rae *Blake* Koontz.

Fran was a wife and a mother. She was a church music director during the first half of her professional life. Following that, she was a successful chef, cooking teacher, cookbook author and owner of a gourmet gift basket business.

Fran and her husband lived in Derwood, Maryland. She died on Tuesday, 9 November 2004 at the age of 60. Cause of death was breast cancer. Frances *Cave* Chapman is buried at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia. She was survived by her husband and her two daughters (all private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Elsie Lee Cave Roudabush

James Eldridge Roudabush⁸ (Elsie Lee Cave⁷, Bertha Violetta Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 18 August 1934 in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia, the son of Elsie Lee Cave and Roy Eldridge Roudabush.

In 1952, James graduated from Shenandoah High School in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia. He also graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Montgomery County, Virginia, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in General Sciences. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1956 to 1960 and the National Guard from 1960 to 1963. He retired from the chemical company I.C.I. Americas as plant manager from 1965 to 1990.

James died in the emergency room at Moses Cones Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina, on Monday, 17 April 2006 at the age of 71. He is buried at Coverstone Cemetery in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia.

James was married at least two times—his last marriage ending in 2004. He was survived by three sons, one daughter, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Martha Lee Roudabush⁸ (Elsie Lee Cave⁷, Bertha Violetta Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martha was born 4 August 1938 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Elsie Lee Cave and Roy Eldridge Roudabush.

Martha died at Medical College Hospital in Richmond, Virginia on 13 September 1950 at the age of 12. The probable cause was given as encephalitis. Martha is buried at Coverstone Cemetery in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia.

She was survived by her parents and by her older brother James. All are since deceased.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Anna Belle Fox Kibler Burke

Sue Carole Burke⁸ (Anna Belle Fox⁷, Edward Franklin Fox⁶, Benjamin Franklin Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner³, Peter Ruffner¹) Sue was born 14 July 1944 in Washington, D.C., the daughter of Anna Belle Fox and Bryant Burke.

Sometime after Sue's birth, the family moved to Luray, Page County, Virginia. On 2 March 1963, Sue married **Richard (Dick) Allen Moyer**. Richard was born 29 December 1937, also in Washington, D.C. He was the son of Lynwood Moyer and Helen Klein.

Richard's early years were spent in Maryland and Virginia. He graduated from Washington & Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia and had also attended Warren County High School in Front Royal, Virginia. He attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C. There he majored in engineering. In 1956, Richard joined the U.S. Air Force National Guard and was activated in 1961. After his marriage to Sue, they lived in Falls Church, Virginia. They had a landscaping service in the counties of Arlington and Fairfax, Virginia. In addition they owned and operated Moyer's Used Cars in Luray and Moyer Chrysler-Plymouth in Stanley, Virginia. Later, they purchased a crane and Richard and Sue relocated to Pompano Beach, Florida in January of 1969. The Florida business included several crane and heavy equipment companies, land clearing services, real estate transactions and finally heavy construction equipment sales and repair businesses. Richard had an ongoing health problem.

They were living in Coconut Creek, Florida, when Richard died at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he had been a patient for over a month. Richard died on Monday, 18 September 2000 at the age of 62. He is buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Pompano Beach, Broward County, Florida.

Sue was living in Margate, Broward County, Florida, when she died at her home on Monday, 26 January 2015 at the age of 70. She is also buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Pompano Beach, Florida. Sue and Richard were survived by four children and 12 grandchildren (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Frederick Thornton Alther**



Barbara Lee Alther⁸ (Frederick Thornton Alther⁷, William Keller Alther⁶, William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Barbara was born 19 January 1943 in Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, the daughter of Frederick Thornton Alther and Helen Dorothy Grady. Shown here, Barbara graduated in 1960 from Bennett High School in Buffalo, New York.

She was married – her married name **Vara**. Barbara Lee Vara died in New York on 22 November 2005 at the age of 62. She is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, Erie County, New York.

William Grady Alther⁸ (Frederick Thornton Alther⁷, William Keller Alther⁶, William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 5 May 1946 in New York, the son of Frederick Thornton Alther and Helen Dorothy Grady. William served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam. He died during the war on 4 September 1971. William is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, Erie County, New York—Section 1.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Ray Oliver Bowman

Wanda Carolyn Bowman⁸ (Ray Oliver Bowman⁷, Sarah Elizabeth Alther⁶, William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wanda was born 10 April 1926 in Pittsburgh, Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Ray Oliver Bowman and Wanda Marie Anna *Seehafer*.

Wanda married **Frank Victor Weiler**, who was born 13 March 1919 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the son of Frank C. Weiler and Christina R. *Nealy*.

Frank enlisted 18 March 1942 in Syracuse, New York, and served as a Major in the U.S. Marine Corps in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Wanda was a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Frank died 26 June 1999 at the age of 80. He is buried at Highland Hills Memorial Gardens in Follansbee, Brooke County, West Virginia.

Wanda died at Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio on 4 March 2008 at the age of 81. She is buried next to her husband Frank at Highland Hills Memorial Gardens in Follansbee, West Virginia.

Bruce A. Bowman⁸ (Ray Oliver Bowman⁷, Sarah Elizabeth Alther⁶, William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bruce was born 18 June 1933 in Rhode Island, the son of Ray Oliver Bowman and Wanda Marie Anna *Seehafer*. Bruce's last residence was Weirton, Hancock County, West Virginia.

He died in Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio on 27 March 2008 at the age of 74. He survived his sister Wanda by 23 days. Bruce is survived by a younger brother who lives in Monroe, Snohomish County, Washington. No evidence of a marriage for Bruce was found.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Lois M. Forney Lewis

Patricia Ann Lewis⁸ (Lois M. Forney⁷, Lolah Lois Alther⁶, William C. Alther⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Patricia was born 24 July 1931 in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Lois M. *Forney* and Max W. Lewis.

Patricia never married. She died at Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, on 23 November 1991 at the age of 60. Patricia's mother survived her, but died the following year at the age of 83.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
William Alfred Alther

Winston Lee Alther⁸ (William Alfred Alther⁷, Birkett Henry Alther⁶, Jacob Alther Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Winston was born 25 October 1936 in Fauquier County, Virginia, the son of William Alfred Alther and Neva Clark *Whorton*.

William was single and lived in Amissville, Culpeper County, Virginia. On 30 July 1961 about 7:45 a.m., while at work on a farm in Amissville, William was accidentally run over by a tractor. Five hours later at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, 24-year old Winston Alther died as a result of the internal injuries to his chest and abdomen from the accident.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
James Henry Pullen

Ronald Lee Pullen⁸ (James Henry Pullen⁷, Virgie Mary Alther⁶, Jacob Alther, Jr.⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Clem³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ronald was born 3 May 1948 in Virginia, the son of James Henry Pullen and Frances Rene *Sisk*.

Ronald served in Vietnam as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army. Later he lived in Sperryville, Rappahannock County, Virginia and worked for the State of Virginia Department of Transportation.

Ronald died while an inpatient at Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia, on 9 July 1987 at the age of 39. Death was the result of multiple severe injuries suffered when he was at work at 7:35 a.m. on 18 June 1987 and was accidentally run over by a dump truck at a construction site at Warrenton in Fauquier County, Virginia. Ronald is buried at Culpeper National Cemetery, Culpeper, Culpeper County, Virginia—Plot J-258. Ronald had never married and left no issue.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Esther (Esta) Mae Strickler Mauck

Max Everett (Ace) Mauck⁸ (Esther Mae Strickler⁷, Emma Belle Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Max was born 2 July 1928 in West Virginia, the son of Esther (Esta) Mae *Strickler* and Everett Roderick Mauck.

Max served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a mechanic in the aircraft industry. His usual home was Martinsburg, Berkeley, West Virginia. Max was married sometime before 1957 to **Nancy Gail** (birth name unknown). She was born 10 March 1937.

Max died 6 June 1998 at the age of 69. He is buried at Rosedale Cemetery in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia.

Nancy died at the Hospice of the Panhandle Inpatient Facility in Berkeley County, West Virginia on Monday, 11 July 2016 at the age of 79. According to her obituary, there were no members of her birth family surviving. Max and Nancy were survived by one son, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren (all private).

David Wayne Mauck⁸ (Esther Mae Strickler⁷, Emma Belle Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 21 August 1930 in West Virginia, the son of Esther (Esta) Mae *Strickler* and Everett Roderick Mauck. David served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. His usual address was Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia. His marital information is unknown.

David died 11 February 1983 at the age of 52 in Berkley County, West Virginia—his last residence was Martinsburg. He is buried at Rosedale Cemetery in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Elbert Harrison Strickler

Willys Roland Strickler⁸ (Elbert Harrison Strickler⁷, Emma Belle Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Willys was born 5 April 1926 in Kimball, Page County, Virginia, the son of Elbert Harrison Strickler and Oneida Glenrose *Kibler*.

Willys served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He worked as an accountant. On 7 October 1950 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, Willys married **Betty June Holtzman**, who was born 26 June 1926 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Herbert Miles Holtzman and Lila Catherine *Huffman*.

Willys died 7 October 1988 at the age of 62. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Betty June died 2 July 1993 at the age of 67. She is buried beside her husband Willys at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Willys and Betty June were survived by one child (private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ruth Virginia Strickler Beahm Stickley

Doris Beahm⁸ (Ruth Virginia Strickler⁷, Emma Belle Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Doris

was born 14 October 1930 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ruth Virginia *Strickler* and her first husband Charles Luther Beahm.

Doris was a school teacher in Winchester, Virginia in 1956 when she married **Arthur G. DeWitt** on 10 June 1956. Doris and Arthur were married in Roanoke, Virginia, by a priest of the Roman Catholic Church. Arthur was born 2 February 1934 in Everett, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, the son of Daniel DeWitt and Catherine *Gill*. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Doris and Arthur moved to Florida in 1958. They made their home in Orlando, Florida. Doris was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oviedo, Florida. She volunteered many hours as the Chairman of the Christian Resource Library.

Arthur died 7 July 1990 at the age of 56. He is buried in the Garden of Memories at Glen Haven Memorial Park and Mausoleum in Winter Park, Orange County, Florida.

Doris died on Sunday, 18 January 2009 at the age of 78. She is buried next to her husband Arthur at the Garden of Memories in Glen Haven Memorial Park in Winter Park, Florida. Doris and Arthur are survived by three sons and several grandchildren (all private). Doris was preceded in death by her two sisters. She was survived by her two brothers (both private)

Joyce Velma Beahm⁸ (Ruth Virginia Strickler⁷, Emma Belle Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Joyce was born 24 December 1938 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Ruth Virginia *Strickler* and her first husband Charles Luther Beahm.

Joyce graduated from Andrew Lewis High School in Salem, Virginia. She worked in retail sales and was employed by J.C. Penney in Lynchburg, Virginia for many years, as well as Lowe's in both Lynchburg and Roanoke, Virginia.

Joyce was first married 15 March 1959; separated 25 October 1970 and divorced 25 January 1971. Four children were born to Joyce during this marriage.

On 7 March 1971, Joyce married her second husband. They were separated 25 August 1977, and divorced 17 October 1978. One child was born to Joyce during this marriage.

Joyce married for the third and final time in October of 1994 and they made their home in Roanoke, Virginia. Joyce Velma *Beahm* Mills died unexpectedly on Wednesday, 12 June 2013 at the age of 74. Joyce was survived by her third husband, her two daughters and three sons, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren (all private). She was also survived by two brothers (both private). She was preceded in death by two sisters: Loretta (an infant) and Doris DeWitt.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Amiss Franklin Lillard**

Frances L. Lillard⁸ (Amiss Franklin Lillard⁷, John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frances

was born 16 October 1917 in Warren County, Virginia, the daughter of Amiss Franklin Lillard and Amanda Louise *Ross*.

On 6 November 1937, Frances married **Thomas Downer Whitely**, who was born 29 September 1914 in Fife, Fulton County, Georgia, the son of Howard Sidney Whitely and Carrie *Boyd*. Thomas worked for the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Thomas Whitely, Sr. died 13 September 2001 at the age of 86. He is buried at Refuge United Methodist Church Cemetery in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia.

Frances was living at Arlington, Virginia when she died Sunday, 16 June 2002 at the age of 84. She is buried next to her husband Thomas at Refuge United Methodist Church Cemetery in Stephens City, Virginia.

Frances and Thomas are survived by three daughters, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private). They have one deceased son, Thomas Jr.

+Thomas Downer Whitely, Jr.⁹ – 1942-2015 – married (private).

Amiss Ross Lillard⁸ (Amiss Franklin Lillard⁷, John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Amiss was born 23 September 1918 in Warren County, Virginia, the son of Amiss Franklin Lillard and Amanda Louise *Ross*.

Amiss served as a PhM2 in the U.S. Navy during WWII. According to the Roanoke, Virginia City Directory for 1955, that year Amiss and his wife Greta were living in Roanoke, Virginia and Amiss was an intern at the Memorial & Crippled Children's Hospital in Roanoke. After that he is listed as Dr. Amiss Ross Lillard, a medical doctor.

Dr. Lillard married **Greta Marguerite Broy**, who was born 22 November 1917 in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of John Robert Broy and Effie *Grim*. During WWII, Greta was employed at Glen L. Martin Aviation in Baltimore, Maryland, and later at Sears. Before retirement, she worked at Western State Hospital as a nurse's aide. She was a member of Grace Bible Church.

Dr. Amiss Lillard died 10 June 1996 at the age of 77. He is buried at Refuge United Methodist Church Cemetery in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia.

Greta died at her home in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia on 26 October 2012 at the age of 94. She is buried next to her husband at Refuge United Methodist Church Cemetery in Stephens City, Virginia.

Amiss and Greta were survived by two sons, three daughters, eight grandchildren, and six great grandchildren (all private).

Zane Lee Lillard⁸ (Amiss Franklin Lillard⁷, John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Zane was born 11 March 1920 in Stephen City, Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Amiss Franklin Lillard and Amanda Louise *Ross*.

Zane was married twice—first to a Mr. Evans, whom she divorced. On 25 February 1950 in Frederick County, Virginia, Zane married **Harry Irvin Grim**, who was

born 3 May 1926 in Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Silas W. Grim and Hilda M. *McCauley*.

Harry died 24 May 2001 in Winchester, Virginia, at the age of 75. He is buried at Ridings Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery at Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia.

Zane died 29 April 1996 in Shenandoah County, Virginia at the age of 76. She is buried next to her husband Harry Grim at Ridings Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery at Stephens City, Virginia.

Shirley Mason Lillard⁸ (Amiss Franklin Lillard⁷, John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Shirley was born 12 May 1922 in Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Amiss Franklin Lillard and Amanda Louise *Ross*.

On 11 September 1942, Shirley married **Gervais L. Grim**, who was born 18 August 1923 in Virginia, the son of Oliver Leonard Grim (1889-1970).

Gervais died 20 December 1997 at the age of 64. He is buried at Refuge United Methodist Church Cemetery in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia.

Before she was admitted for nursing home care, Shirley was a long-time resident of Centreville, Fairfax County, Virginia. Shirley died at Warrenton Overlook Health and Rehabilitation Center at Warrenton, Fauquier County, Virginia on 10 February 2006 at the age of 83. She is buried at Refuge United Methodist Church Cemetery in Stephens County, Virginia.

Shirley and Gervais were survived by two sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private). They were preceded in death by a son, Brian.

+Brian Ross Grim⁹ – 1958-1987 – married (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Sadie Irene *Lillard Huffman***

Marjorie Huffman⁸ (Sadie Irene Lillard⁷, John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marjorie was born 23 July 2009 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Sadie Irene *Lillard* and Arthur Franklin (Frank) Huffman.

Marjorie was a 1937 graduate of Stephens City High School. She was a sales clerk at Kresges Pharmacy in Winchester, Virginia for 15 years and with Sagers Pharmacy in Stephens City for eight years. She was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Stephens City, serving as Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher, and choir member. Marjorie was a member and past president of the Frederick County Home extension. She was associated with the Scarlet Rebels Drum and Bugle Corps, which her husband directed in the 1950s, and she was a member of

McKinley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She also volunteered with the girl and boy scouts.

On 31 July 1940 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, Marjorie married **Harold Preston Teets**, who was born 11 January 1914 in Virginia, the son of Jacob Jackson Teets (1885-1956) and Cora Ann *Dellinger* (1890-1974).

Harold died 1 August 1981 at the age of 67. He is buried at Green Hill Cemetery in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia.

