

SOME DESCENDENTS OF  
LUDWIG AND MARY WYSONG

whose first written record  
was found in York Pennsylvania  
as of the year 1740

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## Foreword

The search among the various archives, county, state and national, was very pleasant and most profitable. Among the counties, where the members of this family lived in past gone generations, most of the county officials were most helpful. A very few were not so inclined. Those that were helpful were well trained and knew their jobs. They were a pleasure to visit.

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Many members of this family were most generous of their time and efforts in furnishing data about their families.

George Pendleton Wysong, during his lifetime, furnished the basic groundwork and data as to where the families had lived in the past. Of those items he told us about it is surprising how accurate his memory was, for research turned up the older families he spoke of and nearly all of his data was proven correct.

Addie Ertis Price Wheeler also has a wonderful memory. Her help in locating the present living generations is deeply appreciated.

To my wife and co-author, Beulah Wysong Whistler, all owe a special vote of thanks for preserving the many items about the family that were inherited from her parents. For her untiring work among the county records patiently turning page after page in search of clues. She has been an inspiration, when it seemed that all traces had been lost she kept looking and looking, and during several years effort she would come up with the data that made the history possible, on the early members of the family.

Many other members of the family helped with data and all are credited with their help given within the pages of this history.

To all of these people who made this record possible many thanks..



## Preface

This study actually began about 1937 or 1938 when a study was being made of the Whistler family. Since the children of our family is as much related to the Wysong family as they are to the Whistler family, I enquired of Beulah's father, George Pendleton Wysong, about his family. He gave me many facts, that I wrote down at the time he was talking to me.

After writing the study of the Whistler family in America we decided to gather as much data as possible on the Wysong family. So we started on the Wysong family in earnest in 1967 and each year since then we have spent quite some months looking for Wysong data.

As you read this record you will become impressed with the frequency of repetition of some given names in the Wysong family in America since 1740. This fact leads to some confusion, if you just look at the Index of Wysongs names. In using the Index, if you turn to the referred page you will find that each name, at some place, appears within a family group. This family group listing will clarify the position of the individual within the family as a whole. In some cases there are many different individuals included under the same given name. You may have to look at many family groups to locate the particular person in whom you are interested. Among those given names that appear generation after generation you will find: Valentine, David, Henry, Kenneth, Lewis, Mary Ann, Orion, Sarah and Elizabeth.

The use of Senior and Junior is of no help for we actually find records of a junior who later on grows into a senior person and who actually wrote himself up as senior in property records to distinguish himself from a younger person of the same name. Junior and senior denotes no blood relationship.

We have used the terms junior and senior in only one instance in this history. This was done deliberately in the case of David Wysong. David Sr is used to denote that David of David and Sarah Cook Wysong family. David Jr is used to denote that David of David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong family. The David is used to refer to all of the other David's of the Wysong family that are written about in this history. The only reference that we found to a senior was on the tombstone of David of the David and Sarah Cook family. In no case was his son David, of the David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong family found referred to as junior. This is an artificial classification to help clarify the great number of David Wysongs in this book.

There is one fact that must be mentioned about the emigrants to America. Of four persons by the name of Wysong, two arrived in 1740 and one in 1742. The last of these four appears in the records at York Pennsylvania in 1740. This was Ludwig and his wife Mary. Only males 16 years of age and older had to subscribe to the oath of allegiance. The passenger lists of those times records only those who subscribed to the oath. That leaves all females and those males less than 16 years of age not listed and no known record of their arriving in America.. If we assume that each family arriving by boat had five persons, a father, mother, and three children, then only one in five emigrants were recorded by name. This is a reasonable assumption as most families at that time consisted of many more than three children.

As would be expected there were found many phonetic spellings of the name Wysong. Wysong was found early along with many other variations. In the writings in the book we have given the variation just as we found it in the records. In the Index we have spelled all names Wysong, the spelling most frequently found today, and used exclusively among the living generations of this branch of the Wysong family.

This history is the record of those direct ancestors of David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong. In a very few instances we did branch out in a family where other names did become known to us, during the search. Starting with David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong we have attempted to locate and report all living descendants of theirs. In this we have been fairly successful. A few families did not answer our inquiries. In those instances we have recorded the names of those we found. We regret that in these few cases that the data was not available. The reporting of living generations was limited to the naming of the grand parents, the parents and the children, with dates of birth, marriages, and death. Any other data furnished was set down exactly as furnished.

We will have to ask your indulgence in the spelling of names. Many were written by hand, many were spoken and some no doubt have been mis-spelled in typing. There are no rules for spelling names. We have tried to do our best in reading handwriting, in proof reading. We know that some will be incorrect. Our apologies. We have done the best we can with the materials at hand.

This is an excellent family. No records were found that could be construed otherwise. They have all made their own way in this world. Evidence of hard work at their chosen occupation abounds in all

generations. They were successful in their chosen fields. Many occupations and professions are represented in the family. In the early years they were farmers and soldiers. As time went on we find them combining trade and agriculture. Since the time of David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong, about the year 1900 the family has followed the pattern of the rest of the citizens of the United States. They have increasingly turned from agriculture to the trades and professions, in about the same percentages as the rest of the population as a whole. Among all of the generations you will find an independent frame of mind, to do the best they can in their own way, and as each generation grows older, you will find that all have made good on their intentions.

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## CHAPTER 1

### ARRIVAL IN AMERICA

In writing the history of one fairly large branch of the Wysong family, it was logical to start with those living members and patiently trace their ancestors further and further back until the ancestor who originally emigrated from Europe to America was located.

The particular descendants of that ancestor that is being studied is all of the descendants of one David Wysong and his wife Amanda Waggoner who moved from Preble County, Twin Township, Ohio in 1872 and located in Noble County, Indiana.

All of the children of this couple were born in Preble County, Ohio, near the town of West Alexandria. They located in Noble County, Indiana, near the town of Ligonier.

The children of this couple grew up and all were married near Ligonier. Most of them were farmers but after the turn of the century (1900) some left Noble County, Indiana. Some ceased farming and entered other occupations.

As of 1971 there are still living nearly all of their grandchildren. The youngest of David and Amanda Waggoner's grandchildren is about 65 years of age and the older ones about 85. All have good memories. They have been most helpful in furnishing data about the descendants of David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong.

A start was made with those ancestors who were positively known and then worked back from generation to generation developing the direct lineage back to the time of their arrival in America. Many facts were discovered about each ancestor. The actual ground that each owned and called home was searched out and visited, where possible.

While this is primarily a study of the direct ancestors, data will be written about each ancestor and that ancestor's immediate family as it developed during the search.

It was natural to study each generation from the present living people back to the time of their arrival in America. This is the only known sure method of locating each generation. Some difficulties naturally arose that required careful and detailed search.

In writing the history of this Wysong family it will start with the first ancestor that arrived in America and then about each succeeding generation.

Some materials normally will be incorporated in the narrative and will not be included as separate references. Some facts will have to be established by circumstantial evidence but the steps taken to prove beyond any doubt that such an event did occur will be fully covered and lends a great deal of background to this history of the Wysong Family-at least this branch of it-in America.

There was one problem that appeared about 100 years after the family came to America. This was the extremely large gathering of the clan in three adjoining counties in Ohio. This could cause untold confusion and error due to the same given names. Many of the Wysong boys must have been attached to the names Maria and Sara. Anyway you run into the name Maria, Mariah, Mary and Sarah over and over again as being the wife of a Wysong boy.

Also the names Jacob, Henry, Charles, Simon, David, Valentine, and Fayette are very common among the given names of the Wysong boys. Within one generation, in these Ohio counties, we find the names Valentine appearing 11 times. Fortunately all of the Valentines did not marry a girl by the name of Maria, but two of them did, and this takes careful fact finding to determine who is who. Fortunately all Valentines were not born the same year.

With these few words of explanation let us get on with the facts that were developed.

One source studied was "A Colliction of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776. By Prof. I. Daniel Rupp by I. G. Kohler 202 N. Fourth Street, Philadelphia 1876. Page 141. List 78) November 25, 1740 Palatinates on the Ship Loyal Judith. Lovell Paynter, Commander, from Rotterdam, last from Deal. 265 passengers. \* \* \* \*

Page 142 left column

Conrad Wishong

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Philip Wishong

On this list there were 90 persons named. Therefore 265 - 90 = 175 women and children 16 and under. All males 16 and older had to take the oath of allegiance and so were listed by name on the ships lists.

Also: Pennsylvania German Pioneers. A publi-

cation of the original lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808 - By Ralph Beaner Strassburger LL.D. Edited by William John Hinkle PHD, DD. Vol 1 1727-1775. Published by the Pennsylvania German Society, Norristown, Pennsylvania 1934. page 282. (List 78A) A list of all the Mens names and ages on board the Ship Loyal Judith, Capt. Lovell Paynter. Qualified Nov. 25, 1740. On page 283 left hand column: Conrade Vishang 30.

Page 283 right hand column. Philip Vishang 26. Sworn that the foregoing is a true list to the best of his knowledge, before the Honorable Governor, the 25th Nov.

(List 78 B) Palatinates imported in the Ship Loyal Judith, Lovell Paynter, Comr from Rotterdam, Qualified Nov. 25, 1740. Page 284 left hand column

Conrad (O) Wishong.

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Philip (P) Wishang.

(List 78 C) At the courthouse in Philadelphia Nov. 25th 1740. Present Hon George Thomas Esq. Govenor. Samuel Hassell Esq, Mayor of Philadelphia.

The palatinates whose names are underwritten, imported in the Ship Loyal Judith, Lovell Paynter, Commander, from Rotterdam, but last from Deal, did this day take and suscribe to the foregoing Qualifications or oath of Government.

Page 285 right hand column Conrad (O)Wishong

Page 286 right hand column Philip (P) Wishong

From the list 78A that gives the ages of the emmigrants you can easily compute the most proable year of their birth, Not knowing whether, as in some parts of the world, a person is considered one year old on the first day of January of the year of his birth, it will have to suffice to take the year of arrival, 1740, and subtract the given age.

Conrad 1740 - 30 = 1710 year of birth.

Philip 1740 - 26 = 1714 year of birth.

A further search of the emmigrant lists reveals that Simon Wysong arrived in 1742.

There is no record of any Ludwig Wysong arriving on any Immigrant list. A most painstaking search in the Library of Congress and of the Pennsylvania Archives does not disclose any such name nor even a close resemblance thereto.

It is well known in research that all men and most women leave some trace during their lifetime. The nub of the matter is to locate the area in which they lived and the time that this person lived there and then patiently turn over the pages in the search.



All people pay taxes and have done so since the written word. If all else fails get a tax list for the area and the time and your person will turn up on the tax roll.

Property records are also rich sources of names of people. Our ancestors came to America to obtain land and most of them did so. Our property records are complete from the original settlers on each piece of ground. A person could not sell a piece of land without the wife signing away her dower rights. The reason for this the buyer would not buy if the dower rights were not forfeited. So all deeds named the wife, if the seller had one.

Records of births and deaths are practically non-existent prior to 1850, and in many areas until as late as 1900.

Marriage records were notoriously untrustworthy prior to 1850. The few that were recorded prior to 1850 cannot be wholly trusted as to place or date.

Some few marriage records have survived and those are most fortunate instances. The only marriages that have been universally accepted are common law marriages, where the men and women claimed to be married, they were so known by their neighbors and had children to prove it.

Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Vol. 14 page 45 shows that Philip Wysong settled in Philadelphia County Penna after arriving in America in 1740. We find records of him and his family there. Conrad Wysong who also arrived in America in 1740 settled in Lancaster County Pennsylvania.

Conrad's will dated May 3, 1789 and probated May 23, 1789 shows that he died in York County Pennsylvania. This will, appearing in Volume G page 412 York County Pennsylvania Records naming Paradise Township shows his wife, Mary Elizabeth ("Has eloped my bead and board and left me in a poor and sickly condition"). There was a grandchild, one Elizabeth Metzler. He named four children. Conrad (eldest son to have one shilling sterling), Anna Mary wife of Jacob Smith, Leonard, Marguretha wife of George Metzler.

The oldest child mentioned in the above will Conrad settled in Cumberland County Pennsylvania, as shown by 1790 U.S. Census Library of Congress File F 153 u5, 1966 page 85. Here he accumulated considerable property and by 1782 owned 480 acres of ground. Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Vol. 17 pages 164, 254, 561, 564, 822.



The original Conrad Wishon in Lancaster County Pennsylvania also had some land and paid taxes on personal property. Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. 24 page 561 shows Conrad Wishon 50 acres December 21, 1752. Also for Conrad Wishing Penna Archives, 3rd Series, Vol 17 page 164 Lancaster County returns on assessments.

1771 100 acres, 2 cattle, tax 5.6  
 1772 100 acres 3 horses, 2 cattle, tax 6.0  
 1779 150 acres 2 horses, 3 cows, 4 sheep.  
 1782 130 acres 3 horses, 5 cattle, 5.17.8 tax

Simon Wysong who arrived in 1742 had a warranty for land in Lancaster County Penna for 200 acres patented February 6, 1761 Penna Archives, third series, Vol 23, page 312. We also find Simon Wysong listed as follows: Penna Archives, 3rd Series, Vol 24, page 562.

In recording data under a particular name a careful check of the date and the event and the location must be made in order that the correct family be differentiated from other families of the same given name.

This is particularly true for the Wysong family. There are given names of Simon, Conrad, Fayette, Jacob, Ludwig, and Valentine in most generations of the first century in America for the family, and the exact family of that name is sometimes hard to pin-point.

You will note that the earliest year found and recorded in America for the name of Wysong, or any reasonable variation thereof, is the year 1740. The three emigrants by the name of Wysong who are recorded as arriving on boats in 1740 and 1742 have been partially recorded for later years. None of these were found in York County Penna in the earliest years. Some other data than that presented here was also found on these three families but it was repetitious and of the same nature here outlined.

In the year 1740 we did find a person by the name of Ludwig Wysong recorded in York County Pennsylvania. In the York County Historical Society, York Pennsylvania files we find the following: Vital Records of Christ Lutheran Church, York, Pennsylvania. Translated from the original

German by H. J. Young AB (Ms)

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Date of Birth and baptism	Child	Parents	Sponsors
Jan. 10, 1740	Susan	Ludwig Weisang	Geo Henn- ing and Wife
May 19, 1740		Reinhardt Hammer	& Wife

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Feb. 4, 1743. John Ludwig as above Reinhardt  
Feb. 9, 1743 Reinhardt

Susan Hammer

These are the children of Ludwig and Mary Wysong, and the January 10, 1740 birth date for Susan and her baptism on May 19, 1740 tend to be a little confusing.

The first authentic Wysong record in America is November 25, 1740, when the two by that name landed from the Loyal Judith in Philadelphia, namely Philip and Conrad Wysong.

The original entry in the church record was not checked by us. Since the name Wysong appears in America only on and after November 25, 1740 there must be some error in the baptism of Susan on May 19, 1740. Laxity in verifying the original entry, in copying the date, etc, can be the cause. It is safe to assume that the proper date for baptism to be 1741 or 1742, not 1740. The date of birth may be correct, for many children are baptised years after their birth.

Now let us ponder on the second child to be baptised. His name is given in the church record as John Ludwig Reinhardt Weisang. This is the same name that is recorded in the "Story of Smithfield (Middleburg) Jefferson County W. Virginia" by Robert L. Bates in the genealogical writing about Michael Wysong and his wife Margaret Shirley. So the correct genealogy for the Wysongs written about by Bates should be Ludwig Wysong - John Ludwig Rheinhardt Wysong - Michael Wysong in that order, from arrival in America. He left out one generation. This will be developed later on. But we do have two Ludwig Wysongs living in York County, Pennsylvania in 1743 and after that for some years.

If we examine the will made by Ludwig Wysong of York County, Pennsylvania, made September 19, 1784 and probated September 29, 1784 and recorded in Book F page 286 in the office of the Register of Wills in the Courthouse, York, Pennsylvania, we find that his wife was named Mary.

So Ludwig Wysong died in September 1784. His oldest child, Susan, was born 1740 and was 44 years of age at the time of his death. John Ludwig Reinhardt (or Lewis) was born in 1743 and was 41 years of age at the time of his father's death.

Since Ludwig Wysong named his first born son Ludwig and divided his estate among his 10 children then Ludwig and his wife Mary had 9 children plus Ludwig the oldest son or a total

of 10 children.

By November 30, 1785 the estate of Ludwig Weissang was all settled except a balance of 3S, 2d. The Reverend Jacob Pellentz, a Catholic Priest, was paid 7s, 6d for preaching his funeral. The administration of the Estate report was filed in the Register of Wills Office, County Courthouse York, Pennsylvania, dated Nov. 30, 1785.

The active period of Ludwig Wysong and his wife Mary In York County, Pennsylvania was from 1740 to September 1784. There are no records of entries prior to 1740 for this family in York County, Pennsylvania, or any other county in the states. Their entries stop November 30, 1785 when his estate was closed.

Just where did this Ludwig Wysong family come from? There were no written records found to indicate how he got into York County, Pennsylvania.

Wholly unsupported written statements in the York County Historical Society file #3447, York, Pennsylvania, would tend to indicate that four brothers by the name of Wysong immigrated from Strasborg, Alsace Lorraine to America and named them as Philip, Conrad, Simon and Ludwig Wysong. There was no proof found of this relationship.

Family rumor in the Beulah Wysong Whistler family states that the family came from Alsace-Lorraine.

No evidence was found on our search proving conclusively where the Wysong family originated. Several other people by the name of Wysong that we visited in Ohio also indicated Alsace-Lorraine as the place of immigration to America. Alsace-Lorraine is a Palatinate Province on the Rhine River in Europe. The passenger list of the Loyal Judith called the passengers Palatinates. Until data proves otherwise we will accept the tentative hypothesis that the family is of French Extraction and emigrated from Alsace-Lorraine to America.

One mention must be made of a most highly improbable account, printed in a genealogical study, that Ludwig Wysong emigrated from Wales to America in one of his majesties armies, promptly deserted and landed in York, Pennsylvania, when he was 90 years of age. If that be so, he was quite a man. His oldest child was born in 1740. His oldest son Ludwig Jr. was born in 1743. He had 10 children. According to his will he died in 1784 making a nice age of 134 years. Judging from the above anyone can get into this act. My solution is that he came over on the Loyal Judith, landing in Philadelphia on November 25, 1740.

He was less than 16 years of age, so did not take the oath of allegiance and as he was one of the 175 people on that ships passenger list. These were small ships, living conditions were crowded. The trip over to America was normally three or more months. There just can be no doubt: that Ludwig and Mary were a family on the boat. It landed November 25, 1740. Their first child, Susan, must have been baptised May 19, 1741, in York, Pennsylvania, instead of May 19, 1740.

If the above is a reasonable solution of the time of his arrival, then Ludwig was born 1740 - 15 = 1725 and died in 1784 and was 59 years of age at the time of his death. This is a solution that is practical in all phases and until other data becomes available will be accepted as most probable. In order to finalize the arrival of the Wysong family in America these statements of fact can be written:

1. There were no records found of any Wysong in America prior to 1740.
2. Beginning in 1740 some records were found and the number of such documents increased with the passage of time.
3. Ludwig passed away in 1784. Conrad in 1789, relatively close together.
4. As we study this family in this paper more and more data is available, but in the earlier families there is not too much.
5. There is no indication of any relationship between Philip, Conrad, Simon and Ludwig. A mere unproven statement in York County Historical Society file #3447. As we study the succeeding generations we do find very frequently used given names that would tend to prove that all four of the 1740 and 1742 emmigrats by the name of Wysong came from a closely knit small group.

## CHAPTER 2

### THE FAMILY OF LUDWIG AND MARY WYSONG

Our study showed that Ludwig Wysong of York County, Pennsylvania and who landed in Philadelphia Penna in 1740 was the direct ancestor of David Wysong of Ligonier, Indiana.

The earliest data found about Ludwig Wysong was in file #3447, York County Historical Society, York Penna. On page 3 of this study we find a copy of the Vital Records of Christ Lutheran Church of York, Pennsylvania, Translated from the original German by H.J. Young (A.B. (Ms). From page 10 of this manuscript:

Date of Birth and Baptism	Child	Parents	Sponsors
Jan. 10, 1740	Susan	Ludwig Weisand	George Heiman
May 19, 1740		& Wife	Reinhardt-Hammer & Wife
Feb. 4, 1743	John Ludwig	Reinhardt	Same Reinhardt-Hammer
Feb. 9, 1743			Susan Hammer

You will note in the case of Susan that she was born four months before baptism and in the case of John Ludwig Reinhardt Wysong only five days elapsed between birth and baptism. Note also the sponsors or god-parents, Reinhardt Hammer and his wife Susan. They were the god parents of both children, Susan and John Ludwig Reinhardt Wysong. It could be that Susan Hammer was the sister of either Ludwig or his wife Mary. It could also be that Reinhardt Hammer was the brother of Mary Wysong. In many cases relatives were the god parents at a baptism and could have been in this case, but it is not so definitely known. Applying statistical analysis the laws of probability gives one chance in 65 for any specific event to occur in this case. From the same file #3447 in the York County Historical Society, York, Pennsylvania page 32 we can obtain considerable information on some of the children of Ludwig and Mary Wysong. All of the boys served in the Revolutionary War.

1. Here we find Joseph Weisang of York Town, private in Captain Rudolph Springer's Company First Battalion York County Associators

from Pennsylvania Archives 6th Series Book II page 611.

2. Valentine Wysong, member of the 7th Class of Inhabitants of Heidelberg Township from class lists Mss Young Pennsylvania Archives 6th Series Book II page 117.
3. Ludwig (or Lewis) Weisang of York Town a private in George Eichelberger's Company First Battalion, York County Associators dated December 27, 1775.

Also a private in the 6th Class, Fourth (Captain Christopher Lauman) Company Third Battalion. York County Militia, according to two undated returns assigned to 1778. He remained a private in this company when it was re-organized in 1779. He also was carried in a return dated October 14, 1780, one dated January 1, 1783 and one assigned to a period 1780-1783. He was a private on the payroll of Captain James Johnston of the York County Militia in actual service in October and November of 1781 and January of 1782. References Pennsylvania Archives 6th Series Book II pages 420, 435, 446, 451, 715 and 187.

4. In our study about Shepherdstown Va. now W. Va. two men who were in this same period and who came from York County Pennsylvania and served in the Virginia Military forces by the name of Jacob Wysong and his brother Fayette Wysong of York County Pennsylvania. These two men are well documented. In fact there is an entry in the Pennsylvania Archives 3rd Series Vol. 21, page 643 showing that Felty Wison paid taxes in York County Pennsylvania on 1 cattle tax 2.6.6 for 1782. (Fayette is the way this name was normally spelled and the Felty or Fealty was the way it was pronounced - one and the same person, as shown by the two spellings of his name found in his will in Finca~~ste~~, Virginia).

To list Ludwig and Mary's children, in the same order as developed here they are: Susan, John Ludwig (Lewis) Reinhardt, Joseph, Valentine, Jacob and Fayette. And four daughters unnamed.

Let us examine the will of Ludwig (Lodvic) Wysong in will book F, page 286 in the office of the Register of Wills, Court House, York County, York, Pennsylvania. This will was written and signed September 19, 1784. It was probated by the Executor, one Philip Slentz Jr., on September 29, 1784, ten days after the will was originally signed.



This will states that Ludwig lived in Heidelberg Township, York County, Pennsylvania. A map that I studied showed that Heidelberg Township is in the south western part of the County not too far from present Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Ludwig gave and bequeathed to Mary, his dearly beloved wife, all of his land and household goods and debts. A most painstaking search of the county property records failed to show that Ludwig owned any real estate. He may have been buying some on a contract but no deeded property could be located. It could be that this was the case for he also willed his debts to his wife.

In this will Ludwig stated that he was very sick and weak in body. Since it was probated ten days later he must have prepared his will to dispose of his property, not having time to attend to this personally, as the great majority of property owners did in those days.

Ludwig gave to his first born son, Lodvic, ten shillings and the overplush to be divided into ten equal shares among his children. This would indicate that Lodvic Jf. was not his first born son. This is confirmed by the record of baptism in 1740 and 1743 where Susan was listed as being older than John Ludwig Reinhardt Wyszong - the first born son.

It will be noted that Ludwig was bequeathed 10 shillings, first and then he divided the remainder of his property even among all of his children. This was customary among foreign born parents to give the eldest son an outright gift of a certain amount and then make an equal division of all remaining property. This was brought along from Europe to fore-stall the oldest son from claiming all of the property as an entailed fief, as had been the custom in many countries of Europe and elsewhere.

If we can accept the day of arrival in Philadelphia as November 25, 1740 and that Ludwig was less than 16 years of age as an explanation of his not being on the Ships passenger list, by name, then we can fairly accurately compute Ludwig's age.  $1740 - 15 = 1725$  date of birth.  $1784 - 1725 = 59$  years of age at death.

We can assume that he died as a result of some affliction and not from the infirmities of old age. He made a will and ten days later it was probated. Also in the will he stated that he was very sick and weak in body but perfect in mind and memory. The latter two are common statements in wills but combined with his probable age of 59 years, his making of a will and

it being probated in ten days thereafter, would all lead a person to suspect that a lot of truth was contained therein.

We have one more item to note in our study of this will. It was headed "Will of Lodvick Wysong," and it is attested by Lodvick Wisong. Since the two variations of the name Wysong and Wisong are in the same document there can be no doubt that this is two spellings of the same name. Also the fact that he signed it by his mark instead of a written signature would indicate that he was extremely weak or that he could not write, most probably the latter.

Before we close this chapter we will differentiate between Ludwig Wysong and his son John Ludwig Reinhardt Wysong who was baptised in 1743.

The records in this area are a little confusing since there normally was no distinction made between the two men in the written data found in York County, Pennsylvania. Of a certainty any entry dated prior to 1743, when John Ludwig Reinhardt Wysong was baptised, had to pertain to Ludwig Wysong whose first written records were dated in 1740. We can also take it for granted that any records prior to about the time that John Ludwig Reinhardt Wysong was about 20 years of age belonged to the elder Ludwig Wysong.

Likewise Ludwig Wysong made a will on September 19, 1784 and this will was probated on September 29, 1784. It must be presumed that any data on a Ludwig Wysong after September 29, 1784 must have referred to John Ludwig Reinhardt Wysong, the eldest son of Ludwig Wysong, who emigrated to America in 1740.

Using the date of the probating of Ludwig Wysong's will as a definite period of time to definitely place all data after that date, September 29, 1784, as being about John Ludwig Reinhardt Wysong only, we find that the following pertains to him and not to his father:

1. 1783 Pennsylvania Archives Vol. 21 Page 69 number of inhabitants County of York. Weisang Ludwig Males 1, Females  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Servants 2, Negroes 2.

This is prior to Ludwig's death in 1784 but this is undoubtedly a young family 1 male and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  females - the  $\frac{1}{2}$  being a girl baby less than one year of age. This could hardly be the family of Ludwig and Mary Wysong the year prior to his death.

2. First U.S. Census 1790 York County Pennsylvania Library of Congress File E 302.5.1157. Genealogical Section Reference page 289 York



County Pennsylvania, Berwick, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamiltoban, Heidelberg, Mount Pleasant, Mount Joy, and Straban townships. Wisong Head of Family Male white 1, Female 2.

3. There are three other entries about Ludwig Wysong, most probably about ~~John~~ Ludwig Reinhardt and not Ludwig his father, but we have no absolute proof of this. a. Pennsylvania Archives 3rd Series, Vol. 21, page 10. Return of taxables County of York 1779 Weisang Ludwig, Mason, 1 house,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lot 5.12.6 tax. b. Pennsylvania Archives 3rd Series Vo. 21 page 235 Taxables York County 1781 Weisang Lodouvig 1 house, 2 lots, tax 1.6.0. c. Pennsylvania Archives 3rd Series Vol. 21, page 651 Taxables, York County, 1782 Wisong Ludwig 1 house, 1 lot, tax 1.4.0.

The family group record

Husband: Ludwig Wysong

Born 1725, Alsace-Lorraine France?

Married: Unknown as to date and place

Died 1784 York County Pennsylvania

Buried: York County Pennsylvania

Father unknown.

Mother unknown.

Wife: Mary?

Born: Most probably in Alsace-Lorraine France.

Died: Date unknown. Place York County Pennsylvania.

Father unknown.

Mother unknown.

Children:

Susan Wysong 1740, place unknown.

John Ludwig Reinhardt Wysong 1743 York County Pennsylvania.

Joseph Wysong ? York County Pennsylvania

Valentine Wysong 1756 York County Pennsylvania

Fayette Wysong ? York County Pennsylvania

Jacob Wysong 1754 York County Pennsylvania

There were four other children, not named, but mentioned in his will.

Source: As outlined in this chapter previously.

Before closing this chapter there is one other item that should be dwelt upon that was developed during the search.

In order that a thorough search be made to determine the citizens who lived in York County Pennsylvania between 1730 and 1750 the records of the Sessions Court of York County were carefully read. The Sessions Court, at that time, would correspond to a present County Court that tried non-capital criminal cases.

For each session of the Court the names of the Judges and Court officers were given, the name of the County Sherrif and all of his

deputies and the names of the various men who were qualified for Jury Duty during that term.

For each case the names of the accused, the crime of which they were accused, and the sentence meted out by the court.

In all this was an imposing array of names of citizens of the County for that time. The records were all hand written and this tended to slow down the search.

No person by the name of Wysong appeared during this twenty year period in these court cases.

There were two general types of court cases involved - thievery and fornication. While no absolute count was made as the number of each type it appeared that the division of cases were closely 50% of each type.

Each case opened with reference to his Majesty the King and each case was closed with a phrase, God Save the King. This was noted with a slight start to read in an American Court, but of course during this period of time Pennsylvania was a British Colony and the phrase used was entirely fitting and proper.

The next that was unusual was the uniformity of the punishment. Hardly ever was anyone found innocent of the charge, but when they were so found the statement written was "Not Guilty".

In the event that the accused was found guilty the sentence was twenty one lashes by the public whipper applied in the stocks in public. The sentence was carried out immediately, no languishing in jails, no appeals.

The defendants charges with fornication were both male and female, one of each for each offense. The male was tried first and in every case was always found guilty. The female was tried next. In a few cases she was found not guilty. The record did not say but it is presumed that she proved rape by the male and in those cases she was found not guilty. Always when the female was found not guilty the male in the case had another than the standard twenty one lashes. In these cases he was sentenced to twenty one lashes at the close of the case and he was sentenced to another twenty one lashes to be administered the following Monday.

Judging human nature to be the same then as now, it is very doubtful that the public whipper had any activity the following Monday. "John Doe" probably started running when released from the stocks at the original twenty one lashes and was still going strong quite some distance away the following Monday.

Judging from the number of cases involved, that punishment was not a cure for the offense. That problem was with us humans back in Biblical times where we read of King David and Bathsheba and many others. It was with us as late as 1800 when the records of the Reformed Lutheran Church of Shepherdstown, West Virginia were examined by us in 1971.

In the case of this church record we find that the problem was treated differently. At the time of the Baptism, and all Lutheran were Baptised, the name of the father and the mother, the infant and the God-Parents were publically announced and also written in the Church records.

In the event that a child was born out of wedlock the child was baptised, the name of the mother given, the name of the father, if known, and the name of the presumed father with a statement that he should have been the father. The God-Mother was the mother of the child's mother. People may not approve, but they do not repudiate their children. Note. Some of the above two paragraphs are from the actual records of the St. Peters Reformed Lutheran Church, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, written in German and also a partial translation on this record in the book "On This Rock" by: Gladys Hartzel 1970. This book hints at it, the German text spells it out in full.

Judging from the items in newspapers, the announcement of classes on sexual relations held in our universities and in our High Schools, taught by un-married persons in some cases, we still have not solved this problem after about 5000 years of written records.

Statistics shows that we still have illegitimate children and their numbers have not changed materially over the years, regardless of action taken by society. It is still a problem.

### CHAPTER 3

#### THE FAMILY OF VALENTINE AND ELIZABETH WYSONG

Valentine Wysong is the son of Ludwig; Wysong and his wife Mary. He was born in York County, Pennsylvania in 1756. It is presumed at the parents home in Heidelberg Township, near the present city of Hanover.

Here he grew up and married Elizabeth? In 1777. The Elizabeth part of her name is correct for we find them selling land in Franklin County, Virginia in 1803 to 1809 and she signed the deeds as Elizabeth Wysong and Betsey Wysong. Her surname could not be found in our search.

Valentine Wysong was a member of the 7th Class of Associators of Heidelberg Township, York County, Pennsylvania, as follows: Services in the Revolution.

Valentine Weisang member of the 7th Class of inhabitants of Heidelberg Township, classified under an act of Assembly passed in 1780, entitled "An act to complete the quota of the Federal Army". Each class was required to provide in 15 days from this date (January 30, 1781) one able bodied recruit for the Continental Army, to serve during the War, under penalty of a fine of 15.0.0 pound specie. There are no data to show whether this class satisfied the requirements or not. From Class lists Mss The Historical Society of York County. Young, H. J. 117 Pennsylvania Archives 6th Series II page 611. This list was prepared on January 30, 1781 when Valentine was 25 years of age.

We find that Valentine paid poll taxes in 1779 and 1781 in Heidelberg Township, York County, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series Book II page 420. In the taxables of 1783 Pennsylvania Archives 6th series, Book II, page 421, we find Valentine Weisang of Heidelberg Township 1 lot, 1 house, 1 horse, 1 cow, 5 inhabitants, valuation 319 pounds tax 2.0.0 pounds.

No more entries were found for this family in York County, Pennsylvania.

After the war we do find a record in Franklin County, Virginia where he purchased some land on January 6, 1794. This was his first

purchase of record in Franklin County and the first sentence of the indenture was as follows: "Otey Prosser sold to Valentine Wysong on 6 January 1794 of Botetourt County Virginia for the sum of etc, etc.

A search of Botetourt County records at Fincastle, Virginia failed to reveal any record of any Valentine Wysong either before or after the date of this sale in Franklin County, Virginia.

Valentine took the usual route of all Pennsylvania going west and crossed the Potomac River at White Horse Ford at Shepherdstown Virginia.

Valentine had a brother, Jacob and Marie Byers Wysong, living in Sheperdstown, Virginia (now West Virginia) before, during, and after, the Revolutionary War. It is reasonable to assume that Valentine and his wife Elizabeth and family, when they started to migrate west, would visit them in route.

After visiting with his brother, Valentine and Elizabeth continued up the Shennandoah River to its headwaters. Here he had another brother Fayette Wysong, living in Botetourt County, Virginia at Fincastle, Virginia.

Fincastle, Virginia is some miles south of the Cumberland Gap, the usual road for crossing the mountains to the west. The family had completed quite a bit of mileage, were no doubt rather tired of traveling by wagon, so they decided to rest. Here Valentine did some serious land searching for some few months. It was easy to go on a short distance south to Franklin County about 50 miles away from Fincastle.

Here in Franklin County he must have found a place to his liking for he purchased 180 acres of ground on Indian Run in the Gills Creek District of the County. He gave as his home county Botetourt when he purchased this farm. The farm was in Franklin County, Virginia.

A search of the Property Records in the County Clerk's Office, Franklin County, Rocky Mount, Virginia in the Grantee Index shows:  
Valentine Wysong from Otey Prosser Book 3, page 18  
Valentine Wysong from Daniel Clyborne 3-339  
Valentine Wysong from John Clyborne 3-389  
Valentine Wysong from William Drake 3-617  
Valentine Wysong from Caleb Kitchen 4-95

A study of these five deeds shows that Valentine Wysong bought a farm of 180 acres originally and then added to this tract by purchasing nearby parcels as they became available until he had 319 acres of land or a fair sized

farm operation. This was accomplished between 6 January 1794 and 6 July 1801, in a total of 5 separate transactions.

He started to sell his farm in 1803 and in three separate transactions, by 1809 had disposed of 156 acres leaving 163 acres still owned in 1809. He paid taxes on this 163 acres until 1816.

There was no record found when this 163 acres tract was disposed of. That could be a long delayed transfer of ownership if it was not accomplished before his death in 1824. His brother Jacob purchased a home in Shepherdstown Virginia in 1783 and it remained in his name for nearly 100 years before court action transferred the land and distributed the proceeds to his heirs. No record was found of Valentine ever selling any portion of this 163 acres. That could be a long search.

