

## *Descendants of George W. Stover*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup> STOVER (*BENJAMIN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 Aug 1826 in Fairfield County, Ohio, and died 17 Apr 1880 in Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio. He married (1) EVY "EVE" FINKBONE 1849 in Ohio, daughter of HENRY FINKBONE and SUSANNAH BORTMESS. She was born 1830 in Fairfield County, Ohio, and died 30 Dec 1850 in Fairfield County, Ohio. He married (2) ELIZABETH GREEN 21 Mar 1853 in Licking County, Ohio, daughter of BENJAMIN GREEN and BARBARY HOUSER. She was born 28 Jan 1830 in Licking County, Ohio, and died 20 Apr 1892 in Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio.

#### Notes for GEORGE W. STOVER:

Baskins 1880 History of Delaware County lists G.W. Stover, a farmer and trader: P.O. Lewis Center. "His father and mother, Benjamin and Sarah Chilcutt Stover, both natives of Hardy County Virginia, moved to Fairfield County Ohio in 1811. Benjamin was a participant in the War of 1812. He moved to Berlin in 1856 according to Baskins. George was born in Fairfield County in 1826, the youngest of a family of five children. George commenced teaching school before he became of age, which he continued, during the winter season, for several years-- in all eighteen terms--working on the farm during the summer . In his 24th year, he married Elizabeth Green, born in Licking County in 1830, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Mary) Malone Green. He moved to Berlin Township, Delaware County in 1856, and bought 146 acres of land. October 1872 he began business in Lewis Center, in the grocery and grain trade, being the only grain dealer in the area. He buys and ships about 30,000 bushels annually ; he also carries on his farm and has four children. He is a member of the United Brethren Church and has been prominently associated with that body since its organization in that locality; the church building is located on land he donated. He served the congregation for 27 years as "class leader" and was later licensed "to exhort" by the quarterly conference of the United Brethren Church. He served four churches on a circuit in the township. He was one of the Democratic members of the Board of Infirmary Directors

The Houser Cemetery is located on a small bluff approximately fifteen feet above the stream bed and some fifteen feet back from the edge of the embankment, in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. Catherine's marker is one of only two stones in their original location. George's with others is leaning against a tree at the north side of the plot.

A United Brethren Church was built on section 24, Violet Twp. by Peter Houser, Jacob Houser, Jacob Good, and other families. I believe this to be the Houser Chapel, later Trinity Church where G.W. and Elizabeth Stover and their families attended and where they were converted.

ESTATE of GEORGE H. HOUSER of LIBERTY TOWNSHIP.....His will was written October 12, 1841, filed in 1842, and recorded in will book 3, page 124. Executors were his son Abraham and son-in-law, Benjamin Green. Heir by the will was wife, Catherine, oldest son Abraham and his sons John and Absalom, and fourth daughter Lydia. George H. Houser owned land in section 19, Twp. 17, range 19. Jacob Houser bought personal property.

These facts were found in a memory book owned and written by Mary Ellen Rust, daughter of G. W. Stover: In the year 1856 the district of land, now known as Peachblow, was thickly wooded and had narrow mud roads, rail fences, and scattered log cabins. To this territory, during the same year, in the month of March, George W. Stover and family came from Licking County and purchased sixty acres of land. Their dwelling place was a log cabin which stood on the spot where the house and home of Mr. Paykoff now stands. Mr. Stover having no shelter for his stock, built a barn of logs and the first church services of this community were held on the threshing floor of that crudely constructed barn.

Later, George Stover and other Peachblow pioneers began to wonder where they would bury their beloved dead. So in February 1858 Stover, greatly interested in church work, donated one acre of land for a church and cemetery. He also had timber from the northwest part of his thickly wooded farm and on the thirteenth day of that month, willing hands started the task of construction. The carpenters were Henry Rust, Symen Mason, Gustaves Elesbury, and Gordon Furnace. There were no sawmills in those days, so they used the broad ax for making the timbers. The shingles were made of blocks sawed the length of shingles and made smooth with the drawing knife.

The interior of the church and the seats were painted a peach color. Some, not fancying the color, began calling the church Peachblow and that name, as we all know, has endured down through the years. After the church was completely finished, there were appointments made to which ministers were assigned. These places were Peachblow, North Berlin, Chicahominy, and later on Williamsville and the Climer school house. Most of the young people went to services on horseback except the more fortunate rode in carriages. Back in those years they had no piano or organ to accompany their singing and the United Brethren Hymn Book and another book called the Harp contained no music, just the words of hymns.

There has only been one wedding in the church. The bride was the daughter of William Mantor and the groom Simpson Collier. The church was arranged much as it is today with three rows of seats and what was known in those days as the amen corner each side of the pulpit. After the couple entered the church, Mr. Collier came in the West door and Miss Mantor came through the East door. They both proceeded up the aisles to the third seat of the altar where they took their vows. A few of the early ministers of the church were J.B. Bovey, A.E. Powell, and A.E. Penic. All were students of Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio. In conclusion, I wish to state a few interesting facts concerning the Peachblow Church. (a) The building was erected for the sum of five hundred and seventy dollars. (b) Our first minister was Rev. S. Kelso. (c) The salary for that year was one hundred and six dollars and forty nine cents. (d) The first quarterly meeting was held September 4, 1858 (e) George Stover was secretary that year. The following are names of ministers who have served this church: Reverends H.A. Locke, B.C. Rife, Lloyd Mignerey, Ralph Vernon, Grover Smith, C.P. Smales, J.R. Bowser, H.V. Harter, W.W. Arnold, O.M. Martin, George Weir, Cornell, Appleton, Clay, Rodeback, and the present pastor Everette Scarberry." In 1963, a basement was dug under the church and a new floor installed in the sanctuary. George Stover would have been proud to know that Bob and Lowell McNett, and Willis Kiser; his great-grandsons, were Trustees of the church. It was still a gathering place for family and friends to worship over 100 years after the first service was held in the church on Peachblow Road. Closed for a short time in 1968, when the United Brethren and Methodist Churches combined into the United Methodist Church, It was soon re-opened to serve the community. August 27, 2006, a Homecoming celebrating 150 years was held in the church. October 3, 1864.....G.W. and Elizabeth Stover received from the trustees of the Berlin Chapel of the

United Brethren Church , the sum of fifteen dollars, in payment for the land on which Peachblow Church was built. The deed witnessed by Joel Cleveland and Benoni Dickerman.

There are records in the Delaware County Recorders office showing that G.W. Stover had several transactions where he bought and sold land in Berlin and Orange, and Genoa Townships. George Stover, 24 living in Liberty Twp., Fairfield County is listed in the 1850 census, married within the year to "Eve" ,his occupation a thrasher, with real estate valued at \$950. Evy died in 1850 and is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery on State Rt. 204, Liberty Twp., Fairfield County. Benjamin Stover's family is in Violet twp., adjacent Twp., October 12, 1850, George Stover purchased for ninety dollars, 60 acres in the south east section of section 19, township 17, range 19 (the northwest corner of Liberty Township, Fairfield County) from Jonathan and Susannah (Finkbone) Houser. Susannah was Eve's sister. In October, 1851, George sold this parcel to Isaac Finkbone, Eve's brother for \$145 after the death of Eve (Finkbone) Stover.

George Stover was converted at Trinity. No town by that name in Central Ohio; however, Trinity Church is near Pickerington, Ohio, on the edge of Violet and Liberty Townships. His sister in law's (Mariah Rhoads) obituary mentions the church, saying "she gave her heart to Christ and joined"....the church that was originally called the Houser United Brethren Church. The name was later changed to Trinity United Brethren Church. The 1854 plat map of Etna Twp. in Licking County shows George Stover living just north of Benjamin Green's property. April 1, 1852, George purchased for \$500., twenty acres in section 18, township 17, range 19 Etna Township) from Simon and Jane Haver. This property was bounded on the north by land belonging to Henry Warner and on the east and south by land belonging to Benjamin Green, and on the west by land belonging to Frederick Ault. This property was sold September 8, 1855 to George Dellenbauch for the sum of \$830.

In the 1860 census, an Elizabeth Stover, born in Maryland, age 65, living with George's family in Berlin Township, Delaware County. Elizabeth Stover listed in the Delaware County Infirmary in 1870, a pauper born in Penn, mother and father of foreign birth, unable to read or write. died 2/15/1877 and buried in Delaware County Home Cemetery .

Delaware County Infirmary Records, DCGS/DCHS....."Admitted August 7, 1860. Age 60. Habits good, lived in Berlin Twp., Died Febr. 25, 1877."

(Her relationship is not known, possibly the widow of one of his brothers). Delaware Gazette....." Mr. George Stover, one of Berlin's most respected citizens, breathed his last at three o'clock on last Saturday afternoon where he had resided during the past twenty five years., and in the fifty third year of his age. At the time of his death, he was one of the Democratic members of the board of infirmary directors, and was well liked and Highly respected by those who knew him. His remains were placed in the vault at Oak Grove cemetery on last Monday. The funeral services being conducted by W.T. Watson and Rev. Bonemaker, of the United Brethren Church of which he was a devout and earnest member."

He is listed as the Delaware County Infirmary Director in 1877. Up until 1851, the pioneers of the county managed to care for themselves and their families. However as the population increased and aged, they found the need to establish a means for public assistance. The Infirmary was built to give the unfortunate of the county a place to spend their declining days..... In 1856, a prison for the insane was established on the grounds of the infirmary.

1877- R. M. Bishop, Governor, majority 118 J. W. Fitch, Lieutenant Governor, 299 ; J. W. Oakey, Judge Supreme Court, 79 ; R. J. Fanning; Clerk Supreme Court, 397 ; Isaiah Pillars, Attorney General, 78 ; A. Howells, Treasurer of State. 100 ; .I. J. Burns, School Commissioner, 71 ; M. Schilder, Member Board Public Works, 81 ; J. W. Owens, State Senator, 107 ; D. H. Elliott, Representative, 205 ; S. C. Conrey, County Auditor. 107 ; J. H.

Warren, County Treasurer, 729 ; N. R. Talley, County Commissioner, 216 ; G. W. Stover, Infirmary Director, 281.

From his obituary....."Rev. George W. Stover was born in Fairfield County, Ohio and died in Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio April 17, 1880, aged 53 years, 8 months and 22 days. In 1852 he was married To Miss Elizabeth Green, with whom he has lived twenty eight years, and who now is left with three daughters and one son to mourn an irreparable loss. When about twenty-four years old Brother Stover embraced religion at the old Houser meeting house,-- of precious memory to hundreds, -- and there joined the United Brethren Church, of which he has been a constant member since. About eight years ago, at the urgent request of his brethren, he accepted a licence to preach; and, in this relation to the church, his labors were successful wherever he went. As an intelligent Christian gentleman, he was nearly always in an official position; and whether holding office in the township, county, or Church, he filled his place with unassuming dignity and honor to all. The various financial interests of his church and charge were freely sustained from his abundance, and his house was "the preacher's home".

Four weeks before his death, he said to his pastor, "The world is looking very small to me now; and as I look upward there is not a cloud between me and heaven. All is bright." Being a man universally esteemed, an unusually large congregation was present at his funeral, and their deep sympathy showed their appreciation of his worth. Of him it can be truly said, "He was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith."

At the quarterly conference of Peachblow Circuit, one week after his death, a committee was authorized, and the following preamble and resolutions were adopted as their sentiments: Whereas , our heavenly Father has by Death called our brother, Rev. George W. Stover from our number and councils, and we realize our great loss; therefore,

Resolved,

- 1 That we bow submissively to the will of God in this our grief, and say, "Thy will be done".
2. That we will seek to imitate the zeal, benevolence, and piety of our Christian brother.
3. That we hereby extend our sympathy for his bereaved wife and children, and shall pray for their divine support and guidance in this dark hour of their sorrow.

D. Bonebrake

Daniel Andrus, Henry Rust, Matthew Conklin were appraisers of GW Stover's estate.  
May 12, 1880. Walter T Watson was administer of the estate.

The descendents of George and Elizabeth are numerous. The names Conklin, Scott, Rust, McNett, Kiser, Griffith, Smith, Durfey, Case, Viers, Collins, Green and many others can trace some of their roots to George W. and Elizabeth Stover. Andrew Green, brother of Elizabeth also settled in Delaware County. Names that are associated with him are Manter, Norris, Havens among others .

W. T. WATSON, grocer, Delaware, was born in Frederick Co., Md., Sept. 3, 1825, and is the son of John and Rachel (Wiles) Watson, both natives of Maryland ; in 1831, they with three children came to Ohio, and located in Scioto Township, Delaware Co. the father and mother died when W. T. was young; in 1840, he came to Delaware to learn the trade of cabinet-maker in about eighteen months, he returned to the farm, which he operated until 1865, when he was

elected to the office of County Treasurer, and, in 1866, moved to Delaware, which has since been his home; Mr. Watson has been a public man for a number of years; he started in first as Clerk and then Treasurer of the county, and was also Justice of the Peace for a number of years, he then served as County Commissioner three years, and as County Treasurer four years ; during the time of building the court house; since Mr. Watson has been a resident of Delaware, he has served as 1 member of the City Council for twelve years, and was the first President of the Council after the town was incorporated as a city. In 1852 he became a member of the United Brethren Church and, in 1858, joined the Sandusky Conference traveling and preaching under their jurisdiction Mr. Watson is now a member of the Central Ohio Conference, and labored in the cause ; since he has been a preacher, Mr. Watson has married 380 couples. In 1846, he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Beckley, of Delaware Co., daughter of Samuel and Susan Beckley; she died in 1852. He married his second wife, Miss Martha Clark, in 1853; she was a daughter of John and Mary Clark ; there have been born into the family nine children, two by the first wife and seven by the second. Mr. Watson is a Republican, but temperate in all things

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Rev. Walter T. Watson died at his residence on Railroad St. in South Delaware after a protracted illness on the 29th inst in the 59th yr of his age. He was a native of Frederick Co. Md., born September 3, 1825 and came to this county in 1831 with his parents, where he continued to reside until his death, having since 1856 been a citizen of Delaware. In 1858 he became a member of the United Brethren Church. He was twice married and the father of 9 children, six of whom, four sons and two daughters with the widow survive.

#### More About GEORGE W. STOVER:

Baptism: 1855, By Rev. Wm. Ferguson

Burial: Apr 1880, Peachblow Cemetery

Cause of Death: Brights disease of the kidneys

Funeral Home: Peachblow Church

Medical Information: Dr. Wintermute Mortality schedule

Occupation: Wool & Grain Dealer/Farmer/Minister

Religion: Abt. 1855, Converted at Trinity

#### Notes for EVY "EVE" FINKBONE:

Married less than a year, something took her young life. Evy is buried in Mt Zion Cemetery in Liberty Township in Fairfield County Ohio. Her tombstone stands alone near the front of the cemetery, surrounded by several unmarked graves. The message on her stone reads "Wife of George W. Stover" December 30, 1850 Age 20.

#### More About EVY "EVE" FINKBONE:

Burial: Unknown, Mt Zion Cemetery Fairfield County, Ohio

#### Notes for ELIZABETH GREEN:

A widow in the 1880 census. Benjamin, her son age 20, living with her his occupation, farming.

Delaware Gazette April 29, 1892....." Peachblow.. Mrs. G.W. Stover, who has been sick for the past six years, departed this life Wednesday, April 20. the funeral from the E. U. B. Church on Friday, conducted by Rev. Creighton of Westerville. She leaves

four children."

From her obituary....."Mrs. Elizabeth Stover, widow of Geo. W. Stover, a former well known business man in Berlin and Orange Townships, died at the home of her daughter, Mr. John Conklin, near Peachblow, where she had been lately removed, Wednesday evening April 20th, 1892. The deceased was born in Licking County January 28, 1830. In early years she united with the United Brethren Church, and remained a faithful member until death. She had been a widow for a few days over twelve years, most of which time she had occupied her house by herself, living close to one daughter and near the others by whom she was most tenderly cared for. She had suffered severely during the past few years of her life. She leaves three daughters, and one son as follows: Mrs. John Conklin and Mrs. Charles Rust of Peachblow, Mrs. Thomas Griffith of West Berlin and B.F. Stover and nine grandchildren to whom she bequeaths the valuable legacy of good name and a life well spent. By request, the funeral Sermon was preached by Rev. Creighton, Westerville, her former pastor from Ex. 33 chapter 14 verse 'My presence shall go with Thee and I will give Thee rest'. During the last week of her life her two sisters, Mrs. Ault and Mrs. Rhodes, of Licking County were with her. She will be buried beside her husband in the Peachblow yard, a part of the home farm and very near where they had lived and raised their family, and where they had together often professed their faith in God and His Holy Spirit.

More About ELIZABETH GREEN:

Baptism: 1847, By Rev. Wm. Davis

Burial: Apr 1892, Peachblow Cemetery

Census: 1880, Berlin, Delaware, OHio

Funeral Home: Peachblow Church

Religion: 1857, Received as Member Peachblow Church

Children of GEORGE STOVER and ELIZABETH GREEN are:

2. i. MARIA MELISSA<sup>3</sup> STOVER, b. 09 Apr 1853, Etna Twp., Licking County, Ohio; d. 14 Apr 1926, Stratford, Delaware, Ohio.
3. ii. MARY ELLEN STOVER, b. 13 Jan 1855, Etna Twp., Licking County, Ohio; d. 09 Sep 1932, Berlin Twp., Delaware, Ohio.
4. iii. BENJAMIN F. STOVER, b. 11 Aug 1859, Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; d. 31 Aug 1930, Berlin Twp., Delaware, Ohio.
5. iv. MATTIE A. STOVER, b. 20 Apr 1864, Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; d. 24 Mar 1924, Berlin Twp., Delaware, Ohio.

#### *Generation No. 2*

**2. MARIA MELISSA<sup>3</sup> STOVER** (*GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 09 Apr 1853 in Etna Twp., Licking County, Ohio, and died 14 Apr 1926 in Stratford, Delaware, Ohio. She married JOHN CONKLIN 28 Dec 1869 in Delaware County, Ohio, son of MATTHEW CONKLIN and EUNICE VERBRIKE. He was born 17 Aug 1846 in Hartford, Licking County, Ohio, and died 09 May 1902 in Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio<sup>1</sup>.

Notes for MARIA MELISSA STOVER:

Married at the age of 16.

In the 1920 census, Melissa, a widow, was living with Charles and Ellen Rust.

Delaware Gazette April, 1926..." Mrs. Maria M. Conklin died on Wednesday morning at four o'clock at her home in Stratford. She had been in failing health for several

months. She came to Delaware County with her parents in 1856 and had lived in Stratford for twelve years. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at the Stratford M.E. Church in charge of Rev. A. Orr and Reverend Shaw. Burial will be made in Oak Grove cemetery."

More About MARIA MELISSA STOVER:

Baptism: 1866, By Rev. H.K. Berry

Burial: 16 Apr 1926, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: Heart Disease<sup>2</sup>

Death Certificate: 14 Apr 1926, OHS #23281

Funeral Home: 14 Apr 1926, Stratford Methodist Church

Informant: 14 Apr 1926, Ashton Conklin

Religion: Feb 1865, Received as Member Peachblow Church

Notes for JOHN CONKLIN:

John was born in Licking County and brought to Orange Twp., Delaware County at an early age. He was dedicated to the church founded by his wife's father, G.W. Stover. He taught music to the church members, using a blackboard. Hymnals used in the church had no written music. He served in the Civil War. Enlisting at the age of 18, on March 7, 1864 as a private in The Ohio First Cavalry, and later, Company C, Fifth Independent Cavalry, which was later merged with the Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He was discharged March 25, 1865, and spent the rest of his life as a farmer. He was the accessor for several years, reporting deaths in Berlin Township. 1880 census.....Berlin Twp. farmer.

The Delaware Gazette 5/9/1902....."Mr. Conklin was a man whose character and influence were far reaching with his wide circle of friends in Delaware County.. He had been in failing health since last fall, and seriously ill for two weeks previous to his death which was the result of Bright's disease."

Delaware Gazette, May 14, 1902, Peachblow "The funeral of John Conklin at this place on last Sunday afternoon was the largest funeral that has been held here in a number of years."

Delaware Journal Herald, Memorial ..... "John Conklin was born near Hartford, Licking County, Ohio August 17, 1846; was called home May 5, 1902, being a pilgrim of earth for 55 years, 8 months, and 22 days. Mr. Conklin was married to Malissa Stover Dec. 28, 1869, who has ever been a faithful and loving companion. This happy home was blessed with five children. Matthew Conklin, a loving Christian son, passed to his reward eight years ago. Father and mother, one son, one brother, and two sisters have preceded the deceased into life here after. Brother Conklin leaves to mourn his loss; a companion, four children, three brothers, three sisters and many friends.

