

# *Descendants of Benjamin F. Kirkhoff*

## *Generation No. 1*

1. BENJAMIN F.<sup>1</sup> KIRKHOFF was born Abt. 1800 in Warren Co., NJ, and died Unknown. He married ADA HUGHES. She was born Abt. 1800 in Warren Co. NJ?, and died Unknown.

Notes for BENJAMIN F. KIRKHOFF:

Benjamin F. Kirkhoff, grandfather of Sumner B., was born in New Jersey, and when a small boy his parents moved to Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and thence to Crawford county, Ohio, (not sure if this is move to PA and OH is Frank or Benjamin???)

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Children of BENJAMIN KIRKHOFF and ADA HUGHES are:

2. i. FRANK<sup>2</sup> KIRKHOFF, b. 1829, Bucks Co., PA?; d. Unknown, Eau Clair, WI.
- ii. HANNAH KIRKHOFF, b. Bucks Co., PA; d. Unknown.

## *Generation No. 2*

2. FRANK<sup>2</sup> KIRKHOFF (*BENJAMIN F.*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1829 in Bucks Co., PA?, and died Unknown in Eau Clair, WI. He married (1) CORDELIA. She died Unknown. He married (2) REBEKAH GEORGE Bef. 1854 in Crawford Co, Ohio, daughter of MICHAEL GEORGE and MARY A.. She was born Abt. 1832 in Crawford Co., Ohio, and died Unknown in Eau Clair, WI.

Notes for FRANK KIRKHOFF:

1870 Census - Wisconsin - Eau Claire County - Pleasant Valley -  
PostOffice:Eau Claire - Page 8 - 5 August 1870 - Lines 16~23

Kirkoff, FD(?) - 41(Age) - M/W - Farmer - 500(value of real estate) -  
200(value of personal estate) - Born:New Jersey  
-----, Rebecca - 38(Age) - F/W - KeepingHouse - Born:Ohio (Rebekah in my babybook)  
-----, Caroline - 15(Age) - F/W - Born:Ohio  
-----, ????? - 12(Age) - F/W - Born:Wisconsin  
-----, Minnie - 10(Age) - F/W - Born:Wisconsin  
-----, Frank - 8(Age) - M/W - Born:Wisconsin  
-----, Sumner - 4(Age) - M/W - Born:Wisconsin  
-----, Martha - 1(Age) - F/W - Born:Wisconsin

Sumner B. Kirkhoff, of Eau Claire, has been one of the leading men of this county for years, was born here on Jun 19, 1866, the son of Frank and Ada (Hughes) Kirkhoff. His father was a native of Pennsylvania and during the civil war enlisted in Company E, 13th Pennsylvania regiment, volunteer infantry, and was a brave and efficient soldier. At the expiration of his army service he came to Eau Claire with his wife in 1865, and besides our subject, Sumner B., one daughter, Hannah, was the only other child born to them. Hannah has been twice married, her first husband was Mr. Hathaway, a veteran of the civil war, by whom she had four children: Percy S., Grace R., Maud and George E. Percy S. married Della Fety and they have two children, Loy and Verne. Grace R. married Charles Deans, and they have two children, Dorothy and Warren. Maud is

now Mrs. George Selick. George E. is a teacher at West Salem, Wis. He married Miss Burgie Worthington, and they have one son, Parker.

Her second husband is C. L. Beardsly (whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume).

Benjamin F. Kirkhoff, grandfather of Sumner B., was born in New Jersey, and when a small boy his parents moved to Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and thence to Crawford county, Ohio, where he followed the occupation of machinist and blacksmith, and was married to Miss Rebecca George, daughter of Michael George, an old and respected resident of the county. They had a family of six children, viz: Caroline J., Sarah E., Minnie E., Frank L., Sumner B., and Martha L. These were all born in Mineral, Penn.

Sumner B. Kirkhoff was for twenty-three years successfully engaged in farming and during ten years of that time he conducted a blacksmith shop in the town of Pleasant Valley, and for the past nine years he has been Deputy State Game Warden. He was County Superintendent of the Poor for two years, and served four years in the City Council of Eau Claire. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen and the Beavers.

In October, 1889, Mr. Kirkhoff married Miss Clara Smith, of Pleasant Valley, and they have four children, viz: Warren O., Helen R., Sumner B., Jr., and Harris S., all born in Eau Claire.