Now let us examine this land that Valentine and Elizabeth purchased. It is all in the north eastern district of Franklin County, Virginia. This is on the water shed of Gells Creek. Specifically he purchased land on Indian Run that empties into Gills Creek.

The actual site of his purchases is approximately 25 miles north east of Rocky Mount Virginia. Most of this county is composed of hills and valleys. His farm was no exception. When we speak of hills most of them are 500 to 600 feet in elevation and fairly steep. There is no level ground that is not man made.

The river along the eastern boundary of Franklin County has been dammed in recent years. Many acres of the valleys have been covered with deep water.

Most of the ground purchased by Valentine and Elizabeth is still above water.

Valentine was not content to run a farm operation. He built a grist mill on Indian Run known as Wysong's Mill (Chapter 8, page 62 1st paragraph next to the bottom line: "Wysong's Mill on Indian Run" A history of Franklin County by Marshall Wingfield 1964). This mill has long since disappeared. We will find in one of his sales of land that Valentine and Elizabeth had built a nice mill and received a fair sum of money at its sale.

In the purchase of this land the "Bounds and Metes" method of discription was used. As to be expected at the time of these purchases the corner markers were usually trees with reference made to owners of adjoining land. Without tracing the property, in the records, to the present owners, it is difficult to pinpoint



the land bought or sold.

Let us look at these deeds. Not any of them in full detail from tree to tree, but in sufficient depth to get an idea of the operation and the land value.

Deed Book 3 page 18.

Otey Prosser on 6 January 1794 sold to Valentine Wysong of Botetourt County, Virginia, for the sum of 100 pounds current money of Virginia, 180 acres lying in the county of Franklin, formerly Bedford, being all the land on the North side of the road as it now runs that James Poteet bought of Colonel William Meade 30 years ago and known by the name of Poteet Old Place and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a Black Oak on the main road thence to a hickory in the patent line thence North 25 degrees West one hundred and six poles to a White Oak thence South 24 degrees West 120 poles to a White Oak thence South 33 degrees east 90 poles to main road thence down the road as it now runs to the first station. etc, etc.

Book 3 page 339 Franklin County, Virginia Property records on April 4, 1796 Daniel Cliborne sold to Valentine Wysong of Franklin County for six pounds a tract of six acres more or less on the waters of Indian Run etc, etc and down the same as it meanders to the beginning etc. At court held in April 1796 by Franklin County this indenture was acknowledged by the within named Daniel Cliborne to be his act and deed and was ordered recorded. Deed Book #3 page 389 4 April 1796 John Cliborne and his wife Mary etc. 3 acres for 3 pounds etc.

Book 3 page 667. William Drake and Nancy his wife of Franklin County, Virginia sold to Valentine Wysong of same county for 40 pounds current money of Virginia for 33 acres lying on the waters of Indian Run near old Poteet Place dated and approved by Court of Franklin County, Virginia, October 1789.

Book 4 page 95. On 6th day of July 1801 Caleb Kitchen and Mary his wife of Franklin County, Virginia sold to Valentine Wysong for 65 pounds current money on the north side of Gills Creek 97 acres. etc, etc.

In the index to grantors deeds

Valentine Wysong to Thomas Arrington Book 5 50  
Valentine Wysong to Abraham Custard Book 5 page 642

Valentine Wysong to Valentine Oyler Book 7 page 66

Deed Book 5 page 50.

26 January 1805 Valentine Wysong and wife Eli-

zabeth for 75 pounds one shilling lawful money of Virginia sold to Thomas Arrington land of Franklin County on the Waters of Gills Creek adjoining the tract of land where Arrington now lives etc, etc 79 acres. Recorded 4 February 1805

Deed Book 5 Page 642

28 September 1809 Valentine Wysong and his wife Elizabeth Wysong sold to Abraham Custard for 325 pounds current money of Virginia containing  $9\frac{1}{2}$  acres lying on Big Branch with a mill seat upon it etc, etc.

Signed Valentine Wysong and Betsey Wysong (her mark) Recorded 2 October 1809.

Book 7 Page 66 Deeds of Franklin County Va.  
Rocky Mount Virginia  
April 18, 1803

Daniel French and Mildred his wife and Valentine Wysong and Elizabeth his wife sold to Valentine Oyler, all of Franklin County, Virginia for 85 pounds current money of Virginia one tract of land lying on both sides of the main road on the waters of Gills Creek containing 48 acres etc, etc.

Signed by Daniel French Senior and Mildred French (her mark), Valentine Wysong and Elizabeth Wysong.

Recorded June 6, 1803.

An analysis of these transactions reveals that most of the land was sold for one pound per acre.

Two tracts did sell for much higher price than the one pound per acre. The  $9\frac{1}{2}$  acres with the mill site sold for 325 pounds or 315 pounds for the mill site and 10 pounds for the land. The plot sold to Oyler was 85 pounds for 48 acres, nearly two pounds per acre. It is presumed that buildings, fencing etc. could have made that tract more valuable.

To get an idea of the value of a pound at about this time there was a court action in Augusta County, Virginia, where an estate was settled in 1823 and the conversion rate was given in that case at \$3.33 per pound. Court case 195 ns Augusta County, Staunton Virginia.

A search of the marriage records of Franklin County Recorders Office Rocky Mount Virginia shows:

Marriage book #1. Page 110. Wysong, Valentine, and Mary Altick were issued a marriage bond on 21 December 1798. The name of the Surety was John Altick. The Minister was Horatio Burns. The date of marriage was 1 January 1799.

Page 110 in this marriage bond book #1 for Franklin County, Virginia shows an index



to marriage bonds as follows:

Wysong Henry - Catherine Dodd 1811  
 Wysong Henry Jr. - Kathlene Oyler 1814  
 Wysong Jacob - Mymey Cotteral 1801  
 Wysong Jacob - Polly Hopkins 1815  
 Wysong Jr. - Susannah Kitchen 1808

There are later Wysong men marriages starting in 1842.

In the female section of the marriage bond we find: Mary Ann Wysong marriage bond # 3664 to Scott, Hulemen dated January 28, 1831. Parents: Henry and Catherine Wysong, Name of Surety Sanford Scott. Date of marriage Febuary 1, 1831 Minister Moses Greer.

The U.S. Census for 1810 for Franklin County, Virginia Micro Roll 68 starting on page 8 and continuing for several pages.

Head of Family.	Free White Males:					Females free white				
	to 10	16	26	over:	45	to 10	16	26	over	45
Jos Wysong	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
J. Wysong Sr.	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0
Val Wysong	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Jos Altick	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Abr Altick	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0
John Altick	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
J. Altick Sr.	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Sol Altick	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Jac. Altick	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
John Altick	3	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	4	0
Dan. Altick	2	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	4	0

From this U.S. Census report for Franklin County, Virginia for 1810 we find that Valentine Wysong is still living in the County. This must be Valentine and his wife Elizabeth Wysong who moved to this county in 1794 since he and his wife are over 45 years of age, in this Census.

Their family now consists of 4 boys and one girl. All of the children are 10 or over and one boy is 16 years of age.

Valentine and his wife Mary Altick Wysong are not in the Census for Franklin County, Virginia for the year 1810.

There are only three Wysong families in the 1810 Census for this county. Joseph Wysong Senior, Joseph Wysong Junior and his wife Susannah Kitchen Wysong who were married in 1808 and the Valentine and Elizabeth Wysong family. Mary Altick Wysong's father, John Altick Sr., is still living here in 1810. He and his wife are both over 45 years of age. They have a girl under 10 years of age living with them.

As can be seen there are many other Altick families living here in 1810. It would

appear that the family name in 1971 is spelled Altice. There are many of this name in the phone book in 1971 for Franklin County, Virginia, but none Altick.

Some time after 1810 Valentine Wysong and his wife Elizabeth and family moved on west from Franklin County Virginia. They no doubt stopped in Preble County, Ohio to visit their son Valentine and Mary Altick Wysong and then went on to Randolph County, Indiana. Here he settled down, established a brick kiln and plyed his trade as a brick mason. He constructed the Court House at Winchester, Indiana. He died there in 1824.

Family Group Record:

Husband Valentine Wysong

Born: 1756 in York County, Pennsylvania

Married: 1777 York County, Pennsylvania

Died: Winchester, Indiana, Randolph County

Date of Death: 1824

Father: Ludwig Wysong

Mother: Mary ?

Wife: Elizabeth ?? (Note • Supposedly Albright not proven or verified)

Born: York County, Pennsylvania

Father: Not identified

Mother: Not identified

Children:

	Born	Died
1. Valentine Wysong	1778	1853 Ohio
2. Lewis Wysong	1784	1864
3. Catherine Wysong	1786	1870 July 17
4. Joseph H. Wysong	1788	1854
5. Elizabeth Wysong	1792	1857
6. John Wysong	1796	
7. Henry Wysong	1798	1827 Oct. 22
8. Jacob Wysong	1799	1863 in Mo.
9. David Wysong	1799	1878 Ind.

Valentine Wysong married Mary Altick in Franklin County, Virginia in 1799. Lewis Wysong married Eleanor Burk Wright in Franklin County, Virginia

Catherine Wysong married Valentine Oyler

Elizabeth Wysong married John Oyler

Source of information: Refus C. Wysong, Lake Panasoffkee, FL 32538

## CHAPTER 4

### THE FAMILY OF LEWIS WYSONG

Lewis Wysong is the son of Valentine and Elizabeth Wysong. He was ten years of age when his parents moved to Franklin County, Virginia. Here he grew up and on the 21 March 1842 married Eleanor Burk Wright.

He lived in Franklin County, Virginia all of his life. He was a farmer and grist mill operator.

#### Family group record:

Husband: Lewis Wysong

Born: York County, Pennsylvania 1784

Married: 21 March 1842 in Franklin County, Virginia

Died: Franklin County, Virginia 1864

Buried: Lynville Creek Franklin County, Virginia

Father: Valentine Wysong

Mother: Elizabeth (Albright but this is not verified)

Wife: Eleanor Burk Wright, school teacher

Born: 22 May 1822 in Franklin County, Virginia

Died: 16 February 1898 Greensboro, North Carolina

Buried: Troutville, Virginia

Father: James Wright, Farmer 1788-1870

Mother: -- Gaynor 1790-1859

#### Children:

1. Nanny May Wysong 1843-1914 married Joseph Payne
2. Elizabeth Ann Wysong 1844- 1916 married Richard Phillips
3. Gordon Wysong 1847-1875
4. Sarah Adeline Wysong 1849-1944 married John W. Morgan
5. Don Pedro Alvarado Wysong 1851-1941 married Dora Stewart
6. Rufus Choate Wysong 11/14/1860-12/28/1945
7. Pocahontas Wysong 1853-1921 married H.S. Gardner
8. William Henry Wysong 1854-1895
9. James Lewis Wysong 1857-1940 married Carner and Howle, two marriages
10. Olmedo Cortez Wysong 1863-1918 married Fannie Barringer

This family lived in Franklin County, Vir-

ginia 1864

Family Group Record:

Husband: Rufus Choate Wysong, Locomotive Engineer

Born 14 November 1860 Franklin County, Virginia

Died: 28 December 1945 Cedartown, Georgia

Father: Lewis Wysong

Mother: Eleanor Burk Wright

Wife: Mamie Guille (First wife)

Born: 4 March 1863

Died: 10 August 1893

Married: 29 June 1887 in Charleston, South Carolina

Father: John P. Guille, Carpenter

Born: 1813 on the Isle of Sark

Died: 13 June 1893 Buried Florence, South Carolina

Mother: Not identified

Children:

1. Alta Eleanor Wysong 1888-1919 married Charlie Hilton
2. Hazeline Otey Wysong 1889-1966 married Samuel Allred
3. Herbert Guy Wysong Born 29 March 1891-Died 2 September 1891
4. Rufus Choate Wysong II - Born 6 October 1892 at Florence South Carolina

Secound Wife - Tallulah Allen

Born: 29 January 1872 Latta, South Carolina

Died: 23 June 1946 in Latta, South Carolina buried in Cedartown, Georgia

Married: 28 March 1894

Children:

5. William Henry Wysong 1895-1944 married Dessie Reid

Family Group Record:

Husband: Rufus Choate Wysong II, mechanical engineer and executive director of Sumter County Water Control Board, Florida

Born: 6 October 1892 Florence, South Carolina

Married: 6 October 1915 Washington, D. C.

Father: Rufus Choate Wysong I

Mother: Mamie Guille

Wife: Louise Davis (First wife)

Born: 25 May 1891

Father: Ivins Davis, born in Tennessee

Mother: Not identified

Children:

1. Louise Ivins Wysong 12 March 1917 Washington D. C.
2. Mary Alta Wysong 14 November 1918 Washington D. C.
3. Rufus Choate Wysong III 6 December 1920 Akron, Ohio

Second Wife: Elsie Grace Baylor married 15 May

1935 at Marcellus, Kentucky  
 Born: 14 December 1903 Ripley County, Indiana  
 Father: Charles Walker Baylor, Road Builder  
 Mother: Anna Buchold  
 Children: None by Second marriage  
 Family Group Record:  
 Husband: Roswell B. Kleving, technical engineer  
 Born: 15 October 1917 Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Married: 22 October 1938 at Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Died: 15 August 1967 at Phoenix, Arizona  
 Mother: Alma Volz, Father: Benjamin Kelving  
 Wife: Louise Ivins Wysong  
 Born: 12 March 1917 at Washington D.C.  
 Father: Rufus Choate Wysong II  
 Mother: Louise Davis  
 Children:  
 1. Kay Eileen Kleving 1 August 1939 Cincinnati, Ohio  
 2. Michael Ivins Kleving 16 June 1941 Washington D.C.  
 3. Thomas Benjamin Kleving 31 March 1946 Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Family Group Record:  
 Husband: Marvin Weide  
 Married: 18 September 1959 at Phoenix, Arizona  
 no other data  
 Wife: Kay Eileen Kleving  
 Born: 1 August 1939 at Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Father: Rosewell B. Kleving  
 Mother: Louise Ivins Wysong  
 Children:  
 1. Michael Benjamin Weide born 10 December 1960  
 Second Husband: Wayne Myer, Bank Trust Officer  
 Born 4 July 1936  
 Married: 13 October 1962 at Phoenix, Arizona  
 Children: By adoption  
 1. Maria Louise Myer 26 September 1963  
 Family Group Record:  
 Husband: Michael Ivins Kleving, electrician  
 Born: 16 June 1941 at Washington D.C.  
 Married: 1 March 1968 at Phoenix, Arizona  
 Father: Roswell B. Kleving  
 Mother: Louise Ivins Wysong  
 Wife: Eloise Kim Bonertz  
 no other data  
 Children:  
 1. Paul Edward Kleving 9 March 1970  
 Family Group Record:  
 Husband: Francis Smith, Attorney (first husband)  
 Married: 6 August 1938  
 Wife: Mary Alta Wysong  
 Born: 14 November 1918 Washington D.C.  
 Father: Rufus Choate Wysong, II  
 Mother: Louise Davis

Children:  
 1. JoAnn Smith 2 July 1939  
 Second Husband: Leon Chatelain, Jr. Architect  
 Born: 8 March 1902  
 Married: 14 February 1945 Washington D.C.  
 No other data  
 Children:  
 1. Leon Chatelain, III 30 August 1945  
 JoAnn Smith adopted by Leon Chatelain  
 Family Group Record:  
 Husband: Leon Chatelain, III Architect  
 Born: 30 August 1945  
 Married: 28 June 1969 Washington D.C..  
 Father: Leon Chatelain II  
 Mother: Mary Alta Wysong  
 Wife: Patricia Jane Harding  
 Father: Not identified  
 Mother: Not identified  
 Children: None in 1971  
 Family Group Record:  
 Husband: Peter Marley Wood  
 Married: 15 May 1971 Washington D.C..  
 no other data  
 Wife: JoAnn Smith Chatelain  
 Born: 2 July 1939  
 Father: Leon Chatelain (Francis Smith)  
 Mother: Mary Alta Wysong  
 Children: None in 1971  
 Family Group Record:  
 Husband: Rufus Choate Wysong III Construction  
 Engineer  
 Born: 6 December 1920 Akron, Ohio  
 Married: 19 April 1942 Washington, D.C.  
 Father: Rufus Choate Wysong, II  
 Mother: Louise Davis  
 Wife: Jeanne Corning  
 Born: 19 March 1922  
 Father: Not identified  
 Mother: Not identified  
 Children:  
 1. Rufus Choate Wysong, IV 16 July 1944 Washin-  
 gton D.C. Plumber  
 2. John Parker Wysong 9 April 1947 Washington  
 D.C. Athletic Director  
 3. Jeannie Wysong 4 February 1951 Washington, D.C.  
 Family Group Record:  
 Husband: John Parker Wysong  
 Born: 9 April 1947  
 Married: 13 July 1968 Washington, D.C.  
 Father: Rufus Choate Wysong III  
 Mother: Jeanne Corning  
 Wife: Christina Marie Villines  
 No other data  
 Children:  
 1. Donna Wysong 28 December 1968 Ashland, Va.

2. Mike Rufus Wysong 5 March 1971 (one of twins)

3. Mark Wysong 5 March 1971 (one of twins)

Family Group Record:  
Husband: Larry Owen Sions, Barber  
Married: 1 May 1967  
no other data  
Wife: Jeannie Wysong  
Born: 4 Febuary 1951 Washington, D.C.  
Father: Rufus Choate Wysong, III  
Mother: Jeanne Corning  
Children:  
1. Christopher Owen Sions 1 November 1967  
Rufus Choate Wysong IV not married in 1971  
Source of Information: All of the information in this chapter on the family of Lewis Wysong and all of his descendents was obtained from Rufus Choate and Elsie Grace Baylor Wysong who reside in Lake Panasoffkee, Florida on November 29, 1971

## CHAPTER 5

### THE FAMILY OF VALENTINE AND MARY ALTICK WYSONG.

Valentine Wysong was born in York County, Pennsylvania in 1778, the son of Valentine Wysong and Elizabeth Wysong. When he was about sixteen years of age the family moved to Franklin County, Virginia, near Rocky Mount. This was in 1794. Here he grew up and by the records in the Court House in Rocky Mount for Franklin County, Virginia, he married Mary Altick.

Marriage Bond Book #1 Franklin County, Virginia page 110 we find: Wysong Valentine and Mary Altick marriage bond granted December 21, 1798. Name of Surety John Altick. Minister Horatio Burns. Date of Marriage January 1, 1799.

Some time later Valentine and Mary Altick Wysong moved to Ohio where his son David Wysong was born in 1811. No definite time of this move was discovered.

The given name of Valentine is not common as this is written in 1971. However this has not always been true in America.

If we consult Rupp, 30,000 Immigrants to Pennsylvania 1727-1776, Library of Congress file F 152 R 9614: 1965, on page 495 we find the following: Definition of Valentine: Strong: Powerful: A man of Valor: One of Strong affections. A search of the records of Preble County Court House, Eaton, Ohio, lists 11 Wysongs with the given name of Valentine. There are many other given names of the Wysong family such as Simon, Joseph, David, George, Charles, Jacob, Henry, and Fayette. But none equaled in number the given of Valentine in frequency during this period. These 11 Valentine were contemporaries between 1820 and 1870.

Among the Wysong wives the name Mary, Marie, Mariah had no peer. If you happened to be looking for Valentine Wysong and his wife Mary you had a problem to keep the parties straight.

In talking to George Pendleton Wysong of Stillwater Oklahoma he told us of his father, David Wysong and his Grandfather also David Wysong who's wife was Sarah Cook Wysong. George had known both families well, David and Amanda



Waggoner Wysong being his father and mother and David and Sarah Cook Wysong his grandparents. George Pendleton Wysong and both David Wysong's were born in Preble County, Ohio.

In starting this study we proceeded to Preble County, Ohio and to the Library of Congress and the U.S. Census in the Archives for reports of the time that the David Wysongs lived in Preble County, Ohio. Having found the U.S. Census reports for Ohio and Preble County for the years 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 and the David Wysong families for 1850, 1860 and 1870 we examined them closely.

We knew that David Wysong had married Sarah Cook - we have her personal bible in our files and looking at this David Wysongs 1860 U.S. Census we found that his mother Mariah who was born in Virginia in 1776 living with her son David and Sarah Cook Wysong.

This was a break indeed to find the given name of a mother. It should be easy to find the father's given name. Here is where we ran into all of the Mariah Wysong's. Some were widows, others were parts of families. Just too many Mariah's at one time.

A look at the property records of that time was equally confusing. As is our custom we always visit all the home sites possible of all ancestors. We searched for the property owned by David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong in Preble County, Ohio and found no record of any property owned by them.

A search was made of the property records of land owned by David and Sarah Cook Wysong. Here we found a warranty deed in Volume 40, page 390 Preble County County House, Eaton, Ohio. The grantor was Valentine Wysong and wife. The grantee was David Wysong. It was recorded in Volume 40 pages 390 and 391. It was a warranty deed for all of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ -Section 15 T6 R3 and dated April 18, 1851.

In looking up this reference it was found to be an original entry for this one fourth section of land. There was no record in the court house that it had ever been deeded prior to this deed.

Extracts from this deed:

Valentine Wysong Senior and his wife Mariah sold to David Wysong Senior for the sum of \$3500.00. All of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 15 T6, R3. Deed was presented December 18, 1852 and recorded January 4, 1853. The deed was dated April 18, 1851. This warranty deed was witnessed by Stephen Wright and Henry Wysong.

This deed definitely fixes Valentine Wy-

song and his wife Mariah, the same Mariah of the 1860 U.S. Census, as the parents of David Wysong. The deed discloses that there was a Valentine Wysong Senior and Junior, that there was a David Wysong Senior and Junior and it was witnessed by a Henry Wysong, most probably another son of Valentine and Mariah Wysong.

Preble County, Ohio, records do not show how or when Valentine and wife Mariah obtained this land. The title has stood the test of time for over 100 years hence it was a valid title to that land.

Preble County, Ohio was formed from part of Montgomery County, Ohio. A visit to Montgomery County Court House at Dayton, Ohio, where we received wonderful help from the Montgomery County Recorder did not reveal any title to Section 15, T6 R3 ever having been recorded in that office. We were informed that the original U.S. Land Office for Ohio was located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

We journeyed on to Cincinnati and again found no entry for this land. Having read many times about the early land titles to Ohio: Indiana and Illinois being in the Court House of Augusta County, Virginia, at Staunton, Virginia we journeyed to Staunton, Virginia and again visited that interesting Court House. Inquiry there developed the fact that all old records in Virginia had recently been assembled in the Virginia Archives Building in Richmond, Virginia.

Having traveled this far on our inquest it was decided to go on to Richmond, Virginia, and its Archives. This is a pleasant and helpful organization. In consulting with one of their staff a map was produced showing the areas in the State of Ohio where Virginia and Connecticut and the U.S. Government had given the original patents to land. A close inspection of this map revealed that the state of Virginia had given no patents in Preble County, Ohio.

The Archives staff found that all the land in present Preble County, Ohio, had been patented by the U.S. Government. That a record of all of these U.S. Government patents was concentrated in the Secretary of State's Office; Columbus, Ohio.

When we started to find out when and who issued the Patent to Valentine Wysong we were about 100 miles from Columbus, Ohio, in the Court House at Eaton, Ohio. We had to return to Eaton, Ohio, for other search items so we decided to go to Columbus, Ohio, to determine when Valentine obtained his patent to his farm. Ag-

ain we saw a lot of beautiful country! Columbus was crowded as usual.

The Secretary of State's Land Office was in the basement of the Capitol Building. Their clerks were most helpful.

We informed them of our wants. They strode over to some shelves, took down a very large tome and turned to the index. This index showed Valentine Wysong to be on page 185. Here we read: United States patent to Valentine Wysong June 3, 1818 U.S. Lands west of the Miami River, 8 ranges East Patented 158.70 acres NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 15. After so many days time and miles of travel we had our data. Valentine and Mariah receive this land in 1818, they sold it to one of their sons in 1852 and Mariah was still living on this farm at the time of the 1860 Census. It was home to her, having lived on it at least 42 years from 1818 to 1860.

Now let us examine the U.S. Census reports for Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio.

1820 U.S. Census Micro film 95 page 101

Head of Family: Valentine Wysong

Age	Male	Female
5-10	1	0
16-26	2	2
26-45	1	1

Employed in agriculture 2 Manufacturing 1

As we can see this is a family with five children and the husband and wife both nearing 45 years of age.

The 1830 U.S. Census report Twin Township Preble County, Ohio Micro film roll 138 page 390. Head of Household: Valentine Wysong

Age	Male	Female
under 5	0	1
15-20	1	0
20-30	0	1
50-60	1	1

The youngest son is still at home. Apparently a daughter and a grand daughter are at home;

The 1830 Federal Population Census, Ohio, Volume 2 Index. Library of Congress File F 490 Q363 has the following Wysongs listed in this index:

Wisong Charles page 298 Perry Township Montgomery County

Wisong Henry page 298 Perry Township Montgomery County

Wisong Jacob page 297 Perry Township Montgomery County

Wisong Jacob page 298 Perry Township Montgomery County

Wisong John page 298 Vermillion TWP Clinton County.

Wisong Joseph page 247 Vermillion TWP Clinton County  
 Wisong Joseph page 297 Perry TWP Montgomery County  
 Wysong Christopher page 349 Gratis TWP Preble County  
 Wysong Fayette page 289 Twin TWP Preble County  
 Wysong Henry page 392 Twin TWP Preble County  
 Wysong Valentine page 390 Twin TWP Preble County.

All of these were heads of families. Montgomery County and Preble County lie side by side. In fact Preble was created from part of Montgomery County in 1808.

We next turn to the 1840 U.S. Census for Twin Township Preble County, Ohio Micro film roll 421 page 134.

Head of the Family Valentine Wysong:

Age	Male	Female
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10-15	0	1
60-70	1	1

Agriculture 1, manufacturing and trades 1. It would appear that Valentine was farming and also in some type of manufacturing or trade. This notation has appeared in many of his census reports. It was not discovered what he did besides farm his 158.70 acre farm.

It would also appear that his wife Mariah or Mary was one year older than Valentine, from a study of the census reports.

The search for the 1850 U.S. Census report for Twin Township, Preble County, with the Valentine Wysong family showing thereon was not successful. We know that Valentine and his wife Mariah were still living for they sold their farm to their son David Wysong and his wife Sarah Cook Wysong in 1851. The whereabouts of Valentine and Mariah in 1850 is unknown to us since they missed the U.S. Census report for Ohio.

The next U.S. Census report that this family appears in is for the year 1860. Valentine has apparently passed away. His widow Mariah does appear on this census, this time living with her son David and Sarah Cook Wysong.

U.S. Census Report for Twin Township Preble County, Ohio 14 June 1860 Micro film File # 1026 page 34 Line No. 3.

David Wysong 49 Male Farmer Born Ohio  
 Sarah Wysong 50 Female Born Ohio  
 Simon Wysong 19 Male Born Ohio  
 Magdalena Parssley 30 Female Born Ohio  
 Maria Wysong 83 Female Born Virginia

If Maria was 83 years of age in 1860 she must have been born in 1777. The state of her nativity is given as Virginia.

Here we also note that David, Mariah's son was born in 1811 in Ohio and that his wife Sarah Cook Wysong was born in 1810 in Ohio. This David Wysong, in this census report, is the son of Valentine and Mariah Wysong and the person who purchased Valentine and Mariah's farm in 1851. He was born in 1811, according to this census, and in the State of Ohio. That definitely places Valentine and Mariah in Ohio in 1811, seven years prior to the time they purchased the 158.70 acres farm from the Government in Twin Township Preble County, Ohio the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 15, T6 R3 in 1818.

No record was found of their travels since leaving Franklin County, Virginia some time after their marriage and the date of their son's birth in Ohio in 1811. No record was found as to their whereabouts until 1818 when they purchased the farm in Twin Township, Preble County. They lived in Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio, from 1818 until their death.

No further census records or other records of any kind was found of Mariah. It is presumed that she passed away prior to 1865, the year that David and Sarah Cook Wysong moved to Indiana.

The 1860 U.S. Census shows Mariah to have been born in Virginia in 1777. The previous U.S. Census reports would indicate that Mariah was just older than her husband Valentine.

In later U.S. Census reports for David Wysong he will report his father Valentine Wysong as being born in Virginia on the 1870 U.S. Census and Pennsylvania in the 1880 report. In 1870 David Wysong was getting along in years, or the U.S. Census taker could have written the wrong state for the birth place of David's father Valentine, which is Pennsylvania without doubt.

The farm of Valentine and Mary Altick Wysong in Twin Township Preble County, Ohio, lies just one mile from the county line of Preble and Montgomery Counties, Ohio.

If we examine the U.S. Census reports of Perry Township in Montgomery County we could find a trace of some of their married children.

The 1860 U.S. Census for Perry Township Montgomery County, Ohio Micro film roll 1014 shows: Head of Family Valentine Wysong.

Valentine Wysong	age	49	M
Lydia Wysong	age	40	F
Tyglman Wysong	age	20	M

Eliza Wysong Age 17 F  
 Amanda Wysong Age 15 F  
 Sarah Wysong Age 12 F  
 Tilda Wysong Age 8 F

We find that Valentine Wysong 49 years of age in 1860. That would make him born in the year 1811, the same year as his brother David Wysong. Whether they were twins or one born in January, as David was, and the other being born in November or December is not known.

Since this Valentine Wysong lived in Perry Township of Montgomery County he was not over 10 miles from his parents at the most. While we are examining the Perry Township Montgomery County U.S. Census reports for 1860 going through the entire micro film roll 1014 looking for Wysong families we find the following in addition to Valentine Wysong as given above.

1. John Wysong and Emaline Wysong both 28 years of age. With two children and a Jesse D. Wysong age 30.
2. Harrisong Wysong 32 and Elizabeth Wysong 25 with seven children.
3. Stephen Wysong 28 and Susan Wysong 22 with no children
4. Albany Wysong 31 and Mary A. Wysong 25 with three children.

It is not known what relationship the last four Wysong families above bear to the Wysong clan that we are writing about. Since they live near the Wysong settlement in Preble County, being separated only by a county road, they undoubtedly are members of the same group.

Valentine and his wife Mariah do not seem to have had a very large family. None of the Census reports from 1820 to 1840 show more than three sons and two daughters ever living with the family when a census was taken.

Family Group Record:

Husband: Valentine Wysong  
 Born: 1778 in York County, Pennsylvania.  
 Married: 1799 in Franklin County, Virginia.  
 Died: 1853 in Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio.

Father: Valentine Wysong

Mother: Elizabeth ?

Wife: Mary Altick

Born: 1777 Franklin County, Virginia.

Died: Twin Township Preble County, Ohio 1865?

Father: John Altick

Mother: not known

Children: (not in order of age)

1. Valentine Wysong Born 1811
2. David Wysong Born Ohio, 1811



3. Henry Wysong
4. Mary Ann Wysong
5. A daughter. Name unknown

No written record could be found of any other children of Valentine and Mariah Wysong. Wysong family lore would indicate a large family. The U.S. Census reports and the absence of any written indications would limit this family to five children at the most. That lived to maturity.

There is a marriage record in the Probate Judges Office, Preble County Court House, Eaton, Ohio showing a Mary Ann Wysong married a Patrick Mulryne on 3 May 1851. The Mary Ann Wysong of David and Sarah Cook Wysong listed in the U.S. Census report of 1850 for Preble County, Ohio was listed as being 4 years of age. Since a Mary Ann Wysong married Patrick Mulryne on 3 May 1851 it could hardly be the Mary Ann Wysong of David and Sarah Cook Wysong being married at five years of age. So the Mary Ann Wysong that married Patrick Mulryne in 1851 was the daughter of Valentine and Maria Altick Wysong and the aunt of the Mary Ann Wysong born to David and Sarah Cook Wysong in 1846.

Source of Information: Property records recorded here in U.S. Census reports for Twin Township Preble County, Ohio 1830, 1830, 1850 and 1860. Letter from W. H. Wysong, Mayfield Village, Ohio 27 October 1971. Letter from Rufus Wysong Lake Panasoffkee, Florida, 28 October 1971. Marriage records Franklin County, Virginia.

## CHAPTER 6

### THE FAMILY OF DAVID AND SARAH COOK WYSONG

We are now coming to a family that has left many records. Some few tie into his father and mother Valentine and Mariah Wysong. Many are about his own family and the places where the family lived.

By the 1850 and the 1860 U.S. Census reports of Preble County, Ohio, David was born in Ohio in 1811. When he was seven years old his father purchased the 158.70 acres, the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 15, R6, T3 in Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio. This was in 1818. The land had just been opened for purchase for the real estate records of Preble County in the Court House at Eaton, Ohio shows that the other three quarter sections of Section 15 were purchased in 1819, 1820 and 1823 from the Federal Government.

Valentine Wysong, the father of David Wysong never recorded the purchase of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15 with the County Recorder. David Wysong however recorded that he purchased the old home farm from his parents, in 1852 in the Preble County Recorders Office, Eaton, Ohio and it is recorded in Volume 40, page 390 in warranty deeds.

We may as well examine the real estate transactions in Preble County, Ohio, first.

By the warranty deed book 40, page 390 we find that Valentine Wysong Senior and his wife Mariah, releasing all rights and expectations of Dower, sold to David Wysong Senior the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 15, T6, R3, a total of 158.70 acres for \$3500.00 on April 18, 1851. As part of the transaction David Wysong gave to Valentine Wysong a promisory note in the value of \$1,000.00.

In Warranty Deed Book 56 page 125 David and Sarah Cook Wysong sold 158.70 acres of land, the Ne  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 15, T6, R3 to Joseph Markey on 4 April 1865 for \$8700.00. The farm they purchased from Valentine.

This farm of 158.70 acres lies 4 miles north and two miles east of the present city of West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio. The ground gently slopes from the East to the West.

It is relatively level and as of 1971 it is all under cultivation except for the house and barn plat of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre on the west edge of the property near its southern boundary. It can be aptly described as part of the Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, bread basket of America.

A search of the U.S. Census reports for Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio failed to show the family of David Wysong and his wife Sarah Cook Wysong prior to the 1850 U.S. Census. Just where the family was in the years 1830 and 1840 when the U.S. Census was taken is not known, but most likely they were in Montgomery County where Sarah Cook Wysong's parents were living at that time. We just did not find those Census reports for this family.

However the U.S. Census reports for Twin Township Preble County, Ohio for 1850, Micro film roll 723 page 855 shows their complete family.

Head of Family David Wysong:  
David Wysong age 40 Farmer Born Ohio  
Sarah Wysong age 41 born Ohio  
Henry Wysong age 20 Farmer born Ohio  
Valentine Wysong age 18 Farmer born Ohio  
Lewis Wysong age 16 Farmer Born Ohio  
David Wysong age 12 Born Ohio  
Simon Wysong age 10 Born Ohio  
Mary Ann Wysong age 4 Born Ohio  
Abner Wysong age 2 Born Ohio

If these ages are correct then David Wysong was born in 1810. Sarah Cook Wysong in 1809 Henry in 1830, Valentine in 1832, Lewis in 1834, David Jr. in 1838, Simon in 1840, Mary Ann in 1846 and Abner in 1848.

Since the oldest child Henry was born in 1830 David and Sarah Cook were most probably married in 1829??

This Census record shows that Sarah Cook Wysong was born in Ohio in the year 1809. Family lore avers that Sarah Cook was born in Highland County, Ohio. A check of the Highland County U.S. Census reports shows that for Liberty Township Highland County, Ohio, Micro film 92 for 1820, page 47, shows John Cook as the head of a family with 5 males and five females in the family. In 1830 this family was living in Montgomery County, Ohio.

The next U.S. Census that shows the David and Sarah Cook Wysong family is that for Twin Township Preble County, Ohio for the year 1860 Micro film #1026 page 34 dated June 14, 1860.

This Census shows dwellings in order of enumeration and visitation. This shows # 250

to be David Wysong 22 years old, male, farmer, born in Ohio and Amanda Wysong 26 years old, female, born, in Ohio and the next house in order of visitation #251 to be David Wysong 49, male; farmer; 6000.00 value of real estate, 10 00.00 value of personal estate: born in Ohio. Sarah Wysong 50, female, born in Ohio, Simon Wysong 19 male; Ohio, Magdaline Pressly 30 female, Ohio, Marie Wysong 83 female, born in Virginia.