In January, 1870, the deceased gave his heart to the Lord and joined the Church of the U.B. at Peachblow. Since that time, Brother Conklin has been a strong pillar in the church. He was a man who could be relied on to do his part. Was always a liberal supporter and his place in Sunday school and church was rarely vacant except in case of sickness.

His home has always been open to God's servants, and they always found a royal welcome by his friends.

At the age of 17 he enlisted in the 5th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and rendered efficient Service for the cause of freedom. It is more than likely that during this period of his life, the seeds of an early death were sown.

In the home, Brother Conklin was a faithful, loving husband and a kind and indulgent father. His family was very dear to him and he was anxious about the success of them all.

His neighbors knew him as one always ready to accommodate them in any way he could. His straightforward integrity, frankness, and wholehearted honesty has made him many friends. The rich hope he possessed has bloomed into mortality. He is at rest, his warfare is over He rests sweetly on the evergreen shore. His fragrant life shall be missed in the home, the church, and neighborhood. But our loss is his eternal gain. Soldier of the cross farewell til we meet in the morning of eternal light."

More About JOHN CONKLIN:

Baptism: 13 Jun 1880, Peachblow Church

Burial: 11 May 1902, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: Cancer of the eye and Bright's disease<sup>3</sup>

Census: 1880, Berlin, Delaware, OHio

Occupation: Farmer

Religion: Jan 1870, Received as Member Peachblow Church

Children of MARIA STOVER and JOHN CONKLIN are:

- i. ASHTON STOVER<sup>4</sup> CONKLIN, b. 19 Oct 1870, Berlin Twp., Delaware, OHio/Delaware Co., OH; d. 27 Nov 1935, Stratford Rd., Delaware County, Ohio; m. LOMA E. (SALOME) OWEN, Oct 1901; b. 27 Nov 1875, Ohio; d. 15 Feb 1958, Delaware, Ohio.

Notes for ASHTON STOVER CONKLIN:

Del. Co. History....."Ashton Conklin was educated in Berlin Township, where he subsequently taught school for six years. In 1894, he moved to Delaware and accepted the position of deputy county clerk, in which he continued until June, 1898, when he began work for the Deposit Banking Company as bookkeeper. In 1900, he was elected assistant cashier and served in that capacity until he assumed the duties of county auditor, to which position he was elected in the fall of 1904. April 1, 1908, he resumed his position at the Deposit Banking Company. He was a Republican and kept active in that party. He was a Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias."

Marion Star, November 29, 1935....."FORMER DELAWARE BANKER IS DEAD..... The funeral of Ashton Stover Conklin, 65 year old former Delaware banker who died Wednesday, was conducted this afternoon at the William Street M.E. Church. Burial was made in the Oak Grove Cemetery. Mr. Conklin never recovered from a heart attack suffered November 19 while attending a Rotary Club luncheon. For six years Mr. Conklin was president of the now closed Deposit Banking Company. At the time of his death, he was vice president of the board of directors of the People's Building and Loan Company of Delaware."

Delaware Gazette....."IN MEMORIAM.....The untimely death of Ashton S. Conklin on November 27th, 1935 deprived t he Board of Directors of the Peoples Building and Loan Company of one of its most valuable members, and the institution of its Vice-President.

Mr. Conklin had served on the Board for a little over sixteen continuous years, and had been Vice-President since October, 1931. In all this service, he had devoted his energy and time to the growth, development and preservation of the company, having a particular conscientious conception of the trusteeship confided in him by the depositors and shareholders.

Mr. Conklin's wide acquaintance with the people of the city and county, and his unusual conception of the value of the real estate of both made his judgement most valuable to the other members of the Board.

Of the most friendly and pleasant personality, and yet with the courage of his convictions and a conscientious concept of duty, his counsel and judgement came to be earnestly sought and thoroughly relied on by his fellow members of the Board.

In the death of Ashton S. Conklin, this institution has lost one of its most valuable members, the city one of its foremost citizens, his wife a kind and indulgent husband, and the community an obliging and generous neighbor and friend. We join with all in a realization of our common loss.

THE PEOPLES BUILDING AND LOAN COMPANY"

The 1900 census has Ashton and Frank R. Conklin boarding in the home of Henry ? Perfect at 196 Union Street in Delaware. Ashton a clerk in a bank, Frank a postal clerk.

In 1910, Ashton and Loma are living at 20 East Central Ave., Delaware, Ward 3; Occupation bank cashier. Loma, a singer. Married 8 years, no children.



In 1920, living on Stratford Road, they have a foster daughter, Eulalia Atha ?; sister-in-law, Ilo Owen Russell; and nephew, Horace Owen living in the same house. Ilo is a bookkeeper in a bank, probably the Deposit Bank, where Ashton was Cashier at the time.

The census of 1930 has them living next to Loma's parents, Horace and Rosetta Owen on the Columbus Road. Ashton a bank official, Horace Owen a retired merchant.

Marion Star, 6/5/1909....."Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Conklin of Delaware were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell."

More About ASHTON STOVER CONKLIN:  
Burial: 29 Nov 1935, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemorrhage<sup>4</sup>  
Death Certificate: 27 Nov 1935, OHS #7965/65710  
Funeral Home: 27 Nov 1935, Brackney- Whiting  
Informant: 27 Nov 1935, Carroll Conklin  
Medical Information: Hypertension

Notes for LOMA E. (SALOME) OWEN:

Delaware Gazette....."Mrs. Loma Owen Conklin, 81, of 46 W. Winter Street, died suddenly Saturday afternoon of a heart attack. She was a native of Delaware County and spent her entire life here. Mrs. Conklin was a prominent concert singer in central Ohio prior to 1928 when illness stopped her career. She had appeared with Billy Sunday. Mrs. Conklin had studied voice at Ohio Wesleyan and in Chicago. She sang for fourteen years in the choir at William Street Church, and also sang at East Broad Street Church in Columbus. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where she was active in the women's association. She also was a member of the Olentangy Club; a charter member of the Women's Music Club; and was currently on the Children's Home Board where she had served for many years. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ilo McCarty, with whom she made her home. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the McKee Funeral Home by the Rev. Louis E. Campbell. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery."

Lima News, May 11, 1912."The new pipe organ installed in Trinity Methodist Church at a cost of \$6000, was formerly dedicated last night. Prof. Edward Young Mason, instructor in the teaching of organ music in the Ohio Wesleyan University was in charge. He was assisted by Mrs. Loma Owen Conklin, soprano soloist and Mrs. Pearl-Leas, reader, both women are members of the faculty of the university at Delaware.....Mrs. Conklin aided in showing off the instrument and the power thereof, to say nothing of the delight rendered the audience by her beautiful voice. She was heard here earlier in the season at Memorial Hall in the Rodeheaver Concert."

More About LOMA E. (SALOME) OWEN:  
Burial: 18 Feb 1958, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Death Certificate: Vol. 15314/ Cert 10201

- ii. GEORGE MATTHEW CONKLIN, b. 16 Jul 1873, Berlin Twp., Delaware, County, Ohio/Delaware Co., OH; d. 01 Jun 1894, Berlin Township, Delaware, County, Ohio<sup>5</sup>.

Notes for GEORGE MATTHEW CONKLIN:

Delaware Gazette, May 31, 1884....."G.M. Conklin is lying in a very critical condition at this writing, with no hopes of recovery."

Delaware Gazette, June 7, 1894....." G.M. Conklin, who has been sick for some time with lung trouble, departed this life, Friday, June 1st, aged 20 years, 10 months, and 15 days. Mat was converted and joined the church two years ago last winter, and has ever since, lived a consistent Christian life. The funeral was held at the U.B. Church Sunday morning June 3d at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Barfell of Columbus, after which his remains were placed in the vault at Cheshire. He leaves a father and mother, two brothers and one sister, besides a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his loss. The family has our sympathy in their sad bereavement."

Delaware Gazette, June 22, 1894.. "The remains of G.M. Conklin were taken from the Cheshire vault on Wednesday of last week, and interred in the Peachblow graveyard."

More About GEORGE MATTHEW CONKLIN:  
Burial: 03 Jun 1894, Peachblow Cemetery  
Cause of Death: consumption<sup>6</sup>

6.      iii. FRANK ROSCOE CONKLIN, b. 01 Jul 1875, Orange Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; d. 19 Mar 1933, Delaware, Ohio.
7.      iv. ESTELLE MAE CONKLIN, b. 14 Sep 1892, Berlin Twp., Delaware Co., Ohio; d. 06 Feb 1948, Delaware County, Ohio.
8.      v. CARROLL C. CONKLIN, b. 20 Nov 1894, Berlin Twp., Delaware Co., Ohio; d. 26 Jun 1951, Delaware, Ohio.

**3. MARY ELLEN<sup>3</sup> STOVER** (*GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 13 Jan 1855 in Etna Twp., Licking County, Ohio, and died 09 Sep 1932 in Berlin Twp., Delaware, Ohio. She married CHARLES MELVIN RUST 07 Oct 1871 in Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio<sup>7</sup>, son of HENRY RUST and LUCY ROSE. He was born 26 Jun 1853 in Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio, and died 30 Jul 1922 in Berlin Twp., Delaware, County, Ohio.

Notes for MARY ELLEN STOVER:

Delaware Gazette....."Mrs. Mary Ellen Rust died Friday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock at her home in Berlin Township, following a month's illness. The deceased was born in Licking County, Jan. 13, 1855, and had lived almost all her life on the present home farm. She was a member of the Peachblow United Brethren Church. Funeral services will be held at the Peachblow Church Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with Rev. N.E. Rush officiating. Burial will be made in Cheshire Cemetery."      From her obituary.....

"Mary Ellen, second daughter of George and Elizabeth (Green) Stover, was born in Licking County Ohio, January 13, 1855. When one year of age, she came to Delaware County with her parents, who settled on the farm where they lived the balance of their lives. This farm surrounded the land on which the church stands, the land having been given by Mr. Stover, and largely through his efforts and the help of his wife the house was erected. On October 5, 1871, she was married to Charles Rust and for more than 51 years they lived on the farm in Berlin Township, where they began life together. Soon after their marriage, they united with the Peachblow United Brethren Church, and were faithful members until called from this life.

"Aunt" Ellen took a great interest in the work of the church and was particularly active in the Sunday School, where she almost always had a class, many of the men and women here today in their youth having been in one of her classes, and can recall her gentle manner, and thorough Christian character.

She was the last member of her father's family to answer the call of the "Grim Reaper" and at her death was the oldest member of the church. She died on September 9, 1932, aged 77 years, 7 months, and 26 days. Her husband preceded her on July 30, 1922. They left a son, Vinton D. Rust, and a daughter, Mrs. Will McNett, and seven grandchildren who will always remember her as a faithful wife and loving mother, ever willing to do all she could to make the burdens of life more easy, and the pathway just a little smoother."

Thelma writes..... "Grandma was of small frame, and a frail women. She made the best tasting pies and raisin cookies imaginable. In her younger years, she boarded the train to visit Uncle Vinton in Chicago. She was a strong woman in her youth, driving the horse and buggy to visit, shop in Lewis Center, or to attend church. She was known as Ellen to her friends and neighbors; a soft spoken, caring woman." Louise also remembered her fondly; calling her loving and kind; she said that Grandma Rust would send her to the mailbox to get the mail. She would sometimes bring back the "Religions Telescope" , a Christian magazine that she would study from.....and " she would also rap you with it if necessary to keep you in line".

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CEMETERY

Ellen Rust purchased for \$30. on May 1, 1922 the west half of lot # 281, containing 200 sq. ft. from the Trustees of the Cheshire Cemetery Association. When the Cemetery was relocated The U.S. Corp. of Engineers issued a letter verifying each grave. This gives family relationship of each person.

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#### Peachblow Church Records :

Ellen Rust received as a member Jan. 10, 1880 by profession of faith.

Immersed by Rev. D. Bonebrake June 13, 1880

Married Charles Rust October 1871 by Rev. W.T. Watson

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#### More About MARY ELLEN STOVER:

Burial: 12 Sep 1932, Cheshire Cemetery

Cause of Death: Chronic Myocarditis<sup>8</sup>

Death Certificate: 09 Sep 1932, OHS #52697

Funeral: 12 Sep 1932, Rev. L.E. Rush

Funeral Home: 09 Sep 1932, Clase-Mohr Funeral Home

Informant: 09 Sep 1932, V.D. Rust

#### Notes for CHARLES MELVIN RUST:

##### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Delaware County Deed Book Vol. 64, page 34, April 20, 1872.....Charles Rust purchased from Henry Rust a parcel in lot 2, sec. 4, twp. 4, range 18 for \$480. Delaware County Recorder

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#### CENSUS RECORDS

1880 census.....Visit # 20 Berlin Twp., Delaware, Ohio... Charlie 26 farmer, Eleon 24, Wessom 3

1900 census.....Visit 27 Berlin Twp., Delaware, Ohio...Charles 46 Farmer, Mary E. 45, Cinton D. 22, Daisy 19.

1910 census.....Visit 56 State Road, Berlin Twp., Delaware, Ohio Charles 56, farmer, Ellen 53.

1920 census.....Visit # 196 State Road, Berlin, Delaware, Ohio Charles 66, Ellen 64, Melissa Conklin 66 (Mary Ellen's sister, widow of John Conklin)

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Delaware Gazette....." Charles Melvin Rust son of Henry and Lucy Rose Rust, was born June 26, 1853 and died July 30, 1922. The last three years of his life was one long siege of suffering caused by bronchial asthma. During this time of severe affliction, he patiently bore his pain.....Mr. Rust was born in the present home of his sister, Mrs. Perfect. His entire earthly life was spent in Berlin Township. He united with the Peachblow Church in 1869, and was a constant and faithful member for 52 years. he attended the church services as long as his health would permit, and followed the admonition of Paul that the Lord loves a cheerful giver. He had a kind and sunny disposition and was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. His cheerful smile will be missed by those who loved him and by those who thought of him as Uncle Charlie. "

"Funeral services for Charles M. Rust were held at the Peachblow Church at 2 o'clock

Tuesday afternoon in charge of Rev. Mr. Hughes of Lewis Center. The singers were Mrs. Homer Dutcher, Mrs. John Shaffer, John Rae, and David Taylor. They beautifully sang "Nearer My God to Thee", "My Savior First of All", and "My Jesus As Thou Wilt." Pallbearers were O.A. Jaynes, J.H. Rae, Homer Dutcher, David Taylor, C.W. Todd, Orrin Jones. Burial was made at Cheshire."

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The Journal-Herald October 18, 1921 " WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT PEACHBLOW"

Mr. and Mr. Charles Rust wish to express their thanks and gratitude to their many friends, some of them schoolmates of fifty years ago, for their kind remembrances on their golden wedding day which occurred on Friday, Oct. 7th. Although the health of Mr. and Mrs. Rust would not permit a gathering in the good old fashioned way, they both being in poor health the past two years. Someone had started the kind thought of a post card shower resulting in 70 cards and letters. All the way from Mississippi came a lovely bouquet of yellow roses just picked and a nice long letter telling about their home. The flowers and fruit of the country from Mr. and Mrs. William Hults which was greatly enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Rust. Also a card from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hults of Wisconsin. Mrs Fannie Perfect thought the day would not be perfect without a wedding cake, so she presented them one. While the relatives presented them with a purse of near fifty dollars which was thankfully received. Along toward evening, while they were yet rejoicing over the beautiful friendship, and the tokens of esteem that lay before them, and in God's goodness in giving them such pleasure, who should appear, but Mrs. Rust's sister, Mrs. Thomas Griffith of West Berlin. She with her husband came with a well filled basket of all things good to eat which meant a wedding supper. So the day closed full of happy memories to be looked back upon and rejoice in the days to come."

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Peachblow Church Records :

Charles Rust, age 17 received as member by profession of faith January 1870.  
Married (H)ellen Stover October 1871 by Rev. W.T. Watson.

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More About CHARLES MELVIN RUST:

Burial: 01 Aug 1922, Cheshire Cemetery

Cause of Death: Bronchial Asthma/ Chronic Bright's Disease<sup>8</sup>

Death Certificate: 30 Jul 1922, OHS #37673

Funeral Home: 30 Jul 1922, C.W. Morrison

Informant: 30 Jul 1922, Mrs. Ellen Rust

Occupation: Farmer

Religion: Jan 1870, Received as Member Peachblow Church

Children of MARY STOVER and CHARLES RUST are:

9. i. VINTON DANA<sup>4</sup> RUST, b. 11 Jul 1878, Berlin Twp. Delaware County Ohio; d. 23 Jul 1941, Berlin Twp. Delaware County Ohio.
10. ii. DAISY LILLIAN RUST, b. 20 Jun 1884, Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio; d. 07 Jan 1935, Berlin Twp. , Delaware County, Ohio.

**4.** BENJAMIN F.<sup>3</sup> STOVER (*GEORGE W.*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 Aug 1859 in Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio, and died 31 Aug 1930 in Berlin Twp., Delaware, Ohio. He married ETHEL (ETHIE) WILLIAMS 09 Jan 1884 in Delaware, Ohio, daughter of JOHN WILLIAMS and

SARAH FOSTER. She was born 22 Aug 1864 in Delaware County, Ohio, and died 01 Jun 1944 in Delaware, Ohio.

Notes for BENJAMIN F. STOVER:

Mattie (Haas) told me that she can remember when Ben Stover died and his corpse was in his house in Delaware. Where the Kroger store used to be on S. Sandusky St. (not where the S. Sandusky St. store is now but where the first one was). She said she was a little girl and was hardly as tall as the casket. She said she remembers it was the first corpse she had ever seen.

Newark Advocate of Sept. 2, 1930.....Delaware...."Benjamin F. Stover died at his home after a lingering illness." Apparently the Stover's were still well known in Licking County seventy years after George moved to Delaware County.

More About BENJAMIN F. STOVER:

Burial: 02 Sep 1930, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemorrhage<sup>8</sup>

Death Certificate: 31 Aug 1930, OHS #47483

Funeral Home: 31 Aug 1930, H.E. Clevenger

Informant: 31 Aug 1930, Mrs. Ethel Stover

Occupation: Farmer

Notes for ETHEL (ETHIE) WILLIAMS:

1880 census.....six year old Ethie living in John and Ann Foster (her grandparents) home in Genoa Township

Delaware Gazette....." Mrs. Ethie Stover died Thursday morning at 2:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rollin Jacobus, South Sandusky Street. Mrs. Stover had been in failing health for a year and death followed a stroke. The deceased was a member of the Berlin-Delaware Club. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at two o'clock in the Robinson-Brackney Funeral Home. Burial will be made in Oak Grove Cemetery."

More About ETHEL (ETHIE) WILLIAMS:

Burial: 03 Jun 1944, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemorrhage/chronic nephritis<sup>8</sup>

Census: 1880, Genoa Twp.

Death Certificate: 01 Jun 1944, OHS #37482

Funeral Home: 01 Jun 1944, Robinson-Brackney Funeral Home

Informant: 01 Jun 1944, Mrs. Rollin Jacobus

Children of BENJAMIN STOVER and ETHEL WILLIAMS are:

11. i. VINNIE S.<sup>4</sup> STOVER, b. 25 Oct 1885, Delaware County, Ohio; d. 28 Feb 1956, Delaware County, Ohio.
- ii. LELIA HESTER STOVER, b. 27 Feb 1892, Delaware County, Ohio; d. 03 Aug 1971, Delaware, Ohio; m. ROLLIN K. JACOBUS, Aft. 1910; b. 21 Sep 1889, Berlin Twp., Delaware Co., Ohio; d. 14 Apr 1947, Delaware, Ohio.

More About LELIA HESTER STOVER:

Burial: 05 Aug 1971, Oak Grove Cemetery

Death Certificate: 03 Aug 1971, 20568/058823<sup>9</sup>

Notes for ROLLIN K. JACOBUS:

In 1930 Rollin and Lelia were living at 455 S. Sandusky St., Delaware....motorman on electric railroad. His

mother , age 78, a widow was living with them.

Marion Star, Sept. 11, 1942....."WAR PLANT GUARD DIES, 3 HURT IN MARION AUTO-TRAIN CRASH.....DELAWARE MEN IN SMASHUP ON STATE STREET.....B.F.Witten killed instantly; other three in serious condition....."

Both Witten and Murfield apparently were hurled through the roof of the auto. Jacobus and Watts were pinned in the rear seat by part of the auto motor, the front seats and the crushed body. The entire engine block was torn from its fastenings and was hurled about 50 feet west of the crossing. When police and ambulance attendants arrived, they extracted Watts and Jacobus from the rear seat.....legs of both men were pinned under part of the wreckage....."