A resident of Stephens City, Virginia, Marjorie died at the Evergreen Health & Rehabilitation Center in Winchester, Virginia on Thursday 30 April 2009. She is buried beside her husband Harold at Green Hill Cemetery in Stephens City, Virginia. Marjorie and Harold are survived by two daughters (both private). Marjorie's younger sister and brother are still living (private). Deceased siblings are: John David, Emilie, and Connie.

John David Huffman⁸ (Sadie Irene Lillard⁷, John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 8 September 1922 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Sadie Irene *Lillard* and Arthur Franklin (Frank) Huffman.

John died at the Winchester Memorial Hospital in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia on 21 March 1937 at the age of 14 years, six months and 13 days. Cause of death was complications from acute appendicitis. He is buried at Greenhill Cemetery in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia.

Emilie Lillard Huffman⁸ (Sadie Irene Lillard⁷, John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Emilie was born 3 February 1925 at Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Sadie Irene *Lillard* and Arthur Franklin (Frank) Huffman.

Emilie married (1) **Charles Herbert Copenhaver**, who was born 28 April 1918 in Virginia. He served in the Quartermaster Corps, U.S. Army during WWII. Charles died 19 September 1963. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia—Section: 28, Site: 1875.

On 31 October 1970 at the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Arlington, Virginia, Emilie married (2) **George Newton Heath**, a widower, who was born 19 June 1911 in Virginia, the son of James Richard Heath (1871-1956) and Medora Mabelle *Mayhugh* (1877-1942). Emilie and George lived in McLean, Fairfax County, Virginia. Emily also lived at Zephyrhills, Pasco County, Florida.

George died in Alexandria, Virginia on 15 December 1991. He is buried at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church Cemetery in McLean, Fairfax County, Virginia.

Emilie died at Virginia Hospital Center in Alexandria, Virginia on Monday, 20 June 2005 at the age of 80. She is buried at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church Cemetery in McLean, Virginia. It is believed that Emilie had no children.

Connie June Huffman⁸ (Sadie Irene Lillard⁷, John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Connie was born 6 June 1930 in Virginia, the daughter of Sadie Irene *Lillard* and Arthur Franklin (Frank) Huffman.

On 26 January 1961 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, Connie married **Holmes Delano Smoke, Sr.** He was born 1933 in Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Paul Emanuel and Elizabeth Mae Smoke. They lived in Winchester, Virginia.

During his years of work, Holmes served in several different capacities. He was a truck driver for Novick/Hemingway Trucking, owner and operator of C&H Market and Jiffy Sandwich Shoppe. He was also a sergeant with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. He was a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of the Police, and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge. He was a member of Emanuel United Methodist Church in Stephenson, Virginia.

Connie died in Frederick County, Virginia on Saturday, 10 December 2005 at the age of 75. She is buried at Greenhill Cemetery in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia.

Holmes Smoke, Sr. died at his home in Winchester, Virginia on Saturday, 21 April 2012 at the age of 78. Connie and Holmes were survived by three daughters, four sons, 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren (all private). Connie was survived by a brother and a sister (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Pearl Irah *Lillard Stearn***

Bernard Weaver Stearn⁸ (Pearl Irah Lillard⁷, Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Peter Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bernard was born 2 July 1916 in Rockingham County, Virginia, the son of Pearl Irah *Lillard* and Bishop Weaver Stearn.

On 9 July 1939 in Rockingham County, Virginia, Bernard married **Anna Gwendolyn Armentrout**, who was born 6 August 1918 in Keezletown, Rockingham County, Virginia, the daughter of Price Armentrout and Annie Virginia *Frye*.

Bernard served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Bernard and Gwendolyn were longtime residents of Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia. She graduated from Harrisonburg High School and became a cosmetologist after graduating from Cosmetology School. She was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church.

Bernard died 11 May 2002 in Rockingham County, Virginia at the age of 85. He is buried at Woodbine Cemetery, Harrisonburg, Harrisonburg City, Virginia.

Gwendolyn died at Emeritus of Harrisonburg, a senior housing and care center in the Shenandoah Valley, on Thursday, 30 April 2015. She is buried next to her husband Bernard at Woodbine Cemetery in Harrisonburg, Virginia. They are survived by one son (private).

Alethea Davis Stearn⁸ (Pearl Irah Lillard⁷, Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Peter Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Alethea was born 13 June 1919 in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, the daughter of Pearl Irah *Lillard* and Bishop Weaver Stearn.

On 1 October 1939 in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia before a minister of the Disciples of Christ Church, Alethea married **Carl Frederick Behrman, Sr.**, who was born 7 July 1910 at Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey, the son of Carl Behrman and Pauline *Miller*. When they were married Carl was working as a motion picture projector operator.

As well as living in Harrisonburg, Virginia, Alethea and Carl lived in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Alethea was a member of the United Methodist Church in Allentown and was secretary of the Women's Club. She lived in Allentown for several years after the death of Carl. Later she made her home in Florida.

Carl died in December of 1984. His last residence was Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Alethea was still living in Allentown in 1994. However, when she died her home was in Palmetto, Manatee County, Florida, and that is where she died 5 February 2015 at the age of 95. Cremation followed and Alethea's cremains are interred at Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church Cemetery in Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Alethea and Carl are survived by one daughter, one son, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren (all private). Alethea was preceded in death by her two brothers Bernard and John, and by her sister Anna Marie.

Anna Marie Stearn⁸ (Pearl Irah Lillard⁷, Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Peter Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anna Marie was born 17 August 1921 at Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, the daughter of Pearl Irah *Lillard* and Bishop Weaver Stearn.

On 26 April 1952 in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia before a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, Anna Marie married **Howard Edwin Morrissey**. Howard was born 7 February 1928 at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, the son of Michael Joseph Morrissey and Agnes Elizabeth *Werges*. Howard was an accountant.

They made their home in Chicago. Anna Marie died 4 January 1986 at the age of 65. Howard died 4 November 1990 in Cook County, Illinois at the age of 62.

John Gilbert Stearn⁸ (Pearl Irah Lillard⁷, Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Peter Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 8 January 1924 in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, the son of Pearl Irah *Lillard* and Bishop Weaver Stearn.

On 22 November 1959 in Charlottesville, Virginia before a minister of the Belmont Baptist Church, John married **Chrystal Hope Snead Brown**. Chrystal had been married before and was divorced. She was born 6 May 1928 at Charlottesville, Virginia, the daughter of James Luther Snead and Linda Mae *Davis*. At the time of their marriage, John was working as a draftsman.

Chrystal died 23 October 1983 at the age of 55. She is buried at Riverview Cemetery in Charlottesville, Charlottesville City, Virginia.

John died in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia on 12 February 1999 at the age of 75. He is buried beside his wife Chrystal at Riverview Cemetery in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Edythe Lillard Finter

Junior Ray Finter⁸ (Mary Edythe Lillard⁷, Charles Gilbert Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Junior was born 4 August 1925 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Edythe *Lillard* and Ray Perry Finter.

Junior served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 through 1949. He applied for his SSN in the state of California.

Before a minister of the Methodist Church on 9 June 1950 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, Junior married **Stella Virginia Vaughan**, who was born at Rileyville, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of James Henry Vaughan (1879-1959) and Agnes *Presgraves* (1891-1957) of Rileyville, Virginia.

During their marriage Junior and Stella lived in Luray, Virginia, and Junior worked at the Virginia Oak Tannery.

Junior died 6 December 1992 at the age of 67. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Stella died 4 September 1996 at the age of 68. She is buried next to her husband Junior at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. No record of children was available.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Franklin and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Neva Bertie Dovell Dyke

Anna Catherine Dyke⁸ (Neva Bertie Dovell⁷, Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anna was born 4 August 1924 in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Neva Bertie *Dovell* and Albert Moody Dyke.

Anna was a 1942 graduate of Warren County High School in Front Royal, Virginia. She was a member of the Reliance United Methodist Church where she was active with the Sunday school and the United Methodist Women. Anna and her husband lived in Reliance, Warren County, Virginia.

She married **John Millard Derr**, who was born 14 March 1914 and died 6 January 1996 at the age of 81. He is buried at Reliance Cemetery in Reliance, Warren County, Virginia.

Anna died at Evergreen Health and Rehab in Winchester, Virginia on 14 May 2012 at the age of 87. She is buried next to her husband John at Reliance Cemetery in Reliance, Virginia. Anna was survived by her sister (private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Grace Elizabeth *Dovell* Pool

Tyree Conway Pool⁸ (Grace Elizabeth Dovell⁷, Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Tyree was born 17 June 1917 at Stanley, Page County, Virginia, the son of Grace Elizabeth *Dovell* and Samuel Tyree Pool.

Tyree was killed instantly on the night of Friday, 17 December 1937 from a crushing skull fracture and a compound fracture of the right leg which resulted from a three-vehicle accident on Highway 11 in Frederick County, Virginia, ½ mile south of Stephens City, near Middlebrook. Tyree's car was pinned and crushed between another automobile and a truck. He was 20 years old. Tyree is buried near the other members of his birth family at Riverview Cemetery in Waynesboro, Waynesboro City, Virginia—Block 70-8B.

Carroll Dovell Pool⁸ (Grace Elizabeth Dovell⁷, Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carroll was born 8 May 1920 in Stanley, Page County, Virginia, the son of Grace Elizabeth *Dovell* and Samuel Tyree Pool. Carroll graduated from Wilson High School in Waynesboro, Virginia. He served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during WW II. He worked with his father at S. T. Pool Farm Implements, the family business at Waynesboro, Virginia.

Carroll married **Lavelle Phipps**, who was born 19 June 1922 in Augusta County, Virginia, the daughter of Rev. Charles Henry Phipps (1884-1955) and Ruth Bondurant *LaVelle* (1887-1963).

Carroll died 28 June 1998 at the age of 78. He is buried next to his wife at Riverview Cemetery in Waynesboro, Waynesboro City, Virginia—Block 70-Lot 7B. Carroll and Lavelle were the parents of three sons—two are deceased (see below). One is still living (private). Carroll was predeceased by two brothers.

+Carroll Tyree Pool⁹ – 1949-1985 – not married.

Infant Son Pool⁹ – 1956-1956 – stillborn.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Clark Ernest Dovell



Clark William Dovell⁸ (Clark Ernest Dovell⁷, Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clark was born 23 January 1924 in Warren County, Virginia, the son of Clark Ernest Dovell and Marcie E. Rinker.

Clark was a corporal in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 through 1945. He was in an Army Specialized Training Program, 106th and 422nd Infantry Divisions, serving in the Battles of the Ardennes and the Rhineland. He was a POW in Germany at Stalag IVB.²¹⁴ Following WWII, Clark attended the University of Maryland; graduating in 1950 (he is shown here).

After college Clark worked for the Naval Ordnance Laboratory (NOL) in the Mechanical Engineering Division at White Oak, Maryland. He worked on many mine projects.²¹⁵

His widow is still living, thus his married life is private. Clark was living at Potomac, Montgomery County, Maryland when he died 14 May 2011 at the age of 87. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia—Sec. 65-Site 3440. Clark was survived by his wife and one daughter (private). Another daughter is deceased.

+Donna April Dovell⁹ – 1950-1993 – married name Graybill.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
George Eldon Dovell

Willa Ann Dovell⁸ (George Eldon Dovell⁷, Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Willa Ann was born 28 January 1941 in Washington, D.C., the daughter of George Eldon Dovell and Willa Rose Huffer.

Willa Ann worked as a secretary to the Warren and Rappahannock School Board. On 1 April 1962 in Reliance, Warren County, Virginia, a minister of the Church of the Brethren married Willa Ann Dovell and **Vernon Wesley Hensell**. Vernon was born 2 October 1937 at the old Hensell farm in Middletown, Frederick County, Virginia, the son

²¹⁴ Information is from the White Oak Laboratories Alumni Association. Clark had been a member.

²¹⁵ The Naval Ordnance Laboratory (NOL) is now disestablished. It was formerly located in White Oak, Maryland and was the site of considerable work that had practical impact upon world technology. The White Oak site of NOL has now been taken over by the Food and Drug Administration. Information furnished by Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia.

of Homer Copp Hensell and Hazel Irene *Connor*. They made their home in Middletown, Virginia.

Willa Ann died at Winchester Memorial Hospital on 5 January 1968 at the age of 27. Death was caused by complication from a malignant brain tumor. She is buried at the Reliance Cemetery in Reliance, Warren County, Virginia.

Vernon retired from the IGA Foodliner at Front Royal, Virginia, after 30 years as co-owner and manager. After he retired, Vernon began farming and raising beef cattle until his retirement in November of 2009. Vernon was a member of the Salem Church of the Brethren.

Vernon died at his home in Middletown, Virginia on Saturday, 12 March 2011 at the age of 73. He is buried at the Salem Church of the Brethren Cemetery in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia. Circa 1971, Vernon married a second time and his wife survives him (private). He has a daughter and two grandchildren who also survive (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Hettie Jane *Lillard Moyer***

Frederick (Fred) William Moyer⁸ (Hettie Jane Lillard⁷, William Ambrose Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Fred was born 6 May 1922 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, the son of Hettie Jane Lillard and Carl David Moyer.

In 1940 Fred graduated from Hagerstown High School, and he then graduated from Hagerstown Business College. During WWII Frederick served in the U.S. Army for three years. He retired as an accountant and had worked for Weis Markets. Frederick was a member of Friendship Lodge #84, A.F. & A.M. and Morris Frock Post #42 American Legion.

On 20 March 1943 in Edmond, Oklahoma just before he was sent overseas during WWII, Fred married **Rejeanne Yvette *Bruneau***. She was born 7 January 1923 in Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island, the daughter of Jacques Bruneau and Annette *Lapierre*. Fred and Rejeanne grew up in the same neighborhood in Hagerstown and were sweethearts since they were teenagers.

Rejeanne was a graduate of St. Mary's Catholic High School and Hagerstown Business College. She was a clerical worker for several businesses, including the Washington County Hospital where she operated the telephone switchboard. In 1985 she retired from Fahrney Gift Shop in Hagerstown.

Fred died at Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland on Monday, 9 August 2004 at the age of 82. He is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown, Maryland—Section 13.

Rejeanne died on Thursday, 28 March 2013 at Williamsport Nursing Home in Williamsport, Washington County, Maryland, where she had been a patient for five years. She was 90 years old. Rejeanne is buried beside her husband at Rose Hill

Cemetery in Hagerstown, Maryland—Section 13. Fred and Rejeanne were survived by one son, one daughter, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Sina Elizabeth *Kite* Rothgeb

Edgar Elon Rothgeb⁸ (Sina Elizabeth Kite⁷, Mary Elizabeth Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edgar was born February 1934 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Sina Elizabeth *Kite* and Elon Solomon Rothgeb.

Edgar was an Army veteran, and later was employed by the U.S. Postal Service until he retired. Edgar was never married.

Edgar died at the Hawksbill Assisted Living Center in Luray, Page County, Virginia, on Friday, 4 March 2011 at the age of 77. He is buried at Leaksville Church Cemetery in Page County, Virginia. He was survived by several cousins, but left no issue of his own.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Gilbert Alderton Beahm

James Thomas Beahm⁸ (Gilbert Alderton Beahm⁷, Laura Bessie Shenk⁶, Benjamin Franklin Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 5 August 1931 in Waynesboro, Virginia, the son of Gilbert Alderton Beahm and his first wife, Phyllis Taft *Crawford*.

James served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955; mainly at Loring Air Force Base in Northeastern Maine near Limestone and Cariboo, Maine. After leaving service, James was employed as a civilian on the base as a master electrician and foreman. He retired in 1986. He and his family made their home in Limestone, Aroostook County, Maine.

He was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. After retirement, James worked as a security guard for Cary Medical Center in Cariboo, Maine. He was an active member of the St. Louis Catholic Church and was on the church council and served on the cemetery committee for several years.

James died at Cary Medical Center in Cariboo, Maine on 29 September 2005 at the age of 74. He was interred at St. Louis Cemetery, in Limestone, Aroostook County, Maine.

He was survived by his wife of 50 years (private). James was also survived by four sons, two daughters, and 14 grandchildren (all private). One son Douglas preceded James in death (see below). James was also survived by two sisters (private).

+Douglas A. Beahm⁹ (1959-1980) – unmarried.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Catherine Beahm Coe

Mary Jane Coe⁸ (Catherine Beahm⁷, Laura Bessie Shenk⁶, Benjamin Franklin Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary Jane was born 11 October 1941 in Marlowe, Berkeley County, West Virginia, the daughter of Catherine *Beahm* and Vincent Spiker Coe.