Since these were houses numbers 250 and 251 in order of visitation we can presume that David and Amanda Wysong and David and Sarah Wysong lived near each other. There is one more bit of data on this Census Report. Married within the year was shown for both David Wysong and Amanda Wysong. That would place their marriage in 1859 .

The U.S. Census for 1860 shows all of the children of David and Sarah Cook Wysong, except Simon, have left their home. This being so and it being after 1850 we should expect to find some records of their marriages in Preble County House in Eaton, Ohio.

In the probate judges office we find the record of marriages in Preble County, Ohio; Here we find a marriage lisenice issued to David Wysong and Amanda Waggoner on October 5, 1859 and a certificate of marriage issued by Johnston McLean, J.P. that they were married on the 9th day of Octoer A.D. 1859. We also find that Simon Wysong married Sarah A. Fritz on 25 Febuary 1881 as recorded in marriage book 4, page 340.

There is one other marriage record that could cause some confusion as to identities. There is a marriage record of a Mary Ann Wysong and Patrick Mulryne married on 3 May 1851. The Mary Ann of David Wysong and Sarah Cook Wysong family was born in 1846 and at the Census report of 1850 for Preble County, Ohio was listed as being 4 years of age. Since Mary Ann Wysong married Patrick Mulryne on 3 May 1851 it could hardly be the Mary Ann Wysong of David and Sarah Cook Wysong being married at five years of age. Family lore has it that Mary Ann Wysong and Abner Wysong of David and Sarah Cook Wysong family died in Ohio in childhood. Later on in this history we will find that neither of these two children were included in the heirs of the estate of David Wysong and Sarah Cook Wysong when it was settled in 1888.

In the death records we find that a son, Simon Wysong, died on 6 June 1904 in Twin Township Preble County, Ohio from insanity as stat-

ed in the death certificate.

In the account above we found that David Wysong and his wife Sarah Cook Wysong sold the 158 acres he purchased from his father to James Markey in April of 1865. It is presumed that his mother had passed away before 1865, their children had mostly established homes of their own and David and his wife were free to travel. In the U.S. Census for 1870 we find David and Sarah in Clinton Township, Elkhart County, Indiana. Film roll 312 Indiana, Volume 8 (162 - 505) page 50.

David Wysong 59 years old Male, white, farmer \$6000.00

Sarah Wysong 60 years old, female, white, cannot write

Henry Wysong 40 years old, male, white, farmer, \$1500.00

Alice Wysong 14 years old, female cannot read or write

Orion Wysong 4 years old, male, white

All were born in Ohio except Orion who was born in Indiana.

Here we find David and Sarah Cook Wysong and their oldest son Henry. Two children of Henry's are also living with the family. Henry had apparently lived in Indiana since 1866 for his son Orion was born in Indiana.

Henry's wife was not listed in this Census. We have no knowledge of Henry's wife other than a name of Sarah Elizabeth in 188 when David's estate was settled.

To complete the U.S. Census reports of David and Sarah Cook Wysong. In 1880 we find the family still in Clinton Township, Elkhart County, Indiana. Film roll 275 1880 Volume 9 Elkhart County 91-552 page 42.

David Wissong White Male 69 farmer.

Sarah Wissong White, female 70 wife keeping house

Place of birth for both Ohio

Place of birth of fathers of both persons, Pennsylvania

Place of birth of Mother: David, Virginia;

Sarah in Pennsylvania.

Here we find David stating that his father was born in Pennsylvania, and his mother Mariah in Virginia. This is a good check on the place of birth of Valentine, David's father.

A search of the property records of Elkhart County at Goshen, Indiana, shows that David Wysong purchased the following:

General Index to deeds Elkhart County, Goshen, Indiana page 652 Volume 3 1863-1871 Grantee;

David Wysong W2 SE4 Section 233 Township 36

range 7,80 acres 15 September 1867. Date of record 14 April 1867 Volume 30 page 555. Plus W2W2 Ne 4 Section 4 Township 36 Range 7,31½ acres. Price for the 111½ acres paid \$5,500.00. All of the above was recorded 15 September 1865. Since this was recorded in 1865 with a date of record in 1865 with a date of record of 1867 it would appear that the contract was made in 1865 and that David took possession in 1867.

The actual date of his move from Preble County, Ohio to Elkhart County, Indiana, is not known. The move was most probably consummated sometime during the above two years.

A look at the Elkhart County, Indiana, Road Map, 1970, shows the above land to be on County Road No. 42 exactly one mile west of Millersburg, Elkhart County, and three miles north and six and one half miles west of Ligonier, Noble County, Indiana.

A visit to this farm site shows the farm house no longer exists. The land lays flat and smooth. It looks like it was very highly productive, judging from the crops growing in 1970. It lies one mile north of the Elkhart River and has drainage by the Lata fork of the Horn Ditch.

The next record of this family we get from their tombstones located in Oak Park Cemetery, at Ligonier, Indiana.

Their tombstones, one for each, for David Wysong Senior and his wife Sarah Cook Wysong are located in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Noble County, Indiana. From the flag pole in the cemetery, located about the center of the cemetery in 1970, walk 52 thirty inch steps due south then 20 steps East. This will put you directly at the tombstone of both. Along side David Wysong and Sarah Cook Wysong tombstone you will observe one single tombstone for David Wysong and his wife Amanda Waggoner Wysong. Slightly to the left of this last tombstone will be another tombstone for Sarah Jane Wysong, the daughter of David Wysong and Amanda Waggoner Wysong.

According to information from the Oak Park Cemetery caretaker's office in Ligonier all five are buried in Cemetery Lot 389 in the Old Cemetery. Data obtained 12 July 1971.

The inscription on David's tombstone is:  
"David Wysong Sr. died July 15, 1884 Aged 73 years 6 months, 28 days."

The inscription on Sarah's tombstone is:  
"Sarah wife of David Wysong Sr. died June 8, 1883 Aged 73 years 5 months, 27 days." If you will compute the above inscription you will find that David was born 17 January 1811 and Sarah Cook Wysong on 11 January 1810.



in the George Penoleton Wysong Bible about Orion.  
Dropped dead at Benton:

Orion Wysong 72, dropped dead at twelve o'clock  
Monday 22nd at Benton near his home. Mr. Wys-  
ong who had been working in the Jackson Cemetery  
was walking home when he was suddenly stricken.

Surviving him are a daughter Mrs. Floyd  
Eicher of Wakarusa and seven sons: William of  
Benton, Kenneth of Goshen, Roscoe of Winterha-  
ven, Florida: Glen of Goshen: Leonard of Win-  
terhaven; Donald of Goshen and David of Benton.  
Since Orion was 4 years of age in 1870 then he  
was born in 1866 to which we add 72 to get 19-  
38 as the year of his death.

George Pendleton Wysong of Stillwater,  
Oklahoma was the son of David Wysong and Aman-  
da Waggoner Wysong and the nephew of the other  
signers of the deed closing the estate of David  
Wysong. He told me many times the places where  
these people passed away.

David Jr. died in Noble County, Indiana.

Henry died in Tennessee.

Valentine died in Wabash County, Indiana.

Lewis died in Wabash County, Indiana.

Simon died in Preble County, Ohio.

Mary Ann Wysong and Abner Wysong died in child-  
hood in Preble County, Ohio.

Of the five boys who lived to maturity  
three of them married girls by the name of Sar-  
ah the same given name as their mother, Sarah  
Cook Wysong.

Family Group Record:

Husband: David Wysong

Born: 17 January 1811 in Ohio

Married: 1829 in Ohio

Died: 15 July 1884 Elkhart County, Indiana

Buried: Oak Park Cemetery Ligonier, Indiana

Father: Valentine Wysong born in Pennsylvania

Mother: Mariah Altick born in Virginia

Wife: Sarah Cook

Born: 11 January 1810 Highland County, Ohio

Died: 8 June 1883 Elkhart County, Indiana

Buried: Oak Park Cemetery Ligonier, Indiana

Father: John Cook born in Pennsylvania

Mother: ?

Children:

1. Henry Wysong 1830, Ohio Married Sarah Eli-  
zabeth?
2. Valentine Wysong 1832 Ohio, Married Emaline?
3. Lewis Wysong 1834 Ohio, Married Sarah?
4. David Wysong 1 April 1838 Ohio, Amanda Wa-  
ggoner
5. Simon Wysong 1840 Ohio, Married Sarah A.  
Fritz
6. Mary Ann Wysong 1846 Died in childhood.



There is one last written record of the David Wysong family. On July 15, 1971 we visited the County Recorders Office, Noble County Albion, Indiana, and in Deed Record Book 58 page 572 we found the transaction settling the estate of David Wysong dated 17 January 1888.

This indenture witnesseth that David Wysong and Amanda Wysong, his wife, of Noble County, Indiana; Henry Wysong and Sarah Elizabeth his wife, of Elkhart County, Indiana; Valentine Wysong and Emaline, his wife, and Lewis Wysong and Sarah Wysong, his wife, of Wabash County, Indiana; and Simon Wysong and Sarah Wysong, his wife, of Preble County, Ohio, being all the legal heirs of David Wysong, deceased of Elkhart County in the State of Indiana---Convey and warrant---for the sum of twenty two hundred and fifty dollars the following real estate in Noble County in the State of Indiana to wit:-----  
Signed by all the heirs. All were signatures except for Amanda Wysong who signed by her mark.

There is one last item of written record about the settlement of this estate, of David Wysong.

Noble County Court House, Albion, Indiana County recorders office. Volume 7 Miscellaneous records page 368.

An affidavit by Clement V. Wysong dated 30 December 1911. That David Wysong Sr. died intestate leaving no widow but five sons, David, Henry, Valentine, Lewis and Simon. That all parties to the deed recorded in book 58 page 572 have long since deceased but they were settling the estate of David Wysong Senior.

There is only one known memento of Sarah Cook Wysong yet in existence in 1971. It is her bible printed in German, with her name inscribed on the fly leaf. It is in possession of Beulah Wysong Whistler, one of her great grand daughters. Beulah obtained it from her father, George Pendleton Wysong, in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

There is a little information yet to be related about the family of David and Sarah Cook Wysong. The location of their children as given in the deed made on 17 January 1888 is the known place of death for them except for Henry who lived in Elkhart County then. Some time later Henry moved to Tennessee and passed away in that state.

The son of Henry that was living with David Wysong family in Elkhart County, named Orion and was 4 years of age in 1870 continued to live in Elkhart County when his father moved to Tennessee. There is a newspaper clipping

7. Abner Wysong 1848 Died in childhood.  
Source of information: U.S. Census Twin TWP  
Preble County, Ohio 1850.  
George Pendleton Wysong Stillwater, Oklahoma  
in 1956.

THE FAMILY OF ORION WYSONG

Family Group Record.

Husband: Orion Wysong  
Born: 1866 in Indiana  
Married: Benton Indiana ??  
Died: (From Newspaper clipping) Monday 22nd at  
72 years of age at Benton, Indiana. (That would  
be 1938).  
Father: Henry Wysong  
Mother: ?  
Grandfather: David Wysong Sr.  
Grandmother: Sarah Cook  
Wife: Mary Mollie O'Day Collins

Children:

1. William Wysong,
2. Iva Wysong, Married Floyd Eicher
3. Leonard Charles Wysong, Married Agnes Pauline Harmon.
4. Kenneth Wysong, Married Ruth ? -
5. Glen Wysong, married Francis ? -
6. Donald Wysong, married Josephene Tom
7. Roscoe Wysong, ; married Mildred?
8. David Wysong, married Irene ?

Source of data: Leonard Charles Wysong Sr.  
Letter December 23, 1971.

Family Group Record.

Husband: William Wysong -  
Born: 190?  
Father: Orion Wysong.  
Mother: Mary Mollie O'Day Collins

Wife: Ruth Strine

Children:

1. Merium Wysong -
2. Winfred Wysong
3. Maxine Wysong
4. Delores Wysong, Married Eaton
5. Burdette Wysong
6. Harriett Wysong, Married Reid.

Source of Data: Donald and Josephine Wysong  
letter dated 1 December 1971.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Winifred Wysong  
Father: William Wysong  
Mother: Ruth Strine  
Wife: Kathryn Vance

Children:

1. Phillip Wysong

Source of Data: Donald and Josephine Wysong

letter dated December 1, 1971

Family Group Record.

Husband: Phillip Wysong

Wife: Sandra

Children:

Two children, names not given.

Source of data: Donald and Josephine Wysong  
December 1, 1971.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Wilbur Eaton

Wife: Delores Wysong

Father: William Wysong

Mother: Ruth Strine

Children:

1. Vicki Eaton

2. Debra Eaton

3. Jill Eaton

4. Jeffrey Eaton

This family in Goshen, Indiana.

Source: Donald and Josephine Wysong December  
1, 1971.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Clifford Wert

Wife: Maxine Wysong

Father: William Wysong

Mother: Ruth Strine

Children: no children. This family lives in  
Ohio,

Source: Donald and Josephine Wysong December  
1, 1971.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Burdette Wysong

Born: 22 November 1925 Benton, Indiana

Married: 2 September 1944 Goshen, Indiana

Father: William H. Wysong

Mother: Ruth Strine

Wife: Elva Berdin Miller.

Born: 3 February 1925 Goshen, Indiana

Father: Daniel R. Miller

Mother: Ida Schrock

Children:

1. Diane Wysong 2 August 1946 Goshen, Indiana

Married: Stephen Fisher,

2. Jolene Wysong 6 January 1949 Goshen, Indiana

Occupation: General Telephone Company, Husband  
Star Craft Corp-Wife.

Jolene is attending Nursing School.

Source of data: Burdette Wysong letter 20 Dec-  
ember 1971. This family lives in Goshen, Indiana.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Stephen Douglas Fisher

Born: 4 December 1947 Goshen, Indiana

Married: 8 January 1966 Goshen, Indiana

Father: ? Fisher

Mother: ?

Wife: Diane Lynn Wysong  
Born: 2 August 1946 Goshen, Indiana  
Father: Burdette J. Wysong  
Mother: Elva Berdine Miller

Children:

1. Douglas Steven Fisher 27 May 1966 Goshen, Indiana.
2. Stacy Diane Fisher 11 October 1969 Goshen, Indiana.
3. Mathew Wade Fisher 19 January 1971 Goshen, Indiana.

Husband works at trailer factory.

Wife : Housewife

Source of data: Letter from Diane Lynn Wysong Fisher 20 December 1971.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Stanley Reed

Wife: Harriett Wysong

Father: William Wysong

Mother: Ruth Strine

Children:

There are five of six children in this family.

This family is divorced.

This family lives in Syracuse, Indiana.

Source of Data: Donald and Josephine Wysong letter 1 December 1971.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Floyd Eicher

Deceased: No date given.

Wife: Iva Wysong

Father: Orion Wysong

Mother: Mary Mollie O'Day Collins

Children:

1. Josephine Eicher

2. Peggy Eicher

3. Betty Eicher

This family lives in Wakarusa, Indiana.

The husband was a doctor.

Source of data: Leonard Charles Wysong Sr. Letter 23 December 1971

Family Group Record.

Husband: Wysong Leonard Charles Sr.

Born: 10 August 1907 Benton, Indiana

Married: 13 January 1945 Kokomo, Indiana

Father: Orion Wysong

Mother: Mary Mollie O'Day Collins

Wife: Agnes Pauline Harmon

Born: 30 August 1913 Kokomo, Indiana.

Father: John Thomas Harmon

Mother: Mary Ellen Cook

Wifes other husband: Virgel Bess

Children:

1. Jerry Thomas Bess 14 January 1935 Kokomo, Indiana.

2. Delores Ellen Bess 23 December 1933 Kokomo,

- Indiana. Married: ? Evans
3. Patricia Sue Wysong 30 May 1946 Goshen, Indiana.
  4. Leonard Charles Wysong Jr, 29 Oct. 1948.
  5. Cheryl Ann Wysong 2 April 1952 Goshen  
Occupation Cabinet maker and Cabinet Setter.  
This family lives in Goshen, Indiana.  
Source of data: Leonard Charles Wysong Sr.  
Letter 23 December 1971.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Kenneth Wysong  
Deceased: No date  
Father: Orion Wysong  
Mother: Mary Mollie O'Day Collins  
Wife: Ruth Cripe  
Children:  
No children:

This family lives in Goshen, Indiana  
Source of Data: Donald and Josephine Wysong  
Letter dated 1 December 1971.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Glenn Wysong  
Deceased: No date  
Father: Orion Wysong  
Mother: Mary Mollie O'Day Collins  
Wife: Frances Rice  
Children: No Children.

This family lives in Goshen, Indiana.  
Source of data: Leonard Charles Wysong Sr.  
Letter 23 December 1971.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Donald Wysong  
Father: Orion Wysong  
Mother: Mary Mollie O'Day Collins  
Wife: Josephine Tom  
Children:  
1. Denise Wysong, married John Coxeter  
2. Robert D. Wysong, married Ruth Anne Hippensteel,

This family lives in Goshen, Indiana.  
Source of Data: Donald and Josephine Wysong in  
letter November 30, 1971.

Family Group Record.

Husband: John Coxeter  
Wife: Denise Wysong  
Father: Donald Wysong  
Mother: Josephine Tom  
Children:

1. JoAnne Coxeter  
2. Steven Coxeter  
Source of Data: Donald and Josephine Wysong  
in letter November 30, 1971.

Family Group record.

Husband: Robert D, Wysong  
Father: Donald Wysong

Mother: Josephine Tom  
Wife: Ruth Anne Hippensteel  
Children:  
1. Brian Keith Wysong  
2. Elsie Wysong  
Source of data: Letter Donald and Josephine  
Wysong 30 November 1971.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Roscoe Wysong  
Deceased: no date given  
Father: Orion Wysong  
Mother: Mary Mollie O'Day Collins  
Wife: Mildred ?  
Children: There is one daughter of this marriage.  
This family lives in Winterhaven, Florida.  
Source of data: Leonard Charles Wysong Sr.  
Letter dated 23 December 1971.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: David Wysong  
Father: Orion Wysong  
Mother: Mary Mollie O'Day Collins  
Wife: Irene Miller  
Children:  
1. Larry Wysong  
2. Sandra Wysong  
Source of data: Leonard Charles Wysong Sr.  
Letter dated 23 December 1971.



## CHAPTER 7

### THE FAMILY OF DAVID AND AMANDA WAGGONER WYSONG

The first written record that we have of this David Wysong is contained in the Seventh U.S. Census for Ohio 1850 Volume 40 page 855 enumerated on 21st day of August 1850 Microfilm roll 723 U.S. Archives. He is only 12 years old here.

The Family of David Wysong:

David Wysong 40 years old Male, Farmer, born, Ohio.

Sarah Wysong 41 Female, born, Ohio

Henry Wysong 20 Male, Farmer, born, Ohio

Valentine Wysong 18 Male born, Ohio

Lewis Wysong 16 Male, born, Ohio

David Wysong 12 Male born, Ohio

Simon Wysong 10 Male, born, Ohio

Mary Ann Wysong 4 Female, born, Ohio

Abner Wysong 2 Male born, Ohio

In this census report David Wysong is twelve years of age. It gives his brothers and sisters and their ages.

In the same census report but on page 869 Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio, enumerated on 30 August 1850 Micro film #723 U.S. Archives we find the family of Mary Waggoner. This is Amanda's family.

Mary Waggoner 70 years old, female, born Va.

William Waggoner 21 years old male born Va.

George Waggoner 20 years old Male, born Va.

Amanda Waggoner 16 female born Va. in school

Robert Waggoner 15, male born Va. In school

Peter Waggoner 14, Male, born Va. In school

This is the family of David Wysong's wife Amanda Waggoner. In this census she was 16 years of age and it is noted that she was in school. This is a most doubtful statement for in later years it will be shown that she could neither read nor write and could not sign her name. Amanda's grandmother Mary Waggoner is listed as the head of the family. It is not known where the mother and father were when this census was taken.

The next written record of this Wysong family occurs in Microfilm #1026 U.S. Census 1860 for Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio enumerated on the 14th day of June 1860 page 34.

Line #1 shows David Wysong 22 years of age Male farmer born in Ohio Married within the year. Line #2 shows Amanda Wysong 26 years of age, female born in Virginia married within the year. This family was #250 in enumeration and we find David Wysong his father as the 251st in enumeration. So David lived near his parents. His parents were living on the old Valentine Wysong farm 4 miles north of West Alexandria, Ohio and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of the town.

A search of the marriage records in the Preble County Court House, Eaton, Ohio, marriage book-2, page 44 shows that a marriage license was issued to David Wysong and Amanda Waggoner on October 5 A.D. 1859 by G.W. Gans, Probate Judge.

The State of Ohio Preble County S.S.  
The undersigned makes oath that David Wysong is twenty one years of age: and that Amanda Waggoner is eighteen years of age and resides in this County: that neither of them are married: and that there is no legal impediment to their marriage.

Signed David Wysong.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of October A.D. 1859

G.W. Gans Probate Judge

The State of Ohio Preble County S.S.  
I certify that I this day solemnized the marriage of David Wysong with Amanda Waggoner.  
Witness my hand this 9th day of October A.D. 1859 Johnson McLean J.P.

This is the second written marriage record that we have found in this Direct line of ancestors of the Wysong family since their arrival in America in 1740. There were other records of marriages of Wysong's but not in this direct line, of ancestors.

The 1870 U.S. Census, Micro film roll 12 59 Volume 49, for Preble County, Twin Township, Ohio shows: David Wysong 32 years farmer born Ohio

Amanda Wysong 33 years born Virginia  
Lillie F Wysong 9 years born Ohio, in school  
Clement Wysong 7 years born, Ohio, in school  
Mahala Wysong 6 years born, Ohio  
Laird Wysong 4 years born, Ohio  
Alexander Wysong 3 years, born, Ohio  
George P Wysong 2 years, born, Ohio

This is nearly the complete family of Da-

vid and Amanda. Alexander listed as 3 years of age later had his name changed to Allen, as shown in the family bible. And Sarah Jane was born in Indiana in 1872.

This family moved to Ligonier Noble County, Indiana late in 1871 or early in 1872.

Their only daughter, Sarah Jane Wysong, was born in Ligonier, Indiana, on 13 April 1872.

A search of the Noble County property records in the Court House in Albion, Indiana, shows that David Wysong purchased from F.W. Jacob and M. Straus a farm on May 14, 1881. This was recorded in Book 47 page 182. The farm consisted of three parcels of ground in Section 9, Section 16 and Section 17 all in Township 35 N, Range 8 E totaling 116 acres for a price of \$11,600.00 or \$100.00 per acre.

This farm lies two miles north and three miles west of Ligonier, Indiana. It is a well situated farm and in 1970 was productive. This farm lies on both sides of the main road in its area. The farm house was on the north side of the road and the barn and feed lots on the south side of the road, directly across from the house.

It is not known what this family did nor where they lived between 1872 when they moved to Indiana and the time in 1881 when they purchased this farm. It is presumed that they farmed either in Noble County or Elkhart County near David Wysong, his father. Most probably they rented their farm for there is no evidence that they had purchased any ground, but they were farmers during this period.

In 1891 David Wysong purchased from Frank Jackson Lot #36 in Chapman Addition to Ligonier, Indiana. He built a house on this and moved into the city of Ligonier. He rented his farm that he had purchased in 1881 to his son George Pendleton Wysong.

David Wysong rented a building on the west side of Main street of Ligonier between 2nd and 3rd Streets and operated a grocery store there for some years.

On April 1, 1901 David Wysong sold the 116 acre farm for \$7,000.00 that he had purchased in 1881, to Strauss Bros. & Co. This is recorded in Book 79 page 341 in the Deed Records of Noble County in the Court House in Albion, Indiana. The deed was signed by David and Amanda Wysong.

On April 9, 1901 David Wysong purchased from Sol Mieve and wife 32 acres for \$3500.00 in Section 22. This deed is recorded in Book

79, page 365 Deed Records Noble County Court House, Albion, Indiana. This 32 acres was in Section 22, Township 35N, Range 8 East. This 32 acres lies  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Ligonier, Indiana. He closed out his grocery store and he and Amanda moved on to the 32 acre plot. They were fairly advanced in years and were not in very good health. Both died while living on this 32 acre plot.

While he operated the grocery store it was the custom for grocery store operators to deliver the groceries to the house of the person ordering the food. Some of his customers were in the habit of ordering groceries several times during the day and this caused the delivery boy some trouble.

One day a lady ordered groceries six times. The last order consisted of only one spool of thread. The grocery boy drove up to her door with a flourish, stopped the team, pulled a large plank out of his delivery wagon and laboriously rolled the spool of thread up to her door. This did not set quite right with the customer and she called the proprietor and complained bitterly.

David was really in sympathy with his delivery boy but did have to speak to him about the unusual display.

Addie Ertis Price used to stay on the 32 acre farm with her grandmother when grandfather had to leave on business. Addie Ertis used to read to her grandmother. This was before radio and television and since grandmother could not read it was very helpful to her in her final illness.

Both David Wysong and his wife Amanda Waggoner Wysong are buried in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, along side of his father and mother and next to their daughter Sarah Jane Wysong who passed away at the age of 10 years in 1872.

From the cemetery records of Oak Park Cemetery Association, Ligonier, Indiana it is shown that Amanda, Sarah Jane and David Wysong are buried in Lot #389 in the Old Cemetery. From these records we find that Amanda had W.A. Brown as an undertaker. She was buried on July 15, 1902 aged 65 years. The cause of death was Heart Disease.

For David Wysong the undertaker is given as W.A. Brown. He was buried on February 26, 1904 aged 65 years, a widower and the cause of death as consumption of Blood.

To find these graves go to the center of the cemetery to the flag pole where it was in

1970. Go 52 steps of 30 inches due South and then 20 of the same 30 inch steps East. This will put you exactly at the grave site in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana.

At the grave site let us examine the tombstone of David and Amanda. This inscription reads:

"David Wysong April 1, 1837 Feb 26 1904, Amanda his wife June 20, 1837 July 15, 1902."

If you care to indulge in a little simple mathematics we find that David Wysong was born April 1, 1837 and his wife Amanda on June 20, 1837. This would make him two months and 19 days older than Amanda. By the Cemetery Association records given above we find that Amanda was 65 years of age in 1902 and that David was 65 years of age in 1904. In other words she was two years older than he was.

Now let us resolve this discrepancy. At the start of this chapter we showed U.S. Census 1850 for Preble County, Ohio Volume 40, page 855 Micro film roll 723 U.S. Archives showing David to be 12 years of age. On the same page in this book we have the Mary Wagoner 1850 U.S. Census page 869 Micro film roll #723 showing Amanda to be 16 years of age, that same year of 1850.

We next show in Micro film #1026 U.S. Archives U.S. Census for 1860 that Amanda and David are married and that she was 26 years of age and he was 22 years of age.

I presume that Grandmother Amanda is one of those few persons who has lived and as time went on found the fountain of youth until her tombstone shows her to be younger than her husband David. Most probably the U.S. Census reports of 1850 and 1860 were correct and that she was four years older than her husband.

The death record book #2 in Noble County Court House, Albion, Indiana, shows the following entries for Amanda Wysong:  
Death Record No. 2 November 1899 to December 1904.  
July 1902 page 40

Amanda Wysong  
Female, White, Married  
Husband: David Wysong  
Date of Birth: 21 June 1837  
Age at death 65 years 4 months 24 days.  
Occupation: Housewife  
Birth place: Virginia  
Place of death: Ligonier, Indiana  
Father's full name: George Waggoner  
Father's birth place unknown  
Mother's maiden name: Maria Painter

Mother's birth place unknown  
Date of Death 15 August 1902  
Cause of Death: Valvular Heart Lesions  
Duration several years  
Physicians name: W.K. Mitchell  
Place of burial: Ligonier, Indiana.  
Date of Burial 17 July 1902  
Undertaker George W. Brown  
The Death Record Book No 2 Noble County Court  
House Albion, Indiana for November 1899 to Dec-  
ember 1904 page 59, shows:  
Wysong David Male white widowed Amanda Wysong  
wife.

Birth 1 April 1838  
Aged 65 years, 10 months 25 days  
Farmer Birth place Ohio  
Place of Death Ligonier, Indiana  
Father's full name: David Wysong  
Father's Birth place Penna  
Maiden name of Mother: Sarah Cook  
Birth place of Mother Penna  
Date of Death 26 Febuary 1904  
Lymphatic Lukemis  
Duration 9 months  
Physicians name I.J. Vaughn  
Place of Burial Ligonier, Indiana  
Date of burial 28 Febuary 1904  
Undertaker George W. Brown

There are two manifest errors in the data recorded in this death certificate. The father's and mother's birth place should have been Ohio as shown on the U.S. Census reports recorded herein.

In the Index to deeds, Noble County Court House, Albion, Indiana, Book 20 page 336 under date of Febuary 16, 1905 we find that Laird Wysong, Clement V. Wysong, Allen E. Wysong and George Wysong deeded property to Frank Shisler in Deed book 87 page 484 in deed Book 87 page 484 we find that for \$3500.00 32 acres of land was sold to Frank Shisler that had been purchased by David Wysong from Solomon Mier and wife on April 9, 1901. This deed was signed by all of the heirs of David Wysong: Laird Wysong and May Wysong his wife, Clement V. Wysong and Ella Wysong his wife, Allen E. Wysong and Maude Wysong his wife, Lillie F. Price and Levi Price, Mahala Vance and Jacob Vance, George Wysong and Effie Wysong his wife.

This action apparently closed the estate of David Wysong for there are no other property records and no probate court records that pertain to this family.

There is one item in the family of David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong that should be explained. In the 1870 U.S. Census report there is one child Alexander shown as being 3 years



of ago in 1870. When he became older he did not like the name of Alexander and changed it to Allen Edward. This the parents agreed to and he was known as Allen Edward Wysong during his adult life.

The Family Group Record:

Husband: David Wysong

Born: 1 April 1838 West Alexandria, Ohio

Married: 9 October 1859 West Alexandria, Ohio

Died: 26 February 1904 Ligonier, Indiana

Buried: Oak Park Cemetery Ligonier, Indiana

Father: David Wysong

Mother: Sarah Cook

Wife Amanda Waggoner:

Born: 21 June 1834 in Virginia

Died: 15 July 1902 Ligonier, Indiana

Buried: Oak Park Cemetery Ligonier, Indiana

Father: George Waggoner

Mother: Maria Painter

Children:

1. Lillie Florence Wysong Born 26 April 1861 Ohio, Died 1 April 1940 Married Levi Price
2. Clement Valentine Wysong Born 22 January 1863 Ohio Died 27 March 1918 Married Cynthia Haller
3. Mahala Wysong Born 22 March 1864 Ohio Died 23 June 1930 Married Jacob Vance
4. Laird Wysong born 21 July 1865 Ohio Died 23 January 1954 Married May Emmitt
5. Allen Edward Wysong born 6 January 1867 Ohio Died 2 February 1951 Married Maud Billman
6. George Pendleton Wysong Born 28 February 1868 Ohio Died 10 July 1957 Married Effie Pearman
7. Sarah Jane Wysong Born 13 February 1872 Ligonier, Indiana Died 17 February 1882

Source of Information: Family bible of David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong in possession of James E. Geppelt 2933 South Staples Street Corpus Christie, Texas. Orally from George Pendleton Wysong many times during his lifetime. Personal knowledge by Beulah Wysong Whistler of the date of George Pendleton Wyson's death.

In the search of Oak Park Cemetery Ligonier, Indiana we found the graves of; Clement Valentine Wysong, Lillie Florence Price

Allen Edward Wysong

Laird Wysong

Mahala Wysong Vance

All of the above with their husbands or wives.

Also the graves of David and Sarah Cook Wysong.



David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong and their daughter Sarah Jane Wysong.

All of the children of David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong are buried here with the exception of their youngest son, George Pendleton Wysong, and his wife Effie May Pearman Wysong, who are buried in Aurora, Missouri.

Clement Valentine Wysong usually signed his name as Clement V. Wysong. He was definitely known to his brothers and sisters as Val. His brother George stated that his name was Clement Valentine Wysong. He is so known to most of his living descendants today. He must have been named Valentine for his great Grandfather Valentine and all the other Valentine Wysong's in the Wysong family, of which there are many.

There are not too many mementos of this family known to be in existence. The family bible mentioned above is one. There are two portraits, one of David and one of Amanda Waggoner Wysong each about 18 inches by 24 inches in size and in excellent condition in the possession of their grand daughter, Beulah Wysong Whistler. It would appear that both were about 50 years of age, pleasant looking and neatly dressed.

Twenty five years after this family passed away on the 18 August 1929 a Wysong family reunion was held at the home of their oldest daughter, Lilly Florence Wysong Price. A newspaper clipping of the event was found among the other papers in the family bible of George Pendleton Wysong of Stillwater, Oklahoma, now in the possession of his daughter Beulah Wysong Whistler. Below is a copy of that clipping.

#### WYSONG REUNION

The first annual reunion of the David and Amanda Wysong family was held Sunday August 18, 1929 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Price near Millersburg. Sixty three relatives attended. Present were Laird Wysong and family of Wawaka; Charlie Wysong and family, Rado Wysong and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Wysong and David Fulk of South Bend; Vernon Wysong and family of Elkhart; Orville Wysong and family of Goshen; Mr. and Mrs. David Wysong of Lansing Michigan; Mrs. Ella Wysong; Mrs Jacob Vance and family; Stanley Vance and family; Ora Wheeler and family of Ligonier; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wysong of Chicago; Clayton Witmer and family of North Webster; David Price and family of Kimmell and Lillian Culver of Syracuse.

The last annual reunion of the Wysong Cousins was held at the home of Jacob and Alma

Miller near Millersburg, in 1969, same house that saw the first Wysong reunion quoted above, in 1929. At this reunion were all of the living grandchildren of David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong. Not as many present as at the first reunion, but all of the Price children were present. Three from Laird's family, three from George Pendleton Wysong's family and one from Clements family. It was a very nice day, some of the cousins had never seen the others, many had not seen each other for over fifty years. All of the cousins were getting along in years. It was most enjoyable. Some of the David Wysong great grandchildren were also present.

## CHAPTER 8

### THE FAMILY OF LILLIE FLORENCE WYSONG PRICE AND ADDIE ERTIS PRICE WHEELER.

Lillie Florence Wysong was born 26 April 1861 near West Alexandria, Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio. She was the eldest child of David Wysong and Amanda Waggoner Wysong.

When she was 11 years of age she moved with her parents to Noble County, Indiana, near Ligonier. She spent her girlhood here and on the 24th of December 1882 she married Levi Price in the United Brethern Church in Ligonier Indiana.

For several years this family lived on the farm of Lillie Florence Wysong Price's grandfather, David Wysong and Sarah Cook Wysong in Elkhart County about one mile west of Millersburg, Indiana. Here their oldest child Addie Ertis Price was born. The house where Addie Ertis Price was born has long since disappeared. Addie Ertis said in 1970 that she was born out in the middle of "that corn field" since the whole place was planted in corn that year.

Some time later the family purchased the farm where Levi Price was born, about two miles north and three miles west of Ligonier but still in Elkhart County, Indiana. Here their children grew up. The farm today (1970) is still owned by one of their children, Elma Price Miller, and her husband Jacob Miller. Again we turn to the newspaper clippings in the family bible of George Pendleton Wysong. There is no date nor publication on this clipping.

#### IN MEMORY OF

Levi Price, son of Andrew and Esther Price, born in Elkhart County, Indiana, July 18, 1853, and departed this life on the same farm where he was born, 5 miles northwest of Ligonier, November 6, 1930, aged 77 years, 3 months and 18 days. He lived all of his life in Elkhart County except eight years that he lived in Noble County.

He was united in marriage with Lillie Florence Wysong December 24, 1882, and to this union were born six children, all living, five daughters and one son. He united with Spring

Hill Christian Church several years ago and never changed his membership.