Columbus Dispatch, 4/16/1947....."Rollin K. Jacobus, age 58, died suddenly at his home, 455 S. Sandusky Street, Delaware Monday evening. Survived by his wife, Lelia; one Niece, Mrs. Lucille Shaffer of Warren, Ohio Funeral services Thursday, 3 p.m. from the Devore Funeral Home, Delaware, Ohio. Rev. John Bergen officiating. Burial in Oak Grove Cemetery."

Delaware Gazette, April 15, 1947....."Rollin K. Jacobus 57, died unexpectedly at his home, 455 S. Sandusky St., Monday at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Jacobus had been in failing health for many years. While working at the Marion Ordinance plant several years ago he was injured in an automobile-train accident. Born Sept. 21 1889, in Berlin township, Mr. Jacobus lived his entire life in Delaware county. He had been employed by the C.D. & M. from 1920 to 1933. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lelia Jacobus, and one niece, Mrs. Lucille Shaffer of Warren.

Funeral services will be held at the DeVore Funeral Home in Delaware Thursday at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. John Bergen officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home."

More About ROLLIN K. JACOBUS:

Burial: 17 Apr 1947, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: Acute artherosclerosis<sup>10</sup>

Death Certificate: 14 Apr 1947, OHS #23601

Funeral Home: 14 Apr 1947, DeVore Funeral Home Rev. John Bergen

Informant: 14 Apr 1947, Lelia Jacobus

Occupation: worked for the C.D.&M. line 1920-1933

Residence: 455 S. Sandusky Street

**5. MATTIE A.<sup>3</sup> STOVER** (*GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 20 Apr 1864 in Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio, and died 24 Mar 1924 in Berlin Twp., Delaware, Ohio. She married THOMAS GRIFFITH 02 Oct 1879 in Delaware, Ohio, son of RICHARD GRIFFITH and AMELIA HAYES. He was born 20 Jun 1859 in Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio, and died 04 Feb 1923 in Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio.

Notes for MATTIE A. STOVER:

Married at the age of 15 .

She was called Samantha in her fathers estate settlement. Mantie is written on her marriage record.

Delaware Gazette, March 24, 1924....." Mrs. Mattie A Griffith died at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at her home in Berlin Twp. after an illness extending over eight months. She was born April 20, 1864 in Berlin township. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. H.O. Durfey at home; one son, Floyd Griffith of Berlin; one brother, B.F. Stover of Berlin township; two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Rust of Berlin and Malissa Conklin of Stratford. She was a member of West Berlin Presbyterian Church where services will be held in charge of Revs. C.M. Rohrbaugh and E.M. Page Friday morning at 10 o'clock and burial at Oak Grove cemetery."

"OBITUARY....Mrs. Mattie A. Griffith.....Mattie A., youngest child of George W. and Elizabeth (Green) Stover, was born in Berlin township, Delaware county, Ohio on April 20, 1863. She departed this life March 25, 1924, aged 60 years, 11 months, and five days.

She spent her girlhood on the farm with her parents and on October 2, 1879 was married to

Thomas Griffith. To this union were born three children, Elsie who preceded her parents to the Better World, Floyd and Marie.

Soon after their marriage they purchased the house and farm where they spent their lives, each striving to do the thing that pleased the other and so they worked, adding this thing and that until they achieved their early dream of a home.

She was a real homemaker. Her delight was supreme when friends came to call or to visit, and the friend or stranger never left her home hungry. Her whole aim in life was to do good. With her husband she united with the West Berlin Presbyterian Church of which she has been a faithful member for nearly 40 years. She never recovered from the shock occasioned by the sudden death of her husband, little more than a year ago, and frequently expressed a desire to be with him.

She leaves to mourn, one son, Floyd, one daughter, Marie, three grandchildren, one brother and two sisters, besides numerous other relatives."

More About MATTIE A. STOVER:

Burial: 27 Mar 1924, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: Uremic Poisoning/ Chronic Bright's disease<sup>10</sup>

Church: West Berlin Presbyterian

Death Certificate: 24 Mar 1924, OHS #14644

Funeral: 27 Mar 1924, Rev. A. Orr & Rev. Shaw

Funeral Home: 24 Mar 1924, Clevenger Funeral Home

Informant: 24 Mar 1924, Floyd Griffith

Notes for THOMAS GRIFFITH:

Delaware Gazette Feb. 5, 1923....." Thomas Griffith, aged 63 years died Sunday at his home in Berlin. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mattie Griffith; one daughter, Mrs. Howard Durfey, at home; and one son, Floyd Griffith. Mr. Griffith was a member of the West Berlin Presbyterian Church. Funeral services will be held at the church at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning conducted by Rev. Mr. Ruhrbaugh. Burial will be made in Oak Grove Cemetery."

Delaware Gazette Feb. 7, 1923....."Funeral services for Mr. Thomas Griffith were held at the West Berlin Presbyterian Church at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning conducted by Rev. Mr. Rohrbaugh and Rev. Mr. Bingham. Hymns 'Face to Face' and 'He is so Precious to Me' were read by Mr. Bingham. Pallbearers were Messrs. O.A. Griffith, George McNamara, Thomas McNamara, John James and Walter James. Burial was made in Oak Grove cemetery."

1880 census.....Berlin Twp., Farmer. Sarah Pepper, servant in the household.

1900 census.....Berlin Twp., farmer, 3 children

1910 census.....same location, 2 children in the household.

More About THOMAS GRIFFITH:

Burial: 07 Feb 1923, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: Cancer of bowels/ Bright's Disease<sup>10</sup>

Death Certificate: 02 Feb 1923, OHS #9753

Funeral: 07 Feb 1923, Rev. Ruhrbaugh

Funeral Home: 04 Feb 1923, Morrison-Clevinger

Informant: 04 Feb 1923, Floyd Griffith  
Occupation: Farmer  
Religion: West Berlin Presbyterian Church

Children of MATTIE STOVER and THOMAS GRIFFITH are:

12. i. ELSIE E.<sup>4</sup> GRIFFITH, b. 13 Oct 1882, Berlin Township, Delaware, County; d. 09 Feb 1920, Delaware County, Ohio.
13. ii. FLOYD GRIFFITH, b. 22 Jul 1887, Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; d. 03 Jul 1948, Delaware County, Ohio.
14. iii. FLORENCE "MATTIE" MARIE GRIFFITH, b. 24 Aug 1896, Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio; d. 24 Jan 1968, Delaware County, Ohio.

*Generation No. 3*

**6. FRANK ROSCOE<sup>4</sup> CONKLIN** (*MARIA MELISSA<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 01 Jul 1875 in Orange Twp., Delaware County, Ohio, and died 19 Mar 1933 in Delaware, Ohio. He married EDNA M. BREVOORT, daughter of HENRY BREVOORT and MARY UNKNOWN. She was born Oct 1879 in Delaware County, Ohio, and died 29 Mar 1967 in Delaware, Ohio.

Notes for FRANK ROSCOE CONKLIN:

Owned the O.K. Hardware in Delaware for many years. His wife Edna, ran the store after he died for over 25 years.

Mansfield News, March 11, 1933....."Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Hoffman, 95 Heineman Boulevard, will spend the weekend in Delaware with her father, Frank R. Conklin, who is seriously ill."

Marion Daily Star, 6/17/1924....."Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Irwin attended the wedding of Miss Harriett Elizabeth Conklin to Frank Alter Hoffman, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conklin of Delaware."

Delaware Gazette, March 21, 1933....."Funeral services for Mr. Frank R. Conklin were held at the residence, 174 Griswold Street, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. D. Finley Wood and Dr. Rollin Walker officiating. Earl F. Hughes of Columbus, a cousin of Mrs. Conklin, sang 'Lead Kindly Light' with Dr. F.A. Hoffman at the piano. The Masons held services at the grave. The pallbearers were B.A. Arneson, Hosea Spaulding, Ray McKinnie, James Samson, L.P. Kelley, and D.J. Hornberger. The ladies in charge of the flowers were Mrs. B.A. Arneson, Mrs. D. J. Hornberger, Mrs. J.E. Downing, Mrs Bonnett, Mrs Russell Kissner and Mrs. B.F. Freshwater. Burial was made in Oak Grove Cemetery."

Frank and Ashton were boarding with the Henry ? Perfect family in 1900. At the time of the census in 1910, he was married, a Post Office clerk, living on Griswold Avenue, Delaware, Ohio.

9/12/1918, WWI Draft registration, owner/operator of the OK Hardware, 32 N. Sandusky St. In 1920, still at 174 Griswold Street, merchant in hardware store.

1930, same address, home valued at \$12000; proprietor of hardware store.

More About FRANK ROSCOE CONKLIN:

Burial: 21 Mar 1933, Oak Grove Cemetery

Occupation: 1900, Postal Clerk



Notes for EDNA M. BREVOORT:

At the age of 80, Mr. Conklin had no plans to retire and was still operating the O.K. Hardware in Delaware. She had run the store since her husband's death, over 25 years.

Columbus Dispatch, 3/30/1967....."Edna Brevoort Conklin, age 88 died Wednesday in Delaware. Former owner of the O.K. Hardware Store, Delaware. Survived by son, John B. Conklin, Columbus; 6 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren. Friends may call at Robinson Funeral Home, Delaware after noon Friday, where service will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. Burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. Family suggests memorial gifts to the Heart Fund."

More About EDNA M. BREVOORT:

Burial: 31 Mar 1967, Oak Grove Cemetery

Death Certificate: 29 Mar 1967, Vol.18788/ Cert. 18362

Funeral Home: 29 Mar 1967, Robinson Funeral Home

Children of FRANK CONKLIN and EDNA BREVOORT are:

15. i. HARRIETT E.<sup>5</sup> CONKLIN, b. 07 Feb 1903, Ohio; d. Unknown.
16. ii. JOHN B. CONKLIN, b. 24 May 1906, Delaware County Ohio; d. 22 Aug 1989, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

7. ESTELLE MAE<sup>4</sup> CONKLIN (*MARIA MELISSA<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 14 Sep 1892 in Berlin Twp., Delaware Co., Ohio, and died 06 Feb 1948 in Delaware County, Ohio. She married (1) HOWARD RAYMOND SCOTT, son of GEORGE SCOTT and VIOLA COLFLESH. He was born 01 Jul 1891 in Berlin Twp. , Delaware County, Ohio, and died 21 Feb 1920 in Berlin Twp. , Delaware County, Ohio. She married (2) FRANK A. UPHOLD 1928 in Delaware , Ohio, son of LEONARD UPHOLD and CATHERINE UNKNOWN. He was born 26 Jan 1885 in Ohio, and died 01 Apr 1978 in Pueblo, Colorado.

Notes for ESTELLE MAE CONKLIN:

Delaware Gazette, 2/6/1948....."Funeral services for Mrs. Estelle Mae Uphold, who died Friday morning were held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the West Berlin Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Elmer H. Douglas officiating. During the services, three hymns were sung by Mrs. David Wood and Mrs. James Showalter. The pallbearers were Hugh MacMillan, Grover Mantor, Ray Hall, Dale Ford, Garner Cox, and Harlen Hall, Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery by Robinson-Brackney."

More About ESTELLE MAE CONKLIN:

Burial: 08 Feb 1948, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: Coronary thrombosis<sup>10</sup>

Death Certificate: 06 Feb 1948, OHS #8439

Funeral Home: 06 Feb 1948, Robinson-Brackney Funeral Home

Informant: 06 Feb 1948, Frank Uphold

Medical Information: Chronis valvular heart disease.

Notes for HOWARD RAYMOND SCOTT:

1920 census, farmer living on Scott & Shanahan Road, Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio.

More About HOWARD RAYMOND SCOTT:  
Burial: 23 Feb 1920, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Cause of Death: Pneumonia<sup>10</sup>  
Death Certificate: 21 Feb 1920, OHS #10777  
Funeral Home: 21 Feb 1920, C.W. Morrison  
Informant: 21 Feb 1920, A.S. Conklin  
Occupation: Farmer  
Social Security Number: 280-01-1098

Notes for FRANK A. UPHOLD:

1900 census, family living at 22 S. Park St. in Zanesville. His father a coal miner, Brother Elmer a laborer in a pottery factory. Frank's occupation listed as laborer.

Living at 951 Dennison Ave., Columbus, Ohio when registering for the draft in WWI  
Occupation, ticket agent for C.D.& M. Railroad. Nearest relative, Mrs. Catherine Irene Uphold.

1930 census, 469 N. Sandusky St. Delaware. Working for C.D.&M. Railroad.

More About FRANK A. UPHOLD:

Burial: Unknown, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Funeral Home: Robinson Funeral Home  
Residence: 1930, 469 N. Sandusky St. Delaware, Oh  
Social Security Number: 281-32-4784

Children of ESTELLE CONKLIN and HOWARD SCOTT are:

- i. LOMA ELLEN<sup>5</sup> SCOTT, b. 24 Sep 1913, Delaware County, Ohio; d. 08 Jul 1936, Lima, Ohio.

Notes for LOMA ELLEN SCOTT:

Lima News, July 3, 1936....."A Columbus girl was near death in Memorial Hospital Friday while two other persons were recovering from slight injuries suffered when their car turned over on a curve in Route 30S a mile West of Scott's Crossing. Thursday night. Most seriously injured was Miss Loma Scott, 23, of 64 W. Hudson St., Columbus, a Grant Hospital nurse. She has a broken neck. Her step-father, Frank Uphold 51, of Route 3 Delaware, was driver of the car, escaped with a leg laceration as did her companion Lake White, 27, also of Columbus.

Uphold's wife, Estelle, 44, and their son John, six, also occupants of the car escaped uninjured. The accident occurred when Uphold attempted to round a corner and was sitting on her porch when the accident occurred said another car, traveling at a higher rate of speed had left the road, jumped the ditch and ran about 300 feet into a field before stopping. It did not overturn and was driven away. The second accident happened about ten minutes later. Miss Scott was taken to Memorial Hospital by the Davis, Miller, & Son ambulance. The Highway Patrol Investigated. The group was on the way to Chicago for a vacation."

Mrs. Don Faust who lives at the corner and was sitting on her porch when the accident occurred said another car, traveling at a higher rate of speed had left the road, jumped the ditch and ran about 300 feet into a field before stopping. It did not overturn and was driven away. The second accident happened about ten minutes later. Miss Scott was taken to Memorial Hospital by the Davis, Miller, & Son ambulance. The Highway Patrol Investigated. The group was on the way to Chicago for a vacation."

Delaware Gazette....."Injuries sustained in an automobile accident last Thursday night near Lima proved fatal Wednesday evening at 7:15 to Miss Loma Ellen Scott, age 22, daughter of Mrs. Frank Uphold, who resides a short distance south of Delaware on US 23. Miss Scott, who had been a nurse at Grant Hospital in Columbus for more than a year, succumbed in Memorial Hospital at Lima, where she had been confined since the accident which occurred while she and Mr. & Mrs. Uphold were en route to Chicago. Miss Scott was graduated from Delaware High School in 1931 and from nurses training school of Grant Hospital in 1935.

Delaware Gazette....."Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church with Rev. Clarence S. Gee officiating. The body was returned from Lima to the Brackney-Whiting Funeral Home and was taken Thursday to the Uphold home where friends may call until Saturday noon." Delaware Gazette....."Funeral services for Miss Loma Ellen Scott were held in the Presbyterian Church Saturday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Clarence S. Gee officiating. During the service, Rev. Gee read "Some Time We'll Understand" and His Eye is on the Sparrow". Six nurses from Grant Hospital

acted as honorary pallbearers and guard of honor. All were graduated with Miss Scott in 1935. They also served as floral bearers. Pallbearers were members of Miss Scott's high school graduating class of 1931. They were Raymond Mantor, Leo Stone, Lowell Oller, John Shindeler, Frank Fegley, and Raymond Freeman. Burial was made in Oak Grove Cemetery."

Lima News, January 3, 1937....."The first suit of the new January term of Allen County Common Pleas Court to be filed Saturday in the office of J.H. Ruhlen, clerk of courts, was one for \$20,000 against Lester L. Clymer of Bluffton, a road contractor. The suit was filed by Mrs. Estelle Uphold of Delaware, O., mother of Loma Scott, 23 who died July 8 of injuries she alleged to have suffered when an automobile in which she was riding turned over July 2 on Highway No. 30S. near Elida. The car was driven by her step-father, Frank Uphold. The petition alleges the car skidded off the road on a curve and turned over in a ditch. The complaint contends that employees of Clymer, who held a contract for improvements in the vicinity, had permitted clay to fall on the highway from trucks during the course of the work and that this clay was made slippery by a rain which fell July 2. The complaint alleges that Clymer was negligent in permitting this condition to develop. It also is contended that he was negligent through failure to provide warning to motorists of the dangerous condition of the highway."

Lima News, April 5, 1938.....INSURANCE FIRM DEFENDANT IN SUIT.....Suit for \$2986.04, was started Tuesday in common pleas court by LYLA Clymer, contractor, of Bluffton against The London Guarantee and Accident Company Ltd. The plaintiff alleges that he took out an insurance policy with the defendant, which purported to protect him against liability. The petition further states that on July 2, 1936, Loma Scott, of Delaware, O., suffered fatal injuries when the automobile in which she was riding, overturned on a stretch of highway which was being improved by the plaintiff. The accident, according to the petition, was caused by loose earth which was left on the highway by employees of the plaintiff. The administrator of the estate of Mr. Scott brought a \$20,000 damage suit in Allen County Common Pleas Court against Clymer and a jury after day's deliberation failed to arrive at a verdict. The case was later settled out of court for \$2025.75. The balance of the amount claimed due in the petition was expended for legal services.

More About LOMA ELLEN SCOTT:

Burial: 11 Jul 1936, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: Complete fracture of 1st dorsal vertebrae<sup>10</sup>

Death Certificate: 08 Jul 1936, OHS #41899

Funeral Home: 08 Jul 1936, Brackney - Whiting

Informant: 08 Jul 1936, Mrs. Frank Uphold

Medical Information: Auto accident

Occupation: Nurse/ Grant Hospital

- ii. HAROLD R. SCOTT, b. 09 Sep 1919; d. 11 Dec 1983.

Child of ESTELLE CONKLIN and FRANK UPHOLD is:

- iii. JOHN ASHTON<sup>5</sup> UPHOLD, b. Private.

**8.** CARROLL C.<sup>4</sup> CONKLIN (*MARIA MELISSA*<sup>3</sup> *STOVER*, *GEORGE W.*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 Nov 1894 in Berlin Twp., Delaware Co., Ohio, and died 26 Jun 1951 in Delaware, Ohio. He married CYNTHIA E. CASE, daughter of SHERMAN CASE and HATTIE SLANE. She was born 28 Aug 1896 in Delaware, Ohio, and died 06 Sep 1982 in Delaware, Ohio.

Notes for CARROLL C. CONKLIN:

Delaware Gazette, June 7, 1951.....".....Carroll Conklin served two four year terms as Delaware County Commissioner first elected in 1943. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He worked at the Delaware Farmer's Exchange from 1934 until his death. He suffered a heart attack and died at the Delaware County Courthouse after appearing as a witness in a lawsuit. He had suffered from a heart ailment, but had worked in the hayfield at his home from 5:00 A.M. until noon, when he went to the courthouse. Funeral services were held in the William Street Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Louis Campbell, minister of the First Presbyterian Church in charge. Burial was made at Oak Grove Cemetery by Ramsey-Bennett."

Marion Star, June 28, 1951....." CARROLL CONKLIN, DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIES.....Carroll Conklin of near Delaware, died of a heart attack suffered Tuesday afternoon at the courthouse. He died shortly after leaving the Common Pleas Courtroom where he had appeared as a witness in a civil trial. Born in Berlin Township, Nov. 20, 1894, Mr. Conklin had spent his entire life in the county. He had been associated with the Delaware County Exchange since 1934 and at the time of his death was in charge of farm machinery sales. Mr. Conklin was first elected Commissioner in 1934 on the Republican ticket, and was re-elected in 1948. he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, several Masonic bodies, the Woodgrave Grange, and Lanape Lodge, Knights of Pythias. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Cynthia Conklin, two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Courter, and Mrs. Rachel Courter, both of Delaware; a son Ralph Conklin of Delaware, and three grandchildren.

In the 1920 census he is a salesman in a hardware store, living on Stratford Road, Delaware Twp.

Living at 103 N. Sandusky Street in the 1930 census, occupation, Jr. partner in a hardware store.