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Other Civil War Service:

Francis B. Kirkhoff, Mineral Point, WI 30th Volunteer Inf. Co. E  
Mustered In 8/21/1862, assigned to Co C 4/18/1894 rejoined,  
Transferred to Co. E 12/11/1864, Mustered out, 8/22/1865

More About FRANK KIRKHOFF:

Burial: Unknown, Eau Clair, WI

More About REBEKAH GEORGE:

Burial: Unknown, Eau Clair, WI

Children of FRANK KIRKHOFF and REBEKAH GEORGE are:

- i. CAROLINE J<sup>3</sup> KIRKHOFF, b. 1855; d. Unknown.
- ii. SARAH E. KIRKHOFF, b. 1858; d. Unknown.
3. iii. MINNIE E. KIRKHOFF, b. 1860, Mineral Point, WI; d. Unknown.
- iv. FRANK L. KIRKHOFF JR., b. 1862; d. Unknown.
4. v. SUMNER BARNES KIRKHOFF, b. June 19, 1866, Eau Clair, WI; d. Unknown, Valley City, ND.
- vi. MARTHA L. KIRKHOFF, b. 1869; d. Unknown.

### *Generation No. 3*

3. MINNIE E.<sup>3</sup> KIRKHOFF (*FRANK*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN F.*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1860 in Mineral Point, WI, and died Unknown. She married CHARLES SMITH June 28, 1881 in Hammond, WI. He was born 1854 in Attica, MI, and died Unknown.

Children of MINNIE KIRKHOFF and CHARLES SMITH are:

- i. MARGARET<sup>4</sup> SMITH, b. Roberts, St. Croix Co. WI; d. Unknown.
- ii. CORA SMITH, b. Perly, Barron Co., WI; d. Unknown.
- iii. BESSIE SMITH, b. PERley, Barron Co., WI; d. Unknown.
- iv. LEE SMITH, b. PERley, Barron Co., WI; d. Unknown.

- v. ZOLA SMITH, b. PERley, Barron Co., WI; d. Unknown.
- vi. FRANK SMITH, b. Pleasant Valley, Eau Claire Co., WI; d. Unknown.
- vii. EARL SMITH, b. Amery, Polk Co. WI; d. Unknown.
- viii. EDWARD SMITH, b. Amery, Polk Co. WI; d. Unknown.
- ix. RUTH SMITH, b. Amery, Polk Co. WI; d. Unknown.
- x. OLIVE SMITH, b. Kenmare, Ward Co.,ND; d. Unknown.
- xi. HOWARD SMITH, b. Kenmare, Ward Co., ND; d. Unknown.

4. SUMNER BARNES<sup>3</sup> KIRKHOFF (*FRANK*<sup>2</sup>, *BENJAMIN F.*<sup>1</sup>) was born June 19, 1866 in Eau Clair, WI, and died Unknown in Valley City, ND. He married CLARA FLORENCE SMITH in Eau Claire, WI, daughter of LIVING SMITH and LIVING. She was born May 05, 1870 in Eau Clair, WI, and died January 29, 1953 in Valley City, ND.

Notes for SUMNER BARNES KIRKHOFF:

Sumner Barnes Kirkhoff was born in Eau Claire, WI, June 19, 1866. He married Clara Florence Smith at Eau Claire, WI. While living in Wisconsin he was a blacksmith and employed by the state as a game warden. They had four children: Warren, Sumner, Helen, and Dr. Harris. Warren married Josephine Schlagel of Fingal, ND; Sumner married Helen Herk of Fingal, ND; Helen married Alfred Rasmussen of Oriska, ND; Harris married Alma Jensen of Eau Claire, WI.

They moved to a farm in Weimer Township, north of Oriska, in the spring of 1915. The farm is now owned by John Kappel. In 1920, they moved to Oriska where they operated the pool hall and later in 1920, he purchased the hotel and renamed it Hotel Wisconsin; which he operated until his death on May 8, 1933. Many of the teachers and train crews were steady borders at the hotel. During special holidays (such as Washington's birthday, St. Patrick's day, Fourth of July), they would dress in costumes pertaining to the occasion.

He was mayor for several years, while mayor a park was built which is still used today. He helped plant several of the trees that still stand. He managed the baseball team and was Captain of the Fire Department.

His wife died January 29, 1953 and they are both buried at Hillside Cemetery in Valley City, ND. Warren died December 24, 1972; Sumner died June 29, 1959; and Harris died July 1958. Their daughter Helen, resides in Valley, City, ND. He had eight grandchildren: Marguerite (Mrs. Richard Taylor of Valley City). Doratheia (Mrs. Jerry Zinck of Valley City), Sumner Rasmussen of Fargo, ND, Jean (Mrs. George Carpenter of Jamestown, ND), Leonard (Bud) Kirkhoff of West Fargo, ND, Robert Kirkhoff also of West Fargo, ND, Michael Kirkhoff of Minneapolis, MN and Rita Kirkhoff (Stroud), deceased.