He leaves to mourn his sudden departure, his wife, five daughters and one son: Mrs. Addie Ertis Wheeler of Ligonier, Mrs. Zona Witmer and Mrs. Lulu Culver, of near North Webster; Mrs. Esther Elma Mault, residing at home; Mrs. Celia Cecil Stabler of Fort Wayne; and David Price of Kimmell; also twenty two grand children and three step grand children. Two brothers, Eli Price of Topeka, and John Price of Goshen; one sister Mis Barbara Price of Ligonier and many other relatives and friends, who were here from away to attend the funeral of Levi Price were: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wysong and Mr. and Mrs. George Shay of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goodfellow, Mrs. Belle Wheeler of St. Joseph, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. John Funk, Roy Stocker and family and Mrs. Ella Wysong of South Bend; Mrs. Albert Chuff, C.L. Yoder and son and Mrs. Ora Ramsey and John Price of Goshen and Mrs. Lloyd Ramsey of Niles, Michigan; Isaac Witmer and wife of Pierceton; Mr. and Mrs. Laird Wysong, Charles Wysong Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Snyder, Mr. and Mrs Eli Price and Albert Capeland of Wawaka; Lawrence Smith and family of Wolcottville; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hire of Waterloo; John Stabler and family of Fort Wayne.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: Levi Price  
Born: 18 July 1853 Elkhart County, Indiana near Silom Flats  
Died: 6 November 1930 on the farm 5 miles NW of Ligonier, Indiana.  
Buried: Oak Park Cemetery Ligonier, Indiana  
Married: 24 December 1882 in the United Brethern Church Ligonier, Indiana.  
Father: Andrew Price Born in Elkhart County  
Mother: Ester Elizabeth Rootz  
Wife: Lillie Florence Wysong  
Born: 26 April 1861 Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio.  
Died: 1 April 1940 on the farm 5 miles NW of Ligonier, Indiana  
Buried: Oak Park Cemetery Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: David Wysong  
Mother: Amanda Waggoner  
Children:  
1. Addie Ertis Price 24 March 1884 Millersburg, Indiana Married Orlando Devers Wheeler 1906 in Chicago, Illinois  
2. Zona Price 22 September 1885 Ligonier, Indiana Married Clayton Witmer 1, January 1905 in parents home in Elkhart County, Indiana

- 5 miles NW of Ligonier, Indiana.
3. Leona Price 12 July 1888 Ligonier, Indiana Married Earl Culver 8 May 1910 in parents home Elkhart County, Indiana 5 miles NW of Ligonier, Indiana.
  4. David Everett Price 23 April 1890 married Irma Long September 1913.
  5. Ester Elma Price 14 September 1893 Married Walter Mault 1916 or 1917 Second marriage to Jacob T. Miller 24 December 1931 Milledburg, Indiana.
  6. Celia Cecil Price 8 October 1895 Married John Stabler 12 September 1912.

Source of Information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler in Ligonier, Indiana, in July 1970.

Everyone of these children are living at the time this was being written November 15, 1971. Within the past year I have visited each of the children of this family and found them all alert and interesting.

The Family of Addie Ertis Price

Addie Ertis was working in Chicago, Illinois: as a secretary-typist in 1905-1906. Orlando Devere Wheeler had returned from the Spanish American War and was employed in Chicago as a baker. They met in Chicago and were married in the Methodist parsonage near Ashland Avenue in Chicago, Illinois for about 18 months and in November 1907 moved to St. Joe Michigan. In 1912 the family moved to Noble County, Indiana and has lived there ever since.

They lived out in the county until April 1919 when they purchased the home at 1007 South Martin Street and have lived there ever since.

Orlando Devere Wheeler was born near a little town named Agnet has since disappeared.

His father's family were hat makers in Boston, Massachusetts. His mother's name was Isabel Moulton. Her family came over on the Mayflower ( source of information Addie Ertis Price Wheeler) his father's name was Robert Durlin Wheeler.

Robert Durlin Wheeler was a lumber man, then a butcher in a butchershop and finally he owned a fruit farm near Holland, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Durlin Wheeler are buried in Crystal Springs Cemetery, in Benton Harbour, Michigan.

Levi Price the father of Addie Ertis Price Wheeler was born in Elkhart County, Indiana near Solomon Flats. He was related to the Lock and Butt families. These families are all buried in Solomon Creek Cemetery.

Orlando Devere Wheeler and Addie Ertis Price Wheeler operated a bakery at 1007 South

Martin Street, Ligonier, Indiana, as long as Orlando lived. This bakery ceased to operate when Orlando became too enfeebled to operate it any longer, shortly before his death.

Here at 1007 South Martin Street their children grew up and formed families of their own.

Addie Ertis Price Wheeler still lives at 1007 South Martin Street on 15 November 1971, as this is being written. She still takes care of her house, is very alert and takes a great interest in the happenings of the day. She is most interesting to visit.

The Family Group Record.

Husband: Orlando Devere Wheeler

Born: 30 September 1877 Agnet, Michagan near East Holland.

Married: 29 April 1906 in Methodist parsonage Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Died: 29 May 1957 1007 South Martin Street, Ligonier, Indiana.

Buried: Oak Park Cemetry Ligonier, Indiana.

Father: Robert Durlin Wheeler

Mother: Isabel Elizabeth Moulton

Wife: Addie Ertis Price

Born: 24 March 1884 Millersburg, Indiana.

Father: Levi Price

Mother: Lillie Florence Wysong

Children:

1. Ralph Devers Wheeler 14 October 1907 Chicago, Ill. Died 3 January 1919 Noble County, Indiana Buried: Oak Park Cemetry Ligonier, Indiana.
2. Neva Leone Wheeler 16 Febuary 1908 St. Joe Michigan Married: Robert Garver in Michigan.
3. Clifford Earl Wheeler 24 July 1909 St. Joe Michigan Married Ruby 24 July 1943 in Toledo, Ohio Died 5 November 1969 in Toledo, Ohio Toledo Hospital. Buried in Forrest Cemetry Toledo, Ohio.
4. Mildred Ruth Wheeler 31 May 1912 in St. Joe Mich. Married Forrest Don Ritter 3 Febuary 1932 in Christian Church Ligonier, Indiana Died 29 January 1969. Buried in Sparta Cemetry Noble County, Indiana.
5. Joseph Maynard Wheeler 23 August 1915 in Elkhart County Indiana. Married Evelyn Saggus 21 June 1937 at Presbyterian Parsonage Ligonier, Indiana.
6. Lillibel Wheeler 9 March 1920 in Ligonier Indiana Married Robert Smith 31 December 1939 in Goshen, Indiana.
7. Ellen Jane Wheeler 7 July 1923 at 1007 So-

uth Martin Street Ligonier, Indiana. Married  
Virgil Yoder 27 November 1947 in Christian Ch-  
urch Ligonier, Indiana  
Source of information: Ertis Price Wheeler in  
conversation with her in her home in 1970.  
This family lives on South Martin Street Ligo-  
nier, Indiana in 1971. Occupation: Baker, now  
retired.

The family of Neva Leona Wheeler  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Robert Levi Garber.  
Born: 30 August 1903 in Constantine, Michigan  
Married: 4 April 1931 Constantine, Michigan  
Father: William Henry Garber son of Levi Gar-  
ber and Barbar Troger  
Mother: Edna Ledith Artly daughter of Robert  
Artly and Ellen Britian.  
Wife: Neva Leona Wheeler  
Born: 16 Febuary 1908 St. Joe Michigan in Ba-  
rrian County.

Father: Orlando Devere Wheeler

Mother: Addie Ertis Price

Children:

1. Ledith Ann Garber 17 April 1932 Three Riv-  
ers, Michigan Married: Max Ambs 12 August  
1956 at Letheran Church Constantine, Mich-  
igan.
2. Sherril Dawn Garber 3 May 1936 Three Rivers,  
Michigan. Married: Herbert Coats October  
1953.
- 3.. Marjorie Ellen Garber 22 January 1948 Three  
Rivers Hospital, Three Rivers; Michigan  
Married: Lewis Baima 2 September 1956 Lut-  
heran Church Constantain, Michigan;
4. Ralph William Garber 22 January 1948 Three  
Rivers Hospital, Three Rivers, Michigan

Present address White Pigeon Road Constantin,  
Michigan 49042

Neva Sells Real Estate, Bob is custodian of the  
High School Constantain, Michigan.

Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Whe-  
eler.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Max Owen Ambs

Born: No data

Married: 12 August 1956 at Lutheran Church pa-  
rsonage Constantine; Michigan.

Father: Owen Ambs

Mother: Ruth Corson

Wife: Ledith Ann Garber

Born: 17 April 1932 Three Rivers, Michigan.

Father: Robert Levi Garber

Mother: Neva Leona Wheeler.

Children:

1. Charles Roth Ambs 3 March 1961 Utica, Mich-



igan.

2. Cathy Ann Ambs 2 November 1962
3. Cheryl Lynn Ambs 2 March 1964 Mount Clements Hospital, Mount Clements, Michigan.
4. Susan Diane Ambs 10 November 1968 Lansing, Michigan. Occupation: Junior High School Principal Williamston, Michigan School System, Williamston, Michigan. Max graduated from Western Michigan at Kalamazoo, Michigan, Masters Degree in Music and Administration. Ledith has a master of Science degree in Home Economics Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois. Address Wilfors Drive Williamston, Michigan 48895

Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler and Neva Leone Wheeler Garber

Family Group Record.

Husband: Herbert Coates

Born: 22 August 1934 in Michigan

Married: October 1953 at Lutheran Church Constantine, Michigan

Father: Grayson Coates

Mother: Rebecca ?

Wife: Sherill Dawn Garber

Born: 3 May 1936 at Three Rivers, Michigan

Father: Robert Levi Garber

Mother: Neva Leona Wheeler

Children:

1. Allen Grayson Coates 23 March 1955 Three Rivers Hospital, Three Rivers, Michigan.
2. Mark Robert Coates 12 January 1956 Three Rivers Hospital, Three Rivers, Michigan
3. Brent Lee Coates 15 November 1957 Three Rivers Hospital, Three Rivers, Michigan.

Occupation: Policeman, Portage, Michigan

They live on Edington Street, Portage, Michigan

Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler and Neva Leona Wheeler Garber.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Louis Stephen Baima

Born: 23 July 1936 South Range, Michigan

Married: 2 September 1956 Lutheran Church Constantine, Michigan.

Father: Louis Stephen Baima I

Mother: Lena ?

Wife: Marjorie Ellen Garber

Born: 13 September 1937 Three Rivers Hospital Three Rivers, Michigan.

Father: Robert Levi Garber

Mother: Neva Leona Wheeler

Children:

1. Connie Marie Baima 17 October 1957

2. Lisa Ellen Baima 2 December 1962

Occupation: AAA Automobile Insurance Co. Salesman. Address: Three Rivers, Michigan

Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler and Neva Leona Wheeler Garber.

Family Group Record

Husband: Clifford Earl Wheeler  
Born: 24 July 1909 St Joe Michigan  
Married: 24 July 1943 Toledo Ohio  
Died: 5 November 1959 Toledo Ohio  
Buried: Forest Cemetery Toledo Ohio  
Father: Orlando Devere Wheeler  
Mother: Addie Ertis Price  
Wife: Ruby Fulk  
Born: 10 August 1915, Springfield Ohio  
Father: No data.  
Mother: No Data:

Children:

1. Patricia May Wheeler 30 August 1944 Toledo Ohio  
Married Edward DeLisle II
2. Clifford Edward Wheeler 3 February 1945  
Toledo Ohio, Married Linda May Groll
3. Sylvia Louise Wheeler 8 December 1947  
Toledo Ohio .

Source of Information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Edward Joseph DeLisle II  
Born: Toledo Ohio 22 September 1935  
Father: Edward Joseph DeLisle I Buried in Calvary  
Cemetery Toledo Ohio.  
Mother: No data.

Wife: Patricia May Wheeler  
Born: 30 August 1938 Toledo Ohio  
Married: Toledo Ohio 10 December 1958  
Father: Clifford Earl Wheeler  
Mother: Ruby Louise Polk

Children:

1. Wendy Sue DeLisle 1958 Deceased 1968
2. Laurie Ann DeLisle 15 February 1960
3. Edward Joseph DeLisle 15 July 1961
- 4 Diana Lynn DeLisle 7 November 1963
6. Rebecca Lee DeLisle 15 October 1965

All of the above children were born in Toledo Ohio except for Rebecca who was born in Sarasota Florida.

Occupation: Furnace and air conditioning installation. Hobbies: Boating, travel, picnics

Military Service: In the Army 1955-1957.

Source of information: Patricia May Wheeler DeLisle at her home on Digby Street, Toledo Ohio.

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Family Group Record.

Husband: Clifford Edward Wheeler  
Born: 3 February 1946 Mercy Hospital, Toledo,  
Ohio  
Married: No data  
Father: Clifford Earl Wheeler  
Mother: Ruby Louise Fulk  
Wife: Linda May Groll  
Born: 27 September 1945 St. Joseph Hospital,  
Toledo, Ohio  
Father: Henry Groll  
Mother: Twila Vengke  
Children:  
1. Kelly Ann Wheeler 20 March 1968 St Charles  
Hospital Toledo, Ohio.  
2. No data.  
Occupation: Penn Oil Company Employee.  
Address: Lester Avenue Toledo, Ohio, 43613  
Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Whee-  
ler.

Family Group Record.

Husband: No data.  
Wife: Sylvia Louise Wheeler ?  
Born: 8 December 1947 Mercy Hospital Toledo,  
Ohio  
Married: In toledo, Ohio  
Father: Clifford Earl Wheeler  
Mother: Ruby Fulk  
Occupation: Standard Oil Company Official in  
Toledo, Ohio.  
No Children.  
This lady is married but no data on husband.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Forrest Don Ritter  
Born: 31 January 1911 Kosciusko County, Indian  
Married: 3 February 1932 Christian Church Par-  
sonage Ligonier, Indiana.  
Father: Charles Ritter  
Mother: Lucy ?  
Wife: Mildred Ruth Wheeler  
Born: 31 May 1912 in St. Joe, Michigan  
Died: 29 January 1968  
Buried: Sparta Cemetery South of Kimmell, Ind-  
iana.  
Father: Orlando Devere Wheeler  
Mother: Addie Ertis Price  
Children:  
1. Donald Earl Ritter 21 August 1933 Ligonier,  
Indiana. Married Lucy Childers April 1953.  
2. Kent Leroy Ritter 1 June 1939 Constantine.  
Michigan. Married Rhoda Beth Heath in Ger-  
many in 1963.  
3. Darlene Ruth Ritter 1 February 1942 in Stu-  
rgis, Michigan. Married Theodore Larrison

21 June 1964 Methodist Church Cromwell, Indiana.  
Occupation: Farming and Lumber Co. Employee  
in Cromwell, Indiana.  
Address: Leesburg, Indiana 46538  
Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler.

Family Group Record:

Husband: Donald Earl Ritter  
Born: 21 August 1933 Ligonier, Indiana  
Married: April 1953  
Father: Forrest Don Ritter  
Mother: Mildred Ruth Wheeler  
Wife: Lucy Childers  
Father: Thomas D. Childers  
Mother: Iona May ?  
Children:

1. Thomas Don Ritter 2 February 1961 Walcottville, Indiana.
2. Teresa Denise Ritter 3 July 1962 Owensburg, Kentucky.
3. Elizabeth Carol Ritter 28 July 1964 Owensburg, Kentucky.
4. Andrew Byron Ritter 30 December 1966 Owensburg, Kentucky.

Occupation: Professor of Elementary Education  
University of Kentucky, Bowling Green, Kentucky.  
Address: Karen Circle Bowling Green, Kentucky  
42101.  
Source of information: Addis Ertis Price Wheeler.

Family Group Record:

Husband: Kent Leroy Ritter.  
Born: 1 June 1931 Constantine, Michigan  
Married: In Germany April 1963  
Father: Forrest Don Ritter  
Mother: Mildred Ruth Wheeler  
Wife: Rhoda Beth Heath  
Born: 2 January 1940 in Wyandotte, Michigan  
Father: Gary Heath  
Mother: Margaret ?  
Children:

1. Kelly Lynn Ritter 23 July 1965 in U.S. Army  
Hospital Laudstuck, Germany.
- Occupation: United Air Line Official.  
Address: Idyl Crest Drive, Lansing, Michigan-  
48906  
Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler.

Family Group Record:

Husband: Theodore Larrison  
Born: September 1944  
Married: 21 June 1964 Methodist Church, Cromwell, Indiana.

Father: Glen Larrison  
Mother: Roberta ?  
Wife: Darlene Ruth Ritter, born 11 Febuary 1942  
Sturgis, Michigan.  
Father: Forrest Don Ritter  
Mother: Mildred Ruth Wheeler  
Children:  
1. David Charles Larrison 2 April 1970 in Jamaica, West Indies.  
Occupation: Missionary for the Methodist Church. Address: Protland Jamaciz.  
Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler.

Family Group Record:

Husband: Joseph Maynard Wheeler  
Born: 23 August 1945 in Elkhart County, Indiana.  
Married: 21 January 1937 in Presbyterian parsonage Ligonier, Indiana.  
Father: Orlando Devere Wheeler  
Mother: Addie Ertis Price  
Wife: Evelyn Pearl Saggars  
Born: 31 August 1916 Goshen, Indiana  
Father: Charles Saggars  
Mother: Elma Sheley  
Children:  
1. Sandra Day Wheeler 10 Febuary 1938 Ligonier, Indiana. Married: Thomas Edward Holman 3 May 1959 Church of the Brethern Goshen, Indiana.  
2. Carl Maynard Wheeler 20 May 1945 Memorial Hospital South Bend, Indiana.  
Occupation: Electrician and owner of Laundromats.  
Address: Elkhart, Indiana  
Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler.

Family Group Record:

Husband: Thomas Edward Holman  
Born: January 1938 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Married: 3 May 1959 Church of the Brethern Goshen, Indiana.  
Father: ? Holman  
Mother: Irene ?  
Wife: Sandra Day Wheeler  
Born: 10 Febuary 1938 Parish TWP Ligonier, Indiana.  
Father: Joseph Maynard Wheeler  
Mother: Evelyn Pearl Saggars  
Children:  
1. Brenda Day Holman 8 August 1963 in Hospital Fort Wayne, Indiana.  
2. Michael Thomas Holman 4 November 1965 in Hospital Fort Wayne, Indiana.  
Occupation: Bookkeeper for Eckrich Meat Co.

Address: Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805  
Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler.

Family Group Record:

Husband: Robert Melvin Smith  
Born: 1 April 1912 Leesburg, Indiana  
Married: 31 January 1934 in Goshen Indiana  
Father: Melvin Smith  
Mother: Goldie Smith (Maiden name) later married John Eyee after Melvin Smith died.  
Wife: Lillibel Wheeler  
Born: 9 March 1920 in Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: Orlando Devere Wheeler  
Mother: Addie Ertis Price

Children:

1. Janet Lee Smith 30 August 1942 Goshen, Indiana. Married: Samuel Showalter 24 November 1963.

2. Steven Lundy Smith 21 July 1950

3. Scott Lamar Smith 1 November 1959

Occupation: Dairy Employee.

Address: Phoenix, Arizona 85013

Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler.

Family Group Record:

Husband: Samuel Showalter  
Born: 1 January 1942 Harrisonburg, Penna  
Married: 24 November 1963 Brethern Church, Napanee, Indiana.

Father: Jacob Paul Showalter

Mother: Brenda Pence

Wife: Janet Lee Smith

Born: 30 August 1943 in Goshen, Indiana

Father: Robert Melvin Smith

Mother: Lillibel Wheeler

Children:

1. Laura Kay Showalter 17 September 1964 Elkhart Hospital Elkhart, Indiana.

2. Dawn Showalter 17 December 1968 Elkhart, Hospital, Elkhart, Indiana.

Occupation: Finisher for a Traylor Company

Address: Napanee, Indiana

Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler.

Family Group Record:

Husband: Virgil Ray Yoder

Born: 9 October 1916 Topeka, Indiana

Married: 27 November 1947 in Christian Church, Ligonier, Indiana.

Father: Harley Yoder

Mother: Mary Renver

Wife: Ellen Jane Wheeler

Born: 7 July 1923 at 1007 South Martin Street Ligonier, Indiana

Father: Orlando Devere Wheeler

Mother: Addie Ertis Price

Children:

1. Joellen Yoder 8 July 1956 in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Indiana.

Occupation: Buyer for American Motors Co.

Address: Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Source of information: Addie Ertis Price Wheeler.



## CHAPTER 9

### THE FAMILY OF ZONA PRICE

Zona Price married Artie Clayton Witmer January 1, 1904 in Elkhart County, Indiana. Artie Clayton Witmer was married and widowed prior to his marriage to Zona Price. He had three small children by this first marriage. The oldest child of this first marriage was 8 years and the youngest was 4 years of age when Zona Price and Artie Clayton Witmer were married.

These children could hardly remember their own mother and Zona Price Witmer became their own mother as far as they were concerned. Zona looked at these step children as she did her own child by this marriage. It was truly one family.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: Artie Clayton Witmer

Born: 18 September 1872 Elkhart County, Indiana.

Married: Elizabeth Phillips 1st wife in 1895 to this union three children were born.

1. Issac Alpheus Witmer 30 July 1896

Married: Wava Margaret Howell

2. Martha Vera Witmer 2 December 1898

Married: Roy William Stocker 1924

3. Glen L. Witmer 24 September 1900

Married: First wife Sylvia Miller

Second wife: Bertha Miller (no relation)

The Second Marriage of Artie Clayton Witmer to Zona Price 1 January 1904

Artie Clayton Witmer Died in Whitley County, Indiana, January 1968

Wife: Zona Price

Born: 22 September 1885 Ligonier, Indiana

Father: Levi Price

Mother: Lillie Florence Wysong

Children of this marriage

1. Zelma Florence Witmer 23 February 1909

This family were farmers and lived on the Grandfather Witmer farm in Elkhart County, Indiana. In 1906 this farm was sold and the family moved to Susie Harris place near the old Witmer farm. They next moved to Noble County, Indiana to the Heirs farm. In October 1914

they moved to North Webster, Indiana. They lived there until they retired and moved to Indian Village, Indiana.

Artie Clayton Witmer's parents were

Father: Issac Witmer

Mother: Martha Jane Hire

Both the parents are buried in the Indian Village Cemetery, Noble County, Indiana.

Artie Clayton Witmer is buried in a cemetery in the county off of Highway #33 a few miles from Millersburg, in Elkhart County, Indiana. At the date this is written in 1971 Zona Price Witmer is still living near Ligonier, Indiana.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: Isaac Aldephus Witmer

Born: 30 July 1896 Elkhart County, Indiana

Married: About 1922

Father: Artie Clayton Witmer

Mother: Elizabeth Phillips

Wife: Wava Margaret Howell

Father: Charles Howell

Mother: Lulu ?

Children:

1. Emma Jean Witmer 1925 Married Clement Lavern Line.
- 2.. Betty Lou Witmer 15 September 1926, Married Lloyd Hart.
3. Retha Illean Witmer 21 July 1930 Married Stanley Barrick,

Occupation: Farmer. Moved to South Bend, Indiana. He worked at a rubber factory. She worked for Wilson's Clothin Factory. They later moved to a farm near Pierceton, Indiana and were farmers until they retired.

Present address, Syracuse, Indiana 46567

Source of data: Martha Vera Witmer Stocker.

#### FamilyGroup Record.

Husband: Clement LaVern Line

Born: 28 July 1919 Elkhart, Indiana

Married: 22 March 1942 Pierceton, Indiana

Father: Carl William Line

Mother: Okle Elma Morris

Wife: Emmajean Witmer

Born: 15 January 1924 Goshen, Indiana

Father: Isaac Alpheus Witmer

Mother: Wava Margaret Howell

Children:

1. Larry Lavern Line 29 May 1943 Warsaw, Indiana married Ruth Elaine Kohler 1 June 1966
2. Carol Elaine Line 18 December 1946 Elkhart, Indiana married Robert Wayne Olson 28 February 1965.
3. Jacklyn Lee Line 8 January 1948 Elkhart, Indiana married Edgar J. Pippinger 14 Jan-

uary 1967.

4. Sonya Jean Line 6 November 1951 Lagrange, Indiana, married John David Yoder 21 September 1968.
5. Sarah Jane Line 13 January 1954 Lagrange, Indiana.
6. Teresa Ann Line 23 March 1959 Goshen, Indiana.
7. Lillian Marie Line 26 October 1960 Goshen, Indiana

Shannon Lee Line 6 December 1970 Goshen, Indiana.

Occupation of this family: Metal Temperest.

Source of Information: Emmajean Witmer Line Family Group Record.

Husband: Larry Lavern Line  
Born: 29 May 1943 Warsaw, Indiana  
Married: 11 June 1966 Syracuse, Indiana  
Father: Clement LaVern Line  
Mother: Emmajean Witmer Line  
Wife: Ruth Elaine Koher  
Born: 17 February 1948 Warsaw, Indiana  
Father: Maurice Koher  
Mother: Lois Harman

Children:

1. Larry Todd Line 18 February 1967 Elkhart, Indiana
2. Mather Allen Line 18 November 1968 Goshen, Indiana.

Occupation: Foreman in a plant

Source of data: Ruth Elaine Koher Line Family Group Record.

Husband: Robert Wayne Olsen  
Born: 5 August 1943 Goshen, Indiana  
Married: 28 February 1965 Syracuse, Indiana  
Father: Edward John Olsen  
Mother: Sarah Elizabeth Watkins  
Wife: Carol Elaine Line  
Born: 18 December 1946 Elkhart, Indiana  
Father: Clement LaVern Line  
Mother: Emmajean Witmer

Children:

1. Ronda Jane Olsen 17 February 1966 Goshen, Indiana
2. Ronald Wayne Olsen 17 February 1966 Goshen, Indiana.
3. Robin Kristine Olsen 13 December 1969 Goshen, Indiana.
4. Bobbie Jo Olsen 21 April 1971 Goshen, Indiana.

Occupation: Welder.

Source of Data: Carol Elaine Line Olsen.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Edgar J. Pippinger  
Born: 15 December 1946 Goshen, Indiana  
Married: 14 January 1967 Nappanee, Indiana  
Father: LeRoy Albert Pippinger  
Mother: Doris Edna Miller  
Wife: Jaclyn Lee Line  
Born: 8 January 1948 Elkhart, Indiana  
Father: Clement LaVern Line  
Mother: Emmajean Witmer  
Children:  
1. David J. Poppinger 18 June 1970  
Occupation: Carpenter  
Source of Data: Jaclyn Lee Line Pippinger.

Family Group Record:

Husband: John David Yoder  
Born: 22 July 1951 Goshen, Indiana  
Married: 21 September 1968 Syracuse, Indiana  
Father: Douglas Yoder  
Mother: Betty Lemon  
Wife: Sonya Jean Line  
Born: 6 November 1951 Lagrange, Indiana  
Father: Clement LaVern Line  
Mother: Emmajean Witmer  
Children:  
1. Jennifer Maris Yoder 18 March 1969 Goshen,  
Indiana.  
2. John David Yoder II 2 January 1971 Goshen,  
Indiana.  
Occupation: Truck Driver.  
Source of information: Sonya Jean Line Yoder

Family Group Record:

Husband: Lloyd L. Hart  
Born: 17 June 1919 Kosciuska County, Indiana  
Married: 9 November 1946 Milford, Indiana  
Father: David L. Hart  
Mother: Mary E. ?  
Wife: Betty Lou Witmer  
Born: 15 September 1926 Pierceton, Indiana  
Father: Isaac Alpheus Witmer  
Mother: Wava Margaret Howell  
Children:  
None  
Address: Ligonier, Indiana 46767  
Source of Data: Betty Lou Witmer Hart.

Family Group Record:

Husband: Stanley E. Barrick  
Born: 2 March 1925 Elkhart, Indiana  
Married: 8 March 1951 Goshen, Indiana  
Father: Earl Ellsworth Barrick  
Mother: Luetta Millicent McDowell  
Wife: Retha Ilean Witmer  
Born: 21 July 1930 Pierceton, Indiana  
Father: Isaac Alpheus Witmer  
Mother: Wava Margaret Howell

Other Husband: Thomas Conway Hosaler divorced September 1949. Their son adopted by Stanley E. Barrick March 2, 1952.

Children:

1. Michael Allen Barrick 2 November 1947 Warsaw, Indiana. Married Sharon Rohrer 4 August 1967.
2. Debra Sue Barrick 13 August 13 1954 Elkhart, Indiana. Occupation: Stanley works in whitehall lab.  
Retha cook at a grade school.

Source of Data: Retha Ilean Witmer Barrick.  
Family Group Record:

Husband: Michael Allen Barrick  
Born: 2 November 1947 Warsaw, Indiana  
Married: 4 August 1967  
Father: (Thomas Conway Hossler) Stanley Barrick  
Mother: Retha Ilean Witmer  
Wife: Sharon Lee Rohrer  
Born 6 April 1948  
Father: Dallas Rohrer  
Mother: Mary Louise Method

Children:

1. Jeffery Mykel Barrick 24 April 1968 Goshen, Indiana.
2. Bryan Mykel Barrick 4 April 1971 Goshen, Indiana.

Occupation: Northern Public Service Co  
Sharon is a housewife.

Source of Data: Sharon Lee Rohrer Barrick  
Family Group Record

Husband: Roy William Stocker  
Born: 20 January 1895 Noble County, Indiana  
Married: 10 May 1924 in South Bend, Indiana  
by Cecil Franklin, Minister of the Presbyterian Church in the home of Jack and Anna Hire.  
Died: 23 April 1967 in Ocala Hospital, Marion County, Florida.

Buried: North Webster Cemetery, North Webster Indiana

Father: Albert Stocker  
Mother: Amanda Grider  
Wife: Martha Vera Witmer  
Born: 2 December 1898 Elkhart County, Indiana  
Father: Artie Clayton Witmer  
Mother: Elizabeth Phillips.

Children:

1. William Lewis Stocker 29 September 1926 on his grandfather's farm in Kosciusko County, North Webster, Indiana. Married Betty Marie Hart.

Occupation: Roy William Stocker was a carpenter. He was a maintenance man for a rubber factory in South Bend, Indiana. In 1930 he moved to a farm and built the buildings on it. He was a

general contractor in residential construction.  
Source of Data: Martha Vera Witmer Stocker.

Family Group Record

Husband: William Lewis Stocker  
Born: 29 September 1926 North Webster, Indiana  
Married: 28 June 1943 in parents home on farm  
in Elkhart County, Indiana.  
Father: Roy William Stocker  
Mother: Martha Vera Witmer  
Wife: Betty Marie Hart  
Born: 23 April 1930  
Father: Donald Hart  
Mother: No Data

Children:

1. Douglas William Stocker 25 January 1954
  2. Lindy Marie Stocker 11 December 1958
  3. Pamela Sue Stocker 3 February 1962
- Occupation Carpenter. Superintendent for Frank Deetidal Company. This family moved from Indiana to St. Petersburg, Florida in 1957. Address 62nd Street St. Petersburg, Florida 33-709. Source of Data: Martha Vera Witmer Stocker.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Glen L. Witmer  
Born: 24 September 1900 Elkhart County, Indiana  
1st Marriage: Sylvia Miller in Kosciusko County.  
2nd Marriage: Bertha Miller Noble County, Ind.  
Father: Artie Clayton Witmer  
Mother: Elizabeth Phillips  
Buried: North Webster Cemetery, North Webster Indiana.  
1st Wife: Silvia Miller  
Born: Kosciusko County, Indiana in North Webster.  
Father: John Miller  
Mother: Minie Klick  
Died of strep throat in 1931.

Children:

1. Zelpha Witmer 9 February 1922. Married Carlisle Ginter.
2. Gloria Witmer Married Basil Miller.

2nd Wife Bertha Miller

Born: Noble County Indiana

Children:

1. Lucile Miller married Bob Keck
  2. Ruth Witmer married Foy Sanders
  3. Glenna Witmer Married Ivan Werstler
- Occupation: Farmer, also worked as a carpenter. Address box 568 Cornwill, Indiana 46732  
Source of Data: Martha Vera Witmer Stocker.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Carlyle L. Ginter  
Born: 1 April 1922

Married: 1 January 1942 Etna, Indiana  
Father: Lee Ginter  
Mother: Flossie?  
Wife: Zelpha E. Witmer  
Born: 9 February 1922 North Webster, Indiana  
Father: Glen Witmer  
Mother: Sylvia Miller

Children:

1. Wayne Carlye Ginter 7 May 1944 Warsaw, Indiana. Married Kathleen Noggle 12 September 1967.
2. Sylvia Ann Ginter 8 April 1946 Warsaw, Indiana. Married Kiler Richards 15 June 1968.

This family lives in Warsaw, Indiana.  
Business: Owner of Heating, Electrical and air conditioning Sales and Service.

Source of Data: Zelpha E. Witmer Ginter.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Wayne Carlye Ginter  
Born: 7 May 1944 Warsaw, Indiana  
Married: 12 September 1967 Warsaw, Indiana  
Father: Carlye Ginter  
Mother: Zelpha Witmer  
Wife: Kathleen Noggle  
Born: 20 June 1946 Warsaw, Indiana  
Father: Leslie Noggle  
Mother: Odetta ?

Children:

1. Lynnae Suzanne Ginter 14 August 1969 Warsaw, Indiana.
2. Rodney Wayne Ginter November 2, 1970 Warsaw, Indiana.

Business in Electrical Heating and Air Conditioning business with Father.

Kathleen is a registered nurse.

Source of Data: Zelpha E. Witmer Ginter.  
Family Group Record

Husband: Kiler Richards  
Born: 25 October 1944  
Married: 15 June 1968  
Father: John Richards  
Mother: Ethel ?  
Wife: Sylvia Anne Ginter  
Born: 4 August 1946 Warsaw, Indiana  
Father: Carlye E. Ginter  
Mother: Zelpha E. Witmer

Children:

1. Mack Edward Richards 14 November 1970 Plymouth, Indiana.

Occupation: Kiler is a teacher.

Sylvia is a physical therapist.

Source of Data: Zelpha E. Witmer Ginter  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Basil Arlington Miller  
Born: 11 December 1921 Whitley County, Indiana



Married: 23 October 1948 Kosciusko County, Indiana.  
 Father: Clyde O. Miller  
 Mother: Maude Pentecost  
 Wife: Gloria Joan Witmer  
 Born: 10 January 1924 Kosciusko County, Indiana  
 Father: Glen L. Witmer  
 Mother: Sylvia M. Miller (No relation to husband)  
 Children:  
 1. Victoria Sue Miller 5 September 1947 Warsaw Indiana. Married Kerry E. Ringgenberg 1969  
 2. Douglas John Miller 7 May 1952 Fort Wayne  
 3. Paul Allen Miller 20 October 1955 Fort Wayne  
 Occupation: This family are farmers.  
 Source of Data: Gloria Joan Witmer Miller  
 Family Group Record  
 Husband: Kerry Eugene Ringgenberg  
 Born: 23 May 1946 Warsaw, Indiana  
 Married: 30 December 1967 Whitley County, Indiana  
 Father: No data  
 Mother: No data  
 Wife: Victoria Sue Miller  
 Born: 5 September 1945 Warsaw, Indiana  
 Father: Basil Arlington Miller  
 Mother: Gloria Joan Witmer  
 Children:  
 1. Pamela Ann Ringgenberg 16 January 1969  
 Occupation: Husband farmer and regional manager of seed corn company.  
 Source of Data: Gloria Joan Witmer Miller.  
 Family Group Record.  
 Husband: Robert E. Keck  
 Born: 29 August 1925 Kendleville, Indiana  
 Married: 19 June 1944 Columbia City, Indiana  
 Father: Clarence Keck  
 Mother: Viva Secrist  
 Wife: Lucille Miller  
 Born: 12 December 1923 Deadwood S. D.  
 Stepfather Glen L. Miller  
 Mother: Bertha E. Winckler Miller  
 Children:  
 1. John Wayne Keck 30 January 1955 Columbia City.  
 2. Mary Ann Keck 15 February 1960 Fort Wayne, Indiana.  
 Occupation: Robert factory worker  
 Lucille House wife.  
 Source of Data: Lucille Miller Keck  
 Family Group Record.  
 Husband: Foy Franklin Sauers  
 Born: 25 April 1932 in present home near Etna Larwill, Whitley County, Indiana  
 Married: 27 May 1953 Columbia City, Whitley

County, Indiana.