More About CARROLL C. CONKLIN:

Burial: 29 Jun 1951, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: coronary occlusion<sup>10</sup>

Death Certificate: 06 Jun 1951, OHS #36843

Informant: 26 Jun 1951, Cynthia Conklin

Occupation: Farmer

Residence: 1930, 103 N Sandusky Street

Social Security Number: 280-01-0551

Notes for CYNTHIA E. CASE:

Marion Star, Feb., 1, 1965....."ASHLEY....Mrs. Cynthia Conklin of the welfare department in Delaware spoke at the Tuesday night meeting of the Fidelis Mother's Club at the home of Mrs. Martin Smith."

Delaware Gazette....."Cynthia E. Conklin 86, of 389 N. Sandusky Street died Monday evening at the Delaware Park Care Center after a long illness. She was a lifetime resident of Delaware County. She had been a case worker for 19 years at Delaware County Welfare Dept. from 1953 until she retired in January, 1973 at age 76. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church."

More About CYNTHIA E. CASE:

Burial: Sep 1982, Oak Grove Cemetery

Death Certificate: 24959/062971<sup>11</sup>

Funeral Home: Bennett- Brown Funeral Home

Occupation: Case Worker

Religion: First Presbyterian Church

Residence: 389 N. Sandusky St.

Social Security Number: 272-34-2409<sup>12</sup>

Children of CARROLL CONKLIN and CYNTHIA CASE are:

17. i. RACHEL<sup>5</sup> CONKLIN, b. 11 Jun 1917, Stratford, Ohio; d. 15 Jun 1993, Delaware, Ohio.
18. ii. RALPH B. "SCHOOLIE" CONKLIN, b. 10 Dec 1919, Monroe County, Ohio; d. 06 Apr 1995.
19. iii. BARBARA A. CONKLIN, b. 08 Dec 1924, Delaware, Ohio; d. 12 Jun 1991, Delaware, Ohio.

9. VINTON DANA<sup>4</sup> RUST (*MARY ELLEN<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 11 Jul 1878 in Berlin Twp. Delaware County Ohio, and died 23 Jul 1941 in Berlin Twp. Delaware County Ohio. He married (1) ANNA UNKNOWN. She died Unknown. He married (2) KATHERINE "KIT" COSTELLO, daughter of THOMAS CAUSER and SARAH CRISTE. She was born 1876 in Illinois, and died Unknown.

Notes for VINTON DANA RUST:

Vinton was married twice. He was an inspector in the Union Stock Yard in Chicago, and later a farmer in Berlin Twp.

In the 1910 census, he was in the home of Jesse Williams, 4326 Emerald Avenue, Chicago. He registered for the draft on Sept. 12, 1918. On that date and in the census, on January 3, 1920, he was living at 1333 W. 72nd Place in Chicago, Lake Twp., Cook County. His occupation on the Draft Registration was Federal Inspector, U.S. Government, Union Stock Yards. He owned his own home valued at \$5500 at the same location in 1930, his occupation listed as Veterinary Doctor for the U.S. Government in the 1930 census. Living with him were wife, Katherine; Rosaline, his daughter (a widow); Mary June, granddaughter; Bessie Gallagher, step daughter; and George Gallagher, stepson. Although Rose is listed in the 1920 census as a widow, Edward Morrissey is living with the Rust family in 1930??!!

An article in the Marion Star 7/22/1916 said that Vinton and his wife visited the home of Mrs. William McNett that week. (In Larue)

From the Delaware Gazette,

7/24/1941....."Mr Vinton Rust died at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at his home south of Delaware following an illness of seven weeks. He was born in Berlin Township and for about thirty years was a United States meat inspector at Chicago. He has been an Ohio resident since 1930 and had followed farming as his occupation. Funeral services were held in the Peachblow United Brethren Church Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. L.A. Ensley officiated. Two poems, "I Cling to Thee" and "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" were read by Rev. Ensley. Ray D. Mohr sang "Sometime We'll Understand." Pallbearers were Charles Hults, David Taylor, Carroll Conklin, Clarence Case, Asa Piatt. and Wilbur Hall. Burial was made in the family lot in Cheshire Cemetery by Ramsey-Mohr."

More About VINTON DANA RUST:

Burial: 26 Jul 1941, Cheshire Cemetery Berlin Twp.

Cause of Death: Acute dilatation of the heart<sup>13</sup>

Census: 1930, Chicago, Cook, Illinois

Death Certificate: 23 Jul 1941, OHS #42103

Funeral Home: 23 Jul 1941, Ramsey-Mohr Funeral Home

Informant: 23 Jul 1941, Anna Rust

Medical Information: Draft registration in 1918 says he was of stout build.

Occupation: Bet. 1900 - 1930, Meat Inspector

Notes for KATHERINE "KIT" COSTELLO:

Parents were born in Ireland. Bessie, 23 and George, 19 were living with her in the 1920

census. They, as well as Rose, age 15 were all living with her brother, Michael Costello in 1910 at 2026 Austin Avenue, Ward 14, Chicago.

Children of VINTON RUST and KATHERINE COSTELLO are:

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  - i. ROSALINE<sup>5</sup> GALLAGHER, b. 04 Jul 1894, Illinois; d. 14 Sep 1983, St. Petersburg, Pinnellas, Florida.
  - ii. BESSIE GALLAGHER, b. Abt. 1896, Illinois; d. 02 Nov 1929, Chicago Illinois.

Notes for BESSIE GALLAGHER:

Chicago Daily Tribune, Nov. 3, 1929....."Bessie Gallagher, 1333 W. 72nd Pl., died Nov. 2, 1929. Beloved daughter of Mrs. Katherine Rust and the late John Gallagher, sister of Mrs. Edward Morrissey and George Gallagher, beloved aunt of Mary Jane Morrissey. Funeral Notice later."

- iii. GEORGE FRANCES GALLAGHER, b. 12 May 1900, Illinois; d. Oct 1971, Fort Lauderdale, Broward, Florida<sup>14</sup>.

Notes for GEORGE FRANCES GALLAGHER:

Address at time of draft registration was 1333 W. 72nd St., Chicago.

More About GEORGE FRANCES GALLAGHER:

Social Security Number: 325-20-6647<sup>14</sup>

**10. DAISY LILLIAN<sup>4</sup> RUST** (*MARY ELLEN<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>15</sup> was born 20 Jun 1884 in Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio<sup>16</sup>, and died 07 Jan 1935 in Berlin Twp. , Delaware County, Ohio. She married WILLIAM EDGAR MCNETT 09 Mar 1906 in Lewis Center, Ohio<sup>17</sup>, son of EDGAR MCNETT and ROSELLA SEARLES. He was born 18 Apr 1876 in Jefferson Twp., Franklin County, Ohio<sup>18</sup>, and died 20 Aug 1957 in Berlin Twp. , Delaware County, Ohio.

Notes for DAISY LILLIAN RUST:

DCHS/DCGS Record of Births, Probate Court page 234.

Daisy Rust born June 20, 1894 in Berlin Twp. Parents Charles M. Rust & Ellen Stover.

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Daisy

was a devoted wife and mother. She died at a young age, a victim of cancer. She was a devout Christian and instilled those values to those she left behind. She joined Peachblow Church, the church built by her grandparents, at the age of twelve and served there as organist for many years. Peachblow Church Records show that she was in regular attendance and faithful in her giving.

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From the Delaware Gazette....."Daisy L. McNett the daughter of Charles and Ellen Rust was born on June 21, 1884, and departed this life on January 7, 1935. She gave her heart to God at an early age, having united with the Peachblow United Brethren Church at the age of twelve years, and served as organist of the Sunday School for a number of years.

She was united in marriage to William McNett on March 11, 1906. To this union were born seven children, all of whom survive. Although in poor health for several years, Mrs. McNett was always of a pleasant disposition and faced the battles of life with a smile. She was a devoted wife and a kind and loving mother, no sacrifice too great for her to make for the benefit of her family.

She leaves to mourn, the husband, William McNett; four daughters, Louise, Pauline, Helen and Thelma; three sons, Melvin, Robert, and Lowell; one brother, Vinton, and numerous other relatives and friends."

Sunset and evening star

And one clear call for me,  
And may there be no moaning  
of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam  
When that which drew from out  
the boundless deep  
Turns again home.  
Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark;  
And may there be no sadness of  
farewell  
When I embark.  
For though from out our bourne  
of time and place,  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.

#### Card of Thanks

During the extended illness of Mother, we want to say thank you for the many acts of kindness and service in tender ministrations, only loving friends and neighbors could possibly think of. At the hour of service we are grateful to Rev. C.A. Riggs for his kindly tribute to Mother and his tender admonitions to us; the beautiful songs of hope and comfort, the considerate care of those in charge, and the presence of so many of our friends. William McNett & Children

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#### From her Memorial

Record....After several months of illness following an operation in August, she departed this life peacefully on the evening of Jan. 7th, 1935. Her life is mirrored in this tribute; "She has achieved success who has lived well and laughed often; who has filled her niche and accomplished her task; who has left the world better than she found it; who has looked for the best in others and given the best she had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction." This book contains her biography and lists all children and their birthdates. (Written by Louise McNett Viers)

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Delaware Gazette, 1/10/1935.....Funeral Services for Mrs. Daisy L. McNett who died Monday evening were held at the Peachblow U.B. Church Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, with Rev. C.A. Riggs officiating. Arrangements were by Clase-Mohr Funeral Home, Delaware, Ohio. The Clase-Mohr duo sang "Above the Bright Blue" and "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" The Athletic Club of the Berlin Schools acted as escort and assisted with flowers. Pallbearers were Floyd Griffith, Frank Kiser, Rollin Jacobus, Ashton Conklin, Carroll Conklin and Howard Durfey. Burial was made in Cheshire Cemetery.

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From the writings of her daughter, Thelma....."She was born June 21, 1884 at the home on the State Road, where she lived until she married at twenty two. She was a blond, fair complected little girl with big blue eyes. Mama went to a one room brick school house,

walking to school on the Peachblow Road (this school was later used as a home for several families, and today stands alone empty of human lives, but filled with memories). I remember mama as a kind and gentle soul, very soft spoken, gentle voice, serious at times, but often very humorous. She was very compassionate and loving. When a child, she attended Peachblow Church, later becoming organist there.....

Laughter and humor were two qualities Mom and Dad shared, and I fondly recall memories when dad would play his fiddle and mama played the piano. I watched her gold ring as it clicked against the keys. It was then that I knew I would play the piano someday. Mama sewed, making me dresses that I dearly loved. She loved pretty flowers, goldfish, church hymns. I still picture her in the kitchen, preparing bread for her family, singing a favorite song as she worked. No other raisin pie ever tasted the same as her's or the fried chicken heaped on the platter. The depression times tried their souls, and that's the only time I remember Mama and Dad arguing, and it was always over lack of money and worries of raising a large family. I remember by far the times of fun and laughter between them and the family. The stress of the depression and ill health overcame her and she died at the young age of fifty. At the tender age of twelve, I lost my mother."

More About DAISY LILLIAN RUST:

Burial: Jan 1935, Cheshire Cemetery

Cause of Death: Cancer

Death Certificate: Jan 1935, 111/7774

Notes for WILLIAM EDGAR MCNETT:

After his bankruptcy, Edgar moved with his family to Jefferson Twp., Franklin County where William was born April 18, 1876. They later moved to Delaware County settling in Orange Township on the North Road. Throughout his early adult life, he was associated with the creameries in Lewis Center, Westerville, and LaRue (He was living at 416 Park Street in Westerville in the 1910 census). The Westerville Creamery was apparently the main creamery as others on maps of the day in Richwood and in LaRue bore the "Westerville" name. There are conflicting reports of when he was at each location and when he moved to LaRue where he became a stationary engineer. (The date was prior to the birth of daughter, Pauline, who was born May 11, 1911). He traveled back and forth from LaRue to Lima, Ohio where he studied and became an electrical engineer, an entirely new line of work. He filled that capacity at the LaRue power plant in the years before power was brought to that village from the Marion, Ohio plant. The WWI Draft Registration Sept. 12, 1918 lists his occupation as a Stationery Engineer working for Johnson & Miller. His occupation listed as engineer in light plant in the 1920 census. In 1920, sometime after the census in January (he lived at 196 South Section Street in LaRue, Montgomery twp., Marion County), the family moved back to Delaware County and the Peachblow community, to help his wife's ailing parents farm their land. His daughter, Thelma was born in the Rust home on Old State Road in Berlin Twp. (The house still stands among million dollar homes in the Alum Creek Dam area, now a suburb of Columbus). This is where they were living in April, 1930 at the time of the census.

He lived in rural Delaware County for another fifteen years before electricity that he had provided for families in LaRue came to the rural areas of Ohio. His occupation the remaining years of his life was farming in the Berlin Township area of Delaware County. He and his family worked the land and made a home on Peachblow Road, tenant farmers, giving half of



all earned to the landlord in exchange for a roof over their heads. He kept a simple journal of income and expenses is evidence of the trust the two men had in each other. His sons later were able to buy the farm, where they remained throughout their lives. I remember, as a boy, hearing people say....." If Will McNett says it, it must be so".

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FROM THE LARUE CENTENNIAL HISTORY 1952 "Larue In Review"

In 1904 power for the electric street lights was being supplied by contract with J. A. Slanser. Again the "younger generation" was hearing about the "old days" when street lighting consisted of candles, protected by glass shades atop crude poles. They could remember the kerosene lamps and the Old Lamplighter". Scheduled to be turned on at dusk (depending upon the season and the weather) the electric service depended, too, upon the Scioto, for during high water the plant in the Lumber Company was flooded. In all cases the current was turned off at 12 midnight.

In 1922 this plant was abandoned and a public utility came to LaRue.

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Written by his daughter, Thelma....."Dad was a humorous, outspoken man. He spoke his opinion of circumstances; be they domestic, family problems, or politics. In fact, I think he enjoyed a good argument on government affairs. Dad was a typical Irishman with a quick, springy walk and twinkling blue eyes. He joked a lot and usually brought a chuckle to those he talked with. His favorite pastime was playing the fiddle, holding it low on his shoulder and rotating the bow in a circular movement. it was different than the position others used and I was fascinated by it. I treasure the memory of playing the guitar with him as he fiddled the old fiddle tunes. In memory, I can see him wearing his dark derby hat, cocked over one eye. He was spry and slender and very straight. Dad was popular with the younger generation, for he joked a lot with them. He had a shrill whistle that I can almost hear now. He sang also; I recall mornings when we were still in bed, hearing him as he sang loud and clear, "Precious Memories, How they linger" as he walked to the barn to start his day. He lived, the last of a large family and no doubt had many precious memories of his people. Dad was a loving and compassionate person; alert to every pain and suffering we had. He was a gentle man, yet quite manly and stern. Dad's ways with the animals was gentle as well. I recall him coming in after a hard day in the field, the horses plodding wearily in front of him. No brutal beatings or kicks were ever inflicted upon them. No harm to man or animal, he loved the country, farming, & communing with his neighbors."

Obituary        From the Delaware Gazette, 8/21/1957....."Mr. William McNett, 81, died Tuesday afternoon at his home on Peachblow Road. He was born and reared in Center Village and had been a resident of the Peachblow Community for fifty years. Funeral services were held on at 2 p.m. Friday, from the Doty Funeral Home. The Rev. Eugene Price, Pastor of Peachblow United Brethren Church and the Rev. Roger Bell, former pastor conducted the services. Active pallbearers were Wilbur Hall, Willis Kiser, Robert Evans, William Mantor, David Taylor, and Wilbur Tuller. Honorary pallbearers were Wayne Colflesh, Clifford Norris, Willis A. Vaughn, George Paykoff, Elmer Miller, and Clifford Gooding. Burial was made in Cheshire Cemetery."

Obituary

From the Delaware Gazette, 8/28/1957.....William McNett, son of Edgar and Rosella

McNett, was born on April 18, 1876 and departed this life, August 20, 1957, at his home on Peachblow Road, at the age of 81 years, four months and two days. Death came at noon on Tuesday, culminating an extended illness. Mr. McNett was the last of a family of ten children. He was born near Center Village and while a young boy, moved with his family to Delaware County. On March 11, 1906, William McNett was united in marriage to Daisy Rust. To this union were born seven children; Melvin, Louise, Pauline, Helen, Robert, Lowell, and Thelma, all of whom survive. Throughout his life, Mr. McNett was associated with the Lewis Center, LaRue, and Westerville Creameries. Later, he became a stationary engineer, which capacity he filled at the LaRue power plant in the years before power was brought to the village from Marion.

In the year 1918, he moved back to Delaware County and Peachblow where he resided for the rest of his life, his occupation being farming. Here he labored, tilling the soil and living close to nature which he loved so much.

On January 7, 1935, his beloved wife departed this life at the early age of 50. After this, his interests began to wane, but he continued to educate and keep his family together. His love and devotion for their well-being was first in his mind and attentions throughout the years. Mr. McNett was a good neighbor and friend, devoted husband, loving father and grandfather. His influence will always be felt in the lives of his children, by his friendliness, cheerfulness, his smile and his wonderful understanding.

Now the laborer's task is o'er  
Now the battle day is past,  
Now upon the farther shore,  
Lands the voyager at last.  
There the tears of life are dried,  
There it's hidden things are clear,  
There the work of life is tried  
By a juster Judge than here.

#### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all of our neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness and service in tender ministrations during our bereavement at the death of our beloved father, William McNett. Thanks also, to the doctor for his kind and efficient service during the extended illness, to the ministers for their words of comfort, those who provided the beautiful music, and to the funeral home for their kind and considerate care and efficient service.

Miss Pauline McNett

Mrs. Louise Viers

Mrs. Thelma Collins

Mrs. Helen Case

Robert, Melvin and Lowell McNett

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#### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Delaware County Deed Book Vol. 124, pages 56-7....December 21, 1904 William McNett purchased from L. D. Anderson for \$1000. five acres being part of Lot No. 15 in the subdivision of the 2nd quarter of the 3rd township of the 18th Range U.S.M. Lands. Witnesses were Ellis R. Case & Hillie Case. Ellis R. Case also signed as Notary.

Deed Book Vol. 184, page 594....Quit Claim Deed.....November 19, 1934 Daisy McNett sold to William McNett for one dollar and other considerations 24 acres of land. (This is the Ellen Rust land on Peachblow Road) This land passed from William McNett to their children with the settling of his estate. His daughters signed a quit claim deed transferring the 24 acres jointly to Melvin, Robert & Lowell McNett. (Warranty Deed # 80247 Delaware Co. Records Office)

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## CENSUS RECORDS

1880 census.....Jefferson Twp., Franklin County....age four. The family having moved from Harlem Twp. to Franklin county following his father's bankruptcy. His father's occupation Apirian (Beekeeper)

1900 census.....Orange Twp., Delaware County, Ohio in the home of his parents, his occupation, farm laborer.

1910 census.....Westerville, Blendon Twp., Franklin County. Married, two children, occupation Buttermaker in the Creamery.

1920 census.....LaRue, Montgomery Twp., Marion County, Ohio. Engineer in Light Plant. William 42, Daisy 35, Melvyn 12, Louise 11, Pauline 9, Helen 7, Robert 5, Lowell 2.

1930 census.....State Road, Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio in the Rust family homestead. William a farmer 52, Daisy L. 45, Melvin 23, Louise G. 21, Pauline M. 19, Helen E. 17, Robert W. 14, Lowell R. 12, Thelma E. 7.

More About WILLIAM EDGAR MCNETT:

Burial: 23 Aug 1957, Cheshire Cemetery

Marriage Notes for DAISY RUST and WILLIAM MCNETT:

Delaware Gazette, 3/12/1906....."Mr. William McNett and Miss Daisy Rust of Lewis Center were married at the Lewis Center parsonage Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock by Rev. C.M. Hartshorn. Mr. McNett is in charge of the Lewis Center creamery. Miss Rust is the daughter of Mr. C. Rust, who lives on the State Road. They will go to housekeeping at Lewis Center."

Children of DAISY RUST and WILLIAM MCNETT are:

- i. MELVIN EDGAR<sup>5</sup> MCNETT, b. 19 Oct 1906, Lewis Center, Delaware County, Ohio; d. 18 Dec 1993, Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio.

Notes for MELVIN EDGAR MCNETT:

Uncle Melvin never married, but was a strong influence on his younger brothers and sisters, and his nieces and nephews. He was a farmer all his life and kept the old ways alive, including cutting and shocking a portion of the corn each year. He was an active farmer well into his early 80's. He didn't talk a lot, but when he spoke, those familiar with him knew he had given considerable thought to what he had to say. Even with poor eye site he was able to join and served in World War II, spending his entire time in the U.S. Army based at Fort Lewis Washington as a Military Policeman. He was discharged in September and arrived home October 1, 1945.