Mary Jane was married (no information except that her married name was Line). Her last residence was Fort Loudon, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Mary Jane *Coe* Line died 5 June 1993 at the age of 51. She is buried near her parents at the Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery in Bakersville, Washington County, Maryland.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Raymond Lee Griffith

Peggy Jean Griffith⁸ (Raymond Lee Griffith⁷, Daly Lee Batman⁶, Eva Ann Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Peggy was born 26 May 1932 in Fort Worth, Texas, the daughter of Raymond Lee Griffith and Dorothy *Coates*.

Peggy was living in New Milford, Bergen County, New Jersey when she died on 20 July 2004 at the age of 72. She is buried at George Washington Memorial Park in Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey. Peggy *Griffith* French is survived by her husband, two sons and four grandchildren (all private). Peggy had one deceased daughter.

Cheryl Anne French⁹ – born 25 November 1960 and died 10 August 1996—age 35.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Arthur Leonard Griffith

James Randolph Griffith⁸ (Arthur Leonard Griffith⁷, Daly Lee Batman⁶, Eva Ann Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 4 March 1937 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Arthur Leonard Griffith and Isabelle *Fox*.

James was the Superintendent for the Town of Luray, Page County, Virginia for 38 years. He married his wife on 28 October 1960 (private).

James died Monday, 2 November 2015 at the age of 78. He is buried at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Luray, Virginia. James is survived by his wife, a brother and a sister (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Myrtle E. Barr Frye**

Vada Madge Frye⁸ (Myrtle E. Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elizabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Vada was born 15 September 1916 at Greenwood, Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Myrtle E. Barr and Alva Crowell Frye.

Sometime before 1940, Vada married **Clarence Lee**, who was born circa 1922 in Virginia. He was the son of James W. and Daisy Lee. When the 1940 census was taken Vada and her husband Clarence were living in Winchester, Virginia with his parents. Clarence was working in a woolen mill.

Vada Madge Lee died at the age of 89 on 21 September 2005 at Winchester, Virginia.

Delmar Ockelely Frye⁸ (Myrtle E. Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elizabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Delmar was born 3 August 1918 in Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Myrtle E. Barr and Alva Crowell Frye.

Delmar served as a Major in the U.S. Army during WWII. He enlisted in Winchester in 1941 and was discharged in 1961.

On 2 August 1941, Delmar married **Lucille Dix**, who was born circa 1922 in Winchester, Virginia, the daughter of James Dix and Virginia Ricketts. In the next few years while Delmar was in the service, they lived in Indiana and South Carolina. That is the last of information found relating to their marriage.

Delmar's last residence was Fairfax, Fairfax City, Virginia. He died 11 June 1999 at the age of 81. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia—Plot: 66, 0, 5492.

Eldred Dalton Frye⁸ (Myrtle E. Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elizabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eldred was born 16 September 1920 in Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Myrtle E. Barr and Alva Crowell Frye.



Eldred graduated from Handley High School in Winchester, Virginia in 1940 (see graduation photo). He worked for many years with the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. as a staff assistant.

On 7 June 1947, Eldred married **Rhoda Mae Fletcher**, who was born circa 1924 in Winchester, Virginia, the daughter of Holmes L. Fletcher and Vallie Kump. Eldred and Rhoda lived mainly in Richmond, Virginia. However, in 1957 they were living in Newark, New Jersey, and Eldred was working as a technical writer in New York. In 1990 Eldred was living in Estero, Lee County, Florida.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Edna Ruth Barr Anderson**

Virginia Ruth Anderson⁸ (Edna Ruth Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elizabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virginia was born 1918 in Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Edna Ruth Barr and Levi Franklin Anderson, Sr.

On 11 June 1938 in Winchester, Virginia before a minister of the Church of the Brethren, Virginia married **Bermah Jackson Scott aka Jack B. Scott**, who was born 1915 in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the son of Thomas W. Scott and Bertie Roberts Brady. After marriage they settled in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania and made their home in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. The only record that was found for the time they were living in Pennsylvania was the death certificate for Baby Girl Scott, who was born to Virginia and Jack B. Scott at Carlisle Hospital in Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania on 5 September 1942. The baby was born prematurely and only lived four hours and 29 minutes. At that time, Virginia and Jack were living in Newville, Pennsylvania. The death certificate shows that Baby Girl Scott was buried at the Old Grave Yard Cemetery in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

The last residence shown for Virginia Scott was Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Virginia. Virginia died in May of 1980 at the age of 62. No record of burial was found. Also, no record of the death for Mr. Scott was located.

Robert Lee Anderson⁸ (Edna Ruth Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elizabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 1920 in Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Edna Ruth Barr and Levi Franklin Anderson, Sr.

On 3 June 1939 in Winchester, Virginia before a minister of the Church of the Brethren, Robert married **Dorothy Lee Legge**, who was born 27 October 1920 in Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Clark E. Legge (1896-1975) and Irene C. Hawkins (1899-1972). Robert was a mill worker at the time of their marriage.

Dorothy was living in Belen, Valencia County, New Mexico near her daughter-in-law, when she died at her home on Saturday, 7 April 2012 at the age of 91. She is buried at Shenandoah Memorial Park in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. Her husband Robert was already deceased. Robert and Dorothy were survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Their two sons, Robert Jr. and Gary are deceased.

+Robert Lee Anderson, Jr.⁹ – 1939-2001 – married and divorced.

+Gary McArthur Anderson⁹ 1943-2010 – married (private)

Levi Franklin Anderson, Jr.⁸ (Edna Ruth Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elizabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Levi was born 1 August 1921 in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Edna Ruth Barr and Levi Franklin Anderson, Sr.



In 1939, Levi graduated from Handley High School in Winchester, Virginia. In school he was active in the sports of baseball and basketball, and in the Future Farmers of America. Levi is shown here in his senior year.

After graduation and before he entered the service on 12 June 1942, Levi was employed at the Winchester Woolen Mills. Following his entrance into the U.S. Air Corps, he trained at Stuttgart, Arkansas; Bowman Field, Kentucky; Greenville, South Carolina; Mackall, North Carolina; and Fort Wayne, Indiana. He received his wings at Maxton, North Carolina in January of 1943. He left for overseas duty in January of 1944. Levi's training was as a glider pilot.

While taking part in the landings at Normandy on D-Day, 6 June 1944 during Operation Overlord, Levi was wounded.

At the age of 22, Levi was killed in action on Saturday, 24 March 1945 while taking part in what was called Operation Varsity. Flight Officer Anderson was co-pilot on a CG-4A glider when it crashed during a glider-tow mission near the town of Wesel in Western Germany. Levi's glider was part of the 82nd Troop Carrier Squadron, 436th Troop Carrier Group. It was reported that when last seen, the glider, flown by flight officers Lawley and Anderson was in normal flight approaching the landing zone.

Levi is buried at the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, Neuville-en-Condroz, Arrondissement de Liege, Liege, Belgium—Plot: C Row: 1, Grave: 15. Levi was awarded a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for outstanding achievements as a glider pilot.

The following is from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, and gives a short version of the purpose of Operation Varsity during the last days of the war in Europe.

Operation Varsity (24 March 1945) was a successful Airborne Forces operation launched by Allied troops that took place toward the end of World War II. Involving more than 16,000 paratroopers and several thousand aircraft, it was the largest airborne operation in history to be conducted on a single day and in one location.

Varsity was part of Operation Plunder, the Anglo-American-Canadian assault under Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery to cross the northern Rhine River and from there enter Northern Germany. Varsity was meant to help the surface river assault troops secure a foothold across the Rhine River in Western Germany by landing two airborne divisions on the eastern bank of the Rhine near the village of Hamminkeln and the town of Wesel.

As told²¹⁶ the gliders were called “The Flying Coffins of World War II” and they were America's first military stealth aircraft. ***The Waco CG-4A combat glider silently***

²¹⁶ <http://www.asme.org/engineering-topics/articles/aerospace-defense/the-flying-coffins-of-world-war-ii>

soared into WW II history over 70 years ago, powered only by the prevailing winds and the guts of the men who flew them. Under veil of darkness on D-Day and other major Allied airborne assaults, the Waco glider carried troops and material behind enemy lines to take out key enemy defenses and transportation links. These humble gliders—engineless and unarmed—overcame perilous odds to make the first cracks in Hitler’s Fortress Europe. Yet, their story is an obscure chapter in the Allied victory saga.

Their moment in the spotlight of military aviation was fleeting. But in the pre-helicopter age, combat gliders represented state-of-art in stealth, landing precision, and hauling capacity.

Pilots and glider-borne infantry had colorful and well-earned nicknames for their ungainly planes: Flying Coffins, Tow Targets – but one veteran pilot called “Silent Wings” the most common name of all, way off base. The glider’s construction provided no insulation from the roar of either the C-47 tow plane’s engine, or the noise of the enemy’s anti-aircraft fire. Also, the gliders did not have provisions for passenger safety or for comfort. There were four basic instruments on the control panel and the pilots did not trust them. Air pockets and 40-mph winds created violent turbulence—enemy fire was constant, and many pilots were taken out before they could land. How, you may well wonder did the pilots return to base after they landed and deposited the infantry or provisions behind enemy lines. No, the passengers did not leave the plane with a parachute, thus leaving the glider with its pilots to return—there was no return. The pilots were left behind, afoot and unarmed in enemy territory—they were on their own to make their way back to a friendly Allied home base.²¹⁷

The photo shows Douglas C-47 tow-planes and Waco CG-4A gliders on 24 March 1945 before taking off during Operation Varsity over Wesel, Germany—this was Flight Officer Levi Anderson’s last day.²¹⁸



²¹⁷ <http://www.asme.org/engineering-topics/articles/aerospace-defense/the-flying-coffins-of-world-war-ii>

²¹⁸ Wikipedia – the free encyclopedia

Thelma M. Anderson⁸ (Edna Ruth Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elizabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thelma was born 9 March 1923 in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Edna Ruth *Barr* and Levi Franklin Anderson, Sr.

On 12 March 1941, Thelma married **Robert (Bob) William Jenkins**, who was born 23 September 1916 in Jefferson County, West Virginia, the son of Samuel Jenkins and Vallie *Brown*.

Thelma retired from work at G. S. Electric Co. in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Church of the Brethren in Winchester, Virginia, and the Square Dance Association of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Bob Jenkins served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He retired from the Cumberland Valley (Pennsylvania) Co-op, and the Harrisburg (Pennsylvania) Auto Auction. He was a member of the Square Dance Association of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; the Central Pennsylvania Callers Association. He was also a member of VFW Post 6704 of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and a member of the Churchtown Church of God.

Thelma died at the Polyclinic Medical Center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on Monday, 13 July 1992 at the age of 76. She is buried at Mount Zion Cemetery in Churchtown, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Bob was living in Carlisle, Pennsylvania when he died at the Lewistown Hospital on Monday, 3 April 2006 at the age of 89. He is buried at Mount Zion Cemetery in Churchtown, Pennsylvania. Thelma and Bob were survived by a son (private).

Gordon E. Anderson⁸ (Edna Ruth Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elizabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gordon was born 6 March 1926 in Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Edna Ruth *Barr* and Levi Franklin Anderson, Sr.

Gordon died on 4 June 1927 in Frederick County, Virginia, at the age of one year, two months and 28 days. The cause of death was peritonitis from appendicitis. Gordon is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia.

Therman Leroy (Buck) Anderson⁸ (Edna Ruth Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elizabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Therman was born in 1927 in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, the son of Edna Ruth *Barr* and Levi Franklin Anderson, Sr.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Therman was a plumber, a member of Plumbers Local Union #5. He retired in 1969. He was a member of Calvary Church of the Brethren since 1937. Therman was active in the Boys Club in Springfield, Virginia as an assistant basketball and football coach. After retirement, Therman and his wife spent winter months in Florida for 18 years.

Therman died in his home at Stephenson, Frederick County, Virginia on Wednesday, 3 April 2013 at the age of 85. He is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia.

Therman is survived by his wife, three sons, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren (all private). He was preceded in death by a grandson, Jason Crowder¹⁰; also three sisters, Virginia Scott, Thelma Jenkins and Marjorie Vance and three brothers Gordon, Levi Franklin Jr. and Robert. Two sisters survive him (private).

Marjorie Ann Anderson⁸ (Edna Ruth Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elizabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marjorie was born 24 December 1928 in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Edna Ruth *Barr* and Levi Franklin Anderson, Sr.

Marjorie Ann *Anderson* Vance died 9 November 2005 in Clarke County, Virginia at the age of 76. She is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia. No records of her husband or any children were found.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Ethel Clara *Barr* Crabill**

Ward Barr Crabill⁸ (Ethel Clara Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ward was born 29 December 1922 in Washington, D.C., where he was also raised. He was the son of Ethel Clara *Barr* and Perry Franklin Crabill, Sr.

In 1941 Ward graduated with honors from Eastern High School in Washington, D.C. and from Bliss Electrical School in 1942. He was a veteran of WWII, having served in the U.S. Army in the European Theatre. Ward was an employee of Chesapeake & Potomac/Bell Atlantic/Verizon for 42 years, mainly in management. He was instrumental in the production of television/radio coverage for four Presidential inaugurations and for President Kennedy's funeral.

Ward was a member of Beymer United Methodist Church of Winter Haven, Florida. He was an amateur radio operator and a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

On 10 July 1943 in Washington, D.C., Ward married his high school sweetheart **Dorothy Gene *Starkey***, who was born 1924 in Washington, D.C., the daughter of LeRoy Owen and Netta Flossie Starkey.

Dorothy lived in Ohio and Illinois as a child. After marriage Ward and Dorothy resided in Maryland. Dorothy was a dental assistant and received her CDA in 1958. She retired in 1984 from Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland where she was a radiology instructor and a clinical supervisor. She belonged to several dental assistant associations and served as an officer for many years.

After they retired Ward and Dorothy moved to their mountain home in West Virginia, and then moved to Florida in 1995. She was a member of St. John's and Beymer United Methodist Churches in Florida. They were both residents of the Swiss Golf and Tennis Community in Winter Haven, Florida since 1996.

Ward died 19 August 2015 at the age of 92. After Ward's death, Dorothy was a resident of the Lake Wylie Assisted Living Facility in York, South Carolina. She died there 28 February 2016 at the age of 91.

Ward and Dorothy were survived by two daughters, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren (all private). Ward was preceded in death by his sister Anne Marie Glick. He was survived by four brothers (all private).

Anne Marie Crabill⁸ (Ethel Clara Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anne Marie was born 16 July 1929 in Washington, D.C., the daughter of Ethel Clara *Barr* and Perry Franklin Crabill, Sr.

Anne Marie lived in Washington, D.C. until 1949 when she moved to Prince of Georges County in Maryland. That remained her home until her death.

She began her career with *The Washington Star*, where she worked in the Classified Department for 20 years. She then relocated to *The Washington Post* Classified Department, where she worked for another 20 years. Anne received the Publishers Award while at the *Post*. Anne Marie retired in 2001. She had been married to a Mr. **Glick** and was divorced.

Anne Marie *Crabill* Glick suffered a stroke in September of 2009 and had resided at the Ft. Washington Health and Rehab Center in Ft. Washington, Maryland since that time. She died of natural causes on 7 May 2014 at the age of 84.

Anne Marie was survived by three daughters, three grandsons and four great grandchildren (all private). She had five brothers—four still survive (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Anna Maude *Barr* Russell**

Clarence Myrton Russell, Jr.⁸ (Anna Maude Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Clarence was born 10 September 1923 in Lexington, Rockbridge County, Virginia, the son of Anna Maude *Barr* and Clarence Myrton Russell, Sr.

Clarence was career military, having served in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 through 1968. He married **Idell G.** (surname unknown), who was born 6 August 1922.

He lived in Bossier City, Louisiana and died 20 August 1990 at the age of 66. Clarence is buried at Rose-Neath Cemetery in Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana—Section 3, Protestant Row, 1 East.

Idell died 17 January 2008²¹⁹ at the age of 85 and is buried next to her husband Clarence at Rose-Neath Cemetery in Bossier City, Louisiana.

²¹⁹ Idell's death date is taken from the Social Security Death Index, and not Find-A-Grave.

Anal Barr Russell⁸ (Anna Maude Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Anal was born 15 June 1929 in Winchester, Virginia, the daughter of Anna Maude *Barr* and Clarence Myrton Russell, Sr.

She married **Orville Douglas Fearnow**, who was born 3 September 1930 at Half Way, Washington County, Maryland, the son of Orville William Fearnow and Mary Virginia *Aikens*. In 1959 Anal and Orville lived in Hagerstown, Maryland, and Orville was a salesman for Manbeck Bread Co.