Taken from: Oriska, 1881-1981, edited by John Conway, Knight Printing Co. Fargo, ND 1980

Eau Claire, Wisconsin Directories 1889~93

Name:Sumner Kirhoff  
 County:Eau Claire  
 State:Wisconsin  
 Occupation:Teamster  
 Years:1891 and 1892  
 Company:Empire L Co  
 Location:731 Menomonie

Name:Sumner B Kirkhoff  
 County:Eau Claire  
 State:Wisconsin  
 Occupation:Driver  
 Years:1893  
 Company:West EC Ice Co  
 Location:731 Menomonie

1900 Census - Wisconsin - EauClaire County - EauClaire City -  
 ED#29 - Sheet 19B - 14 June 1900 - Lines 54~59

Kirkoff, Sumner - Head - W/M - June 1864 - 35(Age) - M(married) -  
 11(#yrs married) - Born:Wisconsin Father Born:Pennsylvania

Mother Born:Ohio - BlackSmith - O(owns)/M(mortgage)/H(house)  
 -----, Clara - Wife - W/F - May 1870 - 30(Age) - M(married) -  
 11(#yrs married) - Has bore 4 Children/4 Children Living at Census Time  
 Born:Wisconsin Father Born:Ireland Mother Born:Scotland  
 -----, Warren - Son - W/M - Apr 1891 - 9(Age) - S(Single) -  
 -----, Helen - Daughter - W/F - Mar 1893 - 7(Age) - S(Single) -  
 -----, Sumner - Son - W/M - Jan 1898 - 2(Age) - S(Single) -  
 -----, Harris - Son - W/M - Sept 1899 - 8/12(months) -  
 Children Born:Wisconsin Father Born:Wisconsin Mother Born:Wisconsin

1910 Census - Wisconsin - Eau Claire County - Eau Claire City - ED#55 -  
 Sheet 2A - 15 April 1910 - Liens 20~25

Kirkhoff, Sumner B - Head - M/W - 43(Age) - M(married\*indicates 1st) -  
 20(#yrs married) - Born:Wisconsin Father Born:Unknown  
 Mother Born:Ohio - Game Warden/Government  
 -----, Clara - Wife - F/W - 39(?) (age) - M(married\*indicates 1st) -  
 20(#yrs married) - Has Bore4 Children/4 Children Living at Census Time  
 Born:Wisconsin Father Born:Ire/Irish Mother Born:Scot.Scotish  
 -----, Warren - Son - M/W - 18(Age) - S(Single) -  
 -----, Helen - Daughter - F/W - 17(Age) - S(Single) -  
 -----, Sumner - Son - M/W - 12(Age) - S(Single) -  
 -----, Harris - Son - M/W - 10(age) - S(Single) -  
 Children Born:Wisconsin Father Born:Wisconsin Mother Born:Wisconsin

More About SUMNER BARNES KIRKHOFF:

Burial: Unknown, Hillside Cemetery, Valley City, ND

More About CLARA FLORENCE SMITH:

Burial: Unknown, Hillside Cemetery, Valley City, ND

Children of SUMNER KIRKHOFF and CLARA SMITH are:

5. i. WARREN ARLO<sup>4</sup> KIRKHOFF, b. April 18, 1891, Eau Clair, WI; d. December 24, 1972, Fingal ND.
6. ii. HELEN REBEKAH KIRKHOFF, b. March 14, 1893, Eau Clair, WI; d. May 1972, Valley City, ND.
7. iii. SUMNER BRADLEY KIRKHOFF, b. January 26, 1898, Eau Clair, WI; d. June 29, 1959, West, Fargo, ND.
8. iv. HARRIS SMITH KIRKHOFF, b. 1899, Eau Clair, WI; d. July 1958, Eau Clair, WI.

#### *Generation No. 4*

**5. WARREN ARLO<sup>4</sup> KIRKHOFF** (*SUMNER BARNES<sup>3</sup>, FRANK<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN F.<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 18, 1891 in Eau Clair, WI, and died December 24, 1972 in Fingal ND. He married JOSEPHINE SCHAGEL October 10, 1921 in Fingal, Barnes Co., ND, daughter of FRANK SCHLAGEL and THERESA. She died February 04, 1969 in Fargo, Cass Co., ND.