Uncle Melvin and Uncle Bob died within two days of each other. A double funeral was held for them December 23, 1993. This was not the first time members of our family have died at unusual times. Harriett and Willis Kiser died within days of each other. Lowell McNett died within one hour of his grand nephew, Brian Collins's birth. Nellie and Eva McNett died one week apart, Nellie on her birthday, victims of typhoid fever.

Written by Sandy and read at the funeral of Uncle Melvin and Uncle Bob.....Today our hearts are filled with grief as we experience the loss of two fine, gentle, men. Bob and Melvin McNett. The burden of sorrow lays heavy upon our hearts, but at the same time we are filled with many fine memories of the past that have been so graciously given to us by these two lives. Where others have a father and mother, we've been blessed with the love of several. Many values we now possess in our adult lives can be attributed to them. Uncle Melvin, on this cold wintery day

we wish to thank you for your labor of love. The times you babysat for us were special. You seemed like such a large man as you held us on your knees and wrapped your loving arms around us. And when it came time for you to go we would run to the door and lock it, thinking it would keep you with us a while longer. We remember each Christmas Eve as we looked forward to the big box of candy canes, chocolate bars, peanut brittle, ribbon candy, and tangerines. There was not a selfish bone in your body as you made sure everyone in the family was provided for. Even though you didn't want to leave the farm, when the time came you did and the last days of your life continued to bless us with love. You wanted so much to move on to a better country and today...you made it. "See you later," and as always your response, "You bet."

More About MELVIN EDGAR MCNETT:  
 Burial: 23 Dec 1993, Cheshire Cemetery  
 Death Certificate: Dec 1993, 29619/091642  
 Occupation: Bet. 1924 - 1990, Farmer  
 Social Security Number: Dec 1993, 531-26-5013

- ii. LOUISE GERTRUDE MCNETT, b. 03 Jan 1909, Larue, Marion County, Ohio; d. 08 May 1996, Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio; m. ELFY VIERS, 09 Nov 1940, Greenup Kentucky; b. 27 Mar 1900, Arbuckle, Mason County, West Virginia; d. 04 Oct 1975, Riverside Hospital Columbus, Ohio.

Notes for LOUISE GERTRUDE MCNETT:

This was found in the personal effects of Louise McNett Viers after her death.

REMEMBER.....by Louise McNett When I was seven years old and lived in LaRue, I started spending two months of each summer with my grandparents who lived on the old State Road in the Peachblow area. Whenever grandpa went to Lewis Center, my brother Melvin and I went with him in some style of horse drawn vehicle. The following are just a few of what I remember. First, the dusty main street with great trees along the side. Then, the stores with hitching posts and racks in front. There were always horses and buggies, spring wagons with grain to be ground at the always busy mill. Dogs barked and roosters crowed. Nearly everyone had a few chickens and lovely gardens. I remember the section crews, the two railroad stations, the passenger trains stopping for passengers to unload or depart. Many people carried baskets...no "Samsonite" in those days. The passenger locals came twice a day...one went south at noon and back at 6:00 in the evening. The Dispatch arrived on these trains and was delivered to the residents who subscribed to it. The Davis sisters say they delivered papers for a while. There was a lady named Mrs. Josephine Hall, who meet the trains with 4 or 5 baskets of food for the crewmen twice a day. I remember when we moved down here in 1918, things were beginning to change. We moved into the 20th Century and grandma's way of life was gone. Machinery, especially the automobile, changed all that. It brought the world close to our doors. When my Al and I bought the farm, the kids coasted on the big hill on the road in front of our house. In the summer they went swimming in the big hole of water on the south side of the road. The road was graded and the swimming hole was gradually filled with soil. Big turtles lived there for a while. I forgot to mention when I was a girl, I remember sheep and cattle drives down the road on the way to market, new pastures, or new owners. I remember the ice cream parlor run by Charlie and Mary Rose, the barber shop, two general stores, the hardware store, the pool room, the blacksmith, the glove factory.

Baseball games and 4th of July celebrations. I remember grandfather buying enough red calico with white pinpoint dots for grandmother to make me a school dress. I remember a house standing behind the hardware store. It was owned by Mr. Carey. I remember the Clark brothers sitting on chairs in their yard. I remember the sound of trains, many whistles blowing. The first telephone office was over the big store. Lulu Evans, Martha Davis, and Jenny Case were operators. Later the telephone office was moved to Mrs. Neil's who was the operator. All these things I remember plus many more dear things and since memory has served me I have always loved Lewis Center and vicinity. Aunt Louise never had any children of her own, but was always a special Aunt Louise to her nieces and nephews as well as the children in the neighborhood. She possessed a big heart and was always ready to help others. She was a good cook and her rhubarb or mince pies were expected at holiday dinners or family gatherings. In later years, she was approached by the Olentangy School Board, and sold them the 100 acre farm where she and Elfy (Uncle Al) had lived for so many years. As people will do, the criticized her and called her greedy for accepting the money for her farm (They didn't know that she had turned down a larger sum in order to be able to help build a much needed school for the growing area.) True to her caring, helpful nature, she left much of her wealth to local charities including the Delaware District Library, Grady Memorial Hospital, Salvation Army, Recreation Unlimited, People in Need, and the two churches she was devoted to, Peachblow and Lewis Center United Methodist Churches. A \$20,000 Scholarship was set up in her name for local students.

TODAY WE'RE MAKING MEMORIES

A letter written to Aunt

Louise.....Written by Sandy and read at Aunt Louise's funeral.

The day has finally come that you've so long awaited. I've watched you grow closely to your Lord. And as the day quickly approached, the body became weaker and the spirit grew strong. I wonder, did it happen as you said it would? Did Uncle Melvin greet you with "Well Weisie, you finally made it." Did uncle Bob and Lowell laugh in the background? The last two years have been rough....you missed the uncles so. I've not forgotten the words you spoke, Well, all of a sudden we've turned into old women. When did it happen? Where did the time go

? You'll miss me when I'm gone. Yes, I miss you, and when I had to give you a lift more now than then you would say, We'll we're making memories today." Now don't cry at my funeral. Right Aunt Louise! Right! And the night I stayed with you after your stroke, you went to sleep saying, "If I'm not here in the morning, don't worry honey, I'm O.K. There's nothing worth holding on to here." Today I'm looking back at the good times we shared. I know that with each test, you have never lost your McNett sense of humor. Laughter has covered the sorrow of today. Remember our trip to Myrtle Beach? I went to rest...you went to sight see. You insisted we go over to Pauly's Island for an ice cream cone. How your ice cream came up missing, I'll never know. It was just another mystery to solve. You opened up your purse, and with wet sticky fingers holding a cup of butter pecan, you said, "Hey.....I found my ice cream." We laughed about your childhood days and Grandma Rust sending you out to get the mail, "Child, go out and get the mail." Only to bring back the dreaded "Religions Telescope", a Christian magazine she would rap you with to keep you in line. And the time you set Uncle Bob's paper on fire for some excitement. But the laugh was on you when Uncle Bob ignored the flames to read the very last words before the paper turned to ashes in his hands. How about the time Uncle Melvin played farmer, pretending you were a chicken, "Eat your corn so you can lay some nice big eggs." No wonder you grew up to raise your own chickens. I remember the times we would sit close by your side as you read stories with such enthusiasm. The characters would leap off the pages with life. What about the lump of coal that ended up under your Christmas tree one year and under Gary's the next. The good times continued to roll even in the hospital. When the nurse asked you if you had any loose teeth you said, "Yep, at least twenty four." The nurse looked so bewildered when I said "she has dentures". And then the episode of learning to use the call light. When you pushed the button I said, "Now the nurse will come. What are you going to tell her?" The expression on your face was like a little child who got caught with her hand in the cookie jar. Your response.....There once were three little bears..... And just last week we walked in your room, you were somewhere between her and there. Your face was shining, and with a smile you made us aware, "I'm leaving at sundown. The next door that opens I'll be going through to be with my Jesus." After working all day I said "Aunt Louise, Gary's here with you. I'm going home to change clothes and I'll be right back." You looked at me with a grin on your face and said, "Better not go, I won't be here when you get back." You've talked a lot about going home, now that dream is complete. You have fought the final war, you've kept the faith, you have overcome. I can't promise you I will not cry at your funeral. I can promise I'll not forget the beautiful smile on your face as you walked through the valley of the shadow of death. God has so richly blessed us with your life. We are looking forward to seeing you again." Aunt Louise kept a diary throughout her life and through those diaries has passed on much information included in these records.

More About LOUISE GERTRUDE MCNETT:  
 Burial: 11 May 1996, Cheshire Cemetery  
 Death Certificate: 30670/036221  
 Funeral Home: Bennett-Brown Funeral Home  
 Social Security Number: 285-72-6188

Notes for ELFY VIERS:  
 1920 census.....Laborer on the railroad.  
 WWI Draft Reg..... Worked as a section hand for the CCC & STL Railroad in 1918.

Delaware Gazette...."Elfy Viers, 75, 641 Lewis Center Road, died Saturday at Riverside Hospital following a three month illness. Spent most of his life in Delaware County. He was a farmer and employee of Columbus Bolt & Forging for 30 years. Funeral services will be held at Bennett-Brown Funeral Home 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Burial in Cheshire Cemetery." Elfy (Uncle Al) worked at the Bolt Works and maintained his farm at the same time. For many years, he milked and fed livestock before driving to Columbus, and farmed the land where Olentangy High School now stands after returning home from his job in the evening. He was always busy, even digging the basement under the little house on Lewis Center Road by hand a wheel barrow at a time.

More About ELFY VIERS:  
 Burial: Oct 1975, Cheshire Cemetery  
 Death Certificate: 22244/073560  
 Occupation: 1900, Railroad laborer

- iii. PAULINE MAE MCNETT, b. 17 May 1911, Larue, Marion County, Ohio; d. 18 Nov 1985, Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio; m. KARL H. KUNERT, 05 Oct 1968; b. 27 Feb 1899, Ohio; d. 16 Mar 1969, Delaware, Ohio.

Notes for PAULINE MAE MCNETT:  
 Aunt Pauline married late in her life, devoting much of her life to her brothers and sisters after her mother, Daisy died at a young age. During her early years, she and her sister Helen sang at school, church, and area activities. The also sang on the radio for a short time. She worked at the Boston Store, a department store in Delaware for many years.

Delaware Gazette, 11/18/1985....."Pauline M. Kunert, 72, of 21 S. Sandusky St. died this morning at Wintersong Nursing Home, after a long illness. She lived most of her life in the Delaware area and had attended Peachblow U.B. Church. She is survived by two step sons, David Kunert, Cincinnati, James Kunert, Louisville, Ky.; three sisters, Louise Viers 641 Lewis Center Rd., Thelma Collins, Westerville, Helen Case, Lewis Center; two brothers, Robert and Melvin McNett, both of Peachblow Road; and several nieces and nephews. Her husband Karl, died in 1969. ....Services at Bennett-Brown Funeral Home 1 p.m. Wednesday with Chaplain James Miller of Grady Hospital officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery."

Delaware Gazette, written by Eleanor Griffith.....Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Pauline (McNett) Kunert, 74 of 21 S. Sandusky St, Delaware, who died Monday morning at Winter Song Nursing Home after a long illness. She is survived by two stepsons, David Kunert of Cincinnati and James, of Louisville, Kentucky; three sisters, Louise Viers, Lewis Center Road, Helen Case, Lewis Center and Thelma Collins, Westerville; two brothers Robert and Melvin McNett, both of Peachblow Rd.; and nieces and nephews.

Her husband Karl, died in 1969. Pauline was a graduate of the Berlin High School Class of 1930, and lived in the area and in Delaware all her life. She always had a smile for you and made you feel like it was a privilege to know you. When we were younger, Pauline and her sister Helen, sang on the radio and at many other functions. My favorite song was "Whispering Hope".

More About PAULINE MAE MCNETT:  
Burial: Nov 1985, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Death Certificate: 26232/082499  
Social Security Number: 281-20-3540

Notes for KARL H. KUNERT:

Living in Crawford County, Galion, Ohio in 1900, 1910, and 1920 census records. In 1920 he was a machinist for a vault company.

Married five years to his first wife, Florence at the time of the 1930 census and living in Richland County, Mansfield, Ohio. His occupation a clerk in the electric factory.

More About KARL H. KUNERT:  
Burial: Mar 1969, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Death Certificate: 19602/018856

- iv. HELEN EVELYN MCNETT, b. 15 Feb 1913, Larue, Marion County, Ohio; d. 13 Oct 1999, Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio; m. CLARENCE COLEMAN CASE, 03 Jul 1937, Galena, Ohio; b. 29 Nov 1900, Lewis Center, Ohio; d. 23 Oct 1986, Delaware, Ohio.

Notes for HELEN EVELYN MCNETT:

Although Aunt Helen never had any children of her own, she had a heart full of love for her Neice and nephews. She worked for many years as an executive secretary at Morse & Ross Co. (makers of Borden dairy products) in Columbus. It was always a treat to go to Aunt Helen's house and have a dish of "Lady Borden's" ice cream and maybe a slice of one of her homemade cakes. She was a lifetime resident of Delaware County and member of the Lewis Center United Methodist Church. Columbus Dispatch, Oct. 14,

1999....."Helen E. Case, 86, of Lewis Center, died Wednesday morning at Delaware Court Nursing Home. She was born February 15, 1913 to William and Daisy (Rust) McNett. She was executive secretary for Borden's Inc.- Columbus. She was a lifetime Delaware County resident and member of the Lewis Center United Methodist Church. Survived by nieces, Sandy (Tom) Gardner of Delaware and Bonita (Cecil) Combs of Hamden; nephews, Gary (Kay) Collins of Carroll, Larry (Judy) Collins of Columbus and Raymond Case of Delaware; great Neice Carol (Marion) Moffett of Lewis Center; great-nephew, Rev. David (Sally) Case of Circleville; numerous great-great Neice and nephews. Preceded in death by husband Clarence, three sisters Pauline Kunert, Louise Viers and Thelma Collins and three brothers Lowell, Melvin and Robert McNett. Friends may call at the Bennett, Brown Rodman Funeral Home, Delaware where services will be held on Saturday at 10 A.M. with Revs. David Case and Mark Damschroder officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Lewis Center UMC."

More About HELEN EVELYN MCNETT:  
Burial: Oct 1999, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Death Certificate: 32131/080681  
Occupation: Executive Secretary, Borden's Inc. Columbus, Ohio  
Social Security Number: 291-05-6921

Notes for CLARENCE COLEMAN CASE:

A lifelong resident of the Lewis Center community, he worked as a laborer on the railroad, and later was a tax examiner for the State of Ohio. He was a member of the Lewis Center United Methodist Church, and a sixty year member of the Hiram Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed trap-shooting, and often would come home the winner of a prize for his efforts.

Columbus Dispatch....."Five people were taken to Grady Hospital Tuesday at about 7 p.m. after a four-vehicle pile up on US 23 near Powell Road. The highway patrol said today they were injured when a car driven by Clarence Case, 84 of 6244 Center St., Lewis Center, was southbound, without lights, in the northbound lane and collided with three vehicles all headed north on US 23....." Gratefully, there were no serious injuries or fatalities in the accident.

Columbus Dispatch....."An 85 year old man was struck by a Norfolk Southern train as he walked across the Franklin Street crossing yesterday morning, the State Highway patrol said. Clarence Case of 6244 Center Street suffered three fractures of his left leg. He was in stable condition in Riverside hospital spokesman said. The train was going 58 mph, and Case's left shoe was found 70 yards from the crossing."

Delaware Gazette....."Clarence C. Case, 85, of 6244 Center Street, Lewis Center, died Thursday evening at the Delaware Park Care Center following an extended illness. A lifelong resident of the Lewis Center community, he was a retired tax examiner for the State of Ohio. He was a member of the Lewis Center UMC and a 60 year member of Hiram Masonic Lodge #18. He was also a member of the Royal Arch Masons, Delaware Chapter #54, and a member of the Royal Select Masters, Sydney Moore Council #84.....Funeral services will be held at 10:30 Monday at Bennett-Brown Funeral Home, the Rev. David Case of Circleville Bible College and Rev. David Elliott, minister of the Lewis Center UMC officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery."

#### "HISTORY OF LEWIS CENTER"

written by Clarence Case October 20, 1983

Numbers correspond with those on 1866 map of Lewis Center.

No. 1 Couldn't make out the lot number, but was Del Dominy's barber shop from 1900 to 1910 on Church Street.

Lot 2 and 3 or 56 and 57 was Bert Slack's blacksmith shop from 1901 to 1930. His first job was fixing a spring in my baby buggy.

Lot 4 or 58 was a creamery where they separated milk from the cream. The milk was taken back home by the farmers and the cream was shipped by train to Columbus to Moore's and Ross and was made into ice cream.

Lot 5 or 59 was a building used to make cement blocks. They were made one at a time and I have them under my house now. This was from 1909 to 1915, and was owned by Ev. Caulkins and Bill Norris. This place was also used at different times at night for amateur boxing bouts.

Lot 6 which according to the old map is right on 2nd Street. The Pennsylvania Depot.

No. 7 is where the Delaware Farmers Exchange is now. John Gooding owned and ran it from 1900 to 1920. Clifford Gooding used to work for John Gooding and fired a steam boiler to run the machinery that ground the corn, wheat, oats, etc. They got their water from a well just outside the boiler room which was about 30 ft. deep and 10 ft. in diameter.

No. 8 was a buggy shed which is still standing and was owned by John Gooding. and stored his buggies in it. The mill and buggy shed was bought by Rolla and Ray Willis and they sold it to the present owners, The Delaware farmer's Exchange.

No. 9 just east of the buggy shed was a glove factory. They made leather gloves from 1900 to 1910 and the building was moved just east of the present post office. The factory was owned by Frank Slack, a brother of Bert Slack the blacksmith. About 1911 Steve Slack, another brother built a rustic ice cream parlor in the same location and ran it for four years.

Lot No. 10 About 1900 Fred Justice started a shoe cobbling shop just east of the new Conrail railroad. He sold it about 1910 to Bill Norris who repaired boots and shoes until about 1915, working nights mostly as he was a carpenter in the daytime Norris sold it to Del Dominy who ran a grocery store and a barber shop in the rear. He later leased it to Walter Rogers who worked on the railroad and ran a pool room in there at night til around 1925. A good place for poker games until one or two in the morning. About 1925 he leased it to Jim White who ran the pool room 4 or 5 years. It was later torn down.

Lot No. 11 where the present hardware store is now was owned by Ellis Case, my uncle. He had a post office first about 1885 and gave that up about 1895 and run a hardware store up until his death. His grand-daughter inherited the store and sold it to Clifford Gooding. The building later burned down and Gooding rebuilt it and sold it to the present owners.

Lot No. 12 Albert Barrows bought the building where post office is now, and ran a grocery along with the post office starting about 1895. This building and business changed hands 4 or 5 times. To name a few-- Mr. Wells, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nease, and Mr. Taylor. All ran the post office along with the grocery store.

Lot No. 13 Another grocery store started about 1900 and ran thru 1910 by C.H. DeWitt. He then sold it to Charlie Rose who operated it until about 1925. It later was abandoned and torn down.

Lot No. 14 at the corner of 4th and Main St. was a doctor's office which was run by A.G. Willey He started there about 1900 and I was borne by him. He practiced there until about 1912. and Mary Rose, wife of Charley Rose, started up an ice cream parlor in the same building. A competition was keen between Steve Slack and Mary Rose in the ice cream business. Mary Rose bought Steve Slack's rustic ice cream parlor, tore her old one down and moved the rustic parlor down on the lot at the corner of 4th and Main. This was about 1915. This lasted about 506 years and the ice cream business faded fast.

Mary and Charley Rose sold all the buildings, the store, the ice cream parlor, and their home to a Mr. McCain who ran the business until about 1935. Then tore it down and left town.

The following is some information I left out as I went along. Going back to lot 4 or 58 the creamery. Billy McNett was the first to run it coming from Westerville about 1898 and ran it until about 1910 and mover to LaRue, Ohio. Then Homer Waldron took it over and ran it until about 1925 when it was abandoned and later torn down

Lot No. 15 just west of lot 135 on Church Street was a Catholic Church built about 1890 and was sold to Roy and Rolla Willis to store feed in up next to the N & W Railroad. Also, there was cattle yards to ship away cattle as the farmers brought them in. Around the 1890's and the early 1900's, there were quite a few Catholic families in Lewis Center.