Anal died in West Virginia 22 February 1988 at the age of 58. Orville died 5 May 1989 at the age of 58. Anal and Orville are survived by two daughters (private). Two daughters are deceased.

+Sandra Carol Fearnow⁹ – 1953-2012 – married and divorced.

+Delora Ann Fearnow⁹ – 1959-2013 – married and divorced.

Bay Russell⁸ (Anna Maude Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bay was born 8 November 1931 in Winchester, Virginia, the daughter of Anna Maude *Barr* and Clarence Myrton Russell, Sr.

Bay was a bookkeeper and sales clerk with several local businesses in Berryville, Clarke County, Virginia. She was the secretary at Berryville Baptist Church. She also worked as a teacher's aide. Bay was a member of the Town Council of Berryville from July 1978 until June 1982 and previously served on the town's Planning Commission.

On 3 April 1950 in Winchester, Virginia, she was married and her husband survives (private). Bay *Russell* Jackson of Berryville, Virginia died Thursday, 23 October 2014 at her home. Bay is buried at Green Hill Cemetery in Berryville, Clarke County, Virginia. Bay and her husband had a daughter, a son, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private). Bay was preceded in death by her brother, Clarence Jr. and her sisters Natala and Anal.

Natala Russell⁸ (Anna Maude Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Natala was born 21 November 1933 in Frederick County, Virginia, the daughter of Anna Maude *Barr* and Clarence Myrton Russell, Sr.

Natala graduated from Handley High School in Winchester, Virginia. On 11 July 1952 in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, Natala married **Robert Allen Geanious**, who was born 22 November 1932 in Winchester, Virginia, the son of Peter Geanious and Villa *Lemons*. Natala and Robert separated 8 October 1965, and were divorced in Frederick County, Virginia, on 26 October 1965. At that time, Natala was living in Winchester, Virginia and working as a service representative for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia. Robert was living in Winchester, Virginia and was a bartender at the Rustic Tavern. They had two minor children.

Natala *Russell* Geanious died 22 March 2012 in Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia at the age of 78. She is buried at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia.

Robert's last address was New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia. He died at Harrisonburg, Virginia on 28 May 2000.

Natala was survived by their daughter and several grandchildren (all private). Peter, the only son of Natala and Robert Geanious is now deceased (see below).

+Peter Allen Geanious⁹ – 1956-2015 – married (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Paul Lester Barr**

Curtis Lee Barr⁸ (Paul Lester Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Curtis was born 24 December 1933 in Warren County, Virginia, the son of Paul Lester Barr and Vallie Virginia *Barbee*. Curtis served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was married (private).

Curtis died 13 June 1989 at the age of 65. He is buried at Linden Church Hill Cemetery in Linden, Warren County, Virginia.

Curtis and his wife had four children—two daughters survive (private). One son and a daughter are deceased (shown below). Curtis is survived by two sisters and one brother (private). His sister Margaret Virginia *Barr* Morrison preceded him in death.

+Franklin Lee Barr⁹ – 1957-1991 – marital status unknown.

+Mary Barr⁸ – 1961-2012 – married Dennis Michael Windle.

Margaret Virginia Barr⁸ (Paul Lester Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Margaret was born 12 July 1943 at Linden, Warren County, Virginia, the daughter of Paul Lester Barr and Vallie Virginia *Barbee*.

Margaret married **Lee Smith Morrison**, who was born 12 July 1938 in Warren County, Virginia, the son of William E. Morrison (1915-1999) and Eva Virginia *Butler* (1919-2011).

Margaret was a charter member of Corner Stone Baptist Church and was a volunteer with the Literacy Council. She and her husband lived in Linden, Virginia.

Margaret died at her home in Linden on Friday, 4 February 2000 at the age of 56. She is buried at Shenandoah Memorial Park in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia.

Lee died 7 October 2002 at the age of 64. He is buried next to his wife at Shenandoah Memorial Park in Winchester, Virginia. Margaret and Lee are survived by a son, a daughter, and a grandchild (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Evelyn Ophelia Barr Rhodes**

Ethel Roberta Rhodes⁸ (Evelyn Ophelia Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ethel was born 8 June 1926 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Evelyn Ophelia Barr and Robert Abner Rhodes, Sr.

On 24 February 1952 in Winchester, Virginia, Ethel married **Louis Emmett Guilliams**, who was born 17 February 1909 in Franklin County, Virginia, the son of Charles Peter Guilliams and Mary Sowder. Louis had been married previously to Leila Irene Mills in 1935, and was divorced.

During WWII, Ethel was a member of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps at Winchester Hospital. After the war, Ethel was a bookkeeper for the Farmers & Merchants Bank. Louis served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He worked for American Viscose Co. They lived in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia.

Ethel died at Warren Memorial Hospital in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia on 13 May 1984 at the age of 57. She is buried at Shenandoah Memorial Park in Winchester, Virginia. Louis died 31 May 1984 at the age of 75. No record of children.

Robert Abner Rhodes, Jr.⁸ (Evelyn Ophelia Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 2 February 1930 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Evelyn Ophelia Barr and Robert Abner Rhodes, Sr.

Robert served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Robert died at his residence at Belpre, Washington County, Ohio, on 21 October 2001 at the age of 71. He is buried at Slate Hill Cemetery in Dilbeck, Shenandoah County, Virginia. His death records show he was married, but no record was found to verify this.

Charles Wayne Rhodes⁸ (Evelyn Ophelia Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Charles was born 11 January 1932 in Waterlick, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Evelyn Ophelia Barr and Robert Abner Rhodes, Sr.

On 15 March 1960 in Strasburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia Charles married **Catherine Violet Mohr** before a minister of the Presbyterian Church. Catherine was born in 1942 at Strasburg, Virginia, the daughter of Charles Edward Mohr and Catherine Palmer.

Catherine died at Shenandoah County Hospital in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia on 4 July 1973 at the age of 31. Cause of death was complications from diabetes. She is buried at Riverview Cemetery in Strasburg, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Charles died 13 May 1995 at the age of 63. He is buried at Slate Hill Cemetery in Dilbeck, Shenandoah County, Virginia. It is unknown whether there were any children.

Betty-Jean Catherine Rhodes⁸ (Evelyn Ophelia Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Betty-Jean was born 21 November 1933 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Evelyn Ophelia *Barr* and Robert Abner Rhodes, Sr.

Betty-Jean married (1) a Mr. **Powell** and she was widowed 20 April 1970. She lived in Front Royal, Virginia, when she married (2) **Walter Oliver Cary**, a widower whose home was Virginia Beach, Virginia. He was born 10 August 1929 in Virginia, the son of Walter Myles Cary (1881-1970) and Essie Marie *Munch* (1906-1972). Betty-Jean and Walter were married 28 July 1978 in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia. Betty-Jean may have died in Tuolumne, California 1993.

Richard Arlen Rhodes⁸ (Evelyn Ophelia Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Richard was born 11 January 1932 in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, the son of Evelyn Ophelia *Barr* and Robert Abner Rhodes, Sr.

Richard was still a schoolboy living with his family in Waterlick (Johnston District), Shenandoah County, Virginia when he died at their home on 6 August 1949 at the age of 12 years, nine months and 15 days. His death was the result of an accidental gunshot wound inflicted by his brother while they were playing. Richard is buried at Slate Hill Cemetery in Dilbeck, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Patricia Elaine Rhodes⁸ (Evelyn Ophelia Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Patricia was born 22 June 1939 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Evelyn Ophelia *Barr* and Robert Abner Rhodes, Sr.

On 31 January 1959 at Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, Virginia, Patricia married **Wayne Nesbitt Bloom**, who as a member of the U.S. Army was stationed there. Wayne was born 30 September 1937 at Lumstead, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, the son of Clair (NMN) Bloom and Eliza *Brooks*. Wayne served as a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

Patricia died 20 December 1976 at the young age of 37. She is buried at Slate Hill Cemetery in Dilbeck, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Wayne was living in Amissville, Culpeper County, Virginia, when he married in 1977 for the second time. He died 15 December 1995 at the age of 58. He is buried at Culpeper National Cemetery in Culpeper, Culpeper County, Virginia—Plot: K, O, 146.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Clyde Edgar Barr**

Paul Samuel Barr⁸ (Clyde Edgar Barr⁷, Silas Leonard Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Paul was

born 26 March 1933 in West Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, the son of Clyde Edgar Barr and Susan (Susie) F. *Walters*.

Paul lived in Mohnton, Berks County, Pennsylvania—that was his last home at the time of his death. He died 1 January 2005 at the age of 71. He was married (private). No record of burial place was found.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Harry Alvin Barr**

Dickie Rilla Barr⁸ (Harry Alvin Barr⁷, Silas Leonard Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffnr², Peter Ruffner¹) Dickie was born 18 January 1931 in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the daughter of Harry Alvin Barr and Daisy Rilla *Bradfield*.

Dickie was the owner of a building Supply business in Woodstock, Virginia where she and her husband lived.

Dickie Rilla *Barr* Dellinger died as an inpatient at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Virginia on 25 September 1985 at the age of 54. The cause of death was complications from breast cancer. She is buried at Sunset View Memorial Gardens at Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia. Dickie was married (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Audrey Ophelia *Barr* Schaebler**

Matthew Lee Schaebler, M.D.⁸ (Audrey Ophelia Barr⁷, Silas Leonard Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Matthew was born 23 August 1932 in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, the son of Audrey Ophelia *Barr* and Magnus J. Schaebler.

Matthew graduated from Wilson High School in Reading, Pennsylvania in 1950. He graduated from Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania and from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1957 with a Doctorate in Medicine. His graduation photo is shown here. At Jefferson, he was presiding junior of Phi Chi and a member of Kappa Beta Phi, Gross Surgical Society and Hare Medical Society. Matthew interned at Reading Hospital. At the time he graduated from medical school, Matthew was married with one child (both private).



Dr. Schaebler died 25 December 2004 at the age of 72. His home at that time was Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Beatrice Taylor Gardner

Frank Herbert Gardner, Jr.⁸ (Beatrice Taylor⁷, Mary Elisabeth Elton Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Frank, Jr. was born 25 September 1936 at Washington, D.C., the son of Beatrice Taylor and Frank Herbert Gardner, Sr.

Frank Jr. married **Adelaide Adella Barker**, who was born 5 March 1937 in Charleston, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Herbert Wilson and Adelaide Barker.

Adelaide died 23 May 2010 at the age of 73. She and Frank had been married for almost 53 years at the time of her death.

Frank lived with a son in Homer, Alaska. However, he spent several months each year in Uganda, East Africa, with a daughter and her husband in ministerial work. While doing this work, Frank died in Uganda on 8 February 2013 at the age of 76.

Frank and Adelaide were survived by five children—three sons and two daughters, and by 18 grandchildren (all private). Frank was also survived by a sister.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Virginia Mildred McInturff Cook

Donald (Donnie) Lee Cook⁸ (Virginia Mildred McInturff⁷, Loy Wilbur McInturff⁶, Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donnie was born 16 June 1941 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Virginia Mildred McInturff and Arthur Lee Cook.

He worked as a mechanic for the Shenandoah County Manufacturing Co. in Edinburg, Virginia. Donnie was married and divorced twice to the same wife (private). Two children were born during his marriage (private). Donnie died 19 November 2001 at the age of 60. Donnie is buried at McInturff Cemetery #2, Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Roger Allen Cook⁸ (Virginia Mildred McInturff⁷, Loy Wilbur McInturff⁶, Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Roger was born 20 July 1946 in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Virginia Mildred McInturff and Arthur Lee Cook.

Roger served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam, and was a member of VFW Post #2447 in Edinburg, Virginia. He worked for 29 years as a finisher at Aileen Factory in Edinburg. He attended Pleasant View Church of the Brethren.

Roger was a five-year resident of Heritage Nursing Home at Front Royal, Virginia. He died at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Virginia on 10 July 2015

at the age of 68. Roger is buried at McInturff #2 at Fort Valley, Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Roger had married on 7 July 1985, and his wife survived him (private). He did not have any children of his own, but he did have a stepdaughter, two stepsons, and two step-granddaughters (all private). He was also survived by a sister (private). His older brother Donnie preceded him in death.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Howard Lee McInturff**

Timothy Michael McInturff⁸ (Howard Lee McInturff⁷, Wilmer Samuel McInturff⁶, Marcus Edward McInturff⁵, Barbara Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Timothy was born 6 February 1958 in Alexandria, Alexandria City, Virginia, the son of Howard Lee McInturff and Elesta Virginia *Nicholson*.

Timothy married on 14 November 1987 in St. Lucie County, Florida (private). No record of children was found. Timothy died at Naples, Collier County, Florida on 12 June 1999 at the age of 41. He is buried at Fairview Cemetery in West Catasauqua, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania—Section 14.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
George R. Clem**

Joyce Patricia Clem⁸ (George R. Clem⁷, George Roy Clem⁶, George W. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Patricia (preferred name) was born 18 January 1926 in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, the daughter of George R. Clem and Beatrice Dix *Edwards*. Joyce was married twice (1) Mr. Childress and (2) Mr. Beeler. No other information was found. Joyce died 1 March 2000 at the age of 72. Her last residence was Knoxville, Tennessee. She is buried at Lynnhurst Cemetery in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.

George Robert (Bob) Clem⁸ (George R. Clem⁷, George Roy Clem⁶, George W. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bob was born 1 April 1935 in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, the son of George R. Clem and Beatrice Dix *Edwards*.

Bob made his home in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was married and had children. He died at St. Mary's Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee on Sunday, 13 July 2003. Bob is buried at Lynnhurst Cemetery in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was survived by his wife, three daughters, and one son, 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren (all private). He was also survived by a stepson. Three sisters also survived him (private). One sister: Patricia Beeler preceded Bob in death.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Ralph Edwin Clem, Sr.**

Ralph Edwin (Jimmy) Clem, Jr.⁸ (Ralph Edwin Clem⁷, George Roy Clem⁶, George W. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ralph was born 10 March 1933 in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, the son of Ralph Edwin Clem, Sr. and Alice Hester *Franklin*.

Ralph served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict—1951-1954. He married **Dolly Alice Edwards**, who was born 23 June 1934. They lived in Golden, Jefferson County, Colorado. Dolly was an administrative assistant.

Ralph died 5 October 1992 at the age of 59; his last residence Golden, Colorado. Ralph is buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County, Colorado—Section 32, Block 1.

Dolly died 6 August 2002 at the age of 68. She is buried next to her husband at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Ralph and Dolly were survived by one daughter and three sons, 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren (all private). Another son, Joseph Clem was born and died on 29 January 1955. He is also buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

Jeanette Pauline Clem⁸ (Ralph Edwin Clem⁷, George Roy Clem⁶, George W. Clem⁵, William Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jeanette was born 9 August 1936 in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, the daughter of Ralph Edwin Clem, Sr. and Alice Hester *Franklin*. Jeanette was still a student when she died at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville on 18 July 1954 at the age of 17. The cause of death was complications from chronic nephritis. She is buried at Lynnhurst Cemetery at Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.



**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Edith Christina Lovett Markle**

Carolyn Dee Markle⁸ (Edith Christina Lovett⁷, Sarah Hazel Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carolyn was born 30 December 1947 in Markleville, Madison County, Indiana, the daughter of Edith Christiana *Lovett* and Paul Van Dyke Markle.

On 17 November 1973 in Markleville, Madison County,

Indiana, Carolyn married **Donald (Don) Marvin McKee**²²⁰ who was born 5 September 1940 at the Henry County Hospital in New Castle, Henry County, Indiana, the son of Marvin McKee and Edna Mae Kendall. Don's father worked for Chrysler Corporation.

Carolyn graduated in 1964 from Markleville High School in Markleville, Indiana. Her graduation photo is shown here. She received a degree in elementary education from Indiana's Ball State University. She also earned a kindergarten endorsement. Carolyn was a teacher at the Shelbyville School System in Indiana for 10 years.

Don was a 1962 graduate of the Quaker school Earlham College in Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana. During his working years, he was a clerical worker for the Social Security Administration.

Don died 7 January 2000, two months before the death of his wife, Carolyn. He died at the age of 59 at Major Hospital in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Indiana. The cause of death was pneumonia. Don is buried at South Mound Cemetery in New Castle, Henry County, Indiana.

After an extended illness, Carolyn died at her mother's home in Markleville on Sunday, 19 March 2000 at the age of 52, as the result of Huntington's disease. She is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana. Carolyn and Don were survived by a daughter and a sister (both private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Byron H. Hale

Gary Duane Hale⁸ (Byron H. Hale⁷, Ruth M. Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gary was born 30 August 1943 in New Castle, Henry County, Indiana, the son of Byron H. Hale and Delores *Derrow*.