Father: Eli Erwin Sauers

Mother: Bessie Miller

Wife: Ruth Witmer

Born: 12 September 1934 Wolf Lake, Noble County, Indiana

Father: Glen L. Witmer

Mother: Bertha Winckler Miller

Children:

1. Sandra Sue Sauers 10 January 1954 Columbia City, Indiana

2. Steven Shawn Sauers 10 September 1957 Columbia City, Indiana

Occupation: Foy, Maintenance man Weatherhead Company and farmer. Owns and operates 160 acres.

Ruth: Telephone Operator United Telephone Co

Sandra: Student

Steven: Student

Source of Data: Ruth Witmer Sauers

Family Group Record

Husband: Ivan Werstler

Born: 9 September 1936 Whitney County, Indiana

Married: 2 June 1956 West Etna Community Church Whitley County, Indiana.

Father: Lester Werstler

Mother: Leone McGee

Wife: Glenna Witmer

Born: 12 July 1937 Noble County Indiana

Father: Glen L. Witmer

Mother: Bertha Winckler Miller

Children:

1. Janet Werstler 9 April 1957 Warsaw, Indiana

2. Peggy Werstler 26 March 1958 Warsaw, Indiana

3. Brenda Werstler 11 May 1960 Columbia City, Indiana.

4. Terry Werstler 22 April 1964 Columbia, Indiana.

5. Lisa Werstler 20 August 1970 Columbia City. Occupation: Farmer

Source of Data: Glenna Witmer Werstler

Family Group Record

Husband: Robert Kern

Deceased ?

Wife: Zelma Florence Witmer

Born: 2 February 1909

Father: Artie Clayton Witmer

Mother: Zona Price

Wife's other husband Forrest Don Ritter (No children)

Children:

1. Harold Isaac Kern 1 April 1935 Inwood, Indiana. Married Dorothy Gerken

2. Fay Waunita Kern 18 March 1937 Warsaw, Indiana. Married Lee Allen Tusing.

Source of Information: Zelma Florence Witmer  
Karen Ritter.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Harold Isaac Kern

Born: 1 April 1935 Inwood, Marshall Co Ind.

Married: 23 July 1955 Napoleon, Ohio

Father: Robert Kern

Mother: Zelma Florince Witmer

Wife: Dorothy Gerken

Born: No Data

Children:

1. Timothy Lynn Kern 21 September 1956 Valpa-  
riso, Indiana.

2. Teresa Lyson Kern 9 November 1963 Valpariso

Occupation: History and Geography inst-  
ructor, Valpariso High School System: B.S. Degree  
University of Valpariso

Address: East Chicago, Valpariso, Indiana 46383

Source of Data: Zelma Florence Witmer Kern Ritter.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Lee Allen Tusing

Born: 22 October 1937 Kosciusko County, Indiana

Married: 26 November 1955 Kosciusko County

Father: Harold Tusing

Mother: Olga Engle

Wife: Waunita Faye Kern

Born: 18 March 1937 Warsaw, Indiana

Father: Robert Kern

Mother: Zelma Florence Witmer

Children:

1. Clayton William Tusing 12 June 1956 Warsaw,  
Indiana.

2. Rolf Cameron Tusing 16 June 1957 Warsaw

3. Curtis Daniel Tusing 12 July 1958 Columbia  
City, Indiana.

4. Anette Gail Tusing 27 May 1960 Columbia City  
Indiana.

Address: Warsaw Indiana 46580

Source of Data: Zelma Florence Witmer Kern Ri-  
tter.

## CHAPTER 10

### THE FAMILIES OF Leona Price Culver David Everett Price Ester Elma Price Miller THE FAMILY OF LEONA PRICE

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: Earl F. Culver  
Born: 28 April 1889 Kosciusko County, Indiana  
Married: 20 May 1910 at home of Levi Price  
Died: 10 June 1966 Columbia City Hospital  
Buried: 13 June 1966 North Webster, Indiana  
Father: No Data  
Mother: No Data  
Wife: Leona Price  
Born: 12 July 1888 Elkhart County, Indiana  
Northwest of Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: Levi Price  
Mother: Lillie Florence Wysong

#### Children:

1. Lillian M. Culver 2 November 1910 Elkhart County. Married Donald Nine.
2. Everett O. Culver 6 October 1911 Noble County, Indiana, Died 6 October 1911
3. Arnold Virgil Culver 17 June 1912 Elkhart County, Indiana
4. Kenneth F. Culver 7 November 1914 Noble County. Married Portland Green.
5. Cecil May Culver 21 May 1923 Elkhart County  
Married Edgar Teeter 8 November 1942.

This family were farmers.

Source of Data: Leona Price Culver.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: Donald Nine  
Born: February 1909  
Married: 20 September 1930  
Father: No Data  
Mother: No Data  
Wife: Lillian M. Culver  
Born: 2 November 1910 Elkhart County, Indiana  
Died: 6 February 1941 North Webster, Indiana  
Buried: 9 February 1941 North Webster, Indiana  
Father: Earl F. Culver  
Mother: Leona Price

#### Children:

1. Nancy Ann Nine 13 September 1931 North Webster. Married Peter Morgano.

2. Joyce E. Nine 4 June 1933 North Webster
3. Philip Lee Nine 20 October 1935 North Webster.

Source of Data: Leona Price Culver  
Family Group Record

Husband: Peter Morgano

No other data

Wife: Nancy Ann Nine

Born: 13 September 1931 North Webster, Indiana

Father: Donald Nine

Mother: Lillian M. Culver

Children:

1. Karen Morgano
2. Janet Morgano
3. John Morgano
4. Peter Morgano
5. James Morgano
6. Richard Morgano

This family lives on Sherry Street Madison Heights Michigan 48071

Source of Data: Leona Price Culver  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Philip Lee Nine

Born: 20 October 1935 North Webster, Indiana

Father: Philip Nine

Mother: Lillian M. Culver

Wife: Carol Larson

no other data

Children:

1. Kenneth Nine
2. Thomas Nine

This family lives at East Fall Creek Park, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Source of Data: Leona Price Culver  
Family Group Record

Husband: Arnold V. Culver

Born: 12 November 1912 Ligonier, Indiana

Married: December 1934 North Webster, Indiana

Father: Earl F. Culver

Mother: Leona Price

Wife: Gladys M. Strombeck

Born: 31 August 1915 North Webster, Indiana

No other data

Children:

1. Gary Allen Culver 19 April 1936 North Webster.
2. Barton J. Culver 26 November 1938 North Webster.

Source of Data: Leona Price Culver  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Gary Allen Culver

Born: 19 April 1936 North Webster, Indiana

Married: August 1963 North Webster, Indiana

Father: Arnold V. Culver

Mother: Gladys M. Strombeck

Wife: Mary Lou Price  
no other data

Children:

1. John Culver 4 March 1965 Columbia City, Indiana.

This family lives in Leesburg, Indiana.

Source of Data: Leona Price Culver.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Kenneth F. Culver

Born: 7 November 1914 Ligonier, Indiana

Married: 8 January 1938 Piercton, Indiana

Father: Earl F. Culver

Mother: Leona Price

Wife: Dortha Green

Born: 2 December 1921 Packerton, Indiana

No other data.

Children:

1. Randall F. Culver 20 October 1939 Warsaw, Indiana.
2. Rosalie Elaine Culver 28 August 1937 Warsaw, Indiana.
3. Joseth L. Culver 14 October 1949 Logansport, Indiana.
4. Rebecca Culver 16 October 1954 Cadillac, Michigan.

Kenneth F. Culver is a minister in King-  
sville, Texas 78363.

Source of Data: Leona Price Culver

Family Group Record.

Husband: Kirk Starkweather

no other data

Wife: Rosalie Elaine Culver

Born: 28 August 1937 Warsaw, Indiana

Father: Kenneth F. Culver

Mother: Dortha Green

Children:

1. Deborah Starkweather
2. Julia Starkweather
3. Jeffery Kirk Starkweather

This family lives on Horne Street, Spring Arbor,  
Michigan.

Source of Data: Leona Price Culver

Family Group Record.

Husband: Randall F. Culver

Born: 20 October 1939 Warsaw, Indiana

Married: 2 August 1956 Kankakee, Illinois.

Father: Kenneth F. Culver

Mother: Dortha Green

Wife: Janice Hay

no other data

Children:

1. Carol Culver 1958
2. Catherine Culver
3. Caren Culver
4. Barbara Culver

This Family lives in Berne, Indiana 46711  
Source of Data: Leona Price Culver  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Edgar E. Teeter  
Born: 13 December 1920 Warsaw, Indiana  
Married: 8 November 1941  
Father: No data  
Mother: No data  
Wife: Cecil May Culver  
Born: 21 May 1923 Goshen, Indiana.  
Father: Earl F. Culver  
Mother: Leona Price  
Children:

1. Carolyn Sue Teeter 6 December 1942 Warsaw, Indiana.
2. Pricilla A. Teeter 15 August 1948 Warsaw, Indiana.
3. Mark A. Teeter 7 June 1952 Warsaw, Indiana  
Carolyn Sue Teeter apparently married a person by the name of Owen. Her address is Carolyn Sue Owen S. Hardy, Temple, Arizona.

Source of Data: Leona Price Culver  
The Family of David Everett Price  
Family Group Record.

Husband: David Everett Price  
Born: 23 April 1890 Noble County, Indiana  
Church: Christian Church Kimmell, Indiana  
Married: 27 September 1913 St. Joe, Michigan  
Father: Levi Price  
Mother: Lillie Florence Wysong  
Wife: Irma Long  
Born: 14 June 1896 Ligonier, Indiana  
Church: Methodist Kimmell, Indiana  
Father: George Long  
Mother: Amanda Jane Fisel  
Children:

1. Burland Price 15 February 1915 Elkhart County married Ruth Tyler
2. Janice E. Price 5 April 1926 Elkhart County married Delbert Barkydt.
3. Donald Price 28 November 1928 Noble County, Indiana. Died 15 November 1969 Buried Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana.
4. Benita Ruth Price 4 June 1930 Noble County Married Paul Gangwer.

This family were farmers.

Source of Data: David Everett Price  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Delbert Barkydt Jr.  
Born: 26 March 1922 Kendalville, Indiana  
Married: 3 November 1946, Kimmell Medothist Church.  
Father: Delbert Barkydt Sr.  
Mother: Cora ?  
Wife: Janice Eleanor Price



Born: 5 April 1926 Elkhart County, Indiana  
Church: Methodist Kimmell, Indiana  
Father: David Everett Price  
Mother: Irma Long

Children:

1. David Barkydt 8 Febuary 1948 Fort Wayne, Indiana. Married Linda Iden 15 June 1968.
2. Dennis Barkydt 13 May 1949 Fort Wayne, Indiana.
3. Diana Barkydt 9 June 1950 Kendalville, Indiana.
4. Delanine Barkydt 16 July 1953 Wolf Lake, Indiana.
5. Douglas Barhydt 20 May 1955 Wolf Lake, Indiana.
6. Deborah Barkydt 1 September 1956 LaGrange, Indiana.
7. Dawn Barkydt 16 September 1957 LaGrange, Indiana.
8. Denise Barkydt 11 May 1958 Goshen, Indiana.

Source of Data: David Everett Price  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Paul L. Gangwer  
Born: 18 June 1927 Noble County, Indiana  
Church: Methodist Church Kimmell, Indiana  
Married: 24 May 1948 New Haven, Indiana  
Father: Edward Gangwer  
Mother: Wilma Stoner

Wife: Bernita Ruth Price  
Born: 4 June 1930 Noble County, Indiana  
Church: Methodist Kimmell, Indiana  
Father: David Everett Price  
Mother: Irma Long

Children:

1. Ken Allen Gangwer 11 June 1957 Warsaw, Indiana.

Source of Data: David Everett Price.

The Family of Ester Elma Price  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Jacob T. Miller  
Born: 4 October 1900 Elkhart County, Indiana  
Father: Theophilus Miller  
Mother: Sarah ?

Wife: Ester Elma Price  
Born: 14 September 1893 Elkhart County, Indiana  
Father: Levi Price  
Mother: Lillie Florence Wysong  
Wife's other husband: Walter Mault

Children:

1. Richard Paul Mault 4 June 1919 Elkhart County
2. Wayne E. Mault 13 April 1921 Elkhart County

This family lives on the Levi Price farm  
4½ miles n. w. of Ligonier, Indiana.  
Source of Data: Ester Elma Price Miller

Family Group Record.

Husband: Richard Paul Mault  
Born: 4 June 1919 Elkhart County, Indiana  
Father: Walter Mault  
Mother: Esther Elma Price  
Wife: Irma Fulk  
Born: 12 October 1911  
Father: Clinton Fulk  
Mother: Bertha ?  
Children:  
No record

Family Group Record.

Husband: Wayne E. Mault  
Born: 13 April 1921  
Father: Walter Mault  
Mother: Esther Elma Price  
Wife: Barbara Z. Hunter  
Born: 22 January ?  
Father: Joseph Hunter  
Mother: Vivian L. ?  
Children:  
1. Cynthia E. Mault 7 June 1942 Noble County.  
Source of Data: Esther Elma Price Miller

The Family of Celia Cecil Price

Family Group Record

Husband: John Mason Stabler  
Born: 29 December 1885 Payne, Ohio  
Married: 12 September 1912 Goshen, Indiana  
Died: 12 March 1945 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Buried: 14 March 1945 Greenmount Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Father: John Stabler  
Mother: Martha Coomer  
Wife: Celia Cecil Price  
Born: 8 October 1895  
Father: Levi Price  
Mother: Lillie Florence Wysong  
Children:  
1. Robert J. Stabler 16 February 1913 Elkhart County. Married Valeria I Jones  
2. Dale LaMar Stabler 18 March 1915 Elkhart County. Married Wanda Alone Sowers.  
3. Alice Elizabeth Stabler 23 August 1916 Elkhart County.  
4. Elsie Loretta Stabler 6 June 1919 Elkhart County. Married Wayne Gress.  
5. Harold Mason Stabler 16 December 1921 South Bend. Married Helen Margaret Doenges  
6. Jason Lulie Stabler 13 March 1925 Elkhart County. Married Stella Mosciki.  
7. Ronald Lee Stabler 22 January 1936 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
8. Roger Lee Stabler 22 January 1936 Fort Wayne, Indiana. Died 22 January 1936.

Source of Data: Celia Cecil Price Stabler.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Robert J. Stabler  
Born: 16 Febuary 1913 Elkhart County, Indiana  
Married: 31 July 1936  
Died: 3 January 1966 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Buried: Green Lawn Cemetry Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Father: John M. Stabler  
Mother: Celia Cecil Price  
Husband's other wife: Margaret Gaskil  
Wife: Valeria I Jones  
Born: 21 June 1915  
Father: Herbert Jones  
Mother: Blanche Garner  
Children:

1. Terry J. Stabler 20 August 1938
2. Carl Alvin Stabler 29 September 1939 Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Source of Data: Celia Cecil Price Stabler  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Dale Lamar Stabler  
Born: 18 March 1915 Elkhart County, Indiana  
Married: 29 May 1937 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Father: John Mason Stabler  
Mother: Celia Cecil Price  
Wife: Wanda Alone Somers  
Born: 22 December 1920  
Father: Roy Somers  
Mother: Ella Fales  
Children:

None

This husband is a Chemist  
Residence: Olive Street Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Source of Data: Celia Cecil Price Stabler  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Wayne Cress  
Born: 30 June 1912  
Married: 26 September 1936  
Died: 12 April 1963 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Buried: Green Lawn Cemetry Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Father: Arthur Cress  
Mother: Emma Wine  
Wife: Elsie Loretta Stabler  
Born: 6 June 1919 Elkhart County, Indiana  
Died: 6 November 1956 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Buried: Green Lawn Cemetry, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Father: John Mason Stabler  
Mother: Celia Cecil Price  
Children:

1. Richard Wayne Cress 28 September 1938 Fort Wayne, Indiana. Married Kathrine Kenyon.
2. Andalee Cress 2 January 1942 Fort Wayne, Indiana. Married Richard Cranston
3. Carolyn Sue Cress 21 August 1943 Fort Wayne, Indiana. Married Eugene Cox 26 March 1961.

Source of Data: Celia Cecil Price Stabler  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Richard Wayne Cress  
Born: 28 September 1938 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Married: Cleveland Ohio

Father: Wayne Cress  
Mother: Elsie Loretta Stabler

Wife: Katherine Kenyon

No other data

Children:

1. Kimberly Ann Cress 25 October 1964 Cleveland, Ohio.
2. Jennifer Lynn Cress 19 August 1967 Cleveland Ohio.
3. Patrick Wayne Cress 30 August 1969 Cleveland Ohio.

This family now lives in Wooster, Ohio.  
He is a food chain executive.

Source of Data: Celia Cecil Price Stabler.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Richard Albert Campton  
Born: 21 November 1936 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Married: 28 November 1959 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Father: Albert Campton

Mother: Dorothy Lucas

Wife: Andalee Cress

Born: 2 January 1942 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Father: Wayne Cress

Mother: Elsie Loretta Stabler

Children:

1. Mark Edward Campton 8 October 1960 Fort Wayne, Indiana.
2. Kevin Richard Campton 8 November 1961 Fort Wayne, Indiana.
3. Lorie Betta Campton 15 December 1964 Fort Wayne, Indiana.
4. Renee Marie Campton 14 June 1968 Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The father is a cast moulder.

Resides in Weisser Park, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Source of Data: Celia Cecil Price Stabler  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Eugene Edward Cox  
Born: 5 May 1941 Altoona, Pennsylvania  
Married: 25 March 1961 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Father: Paul Edward Cox

Mother: Eleanor Walker

Wife: Carolyn Sue Cress

Born: 28 February 1943 Fort Wayne Indiana

Father: Wayne Cress

Mother: Elsie Loretta Stabler

Children:

1. Christopher Michael Cox 20 June 1965.
2. Michael Eugene Cox 9 December 1968  
Died: 12 December 1968 Fort Wayne.

The father is an insurance salesman.  
Resides on Holton Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Source of Data: Celia Cecil Price Stabler  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Harold Mason Stabler  
Born: 16 December 1921 South Bend, Indiana  
Married: 16 June 1941  
Father: John Mason Stabler  
Mother: Celia Cecil Price  
Wife: Helen Margaret Doenges  
Born: 21 July 1920 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Church: Baptised July 1920 St. Paul's Lutheran  
Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.  
Father: Christian H. Doenges  
Mother: Emma Bredemeyer

Children:  
1. Carol Ann Stabler 4 July 1943 Fort Wayne  
Married: Melvin Tschauman  
2. Robert LeMar Stabler 31 January 1945 Fort  
Wayne, Indiana. Married Sandra Troop.  
3. Barbara Evelyn Stabler 28 September 1946  
Fort Wayne, Indiana. Married Roger Morse  
The father is a St. Francis College Em-  
ployee. Resides on East Pontiac, Fort Wayne  
Indiana.

Source of Data: Celia Cecil Price Stabler.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Melvin Tschaumen  
Born: 9 May 1927 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Married: 15 April 1961 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Father: Melvin Tschaumen Sr.

Mother: Clara Croy  
Wife: Carol Ann Stabler  
Born: 4 August 1943 Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Baptized: 5 August 1943  
Father: Harold Mason Stabler  
Mother: Helen Margaret Doenges

Children:  
1. Mark Allen Tschsumen 4 August 1967 Fort  
Wayne, Indiana.  
2. John Lewis Tschsumen 19 August 1969 Fort  
Wayne, Indiana.  
3. Debra Ann Tschaumen 16 July 1968 Fort Wayne  
Died: 6 August 1968 Fort Wayne, Indiana

This father is a building contractor.  
Residence: DeGroff, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Source of Data: Celia Cecil Price Stabler.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Roger L. Morse  
Born: 26 January 1945 Angola, Indiana  
Married: 26 April 1967 Angola, Indiana  
Father: James Morse  
Mother: Helen ?  
Wife: Barbara Evelyn Stabler  
Born: 28 September 1946 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Father: Harold Mason Stabler

Mother: Helen Doneges

Children:

1. Philip Lee Morse 9 April 1970 Fort Wayne  
This husband is a carpenter.

Resides: South Clinton, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Source of Data: Celia Cecil Price Stabler  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Robert LeMar Stabler

Born: 31 January 1945 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Baptized: 28 February 1945 St. Paul's Lutheran  
Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Married: 29 October 1965 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Father: Harold Mason Stabler

Mother: Helen Doeng

Wife: Sandra Troop

Born: 8 May 1948 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Father: Noble Brandt

Mother: Betty ?

Children:

1. Robert Curtis Stabler 3 June 1967 Fort Wa-  
yne, Indiana.
2. Louie Michael Stabler 2 November 1968 Fort  
Wayne, Indiana
3. Lance Brian Stabler 2 February 1970 Fort Wa-  
yne, Indiana.

They live on Jones Street, Fort Wayne,  
Indiana.

Source of Data: Celia Cecil Price Stabler  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Jason Leslie Stabler

Born: 13 March 1925 Elkhart County, Indiana

Married: 6 September 1947 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Father: John Mason Stabler

Mother: Celia Cecil Price

Wife: Stella Moscisci

Born: 6 February ?

Father: Casper Moscisci

Mother: ?

Children:

1. Leslie Michael Stabler 5 September 1948 Fo-  
rt Wayne, Indiana
2. Stephen Lee Stabler 14 June 1950 Fort Wayne  
Indiana.

Occupation: Machinist

Address: Country Estates, Fort Wayne, Indiana-

Source of Data: Celia Cecil Price Stabler.

## CHAPTER 11

### THE FAMILY OF CLEMENT VALENTINE WYSONG

Clement Valentine Wysong, Val as he was known to his brothers, was the second child of David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong. He was born in Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio. He moved with his family as a child in 1872 to Noble County, Indiana. Here he grew up, married, raised his family and at his death was buried in the Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana. Not too much is known about Clement. He was a carpenter. He worked for the railroad and built houses and barns. He was married two times. His first wife was Cynthia Haller. She passed away and was buried in Salem Cemetery, about five miles north of Ligonier, Indiana.

His second wife was Eva Luella Coldwell. She lived several years after Valentine passed away. She is buried in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana.

A photograph of Valentine Wysong is in the possession of Beulah Wysong Whistler, his niece, who lives in Eustis, Florida.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: Clement Valentine Wysong  
Born: 22 January 1863 West Alexandria, Ohio.  
Married: ?  
Died: 27 March 1918 Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: David Wysong  
Mother: Amanda Waggoner  
Wife: Cynthia Holler (First Marriage)  
no other data  
Death: Date unknown  
Buried: Salem Cemetery, Noble County, Indiana  
Children:  
1. Orville Wysong who lived in Goshen, Indiana about 1930.  
2. Vernon Wysong 19 March 1891 Ligonier, Indiana.

Second wife: Eva Coldwell.  
Married: 2 July 1898 U.B. Church Noble County  
Born: Indiana  
Died: May 15, 19? Lansing, Michigan  
Buried: Oak Park Cemetery Ligonier, Indiana  
Children:  
1. David Andrew Wysong 6 May 1902  
Married: Francis Harrold Hardy  
2. Martha Marie Wysong 30 June 1909 Ligonier



Married: Thomas Raymond Horne  
Source of Data: David Andrew Wysong  
Funeral services Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Mrs. Ella Wysong, 72, widow of Clement Val Wysong at the Brown funeral home with Rev. S. P. O'Reilley of the U.B. Church officiating. Mrs. Wysong died at Lansing Michigan. She was a former resident of this city. Surviving are two sons, David Wysong of Lansing, Michigan, Orville Wysong of Goshen and a daughter Mrs. Thomas Horn of Trail, British Columbia. One brother, Ed Caldwell of this city, two sisters Mrs. Maude Koehler of Lansing and Mrs. Emma Hanvey of Indianapolis. Six grandchildren. Burial was made in Oak Park Cemetery.

This funeral notice has a very faded penciled date of May 15th. No year, no paper of publication. This funeral notice was found in the family Bible of George Pendleton Wysong.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Thomas Raymond Horne  
no other data

Wife: Martha Marie Wysong  
Born: 30 June 1899 Ligonier, Indiana.  
Father: Clement Valentine Wysong  
Mother: Eva Luella Coldwell  
Died: Vancouver British Columbia 1971.

Children:

1. Thomas Horne. He lived in Trail Vancouver, British Columbia in 1971.

Source of Data: David Andrew Wysong  
Family Group Record

Husband: David Andrew Wysong  
Born: 6 May 1902 Ligonier, Indiana.  
Married: 27 July 1929 Mason, Michigan  
Father: Clement Valentine Wysong  
Mother: Eva Luella Coldwell  
Wife: Francis Harriet Hardy  
Born: 20 January 1889 Eagle TWP, Clinton County  
Indiana

Father: Herman George Hardy  
Mother: Lura Hannah Ring  
Previous Marriages. Both husband wife of this marriage were previously married.

Children:

1. Francis Sherman Darling 16 October 1919 Meadville, Pennsylvania.
2. Viva Kathleen Darling 16 October 1920 Meadville, Pennsylvania.
3. Evaline Margaret Wysong 17 October 1930 Lansing, Michigan.

This family lives in Lansing, Michigan.  
Source of Data: David Andrew Wysong.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Francis Sherman Darling  
Born: 15 March 1919 in Meadville, Pennsylvania.  
Married: 6 May 1951 Angola, Indiana

Father: Joseph Rex Darling  
Mother: Frances Harriett Hardy

Wife: Nita Covill

Born: October ?

no other data

Children:

1. Dennis Lee Darling 9 December 1953 Lansing, Michigan.
2. Denise Darling 23 July 1955 Lansing, Michigan
3. Diana Darling 1957 Lansing, Michigan

He is owner and manager of the Courtesy Cab Company in Lansing, Michigan

Source of Data: Frances Harriett Hardy Wysong  
Family Group Record:

Husband: Mervin Eyer

Born: 1921

Married: 18 December 1950 Lansing, Michigan  
no other data

Wife: Niva Kathleen Darling

Father: Joseph Rex Darling

Mother: Frances Harriett Hardy

Children:

1. Kay Lura Eyer 22 August 1953
2. Jan Clark Eyer 17 January 1956

He is the Office Foreman Atlas Drop Forge Company in Lansing, Michigan.

Source of Data: Frances Harriett Hardy Wysong

We have no family group record for Evaline Margaret Wysong, daughter of David Andrew and Frances Harriett Hardy Wysong.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Vernon Wysong

Born: 11 March 1891 Ligonier, Indiana

Married in 1915

Died: March 9, 1935 Elkhart, Indiana

Father: Clement Valentine Wysong

Mother: Cynthia Holler

Wife: Mary White

Born: December 25 : in Ireland

Church: Roman Catholic

Died: August 8, 1921 Elkhart, Indiana

no other data.

Husband's other wife: Mildren Morrel married in 1925. No Children of this marriage.

Children:

1. Geraldine Wysong 12 May 1917 White City, Illinois. Married Henry Everts
2. Vernon Wysong 21 March 1918
3. Donald Wysong 9 February 1921 Died 1921

Source of data: Geraldine Wysong Everts.

The obituary notice of Vernon Wysong

clipped from some newspaper and found among the other old clippings among the leaves of the Bible of George Pendleton Wysong, late of Stillwater, Oklahoma and now in the possession of Beulah Wysong Whistler, his daughter.

Death of Former Resident.

Funeral services for Vernon Wysong, 43, who died at his home in Elkhart Saturday were held Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Wysong, a former New York Central Engineer, was ill several months with tuberculosis.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Mildred Morrel Wysong to whom he was married a week ago last Monday; and three children by a previous marriage, Miss Geraldine Wysong 18 of Chicago; Vernon Wysong Jr. of Lansing, Michigan, and Donald Wysong of Pierceton. A brother David of Lansing, Michigan, and a half sister Mrs. Martha Horn, of British Columbia Canada also survive. Mr. Wysong was born March 19, 1891 in Noble County near Ligonier, the son of Clement and Cynthia (Haller) Wysong. He entered the New York Central services about 21 years ago and went to Elkhart about two years later.

## CHAPTER 12

### THE FAMILY OF MAHALA WYSONG AND JACOB VANCE

In going through the clippings found in the Bible of George Pendleton Wysong of Stillwater, Oklahoma and now in the possession of Beulah Wysong Whistler, we find two clippings that are about the family of Mahala Wysong Vance, the sister of George Pendleton Wysong.

The first clipping is a post card sized picture of Mahala Vance and some of her children taken in the vegetable garden of the Vance home. Aunt Mahala is standing between two cabbage rows. Two daughters, appearing to be about 16 and 8 years of age are sitting near their mother. There is one boy in this picture. This must be a grandchild and is about six years of age.

Another item concerning this family is a small 2 x 4 greeting card from the Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Vance, with a small but very clear picture on the card. The card reads "Greeting Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Vance, your pastor and wife." No church affiliation is given.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: Jacob Vance

Buried: Oak Park Cemetery Ligonier, Indiana  
no other data.

Wife: Mahala Wysong

Born: 22 March 1864 West Alexandria, Twin Townshop, Preble County, Ohio.

Died: 23 June 1930 Ligonier, Indiana

Buried: Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana

Father: David Wysong

Mother: Amanda Waggoner

#### Children:

1. Grace M. Vance. Deceased. No Issue
2. Russell E. Vance 3 December 1899 Married Ruth Golden
3. Harry Stanton Vance Married Mildred May Moore 3 August 1893.
4. Jake Wesley Vance Married Dessie ?
5. Glen Vance 23 August 1903 Married Pauline Gray.
6. Sarah Amanda Vance 11 March 1901 Married Harry Jacobs.

All of the above children were born at Ligonier, Indiana.

Source of Data: : Mildred May Moore Vance,  
Family Group Record.  
Husband: Russell Edward Vance I  
Born: 3 December 1890 Ligonier, Indiana  
Married: 30 September 1913 Ligonier, Indiana  
Died: 27 October 1967  
Buried: Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: Jacob Henry Vance  
Mother: Mahala Wysong  
Wife: Ruth Nevada Golder  
Born: 4 December 1892 Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: James Henry Golder  
Mother: Nora Richmond  
Children:

1. Alice Henrietta Vance 2 February 1915 Ligonier, Indiana. Married Edwin Forrest Whitman
2. James Henry Vance 10 February 1921 Dayton, Ohio. Married: Geraldine Ann McDonald
3. Russell Edward Vance II 17 November 1922  
This family lives on Nutman Avenue Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Source of Data: Russell S. Vance II  
Family Group Record,

Husband: Edwin Forrest Whitney  
Born ?  
Married: 29 August 1937 Logansport, Indiana  
Wife: Alice Henrietta Vance  
Born: 2 February 1915 Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: Russell Edward Vance  
Mother: Ruth Nevada Golder  
Children:

1. Nike Sue Whitney 4 December 1939 Married ? Porter
2. Penelope Jo Whitney 26 November 1946  
Married ? Woodford
3. Janine Whitney 11 February 1951.  
Janine is a junior student a William & Mary College in 1971.

Edwin Forrest Whitney graduated from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. He retired from the Army as a Colonel. Alice graduated from Indiana Central.

Source of Data: Russell E. Vance II  
Family Group Record.

Husband: ? Porter  
no other data  
Wife: Niki Sue Whitney  
Born: 4 December 1939  
Father: Edwin Forrest Whitney  
Mother: Alice Hanrietta Vance  
Children:

1. Michael Porter 15 August 1963
2. Tricia Proter 27 September 1966
3. ? Porter ? December 1971  
This family lives in Indapolis, Indiana

Source of Data: Russell E. Vance II  
Family Group Data.

Husband: ? Woodford  
no other data  
Wife: Penelope Jo Whitney  
Born: 26 November 1946  
Father: Edwin Forrest Whitney  
Mother: Alice Henrietta Vance  
Children:

No children in 1971.

This family lives in Lynchburg, Virginia.  
Both teach in the elementary schools.

Source of Data: Russell Edward Vance II  
Family Group Record:

Husband: James Henry Vance  
Born: 10 February 1921 Dayton, Ohio.  
Married: 16 March 1943 Logansport, Indiana  
Father: Russell Edward Vance  
Mother: Ruth Nevada Golder  
Wife: Geraldine Ann McDonald  
no other data

Children:

1. Rodney James Vance 15 April 1951
2. Sidney Jerald Vance 11 May 1953

James Henry Vance attended Indiana Central College. Received his bachelor of Divinity at Washington University. He is a Minister of a United Methodist Church, Seattle, Washington in 1971. Both Rodney and Sidney are students at Washington University.

Source of Data: Russell Edward Vance II  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Russell Edward Vance II  
Born: 17 November 1922 Rensselear, Indiana  
Married: 3 January 1943 Logansport, Indiana  
Father: Russell Edward Vance  
Mother: Ruth Nevada Golder  
Wife: Elsa June Harkin  
no other data

Children:

1. Russell Edward Vance III 1 June 1946
2. Delley Ferre Vance 8 November 1971

Russell Edward Vance received his A.B. Degree from Indiana Central College, his M. A. Degree from Butler University and his PHD from Indiana University.

Elsa June Harkin received her B.S. Degree from Indiana University and her M.A. Degree from Allegheny College. This family lives in Edinboro, Pennsylvania.

Source of Data: Russell Edward Vance II, This is his own family.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Harry Stanton Vance  
Born: 3 August 1893 Ligonier, Indiana

Married: 17 September 1917 Ligonier, Indiana  
Died: 14 June 1965 Ligonier, Indiana  
Buried: 16 June 1965 Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana.

Father: Jacob Vance  
Mother: Mahala Wysong  
Wife: Mildred May Moore  
Born: 18 July 1894  
Father: Emanuel Moore  
Mother: Elizabeth Null.

Children:

1. Louise Katherine Vance 28 December 1918
2. Robert Arthur Vance 27 February 1922

This family lived on Water Street, Ligonier, Indiana.

Emanuel Moore was an equipment decorator  
Elizabeth Null's father, Peter Null, came from Pennsylvania.

Source of Data: Mildred May Moore Vance  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Leland Barrett Poppy I  
Born: 6 September 1917 Wawaka, Indiana  
Married: 17 September 1939 United Brethern Church Ligonier, Indiana.

Father: Carlton Poppy  
Mother: Gracie Barrett  
Wife: Kathrine Louise Vance  
Born: 28 December 1918 Ligonier, Indiana

Father: Harry Stanton Vance  
Mother: Mildred May Moore

Children:

1. Elizabeth Ann Poppy 24 August 1942 Ligonier
2. Rebecca Sue Poppy 1 February 1944 Ligonier
3. Leland Barrett Poppy II 10 August 1949 Ligonier, Indiana.

Leland Barrett Poppy II is in the service in 1970. Source of Data: Katherine Louise Vance Poppy.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Walter Winder Windson II  
Married: 1 September 1963  
Wife: Elizabeth Ann Poppy  
Born: 24 August 1942 Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: Leland Barrett Poppy I  
Mother: Katherine Louise Vance

Children:

1. Shawn Patrick Windson 17 August 1966 Goshen
2. Kiven Barrett Windson 25 January 1969 Muncie

Source of Data: Mildred May Moore Vance

Family Group Record.

Husband: Larry Ross Gardner  
Married: 22 August 1965  
Wife: Rebecca Sue Poppy  
Born: 1 February 1944 Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: Leland Louise Vance



Children:

1. Braddy Mathew Gardner 23 November 1969  
Muncie, Indiana.

This family are druggists

Source of Data: Mildred May Moore Vance  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Robert Arthur Vance  
Born: 27 Febuary 1922 Ligonier, Indiana  
Church: United Brethern Ligonier, Indiana  
Married: 30 September 1945 Meriam Brethern Ch-  
urch, Noble County, Indiana.

Father: Harry Stanton Vance

Mother: Mildred May Moore

Wife: Edith Keister

Born: 28 March 1923 Meriam, Indiana

Father: Elba Keister

Mother: No data

Children:

1. Barbara Jean Vance 4 September 1946 Ligonier,  
Indiana.
  2. Cinthia Day Vance 2 May 1952 Ligonier, Ind.
  3. Karen Suzette Vance 31 August 1954 Ligonier,
  4. Susan Elaine Vance 19 December 1957 Ligonier
- Source of Data: From members of this family  
in 1970.