Such names as O'Brien, Shanahan, Kanes, Murphy, Ryan, and others all probably helped build the Catholic Church. The Ryans lived where the fire department is now. Ed Kanes lived just across the street south of the fire department.

There was only one railroad thru Lewis Center in 1849 and that was CCC and the STL.

W.T. Lewis was asked buy the Pennsylvania Railroad for a right of way. He would not give one. In 1849, he went to California to the gold rush and when he came back, the Pennsylvania Railroad had gone through his place, which is now 2nd Street in Lewis Center. This is how Lewis Center got its name.

I presume there will be some objections or corrections to this, but I did the best I could all by my memory. signed by Clarence Case in 1983.

"LIFE'S VOYAGE"  
written by Clarence Case, date unknown

The mind of man can never be stretched enough to enable him to imagine the terminals of time. His reasoning to him there must be some creative power behind all this. Great writers have compiled logs of this voyage, but to them its purpose is a mystery. However, they conclude that mans situation on earth has improved because some people in their time have tried to make things better than they found them.

The very idea of God is a tremendous thought filled with complexities too deep for the human mind. to comprehend. How small is a grain of sand, and how humble one becomes when you realize the Heavens declare the Glory of God.

I have experienced the frustrations, disappointments, and heartaches of life and I come not within sight of the castle of my dreams. As age and infirmity overtake me. I am thankful for life with time's golden memories that are good and sweet.

After unfolding God's promise to all people through Jesus Christ, I die content, and as I enter the third stage of this mystery with the eternal light of hope for everybody, it is my hope that some people admired me and what I stood for, and that a few men women and children were glad when I came and a few regrets when I left.



More About CLARENCE COLEMAN CASE:  
Burial: 27 Oct 1986, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Death Certificate: 26614/075323  
Occupation: Laborer Electric Railroad

Marriage Notes for HELEN MCNETT and CLARENCE CASE:  
Delaware Gazette....." In the evening of July 3, 1937 at 8 o'clock, Mr. Clarence Case, son of Mrs. Sherman Case, of Lewis Center, and Miss Helen McNett, daughter of William McNett of Berlin Township, the ceremony being performed at the home of the officiating minister, C.A. Riggs, in Galena. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Conklin, of this city, brother-in-law and sister of the groom. A navy blue gown with white accessories was worn by the bride. Mrs. Case is a graduate of Berlin High School, and Mr. Case was graduated from the Orange School. He is now connected with the shipping department of the Columbus Bolt Works. They will make their home in Lewis Center. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Case and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Case are taking a wedding trip to Kentucky and West Virginia."

- v. ROBERT WILLIAM MCNETT, b. 26 Nov 1915, Larue, Marion County, Ohio; d. 20 Dec 1993, Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio.

Notes for ROBERT WILLIAM MCNETT:  
Uncle Bob was a dedicated Christian and continued the Stover/Rust commitment to Peachblow Church. His brother, Lowell was also dedicated to the church. The church was remodeled in the 1960's modernizing it and adding Sunday School rooms in the basement. Both joined the church October 25, 1964. Uncle Robert (Bob) was a talented fiddle player and was active well into his 70's playing for dances, gatherings, and rest homes in the area. Rare was the weekend that he and his younger brother Lowell didn't load their car with bass fiddle, guitar, fiddle, etc. to bring music to someone in the area. He was a farmer all his life and possessed the well known "McNett" sense of humor. Although he never married, he had a strong influence on nieces and nephews. Robert died two days after his brother Melvin. They had lived together on the same farm, spent their final weeks in the same rest home, and died there, two days apart. (continued from notes of Melvin McNett).....And Uncle Bob, how can I put into words the special part you added to our lives? You always brought laughter into the room. No one will ever play the fiddle but that we will remember the times we shared as the air was filled with music, especially when we gathered together for the holidays. When we were children we would watch for you so we could run out and be with you while you did chores. I don't think a day went by that you didn't walk up to the house before you left to check on us and leave us with a smile. Holidays were especially fun as we would sit around and listen to the stories of your youth. Trips we took together after we got older to Washington D.C. and the beautiful state of Virginia always were fun because uncle Bob was there. I'm sure the heavens are ringing today with the sound of music as you and Uncle Lowell are joined together once again in a Heavenly Band. What a special Christmas. Save a spot for me.....

More About ROBERT WILLIAM MCNETT:  
Burial: 23 Dec 1993, Cheshire Cemetery  
Death Certificate: 29619/091641  
Occupation: Farmer  
Religion: Received as Member Peachblow Church  
Social Security Number: 288-20-6496

- vi. LOWELL RUSSELL MCNETT, b. 21 Jul 1917, Larue, Marion County, Ohio; d. 19 Nov 1973, Berlin Twp, Delaware County, Ohio.

Notes for LOWELL RUSSELL MCNETT:  
As his brothers, Melvin and Robert, Lowell never married but had a lasting affect on nieces and nephews. He died, too soon, at the age of 52 of congestive heart failure, brought on by massive stings from a nest of hornets that he encountered while painting the barn. He struggled to re-gain his strength, and it appeared that he might recover, but it was not to be. He died within one hour of the birth of his grand nephew, Gary Brian Collins. He possessed a great sense of humor and a heart full of Christian love. He was a talented musician, playing the guitar and the mandolin. Many were the times the old farmhouse rang with the sound of music and laughter. Family gatherings, making ice cream, "furious" games of croquet, listening to the radio, or watching a ball game on television were happy occasions with Lowell and his brothers. He joined the Peachblow Church Oct. 25, 1964. From the Delaware Gazette....."Lowell R. Mcnett, 55, of 1790 Peachblow Road, a farmer, died unexpectedly Monday afternoon at his home. A native of Marion County, He had lived most of his life in Delaware County. Services at Bennett-Brown Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Friday. Burial in Cheshire Cemetery."

More About LOWELL RUSSELL MCNETT:  
Burial: 21 Nov 1973, Cheshire Cemetery  
Death Certificate: 21487/085110  
Occupation: Farmer  
Religion: Received as Member Peachblow Church

21.       vii.   THELMA ELIZABETH MCNETT, b. 06 Nov 1922, Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; d. 20 Dec 1996, Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio.

**11. VINNIE S.<sup>4</sup> STOVER** (*BENJAMIN F.<sup>3</sup>, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 25 Oct 1885 in Delaware County, Ohio, and died 28 Feb 1956 in Delaware County, Ohio. She married FRANK R. KISER 1915, son of ISAAC KISER and CAROLINE CHRISTMAN. He was born 05 Jun 1878 in Genoa Twp., Delaware County, Ohio, and died 22 Dec 1952 in St. Anthony Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

Notes for VINNIE S. STOVER:

Memories of Vinnie include: sledding on the hill in front of their home on the Old State Road in the 1950's. There was no traffic in that area then, and we could sled for hours without seeing a car other than the mailman. Today, this area is in the heart of the Alum Creek Dam recreation area and Lewis Center has grown into the area as a suburb of Columbus. Vinnie liked picking blackberries and tending her garden.. She always wore a sunbonnet when working in the garden. One day, Vinnie was determined to clear the brush from the steep bank in front of her house. Thinking she would make short order of the job by setting fire to it, she developed a severe case of poison ivy. In the 1950's, not everyone had a telephone, and those that did were on a "party line". Vinnie didn't have a phone and when in need of help when she was nearing the end of her days, would turn on the living room light. I can remember Mom waking and looking out the window to see if the light was on. Unlike today, people in earlier times looked out for their neighbors and family members.

From the Delaware Gazette....."Mrs. Vinnie Kiser, 71, Worthington- New Haven Rd. RD #4 died at her home Wednesday night of a heart attack. She had been a lifelong resident of Berlin Township. She was a member of the Peachblow Community Workers and the Peachblow United Brethren Church "Services for Mrs. Vinnie E. Kiser were held Friday afternoon from the Doty Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Bell of Westerville officiating. Honorary pallbearers were William Mantor, John Collins, Ocie Piatt, and Lowell McNett. The active pallbearers were Grover Mantor, Wilbur Hall, Ben Bell, John Glaze, Stanley Mantor, and Robert McNett. Burial was made in Oak Grove Cemetery."

More About VINNIE S. STOVER:

Burial: Unknown, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: Heart Attack

Funeral Home: Doty Funeral Home

Notes for FRANK R. KISER:

In the 1910 census, Frank and Vinnie had been married four years and were living on the State Road in Berlin Township where they remained all their lives.

Delaware Gazette....." Mr. Frank Kiser 75, State Road, Berlin Twp., died Monday morning in St. Anthony Hospital in Columbus, after a week's illness. Mr Kiser was a farmer. Funeral services 2 p.m. in the Doty funeral home. The Kenneth Wrightsel of Ostrander officiating. Burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. Active pallbearers...John Glaze, Paul Boyd, Roy Nutt, Grover

Manter, and Asa Piatt. Honorary pallbearers were Robert and Lowell McNett, Kenneth Nutt and William Mantor."

More About FRANK R. KISER:

Burial: 24 Dec 1952, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: Coronary Thrombosis & hyper prostate.<sup>19</sup>

Death Certificate: 22 Dec 1952, OHS #77748

Funeral Home: 22 Dec 1952, Doty Funeral Home/Rev. Kenneth Wrightsel

Informant: 22 Dec 1952, Vinnie Kiser

Occupation: Farmer

Child of VINNIE STOVER and FRANK KISER is:

22. i. WILLIS STOVER<sup>5</sup> KISER, b. 13 May 1916, Berlin Twp. Delaware County Ohio; d. 04 Dec 1992, Delaware, Ohio.

**12.** ELSIE E.<sup>4</sup> GRIFFITH (*MATTIE A.<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 13 Oct 1882 in Berlin Township, Delaware, County, and died 09 Feb 1920 in Delaware County, Ohio. She married JAY WILLIS SMITH, son of JOHN SMITH and LAURA STOCKWELL. He was born 05 Apr 1877 in Ohio, and died 06 Nov 1964 in Delaware County, Ohio.

Notes for ELSIE E. GRIFFITH:

Semi-Weekly Gazette....."Elsie Elizabeth Smith nee Griffith, daughter of Thoma and Mattie Griffith, was born October 13, 1880, died February 9, 1920, aged 39 years 3 months and 26 days. In early youth she united with the West Berlin Presbyterian Church, and for a number of years served as organist. In 1900, she united in marriage with Jay Smith of Berkshire township, where they resided on a farm until her decease. One son, Thomas, was born to them. Mrs. Smith was of a very cheerful disposition, and though not in very robust health, seemed to be gaining in strength until recent illness due to influenza, she succumbed in six days. She leaves to mourn her departure, besides her husband and son, her parents, one sister, Mrs. Howard Durfey, and one brother, Floyd Griffith and many friends."

More About ELSIE E. GRIFFITH:

Burial: 11 Feb 1920, Cheshire Cemetery

Cause of Death: Influenza<sup>19</sup>

Death Certificate: 09 Feb 1920, OHS #10750

Funeral Home: 09 Feb 1920, C.W. Morrison

Informant: 09 Feb 1920, Jay Smith

Notes for JAY WILLIS SMITH:

Dorothy Scott Smith recalls Jay and others going to Columbus to pick up the milk check and going to Mt. Vernon Ave., where he would leave them in the car and go into a building and then returning to leave for home. She said he was going in to play the numbers. Won enough once to buy a new car.

1930 census.....Johnnycake Rd., Berkshire Twp. Delaware, Ohio.

More About JAY WILLIS SMITH:

Burial: 08 Nov 1964, Cheshire Cemetery  
Death Certificate: 06 Nov 1964, 17860/81698<sup>20</sup>  
Occupation: Farmer  
Social Security Number: 294-16-0253<sup>21</sup>

Child of ELSIE GRIFFITH and JAY SMITH is:

23. i. THOMAS MASON<sup>5</sup> SMITH, b. 25 Oct 1901, Ohio; d. 28 Jul 1963, Galena, Ohio.

**13.** FLOYD<sup>4</sup> GRIFFITH (*MATTIE A.<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 22 Jul 1887 in Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio, and died 03 Jul 1948 in Delaware County, Ohio. He married (1) MARY "MAYME" (HARTER) NEILSON, daughter of ARTHUR NEILSON and ELLEN SCHANCK. She was born 10 Sep 1887 in Berkshire Twp. Delaware County, Ohio, and died 04 Dec 1931 in Delaware County, Ohio. He married (2) EDITH MEACHEM. She died Unknown.

Notes for FLOYD GRIFFITH:

Delaware Gazette....."Floyd Griffith died suddenly, 59, prominent Berlin township farmer and former County Commissioner, died suddenly while working at his home on Berlin Station-Gregory Road. According to his obituary, he had spent the day making hay and was working in the hay mow when he was struck by a heart attack.....In 1937, he was elected to a four year term as a county commissioner. Two years after retiring from that position, he was appointed to the board of jury commissioners and held that position until his death. He was also a former member of the Berlin Twp. Board of Education and the board of directors of the Delaware Farmers Exchange. In 1942 he was one of two men named by the Delaware Chamber of Commerce as outstanding Delaware County farmers. The selection was based on both farming operations and leadership in community activities. In 1945 he was appointed farm adviser of the Delaware Childrens Home board and in that capacity directed operations of the home farm. He was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge in Delaware, and was a member of the West Berlin Presbyterian Church and Utopian Grange. He had held offices in the church and grange over a long period of years. Funeral services were held from the West Berlin Church at 2:30 p.m. today with the Rev. Elmer P. Douglas officiating. Burial was made in Oak Grove cemetery."

Floyd was the registrar for the WWI Draft Registration in Berlin Twp. His signature is on all cards.

More About FLOYD GRIFFITH:

Burial: 06 Jul 1948, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Cause of Death: Coronary Occlusion<sup>22</sup>  
Death Certificate: 03 Jul 1948, OHS # 42609  
Funeral: 06 Jul 1948, Berlin Presbyterian Church  
Funeral Home: 06 Jul 1948, E.L. Robinson  
Informant: 03 Jul 1948, Mrs. Edith Griffith  
Occupation: Farming

Notes for MARY "MAYME" (HARTER) NEILSON:

Delaware Gazette, Dec, 1931....."Mary Harter Neilson, only daughter of Arthur W. and Ellen Schanck Neilson, was born on a beautiful day in early fall, September 10, 1887, at the 'Neilson Homestead' in Berkshire Twp., Delaware County, Ohio and passed away at her home in Berlin Twp. Friday morning Dec.4, 1931.....Her school life was spent at the Rome school and the high school at Galena, where she graduated in 1906. She followed teaching for

several years in Berlin and Berkshire townships. She was married on Aug. 3, 1911 to Mr. Floyd Griffith of Berlin Twp. by the Rev. Robert Pothamus. To this marriage were born one daughter, Pauline Wiona, and two sons, Claude Neilson and Floyd Rolland. When a girl of 14, she united with the Berkshire M.E. Church and was a faithful attendant at worship and Sunday school. Upon her marriage, she transferred her membership to the West Berlin Presbyterian Church, where she has served in every capacity of the church and Sunday School, being faithful in attendance until a few months ago. She was a very dutiful daughter, a faithful and loving wife, a very devoted and painstaking mother, a considerate sister, aunt, and friend. She often said, O am not afraid of dying, but want to live to see children live to reach maturity, but said God knows best and a way will be provided , if you always do right. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, her daughter, her sons, four brothers, Dr. C.H. Neilson of St. Louis, T.R. Neilson of Pocatello, Idaho, G.D. Neilson and J.R. Neilson of the Berkshire community, four nephews, three nieces, many relatives and a host of friends. Her home was always open to her church, her friends, and her grange whenever they desired it. Her parents and one brother precede her to the Heavenly Home."

More About MARY "MAYME" (HARTER) NEILSON:

Burial: 06 Dec 1931, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: General exhaustion<sup>22</sup>

Death Certificate: 04 Dec 1931, OHS #71099

Funeral Home: 04 Dec 1931, A.S. Strosnider

Informant: 04 Dec 1931, Floyd Griffith

Medical Information: carcinomatous mastistase

Children of FLOYD GRIFFITH and MARY NEILSON are:

- i. PAULINE<sup>5</sup> GRIFFITH, b. 02 Aug 1912, Delaware County, Ohio; d. 19 Feb 2001, Springdale, Hamilton Co., Ohio; m. UNKNOWN MARTY, Private; b. Private.

More About PAULINE GRIFFITH:

Death Certificate: 19 Feb 2001, 00739

Social Security Number: 277-40-0292

24. ii. CLAUDE NEILSON GRIFFITH, b. 18 Sep 1916, Delaware County, Ohio; d. 28 Aug 2000, Delaware County, Ohio.
- iii. FLOYD ROLLAND GRIFFITH, b. 11 Jan 1925, Delaware County Ohio; d. 19 Apr 1992, Chatham, North Carolina<sup>23</sup>.

Notes for FLOYD ROLLAND GRIFFITH:

Name: Floyd Rolland Griffith

Death Date: Apr 1992

Death County: Chatham

Death State: North Carolina

Death Age: 67

Burial Location: Cremation in state

Birth Date: 11 Jan 1925

Birth Location: Ohio

Residence County: Chatham

Residence State: North Carolina

Father: Griffith

Gender: Male

Race: White

Marital Status: Married

Social Security Number: 291348331

Autopsy: Yes

Institution: Home

Attendant: Physician

Source: NC Department of Health. North Carolina Deaths, 1988-92  
Ancestry.com

More About FLOYD ROLLAND GRIFFITH:  
Cremation: 21 Apr 1992, North Carolina  
Social Security Number: 291-34-8331<sup>24</sup>

**14.** FLORENCE "MATTIE" MARIE<sup>4</sup> GRIFFITH (*MATTIE A.*<sup>3</sup> *STOVER*, *GEORGE W.*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 24 Aug 1896 in Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio, and died 24 Jan 1968 in Delaware County, Ohio. She married (1) FRANK A. UPHOLD, son of LEONARD UPHOLD and CATHERINE UNKNOWN. He was born 26 Jan 1885 in Ohio, and died 01 Apr 1978 in Pueblo, Colorado. She married (2) HOWARD ORVILLE DURFEY 20 Jun 1917, son of ELLSWORTH DURFEY and LUCY HORNEY. He was born 18 Aug 1890 in Berlin Township, Delaware, County, Ohio/Delaware Co., OH, and died 07 Jul 1950 in Delaware County, Ohio.

Notes for FLORENCE "MATTIE" MARIE GRIFFITH:

Marie and her husband Howard were living with her parents in the 1920 census.

Columbus Dispatch, 1/26/1968....."Mattie Marie Uphold, age 72, Berlin Station Road, Delaware, Ohio died Wednesday at Jane M. Case Hospital. Survived by husband Frank Uphold, daughter Mattie Mae Haas, Delaware; step-son, John Uphold of Colorado; stepdaughter, Mrs. Mildred Reed, Columbus; 4 grandchildren. Service Saturday at 3 P.M. at the Doty Funeral Home in Delaware."

More About FLORENCE "MATTIE" MARIE GRIFFITH:

Burial: Jan 1968, Oak Grove Cemetery

Funeral Home: Doty Funeral Home

Notes for FRANK A. UPHOLD:

1900 census, family living at 22 S. Park St. in Zanesville. His father a coal miner, Brother Elmer a laborer in a pottery factory. Frank's occupation listed as laborer.

Living at 951 Dennison Ave., Columbus, Ohio when registering for the draft in WWI  
Occupation, ticket agent for C.D.& M. Railroad. Nearest relative, Mrs. Catherine Irene Uphold.

1930 census, 469 N. Sandusky St. Delaware. Working for C.D.&M. Railroad.

More About FRANK A. UPHOLD:

Burial: Unknown, Oak Grove Cemetery

Funeral Home: Robinson Funeral Home

Residence: 1930, 469 N. Sandusky St. Delaware, Oh

Social Security Number: 281-32-4784

Notes for HOWARD ORVILLE DURFEY:

Delaware Gazette, July 8, 1950....."Mr. Howard Orville Durfey was born August 18, 1890 in the Peachblow Community. He was the son of Ellsworth R. and Lucy Mae Horny Durfey. On June 20, 1917, he married Mattie Marie Griffith, and to them was born one daughter, Mattie Mae. He passed away Friday, July 7, 1950, in Jane Case Hospital after a

serious illness of three months. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Mrs. Marie Durfey, and the daughter, Mrs. Mattie Mae Haas; one grandson, Joseph Lee Haas, Jr.; one sister, Mrs. Velma Davis, Bel Air, Md.; and one brother, Byron E. Durfey of Miami, Fla. In early youth Howard joined the Peachblow U.B. Church and for many years had been an active member of the West Berlin Presbyterian Church, having served for several years as Sunday School Superintendent. He was a charter member and past master of Utopian Grange having belonged the full 35 years of it's existence. Howard moved with his parents to Berlin Station in 1912, and for some years associated with his father in the grocery business. He spent some time as a barber in Columbus, and his skill aided him in his service to the community in times of sickness, etc. Since his marriage, he lived on the Griffith farmstead east of Berlin. For 22 years, Howard had driven a school bus for the Berlin School, and the safety of children had always been one of his first concerns. He was for many years substitute mail carrier for R.D.#4, Delaware and belonged to the Delaware County Mail Carriers Association. During World War I he was a member of the armed forces. He was at Governors Island ready to go overseas when the Armistice was signed. He received an honorable discharge December 13, 1918. Howard Durfey will be sadly missed in the church, in the grange, and in the community for he was always ready to do cheerfully what was asked of him." Written by a neighbor

1920 census, living in the Thomas Griffith home.