Gary was married on 27 October 1967. Gary was a utility worker for Delco Remy Corporation. He died at the Indiana University Hospital at Indianapolis, Indiana on 10 July 1992 at the age of 48. Gary died of cardiopulmonary arrest from sepsis during surgery for colon cancer. He is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana. His wife survived him (private) He was also survived by a son and a daughter (both private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Jane Elizabeth Hale Kendall

Janet Marlene Kendall⁸ (Jane Elizabeth Hale⁷, Ruth M. Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter

²²⁰ On all the records except his delayed birth certificate, Don's middle name is given as Marvin, and since his father's name was Marvin, it would seem most likely that Marvin is the correct name. Thus, I have used it here. His delayed birth certificate gives his middle name as Martin.

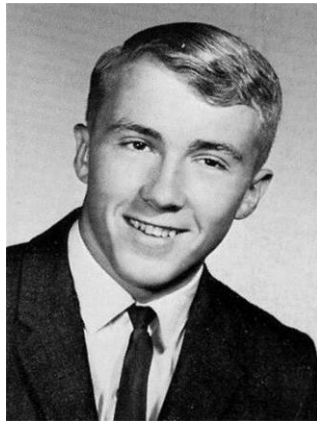
Ruffner¹) Janet was born 4 March 1942 in Henry County, Indiana, the daughter of Jane Elizabeth *Hale* and Walter Clarence Kendall.

She was married (private) and they lived in Williamsburg, Indiana with their two young daughters, Julie Ann and Jo Ellen (shown below).

Janet, age 24, and their two little girls were killed instantly in a tragic auto accident on 10 August 1966 at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Highway US-35 near Losantville in Randolph County, Indiana. They are buried together at Mooreland Cemetery in Mooreland, Henry County, Indiana.

Julie Ann Morris⁹ – 19 February 1962 – 10 August 1966—age four years.

Jo Ellen Morris⁹ – 16 October 1964 – 10 August 1966—age one year and 9 months.



Kenneth Bruce Kendall⁸ (Jane Elizabeth Hale⁷, Ruth M. Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kenneth was born 20 January 1949 in Henry County, Indiana, the son of Jane Elizabeth *Hale* and Walter Clarence Kendall.

When Kenneth entered the U.S. Army, his home was in Mooreland, Henry County, Indiana. Kenneth is shown here during his senior year in high school.

Kenneth served in Vietnam—his first tour of duty was 12 January 1970. Kenneth was a Sergeant in B Co., 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, USARV (light weapons infantry). He was killed in action in Cambodia on 7 May 1970 from multiple wounds. His body was recovered and he is buried at Mooreland Cemetery, Mooreland, Henry County, Indiana. Kenneth is remembered on the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. at Panel W11, Line 125.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Virginia Mae *Hale* Lewis**

Tony Ray Lewis⁸ (Virginia Mae Hale⁷, Ruth M. Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Tony was born 21 November 1945 in New Castle, Henry County, Indiana, the son of Virginia Mae *Hale* and Arthur Leon Lewis.

Tony worked as a skilled tradesman for an automobile factory in Mooreland, Indiana, where he lived.

He died at his home in Mooreland on 9 May 2006 at the age of 60. Tony is buried as Mooreland Cemetery in Mooreland, Henry County, Indiana. He was survived by his wife whom he married 31 May 1964 in Henry County, Indiana (private). Tony was also survived by at least one son (private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Alfred Lee Hale

Michael Allen Hale⁸ (Alfred Lee Hale⁷, Ruth M. Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Michael was born 26 March 1954 in Indiana, the son of Michael Allen Hale and Ruth Ann *O'Brien*.

Michael suffered from severe mental retardation, and had been a patient at the Muscatatuck State School in Butlerville, Jennings County, Indiana for five years. He died there on 3 November 1962 at the age of eight years. The cause of death was bronchopneumonia due to cerebral degeneration. He is buried beside his mother Ruth Ann *O'Brien* Hale at Mooreland Cemetery in Mooreland, Henry County, Indiana.

Helen Denise Hale⁸ (Alfred Lee Hale⁷, Ruth M. Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Helen was born 17 October 1955 in Modoc, Randolph County, Indiana, the daughter of Alfred Lee Hale and Ruth Ann *O'Brien*.

Helen was a Licensed Practical Nurse working as a healthcare coordinator. She had been married to a Mr. Ankrom, and was divorced. Helen lived in Mooreland, Henry County, Indiana.

Helen *Hale* Ankrom died accidentally at her home in Mooreland on 14 October 1998 at the age of 42. The cause of death was a freak accident—she was run over by her own automobile. Helen is buried at Mooreland Cemetery in Mooreland, Henry County, Indiana. She is survived by a daughter (private). Her sister also survives her (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Martha Elaine Markle Camplin Lewis

Mark Eugene Camplin⁸ (Martha Elaine Markle⁷, Eva Nadine Hodson⁶, Catharine Elizabeth Bushong⁵, Sara Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mark was born 25 July 1954²²¹ in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana, the son of Martha Elaine *Markle* and Eugene Melvin Camplin.

Mark was self-employed, working in the insurance business. He was a member of the Kiwanis.

He died at St. Vincent Heart Center in Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana on 11 October 2007 at the age of 53. Mark is buried at the Carmel Cemetery in Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana.

²²¹ This date of birth for Mark Eugene Camplin is taken from the Social Security records—Find A Grave shows a different month.

Mark was married on 28 June 1986 in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana, and he was survived by his wife, two daughters (all private). He was also survived by his sister (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Betty Lou Hodson McGinnis**

Robert Alan McGinnis⁸ (Betty Lou Hodson⁷, Fred S. Hodson⁶, Jennie Alicenora Bushong⁵, Sarah Bushong⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 26 April 1947 in New Castle, Henry County, Indiana, the son of Betty Lou Hodson and Earl Junior McGinnis.

Robert had been married and was divorced (private). He worked as a machine repairman for Chrysler Corporation in New Castle, Indiana. He was a member of the United Auto Workers Local #371, and Mechanicsburg Masonic Lodge #392. He lived most of his life in Henry County, Indiana.

Robert died at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana on 24 December 1993 at the age of 46. The cause of death was lung cancer and a stroke. He is buried at Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Middletown, Henry County, Indiana. Robert was survived by three daughters, two sons, and 11 grandchildren. His parents also survived him, but are now deceased. Robert was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Ashley McGinnis.¹⁰

End of Chapter Eight

*Other things may change, but we start and end
with the family.*



Chapter Nine

Ninth Generation



**The Gr-Gr-Gr-Gr-Gr-Gr-Grandchildren
of
Peter and Mary Ruffner**

CHAPTER NINE.....THE GR-GR-GR-GR-GR-GR-GRANDCHILDREN

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman* Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter Clara Margaret *Myers* Allen

Gary Robert Allen⁹ (Clara Margaret Myers⁸, Thomas Peter Myers⁷, Clara Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gary was born 29 November 1952 in Los Angeles County, California, the son of Clara Margaret *Myers* and Harry R. Allen.

Gary graduated from Mayfair High School in Lakewood, Los Angeles County, California. His 1968 photo is shown here.

His last residence was Lakewood, California. He died 18 January 2003 at the age of 50. Gary is buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Los Angeles County, California—Plot: Sacred Heart, Section 10, Lot 3539.

Gary had been married (no information). He was survived by a son and a daughter (both private). He was also survived by a step-daughter (private). A brother also survived him.



Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman* Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter Erma Jean *Myers* Postlewait

Marcia Jean Postlewait⁹ (Erma Jean Myers⁸, Thomas Peter Myers⁷, Clara Duncan⁶, Mary Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Marcia was born 24 September 1954 at Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, the daughter of Erma Jean *Myers* and Dr. Richard F. Postlewait, D.D.S.

Marcia never married. Her home had been in Bridgeport, Lawrence County, Illinois when she died at Lawrence Community Healthcare Center in Bridgeport, on 16 October 2001 at the age of 47.

She is interred at Graceland Cemetery in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois—Star of Hope Mausoleum. Marcia was survived by two sisters and one brother (all private). She was also survived by her mother, who is now deceased.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Avis Gwendolyn Elder Campbell**

Gwendolyn (Gwen) Campbell⁹ (Avis Gwendolyn Elder⁸, Estella Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gwen was born 6 March 1923 at the home of her grandmother in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Avis Gwendolyn *Elder* and Clare Lowry Campbell.

Gwen graduated in 1941 from North High School in Columbus, and then attended Ohio State University for her undergraduate and medical degrees. In 1944 she was inducted into Alpha Epsilon Delta pre-med fraternity in 1944 and received her BA in 1946 and her Medical Degree in 1949. She completed her internship at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, Massachusetts and then returned to Columbus to complete an anesthesia residency at Ohio State University. She was Chief Resident in Anesthesia from 1951 to 1953 and was Board Certified in Anesthesiology in 1956.

Gwen married **Andre Norbert Trudeau**, and they were married for almost 50 years.

Dr. Gwen Trudeau worked at the Ohio TB Hospital and was Chair of the Department of Anesthesia and Chair of the Medical Staff at Columbus St. Ann's Hospital. After she retired from Anesthesiology practice, she served as an Assistant Medical Director for Nationwide Insurance Co. Dr. Trudeau served a term as President of the OSU Medical Alumni Association and she later received a 50-year award. She was active in the Camp Fire Girls. While her husband was still living, they did extensive traveling to many states and foreign countries, including Iran, China, Egypt, Spain's Canary Islands, and South America.

Andre Norbert Trudeau was born 21 August 1924 in Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, the son of William A. Trudeau and Lorenza *Patnaude*. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Andre was an insurance agent. He died while a patient at a nursing home in Columbus, Ohio on 25 October 2005 at the age of 81.

After her husband's death, Dr. Trudeau spent her final years at the Westminster-Thurber Retirement Community in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Gwen Trudeau died at Columbus, Ohio on 29 December 2011 at the age of 88. She is buried at Saint Joseph Cemetery in Lockbourne, Franklin County, Ohio.

Dr. Trudeau was preceded in death by her husband and daughter Dolores Sue Trudeau (see below). Gwen Trudeau is survived by her eight living children, 20 grandchildren and six great grandchildren (all private). She was also survived by her brother.

Dolores Sue Trudeau¹⁰ the daughter of Gwen and Andre Trudeau was born 30 March 1958 in Franklin County, Ohio. She died at the Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio on 17 April 1958 at the age of 18 days.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Eleanor Grace *Elder* Jones

Richard Bontecou Jones⁹ (Eleanor Grace Elder⁸, Estella Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Richard was born 12 August 1931 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, the son of Eleanor Grace *Elder* and Arthur Philander Jones.

Richard grew up in Columbus where his father was an executive with a printing company. Later in life Richard resided at Annandale, Fairfax County, Virginia. That was his home when he died 13 January 2001 at the age of 69. No record was found of a marriage or children.

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Alma Mae *Horner* Lyons

Don LeRoy Lyons⁹ (Alma Mae Horner⁸, Maggie E. Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Don was born 17 April 1918 in Sidney, Shelby County, Ohio, the son of Alma Mae *Horner* and Daniel Webster Lyons.

Don served in the U.S. Navy during WWII from 23 March 1942 to 11 September 1945. While he was serving in the Navy, on 31 July 1943 in Lynchburg, Virginia, Don married **Edna Maxine Buchanan**, who was born 23 October 1921 in Douglasville, Douglas County, Georgia, the daughter of Ira Eugene Buchanan and Ethel Dora *Sauls*.

Don and Edna lived in Bellaire, Harris County, Texas. Don was a merchandising manager for a department store.

Don committed suicide by gunshot on 13 October 1955 at the age of 37 years, five months and 26 days. He is buried at Woodlawn Garden of Memories in Houston, Harris County, Texas. His wife survived him—she died sometime after 1993—no information was found. They had children (private).

Francis Eugene (Gene) Lyons⁹ (Alma Mae Horner⁸, Maggie E. Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Francis was born 19 December 1923 in Sidney, Shelby County, Ohio, the son of Alma Mae *Horner* and Daniel Webster Lyons.

Sometime before WWII, Francis moved from Ohio to Houston Texas with his parents and his older brother. After graduating from San Jacinto High School, in June of 1944 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on the Destroyer Escort *Joseph E. Campbell* in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea and Pacific Theatres during WWII. After discharge, he met and married **Dorothy Meeks**, who was born 20 February 1925.

Francis attended the University of Houston and received a four-year degree in Business Administration. He then became a sales engineer for Westinghouse

Corporation and following that for J. P. Stevens Corporation. Francis and Dorothy lived in Georgia.

Dorothy died 17 June 1990 at the age of 65. She is buried at Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia. Francis and Dorothy had been married for 41 years.

Francis died on Saturday, 27 October 2007 at the age of 83. He is buried next to his wife Dorothy at Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia—Section H, Site 9390. They were survived by a son, a granddaughter and a grandson (all private). Francis was preceded in death by his older brother Don Lyons.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Leora Restina Horner Dachenbach Haines**

Newell Waldo Dachenbach⁹ (Leora Restina Horner⁸, Maggie E. Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Newell was born 1914 in Ohio, the son of Leora Restina *Horner* and her first husband Floyd Malcolm Dachenbach.

Newell was married to **Virginia May Shaw**, who was born 15 May 1916 in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, the daughter of Frank Shaw and Nellie P. *Turner*. Newell and Virginia lived in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

Newell was employed as an examiner for the State Industrial Commission—State Bureau of Workman's Compensation.

He died at Doctors Hospital-North in Columbus, Ohio on 3 March 1967 at the age of 52. Virginia never married again after Newell's death. She died at her home in Columbus, Ohio on 12 June 1996 at the age of 80.

Leota Anna Haines⁹ (Leora Restina Horner⁸, Maggie E. Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Leota was born 15 February 1933 at Quincy, Logan County, Ohio, the daughter of Leora Restina *Horner* and her second husband Homer J. Haines. Leota was the twin sister of Ledona Mae Haines.

Leota was married on 10 October 1953 (private). She was a member of the Quincy United Methodist Church. She was employed at Stolle Machinery Company in Sidney, Ohio for over 42 years, and during that employment she only missed one day of work.

Leota died at her home in Quincy, Ohio on Sunday, 27 December 2015 at the age of 82. She is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Quincy, Logan County, Ohio.

She was survived by her husband, one daughter and two grandchildren (all private). Her twin sister Ledona survived her, but is now deceased.

Ledona Mae Haines⁹ (Leora Restina Horner⁸, Maggie E. Shaw⁷, David I. Shaw⁶, Matilda Adalin Iles⁵, Savilla Ruffner⁴, Peter Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ledona was born 15 February 1933 at Quincy, Logan County, Ohio, the daughter of Leora Restina *Horner* and her second husband Homer J. Haines. Ledona was the twin sister of Leota Anna Haines.

Ledona graduated in 1951 from Quincy High School. She then worked for Stolle Machinery Company in Sidney, Ohio.

On 28 December 1951 Ledona married **Robert Charles Heath**. He was born 10 April 1932. Robert was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Ledona worked beside her husband on their farm and especially enjoyed milking the cows. Robert died 6 June 1991 at the age of 59. He is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Quincy, Logan County, Ohio.

Ledona died on Monday, 5 September 2016 at the age of 83. She is buried beside her husband Robert at Fairview Cemetery in Quincy, Ohio. Ledona and Robert are survived by two sons, five grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren (all private). Ledona's twin sister Leota preceded her in death.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Glendon Dewey (Dave) Davidson

Carl Edwin Davidson⁹ (Glendon Dewey Davidson⁸, Bessie Lucille Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carl was born 9 September 1948 in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, the son of Glendon Dewey Davidson and his first wife Martha Louise *Culley*. Carl's mother Martha died in 1951 when he was still a toddler, and Carl was raised by his father Glendon and his stepmother, Lydia Marie *Skidmore*.

Carl served in the U.S. Navy and remained in the Naval Reserves. On 13 June 1971 in Grove City, Franklin County, Ohio, Carl was driving home from work and his car was hit head on by another vehicle driven by an intoxicated person. Carl was killed instantly. He was 22 years old, and unmarried. Carl is buried at Ferncliff Cemetery in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio. He was survived by his father and his stepmother Lydia (both now deceased), and a sister and half-sister (both private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Freida Marie *Davidson* Carson Iddings Lewis Iddings

Gary Eugene Iddings⁹ (Freida Marie Davidson⁸, Bessie Lucille Vandever⁷, Kittie Minerva Bragunier⁶, Melvina Ellen Ross⁵, Mary Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gary was born 20 January 1950 at Troy, Miami County, Ohio, the son of Freida Marie *Davidson* and her second husband Willard E. Iddings.