More About WARREN ARLO KIRKHOFF:

Burial: Unknown, Fingal ND

More About JOSEPHINE SCHAGEL:

Burial: Unknown, Fingal, ND

Children of WARREN KIRKHOFF and JOSEPHINE SCHAGEL are:

- i. JEAN AUDREY<sup>5</sup> KIRKHOFF, b. Private; m. (1) GEORGE MARVIN CARPENTER, Private; b. November 07, 1924, Sanborn, Barnes Co., ND; d. April 18, 1985, Jamestown, Stutsman Co., ND; m. (2) MAYNARD JEROME CARPENTER, Private; b. Private.

More About GEORGE MARVIN CARPENTER:

Burial: Unknown, Jamestown, Stutsman Co., ND

- ii. LEONARD WARREN KIRKHOFF, b. Private; m. BERNICE HARTL, Private; b. Private.

**6. HELEN REBEKAH<sup>4</sup> KIRKHOFF** (*SUMNER BARNES<sup>3</sup>, FRANK<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN F.<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 14, 1893 in Eau Clair, WI, and died May 1972 in Valley City, ND. She married ALFRED DANIEL RASMUSSEN November 1919 in Oriska, ND, son of CHRISTIAN RASMUSSEN and ANNA HOLT. He was born 1889 in Edinburg, ND, and died November 21, 1959 in Valley City, ND.

More About HELEN REBEKAH KIRKHOFF:

Burial: Unknown, Sunset Gardens, Valley City, ND

More About ALFRED DANIEL RASMUSSEN:

Burial: Unknown, Sunset Gardens, Valley City, ND

Children of HELEN KIRKHOFF and ALFRED RASMUSSEN are:

- i. MARGUERITE JEANETTE<sup>5</sup> RASMUSSEN, b. December 30, 1920, Valley City, ND; d. March 2001, Valley City, ND; m. RICHARD CLAYTON TAYLOR, October 25, 1947, Valley City, ND; b. November 05, 1916, Oriska, ND; d. March 1991, Valley City, ND.

More About MARGUERITE JEANETTE RASMUSSEN:

Burial: Unknown, Sunset Gardens, Valley City, ND

More About RICHARD CLAYTON TAYLOR:

Burial: Unknown, Sunset Gardens, Valley City, ND

- ii. DORATHEA MARIE RASMUSSEN, b. Private; m. (1) CLARENCE JOHN WOLSKI, Private; b. February 18, 1924, Valley City, ND; d. August 1974, Valley City, ND; m. (2) JERRY ZINCK, Private; b. Private.

More About CLARENCE JOHN WOLSKI:

Burial: August 1974, Sunset Gardens, Valley City, ND

- iii. SUMNER DAVID RASMUSSEN, b. 1926, Valley City, ND; d. August 2002, Jerome, ID; m. LOIS A. ANDERSON, 1949, Litchville, ND ?; b. Abt. 1923, Litchville, ND; d. October 20, 2000, AZ.

**7. SUMNER BRADLEY<sup>4</sup> KIRKHOFF** (*SUMNER BARNES<sup>3</sup>, FRANK<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN F.<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 26, 1898 in Eau Clair, WI, and died June 29, 1959 in West, Fargo, ND. He married HELEN HERK, daughter of RUDOLPH HERK and LOUISE. She was born in Fingle, ND, and died Unknown in Valley City, ND.

Notes for SUMNER BRADLEY KIRKHOFF:

Wisconsin Births 1820~1907

Sumner Kirkoff 26 January 1898 Eau Claire Reel:0062 Record:001880

More About SUMNER BRADLEY KIRKHOFF:

Burial: Unknown, Fargo Memory Gardens ND

More About HELEN HERK:

Burial: Unknown, Fargo Memory Gardens ND

Children of SUMNER KIRKHOFF and HELEN HERK are:

- i. ROBERT<sup>5</sup> KIRKHOFF, b. Private.  
ii. RITA KIRKHOFF, b. Abt. 1920; d. Abt. 1940.

**8. HARRIS SMITH<sup>4</sup> KIRKHOFF** (*SUMNER BARNES<sup>3</sup>, FRANK<sup>2</sup>, BENJAMIN F.<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1899 in Eau Clair, WI, and died July 1958 in Eau Clair, WI. He married ALMA J. JENSEN in Eau Claire, WI. She died September 09, 1990 in Eau Clair, WI.

More About HARRIS SMITH KIRKHOFF:

Burial: Unknown, Eau Clair, WI

More About ALMA J. JENSEN:

Burial: Unknown, Forest Hills Cemetery, Eau Clair, WI

Child of HARRIS KIRKHOFF and ALMA JENSEN is:

- i. MICHAEL<sup>5</sup> KIRKHOFF, b. Private.