1930 census, Berlin Road, married 13 years, occupation, bus driver.

More About HOWARD ORVILLE DURFEY:

Burial: 11 Jul 1950, Oak Grove Cemetery

Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemmorrhage & Hypertension<sup>25</sup>

Death Certificate: 07 Jul 1950, OHS #42734

Funeral Home: 07 Jul 1950, Ramsey-Mohr Funeral Home

Informant: 07 Jul 1950, Marie Durfey

Occupation: Farming

Child of FLORENCE GRIFFITH and HOWARD DURFEY is:

25. i. MATTIE MAE<sup>5</sup> DURFEY, b. Private.

#### *Generation No. 4*

**15. HARRIETT E.<sup>5</sup> CONKLIN** (*FRANK ROSCOE<sup>4</sup>, MARIA MELISSA<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 07 Feb 1903 in Ohio, and died Unknown. She married FRANK A. HOFFMAN Jun 1924 in Delaware , Ohio. He was born 1900 in Pennsylvania, and died Unknown.

Notes for FRANK A. HOFFMAN:

1930 census.....Heinman Blvd., Mansfield, Ohio, osteopathic physician.

Children of HARRIETT CONKLIN and FRANK HOFFMAN are:

i. MARY B.<sup>6</sup> HOFFMAN, b. Private.

ii. FRANK A. HOFFMAN, b. Private.

**16. JOHN B.<sup>5</sup> CONKLIN** (*FRANK ROSCOE<sup>4</sup>, MARIA MELISSA<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 24 May 1906 in Delaware County Ohio, and died 22 Aug 1989 in

Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. He married JOSEPHINE MARTHA SUTTLES, daughter of WILLIAM SUTTLES and ETHEL UNKNOWN. She was born 20 Dec 1906 in Indiana<sup>26</sup>, and died 28 Nov 1991 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

Notes for JOHN B. CONKLIN:

Columbus Dispatch, 8/23/1989....."John B. Conklin, age 83, of Columbus, died Tuesday, August 22, 1989 at First Community Village. He was executive secretary of Ohio Hardware Association over 45 years. Survived by his wife Josephine; daughters and sons-in-law, Constance and Duane Bell, Minneapolis, Minn., Jane and Ralph Setterlin, Columbus; grandchildren Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Robert Jr., Heather and Matthew Hudnut, Trey and David Setterlin and Wendy Jo Eanes; several nieces and nephews. Member of First Community Church and former member of their governing board. Also member of Couple Circle No. 12 of the church. Graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and did graduate work at Northwestern University (Trade Associations). Member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Past president of Ohio Society Assoc. Executives. Member of Delaware Masonic Blue Lodge. Memorial Service 2 p.m. Friday, Burkhardt Chapel of First Community Community Church, 1320 Cambridge Blvd., where family will receive friends in Gallery Court, following the service. Rev. Kline Roberts and Nancy Heath officiating. Private interment in Oak Grove Cemetery by Schoedinger Northwest Chapel, 1740 Zollinger Rd. Those who wish may contribute to the John B. Conklin Scholarship Fund, in care of Ohio Wesleyan Univ. or First Community Village Foundation Fund in his memory."

More About JOHN B. CONKLIN:

Burial: Unknown, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Death Certificate: 22 Aug 1989, #057981  
Social Security Number: 274-10-0032

Notes for JOSEPHINE MARTHA SUTTLES:

1910-1920 census.....W. Main St., East Connorsville, Fayette, Indiana. Her father a painter in a foundry.

More About JOSEPHINE MARTHA SUTTLES:

Burial: 02 Dec 1991, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Death Certificate: 28 Nov 1991, #090536<sup>26</sup>  
Funeral: 02 Dec 1991, First Community Church  
Funeral Home: 28 Nov 1991, Schoedinger-North East Chapel  
Social Security Number: 302-36-2897

Children of JOHN CONKLIN and JOSEPHINE SUTTLES are:

- i. CONSTANCE<sup>6</sup> CONKLIN, b. Private; m. DUANE BELL, Private; b. Private.
26. ii. JANE CONKLIN, b. Private.

**17. RACHEL<sup>5</sup> CONKLIN** (*CARROLL C.<sup>4</sup>, MARIA MELISSA<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 11 Jun 1917 in Stratford, Ohio, and died 15 Jun 1993 in Delaware, Ohio. She married (1) MILES L. HALL. He was born 27 Sep 1914 in Ohio, and died 06 Jan 1986 in Delaware, Ohio. She married (2) RALPH E. COURTER 08 Jul 1942, son of HENRY COURTER and MYRTLE LEWARRE. He was born 29 Jun 1919 in Delaware County, Ohio, and died 01 Jun 1992 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co., Texas.



Notes for RACHEL CONKLIN:

Delaware Gazette, 6/16/1993....."Rachel E. Hall, 76, of 236 W. Heffner St., Delaware Court Heal morning, June 15, 1993 at Delaware Court Health Care, after a brief illness. She was born June 11, 1917 in Stratford, Ohio to Carroll and Cynthia E. Case Conklin. She was a lifetime Delaware resident. She retired as deputy clerk for the Delaware County Courthouse, and was a member of the Stratford-St. Paul UMC. Surviving are her son, Steven Courter of 660 Governors St.; a daughter Marcia Born of 116 Bridgeport Way; seven grandchildren; 10 gr-grandchildren; and her brother Ralph Conklin of Delaware. Her husband Miles Hall, preceded her in death.....Services will be held Friday at 10:30 am at Bennett-Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Eastey officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery."

More About RACHEL CONKLIN:

Burial: Jun 1993, Oak Grove Cemetery

Death Certificate: 29425/043117

Funeral Home: Rev. Thomas Eastey

Social Security Number: 280-01-0459

More About MILES L. HALL:

Burial: Jan 1986, Oak Grove Cemetery

Death Certificate: 26321/002085

Social Security Number: 280-01-0862

More About RALPH E. COURTER:

Military service: 21 Jan 1941, Enlisted in Army<sup>27</sup>

Social Security Number: 283-18-0262<sup>28</sup>

Children of RACHEL CONKLIN and RALPH COURTER are:

- i. STEVEN<sup>6</sup> COURTER, b. Private; m. CAROL S. OSWARD, Private; b. Private.
- ii. MARCIA COURTER, b. Private; m. UNKNOWN BORN, Private; b. Private.

**18.** RALPH B. "SCHOOLIE"<sup>5</sup> CONKLIN (*CARROLL C.*<sup>4</sup>, *MARIA MELISSA*<sup>3</sup> *STOVER*, *GEORGE W.*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 Dec 1919 in Monroe County, Ohio, and died 06 Apr 1995. He married (1) DORIS WHITE Private. She was born Private. He married (2) MARY EVERLYN ROWER Private. She was born Private.

Notes for RALPH B. "SCHOOLIE" CONKLIN:

Delaware Gazette, 4/8/1995.....Ralph B. "Schoolie" Conklin, 75, of Delaware, died Thursday evening 4/6/1995 at Delaware Court Health Care Center, after a brief illness. He was born 12/10/1919 in Stratford Ohio to Carroll C. and Cynthia E. Case Conklin, and was a lifetime Delaware resident. Mr. Conklin was retired from his work with the building and grounds department at Ohio Wesleyan University. He was a WWII Army veteran, a member of the VFW post in Marblehead, Ohio, a 48 year member of Hiram Lodge No. 18, and a member of Moose Lodge No. 1176 and Eagles Lodge Aerie No. 376, Delaware. Survivors include friend Mildred Wolford of Delaware; son Carroll "Luke" of Palm Bay, Florida three nieces, a nephew and several great nieces and nephews. Two sisters, Rachel Hall and Barbara Lind died earlier. Funeral services are today at 4 p.m. at Bennett-Brown Funeral Home. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery."

More About RALPH B. "SCHOOLIE" CONKLIN:

Burial: Unknown, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Death Certificate: 30204/027998  
Social Security Number: 280-01-0719

Child of RALPH CONKLIN and DORIS WHITE is:

- i. CARROLL "LUKE"<sup>6</sup> CONKLIN, b. 08 Dec 1951, Delaware County, Ohio; d. 23 Sep 2005.

**19.** BARBARA A.<sup>5</sup> CONKLIN (*CARROLL C.<sup>4</sup>, MARIA MELISSA<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 08 Dec 1924 in Delaware, Ohio, and died 12 Jun 1991 in Delaware, Ohio. She married (1) UNKNOWN LIND Private. He was born Private. She married (2) HAROLD COURTER 17 May 1947 in Delaware Ohio, son of HENRY COURTER and MYRTLE LEWARRE. He was born 28 Apr 1917 in Ostrander, Ohio, and died 08 Sep 1966 in Delaware, Ohio.

Notes for BARBARA A. CONKLIN:

Delaware Gazette, 6/13/1991....."Barbara A. (Courter) Lind, 66 of 79 Richards Drive, died unexpectedly yesterday evening at her residence. She was born Dec. 8, 1924 in Delaware to Carroll and Cynthia Ellen (Case) Conklin, and was a lifetime resident of Delaware. She is survived by her daughters, Sharon A. Marler and Janie McAfee, both of Delaware; a sister Rachel E. Hall of Delaware; a brother Ralph Conklin of Delaware; and six grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Harold in 1966.....Services Saturday 11:30 a.m. at Bennett-Brown Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Warton officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery."

More About BARBARA A. CONKLIN:

Burial: Unknown, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Social Security Number: 288-20-3741

Notes for HAROLD COURTER:

Delaware Gazette, 9/9/1966....."Harold Courter, 49, of 350 North Sandusky Street, died unexpectedly Thursday night in Jane M. Case Hospital of a heart attack. He had been taken to the hospital earlier in the day after becoming ill at home. Born in Ostrander, he lived in this county his entire life. He was employed as a mechanist by TransAirco Corp. He was a veteran of WWII, having served four years in Hawaii. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Hiram Masonic Lodge, Delaware Chapter and Sidney Moore Council. Surviving are his wife, Barbara Conklin Courter; two daughters, Sharon and Jane; two brothers, Merrill, Bowtown Road, and Ralph, Ostrander RD#1; three sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Rowland, Ostrander, Mrs. Robert Haines, Marysville, and Dorothy Reis, Columbus.....Services will be at the Bennett-Brown Funeral Home 2:30 Sunday by the Rev. Louis Campbell of the First Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. Officers and members of Hiram Lodge will hold services at 8 p.m. Saturday."

More About HAROLD COURTER:

Burial: Unknown, Oak Grove Cemetery  
Death Certificate: 18587/67875

Marriage Notes for BARBARA CONKLIN and HAROLD COURTER:

Delaware Gazette....."On Saturday, May 17, at 7:45 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church in Delaware, Miss Barbara Conklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Conklin, became the bride

of Mr. Harold Courter, of this city. The Reverend John H. Bergen, pastor, officiated at the wedding rites, the double ring ceremony being used. The alter was beautifully decorated with greenery, interspersed with baskets of white gladioli, calla lilies, and white snapdragons. Two seven-branched candelabra were used at the alter. The candles were lighted just as the music program started, by Miss Jean Dennis, friend of the bride and Mrs. Dorothy Courter Hayes, sister of the bridegroom. Mr. Forrest Shoemaker at the organ, played several numbers.....The bride was accompanied down the aisle by her father who gave her in marriage. She was attired in a magnolia white crepe dress with full length matching coat. Her accessories were of cream caramel. She wore a corsage of brown orchids. The bride's only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Ralph Courter. She wore a dress of plum blue, complimented by white accessories, and an orchid corsage. Mr. Ralph Courter served as best man for his brother. The ushers were Mr. Clarence Case, Mr. Neilson Griffith, Mr. James Haines, and Mr. Ralph Conklin. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents for 150 guests. Mrs. Conklin received her guests in a pastel pink dress with black accessories. She wore pink orchids. From the beautifully candle lighted table, the bride cut the three tiered wedding cake, which was topped with a miniature bride and groom, and encircled with huckleberry and lillies of the Valley . Spring flowers were used throughout the house. Assisting in the dining were Mrs. Elmer Miller, Mrs. C.E. McKinnie, Mrs Dewey Talley, Mrs. Rollin Jacobus, Mrs. Clarence Case, Miss Jean Dennis, Mrs. James Case, Mrs. Howard Barber, Miss Mary Lee Warren, and Mrs. Earl Dennis. A sheer brown and white crepe print with a matching wool jacket and matching accessories were worn by the bride as the couple left on a short wedding trip to the lakes. Both Mr. and Mrs. Courter are graduates of Willis High School. The bride has been associated with the F&R Lazarus Co. and the bridegroom with the Correct Mfg. Co. Upon their return they will be at home to their friends at the Conklin home."

Children of BARBARA CONKLIN and HAROLD COURTER are:

- i. SHARON<sup>6</sup> COURTER, b. Private; m. UNKNOWN MARLER, Private; b. Private.
- ii. JANE COURTER, b. Private; m. UNKNOWN MCAFEE, Private; b. Private.

**20.** ROSALINE<sup>5</sup> GALLAGHER (*VINTON DANA<sup>4</sup> RUST, MARY ELLEN<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 04 Jul 1894 in Illinois, and died 14 Sep 1983 in St. Petersburg, Pinnellas, Florida. She married EDWARD MORRISSEY Abt. 1917. He was born 1891 in Illinois, and died Unknown.

More About ROSALINE GALLAGHER:

Social Security Number: 360-03-7212<sup>28</sup>

Child of ROSALINE GALLAGHER and EDWARD MORRISSEY is:

- i. MARY JUNE<sup>6</sup> MORRISSEY, b. Private.

**21.** THELMA ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> MCNETT (*DAISY LILLIAN<sup>4</sup> RUST, MARY ELLEN<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 06 Nov 1922 in Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio, and died 20 Dec 1996 in Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio. She married JOHN MELVIN COLLINS 04 Oct 1941 in Chillicothe, Ohio, son of JOHN COLLINS and MOLLIE HOWES. He was born 08 Aug 1919 in Sunnyslope, Washington, and died 02 Aug 2001 in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon.

Notes for THELMA ELIZABETH MCNETT:

Mom was gifted in music and writing. In her teenage years, she sang and played the guitar

with her brothers, Lowell and Robert, and later instilled in her children that love of music. She had a good singing voice and could play the old upright piano with little effort. Whether it was a hymn, country song, or rag time, she nursed real music out of that old piano. I remember when we were moving in to the house across the road, how careful we tried to be with her piano. In spite of the precautions we took, the piano fell off the back of the pick up truck. The keyboard sprang out as it rolled down the hill. Oh how frantically Uncles Bob, Lowell and I worked to put the poor instrument back together, fearing Mom's Irish reaction. We never said anything, and I don't know if she ever found out about the incident, but she continued to nurse music from it. It went back together and only one key was mute from the accident. I somehow think she knew all along what had happened. There are many memories of gathering around the piano as she attempted to pass on her knowledge and love of music to another generation. She somehow kept her patience with young lives more interested at times in being outside and taught us to sing and enjoy the McNett heritage of music. She wrote and kept records throughout her life. Much of the information in the McNett, Rust, & Stover history came from her records. After her and dad divorced, she successfully raised four children to adulthood with a firm, loving hand; living across the road from Frank and Vinnie Kiser and within eye site of her birthplace. Mom always saw that we were dressed in the best we had and that we made it to Sunday School. We didn't fully understand what that little white church on Peachblow Road meant to her and her family until we were much older. The church built by our ancestor's hands, is still there as a place for us to worship, 150 years after it's founding.

#### A SONG TO AN UNSUNG HERO

Written by Sandy and read

at Mom's funeral..... The Holy scripture tells us we are "to give honor to whom honor is due." Today we are aware of many unsung heroes who have fought a good fight. Who didn't receive honorable mention, special recognition, trophies and such. These are the ones who had unplanned circumstances that completely turned their lives around. They are the ones that never gave up; who realized other's lives depended on how they handled the challenge dropped in their hands. Let me tell you of such a woman who refused to let the odds get her down. There was always laughter in the house that seemed to overpower the bad times. So, let's recall the laughter and yes, even dare to laugh a bit today. Mom made sure we were dressed for Sunday School from the time we were very small. With our hair neatly combed and tied back in a bow, and a penny or two to give the Lord; we'd walk hand in hand into the little church on Peachblow Road. There was a Sunday when one of us had the start of a cold. It caused laryngitis and kept them at home. We always sat in the front pew. Our little legs stuck straight out being too short to touch the floor. When the Sunday School Teacher saw us, she came to shake our hands, and question with concern the whereabouts of the missing child. Children always have the answer and one of us spoke up "Oh, she's at home sick with halitosis. "We lived on a farm where there were always puppies and kittens around. We were taught to love them and treat them gentle and kind. Rule Number One ? Never pay attention to stray dogs. You know, they could bite you, or cause you harm. One day Lassie came to our house. He was a beautiful dog with a long coat and gentle loving eyes. He'd stand at a distance with a wag to his tail as if asking for a hug. But we remembered the rules and ignored him. Somehow, he found shelter on the back porch, and one day we caught Mom laying out rugs and blankets to keep him warm. "But Mom" we would say, "He's a stray." She timidly replied, "This one's different. He's okay." Then there was Trixie who lived for many years. One year we'd purchased a gift and filled it with chocolate drops. We wrapped it and left the house for a few short minutes. Well, you guessed it. I think Trixie was waiting for us to leave. When we returned the wrapping was on the floor along with an empty cup, and his

tummy swollen tight as a drum. Then there was Tex. He was a black and white, bow legged cat. He would run throughout the house like wildfire. One day he didn't quite make it through the door before it shut. His tail got caught, blessing him with a hook on the end that complimented his bowed legs. Christmas was fast approaching and the tree was all decorated and trimmed. Tex loved to climb trees, and this one was no exception. It came tumbling down almost daily as we'd cry out "Geronimo". I found a little animal in the corn crib. It appeared to be a small two inch pig. I thought it was so cute that I had to take it to show Mom. "Mama, look what I found. Isn't it cute?" I didn't expect the reply, "Oh honey, take it back where you found it, it's a mouse." But I made it a nest of grass and twigs, and layed it in the old porch box on the side of the house.

Monday was always wash day. That meant pinto beans boiling on the stove. Mom would pull out the old wringer washer into the center of the room. She'd warm enough water on the stove to fill the washer and old rinse tub. When the last sheet was rung and the last sock hung, we'd play in the clothes. We'd run through the sheets as the wind caught them, pretending they were our own private tents. Christmas was the one time of year we'd have ribbon candy, chocolate drops, and cookies. One year we decided it would be fun to bake several different kinds of cookies. By this time we were teenagers, and everyone knows those years bring fun. We worked so hard, and by the time they were all baked, everything went haywire. I spilled the milk all over the freshly baked cookies. Bonnie fell on the floor with a bucket of water. Mom tripped over the coffee table, giving it three legs instead of four. We were always taught to laugh at our mistakes, to get up, start over and try again. This year was no exception. Mom worked in what was known as F.W. Woolworth five and dime. I don't remember a day she missed work. She'd drive twenty miles to her job and twenty miles to return to her children each night. There was always music in the old farm house; whether it was a radio, a record, or we ourselves. To Mom, music was a special blessing to comfort the soul. She would strum her guitar on the old porch swing and yodel like a Swiss queen. She'd gather us together around the old upright piano. Though it was a bit out of tune, she'd teach us to harmonize together. Holidays were special times when the whole family would gather. Uncle Lowell with his guitar, and Uncle Bob with his fiddle, and all of us would stand in the middle. These last few years has taken a toll. I watched the strong determined woman become a small frail soul. But, she never gave up. "Do you suppose it's the medicine? Maybe I'm eating the wrong food." "This last year she worked diligently to finish four photo albums for her four children to enjoy after she was gone. She was worrying about Christmas and how she was to supply the gifts. I'd tell her, "Well, Mom some years are just like this. Don't worry, we'll get by". What a beautiful Christmas gift she had already supplied for each of us.