Gary attended schools in Troy, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army with the 18th Airborne Corps from 1968 to 1970. He retired from employment with Spears Expediting Co. in Troy. He was a member of the Troy Eagles #971.

He died at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy, Miami County, Ohio on Sunday, 11 October 2015 at the age of 65. Gary is buried at Riverside Cemetery in Troy, Ohio. Graveside military honor service was provided by the Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard Service of Troy, Ohio.

Gary was survived by four children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren (all private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Luella May Rigg Munro

Donna Mae Munro⁹ (Luella May Rigg⁸, Leland Stanford Rigg⁷, Alma Rosella Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donna was born 3 January 1939 in Denver, Colorado, the daughter of Luella May Rigg and Wallace Roy Munro.

Donna attended Colorado State College in Fort Collins, Colorado. She is shown here in her 1961 college photo.

On 11 March 1962 in Monterey County, California, she married **Joseph (Joe) G. Pipa**. Joseph was born 28 September 1935 in Butler Township, Pennsylvania. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps 1953-1956. After marriage, Donna and Joseph lived in Denver, Colorado, and Joseph was a teacher.

Donna Mae died 9 July 1990 in Thornton, Colorado at the age of 51. Joseph died 10 April 1996 at the age of 60.



Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Paul Dean (P.D.) Ruffner



Michael Dean Ruffner⁹ (Paul Dean Ruffner⁸, Clare Anderson Ruffner⁷, Edward White Ruffner⁶, Harrison Newton Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Michael was born 16 June 1955 in Effingham, Effingham County, Illinois, the son of Paul Dean (P.D.) Ruffner and his wife.

Michael lived his entire life in the Mason area, attending Mason-Edgewood Grade School and Effingham High School. After his schooling was completed, he worked for Webb's Auto Body and Alignment Shop in Effingham, Illinois.

Michael died 19 June 1977 in Effingham County, Illinois at the age of 22. He was found in the wreckage of his car along Route 37, about a mile south of Mason, Illinois. Michael is buried at Mason Union Cemetery in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois. Michael was survived by his parents. However, his father is now deceased. He was also survived by his brother and his two sisters (private). (Information and photo are from his obituary.)

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
John (Johnny) Raymond Ready

Jeffrey Scott Ready⁹ (John Raymond Ready⁸, Lynn Wilson Ready⁷, Mary Emma Wilson⁶, Margaret Elizabeth Ruffner⁵, Andrew Harrison Ruffner⁴, Benjamin Ruffner II³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jeffrey was born 11 October 1956 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois, the son of John (Johnny) Raymond Ready and Marguerite (Peggy) *Sheets*. Jeffrey lived at Ellsworth, McLean County, Illinois, and that is where he was living when he died 21 September 2003 at the age of 46. It is believed he was married, but no record of the marriage was found.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Geraldine Maryalice *Leach* Schweikle

Ladoyt Pearl Schweikle⁹ (Geraldine Maryalice Leach⁸, Pearl Monroe Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ladoyt was born 20 May 1936 in Ohio, the son of Geraldine Maryalice *Leach* and Floyd Arnold Schweikle. Ladoyt served in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam. Ladoyt died 13 February 2007 at the age of 70. He is buried at Bay Pines National Cemetery in Bay Pines, Pinellas County, Florida-Section 1, Site 212.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Kenneth R. Leach

Ronald (Ron) Lynn Leach⁹ (Kenneth R. Leach⁸, George Washington Leach⁷, Alice Phoebe Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ron was born 13 January 1954 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Kenneth R. Leach and Gleneva Louise *McDonald*.

Ron was only 18 years old and still a high school student when he was killed instantly in an automobile accident on 30 March 1972 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at a highway intersection near Howe, LaGrange County, Indiana. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Violet L. Trimmer Bibler

Ralph D. Bibler⁹ (Violet L. Trimmer⁸, Ethel A. Fritz⁷, Sarah Angeline Snider⁶, Noah Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Ralph was born 9 July 1941 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Violet L. *Trimmer* and Raymond P. Bibler.

Ralph served as a Quartermaster 2, U.S. Navy in Vietnam. He was married 31 December 1965, and died 10 April 1968 at the young age of 26. He is buried at Union Evangelical Cemetery in Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio. Ralph was survived by his wife and young child (both private).

From his burial listing as seen in Find A Grave, it first appeared as though Ralph had died in Vietnam. However, when I could not find him listed on the Vietnam Wall Memorial, it aroused a suspicion that Vietnam was not where or how he died. My suspicion was correct. When I checked Ralph out on Ancestry.com, I saw that he had died at Port Columbus in Franklin County, Ohio. Since Columbus is located inland, I assumed that this port was not a port on the waterfront. Correct, it was the airport in Columbus. Here again Google proved to be a wonderful research tool—and this time it was a legal case that gave the answer regarding the death of young Ralph Bibler.

The answer as to how Ralph Bibler died at such a young an age was found in an Appellate Court case. Ralph's young widow had filed a claim on behalf of herself as the widow of Ralph Bibler and also on behalf of their young child. Ralph had been killed when the plane he was flying had collided with another plane at the Columbus Airport on 10 April 1968. In this matter, Ralph's widow was appealing the lower court's decision that the collision was due to Ralph's own negligence in not filing notice that he was approaching the airport, and thus no compensation was due. Ralph's small plane collided with another small plane—the pilot of that plane did report to the tower of his approach. The lower court's decision of negligence was upheld as the higher court ruled that Ralph's own negligence was responsible for his death.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Chester James Sager

James Raymond Sager⁹ (Chester James Sager⁸, Ella Emeline Fritz⁷, Bryan Harvey Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) James was born 20 January 1947 in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, the son of Chester James Sager and Anna Frances *Spangler*.

Rev. James Sager was a much loved pastor of the Coldwater United Methodist Church in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio. Both Rev. Sager and his wife were very popular with the parishioners.

Rev. Sager died at Dayton Montgomery County, Ohio on 4 September 2004 at the age of 57. He is buried at Saint Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio. Rev. Sager was survived by his wife (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Frederick Green

Kenneth Alvin Green⁹ (Frederick Green⁸, Erma Fern Spitler⁷, Dora C. Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kenneth was born 26 February 1938 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. He was the son of Frederick (Fred) Green and Ruth *Gloyd*.

Kenneth's lifetime career was as a firefighter. He began with the fire department at Franklin Township, Ohio. He then served with the City of Columbus Fire Department for 26 years, retiring as Captain. During his time at Columbus, he also served as co-founder and Assistant Chief of the Pleasant Township Fire Department, and then moved to the Jefferson Township Fire Department, serving and retiring as Chief. Currently, he had been the part-time Administrator of Jefferson Township.

At the time of his 2009 death, Kenneth and his wife had been married for 43 years. He married **Minnie May Haenszel**, who was born 16 November 1942 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of John and Clara Haenszel. Minnie was employed by Nationwide Insurance Company.

Kenneth died Tuesday, 1 September 2009 at the age of 71. He is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Georgesville, Franklin County, Ohio.

Minnie died at Pinnacle Assisted Living in Summerville, Butler County, Ohio, on Wednesday, 17 February 2010 at the age of 67. She is buried next to her husband Kenneth at Oak Grove Cemetery in Georgesville, Ohio. Kenneth and Minnie were survived by a daughter and three grandchildren (all private). Kenneth was also survived by his sister (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Marion Leroy Green

Christine Lurrie Green⁹ (Marion Leroy Green⁸, Erma Fern Spitler⁷, Dora C. Sager⁶, Lydia Snider⁵, Phebe Brumbach⁴, Regina Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Christine was born 22 April 1961 at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of Marion Leroy Green and Phyllis Lavina *Sowers*.

Christine lived in Newark, Licking County, Ohio. She had been employed with Mulch Manufacturing, and later she was a housekeeper at the Amerihost Inn in Newark.

She died unexpectedly at her home in Newark, Ohio on 13 July 2011 at the age of 50. Cremation followed—the location of her cremains was not disclosed.

Christine was survived by her daughter and a grandson (private). She was preceded in death by a grandson, Shawn Vanvorhis¹⁰, and also by an infant sister, Dianne Lynn Green.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
William Brussell III**

David Eric Brussell⁹ (William Brussell III⁸, William Brussell Jr.⁷, Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 12 April 1951 in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, the son of William Brussell III and his wife.

David was not married and lived with his parents in Casey, Illinois. He spent part of his time in New Hampshire. David held a Ph.D. and was a former adjunct professor at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois. While there, he authored the book *Potions, Poisons, and Panaceas: An Ethnobotanical Study of Montserrat*. Dr. Brussell's book on plant life and their relevancy in the modern world was published by the Southern Illinois University Press in 1998 and is still available through online booksellers.

Following a heated family altercation over a land issue, Dr. Brussell shot his brother and then turned the gun on himself. Dr. Brussell was pronounced deceased at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois from a self-inflicted gunshot wound on Saturday, 11 June 2011 at the age of 60. David was survived by his parents, although his father is now deceased.

Kevin L. Brussell⁹ (William Brussell III⁸, William Brussell Jr.⁷, Elvira Jane Seymour⁶, Katherine Electra Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Kevin was born 11 November 1954, the son of William Brussell III and his wife.

Kevin and his wife lived near his parents and his brother David in Casey, Illinois. Kevin was employed as an organic farmer. He was a member of MOSES, an organic farmer to farmer mentoring program; also the Southeastern Illinois Sustainable Agriculture Association; Illinois Stewardship Alliance; Midwest Sustainable Agriculture Working Group; Organic Crop Improvement Association; CFAR and Ag Organics.

Kevin died as the result of a gunshot wound inflicted by his brother David during a family altercation regarding a land dispute. Kevin succumbed shortly after being shot at his parent's home in Casey on Saturday, 11 June 2011. He was 56 years old. Kevin was survived by his wife and his parents. His father William Brussell is now deceased.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Marcella Ruffner Alstott

Glenda Rebecca Alstott⁹ (Marcella Ruffner⁸, Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Glenda was born 20 June 1943 in Marion County, Indiana, the daughter of Marcella *Ruffner* and Glenn Leron Alstott, Sr.

Since 1983, Glenda had been co-owner and office manager of Kinser Insurance Co. in Ellettsville, Indiana. She was a member of the Ellettsville Christian Church.

Glenda *Alstott* Kinser died at Richland Bean Blossom Health Center in Ellettsville on 10 June 2010 at the age of 66. She is buried at Clear Creek Cemetery at Clear Creek, Monroe County, Indiana. Glenda was survived by her husband, two sons, one daughter, nine grandchildren, and two sisters (all private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Jimmie Lee Ruffner

Steven Lee Ruffner⁹ (Jimmie Lee Ruffner⁸, Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Steven was born 15 March 1962 in Lima, Allen County, Ohio, the son of Jimmie Lee Ruffner and his wife.

Steven died at St. Ritas Medical Center in Lima, Ohio at the age of five days. He is buried at Mendon Cemetery in Mendon, Mercer County, Ohio. Steven was survived by his parents—his father is now deceased. His two brothers are also deceased.

Lewis C. Ruffner⁹ (Jimmie Lee Ruffner⁸, Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Lewis was born 23 April 1967 at St. Mary's, Auglaize County, Ohio, the son of Jimmie Lee Ruffner and his wife. Lewis was married and divorced. He was a laborer for a wood products company.

Lewis was killed along with his brother Richard in an automobile accident in Mercer County, Ohio at 4:40 a.m. on 11 November 1996. He was 29 years old. Lewis is buried at Mendon Cemetery in Mendon, Mercer County, Ohio.

Richard L. Ruffner⁹ (Jimmie Lee Ruffner⁸, Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Richard was born 19 April 1972 at Lima, Allen County, Ohio, the son of Jimmie Lee Ruffner and his wife.

Richard never married. He worked as a truck driver for a trucking Company.

Richard was killed along with his brother Lewis in an automobile accident in Mercer County, Ohio at 4:40 a.m. on 11 November 1996. He was 24 years old. Richard is buried beside his brother Lewis at Mendon Cemetery in Mendon, Mercer County, Ohio.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Donald (Donnie) Ray Ruffner

Donald Ray Ruffner, Jr.⁹ aka **Donald Ray Cauble** (Donald Ray Ruffner⁸, Ernest Clyde Ruffner⁷, Hugh Kelly Ruffner⁶, Martin Joseph Ruffner⁵, Walter Newman Ruffner⁴, Martin Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donald Jr. was born 27 July 1967 at Hialeah, Dade County, Florida, the son of Donald (Donnie) Ray Ruffner, Sr. and his second wife, Patricia Irene *Weaver*.

Since Donald Jr.'s mother was deceased while he was a small child and his father was incarcerated in prison and estranged from his birth family, there was no one who could take of the young boy, thus Donald was evidently adopted by the Cauble family.

Donald Jr. committed suicide by gunshot at his home in Henderson County, North Carolina in July of 1988 at the age of 20. He was married (no other information). His exact burial site in North Carolina is unknown.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Donald L. Cleveland

Carol Ann Cleveland⁹ (Donald L. Cleveland⁸, Leroy Marion Lyon Cleveland⁷, Alice E. Anderson⁶, Lydia Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carol Ann was born 7 March 1938 in Fresno County, California, the daughter of Donald L. Cleveland and Naomi Vivian *Conant*.

In 1940 the family was living in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. Carol Ann died in Los Angeles County, California on 29 November 1947 at the age of nine years. She is buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park at Whittier, Los Angeles, California.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Twila M. Harrison DeLapp

Sharon Lee DeLapp⁹, Twila M. Harrison⁸, Pearl Mae Schenck⁷, Lillian Celia Holmes⁶, Eliza M. Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sharon was born 15 May 1943 in Los Angeles County, California, the daughter of Twila M. *Harrison* and David W. DeLapp.

Sharon was married twice (1) 21 September 1965 and (2) 18 May 1973 (both marriages in California and both private).

Sharon *DeLapp* Wilcox died 18 March 1987 in Los Angeles County, California at the age of 43. She is buried at Pacific Crest Cemetery, Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County, California – Plot: 7 653 6. No information regarding children was given.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Lilly M. *Deckert* Kelley White**

Virgil Lee Kelley⁹ (Lilly M. *Deckert*⁸, Josie Mary Holmes⁷, James Leslie Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Virgil was born 25 September 1952 in Rushville, Sheridan County, Nebraska, the son of Lilly M. *Deckert* and her husband.

Virgil served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 4 November 1970 to discharge on 20 March 1972. He had moved to Batesland, Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota with his mother. He died 21 July 1979 at the age of 26 and is buried at Knight Cemetery in Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota.

Virgil did marry on 18 October 1978, just a few months before his death. They were married in Bennett County, South Dakota. It is presumed his wife survived him (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Marie Elin *Anderson* Farrens**

Wayne Arthur (W.A. or Dub) Farrens, Sr.⁹ (Marie Elin *Anderson*⁸, Lillie Mae Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Wayne was born 31 January 1946 in Santa Monica, Los Angeles County, California, the son of Marie Elin *Anderson* and Arthur (Art) Martin Farrens.

After finishing high school and serving his time in the Army, Wayne, known as W. A. Farrens, launched his professional music career with the band *Neighb'rhood Childr'n*. Following is a bio of the band, featuring W.A. Farrens and his short career in the world of pop music.

The band was first known as *Navarros*, a teen band playing surf music and garage rock. It had its origins during 1963 in Phoenix, Oregon, a small town located in Jackson County about three miles south of Medford, Oregon. While still in Oregon, the group cut a single record they called *Corby*, and then decided to visit San Francisco and its hippie scene.

In San Francisco the band fell under the spell of a new style of music. They made the change from the softer surf music to psychedelic rock and R&B. With the change in

music style, the group also made a change in its name. The name they chose was *Neighb'rhood Childr'n*.

After this change in their music and their name, some of the original band members moved on—most with no choice as they were drafted into service for their county; after all it was the time of the United States' involvement in Vietnam. One of those drafted was the drummer John Morrison; and another was drummer Tom Ryan who had followed Morrison.

At this time, W.A. Farrens left his home in Oroville, California and joined the band as a replacement on the drums. The multit talented W. A. Farrens also filled in on the harmonica, as well as vocalist and *front man*.



The band first recorded a self-titled album on the Acta label which was released in 1968. This album is now much sought after by record collectors. Actually, the music of the 1960s *Neighb'rhood Childr'n* can still be heard on today's YouTube. The band's sound has often been compared to that of *Jefferson Airplane*.