Family Group Record:

Husband: Richard Lenacher  
Born: 15 November 1936 Lagrange County, Indiana

Baptised: United Brethern Church

Married: 16 March 1968 Ligonier, Indiana

Father: Willaim Lenacher

Mother: Margaret Delagrange

Wife: Barbara Jean Vance

Born: 4 September 1946 Wolf Lake, Indiana

Father: Robert Arthur Vance

Mother: Edith Keister

Children:

1. Dawn Lenacher 11 August 1969 Goshen, Indiana  
Occupation: Car salesman. Lives on Mc-  
Lean Street, Ligonier, Indiana

Source of Data: Barbara Jean Vance Lenacher  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Jake Wesley Vance

Born: 3 August 1893

Father: Jacob Vance

Mother: Mahala Wysong

Wife: Dessie ?

No other data

In 1970 this husband had passed away some  
time before.

This Family lives in Marshall, Michigan.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Glen D. Vance

Born: 23 August 1903 Ligonier, Indiana

Church: First Presbyterian Niles, Michigan

Married: 24 November 1927 Ligonier, Indiana  
 Father: Jacob Henry Vance  
 Mother: Mahala Wysong  
 Wife: Pauline Gray  
 Born: 18 March 1904 Wolf Lake, Indiana  
 Church: First Presbyterian, Niles Michigan  
 Father: John Wesley Gray. (His grandfather  
 was a Baptist Minister in Ohio about 1830).  
 Mother: Ivy Pincheon  
 Children:  
 1. Elaine Crystal Vance 15 November 1933 Ligonier,  
 Indiana.  
 This family lives on 13th Street, Niles  
 Michigan 49102. Both have green thumbs and  
 have a wonderful rose garden.  
 Source of Data: Glen D. Vance  
 Family Group Record.  
 Husband: Richard John Pfeil  
 Born: 6 October 1932 Niles, Michigan  
 Church: Little Flower Catholic, South Bend  
 Street, Joseph County, Indiana.  
 Married: 7 August 1954 St. Mary's Catholic,  
 Niles, Michigan  
 Father: John Pfeil  
 Mother: Marie Metzger  
 Wife: Elaine Crystal Vance  
 Born: 15 November 1933 Ligonier, Indiana  
 Church: Little Flower Catholic, South Bend  
 Street, Joseph County, Indiana  
 Father: Glen D. Vance  
 Mother: Pauline Gray  
 Children:  
 1. Mary Ellen Pfeil 1 May 1957 South Bend  
 2. James Robert Pfeil 10 January 1960 South  
 Bend.  
 3. Laura Ann Pfeil 5 March 1965 South Bend  
 Source of Data: Elaine Crystal Vance Pfeil  
 Family Group Record.  
 Husband: Harry McKinley Jacobs  
 Born: 1897 Memphis, Tennessee  
 Died: September 1966  
 Buried: September 1966 Oak Park Cemetery, Ligo-  
 nier, Indiana.  
 Father: Herman Jacobs  
 Mother: Lena ?  
 Wife: Sarah Amanda Vance  
 Born: 11 March 1901 Ligonier, Indiana  
 Died: 1963 Ligonier, Indiana  
 Buried: 1963 Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Ind.  
 Father: Jacob Vance  
 Mother: Mahala Wysong  
 Children:  
 1. Harry Irven Jacobs 4 March 1927 Ligonier  
 2. Russell Keene Jacobs  
 Russell Keene Jacobs lives in England.

Source of Data: Henry Irven Jacobs  
Family Group Record.  
Husband: Henry Irven Jacobs  
Born: 4 March 1927 Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: Henry McKinley Jacobs  
Mother: Sarah Amanda Vance  
Married: 1 May 1964  
Wife: Verna M. Shidler  
No other Data.  
Previous marriages for Henry Erven Jacobs  
To Louise O. ? 1949 Divorced 1952  
To Maxene Smith Febuary 1954 Divorced 1960  
Source of Data: Henry Irven Jacobs.

## CHAPTER 13

### THE FAMILY OF LAIRD WYSONG

This family has many living descendents as this is being written in 1971. Laird was the son of David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong. He was born in Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio, in 1865. As a small boy he moved with his parents to Noble County, Indiana, where he grew up.

Laird and his youngest brother George were always close together. In fact when George Pendleton Wysong and Effie Fearman were married Laird and Addie May Emmett were the witnesses to the marriage and signed the wedding certificate.

Laird was a farmer and lived around Ligonier after he was married. According to his niece Laird was always buying a different farm and moving his family to the new farm. Most probably he improved his farm by each change.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: Laird Wysong  
Born: 21 July 1865 West Alexandria, Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio.  
Married: 1891 Ligonier, Indiana.  
Died: 23 January 1954 Ligonier, Indiana  
Buried: 25 January 1954 Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: David Wysong  
Mother: Amanda Waggoner  
Wife: Addie May Emmitt.  
Born: 10 September 1873 Noble County, Indiana  
Died: 2 June 1955  
Buried: Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: Samuel Emmitt  
Mother: Ester May Baldwin

#### Children:

1. Lulu May Wysong 4 September 1892 Married Clarence Rollin Lower.
2. Myrtle Wysong 2 January 1894 Married Carl Lower.
3. Ruby Wysong 4 February 1897 Married John French
4. Charley Wysong 16 November 1896 Married Lavon Fulk.
5. Raido Wysong 3 April 1901 Married Ilah Horvater.
6. Donald Wysong 24 October 1910 Married Lillian

Little.

7. Kenneth Wysong 11 March 1915 Married Lucile Depew.

The first five children were born near Ligonier, Indiana. Donald and Kenneth were born at Ashley, Indiana.

Lulu May Wysong Lower died in 1967.

Myrtle Wysong Lower died in 1968.

This family were farmers for many years after their marriage.

Source of data: Raido Wysong in 1970 at his home.

The family of Lulu May Wysong, We received a most informative letter from a daughter of this marriage who has a nice history of this family. This letter will be quoted in full before we give the family record.  
4208 Cleveland Road South Bend, Indiana 46628,  
Dear John:

Your letter received several days ago but I have been in a "Tizzy" so haven't had time to answer. We sold our house but are moving next door December 11 where my folks used to live. Our number will be 4124. We will live there until about March 1st before moving west. We are selling alot of things now.

Anyway I do not have any information on the Baldwins outside of the name Ester May Baldwin Emmitt being the mother of Addie May Emmitt Wysong (Emmitt was spelled this way on Addie May's marriage lisenice, but the clipping of her brother Taylor showed it spelled Emmett.) My mother said she remembered sitting on an Uncle's knee as a child, while he told her about the Baldwins in England but couldn't remember much. They were supposed to be related to General Lee and also the Queen of England. I have not tried to prove this.

My grandmother Addie May Emmet Wysong had five brothers and 3 sisters:

1. Lewis (Lou) Emmitt - no information.
2. George Shelby Emmitt Born 6 August 1871 in Sidney, Ohio. Died 3 September, 1955 in Glendale (I believe) California.
3. Sam Emmitt Born July 12 1875. Died January 2, 1928. A bachelor.
4. Wesley Emmitt. No information except that he was a bachelor.
5. Taylor W. Emmitt. Born in Ligonier, Indiana August 9, 1880 Died: August 31, 1937 in East Chicago. Wife's name Grayce: one son John.

Only two sisters names listed:

1. Olive Emmitt married Charles Thomas. They lived in Lamarie, Wyoming. She died April 20

1943. I believe they had a daughter.  
2. Jesse Emmet. I don't have any information on her but remember that she lived in the Ligonier area and had a family.

I remember visiting an Aunt in Ligonier, I believe her name was Mahala (or however you spell it) so that could be the third one.

Then Addie May's father's name was Samuel Emmet. I have quite a write up about him in a little printed folder. He was born May 19, 1840 in Washington (Fazwell County) Ill. In 1861 he enlisted in Company F. Benton Cadets (While living in Ohio) and was body guard to General Fremont. Discharged January 8, 1862. Then in September 1862 he enlisted in Co K 20 O.V.I. & served under General Grant. Was in several battles, then served under General Sherman. Mustered out July 15, 1865. Married Ester Baldwin of Sidney, Ohio April 1, 1864. In 1868 united with the Christian Church at Whitefeather, Ohio In 1877 moved near Wolcothville, Indiana and was ordained a minister in the Church of God. Died in his home near Wolcothville January 22, 1908 & laid to rest near by.

My grandmother never went by the name of Addie. It shows only on legal papers. She always was called by the name of May.

I have a postcard addressed to my grandmother (Mrs. Laird Wysong) saying Mrs. S.F. Emmet passed away June 26, 1941 in Medaryville, Indiana. I don't know who that was. It was signed by Josephine Emmet.

Your wife's letter to me stated that the Wysong family came over to America in 1740. I was wondering if you knew what country they came from. Best Regards. (Signed) Marvel.

The above letter from Marvel is a great assist in giving the lineage of Addie May Emmet and all of her descendents.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: Clarence Rollin Lower  
Born: 24 April 1899 In Indiana  
Married: 25 December 1910 Ashley, Indiana  
Died: 1 December 1959 South Bend, Indiana  
Buried: 4 December 1959 Highland Cemetery South Bend.  
Father: David Lower  
Mother: Anne Pfingst  
Wife: Lulu May Wysong  
Born: 4 September 1892 South Bend, Indiana  
Died: 3 April 1967 Highland Cemetery South Bend  
Father: Laird Wysong  
Mother: Addie May Emmet Born: 10 September 1873 Died: 2 June 1955.  
Children:

1. Marvel May Lower 29 October 1911 Kendalville Indiana. Married Morris Wise 21 September 1931
2. Gwendolyn Belle Lower 29 August 1913 Ashley, Indiana. Married George Griesinger 29 May 1937.
3. Robert R. Lower 28 November 1915 Asheley, Indiana, Died November 30, 1915.

Source of Data: From family records in possession of Marvel May Lower Wise, Cleveland Road, South Bend, Indiana 46628.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Morris O. Wise  
Born: 30 November 1908 South Bend, Indiana  
Married: 21 September 1931 Columbia City, Indiana  
Father: Oscar Wise  
Mother: Kathrine Valentine.  
Wife: Marvel May Lower  
Born: 29 August 1911 Kendalville, Indiana  
Father: Clarence Rollin Lower  
Mother: Lulu May Wysong

Children:

1. Diana May Wise 26 July 1937 South Bend, Indiana. Married Ray Morton 29 March 1953.

Source of Data: Family records of Marvel May Lower Wise.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Ray Morton  
Born: 21 November 1935 in Mississippi  
Married: 29 March 1953  
Father: Ernest Morton  
Mother: Elizabeth Dill  
Wife: Diana May Wise  
Born: 26 July 1937 South Bend, Indiana  
Father: Morris Wise  
Mother: Marvel May Lower

Children:

1. Elizabeth May Morton 26 January 1954
2. William Morton 6 September 1955
3. Mark Morton 18 March 1958
4. Shayne Morton 12 February 1963
5. Mathew Morton 14 February 1970

Source of Data: Records of Marvel May Lower Wise.

Family Group Record:

Husband: George John Griesinger  
Born: 27 November 1911 Los Angeles California  
Married: 29 May 1937 Los Angeles California  
Father: John Griesinger  
Mother: Emilie ?  
Wife: Gwendolyn Belle Lower  
Born: August 29, 1913 Ashley, Indiana  
Father: Clarence Rollin Lower  
Mother: Lulu May Wysong

Children:

1. Janet Patricia Greisinger 26 March 1940



Pasadena

2. Elaine Marie Greisinger 28 February 1942  
Pasadena

This family lives in San Gabriel, California. Occupation: Contract Carpet salesman for Triway Contractors Los Angles, California. Husbands hobbies: Church work, Women's Jail Ministry, Golf. Wife's hobbies: Housewife, Church work and Women's Jail Ministry. Source of Data: Personal knowledge of Gwendolyn Belle Lower Griesinger, her own family.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Phillip Anthony Alward  
Born: February 19, 1939 Glendale, California  
Married: 1 July 1960 Alhambra, California  
Father: Roy Alward  
Mother: Ruth ?

Wife: Janet Patricia Greisinger  
Born: 26 March 1940 Pasadena, California  
Father: George John Griesinger  
Mother: Gwendolyn Belle Lower

Children:

1. Randall Phillip Alward 4 December 1961 Riverside, California.
2. Sandra Elaine Alward 28 April 1964 Riverside.  
Business: Electric Service man for Edison Electric Co. San Bernado, California.

Janet is a housewife. Is interested in Church and youth work.

Source of Data: Personal knowledge of Gwendolyn Belle Lower Griesinger. Her own family.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: David Egbert Fischer  
Born: 14 December 1938 Corpus Christie, Texas  
Married: 27 June 1968  
Father: Egbert Fischer  
Mother: Leta ?

Wife: Elaine Marie Griesinger  
Born: 28 February 1942 Pasadena, California  
Father: George John Griesinger  
Mother: Gwendolyn Belle Lower

Children:

1. Paul Johnathan Fischer 17 March 1970 San Gabriel, California.

Business: Dean lf Living World Bible College, Monterey Park, California.

Elaine is a housewife and is interested in church and youth work.

Source of Data: Personal knowledge of Gwendolyn Belle Lower Griesinger. Her own family  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Carl Lower  
No other data.

Wife: Myrtle Wysong  
Born: 2 January 1894

Father: Laird Wysong  
Mother: Addie May Emmett

Children:

1. Opal Lower. Married Glen Wisner. They live on Marquette Avenue, South Bend, Indiana 46617
2. Everett Lower. He lives on Dunlevy Lane Ann Arbor, Michigan 48189

No other data on this family. This was general information and letters addressed to them were unanswered.

Family Group Record.

Husband: John Henry Funk  
Born: 27 November 1893 Dupont, Ohio  
Married: 27 December 1915, Detroit, Michigan  
Died: February 1940  
Buried: Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Father: Chris Funk Dupont, Ohio  
Mother: Effie Hoopengardner, Ohio  
Wife: Ruby Wysong  
Born: 4 February 1897  
Father: Laird Wysong  
Mother: Addie May Emmett

Children:

1. Maxine Funk 24 October 1916 Waterloo, Indiana. Married Herbert Hamilton
2. Marjorie Mae Funk 17 February 1921 Hamilton, Indiana. Married Jacob Knee

Occupation: Contractor and owner of a grocery store. Lived on a farm near Waterloo, Indiana when first married. He was then a contractor and later a grocery store owner in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Source of data: Ruby Wysong Funk, Hamilton Drive Fort Wayne, Indiana 46806

Family Group Record.

Husband: Herbert Hamilton

No other data

Wife: Maxine Funk

Born: 24 October 1916

Father: John Henry Funk

Mother: Ruby Doll Wysong

Children:

1. Brent Hamilton
2. Michael Hamilton

This family lives on Danner Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805

Source of Data: Marjorie Mae Funk Knee

Family Group Record.

Husband: Jacob Joseph Knee

Born: 31 January 1931 Swazee, Indiana

Married: 25 March 1961

Father: Jacob Joseph Knee

Mother: Lydia Stanger

Wife: Marjorie Mae Funk

Born: 17 February 1921  
Father: John Henry Funk  
Mother: Ruby Doll Wysong  
Children:

1. Eric Bradley Knee 11 December 1964 Fort Wayne, Indiana.

This family is very active in Gospel Temple Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is a trustee and Elder. Board Member. Has been an employee of the International Harvester Corporation for 27 years.

Marjorie was manager of the repair department of a large jewelry store. Sewing is her hobby. Jacob is an expert at repairing all items around the house.

Source of Data: Marjorie Mae Funk Knee.

The family of Charles and Lavon Fulk Wysong.

This is a large and closely knit family that lives in northern Indiana. They have been most successful in the business world and have raised a large family that would be the pride of any parents.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: Charles Wysong  
Born: 16 November 1899 Ligonier, Indiana  
Married: 6 May 1921 Los Angeles, California  
Father: Laird Wysong  
Mother: Addie May Emmett  
Wife: Lavon Fulk  
Father: Alfred Fulk. His father Harman Fulk  
His mother: Martha ?  
Mother: Mable Borman: Her Father: Joseph Borman. Her mother: Rachel Kirk.

All of Lavon's grandparents were born in Ohio.

#### Children:

1. Alvin Elbert Wysong 14 February 1922
2. Mildren Virginia Wysong 29 May 1923
3. Charles Robert Wysong 2 December 1924
4. Vera Mae Wysong 6 May 1926
5. Ruth Helen Wysong 28 August 1927
6. Doris Elaine Wysong 14 May 1930
7. Earl David Wysong 26 January 1934
8. Helen Lucile Wysong 4 January 1937
9. Beverly Ann Wysong 13 July 1939
10. Max Leroy Wysong 26 November 1941

The first five children were born in Los Angeles, California. The sixth child was born in South Bend, Indiana and the last four children were born in Wawaka, Indiana.

Occupation: Charles was a carpenter, lumber dealer, and a contractor. Their address is Wawaka, Indiana 46794

Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong July 1970

Family Group Record.

Husband: Alvin Elbert Wysong  
Born: 14 February 1922 Los Angeles, California  
Father: Charles Wysong  
Mother: Lavon Fulk  
Wife: Maxine Conrad  
Father: Claude Conrad  
Mother: Tilly Elijah  
Children:

1. Ralph Lane Wysong 29 October 1944
2. Dawn Elaine Wysong 19 August 1948
3. Rex Allen Wysong 25 March 1951
4. Jerry Bean Wysong 1 June 1961
5. Jack Leroy Wysong 22 September 1962

Occupation: Building Contractor and Lumber dealer.

Address: Wolf Lake, Indiana 46796

Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong July 1970

Family Group Record.

Husband: Ralph Lane Wysong  
Born: 24 October 1944 Wawaka, Indiana  
Married: 3 October 1965  
Father: Alvin Elbert Wysong  
Mother: Maxine Conrad  
Wife: Rose Ann Gongaware  
no other data

Children:

1. Ronald Wayne Wysong 16 February 1966
2. Richard Wade Wysong 22 April 1968

Note: These are great grandchildren of Charles and Lavon Fulk Wysong

Occupation: Lumber dealer and contractor  
Wolf Lake, Indiana 46796

Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong

Family Group Record.

Husband: Keith L. Edwards  
Married: 3 September 1966  
Father: Harry Edwards  
Mother: Mildred ?  
Wife: Dawn Elaine Wysong  
Born: 19 August 1948 Wawaka, Indiana  
Father: Alvin Elbert Wysong  
Mother: Maxone Conrad

Children:

1. Tina Renae Edwards 28 July 1968
2. Paula Sue Edwards 8 February 1970

Note: These are great grandchildren of Charles and Lavon Fulk Wysong.

Occupation: Machine operator

Address: Albion, Indiana 46701

Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong

Family Group Record.

Husband: Raymond Rose  
Born: 20 May 1919  
Married: South Bend, Indiana

Father: Ulyses Rose  
Mother: ?  
Wife: Mildred Virginia Wysong  
Born: 29 May 1923 Los Angeles, California  
Father: Charles Wysong  
Mother: Lavon Fulk

Children:

1. Dennis Leroy Rose 29 May 1944
  2. Dee Loren Rose 8 August 1945
  3. David Leroy Rose 23 December 1946
- Occupation: General farmer Wawaka, Indiana  
46794

Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Dennis Leroy Rose  
Born: 29 March 1944  
Married: 10 June 1966  
Father: Raymond Rose  
Mother: Mildred Virginia Wysong  
Wife: Annette Wappes  
no other data

Children:

1. Edward Allen Rose 9 December 1967

Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong

Family Group Record:

Husband: David Leroy Rose  
Born: 23 December 1946  
Married: 20 September 1969  
Father: Raymond Rose  
Mother: Mildred Virginia Wysong  
Wife: Lucinda Allen  
No other data.

Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Charles Robert Wysong  
Born: December 3, 1924 Los Angeles, California  
Married: 1953

Father: Charles Wysong  
Mother: Lavon Fulk  
Wife: Leona Drake

No other data

Children:

1. Philip Robert Wysong 17 March 1954
2. Gene Ann Wysong 14 January 1957
3. Jane Susan Wysong 14 January 1957  
Died: 14 February 1957.
4. Kay Linda Wysong 26 October 1959
5. Jay Allen Wysong 26 October 1959

All of the above children were born in  
Wawaka Noble County, Indiana.  
Occupation: Farming specializing in chickens  
and fruit. Address: Wawaka, Indiana 46794  
Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
Family Group Record.

Husband: John Rose

Born: 6 January 1927  
Married: 23 April 1945  
Father: Daniel Rose  
Mother: Addie Marie Lower  
Wife: Vera Mae Wysong  
Born: 6 May 1926 Los Angeles, California  
Father: Charles Wysong  
Mother: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
Children:  
1. Mark Anthony Rose 14 February 1946  
2. Thomas Edward Rose 16 June 1947  
3. James John Rose 26 June 1949  
4. Elizabeth Jean Rose 5 August 1950  
5. Lucile Mary Rose 19 January 1953  
Occupation: Farmer Wawaka, Indiana 46794  
Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
Family Group Record.  
Husband: Mark Anthony Rose  
Born: 14 February 1946  
Married: 12 June 1944  
Father: John Rose  
Mother: Vera Mae Wysong  
Wife: Beth Billie  
Father: Dallas Billie  
Children:  
1. Mather Erick Rose 26 February 1969  
Occupation: 1970. In Military Service in  
North Carolina.  
Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
Family Group Record.  
Husband: Thomas Edward Rose  
Born: 16 June 1947  
Married: 16 August 1969  
Father: John Rose  
Mother: Vera Mae Wysong  
Wife: Jay Katherine Fulk  
No other data.  
Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
Family Group Record.  
Husband: James John Rose  
Born: 26 June 1949  
Married: 20 June 1970  
Father: John Rose  
Mother: Vera Mae Wysong  
Wife: Kay Maxdon  
No other data.  
Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong in 1970  
Family Group Record.  
Husband: Harold Michael Bish  
Born: 30 January 1951  
Married: 28 August 1969  
Father: Don Bish  
Mother: ?  
Wife: Elizabeth Jean Rose  
Born: 5 August 1950

Father: John Rose  
 Mother: Vera Mae Wysong  
 Children:  
 1. Valerie Sue Bish 21 February 1970  
 Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
 Family Group Record.  
 Husband: Don Coe  
 Married: May 1952  
 Father: Orvil Coe  
 Mother: ?  
 Wife: Ruth Helen Wysong  
 Father: Charles Wysong  
 Mother: Lavon Fulk  
 Children:  
 1. Peggy Joy Coe 27 August 1956  
 Occupation: Salesman and riding horse  
 breeder Ruth is a bookkeeper.  
 Address: Albion, Indiana 46701  
 Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
 Family Group Record.  
 Husband: Thad Price  
 Born: 26 December 1929  
 Married: January 1953  
 Father: Levi Price  
 Mother: Beulah Miller  
 Wife: Doris Elaine Wysong  
 Born: 14 May 1930 South Bend, Indiana  
 Father: Charles Wysong  
 Mother: Lavon Fulk  
 Wife's other husband Dick West divorced.  
 in 1950 .  
 Children:  
 1. Connie Jean West 10 April 1951  
 2. Tony Andrew Price 4 December 1954  
 3. Chad Allen Price 10 April 1957  
 4. William Ray Price 10 March 1960  
 5. Candy Lavon Price 27 March 1964  
 Chad Allen Price accidental death 8 July 1963  
 Buried in Sparta Cemetery Kimbel, Indiana  
 Candy Lavon Price died 7 June 1965, Buried in  
 Sparta Cemetery Kimbel, Indiana.  
 Occupation: Farmer Kimmell, Indiana 46760  
 Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong in 1970  
 Family Group Record.  
 Husband: Gary Lee Wooten  
 Born: 3 March 1946  
 Married: 3 April 1969  
 Father: Arnold Wooten  
 Mother: Maxine Lash  
 Wife: Connie Jean West  
 Born: 10 April 1951  
 Father: Dick West  
 Mother: Doris Elaine Wysong  
 Children:  
 1. Mary Marie Wooten 8 May 1970



Occupation: Foundry Worker  
Address: Wolgothville, Indiana 46795  
Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong in 1970  
Family Group Record.  
Husband: Earl David Wysong  
Born: 26 January 1934 Wawaka, Indiana  
Married: 31 May 1952  
Father: Charles Wysong  
Mother: Lavon Fulk  
Wife: Vivian Marshall  
Born: 15 March 1934  
Father: Paul Marshall  
Mother: Bonnie Coe  
Children:  
1. Chryl Lynne Wysong 20 May 1953  
2. Debra Sue Wysong 24 July 1955  
Occupation: Truck Driver  
Wolf Lake, Indiana 46796  
Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
Family Group Record.  
Husband: Calvin Knapp  
Born: 28 December 1933  
Married: 16 November 1958  
Father: Cecil Knapp  
Mother: ?  
Wife: Helen Lucile Wysong  
Born: 4 January 1937 Wawaka, Indiana  
Father: Charles Wysong  
Mother: Lavon Fulk  
Children:  
1. Devin Kim Knapp 7 June 1959  
2. Kris James Knapp 20 August 1960  
Occupation: Furniture dealer.  
Helen is a school teacher BS from Manchester  
College. MS from St. Frances College, Fort  
Wayne, Indiana. Syracuse, Indiana 46567  
Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
Family Group Record.  
Husband: Marvy Spondauer  
Born: 28 December 1938  
Married: 14 August 1963  
Wife: Beverly Ann Wysong  
Born: 13 June 1939 Wawaka, Indiana  
Father: Charles Wysong  
Mother: Lavon Fulk  
Children:  
1. Brad Scott Sponkauer 21 June 1970  
Occupation: Both are school teachers.  
Marvy is a principal, Beverly is a speech spe-  
cialist. Both have M.S. Degrees. Marvy from  
Perdue University and Beverly from Indiana Uni-  
versity. Address: Ligonier, Indiana  
Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Max Leroy Wysong  
Born: 26 November 1941 Wawaka, Indiana  
Married: 26 November 1966  
Father: Charles Wysong  
Mother: Lavon Fulk  
Wife: Celia Lozier  
Born: 26 December 1941  
Father: Cecil Lozier  
Mother: Thelma Shambeck

Children:

1. Stephen Devore Wyosng 3 December 1968  
Occupation: Chemistry and Biology teacher.  
Max has B.S. & M.S. from Purdue University,  
Celia teaches art. Has B.S. from Manchester  
College, North Manchester, Indiana,  
Ligonier, Indiana  
Source of Data: Lavon Fulk Wysong  
The family of Raido and Ilah Hovarter  
Wysong.

This family have been realestate brokers  
for many years with lisences in Indiana and Wi-  
sconsin. He is a builder of custom houses and  
is developing Eden Shores in North Webster,  
Indiana.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Raido Wysong  
Born: 3 April 1901 Ligonier, Indiana  
Married: 1926 Mishawaka, Indiana  
Father: Laird Wysong  
Mother: Addie May Emmett  
Wife: Ilah Hovarter  
Born: 21 January 1899 Helmen, Indiana  
Father: Jacob Ira Hovarter  
Morher: Nettie Farmer  
Wife's other husband: Warren Beckberger drowned  
after a short marriage.

Children:

1. Herbert LaVern Beckberger born in Helmer,  
Steuben County, Indiana  
2. Owen C. Wysong 1928 Mishawaka, Indiana.  
Herbert LaVern Beckberger has a PHD in Chemical  
Engineering and is employed (1970) by the Atl-  
antic-Richfield Oil Company at Harvey, Delaware.  
He has six children.

Owen C. Wysong was in the Army of Occupation  
in Japan. He spent ten years as a building con-  
tractor and eight years with the Western & So-  
uthern Insurance Company. In 1970 is a staff  
manager at South Bend, Indiana. He has three  
children.

Address: Eden Shores, North Webster, Indiana  
46555.

The family of Donald and Lillian Little  
Wysong. This family was a carpenter and bridge  
builder. He retired in 1970 He lives in Fort

Wayne, Indiana

Family Group Record.

Husband: Donald Lavon Wysong  
Born: 24 October 1910 Ashley, Indiana  
Married: 21 September 1928 Ashley, Indiana

Father: Laird Wysong Born in Ohio  
Mother: Addie May Emmett. Born in Ohio

Wife: Lillian Little

Born: 14 July 1911 Hamilton, Indiana

Father: Oscar Little, Hamilton, Indiana

Mother: Roselin Foutz, Hamilton, Indiana

Children:

1. Dean Arnold Wysong 6 June 1930 Ashley, Indiana.
2. Ronnie Lee Wysong 22 April 1938 Cosperville, Indiana.

Occupation: Bridge and Carpenter work  
Lillian a Housewife. Hobbies: Lillian sewing  
and craftwork. Club work. Donald fishing and  
hunting.

Source of Data: Lillian Little Wysong

Family Group Record.

Husband: Dean Arnold Wysong

Born: 6 June 1930 Ashley, Indiana

Married: 20 April 1951 Ashley, Indiana

Father: Donald Lavon Wysong

Mother: Lillian Little

Wife: Violet Mae Gipplo, Ashley, Indiana

Father: Otis (Bill) Gipplo, Hamilton, Indiana

Mother: Nellie Frick, Hamilton, Indiana

Children:

1. Ricky Dean Wysong 26 July 1953 Fort Wayne, Indiana.
2. Susan Kay Wysong 3 April 1956 Fort Wayne, Indiana.
3. Gregory Eugene Wysong 11 March 1959 Fort Wayne, Indiana.
4. Timothy Lee Wysong 22 April 1963 Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Occupation: Chief inspector, Rite Way  
Cement Corporation, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Hobbies: Sports.

Source of Data: Lillian Little Wysong

Family Group Record.

Husband: Ronnie Lee Wysong

Born: 22 April 1938 Cosperville, Indiana

Died: 1 June 1970

Buried: Huntington Cemetry, Huntington, Indiana

Father: Donald LaVern Wysong

Mother: Lillian Little

Wife: Patricia Anne Innman

Married: 1 January 1960 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Father: Roy Innman

Mother: Ester Robertson

Children:

1. Carla Ann Wysong 7 May 1968

Occupation: He was a cabinet maker. Hobbies: Out door sports. Patricia Ann is a secretary-receptionist and the manager of Kelly Girls, Fort Wayne District.

This family lives on Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Source of Data: Lillian Little Wysong.

The Family of Kenneth Leroy Wysong.

Kenneth Leroy Wysong lives in Orlando, Florida. He has failed to answer several letters written to him about the Wysong history that is being written. His family who live in Ligonier, Indiana was visited and we found them to be very pleasant and interested in the Wysong history.

Quit several hours were spent in their home and the conversation ranged upon many subjects. They were well informed and a pleasure to talk to. All of the members of the family had responsible jobs and seemed anxious to get ahead in this world. A real good old American habit.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Kenneth Leroy Wysong

Born: 11 March 1915

Married: 21 March 1936

Father: Laird Wysong

Mother: Addie May Emmett

Wife: Lucile Depew

Father: John Depew

Mother: Cornelia Golden

Children:

1. Sandra Kay Wysong 10 October 1938

2. Laird Kent Wysong 2 August 1943

3. Rhea Ann Wysong 28 May 1951.

The husband and wife are divorced.

Source of Data: Sandra Kay Wysong Farlow.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Max C. Farlow

Born: In Bluffton, Indiana

Father: Max C. Farlow

Mother: Carrie ?

Married: 25 July 1955 in Syracuse, Indiana

Wife: Sandra Kay Wysong

Born: 10 October 1938 in LaGrange County, Indiana.

Father: Kenneth Leroy Wysong

Mother: Lucile Depew

Children:

1. Johnny Mac Farlow 17 October 1966

This family is divorced. Sandra is an office worker. Her hobby is humanitarian they live on Lincoln Way, Ligonier, Indiana

Source of Data: Sandra Kay Wysong Farlow

This young lady has a pleasant and pleasing personality.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Laird Kent Wysong  
Born: 2 August 1943 Wolf Lake, Indiana  
Married: 3 October 1970 United Methodist Church  
Ligonier, Indiana.  
Father: Kenneth Leroy Wysong  
Mother: Lucile Depew  
Wife: Nita Clark  
Father: Harry Clark  
Mother: Jan ?  
Previous marriage: John Godfrey killed in Viet-  
nam and to Ronald Bussie

Children:

1. Cheyrl Lynn Godfrey 6 June 1966
2. James Martyn Bussie 24 June 1969

Occupation: Production manager, Superior  
Sample Company, Ligonier, Indiana.

This family lives on a farm where Laird  
is building a new house. Laird was in the U.S.  
Air Force for four years. He served in Pakis-  
tan. He likes out door sports. While in Pak-  
istan he bowled a perfect game. Nita's hobbies  
are golf, bowling, sewing and gardening. They  
live in Cromwell, Indiana.

Source of Data: Laird Kent Wysong  
A very interesting person to talk to.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Kenneth Leroy Morris  
Born: 1946  
Married: 1967 Evangelitical United Brethern  
Church, Ligonier, Indiana.  
Father: Kenneth Morris  
Mother: Gertrude Lawson  
Wife: Rhea Ann Wysong  
Born: 28 May 1951  
Father: Kenneth Leroy Wysong  
Mother: Lucile Depew

Children:

1. Jed Kent Morris April 1968.

They live on West Main Street, Ligonier, Indiana  
Occupation Maintenance man Monsanto Chemical Co.  
Hobbies: Auto Mechanic, Baseball.

Source of Data: Rhea Ann Wysong Morris.

This nearly completes the study of the  
Laird Addie Mae Emmett Wysong Family. Some data  
just was not at hand to be included in this  
chapter.

There remains one clipping that was found  
in the family bible of George Pendleton Wysong  
concerning Addie Mae Wysong. It is a Memorial  
Record of the Ulrey-Sedgwick Funeral Home of  
Ligonier, Indiana for January 4, 1955.

In Memory of Addie Mae Wysong born Sept-  
ember 10, 1872, died January 2 1955. Funeral  
services on Tuesday Jan 4, 1955. Rev. Reese

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A. Johnson, the clergyman officiating. Burial  
in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana.

## CHAPTER 14

### THE FAMILY OF ALLEN EDWARD WYSONG

It has been most difficult to gather data on this family.

Allen Edward Wysong was the fifth of seven children of David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong. He was born in Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio near the small village of West Alexandria on 6 January 1867.

He moved with his family to Noble County, Indiana settling two miles North and two miles West of the town of Ligonier, Indiana in 1872. Here he grew up to manhood.

In 1888 he married Maude Billman. They lived in and near Ligonier, Indiana until 1923 when they retired and moved to Chicago, Illinois to be near their daughter, Frieda Wysong Shay, of 8206 Kingston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

In 1938 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Allen Edward Wysong retired in 1923. He was living with his daughter, Mrs. George Shay, when he passed away on 2 February 1951 at the age of 83 years. His wife, Maude Billman Wysong, preceded him in death.

At the time of his death in 1951 only two of his brothers, Laird of Wawaka, Indiana and George Pendleton Wysong of 308 West Street, Stillwater, Oklahoma survived him.

All of this data was obtained from clippings in the bible of George Pendleton Wysong at the time of the latter's death and now in the possession of his daughter Beulah Wysong Whistler.

The clippings and other data are reproduced here with the exception of the photos of Allen Edward Wysong and his wife Maude Billman Wysong.

As usual with old family clippings no references to the paper in which the obituaries were published nor dates of publication are available. But the notices are recognized as being authentic by his niece, Beulah Wysong Whistler.

Wysong, Allen E. Wysong of 7656 Kingston Ave-Beloved husband of the late Maude (nee Bi-



llman), dear father of Mrs. Frieda Shay, fond brother of Laird of Wauwauka, Indiana and George of Stillwater, Oklahoma. At rest in Chapel 20-24 East 75th Street until 11:00 p.m. Wednesday. Services 2:00 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Sedgwick Funeral Home, Ligonier, Indiana. Interment Oak Park.

#### Death of Allen Wysong

Allen Edward Wysong, 83, well-known former Ligonier resident, died at his home in Chicago February 2. He had been in declining health for more than a year.

Surviving him is a daughter Mrs. George Shay, with whom he resided: two brothers, Laird of Wawaka, and George, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The body is being brought to Ligonier Thursday, where funeral services will be held Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the Ulrey Sedgwick Funeral Home with the Rev. G. Ben Hersberger officiating, and burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

The last newspaper clipping here-with, has a likeness of both Allen and Maude Billman Wysong and was apparently run in a Ligonier, Indiana paper.

To Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Wysong were married in Ligonier, Indiana in 1888. They spent thirty-five years of their married life in Ligonier, and vicinity.

They have resided in Chicago for the past fifteen years with their daughter, Mrs. George Shay, of 8206 Kingston Avenue.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: Allen Edward Wysong  
Born: 6 January 1867 West Alexandria, Ohio  
Married: 1888 Ligonier, Indiana  
Died: 2 February 1951 Chicago, Illinois  
Buried: Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: David Wysong  
Mother: Amanda Waggoner  
Wife: Maude Billman  
Born: Ligonier, Indiana  
Died: Chicago, Illinois  
Buried: Ligonier, Indiana, Oak Park Cemetery  
No other data.

#### Children:

1. Frieda Wysong. Married George L. Shay.

No other data.

Source of Data: The clippings reproduced here.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: George L. Shay  
Born: 1892  
Died: 1942 aged 50 years: Chicago, Illinois  
Buried: Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana

No other data.  
Wife: Frieda Wysong  
Born: 1893 Ligonier, Indiana  
Married: In Chicago, Illinois  
Father: Allen Edward Wysong  
Mother: Maude Bellman  
Children: No data.  
Frieda was a teacher in the Chicago, Illinois,  
Public School System. She retired in 1958 at  
the age of 65 years. She travels a little and  
has her church and club activities. She lived  
on East 71st Place in Chicago, Illinois in 1969.  
Source of Data: Frieda Wysong Shay in 1969.

## CHAPTER 15

### THE GEORGE PENDLETON WYSONG FAMILY

#### The Loy-Pearman Families.

Since Effie May Pearman Wysong is a descendent of the Loy family it is well that we write in detail about that family as the children of George Pendleton Wysong and Effie May Pearman Wysong are as much related to the Loy family as they are to the Wysong family.

From the newspaper clippings in the Family Bible of George and Effie Wysong there can be re-constructed a great part of the Loy family in America.

#### Family Group Record.

Reconstructed from the obituary notice of Barbara Harkins Loy.

Husband: Henry Loy

Married: 18 November 1852

Died: 14 April 1908 Aurora, Missouri

Father: Peter Loy, born in Maryland-His father was Adam.

Mother: Katherine Temple-Her Father was Michael.

Wife: Barbara Harkins

Born: 31 January 1831 Darke County, Ohio

Died: 2 March 1918 Aurora, Missouri

Father: Daniel Harkins

Mother: Elizabeth ?

#### Children:

1. William H. Loy married Ella Wilson
2. Elizabeth married Joseph E. Hine
3. Henry Wilbert Loy married Ella Wilson
4. Roxanna Loy married Elias Pearman
5. Melissa Loy married Jacob Conrad
6. Danie B. Loy married Effie Elliott
7. Samuel E. Loy married Martha Ann Wilson
8. Thomas H. Loy married Effie Thomas

The first two children named lived in LaGrange County, Indiana. Henry Wilbert Loy lived in Chanute, Kansas and the last four children named lived in Aurora, Missouri at the time of her funeral.

Barbara Harkins Loy and Henry Loy were married: in Ohio. They moved to Jay County, Indiana. Here most of their children were born, They then moved to Kosicosko and to Elkhart Counties in Indiana and finally in 1904 they moved to Aurora, Lawrence County, Missouri.

She was a member of the Congregational Church. Her pastor was Rev. Clarence D. Oberlin.

One of the children of Roxanna Loy Pearman Miller made a study of the Loy family in America. Unfortunately most of the dates and places are missing from his study.

In his study he wrote that John George Loy was born in Germany and moved to Maryland where all of his family were born.

Among other children John George Loy had one son named Adam Loy. Adam Loy was born in Maryland and had seven children as follows: Jacob, George, John, Peter, Katherine, Barbara and Christiana.

Peter and Katherine Temple Loy had eleven children: Katherine, Henry, Margaret, Mary Ann, John M. Samuel, Adam, Jacob, Elizabeth, Michael and one un-named infant.

Henry Loy married Barbara Harkins in Darke County, Ohio on 18 November 1852. From this union there were eight children, one of whom was Roxanna Loy who married Elias Eldgon Pearman. Her family group are given in this history. From this family group on down all family groups are given. Like many of these family genealogy studies, names only are given, for no sources of information are recorded. The obituary of Barbara Harkins Loy was found as published in the local Aurora, Missouri newspaper of the time March 2, 1918 and of course it is subject to verification if desired.

My wife, Beulah Wysong Whistler, and myself have spent quite several days visiting in the home of her grandmother, Roxanna Loy Pearman Miller. I used to call her Roxy and she would show her pleasure at that. She passed away on 31 August 1948 at Aurora, Missouri at the nice old age of 93 years. She often spoke of her mother, Barbara Harkins Loy. Roxanna was a most interesting person to visit.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Elias Eldgon Pearman  
Born: 16 April 1851 Goshen, Indiana  
Married: 11 September 1873 Millersburg, Indiana  
Died: 3 May 1885 Millersburg, Indiana  
Buried: Millersburg, Indiana  
Father: No data  
Mother: Betty Simpson  
Wife: Roxanna Loy  
Born: 4 March 1855 Warsaw Kosciusko County, Indiana.  
~~Buried:~~ 31 August 1948 Maple Park Cemetery, Aurora.  
Father: Henry Loy  
Mother: Barbara Harkins

Other Husband: 1888 William A. Miller  
Died: 10 November 1919.

Children:

1. Effie May Pearman 18 March 1874 Millersburg  
Married George P. Wysong 22 December 1889
2. Norman B. Pearman 21 January 1877  
Married: Ollie Landon
3. Cora Viola Pearman 17 December 1880  
Married Howard Rowe
4. Lawrence Alvin Pearman 23 December 1883  
Married: Lillian Hurst.

Source of Data: Mr. & Mrs. George P. Wysong  
in 1956..

George Pendleton Wysong was the youngest  
son of David and Amanda Waggoner Wysong. He was  
born near the town of West Alexandria, Preble  
County, Ohio, on 28th day of February 1868. He  
moved with his family, to Noble County, Indiana  
in 1872. Here he grew to manhood and married  
Effie May Pearman on 22 December 1889. The mi-  
nister was J.W. Warner, the Methodist Minister  
of Ligonier, Indiana.

The 9th U.S. Census Micro-film roll 1259 Ohio,  
Vol 49, Preble County, Twin Township, Ohio en-  
umerated 23 July 1870 shows his family as it  
was in 1870. His youngest sister, Sarah Jane  
was born in 1872 in Indiana.

1870 U.S. Census

Wisong David 32 farmer \$7500.00 Born Ohio  
Wisong Amanda 33 Housewife Born Ohio  
Wisong Lillie F. 9 Attending School Born Ohio  
Wisong Clement 7 Attending School Born Ohio  
Wisong Mahala 6 Attending School Born Ohio  
Wisong Laird 4 At home Born Ohio  
Wisong Alexander 3 At home Born Ohio  
Wisong George P. 2 At home Born Ohio

After George and Effie May Pearman Wysong  
were married he lived with his parents on their  
farm north west of Ligonier. In about one year  
they moved to her mother's house near Millers-  
burg in Elkhart County, Indiana. Here their  
first child was born in 1891.

In the fall of 1892 his parents had moved  
into Ligonier and George rented the farm from  
his father. They lived on this place until 1902  
when they moved to the Gage Place, about six mi-  
les due east of his fathers farm.

In the fall of 1905 the family moved to  
Aurora, Lawrence County, Missouri. Their youn-  
gest child Irma Margurite Wysong was born here  
in Aurora in 1906.

George had been a farmer in Indiana. On  
moving to Aurora, Missouri, he began carpenter-  
ing and followed that trade until he retired.

In 1919 the family moved to Stillwater,

Payne County, Oklahoma.

Their oldest child, Ethel Cleo Wysong, was married in 1911 while the family lived in Aurora, Missouri.

Their second oldest child Cloyd E. Wysong went to Oregon while the family lived in Aurora, Missouri.

The two youngest girls moved to Stillwater with their parents. Beulah was going to College when she met John M. Whistler and they married in 1922.

Irma was working in Stillwater when she met and married Otto Geppelt in 1929.

The family lived on South Main Street in Stillwater, then on West 8th Street and finally built a home at 323 North Duncan Street, the place where both passed away many years later.

They were members of the first Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Their family bible contained many newspaper clippings about relatives and other items such as short poems that Effie May must have liked. None of the newspaper clippings had any notations as to source of data.

One of these clippings was from the personal column of a newspaper. Here it is: "Mr. & Mrs. George Wysong 323 N. Duncan Street celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Wednesday. They came to Stillwater about 30 years ago. Wysong was a carpenter and came here to work on the original Home Economics Building on the A & M Campus. They have three daughters and one son, none of whom live here. Both are in excellent health. Mrs. Wysong does all of her own housework."

Since they were married on 22 December 1889 if we add 65 years to this date  $1889 + 65 = 1954$  as the actual date of this old yellowed clipping.

There is also a 1956 American Red Cross membership card for George in the file. A clipping about her doctor and one about the funeral of William Loy of Ligonier, Indiana, Effie May Fearman Wysong's uncle. And last a letter from Zoe Brill of Ligonier, Indiana Dated February 22, 55.

Several years prior to George's death their daughter, Ethel Cleo Casada, came to live with them in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She took care of the heavier duties and made their last years more pleasant for them.

Over the period of years many conversations were had with George Pendleton Wysong about his family and where they came from. Up until his last year he was very active and mentally

alert. He remembered his grandparents, David and Sarah Cook Wysong. He could tell where his uncles lived and died, where his grandparents lived in Elkhart County, Indiana and many other details of the family. In later years during this study occasion was had to verify many of his statements and it is surprising to find how accurate he was as to time and place. He always stated that the family was of French origin, coming from Alsace-Lorraine to America. Other people by the name of Wysong have also stated that the family came from Alsace-Lorraine. As far as is known this is family lore, but all interviewed stuck to the same version. No recorded verified data has been found as to the place of origin of the Wysong family.

Family Group Record.

Husband: George Pendleton Wysong  
Born: 28 February 1868 West Alexandria, Ohio.  
Married: 22 December 1889 Ligonier, Indiana  
Died: 10 July 1957 Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Buried: 14 July 1957 Maple Park Cemetery  
Aurora, Lawrence County, Missouri

Father: David Wysong

Mother: Amanda Waggoner

Wife: Effie May Pearman

Born: 18 March 1874 Millersburg, Indiana

Died: 19 December 1963

Buried: Maple Park Cemetery, Aurora, Lawrence  
County, Missouri.

Father: Elias Eldgon Pearman

Mother: Roxanna Loy

Children:

1. Ethel Cleo Wysong 17 February 1891 Millersburg.
2. Cloyd E. Wysong 25 April 1893 Ligonier.
3. Beulah Viola Wysong 9 September 1896 Ligonier
4. Thurston N. Wysong 14 August 1901 Ligonier  
Died: 28 September 1901

5. Irma Marguerite Wysong 1 August 1906 Aurora

Source of Data: From George Pendleton Wysong verbally and from his family bible in possession of his daughter, Beulah Wysong Whistler.

There should be some notation as to the spelling of Amanda Waggoner Wysong's maiden name. He would say "remember that her name had two g's in it spelled WAGGONER". Special note was taken of this caution during the search. Not once was a signature found. Many times the name was found written as Wagoner, but no signatures were found for this family. Since he was so insistent on the spelling of her maiden name his wishes are followed in this book.

As stated in the family group record George Pendleton Wysong passed away on 10 July, 1957.



He died at his residence on North Duncan Street Stillwater, Oklahoma and was buried in Maple Park Cemetery on 14 July 1957. Effie May Pearman Wysong passed away at the family residence on North Duncan Street, Stillwater, Oklahoma on December 19, 1963 and was buried in Maple Park Cemetery, Aurora, Missouri, on 26 December 1963.

A clipping from the Stillwater Daily Press for Saturday July 13, 1957 is as follows: Wysong Rites Slated Today.

Interment services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Sunday at Aurora, Missouri for George Pendleton Wysong, 89 year old Stillwater carpenter who died recently at his home, 323 North Duncan Street.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Strode Chapel under the direction of Dr. Edmond F. Miller.

A Stillwater resident since 1920, Wysong was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He was born February 28, 1868 to David and Amanda Wysong at New Alexandria, Ohio. He married Effie Pearman December 22, 1889 at Ligonier, Indiana and the young couple farmed in that state until they moved in 1905 to Aurora. Fifteen years later they moved to Stillwater.

Survivors include his wife, Effie, one son Cloyd of Pendleton, Oregon and three daughters; Mrs. Ethel Cleo Casada of the home address; Mrs. Beulah Whistler of Boulder, Colo: and Mrs. Irma Geppelt, Corpus Christie, Texas.

Other survivors include 14 grandchildren and 21 great grand children.

There was also a memorial of his funeral services. In Memory of George Pendleton Wysong born February 28, 1868, date of death July 10, 1957. Services from Strode Funeral Chapel. Clergyman officiating Dr. Edmond F. Miller. Final resting place: Maple Park Cemetery, Aurora, Missouri.

There is also a clipping from the Stillwater Daily Press as follows:

Mrs. Effie May Wysong, 89, dies, Services are Tuesday.

Services for Mrs. Effie May Wysong, 323 North Duncan, will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Presbyterian Church with the reverend James Struthers officiating. Graveside services will be at Aurora, Missouri. at 4 p.m. Interment will be at Maple Park Cemetery, Aurora, under the direction of Strode Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wysong died Thursday at the age of 89 at her home.

Born near Millersburg, Indiana March 18,

1874, she was the daughter of Elias E. and Roxanna Pearman. She was married to George P. Wysong in Ligonier, Indiana December 22, 1889.

The Wysongs lived in Indiana until 1905 when they moved to Aurora and from there to Stillwater in 1920 where she has lived since.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and participated in the Presbyterian Women's Association as long as her health permitted. The family prefers memorials to the Presbyterian Church Building Fund.

Preceded in death by her husband in 1957, she is survived by a son, Cloyd E. Wysong of Pendleton, Oregon; three daughters, Mrs. Ethel Cleo Casada, 323 North Duncan Street; Mrs. Beulah Whistler of Eustis, Florida and Mrs. Irma Geppelt of Corpus Christie, Texas. Also surviving are 14 Grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

Friends may call at the funeral home until 9 p.m. today. The casket will not be opened at the service.

## CHAPTER 16

### THE FAMILY OF ETHEL CLEO WYSONG CASADA

Ethel Cleo Wysong was the oldest child of George Pendleton Wysong and Effie May Pearman Wysong.

This family was formed on the 28 day of January 1911 when Cleo and Lewis Casada were married in Aurora, Missouri. They lived in Aurora until 1922, when the family moved to Springfield, Missouri.

John Lewis Casada was a member of the Missouri National Guard. It was activated shortly before the United States got into World War I. He was discharged from the guard in July 1916.

In later life John Lewis Casada worked in Newspaper advertising and in the newspaper circulation department.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: John Lewis Casada  
Born: 22 September 1889 Marionville, Missouri  
Married: 29 January 1911 Aurora, Missouri  
Died: 28 July 1943 Springfield, Missouri  
Buried: Maple Park Cemetery Aurora, Missouri  
Father: D.J. Casada  
Mother: Angie Wolf  
Wife: Ethel Cleo Casada  
Born: 17 February 1891 Millersburg, Indiana  
Father: George Pendleton Wysong  
Mother: Effie May Pearman

#### Children:

1. Virginia Nell Casada 3 May 1912 Aurora
  2. Lewis Cloyd Casada 10 April 1914 Aurora
  3. Barbara Louise Casada 22 June 1916 Aurora
  4. Loyal Max Casada 14 December 1920 Aurora  
Died September 15, 1966.
  5. Jack Eugene Casada 21 July 1923 Springfield
  6. Janet Marie Casada 21 March 1929 Springfield
- Virginia Nell Casada married Raymond Harold Baker 3 September 1933  
Lewis Cloyd Casada married Molly Hollingsworth 29 April 1935.  
Barbara Louise Casada married Homer Eugene Baker 13 June 1937.  
Loyal Max Casada married Mary Elizabeth Cobb April 1946.  
Jack Eugene Casada married Wilma Ellen Gradock 6 November 1947.

Janet Marie Casada married Fay Arthur Whelan  
2 June 1946.  
Source of Data: Ethel Cleo Casada, South Main  
Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Family Group Record.

Husband: David Jackson Casada  
Born: 11 January 1865  
Married: 10 October 1888 Aurora, Missouri  
Died: 17 December 1950 Aurora, Missouri  
Buried: 20 December 1950 Aurora, Missouri  
Father: John Calvin Casada  
Mother: Sarah Cantrill  
Husband's other wife: Docie Sodawisky  
Wife: Martha Angeline Wolf  
Born: 12 April 1869 in Arkansas  
Died: 4 November 1936 Aurora, Missouri  
Buried: 7 November 1936 Aurora, Missouri  
Father: Henry Wolf  
Mother: Jane Haun

Children:

1. John Lewis Casada 22 September 1889 Marionville.
  2. Marie Casada 10 October 1900 Aurora, Missouri. Married: Ralph French 11 October 1936.
- This is the family of John Lewis Casada, the husband of Ethel Cleo Wysong Casada.  
Source of Data: Ethel Cleo Wysong Casada.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Raymond Harold Baker  
Born: 7 March 1909 Clever, Missouri  
Married: 3 September 1933 Springfield, Missouri  
Died: 2 December 1962 Springfield, Missouri  
Father: Robert H. Baker  
Mother: Weltha Elizabeth Gann.  
Wife: Virginia Nell Casada  
Father: John Lewis Casada  
Mother: Ethel Cleo Wysong

Children:

1. Caroline Sue Baker 27 October 1935 Springfield.
  2. Rex Lee Baker 15 September 1946 Springfield.
- Source of Data: Virginia Nell Casada Baker  
The parents of Raymond H. Baker.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Robert Harold Baker  
Born: 15 March 1885 Clever, Missouri  
Father: John Thomas Baker  
Mother: Martha Ann Smart.  
Wife: Weltha Elizabeth Gann  
Father: Lorenzie Price Gann  
Mother: Martha Ann Merritt.

Children:

1. Howard Nathaniel Baker 30 June 1907 Billings
2. Raymond Harold Baker 7 May 1909 Clever, Mo.
3. Cletis Eren Baker 9 July 1911 Billings

4. Fern Vida Baker 21 December 1913 Billings
5. Huber Eugene Baker 9 March 1916 Clever
6. Robert Gann Baker 4 October 1928 Garden City

This family operated a grocery store as owners  
 Source of Data: Virginia Nell Casada Baker  
 Family Group Record.

Husband: Paul David Wren  
 Born: 9 December 1933, Independence, Missouri  
 Married: 29 May 1959

Father: Paul Edward Wren  
 Mother: Thelma Laura Harberson  
 Wife: Caroline Sue Baker  
 Born: 27 October 1935 Speingfield, Missouri

Father: Raymond Harold Baker  
 Mother: Virginia Nell Casada

Children:

1. Michael David Wren 22 January 1966 Kansas City.
2. Nathew David Wren 26 September 1967 Kansas City.
3. Linda Marie Wren 5 October 1968 Kansas City

Source of Data: Caroline Sue Baker Wren  
 Family Group Record.

Husband: Garry Kay Casada  
 Born: 18 August 1936 Speingfield, Missouri  
 Father: Lewis Cloyd Casada  
 Mother: Dolly Downey Hollingsworth  
 Wife: Maxine R. Crawford  
 Born: 25 November 1932 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Father: Anthony Crawford  
 Mother: Mabel E. Green

No Children

This family are musicians

Source of Data: Ethel Cleo Wysong Casada.  
 Family Group Record.

Husband: Homer Eugene Martin  
 Born: 17 April 1912 Pleasant Hope, Missouri  
 Married: 13 June 1937 West Plains, Missouri  
 Father: John Martin

Mother: Dora Von Zandt  
 Wife: Barbara Louise Casada  
 Born: 24 June 1916 Aurora, Missouri

Father: John Lewis Casada  
 Mother: Ethel Cleo Wysong

Children:

1. Larry Gene Martin 13 June 1942 Springfield  
 Married Sharon Luehrs 17 July 1963
2. Nancy Marie Martin 3 May 1949 Speingfield  
 Married Fred E. Branch 19 June 1964.

Other marriages:

Nancy Branch to Gene Parker 1 March 1969.

This ~~is the~~ family of Barbara Louise Casada  
 Martin who sent in the Data on March 19, 1969.  
 Family Group Record.

Husband: Larry Gene Martin  
Born: 11 January 1942 Springfield, Missouri  
Married: 27 July 1963 Anacortes, Washington  
Father: Homer Eugene Martin  
Mother: Barbara Louise Casada  
Wife: Sharon Arlene Luehrs  
Born: 31 March 1941 Vancouver, Washington.  
Father: Toy H. Luehrs  
Mother: ? Welch

Children:

1. Curtis Gene Martin 15 July 1966 Seattle
2. Janelle Martin 18 June 1968 Seattle.

Larry Gene Martin is a policeman in Seattle, Washington. He went to public schools in Auburn, Washington and to Northwestern Assembly of God College, Kirkland, Washington.

Sharon, Arlene Luehrs graduated from Northwestern Assembly of God College, Kirkland, Washington.

Source of Data: Barbara Louise Casada Martin.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Gene Bill Parker  
Born: 31 September 1949 New Orleans, Louisiana  
Married: 1 March 1969 Auburn, Washington  
Father: John Parker  
Mother: Margrette Hartzog.  
Wife: Nancy Marie Martin (Branch)  
Born: 3 May 1949 Springfield, Missouri  
Father: Homer Eugene Martin  
Mother: Barbara Louise Casada

Wife's other husband: Freddy Earl Branch

Children:

1. Larry Lee Branch 1 November 1964 Auburn, Washington.
2. William Earl Branch 18 November 1965 Auburn  
Died: 19 December 1965.
3. Gina Marie Parker 4 May 1969 Auburn

Source of Data: Nancy Marie Martin Parker.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Loyal Max Casada.  
Born: December 14, 1920 Aurora, Missouri  
Married: 6 April 1946 Springfield, Missouri  
in the home of his mother.  
Died: 15 September 1966 Springfield, Missouri  
Buried: National Cemetery, Springfield, Missouri  
Father: John Lewis Casada  
Mother: Ethel Cleo Wysong  
Wife: Mary Elizabeth Cobb  
Born: September 2, 1922 Springfield, Missouri  
Father: Oscar Cobb  
Mother: Cornelia Pearl Reese

Children:

1. Linda Beth Casada 1 August 1948 Springfield
2. Mary Coleen Casada 25 July 1951 Springfield

Max went to the grade and high schools in Springfield, Missouri. He graduated in 1939. He enlisted in December 1941 and was in the supply division of the 8th Air Force. He served in the European theater as a Technical Sergeant. He received five bronze stars. He returned to the States in November 1, 1945.

Mary went to the grade schools and one and a half years of high school in Springfield Missouri. She worked in Springfield and Washington D.C.

Linda Beth went to the grade and high schools in Springfield, Missouri. She went to Park View High School. She graduated from Southern Missouri College with a degree in Sociology. She worked for State Park one year.

Mary Coleen went to grade and high schools in Springfield, Missouri. In 1971 she is in her third year of college studies at S.M.S.

This family attend the Cavalry Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Missouri.

The obituary of Max Casada, Newspaper in which it appeared is not given, but is presumed a Springfield, Missouri paper. Max Casada, 45, of 2303 South National, died at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in St. John's Hospital, after a short illness.

Mr. Casada, a lifetime resident of Springfield, had been an employee of the Ewing Insurance Agency for the past four years. He served in the Army Air Force in World War II and was awarded five bronze stars. He was a member of the First and Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Elizabeth of the home; two daughters, Linda Beth and Mary Coleen, both of the home; his mother, Mrs. Ethel Casada, 721 South Main; two brothers Lewis, Chicago, Illinois, and Jack, Kansas City; three sisters, Mrs. Virginia Baker, 721 South Main, Mrs. Barbara Martin, Auburn, Washington. and Mrs. Janet Whelen, Salina, Kansas.

Arrangements will be announced by Herman Lohmeyer.

And the announcement by Herman Lohmeyer, Funeral Home.

In Memory of Max Casada,  
Born: 14 December 1920, Springfield, Missouri  
Date of Death: 15 September 1966 Springfield Missouri.

Funeral Services 1p.m. Monday Septmber 1966  
Herman Lohmeyer East Chapel  
Officiating Minister. Dr. William E. Everheart  
1st and Cavalry Prssbyterian Chruch  
Soloist: Mrs. Ruth Palmer  
Escorts: Jack James, E.J. Cook, Dale Reep,



Robert Cunningham, Gene Sooter, Roy Upp.  
Interment National Cemetery.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Jack Eugene Casada  
Born: 21 July 1923 Springfield, Missouri  
Father: John Lewis Casada  
Mother: Ethel Cleo Wysong  
Wife: Wilma Ellen Craddock  
No other data.

Children:

1. Ellen Eugenia Casada 9 December 1957 Dallas, Texas.

This family is divorced.

Jack Eugene Casada served in the U.S. Air Force 1942 to 1945 as a heavy signal constructor lineman. He lives in Kansas City, Missouri.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Fay Arthur Whelan II  
Born: 9 August 1923 Kansas City, Missouri  
Married: 2 June 1946 Springfield, Missouri  
Father: Fay Arthur Whelan I  
Mother: Edna Mae Franklin  
Wife: Janet Marie Casada  
Born: 21 March 1929 Springfield, Missouri  
Father: John Lewis Casada  
Mother: Ethel Cleo Wysong

Children:

1. Michael Arthur Whelan 15 November 1946 Springfield, Missouri. Died: 15 November 1946.
2. Connie Marie Whelan 23 June 1949 Salina.
3. Vickie Lea Whelan 5 May 1952 Salina.
4. William Arthur Whelan 15 December 1953 Salina.

Fay Arthur Whelan II served in the Army Air Force during the second world war 1942 to 1946. He was a tail gunner. His rank was corporal.

He went to State Teachers College, Springfield, Missouri for about six months in 1946. We were married 2 June 1946. We lived on College Street in Springfield, Missouri for about one month. We then moved to E. Pacific Street in Springfield. He worked at a Trailmobile plant as a sheet metal worker. We moved to Kansas City, Missouri in 1947.

We lived in a trailer in Kansas City while Art went to a trade school there. He completed his drafting studies in December 1948. We then moved to Salina, Kansas where he worked for as draftsman for Johnson and Sampson Construction Company. They built grain elevators. He worked for them from 1948 to about 1952.

He then went to work for Shaver & Shaver, which is now Shaver & Company. He worked for several years as a draftsman for them. He is

now an Associate with Shaver & Company. He is construction manager. We have had three addresses in Salina. We lived in our trailer at 150 North Penn from December 1948 to June 1950. We then moved to a small house at 1220 Gypsum. In August 1965 we moved to Quincy Street, Salina, Kansas 67401.

Source of Information: Janet Marie Casada Whelan.

#### Family Group Record.

This is the family of the parents of Fay Arthur Whelan II

Husband: Fay Arthur Whelan I

Born: 5 April 1879 Connorsville, Indiana

Died: 9 August 1944 Springfield, Missouri

Buried: 13 August 1944 Springfield, Missouri

Father: John E. Whelan

Mother: Jennie Ryan

Wife: Edna M. Franklin

Born: 5 May 1884 Sedelia, Missouri

Died: 7 February 1968 Salina, Kansas

Buried: 10 February 1968 Springfield, Missouri

Father: James Franklin

Mother: Sarah M. Morgan

Wife's other husband: Bownam.

Children:

1. Fay Arthur Whelan II 9 August 1923 Kansas City, Missouri.

Fay Arthur Whelan I was a shoe salesman for Johnson & Shinkle. Rhythm Steps was one of the shoes that he sold. He had stock in the above firm. He traveled in Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas.

Source of Data: Janet Marie Casada Whelan.

In the George Pendleton Wysong family bible there were two clippings about the family of Ethel Cleo Casada.

Couple Wed.

Miss Barbara Casada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Casada of this city and Eugene Martin, a former Springfieldian who lives in West Plains now, were married in West Plains. The Reverend F.P. Brewster read the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Martin will live at 119 West Broadway in West Plains. The bride is a former Senior High School student.

And the obituary of John Lewis Casada. John Lewis Casada, 53, employee of the circulation department of the Springfield Newspapers Incorporated, died after a weeks illness at his home in Springfield on Wednesday, July 28, Mr. Casada was born in Marionville, Mo., and located in Springfield in 1922. He was an active member of the South Street Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Cleo; three

sons all in the armed forces; Loyal Max stationed someplace in England, Lewis C. of Shelton, Washington, and Jack of Fresno, California, three daughters, Mrs. Raymond Baker Mrs. Eugene Martin and Miss Janet Marie Casada all of Springfield; his father, D.J. Casada of Aurora, and a sister, Mrs. Ralph French of Bell, California.

Mr. Casada had been a frequent visitor to Greenfield and other Dade County towns for the past several years in the interest of the Springfield newspapers, and had many relatives and friends in this county. On his last visit here, only two weeks before his death, he appeared to be in his usual health.

Addenda to this Chapter

Family group Record

Husband: Philip Charles Klingensmith  
Born: 22 January 1948 Esther Mo.  
Church: Presbyterian  
Married 6 January 1971 Springfield Mo.  
Father: Jesse Klingensmith  
Mother: Inez-Lange  
Wife: Linda eth Casada  
August 1, 1948 Springfield Mo.  
Father Loyal Max Casada  
Mother: Mary Elizabeth Cobb.  
Children: None

Family Group Record

Husband: William Lovett Phillip  
Born 23 Sept 1950 Junction City Kans  
Married 22 May 1971 Salina Kans  
Father Clayton Allen Phillip  
Mother Eunice Dee  
Wife: Vivkie Lea Whelan  
Born 5 May 1952 Salina Kans  
Father: Fay Arthur Whelan  
Mother: Janet Marie Casada.  
Children: None

## CHAPTER 17

### THE FAMILY OF CLOYD WYSONG

Cloyd E. Wysong left Aurora, Missouri and went to Enterprise, Oregon to help his uncle for a while. This was in 1912 and he fell in love with that area and has lived there ever since that time.

The initial E in his name is an initial only as he was never given any middle name.

We do have statements prepared by Margaret his wife and also one by Cloyd. These statements give a better history of the family than any that I can write. So their statements are presented in full just as they wrote them.

I, Margaret May Simmons Wysong was born October 31, 1896 to John D. Simmons and Bessie May Halsey Simmons.

My grandfather was Daniel Simmons who was born February 14, 1830 somewhere in Scotland and died July 23, 1905. My grandmother Mary Kaufman Simmons was born June 8, 1846 and died July 18, 1904.

I have no record of the birth dates of my grandfather and grandmother Halsey. They died at Enterprise, Oregon about 1921 to 1925.

My father John D. Simmons was born at Umatilla, Oregon, March 12, 1875. Moved to Wallowa County when he was three years old and lived there the rest of his life and died at LaGrande, Oregon, January 15, 1959.

My mother was born at Saxville, Wis. July 4, 1868. With her parents she moved to Nebraska and a few years later they moved by oxen team to Wallowa County and settled on Upper Prairie Creek. She died at Enterprise, Oregon, May 30, 1917.

I first attended school at Liberty School about six miles northeast of Joseph, Oregon. We moved and I attended school at Pleasant Center about seven miles east of Joseph, Oregon. I attended school in Enterprise, Oregon for a while.

I was married to Lial Makin July 21, 1912. To this union were born three children, Edna, Melford and Shirley. Lial died February 13, 1920 at Joseph, Oregon.

I worked to support myself and children.

I was married to Cloyd E. Wysong March 11, 1921 at Enterprise, Oregon.

For about two years we lived on a ranch about seven miles east of Joseph, Oregon. We moved from here to Enterprise, Oregon where we stayed until January 1926, when we moved to College Place, Wm. Don was born here. Wilmer was born while we lived on the farm.

We moved from College Place to Milton, Oregon. Faye was born here. We stayed here until sometime in 1935 when we moved to Elgin, Oregon. We were here only a short time when we moved to LaGrande, Oregon where we stayed until 1940 when we moved to Pendleton, Oregon.

While here the children, Wilmer, Don and Faye finished grade school and academy and were married:

I worked for about five years for Harris Pine Mills.

Cloyd retired in 1962 and we bought this little place eighteen miles northwest of Pendleton and are still living on it.

The statement of Cloyd E. Wysong.

February 11, 1970.

I, Cloyd E. Wysong was born April 25, 1893 to George P. Wysong and Effie May Wysong on grandfather Wysong's farm north and west of Ligonier, Indiana.

I first went to school at Good Hope School. A country school east of the Wysong farm. I saw my first automobile while in school here. The teacher heard it coming down the road and let all of us students go to the windows and watch it go by.

We moved from the Wysong farm, about the fall of 1901 to a house a mile or two north of Ligonier, where we lived one winter. Thurston died in this house.

In the spring we moved East to a farm owned by a Mr. Gage, in a hilly country called the "knobs". From this place I attended the Summers School.

We moved from the Gage place to a farm owned by a Mr. Smith, about three quarters of a mile north of the Kansas School. Probably in 1902 or 1903. I attended the Kansas School until about the 1st of December 1905.

We moved to Aurora, Missouri and arrived there December 5, 1905. I attended the grade and high school, on the west side of Aurora thru the 11th grade. I worked at odd jobs to earn a little money. Worked for a while in Dr. Kelton's dental office and over a year steady in the Supt. Office of the White River Division of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

April 16, 1912 I left Aurora for Enterprise, Oregon and arrived there April 19, 1912. I went to work on a ranch for my uncle and aunt H.P. and Cora Rowe. That fall I started school in Enterprise, in the 12th grade, but did not finish the school year and graduate. I continued to work on the ranch for Uncle Howard.

About the first of December 1915 I left Enterprise and went to San Francisco to the World's Fair, and then to Aurora and spent the winter with mother and dad and my sisters. Dad and I did a little prospecting that winter but didn't make anything at it.

In March 1916 I returned to Enterprise and again worked for Uncle Howard on the ranch. In the fall of 1917 I bought 160 acres, seven miles east of Joseph, Oregon, I moved on to this place in the spring of 1918. I farmed this place and "batched".

March 11, 1921 I married Margaret Makin and we continued to live on this place. In 1923 I "went broke" and quit farming. We moved to Enterprise and I worked in a lumber yard for the East Oregon Lumber Company. The spring of 1925 we moved to a ranch and I worked there that summer but moved back to Enterprise in the fall and I returned to work for the Lumber Company.

In January of 1926 we moved to College Place, Wn. Here I cut cord wood, worked on a farm, worked at a green house, picked fruit, worked in a fuel yard, mixed plaster and stucco mud and carried hod.

In the spring of 1928 I started working for Milton Box Company of Milton, Oregon, working on rip saws and re-saws. Mostly operating re-saws. The fall of 1928 we moved to Milton and lived there until spring of 1935 when we moved to Elgin, Oregon. I worked in a mill that manufactured toys, boxes, window shade rollers, venitian blind slats etc. In October of that year I was fired and went to LaGrande, Oregon and got a job with the Mt. Emily Lumber Company feeding planer.

November 11, 1935 we moved to LaGrande and I worked for Mt. Emily Lumber Company until April 1940. I fed planers & operated rip saw and re-saws. I quit here in 1940 and moved to Pendleton, Oregon where I had a job with Harris Pine Mills. Here I operated cut-off saw, rip saw, printer and re-saws. In 1942 I was promoted to foreman in the box factory. This job I held until my retirement in 1962. After 1962 I worked part time for a while but retired fully in 1965.



We now live on a small ranch northwest of Pendleton. We raise a garden, take care of the place in general and visit our children.

A letter from Cloyd lends some light to his thinking and reactions to studying about a persons family. Here it is.

February 23, 1970.

Dear Beulah and John:

We finished writing our histories and they are enclosed herewith. If you like you can edit them and publish just what you think is essential. I didn't realize how often we had moved until I wrote it down.

Thanks for the record from the folk's bible. I had wondered a few days ago how old Dad would be next Saturday if he was living.