The day we went to the hospital, she glanced at the picture on the wall, That's my Mama. She'll be with me and I'll be with her soon." She reclaimed that statement one day soon before her departure. The day before she passed, we had a special day. She laughed and smiled like I hadn't seen her in years, as we shared these same memories of the past. I actually had hopes she was coming back. I returned to her room the next day in response to that dreaded phone call. She was lying on her bed, her hand outstretched, her head tilted toward the door and a smile on her face as if to welcome me in.

Mom never went to church till we were raised, but she lived a life of Christian faith. She taught us courage, patience, and kindness as virtues in life that made us the adults we have become today. We can ask today, "Why Christmas? Why did it have to be the same day we lost Uncle Bob just three short years ago." Or we can reply "Why not Christmas?" It's the best Christmas she's ever had. She has no more tears or sorrows, no more grief or pain. She's rejoined with the family and they're singing of God's Grace. Tis not ours to question an Omnipotent God who has a purpose for everything, who is in complete control. Rest assured, He cares about each living soul when we can't feel Him, He'll carry us through. I can hear His

words proclaimed at the first Christmas many years ago "They shall call His name Emmanuel, being interpreted as "God with Us". So today, we give honor to whom honor is due, to a mother who gave her entire life to raise her children with dignity, respect, and truth. Mom loved wild geese. Before her illness, she'd hear them in flight and immediately go to see where they were headed. At the grave site, the minister had just finished the committal prayer when we heard the sound of what seemed to be at least one hundred geese taking flight. It was almost as if Mom had orchestrated it. "Here's my last HURRAH! Good night !"

More About THELMA ELIZABETH MCNETT:

Burial: 23 Dec 1996, Cheshire Cemetery

Death Certificate: Dec 1996, 30907/095257

Graduation: 1940, Berlin High School

Social Security Number: 1940, 281-20-3538

Notes for JOHN MELVIN COLLINS:

Dad was living in Stratford, Ohio where his family had a commercial greenhouse when he met and married mom. His occupation listed on their marriage application was railroader. He served in World War II, being inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis Washington in 1941. He was transferred to Fort Dill Field in Tampa, Florida then to Fort Dix, New Jersey. He was then sent to London, England where German's were bombing. He was shipped to Wiesbaden, Germany where he remained until the end of the war. He lived in Berlin Township, Delaware County Ohio. He delivered milk for Tippicanoe Dairy for a time and was a master mechanic for Keefer Chevrolet in Delaware. He married his second wife, Shirley Firstenberger in 1958. Moving to Florida, he started a second family and his career as a mechanic in the Bradenton-Sarasota area. He later returned to the Wenatchee area, where he owned Johnny's Union 76 in Leavenworth. In 1968 he worked for Cascade Chevrolet until an injury forced his retirement in 1972. No mention of his first family, our family, in his obituary below. The times in and around Delaware and Tampa, Florida conveniently and unfortunately omitted.

Wenatchee Daily World, August 2001....." John M. Collins, formerly of Wenatchee, passed away August 2, 2001, surrounded by his family in Dallas, Oregon. He was born Aug. 9, 1919 at Sunnyslope. He lived with his family in the Sunnyslope, Cashmere area. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941. During his tour, he was General Dwight Eisenhower's driver. he spent much of his remaining tour patrolling waters of the English Channel. After honorable discharge in 1945, he moved to Delaware, Ohio where he married Shirley Firstenberger in 1958. Moving to Florida, he started his career as a top mechanic in the Bradenton-Sarasota area. He later returned to Wenatchee with his family in 1960, owning Johnny's Union 76 in Leavenworth and East Wenatchee. In 1968, he worked for Cascade Chevrolet until an injury forced his retirement in 1972.

He enjoyed camping and fishing with his children and grandchildren, especially the Icicle River area, and traveling with his children and seeing the sites.

He is survived by his son John Collins and wife, Cheri of Dallas, Oregon; daughter Debbie Barnett and husband James of Wenatchee; daughter Phyllis Reisman and husband Ron of Wenatchee; sisters Reva Sturtz of Wenatchee and Betty Wright of Milwaukee, Oregon; cousin Thomas Hackworth of Lake Wenatchee; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his wife Shirley, parents John and Molly Collins, Sr. and a brother Charles.

More About JOHN MELVIN COLLINS:  
Burial: Aug 2001, Wenatchee Cemetery  
Occupation: 1945, Auto Mechanic

Marriage Notes for THELMA MCNETT and JOHN COLLINS:  
Delaware Gazette, 10/16/1941 ..... "Announcement is being made of the marriage of Miss Thelma McNett, of Peachblow, and Mr. John M. Collins of Stratford. The ceremony being performed Saturday, Oct. 4, in Chillicothe by Rev. Charles Lusher. The bride wore a blue dress with blue accessories. Mrs. Collins, who is the daughter of William McNett, of Peachblow, is a graduate of Berlin high school. Mr. Collins attended school in the state of Washington. They will spend the fall and winter with the former's parents in the state of Washington."

Children of THELMA MCNETT and JOHN COLLINS are:

27. i. GARY WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> COLLINS, b. Private.
28. ii. LARRY JOHN COLLINS, b. Private.
29. iii. BONITA LOUISE COLLINS, b. Private.
- iv. SANDRA SUE COLLINS, b. Private; m. THOMAS NELSON GARDNER, Private; b. Private.

**22. WILLIS STOVER<sup>5</sup> KISER** (*VINNIE S.<sup>4</sup> STOVER, BENJAMIN F.<sup>3</sup>, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 13 May 1916 in Berlin Twp. Delaware County Ohio, and died 04 Dec 1992 in Delaware, Ohio. He married HARRIETT EMMA JANE SHANNON 03 Sep 1937 in Covington, Kentucky, daughter of ISAAC SHANNON and MYRTLE EDWARDS. She was born 21 Apr 1919 in Sunbury, Ohio, and died 07 Dec 1992 in Delaware, Ohio.

Notes for WILLIS STOVER KISER:  
Delaware Gazette..... "Willis Kiser, 76, of Delaware, died unexpectedly Thursday. He was a lifetime resident of Berlin Township and retired from Ranco after 25 years. He was employed by the township for eighteen years. He was a member of Peachblow United Methodist Church, Delaware Senior Citizens, and was a retired Berlin Township volunteer firefighter. Funeral at Bennett-Brown Funeral home Monday at 1 p.m. The Rev. David Sagaser and Rev Robert Barrie will officiate. Burial will be in Cheshire Cemetery."

More About WILLIS STOVER KISER:  
Burial: 07 Dec 1992, Cheshire, Cemetery  
Cause of Death: Heart Attack  
Funeral Home: Bennett-Brown Funeral Home

Notes for HARRIETT EMMA JANE SHANNON:  
Delaware Gazette..... "Harriett S. Kiser, 73, of 4007 S. Old State Road, died unexpectedly Monday afternoon (Dec. 7, 1992) at Grady Memorial Hospital. She became increasingly ill during funeral activities for her husband Willis, who died Thursday (Dec. 3), also unexpectedly....the lifelong Delaware County resident was a homemaker in Berlin Township for more than 55 years, and was a member of Peachblow United Methodist Church and the church's United Methodist Women.....Funeral services will be held Thursday at Bennett-Brown Funeral Home, with Rev. David Sagaser of Peachblow U.M.C. officiating and Rev. Robert Barrie of West Berlin Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Cheshire Cemetery."

More About HARRIETT EMMA JANE SHANNON:  
Burial: 10 Dec 1992, Cheshire, Cemetery  
Funeral Home: Bennett-Brown Funeral Home

Children of WILLIS KISER and HARRIETT SHANNON are:

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  - i. JUDY KAY<sup>6</sup> KISER, b. Private.
  - ii. ROLLIN ARTHUR KISER, b. Private; m. LINDA, Private; b. Private.

**23.** THOMAS MASON<sup>5</sup> SMITH (*ELSIE E.*<sup>4</sup> *GRIFFITH*, *MATTIE A.*<sup>3</sup> *STOVER*, *GEORGE W.*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 25 Oct 1901 in Ohio, and died 28 Jul 1963 in Galena, Ohio. He married BERNICE BONER, daughter of JESSE BONER and JESSIE WHITE. She was born 06 Apr 1905 in Licking County Ohio, and died 04 Jun 1993 in Delaware, Ohio.

Notes for THOMAS MASON SMITH:

Delaware Gazette, 7/29/1963....."Thomas M. Smith 61, Galena RD #1 (Cheshire) died early Sunday morning at the residence. He is survived by his wife, Bernice B.; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Scott of Columbus and Mrs. Louise VanLoon of Sunbury; three sons, Thomas M. Jr., Columbus, Jesse J. and Robert M , both of Galena RD #1; his father Jay W. Smith of the home; aunt, Mrs. Marie Uphold, Berlin Station; 21 grandchildren. Mr. Smith was a member of the Cheshire Methodist Church. ....Services at the the DeVore funeral Home Wednesday at 2 p.m., the Rev. Reid Stockwell officiating. Interment will be in Sunbury Cemetery."

1930 census.....Johnnycake Rd., Berkshire, Delaware, Ohio

More About THOMAS MASON SMITH:  
Burial: Unknown, Cheshire Cemetery

Notes for BERNICE BONER:

Delaware Gazette, 6/5/1993....."Bernice Smith Moose, 88, of Galena died Friday, June 4, 1993 at Grady Hospital, after a long illness. She was born April 6, 1905 to Jesse and Jessie White Boner. A long time resident of the Galena-Cheshire area, she had also lived in Westerville. She had worked for Kilgore and Elmhurst Nursing Home, and was a member of the Orange Road Evangelical Friends Church and a former member of Westerville Senior Citizens. Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Jesse and Jane Smith of Berlin Twp., Robert and Maija Smith of Galena, and Mary E. Smith Columbus; daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Donald Scott, Columbus, and Louise Vanloon of Delaware; stepchildren Ellis Moose, Jr. of Palmetto, Florida, and Wanda Flor of Shelby; 21 grandchildren; sisters Louise Reibel of Columbus and Florine Larimer of Springfield. She was preceded in death by three husbands, Thomas Smith Sr., James Shepherd, and Ellis Moore Sr., a son, Thomas Smith, Jr., and a grandson Ronn VanLoon. Services will be held at the DeVore-Snyder Funeral Home, Sunbury at 11 a.m. Monday. The Rev. Everett Chambers will officiate

More About BERNICE BONER:  
Burial: 07 Jun 1993, Cheshire Cemetery  
Death Certificate: 04 Jun 1993, #04113  
Social Security Number: 294-16-0254



Children of THOMAS SMITH and BERNICE BONER are:

- i. ELLA LOUISE<sup>6</sup> SMITH, b. 25 Sep 1931, Delaware County, Ohio; d. 04 Jun 2007, Delaware County, Ohio; m. (1) UNKNOWN VANLOON, Private; b. Private; m. (2) UNKNOWN FRAKES, Private; b. Private.

Notes for ELLA LOUISE SMITH:

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

E. Louise VanLoon

E. Louise VanLoon, 75, of Delaware, died Monday morning (June 4, 2007) at Delaware Court Health Care Center.

Born Sept. 25, 1931 in Delaware County to the late Thomas and Bernice (Boner) Smith, she graduated from Berlin High School with the class of 1949. Before retiring, she had worked as both an operator and service representative with GTE in Delaware and Marion. Most proud of her family, she will be remembered for her caring qualities and ornery personality. She attended Genoa Baptist Church, was a member of the former Cheshire United Methodist Church, Sunbury Golf League and for years assisted in the race secretary office for the Little Brown Jug and Delaware County Fair. She enjoyed playing cards, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

She is survived and will be missed by three daughters, Deborah Buckingham of Delaware, Carol Osborne of Delaware and Linda Sheets of Delaware; one son, Donald E. (Sharon) VanLoon Jr. of Ashley; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jesse Smith of Galena and Robert (Maija) Smith of Homosassa Springs, Fla.; one sister, Dorothy (Donald) Scott of Columbus; and her dear friend, Burt Connell of Westerville.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ronn VanLoon in 1990; two sons-in-law; Bob Osborne in 2004 and Russ Sheets in 2007; and one brother, Tom Smith.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at DeVore-Snyder Funeral Home, 75 W. William St., where funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, with Pastor Dennis Stranges officiating. Interment will follow in Cheshire Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice at Grady, 561 W. Central Ave., Delaware, OH 43015.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.snyderfuneralhomes.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhomes.com).

31. ii. THOMAS MASON SMITH, b. 17 Jun 1925, Ohio; d. 28 Feb 1989, Ohio.
32. iii. JESSE JAY SMITH, b. Private.
- iv. DOROTHY JEAN SMITH, b. Private; m. DONALD SCOTT, Private; b. Private.
- v. ROBERT M. SMITH, b. Private; m. MAIJA UNKNOWN, Private; b. Private.

**24.** CLAUDE NEILSON<sup>5</sup> GRIFFITH (*FLOYD*<sup>4</sup>, *MATTIE A.*<sup>3</sup> *STOVER*, *GEORGE W.*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN*<sup>1</sup>) was born 18 Sep 1916 in Delaware County, Ohio, and died 28 Aug 2000 in Delaware County, Ohio. He married GERALDINE M. MEYER Private. She was born Private.

Notes for CLAUDE NEILSON GRIFFITH:

Delaware Gazette....."C. Neilson Griffith, 83, formerly of 8755 E. St. Rt. 37, Sunbury, died Monday at the Forum.....he was reared on a farm in Berlin township, graduate of Berlin High School and the Ohio State University in 1938 with a B.S. in Agriculture Education.....He was Retired Vice President of Landmark (Farmer's Cooperative), Columbus, Assistant to Ohio Director of Agriculture 1954-56, and a well known public speaker throughout the state of Ohio. Member and Elder of the First Presbyterian Church, OSU President's Club, OSU Alumni Assoc., and Benjamin Chapter S.A.R., Delaware Rotary Club, Board of Directors of Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan, Delaware. An active mason, he was Past Master Hiram Lodge #18 among other offices in the lodge. He received many awards of distinction including Honorary Masonic 33rd Degree in 1968 at Atlantic City, Ohio Farm

Bureau Cooperative Educator Award, Ohio Agriculture Research and Development Center Award, Wooster, Ohio, Centennial Award from Dept. of Agricultural Education OSU. In 1994 he received the Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary International, and the Hiram Lodge Community Recognition Award in 1999. Visitation will be at Robinson Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Paul Randall officiating. Burial Oak Grove Cemetery."

More About CLAUDE NEILSON GRIFFITH:

Burial: Unknown, Oak Grove Cemetery

Funeral Home: Robinson Funeral Home

Children of CLAUDE GRIFFITH and GERALDINE MEYER are:

- i. CLAUDIA<sup>6</sup> GRIFFITH, b. Private; m. JAY MCDANIEL, Private; b. Private.
- ii. GEORGIA GRIFFITH, b. Private; m. VAN SHIREY, Private; b. Private.
- iii. DEBBIE GRIFFITH, b. Private; m. TOM ALBRIGHT, Private; b. Private.

**25.** MATTIE MAE<sup>5</sup> DURFEY (*FLORENCE "MATTIE" MARIE<sup>4</sup> GRIFFITH, MATTIE A.<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born Private. She married JOSEPH L. HAAS Private. He died 23 Jul 1989 in Delaware County Ohio.

More About JOSEPH L. HAAS:

Funeral Home: Robinson Funeral Home

Children of MATTIE DURFEY and JOSEPH HAAS are:

- i. JOSEPH LEE<sup>6</sup> HAAS, b. Private.
- ii. BRENDA HAAS, b. Private.
- iii. HOWARD HAAS, b. Private.
- iv. ANNIE HAAS, b. Private.

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**26.** JANE<sup>6</sup> CONKLIN (*JOHN B.<sup>5</sup>, FRANK ROSCOE<sup>4</sup>, MARIA MELISSA<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born Private. She married RALPH SETTERLIN Private. He was born Private.

Children of JANE CONKLIN and RALPH SETTERLIN are:

- i. TREY<sup>7</sup> SETTERLIN, b. Private.
- ii. DAVID SETTERLIN, b. Private.

**27.** GARY WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> COLLINS (*THELMA ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> MCNETT, DAISY LILLIAN<sup>4</sup> RUST, MARY ELLEN<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born Private. He married XANTHA KAY PHILLIPS Private, daughter of BONNER PHILLIPS and LENA KIRBY. She was born Private.

Children of GARY COLLINS and XANTHA PHILLIPS are:

- i. GARY BRIAN<sup>7</sup> COLLINS, b. Private; m. DEANNA JO ALEXANDER, Private; b. Private.
- ii. VIRGINIA KAY COLLINS, b. Private; m. MICHAEL SEAN MCDERMOTT, Private; b. Private.

**28.** LARRY JOHN<sup>6</sup> COLLINS (*THELMA ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> MCNETT, DAISY LILLIAN<sup>4</sup> RUST, MARY ELLEN<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born Private. He married JUDY A. HUPP Private, daughter of BRYANT HUPP and LULA HOSKINSON. She was born Private.

Children of LARRY COLLINS and JUDY HUPP are:

- i. TYRONE LARRY<sup>7</sup> COLLINS, b. Private; m. RENEE, Private; b. Private.
- ii. SHAWN ROBERT COLLINS, b. Private.

**29.** BONITA LOUISE<sup>6</sup> COLLINS (*THELMA ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> MCNETT, DAISY LILLIAN<sup>4</sup> RUST, MARY ELLEN<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born Private. She married (1) JOSEPH LANG Private. He was born Private. She married (2) CECIL COMBS Private. He was born Private.

Children of BONITA COLLINS and JOSEPH LANG are:

- i. JOSEPH ANTHONY<sup>7</sup> LANG, b. Private.
- ii. ALAN WILLIAM LANG, b. Private.

Children of BONITA COLLINS and CECIL COMBS are:

- iii. JOSEPH ANTHONY<sup>7</sup> COMBS, b. Private; m. STACIE, Private; b. Private.
- iv. ALAN WILLIAM COMBS, b. Private; m. Private.

**30.** JUDY KAY<sup>6</sup> KISER (*WILLIS STOVER<sup>5</sup>, VINNIE S.<sup>4</sup> STOVER, BENJAMIN F.<sup>3</sup>, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born Private. She married FRED SHUMWAY Private. He was born Private.

Child of JUDY KISER and FRED SHUMWAY is:

- i. JACK EDWARD<sup>7</sup> SHUMWAY, b. 29 Jan 1980; d. 03 Mar 1980.

**31.** THOMAS MASON<sup>6</sup> SMITH (*THOMAS MASON<sup>5</sup>, ELSIE E.<sup>4</sup> GRIFFITH, MATTIE A.<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born 17 Jun 1925 in Ohio, and died 28 Feb 1989 in Ohio. He married MARY E. UNKNOWN Private. She was born Private.

Notes for THOMAS MASON SMITH:

Delaware Gazette, 3/1/1989.....Thomas M. Smith Jr. 63, of Columbus, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1989 at Kobacker House, Columbus. Born 6/17/1925 in Berkshire Twp., he was employed for 17 years with Pfingst & Co, dental supplier of Plainfield, N.J. He was a member of St. Mathias Church, Columbus, a member of K of C of Columbus, Council 8152 of Crossville, Tennessee, and a lifelong member of the American Legion, Raymond Scott Post 182, Columbus. He was a Coast Guard veteran of WWII, and was retired from the Naval Reserve. Survivors include his wife, Mary E.; two sons, T. Steve and Stan, both of Columbus; his mother, Bernice Smith Moose of Westerville; two brothers, JesseJ., and Robert M., both of Galena; two sisters, Dorothy Scott of Columbus, and Louise Frakes of Sunbury; and three grandchildren. Calling hours will be at DeVore Funeral Home, Sunbury , where a prayer service will be held today at 7:30. Funeral services Friday at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Raymond E. Lavelle officiating. Burial will be in Cheshire Cemetery."

Children of THOMAS SMITH and MARY UNKNOWN are:

- i. T. STEVE<sup>7</sup> SMITH, b. Private.
- ii. STAN SMITH, b. Private.

**32.** JESSE JAY<sup>6</sup> SMITH (*THOMAS MASON<sup>5</sup>, ELSIE E.<sup>4</sup> GRIFFITH, MATTIE A.<sup>3</sup> STOVER, GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>*) was born Private. He married BONNIE VANLOON Private. She was born Private.

Child of JESSE SMITH and BONNIE VANLOON is:

- i. TERRY D.<sup>7</sup> SMITH, b. Private.

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