In the latter part of the 1960s, *Neighb'rhood Childr'n* toured the country extensively in support of the album, opening for *The Who*, *The Grass Roots*, *Deep Purple* and *The Beau Brummels*, and last of all going on a

short tour with *The Turtles*.

Neighb'rhood Childr'n recorded a second album; this one for Dot Records. However, it was not released because of the closure of the company. In addition, encountering problems while on its last tour, the band opted for a religious theme and changed its name to *White Horse*.

Meanwhile, because the band members could not find another label to release their second album which had originally been recorded by *Neighb'rhood Childr'n* for Dot Records, the group disbanded in 1970.

Albums of record by *Neighb'rhood Childr'n* are: The band's self-titled *Neighb'rhood Childr'n* (1968) and *Long Years in Space* (1997) which was a compilation of their first album plus bonus tracks.

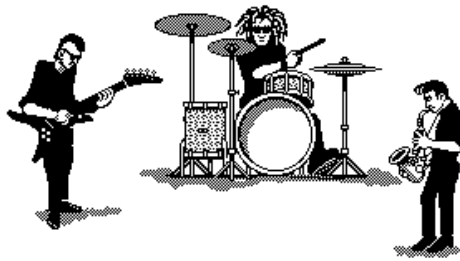
Some of the band's singles of record have been: *Please Leave Me Alone/Happy Child* (1968, Acta); *Behold the Lilies/I Want Action* (1968, Acta); *She's Got No Identification/?* (1968) and



Women Think/On Our Way (1969, Dot).

Following the break-up of the band and the ending of his career as a rock star, W.A. Farrens opened his own successful music stores in Southern Oregon which he had named Toad Music. By that time, W.A. was married and beginning life as a family man. Thus, his attention was on providing for his children by making a success of his business. Except for his memories and the stories he loved to tell to his children, W. A. Farrens left his former life as a member of the pop music group *Neighb'rhood Childr'n* far behind.

W.A. Farrens died at his home in Placerville, El Dorado County, California on 25 September 2015 at the age of 69. He is buried at Green Valley Cemetery in Cameron Park, El Dorado County, California. W. A. Farrens was survived by his five children, his first grandchild, and three younger sisters.



**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Neil Webster**

Carolyn Anne Webster⁹ (Neil Webster⁸, Chancy Herbert Webster⁷, Mary Jane Holmes⁶, Eliza Ann Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carolyn was born 10 January 1956 in Nebraska, the daughter of Neil Webster and his wife. Carolyn did not marry, and she died 6 October 1983 at the age of 27. She is buried at Bellevue Cemetery in Bellevue, Sarpy County, Nebraska—Block 41, Lot 26, Grave 4. Carolyn was survived by her mother and four brothers (all private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Helen Arlene Crawford Fandel**

William Frederick Fandel, Jr.⁹ (Helen Arlene Crawford⁸, Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 13 August 1952 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, the son of Helen Arlene *Crawford* and William F. Fandel, Sr.

William died in Peoria, Illinois, 19 December 1994 at the age of 42. He is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois. William is survived by his wife, whom he married 14 August 1976 (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Alta Pauline (Polly) Crawford Sommers**

Donovan Wayne Gaede⁹ (Alta Pauline Crawford⁸, Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donovan was born 17 April 1968 in Volusia County, Florida, the son of Alta Pauline *Crawford* Gaede Sommers.

Donovan lived in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. He was an attorney. Donovan died in Bangkok (Krung Thep Maha Nakhon) Thailand. Cremation followed, and his ashes were scattered in Thailand.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Adell Crawford Farley Harvey**

Dr. William (Bill) Thomas Farley, Jr.⁹ (Adell Crawford⁸, Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Bill Farley was born 19 May 1956 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, the son of Adell (Dollie) *Crawford* and Rev. William Thomas Farley, Sr. Bill's father died when he was 10 years old, and his mother married again. Bill's stepfather was Rev. John (Jack) Harvey, who is now deceased.

Dr. Farley lived in Teton, Fremont County, Idaho. He died in Idaho Falls, Idaho on 25 December 2015 at the age of 59. As shown in his obituary which was published in several newspapers, Dr. Farley led a very busy and exemplary life.

For the past 20 years, Bill taught music at South Fremont Junior High School and South Fremont High School in St. Anthony. His bands and choirs won many awards, achieving highest honors at music festivals and contests. He directed and composed several historic pageants in St. Anthony, played in the Idaho Falls Symphony Orchestra and was available whenever music was involved. He ran the sound systems for the South Fremont schools, as well as for Steven Curtis Chapman and Pat Boone at concerts. A computer whiz, he also served as a computer instructor, troubleshooter and yearbook instructor at the South Fremont schools. He served the community as a ham radio instructor and test giver, served a term on the Teton City Council, led numerous Bible studies in the Upper Valley, directed youth camps in Montana and Idaho, taught private music lessons and could play anything that could make music, whether it be keyboard, percussion, strings, brass or wind instruments. A graduate of John Brown University, Covington Theological Seminary and Concordia University, Bill held master's degrees in education and reading and a Ph.D. in theology. He recently authored a book, "When Facing the Storms of Life," which has helped many people facing difficult times in life. He served as pastor to congregations in Franklin, Tennessee; Kalispell, Montana;

*Helena, Montana; and Dubois [Idaho] before coming to the Upper Valley, where he was the beloved Protestant pastor at the Idaho Detention Center for nearly 20 years.*²²²

Dr. Farley is survived by his wife, two daughters, four grandchildren, three brothers, and four sisters (all private). His mother and stepfather did survive, but are now both deceased. He was preceded in death by daughter Jaymi.

+Jaymi Farley¹⁰ – 1988-2015 – married (private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-grandson
Howard D. Miller**

David Eugene Miller⁹ (Howard D. Miller⁸, Bernice Viola Mohr⁷, Jennie Colson Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) David was born 13 November 1948 in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, the son of Howard D. Miller and Carolyn J. Sipe.

David served as a SP4 in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. In 1987 when his younger brother Laurence died, David was in AL Khobar, Saudi Arabia.

He died at Branson, Toney County, Missouri on 28 March 1997 at the age of 48. David is buried next to his brother Laurence at Riverview Cemetery in Newville, DeKalb County, Indiana. No record of a marriage was found. David is survived by another brother (private).

Laurence Dean Miller⁹ (Howard D. Miller⁸, Bernice Viola Mohr⁷, Jennie Colson Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Laurence was born in Auburn, Dekalb County, Indiana, the son of Howard D. Miller and Carolyn J. Sipe.

Laurence served as a SP4 in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. His home was in Lewisville, Jefferson County, Idaho. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Laurence died at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 20 October 1987 at the age of 37. He perished in a semi-truck accident in Kanab, Kane County, Utah. Laurence is buried next to his brother David at Riverview Cemetery in Newville, DeKalb County, Indiana.

He was survived by his parents and his brother David—however, they are now also deceased. Laurence is survived by a daughter and another brother (both private).

²²² Published in the *Rexburg Standard Journal*, April 19, 2016 (Rexburg, Madison County, Idaho)

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Norma E. Blackmore Partner

Jay Lynn Partner⁹ (Norma E. Blackmore⁸, Emmett A. Blackmore⁷, Ida C. Pinkham⁶, Alvira Mooberry⁵, Louisa Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jay was born 16 November 1951 at Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, the son of Norma E. *Blackmore* and Lloyd Partner, Jr.

Jay lived in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois. He attended Nashville Diesel College and was employed as a driver by Stoller Trucking Co. of Gridley, Illinois. During his leisure time, Jay enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

He was married on 17 November 1972 in El Paso, Woodford County, Illinois to **Sharon Marie Mool**. She was born 11 June 1954 in Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois. Sharon died 14 July 2002 at the age of 48.

Jay died at Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village, Illinois (near Chicago) on Monday evening, 5 December 2005 at the age of 54. Jay and Sharon were survived by a daughter and a son (both private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
William (Billy) Aaron Cave

William Edward (Buster) Cave⁹ (William Aaron Cave⁸, Mattie Lee Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) William was born 22 October 1957 in Page County, Virginia, the son of William (Billy) Aaron Cave and Jamie Beatrice *Bailey*.

William lived in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He died 28 October 2010 at the age of 57. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

William is survived by his wife and three daughters (private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Margaret Virginia Fox Miller

Phyllis Jeannette Miller⁹ (Margaret Virginia Fox⁸, Blanch Susan Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Phyllis was born 5 October 1936 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Margaret Virginia *Fox* Franklin Edward Miller, Sr.

She was a member of Mount Carmel Regular Baptist Church and also attended Rocky Branch Baptist Church. She was married 8 September 1954 in Page County, Virginia (private). Phyllis lived on Rocky Branch Road in Luray.

Phyllis *Miller* Richard died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Rockingham County, Virginia on Wednesday, 16 January 2008 at the age of 71. Phyllis is buried at

Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. She was survived by her husband, a daughter, a granddaughter and a great granddaughter (all private). She was also survived by a sister (private). Her two brothers preceded her in death. See: Page 877 for paternal lineage for Phyllis.

Franklin Edward (Bug Eye) Miller, Jr.⁹ (Margaret Virginia Fox⁸, Blanch Susan Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Franklin was born 10 June 1939 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Margaret Virginia *Fox* and Franklin Edwin Miller, Sr.

On 29 July 1967 he married **Judy Marie Good**, who was born 6 July 1946 in Stanley, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Clarence Elwood Good (1925-1965) and Kathern Marie *Sours* (1928-2005). Judy was the circulation manager for Page News and Courier in Luray for 39 years.

Franklin died 28 December 1999 at the age of 60 years. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Judy died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Rockingham County, Virginia on 20 December 2003 at the age of 57. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Franklin and Judy were survived by a daughter. See: Page 877 for paternal lineage for Franklin Miller, Jr.

John Alton Miller⁹ (Margaret Virginia Fox⁸, Blanch Susan Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 20 May 1942 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Margaret Virginia *Fox* and Franklin Edward Miller, Sr.

John was a self-employed contractor for 35 years. His home was on Rocky Branch Road in Luray, Virginia.

He died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on Friday, 1 July 2005 at the age of 63. John is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

On 22 October 1962 John was married—his wife survives (private). John was also survived by three sons (private). See: Page 877 for paternal lineage for John Miller.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Oneta Glenrose *Seal* Dwyer**

Edith Glenrose Dwyer⁹ (Oneta Glenrose Seal⁸, Olena Virginia Beahm⁷, Mary Virginia Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Edith was born 10 November 1951 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Oneta Glenrose *Seal* and Thomas Amos (Buddy) Dwyer.

Edith was a member of the Rivermont Baptist Church and was a Sunday school teacher for the church for over 30 years. She never married.

Edith died at her home in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia on Wednesday, 2 September 2015. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Edith was survived by a brother and a sister.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Samuel Henry Thomas

Patsy Ann Thomas⁹ (Samuel Henry Thomas⁸, Edna Earle Kibler⁷, Florence Catharine Lew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Patsy was born 8 November 1959 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Samuel Henry Thomas and Charlotte Virginia *Burner*.

In 1978 Patsy graduated from Luray High School in Luray, Virginia. She earned a BA from Shenandoah University and a Master's Degree from George Washington University in Washington D.C. She remained single. Patsy made her home in Charlottesville,

Patsy died on Wednesday, 6 March 2013 at the age of 52. She was survived by two brothers.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Hazel Viola Lehew

Everette Lee Emerson, Jr.⁹ (Hazel Viola Lehew⁸, Raymond Isaac Lehew⁷, Isaac William Lehew⁶, Mary Ann Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Everette was born 19 November 1931 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Hazel Viola *Lehew* and Everette Lee Emerson, Sr.

Everette was a 1959 graduate of Luray High School in Luray, Virginia. He was a member of the Luray Volunteer Fire Department since December of 1949. He lived in Stanley, Page County, Virginia.

Everette died at the Page Memorial Hospital in Luray on Thursday, 3 April 2008 at the age of 76. He is buried at Saint Luke Cemetery in Alma, Page County, Virginia.

Everette was married on 2 May 1953, and he is survived by his wife (private). He was also survived by two daughters (private). He was preceded in death by a son, Steven N. Emerson¹⁰.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Dillard Vernon Heiston, Jr.

Dillard Vernon Heiston, III⁹ (Dillard Vernon Heiston, Jr.⁸, Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delilah Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³,

Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Dillard was born 14 May 1933, the son of Dillard Vernon Heiston, Jr. and Lucille Laverne *Whitemore*.

Dillard served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He married **Patricia Ann Gregory**, who was born 13 May 1936. They lived in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Dillard died 22 October 1982 at the age of 49. He is buried at Washington National Cemetery in Suitland, Prince George's County, Maryland.

Patricia married (2) Frederick Lee Gregory (1944-2016). She died 13 February 2014 at Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, Maryland.

Dillard and Patricia were survived by five children, 11 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren (private). One daughter is deceased (see below).

+Tammy Heiston¹⁰ – 1963-2010 – married (private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
John Marshall Heiston**

John Benjamin Heiston⁹ (John Marshall Heiston⁸, Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 24 June 1937 in Washington, D.C. He was the son of James Marshall Heiston and Nancy Lee *Dudley*.

John was raised in Prince George's County; he was an ironworker, and a member of Iron Workers Local Union #201 for 36 years. He worked on many construction projects in Washington, D.C. and the surrounding metropolitan area.

His last residence was the South Winds Apartments in White Plains, Maryland. John died at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C. on Monday, 24 October 2006 at the age of 69. John is buried at Hollywood Church of the Nazarene Cemetery in Hollywood, St. Mary's County, Maryland.

John was married and divorced. His former wife survives him; also his two daughters, a son, three grandchildren and one great grandchild (all private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Franklin and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Kathleen Virginia Moyer Graves**

Robert Lee Graves⁹ (Kathleen Virginia Moyer⁸, Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 6 May 1943 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Kathleen Virginia *Moyer* and Russell Lee Graves, Sr.

Robert died in Page County, Virginia on 20 December 1994 at the age of 51. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was survived by his wife.

Juanita Virginia Graves⁹ (Kathleen Virginia Moyer⁸, Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin², Peter Ruffner¹) Juanita was born 18 September 1944 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Kathleen Virginia *Moyer* and Russell Lee Graves, Sr.

Juanita *Graves Barnes* died at Charlottesville, Virginia on 22 June 2006 at the age of 61. Juanita is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. She is survived by her husband.

Jerry Wayne Graves⁹ (Kathleen Virginia Moyer⁸, Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin², Peter Ruffner¹) Jerry was born 12 October 1950 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Kathleen Virginia *Moyer* and Russell Lee Graves, Sr.

Jerry was the owner of an auto service business in Luray, Virginia. He was never married.

Jerry was DOA at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Virginia, on 11 July 1987 at the age of 36. The cause of death was a sudden heart attack. Jerry is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Russell (Bobby) Lee Graves, Jr.⁹ (Kathleen Virginia Moyer⁸, Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert was born 7 October 1962 in Page County, Virginia, the son of Kathleen Virginia *Moyer* and Russell Lee Graves, Sr.

Russell lived in Luray, Virginia. He died at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Virginia on 29 August 2007 at the age of 44. He is buried at Beahms in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Russell was married on 21 June 1985 and his wife survives him (private). He is also survived by two daughters and a son (all private).

Kathy Lynn Graves⁹ (Kathleen Virginia Moyer⁸, Raymond Theodore Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin², Peter Ruffner¹) Kathy was born 1 January 1965 in Rockingham County, Virginia, the daughter of Kathleen Virginia *Moyer* and Russell Lee Graves, Sr.

Kathy graduated from the Page County Technical Center on 10 May 2007 and earned her nursing degree. She worked at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray for 15 years and for Consulate Health Care as a nurse for three years. Kathy was a member of the Lighthouse Gospel Church.

On 30 April 1983 Kathy married and her husband survives (private). Their home was in Luray, Virginia.

Kathy *Graves Farmer* died at Sentara RMH Medical Center in Rockingham County, Virginia on 11 November 2014 at the age of 49. She died from complications from diabetes, a disease she had been fighting for 30 years. She is buried at Beahms

Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Besides her husband, Kathy is survived by a son (private). A daughter, Candace Dawn Farmer¹⁰, is deceased.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Mary Elizabeth Painter Jenkins

Archie Lee Jenkins, Jr.⁹ (Mary Elizabeth Painter⁸, Ruth May Moyer⁷, Christina Elizabeth Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Archie was born 30 September 1942 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Mary Elizabeth *Painter* and Archie Lee Jenkins, Sr.

Archie attended Luray Church of the Brethren. He was not married. Archie died at MountVue Nursing Home in Luray, Virginia on 18 August 2005 at the age of 62. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. He was survived by his sister (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Joseph Willard Baker

Laura Elizabeth Baker⁹ (Joseph Willard Baker⁸, John Mervin Baker⁷, Laura Angeline Heiston⁶, Delila Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Laura was born 19 April 1954 in Charlestown, Kanawha County, West Virginia, the daughter of Joseph Willard Baker, Ph.D. and Margaret Elizabeth Rountree, RN.

Laura was married in Los Altos County, California on 10 October 1982 (private). She died in California on 23 June 2005 at the age of 51.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
James Franklyn Batman

Richard Nile Batman⁹ (James Franklyn Batman⁸, James William Batman⁷, Benjamin Franklin Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Richard was born 29 November 1948 in West Virginia, the son of James Franklyn Batman and his wife.

He attended the University of West Virginia in Morgantown, West Virginia. Richard is shown here in 1968 as a sophomore at the college. He served as an SP4 in the U.S. Army from 1971 through 1973.



Richard lived in San Mateo, San Mateo County, California. He was married 9 October 1976 in San Diego County, California (private).

He died 19 November 2007 at the age of 58. Richard is buried at Bridgeport Cemetery in Bridgeport, Harrison County, West Virginia.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Elsie Katherine Batman Spitler

Cynthia Ann Spitler⁹ (Elsie Katherine Batman⁸, James Franklin Batman⁷, Samuel Luther Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Cynthia was born 15 December 1954 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Elsie Katherine *Batman* and Bernard Oswald Spitler, Jr.

Her home was in Luray, Virginia. Cynthia worked as clerk/treasurer for the Town of Luray until she retired in December of 2004 with 31 years of service. She attended Main Street Baptist Church.

She died 29 October 2013 in Page County, Virginia at the age of 58. Cynthia *Spitler* Bushey was survived by her husband (private) and her mother (now deceased). She was also survived by a brother and a sister (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Edna Virginia Judd Heiston

Martha Jane Heiston⁹ (Edna Virginia Judd⁸, Elmer Osborne Judd⁷, Martha Ann Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Martha was born 9 May 1935 in Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Edna Virginia *Judd* and John Samuel Heiston.

She married **Eunice Rexall Good**, who was born 28 August 1931. He was the son of George Lee Harrison Good (1889-1976) and Nina Virginia Painter (1888-1935).

Eunice died 19 February 2001 at the age of 69. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Martha died in Luray, Virginia on 30 August 2015 at the age of 80. She is buried next to her husband at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Martha and Eunice had five children (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
(Female) Judd Broyles

Thomas Edward Broyles, Jr.⁹ (Female Judd⁸, Elmer Osborne Judd⁷, Martha Ann Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thomas Jr. was born 13 April 1945 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Thomas Edward Broyles, Sr. and his wife.

Thomas was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He moved to Northern Virginia in 1967 and was a supervisor at the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for 40 years. On 22 December 1969 Thomas married (private). Their home was in Arlington, Virginia.

Thomas died at Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Virginia on Wednesday, 26 October 2011 at the age of 66. Burial was at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia, where he was buried with full military honors conducted by VFW Comer Jones Post 621. Thomas was survived by his mother, his wife, a son, four grandchildren, and a sister (all private). His father preceded Thomas in death.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Orville Leon Shenk

Shirley Ann Shenk⁹ (Orville Leon Shenk⁸, Carrie Thelma Judd⁷, Martha Ann Batman⁶, Amanda Catherine Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Shirley was born 2 November 1941 in Rockingham County, Virginia, the daughter of Orville Leon Shenk and his first wife Mary Louise *Knott*.

Shirley lived in Luray, Virginia and was a member of the Main Street Baptist Church in Luray.

Shirley married twice—on 2 October 1959 in Page County, Virginia (1) **William Mitchell Moyer, Sr.** He was born 3 September 1937 in Charlottesville, Virginia, the son of Arthur Dalton Moyer and Julia M. *Edwards*. William died at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Virginia on 7 November 1979 at the age of 42. He worked at the Virginia Oak Tannery in Luray, Virginia. Shirley and William Moyer were separated 7 March 1975 and divorced 12 April 1976 in Page County, Virginia.

Shirley married on 8 October 1976 in Page County, Virginia (2) Mr. **Turner**.

Shirley Ann Turner died at Blue Ridge Hospice in Winchester, Virginia on Wednesday, 31 December 2014 at the age of 73. Shirley is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. She was survived by two sons and two daughters. Two sons from her first marriage preceded her in death—Gregory and Jay Moyer. Both died on 20 September 1964 (age unknown) and are buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. Shirley is survived by two sons and two daughters (private).

Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Franklin Edward Miller, Sr.

Phyllis Jeanette Miller⁹ (Franklin Edward Miller, Sr.⁸, Lydia Duan Beahm⁷, Bertha Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Phyllis was born 5 October 1936 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Franklin Edward Miller, Sr. and Margaret Virginia Fox.

Phyllis was a member of Mount Carmel Regular Baptist Church and also attended Rocky Branch Baptist Church. She was married 8 September 1954 in Page County, Virginia (private). Phyllis lived on Rocky Branch Road in Luray.

Phyllis Miller Richard died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Rockingham County, Virginia on Wednesday, 16 January 2008 at the age of 71. Phyllis is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia. She was survived by her husband, a daughter, a granddaughter and a great granddaughter (private). She was also survived by a sister (private). Her two brothers preceded her in death. See Page 870 for maternal lineage for Phyllis.

Franklin Edward (Bug Eye) Miller, Jr.⁹ (Franklin Edward Miller, Sr.⁸, Lydia Duan Beahm⁷, Bertha Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Franklin was born 10 June 1939 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Franklin Edwin Miller, Sr. and Margaret Virginia Fox.

On 29 July 1967 he married **Judy Marie Good**, who was born 6 July 1946 in Stanley, Page County, Virginia, the daughter of Clarence Elwood Good (1925-1965) and Kathern Marie Sours (1928-2005). Judy was the circulation manager for Page News and Courier in Luray for 39 years.

Franklin died 28 December 1999 at the age of 60 years. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

Judy died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Rockingham County, Virginia on 20 December 2003 at the age of 57. She is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia. Franklin and Judy were survived by a daughter (private). See: Page 870 for maternal lineage for Franklin Jr.

John Alton Miller⁹ (Franklin Edward Miller, Sr.⁸, Lydia Duan Beahm⁷, Bertha Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) John was born 20 May 1942 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Franklin Edward Miller, Sr. and Margaret Virginia Fox.

John was a self-employed contractor for 35 years. His home was on Rocky Branch Road in Luray, Virginia.

He died at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray, Virginia, on Friday, 1 July 2005 at the age of 63. John is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Virginia.

On 22 October 1962 John married and his wife survives (private). John was also survived by three sons (private). See: Page 870 for maternal lineage for John.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Harold Elwood Miller

Eddie Wayne (Sneaky) Miller⁹ (Harold Elwood Miller⁸, Lydia Duan Beahm⁷, Bertha Fox⁶, John William Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Eddie was born 27 October 1950 in Luray, Page County, Virginia, the son of Harold Elwood Miller and Louise May *Frazier*.

Eddie lived in Luray, Virginia. He died at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia on 11 May 1998 at the age of 47. He is buried at Beahms Chapel Cemetery in Luray, Page County, Virginia.

He was married on 30 September 1968, and his wife survived him (private). He was also survived by three daughters and two grandchildren (all private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Frances L. Lillard Whitely

Thomas Downer Whitely, Jr.⁹ (Frances L. Lillard⁸, Amiss Franklin Lillard⁷, John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Thomas was born 17 January 1942 in Washington, D.C., the son of Frances L. *Lillard* and Thomas Downer Whitely, Sr.

Thomas served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was a real estate investor and a farmer. Thomas was a member of Berlin American Legion Post #123 and Salisbury Moose Lodge #654. He was living in Whaleyville, Virginia.

He died at his home in Whaleyville on Thursday, 24 December 2015 at the age of 73. Thomas is buried at Refuge United Methodist Church Cemetery in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia. He had been married, and was survived by one son, two daughters, three sisters, and four grandchildren (all private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Shirley Mason Lillard Grim

Brian Ross Grim⁹ (Shirley Mason Lillard⁸, Amiss Franklin Lillard⁷, John Silas Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Clem¹) Brian was born 1 October 1958 in Arlington County, Virginia, the son of Shirley Mason *Lillard* and Gervais L. Grim.

Brian was married 15 August 1981 in Manassas, Prince William County, Virginia.

Brian died 28 December 1987 at the age of 29. Brian is buried at Refuge United Methodist Church Cemetery in Stephens City, Frederick County, Virginia. His wife probably survived him.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Carroll Dovell Pool

Carroll Tyree Pool⁹ (Carroll Dovell Pool⁸, Grace Elizabeth Dovell⁷, Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Carroll was born 11 July 1949 in Waynesboro, Virginia, the son of Carroll Dovell Pool and Lavelle *Phipps*.

Carroll lived in Richmond, Virginia. He never married. Carroll was employed as a guard at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Virginia.

His body was found in his home in Richmond on 4 January 1985—date of death was not given. The doctor determined that his death was accidental. Carroll was 35 years old. Carroll is buried at Riverview Cemetery in Waynesboro, Waynesboro City, Virginia – Plot: Block 70, Lot 7C. Carroll was survived by his parents, who are now both deceased.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Clark William Dovell

Donna April Dovell⁹ (Clark William Dovell⁸, Clark Ernest Dovell⁷, Annie Bertie Lillard⁶, Mary Catharine Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Donna was born 22 February 1950 in Washington, D.C. She was the daughter of Clark William Dovell and his wife.

Information on her marriage was not found, except the fact that her married name was Graybill.

Donna was living at Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland. She died in January of 1993 at the age of 42. She was survived by her mother and a sister (private).

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
James Thomas Beahm

Douglas A. Beahm⁹ (James Thomas Beahm⁸, Gilbert Alderton Beahm⁷, Laura Bessie Shenk⁶, Benjamin Franklin Shenk⁵, Elizabeth Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Douglas was born 29 April 1959 in Caribou, Aroostook County, Maine, the son of James Thomas Beahm and his wife.

Douglas died at Portland, Cumberland County, Maine on 13 December 1980 at the age of 21 as the result of an accident. He is buried at Saint Louis Cemetery in Limestone, Aroostook County, Maine. Douglas was survived by his mother, four brothers and two sisters (all private). His father had survived him, but died in 2005.

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Robert Lee Anderson, Sr.**

Robert Lee Anderson, Jr.⁹ (Robert Lee Anderson⁸, Edna Ruth Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Robert Jr. was born 27 October 1939 in Virginia, the son of Robert Lee Anderson, Sr. and Dorothy Lee *Legge*.

Robert Jr. served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He died 15 February 2001 at the age of 61, and he is buried at Shenandoah Memorial Park in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. He was unmarried; probably divorced.

Gary McArthur Anderson⁹ (Robert Lee Anderson⁸, Edna Ruth Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Gary was born 17 April 1943 in Virginia, the son of Robert Lee Anderson, Sr. and Dorothy Lee *Legge*.

Gary served in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam. He died in New Mexico on 11 November 2010 at the age of 68. Gary is buried at Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, New Mexico. He was survived by his wife and children (all private).

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary Steinman
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Anal Barr *Russell* Fearnow**

Sandra Carol Fearnow⁹ (Anal Barr Russell⁸, Anna Maude Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Sandra was born 7 October 1953 in Winchester, Virginia, the daughter of Anal Barr *Russell* and Orville Douglas Fearnow.

Sandra had worked for Crown Cork and Seal in Winchester, Virginia, and was a Avon representative. She had been married and was divorced.

Sandra *Fearnow* Trenary died at her home in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia on Tuesday, 10 January 2012 at the age of 58.

Sandra is survived by a son, a daughter and five grandchildren (all private). Sandra was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Staci Jane Root *Trenary*¹¹ who was born and died on 23 July 2000, and is buried at Paynes Chapel Cemetery in Bunker Hill, Berkeley County, West Virginia.

Delora Ann Fearnow⁹ (Anal Barr Russell⁸, Anna Maude Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Delora was born 21 August 1959 in Winchester, Virginia, the daughter of Anal Barr *Russell* and Orville Douglas Fearnow.

Sandra lived in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia. She had been married and was divorced. Delora *Fearnow* Weatherholtz died at City Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia on 1 May 2013 at the age of 53. She was survived by two sons, one daughter, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild (all private). Sandra was also survived by two sisters (private). Her sister, Sandra *Fearnow* Trenary is deceased.

**Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter
Natasha *Russell* Geanious**

Peter Allen Geanious⁹ (Natasha Russell⁸, Anna Maude Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Peter was born 11 November 1956 in Virginia, the son of Natasha *Russell* and Robert Allen Geanious.

Peter served as an SP4 in the U.S. Army. Peter's home had been at Urbanna, Middlesex County, Virginia. He died at the Hunter McGuire Medical Center VA Hospital in Richmond, Virginia on 12 November 2015 at the age of 59. He is buried at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia. He was survived by his wife, a daughter and his sister (all private).

**Descendants of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman*
Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson
Curtis Lee Barr**

Franklin Lee Barr⁹ (Curtis Lee Barr⁸, Paul Lester Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Franklin was born 17 October 1957 in Warren County, Virginia, the son of Curtis Lee Barr and his wife. He died in Warren County, Virginia on 24 October 1991 at the age of 34. Franklin is buried at Linden Church Hill Cemetery at Linden, Warren County, Virginia. He was probably not married.

Mary Barr⁹ (Curtis Lee Barr⁸, Paul Lester Barr⁷, William Hester Barr⁶, Ann Elisabeth Munch⁵, Mary Clem⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Mary was born 13 March 1961 in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia, the daughter of Curtis Lee Barr and his wife.

Mary worked as a bartender at the Main Street Mill at Front Royal, Virginia. Mary *Barr* Windle died at her home in Front Royal, Virginia on Friday, 24 August 2012 at the age of 51. She is buried at Panorama Memorial Gardens in Front Royal, Virginia. Mary is survived by her mother, her husband, three sons and a grandson (all private). She is also survived by her sister.

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Chapter Ten

Tenth Generation



The Gr-Gr-Gr-Gr-Gr-Gr-Gr-Grandchildren
Of
Peter and Mary Ruffner

CHAPTER TEN.....THE GR-GR-GR-GR-GR-GR-GR-GRANDCHILDREN

Descendant of Peter and Mary *Steinman* Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson William Thomas Farley, Jr.

Jaymi Farley¹⁰ (William Thomas Farley, Jr.⁹, Adell Crawford⁸, Orville Leroy Crawford⁷, Elizabeth Marion Roberts⁶, Margaret Marion⁵, Elizabeth Hughes⁴, Barbara Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Jaymi was born 1 July 1988 in Helena, Lewis & Clark County, Montana, the daughter of Dr. William (Bill) Farley, Jr. and his wife.



Jaymi fought a strong battle against cancer for several years—never giving in to the disease. She completed her Masters in accounting and received an award for Outstanding Student at Idaho State University. She completed all four of her CPA exams on her first try.

Married 4 July 2008 at St. Anthony, Fremont County, Idaho Jaymi *Farley-Long* had a loving husband and a little daughter who survived her.

She lost her battle to cancer and went to her rest on Monday, 9 November 2015 (age 27). Funeral services were held at a church in Rexburg, Madison County, Idaho. Jaymi is survived by her mother, her husband, a daughter and two sisters (all private). Her father Dr. William Farley also survived her, but is now deceased. Jaymi's obituary and photo appeared in the Ruffner Family Association's newsletter *Ruffner Roots & Ramblings* Vol. 19, Issue 2, Summer 2016—Page 11.

Descendant of Peter Ruffner and Mary *Steinman* Through son Benjamin Ruffner and gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-grandson Dillard Vernon Heiston III

Tammy Heiston¹⁰ (Dillard Vernon Heiston III⁹, Dillard Vernon Heiston, Jr.⁸, Delilah Blanche Moyer⁷, Martha Jane Heiston⁶, Delilah Fox⁵, Christiana Rivercomb⁴, Catharine Ruffner³, Benjamin Ruffner², Peter Ruffner¹) Tammy was born 8 June 1963 in Maryland, the daughter of Dillard Vernon Heiston, III and Patricia N. *Gregory*.

Tammy lived at Clarence, Erie County, New York. She died 2 November 2011 in New York at the age of 48. Tammy is buried at Washington National Cemetery in Suitland, Prince George's County, Maryland.

Tammy *Heiston* Garwol was survived by her husband, two daughters, one son, a stepson, and five grandchildren (all private).

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