We have been getting together the information on the Simmons family for a cousin of Margarets that lives at Lincoln City, Oregon. I didn't know it was so interisting to delve into the family history until you started to give us information about the Wysong families. I thought that people that did this were some sort of nuts, but I feel different now. One of our cousins, Fern Loy, did this about the Loy family. They said she carried a brief case and button holed everyone that she could get a little information from. That was several years ago.

Was glad to hear that the frost did not damage your orange crop.

We have had a wonderful winter here. Probably six inches of snow all together, but not over two inches at a time, and that didn't stay long. We have had lots of rain and they say the soil is saturated down about five feet. The best that it has been for several years.

The grain fields look good and if we get a couple of good rains at the right time there should be a good grain crop.

There is a big interest now, along the Columbia River, of pumping water out of the river to irrigate with. There was a one thousand acre potato field about ten miles north of here last year that I heard grossed \$1500.00 per acre. They pumped water out of the Columbia thru a 36 inch pipe. This was the first crop since the sage brush was cleared off of it.

Down the river there are several thousand acres that they plan to put into crops that are now in sage brush. This will raise spuds, sugar beets and probably onions and alfalfa.

My writing is getting kind of wobbly and I hope you can read my writing.

Love  
Margaret and Cloyd



Since the above was written Cloyd and Margaret have moved back to Pendleton, Oregon  
Let us now look at Cloyd and Margaret's Family.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Cloyd E. Wysong  
Born: 25 April 1893 Ligonier, Indiana  
Married: 11 March 1921 Enterprise, Oregon.  
Father: George Pendleton Wysong  
Mother: Effie May Pearman  
Wife: Margaret May Simmons (Makin)  
Born: 31 October 1896 Joseph Oregon  
Father: John D. Simmons  
Mother: Bessie May Halsey  
Wife's other husband: Lial Harley Makin

Children:

1. Wilmer Cloyd Wysong 15 November 1922 Joseph, Oregon. Married Geneva Berrman 29 December 1956.
  2. Don Edwin Wysong 7 January 1927 College Place. Married Lillian Rambo 27 November 1956
  3. Irma Faye Wysong 24 October 1928 Milton, Oregon. Married Wilmer Johnson 9 June 1947
- Prepared December 5, 1969 Pendleton, Oregon

Source of Data:

This is my own family. Cloyd E. Wysong  
Family Group Record.

Husband: Wilmer Cloyd Wysong  
Born: 15 November 1922 Joseph, Oregon  
Married: 24 December 1942 Pendleton, Oregon  
Father: Cloyd E. Wysong  
Mother: Margaret May Simmons  
Wife: Geneva Ann Beerman  
Born: 23 January 1925 Yakima, Washington  
Father: August Conrad Beerman  
Mother: Lillie Anne Janke

Children:

1. Dennis Cloyd Wysong 2 July 1950 Los Angles
  2. Carol Ann Wysong 2 December 1951 Brewster, Washington.
  3. Janine Faye Wysong 13 July 1955 Brewster.
- Prepared 11 January 1969

Source of Data:

This is my own family. Wilmer Cloyd Wysong.  
Brewster, Washington 98812

The family of Geneva Ann Beerman Wysong.  
Family Group Record.

Husband: August Conrad Beerman  
Born: 19 October 1885 Hilo, Hawaii  
Married: 2 April 1919 Oxford, Wisc.  
Father: George H. Beerman  
Mother: Anna Schultz  
Husband's other wives, Florence Sage  
Wife: Lillie Anne Janke  
Born: 12 January 1898 Oxford, Wisc.

Died: 2 February 1966 Brewster, Washington

Father: Edward Janke

Mother: Ida Wentland

Children:

1. Edward C. Beerman 27 March 1922 Yakima  
married Jeannie Barford 25 May 1942.
2. Myrna Marie Beerman 18 February 1921 Yakima  
Married Rupert Gessile 21 July 1943
3. Geneva Ann Beerman 23 January 1925 Yakima  
Married Wilmer Wysong 24 December 1942
4. Glenn Eugene Beerman 27 June 1935 Yakima  
Married: Loreta Stithern 10 June 1956.

Source of Information: Marriage certificates and personal knowledge. Prepared 11 January 1969 Wilmer Cloyd Wysong Brewster, Washington 98812.

There is a letter of transmittal that accompanied the above form.

Brewster, Washington 10-20-70

Dear Uncle John,

If I were as dedicated as you and Aunt Beulah have been to the task of writing the Wysong family history, the following information would have been in your hand long ago. It seems to be difficult for me to get at it.

I was born on my Dad's homestead on Wallos County, Oregon near the town of Joseph. My earliest recollections are of the time we spent in College Place, Washington where we lived until I was four or five years old.

I started school in Milton, Oregon where dad was employed at Milton Box Company.

I believe I was twelve years old when we moved to LaGrande, Oregon where I remember with pleasure the years we lived on a small acreage there though dad worked in town at the Mount Emily saw mill.

It was while living here that dad and I were baptised into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, of which mother was already a member.

After graduating from high school some months after Pearl Harbor, I took training in Medical Technology in an accelerated program at California College of Medical Technicians in San Gabriel, California. About half way through this course I was called for induction by my draft board in Pendleton, Oregon, but was rejected, so returned to California and finished school. Further training was taken at the Boulder Colorado Sanitarium and Hospital, after which, in September 1945, we moved to College Place, Washington where I worked in Laboratory and x-ray departments of Dr. John Potts office as well as St. Maries Hospital and Walla Walla General Hospital.

After somewhat over five years there we moved to Brewster, Washington where I have been in charge of the Clinical Laboratory and x-ray departments at the Community Medical Center and local hospital for somewhat over nineteen years as this is being written.

We have two children in college, a junior and a freshman, and our youngest is in the ninth grade this year at our local church school.

Now a bit about the family background of my wife, the former Geneva Beerman. Geneva's grandparents Adolph Beerman and Anna Schultz Beerman, migrated from Germany to Hawaii where her father was born. When he was four or five years of age, after the death of his mother, the family came to the United States, living for some years in the Santa Rosa area north of San Francisco.

When Geneva's father was a teen ager the family moved near Seattle and have lived in the Pacific northwest to this time.

We don't have much information concerning Geneva's mother's family. They also are of German descent and lived in Wisconsin at the time of her marriage to August Beerman. Geneva's father, Geneva's maternal grandfather was Ed Janke, several members of her family came west and settled in the Yakima, Washington area.

Geneva has one sister, Myrna Gessele of Portland, Oregon whose husband, Rupert, is a school teacher, one brother Edward Beerman living in Brewster, Washington, and one brother, Glen Beerman, living in Silom Springs, Arkansas.

I trust this information will be satisfactory. If it is too late to be included, I only have myself to blame.

Wishing you continued success in this sizable undertaking, I am, Sincerely yours,  
Wilmer Wysong.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Don Edward Wysong  
Born: 7 January 1927 College Place, Washington  
Married: 25 November 1956 Brewster, Washington  
Father: Cloyd E. Wysong  
Mother: Margaret May Simmons  
Wife: Lillian Faye Rambo  
Born: 13 July 1931 Consort, Alberta, Canada  
Father: Henry Milton Rambo  
Mother: Leita L. Foster

Children:

1. Richard Wayne Wysong 5 November 1958
2. Sherilyn Dawn Wysong 10 May 1961
3. Cindy Lou Wysong 28 December 1962
4. Patti Jo Wysong 27 January 1965

All of these children were born in Pendleton,

Umatilla County, Oregon.

This was prepared 27 December 1969. This is the immediate family of Lillian Faye Rambo Wysong. The family lives in Loveland, Colorado.

The parents of Lillian Faye Rambo Wysong and their family.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Henry Milton Rambo  
Born: 31 January 1887 in Nebraska.  
Married: August 1920 Consort, Alberta, Canada  
Died: 26 August 1942 Consort, Alberta, Canada  
Buried: Consort, Alberta, Canada  
Father: Sanders Rambo  
Mother: Clara Spent  
Wife: Leita Foster  
Born: 12 June 1900 Beechville, Ontario, Canada  
Died: 2 February 1961 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
Buried: Peoria, Alberta, Canada  
Father: Frank Foster  
Mother: Hannah Elizabeth Georgia Thornton  
Wife's other husband: Ray Slater.  
Children:

1. Herbert Melbourne Rambo 20 February 1902  
Married: Marie Fitzhenry 28 August 1944
2. Helen Mae Rambo 27 April 1922 Consort, Alberta. Married: Harvey Emanuel Comm 29 November 1943.
3. Harry Milton Rambo 6 February 1924 Consort California. Married Gladys Johnson 26 November 1947.
4. Elsie Eileen Rambo 20 July 1926 Consort  
Married: Christian R. Weis 27 October 1947
5. Lillian Faye Rambo 13 July 1931 Consort  
Married Don E. Wysong 25 November 1956
6. Mary Virginia Rambo 26 March 1939 Consort  
Married Rodney Earl Rude 19 June 1957.

This was prepared 26 December 1969.

Her parents family: Lillian Faye Rambo Wysong

A letter was received from Lillian Faye Rambo Wysong about her family. It is very interesting and is presented here.

4331 Page Place

Loveland, Colorado

October 26, 1970 80537

Dear Uncle John:

It has been so long since you wrote to us for information concerning the Rambo family and I'm sorry it has taken so long, but I wrote to my brother, who has been working on our family tree for quite some time, asking him to send me some information. In fact I have written him at least three times and still no results. We went to see my Aunt in Pueblo and finally got a bit of information so shall pass it on as best I can.

My Dad's folks names were: Clara Celestial Spence and Sanders Alexander Rambo. He was born near Otumwa, Iowa, Wapello County on 1 October 1861 and she on 19 July 1867 near Floris, Iowa in Davis County. They had seven children: Clarence (dead) 21 July 1886 near Central City Nebraska, Hamilton County; Henry (dead) Milton (my Dad) 3 January 1888 near Westerville, Nebraska, Custer County., Ethel (dead) 6 October 1889 same as Henry, Goldie (living) 17 May 1892 same as Henry and Ethel; Oscar (living) 24 August 1894 farmersville, Missouri in Livingston County; Bertha (living) 23 August 1897 near Hopeton, Indian Territory Woods County, Oklahoma; Hazel 3 March 1904 same as Bertha, My Dad was raised at Hopeton, Oklahoma. His dad, my grandfather, came to Oklahoma at the opening of the strip to homesteaders. He made the run into Oklahoma on horseback and staked out his claim. He left his wife at the entrance. He plowed some ground to show his claim. Another man also claimed the same land but finally bought it from grandpa for \$500.00. Grandpa went up to Alva, Oklahoma and staked another claim.

They had a neighbor by the name of Wiant who went to Canada to homestead. I guess this maybe influenced my Dad to go also and take out a homestead in Central Alberta near Consort.

At one time he was to go to England but missed the boat. He learned later that something happened and all the crew and passengers were drowned. He married Leita Foster who had come west from Ontario. He took out his naturalization papers and became a Canadian citizen. They farmed on the homestead until his death in 1942.

He was discing the field trying to get the fall work done before Herbert, the eldest son was due home on leave from Kiska (in the Army). The sheep get into a grain field and he got off of the Disc (double disc and he was riding the back one) to chase them out.

Apparently his whistle startled the horses (6 or 8 of them) and they started to run away. He ran between the discs to grab the lines and was knocked down and drug-perhaps  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, until the horses ran into the ditch and onto the road jarring the disc loose. They continued to run down the road toward the house and ran into the fence and stopped, staying there for the rest of the day and into the evening when someone finally came for help. I ran  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles for help (11 years old then) and the neighbors had to run back to our place. He found my dad and ran on to town over rough roads. His ribs were all

broken and his lungs punctured. He died in the hospital.

My mom stayed on the farm and tried to farm with hired help but after two or three years sold out and moved into Consort.

In 1949 we moved up to the Peace River Country to the small farming community of Peoria. In 1961 my mother died.

In 1951 after attending the University of Alberta I taught a small private school at Erskine, Alta and the following year I taught the East Peoria Public School. The next year I came to Brewster, Washington, and again taught in a private school (church school) for three years. In 1956 I married Don and from then until 1969 we lived in Pendleton.

I know very little about the early life of my folks. Just that they raised 6 children and all were born near or in Consort, Alberta. We had a large farm-several sections and did mixed farming-raised grain (mostly wheat, rye, oats & barley) cattle, horses, sheep and poultry. All of my mother's relatives were living in Alberta and I remember often going in the Model T to visit my Thornton Uncles and Aunts (grandmother's brothers) who lived near Sedalia, Alta. We'd always make homemade ice cream and strawberries.

Christmas time Dad took us in the bob sled to Xmas trees (programs). We'd dress warmly and sit in the bottom of the sleigh covered with straw, blankets over us and go across the coulees to neighboring schools where my dad was always Santa Clause.

They handed out sacks (green net) of candy to all the children. Always in the sacks there were nuts and hard candy and a Jap orange. These we had only at Christmas time.

I don't know about my folks education. My Dad was in the Army in World War I.

We went to a little school called Willow Brook,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from home. Mostly I walked but sometimes rode horseback and sometimes I skied behind the neighbor girl's horse holding onto a rope she held while riding.

We had a shetland pony, Tony, who was in our family from the time my oldest brother was small until the auction sale after my dad's death. He and three other little black shetlands helped the Willow Brook School children win first in a May 24 parade in Consort one year. They pulled a carriage inside which rode King George, Queen Elizabeth I and Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose. I was Princess Elizabeth.

Don't know much more except that we lived



in a "Next Year" Country. So often crops failed -no rain- hailed out-early snow-stocks standing out most or all of the winter because they got snowed in before they were threshed. We always looked to "next year" to be better.

If this is not enough or if you had something else in mind I'll try to find it out. I know no dates except the ones mentioned. Sorry to have taken so long. Let me know if this is sufficient.

Sincerely  
Lillian & Don

P.S. I know very little of my Mom's family history. Her dad was English. Her mom's name was Hannah Elizabeth Georgiana Thornton. She married William Franklin Foster. Had three children: My Mom, Transvaletia Lucretia- she went by Leta or Leita, Ray and Minnie. Grandma's husband died and she remarried a man by the last name of Slater. Had Everett, Earl and Hazel from him. He also had children, Alta, Margy and Evelyn. So there were her children, his children and their children. My Mom couldn't graduate from school because she had to go to work to help support the family. My grandmother's youngest was about the same age as my mother's oldest. They farmed near Consort, Alberta also. Grandma came from Ontario though.

If you need more let me know. I'll write to my brother once again and enclose a stamped self addressed envelope. I may get results.

L.F.R.W.

We now come to a family that has a complete record of the husband's parents family. This record will be presented before we give that of one of the sons who married into the Wysong family.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: Amil Julius Johnson  
Born: 27 January 1877 Stockholm, Sweden  
Died: 10 April 1938 Kinder, Louisiana  
Buried: 12 April Kinder, Louisiana  
Father: August Julius Johnson  
Mother: ?

Wife: Gracie Faye Hill  
Born: 29 July 1889 Lowell, Iowa  
Died: 6 November 1961 Kinder, Louisiana  
Father: Jay Hill  
Mother: Gertrude Lovina Pero Hill

#### Children:

1. Alta E. Johnson 16 September 1907 Kinder, Louisiana.
2. Melvin A. Johnson 15 October 1909 Kinder
3. Leota F. Hohnson 3 September 1911 Kinder
4. Ruby G. Johnson 16 October 1913 Kinder



5. Andrew M. Johnson 10 January 1916 Kinder
6. Leslie G. Johnson 20 January 1917 Kinder
7. Virgil P. Johnson 18 February 1921 Kinder
8. Charles A. Johnson 28 March 1925 Kinder
9. Wilmer L. Johnson 15 May 1925 Kinder
10. Doris V. Johnson 10 June 1928 Kinder
11. Imogene Johnson 12 September 1929 Kinder
12. Audrey Bruce Johnson 29 September 1930 Kinder
13. Gertrude L. Johnson 15 June 1932 Kinder
14. Claudia E. Johnson 29 January 1934 Kinder

Source of Data: Wilmer L. Johnson Loveland,  
Colorado, 27 December 1969.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Wilmer L. Johnson

Born: 15 May 1925 Kinder, Louisiana, Allen  
Parish

Married: 9 June 1937 Pendleton, Oregon

Father: Amil Julius Johnson

Mother: Gracie Faye Hill

Wife: Irma Faye Wysong

Born: 29 October Milton, Oregon

Father: Cloyd E. Wysong

Mother: Margaret May Simmons

Children:

1. David W. Johnson 9 March 1950 Walla Walla,  
Washington.

2. Daniel L. Johnson 9 August 1952 Walla Walla  
Prepared December 20, 1969. Her own family.

Source of data: Irma Faye Wysong Johnson  
Loveland, Colorado 80537

A letter from Faye Johnson

January 4, 1970

Dear Uncle John and Aunt Beulah:

It was nice to hear from you - we surely  
enjoyed the interesting letter and all the in-  
formation it contained.

The folks spent a couple weeks with us  
at Christmas time and were here when your lett-  
er came. I thought it kind of odd that we had  
just the day before filled out one of the forms  
for our family, as Dad had brought them to us  
when he came this time. I had not heard about  
it before, but Dad has been trying to get the  
forms filled out by the rest of the family clo-  
se by there, but guess no one had kept at it  
until finished.

However, we finished ours and my brother  
Don's family (who has just moved here) also fi-  
nished theirs and Dad took them back with him  
and said he would get it all mailed to you real  
soon, so hope nothing slows it down. I know  
you are anxious to get it after waiting this  
long.

Well, David has gone back to College, so  
our house is sorta empty and lonesome. I think

I'm going to have a hard time getting used to our children being gone from home.

I am writing a little on another sheet about Wilmer's family, that he didn't put in.

Wilmer's father (and his family) moved to America when he was about 13, approximately 1890. We do not know where they settled at that time. However, Wilmer's father and two of his brothers went to Kinder, Louisiana and homesteaded and later bought more land, totaling about 1,000 acres and raised rice.

Wilmer's father and mother lived on this place all of their married lives.

Love to you both  
Wilmer & Faye

And a last letter on the family of Cloyd E. Wyszong dated January 13, 1970. I am actually typing this on December 13, 1971, nearly two years later. We have been making all speed possible in collecting the materials going into this history. Actually a very few families had to be written up when it was known that more materials were available. We had heard from other members of the family that certain people lived at a certain place, but letters to them either did not get a response or the response was so vague that no coherent history could be pieced together. Just one of the troubles encountered in history writing. But to get on with Cloyd's letter.

January 13, 1970

Dear Beulah and John:

We have been having winter weather but the last two days it has warmed up and most of the snow is gone. The temperature, today, is 43 above. It has not been extremely cold but has lasted two weeks. Yesterday there was a freezing rain and I guess in Pendleton the streets are really slick. They didn't have school.

At last I have gotten together the family tree forms for our family. Just got Wilmer's this morning. I was glad you wrote to Faye about it. It got us all in gear.

Faye's family, Don's family and us were all together when it came. Don's had moved to Loveland the middle of December and we went with them and stayed until the Saturday evening after Christmas.

Lillian, Don's wife, had been trying to get information about her family from Canada, but had not been successful.

They all filled out the forms that evening the best they could. I wrote to Wilmer asking him to fill out the forms he had. I am to blame for this not being completed earlier.

I should have been more dilligent in getting it done.

I hope this gives you the information you wanted. If there is something lacking let me know and I will try to get it and not be as slow as I was this time.

A man from Marion, Indiana, that worked on a ranch here, told me that he knew Wysong's in Marion. That he went to school with Ruby Wysong. He talked like there were several there and that they were glass workers. You may already know of them.

We are still living on our little place in the country and getting along O.K. but would like to sell it and move to town. Faye has asked us to move to Loveland and live with them. We would rather be by ourselves. Although it would be nice to be near to Don's and Faye's.

We hope you are doing well.

Love to all

Margaret and Cloyd.

Family Group Record

Husband Dannie L. Johnson  
Born: 9 Aug 1952 Walla Walla Wash  
Married 1971 Denver Colorado  
Father: Wilmer L. Johnson  
Mother: Irma Faye Wysong  
Wife: Laurette Gayle Miller  
Born: 21 Aug 1952  
Father: Donald G. Miller  
Mother: Ether Waurrenberg  
Children 1972: None.

## CHAPTER 18

### THE FAMILY OF JOHN M. AND BEULAH WYSONG WHISTLER

This is the authors own family. For the past several years all labor has been expended in getting other members of the Wysong clan to send in their data with a result the obtaining of data on my own family was neglected.

This family was formed on June 10, 1922 when Beulah Wysong and John M. Whistler were married in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Both of us were students at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where we had met in an English class.

The courtship went steadily, improving mutual friendship, from the time of our meeting in September until the next June. I found myself spending more and more time at her home, one bright morning saw us on the railroad passenger train headed for Guthrie, the marriage liscence and the preacher.

The liscence was obtained, the preacher induced to come down off of the roof of his house where he was putting on some shingles, witnesses were rounded up, and we were married in the best style. By hurrying, the afternoon train was caught for Stillwater, and we were at her home in time for dinner.

Now that we have the family formed we should study just who these two people were that had formed the family.

John Marquiss Whistler was the fourth child of Henry Martyn and Carrie Blair Whistler and was born on their farm on the Wabash River between Peru and Logansport, Indiana. The farm was in the south west corner of Cass County with the county line the south edge of the farm. I was born in the brick house, on this farm, that was on a raise of ground about one fourth mile from the river. This was three miles west and one mile south of the village of New Waverly, Indiana, the nearest town.

In 1971 I drove by this farm again, as I had many times in the past. This year the owner was busily engaged in removing the old horse barn. He was neatly piling up the solid walnut boards and beams, 10 x 10 black walnut,

that he was removing. As I said to Beulah, that man was obtaining as much for the Black Walnut timbers as the farm cost my parents long ago. Outside of that change the farm looked much like it has over the more than half century, since we moved away from there, in 1906.

The new barn, as we called the structure that my father built in 1905, was still standing also the corn cribs, house and other farm structures much the same as always.

The new barn has one small item of interest connected with my memories. In the fall of 1905 when it was just completed, and waiting for its first filling of hay in 1906, it was empty. A fall storm came up and it must have been a dilly. We children went outside to find the place that special bolt of lightning came from or went to that was so loud during the storm. Upon inspection the new barn had a jagged hole from the comb to the base on the west side. The wood was splintered and the crack was about one foot wide, more or less. People from all around came to see and marvel at the work of art created by the bolt of lightning. In due time interested spectators ceased coming and admiring. The whole incident had one permanent effect upon the neighborhood. Prior to this occurrence there was not a lightning rod in the surrounding area. My father was converted and had lightning rods put on all buildings. Many neighbors did likewise. When we left there in 1906 on many of my trips back, these lightning rods were still in evidence.

Over the years I note that there has been neither less nor more buildings destroyed by lightning than in other areas. Lightning rods cannot now be seen on many buildings, today. That like a lot of other ill-conceived ideas, has not stood up in actual experience to the test of time.

My parents left this farm in December 1906 and moved to Stavely, Alberta, Canada. My Dad said that he was going to make his "everlasting fortune" in Canada and also that he had broken his last ground behind a plow and have a large root snap back and whack him on the shin. Well, he did not make his "everlasting fortune" in Canada. He did get away from the roots smacking him in the shins. Alberta was a prairie country and also riding plows came into being and even if there had been roots they would not have smacked him in the shins.

My Dad became quite a large land owner in Canada. He purchased four farms, two of which were 640 acre plats and the other two

were 320 acre plats. He had sold the same number of farms in Indiana but all were smaller ranging from 120 acres to 160 acres tracts.

Now all of these farms in Canada were small grain farms. He could not hope to work these acres with horse power so that lead him to purchase a large steam tractor and gang plows. A double cross compound Reeves rig. This let him put in an enormous crop. The question was how was he to get his grain threshed. He had the power so the next step was to purchase a separator to thresh the expected crop. He was all set up to go. It took some cash to operate so he went into the custom threshing business, he could keep his investment working and bring in some cash.

This meant hiring some grain crews for the thresherman furnished all help in Canada, except hauling the grain from the separator. Dad had some growing children. That would ease the money situation if they carried on as part of his crew, and so they grabbed hold and worked.

I was nine years of age and drew the job of grocery boy. I had a cart and an old nag. The cook gave me a list of groceries wanted for the next day, I went to town, got the groceries and delivered them to the cookwagon. I put up the horse and made my bed and got ready for the next days operation. We operated any place Dad could get a job threshing. The good places were soon threshed and we worked further and further from town. We normally ended the season about Christmas time out in the Broken Bow Country, many miles east of town.

You must remember that this operation took place not too far south of the Arctic Circle and the hours of daylight got shorter and shorter as Christmas time approached. At the very last of the season two hours of murky daylight and twenty two hours of darkness was the working day.

The crew was put up in a large tent. This would be pitched the first thing when we came into a field to thresh. This thing was cold with a capital "C." If there was snow on the ground that was good. We could dig down two or three feet into the snow and cover up and be as snug as a bug, no wind and not even a peep hole to breath. If there was no snow then we were in for a hard night.

We normally completed the threshing by Christmas time. My brothers and I then started our school year. My father continued to work with his steam rig. He would hitch about twelve grain wagons behind the engine and haul grain



from the fields to the elevators. When he got to the elevators he would unhitch from his load, go to the other entrance to the elevator, hitch a cable through the elevators from his tractor to the wagons and haul them through the elevator, dumping each wagon as it got over the grain pit. He could make 50 miles a day on these trips.

By 1910 we had made exactly one crop, due to weather losses. My mother was more than fed up with the snow and ice. Probably Dad had been denuded of the idea of making his "everlasting fortune" there. In any event a decision was made to seek the family fortune in Montana. Most of the land in Canada was sold. The family goods loaded into five wagons and in April of 1910 we headed south by wagon train. My father could always teach a team to run away in short time from taking over. This trip was no exception and the wagon that he was driving had a run-away nearly every day. It normally occurred just as we were getting under way in the early morning hours, just before daybreak. We early learned to park for the night so that Dads team would be in front. He would hurry and hitch his team. He would stand on one side and shout at us to hurry. This shouting was a signal for his team to start. Dad would swing up on the tail of his wagon as it swished by him. He would continue to shout and he and the team would disappear over the first raise of ground.

The rest of the train would get under way. Hours later we usually caught up with him and he would be peacefully lying on the ground and would ask us why we were so long in arriving.

This trip was made long before paved roads and bridges. When you came to a stream you forded it. Other teams had been that way before you. You could see where they entered the stream and if you looked close enough may could see where they came out on the other side not always directly across. Since this trip was being made in the spring of the year you could expect to find ice for sure.

If you timed it right you could start the ford just as one floe came past and beat the next floe as it approached. That added jest to the game as far as we children were concerned. But Mother thought other wise and protested loud and long enough that Dad finally consented to put the wagon train on the railroad cars for the last few miles crossing the Marias River, which was only seven miles from home, or where we were going.

\* We settled 25 miles east of Conrad, Mon-



tana and seven miles south of the Marias River. This was the Blackfoot Indian Reservation that was being opened up for settlement in 1910.

There was not a house within many miles of our place. We hauled some lumber from Conrad, built a house and barn, fenced most of the 320 acre place. Dug some irrigation ditches and made a dam to catch water. This kept us rather busy for a time. There was no schools within 25 miles. Mother began to raise objections to the school situation, the weather, the lack of water etc, etc. The net result was another move was called for.

This time the children were, or thought they were, mature enough to have a say in the counsils of war. Dad finally gave in and this time packed the wagons and went to Conrad, Montana, put the gear on the railroad, Mother and the children got on the train and we headed south. The first scheduled meeting place was to be Muskogee, Oklahoma.

We arrived in Muskogee and settled in a hotel. We left our address in the post office where dad could get it when he arrived. One day dad did come up to the hotel room. Plans were made to look at farms. Within a day or two we hitched up the teams again and headed for Boynton, Oklahoma, 20 odd miles west of Muskogee, where a farm had been purchased. This farm was called home for 25 years.

In due time I was attending college in Stillwater, Oklahoma when the first World War was in the offing. I enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 28 of February 1917 and was sent to Great Lakes Naval Training Station. On the 4th of April we were intrained for Norfolk, Virginia. We arrived in Norfolk on 7th April and were sent out to the Fleet which was anchored at Yorktown, Virginia. I was assigned to the signal section, or flag division, U.S.S. Arkansas.

In July of 1917 I was assigned to the Naval Overseas Operation Service with station in New York City. This was a small organization that furnished signalmen for the convoys across the Atlantic and was formed the first of July in 1917. After my second trip to France, I was assigned permanently to the George G. Henry, an American tanker. I remained with this ship until September 1918 when I was transferred to the Pelham Bay Officers Material School, Pelham Bay, New York. Here I received a commission as Ensign. The war ended and shortly after that I was released from active duty.

I was married shortly after the war ended and worked in New Jersey for a year. My wife

passed away and I decided to return to school taking Mechanical Engineering. Several years later I met Beulah while in school and we were married, as stated before, on 10 June 1922.

I liked military life but did not particularly like being on a ship. I talked it over with Beulah and we decided that I should take an examination for commission as Second Lieutenant U.S. Army. I made application and was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for the examination. This was in September 1922. In January of 1923 I was notified that I had passed the examination. I was sworn in as a Second Lieutenant and was assigned to duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

I graduated from the Battery Officers Course in Artillery at Fort Sill in 1927 and we were assigned to Panama Canal Zone. Here I served in the Fourth and Second Field Artillery units. At Fort Sill I served in the First Field Artillery: the 18th Field Artillery: the Third Ammunition Train: and on the school staff.

In 1930 we were assigned to the Advanced Motors Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Completing this course I was assigned to the 17th Field Artillery, Fort Bragg North Carolina. Later on I had command of Headquarters Battery, 13th F.A. Brigade for three years. In 1936 we were assigned to the Detached Officers List, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana as Assistant P.M.S.&T.

In June 1940 we were assigned to the 20th Field Artillery, Fort Benning, Georgia. I was with this organization as supply officer and Adjutant until 1941. The next duty was with the 4th Corps as Assistant G4-. In 1942 I was assigned as G-4 of the 13th Corps in Providence Rhode Island. Late in 1944 I was hospitalized for quite several months. This led to duty in command of troops in Fort Dix, New Jersey, Camp McCall, North Carolina and Fort Bragg, North Carolina where I was finally retired from the service on 31 August 1945.

Promotion in the regular service was slow until 1940. I had advanced to the rank of Captain by that time. I then was Major, and Lt. Colonel and full Colonel in January 1942. I was retired as Colonel, General Staff Corps, with troops. I had been in the GSC since joining the 4th Corps the day war was declared December 7, 1941.

Since retirement we have lived in Boulder, Colorado and moved to Eustis, Florida in 1958, where we now live.

Better get writing about the better half of this family. Beulah was born, the third child

of George Pendleton and Effie May Pearman Wysong, on her grandfather's farm northwest of Ligonier, Indiana. She was born on 9 September 1896.

The house that she was born in was still standing in 1971 but it was getting very old and had not been used as a residence for several years. The house stood across the road from the barn lot. The barn was still in good repair at this time.

Her experiences are told in her own words as here recorded. One incident that I remember, when I was about four years old. I ran off to the neighbors who lived about half a mile down the road from our house. After arrival there I talked with the lady of the house for a while. She was sure that my mother did not know that I was visiting at her house so she put on her bonnet and went to see my mother.

In the meantime a band of gypsies had passed our home. My mother saw them and started looking for me. I was not to be found and she, poor darling, thought that I had been kid-napped. Mother returned with the neighbor lady. She was glad to see me but the sequel was that I was soundly spanked.

The farm was sold about the time I was old enough to start to school. We moved to the Gage place, about six miles east of my grandfathers farm. I started my school life while living here on the Gage place. The school was called the Kansas School. It was a red brick one room country school. We walked to school and back every day no matter what the weather. It was one mile from our house to the Kansas School.

This school building was still standing, and looked as I always remembered it in 1967. The next year, when we were back there again, the school building was being remodeled into a good looking residence. That is how it looks today.

We attended this school for several years. One time the snow was very deep. The children could not go out to play. A neighbor man brought his snow plow and made us a place where we could play in the snow. This was a large circle in the shape of a spoked wheel. When he was finished the snow was piled up around the circle higher than the children were tall. This play circle lasted many days and the scholars had a wonderful time playing the game of "Fox and Geese". It has been so long ago that I don't remember. There was lots of running and screaming.

From the Gage place we moved to the Smith farm about one half mile from the Kansas School. While living here my parents decided to move to Aurora, Missouri. My fathers brother, Laird

and his family moved on this farm after we left, Uncle Laird said that he would keep our dog "Collie" for us, so we were all happy knowing that he would have a good home.

We visited uncles and aunts and cousins before we left and it was sixty four years before I saw many of them again when my sisters and I returned to Indiana for a family reunion, in 1969.

On our way to Missouri we stopped off in Chicago, Illinois to see my uncle Allen, aunt Maude and my cousin Freda Wysong.

My cousin Addie Ertis Price, the daughter of my father's sister, known to us as Aunt Lillie, also met us at the Depot in Chicago, Illinois.

Being a small country child and never having seen a city, Chicago made quite an impression on me. We left Chicago very early in the morning, before daylight, and now at the age of seventy-five years, I can still remember the eerie sounds of the trains at the station.

I remember visiting this same Uncle Allen once, while he lived in South Bend, Indiana and my cousin took me on a sleigh ride on the Notre Dame Campus.

We finally arrived in Aurora, Missouri. Many uncles, aunts, and cousins lived there that I had never seen before. These were my mothers relatives.

My life then took on the usual pattern of any other youngster of that era. We went to school, had parties and socialized with the other young people. I graduated from high school in Aurora in 1915. I worked for several firms among which was the "Old Menace" as we called the daily paper.

In 1920 I moved with my family to Stillwater, Oklahoma. There I entered A & M College, now known as Oklahoma State University, as a student in music, specializing in piano.

On my first day in college in Freshman English, the instructor was seating us alphabetically, and the last visible chair was given to a lad by the name of John Whistler. I was the only student in the class without a place to sit. The teacher sent Mr. Whistler to an adjoining room to bring a chair for the young lady. The only one available was sprung at all the rungs and had to be put together before I could use it.

The up shot of that odd beginning was that John Whistler and Beulah Wysong were married the next June.

On entering college the next fall I became

a charter member of the Delta Zeta Sorority, when our local organization went national. This was a nice organization and we had many good times.

Later that year my husband took a commission in the U.S. Army and we went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for our first station. The next twenty odd years were spent on many Army posts and on civilian details. It was fun and suited me very well as I love to travel.

Our children Richard, Donald, and Jane liked army life, the traveling, the meeting of old friends when we arrived at a new assignment. The children are all married now. The boys are in jobs that have them traveling over the face of the earth. Jane's husband is in a more settled position, but they are subject to move as their company has plants in many parts of our country.

Even today when we meet up with old Army friends that is a happy day of remembering bygone days.

My husband and I still like to travel. We drive many miles each year over the roads visiting places where the ancestors used to live, seeing our children and just going places to be going. We have been in every state in the continental U.S. except one. This is a beautiful country, nice people, and most enjoyable to just get into the car and start some place.

I dedicate this resume to my descendents so they might briefly know something of their Grandmother Beulah Wysong Whistler and of the time in which she lived.

#### Family Group Record.

Husband: John Marquiss Whistler  
Born: 24 May 1898 New Waverly, Indiana  
Married: 10 June 1922 Guthrie, Oklahoma  
Father: Henry Martyn Whistler  
Mother: Carrie Belle Blair  
Husbands: First wife: Myrtle Whistler Deceased.  
Wife: Beulah Viola Wysong  
Born: 9 September 1896 Ligonier, Indiana  
Father: George Pendleton Wysong  
Mother: Effie May Pearman

- Children:
1. Richard Thomas Whistler 12 April 1923 Lawton, Oklahoma. Married Elsie Atanasoff
  2. Donald Eugene Whistler 15 April 1927 Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Married Barbara York.
  3. Jane Whistler 16 December 1929, Panama Canal Zone. Married James Houston Browne  
Occupation: Colonel U.S. Army (Ret)

Source of Data:

This is my own family.

We live in Eustis Heights, Eustis, Florida 32726  
THE FAMILY OF RICHARD THOMAS AND ELSIE ATANASOFF  
WHISTLER.

There is one item that should be included in all family histories, if it is available. That is an account of the event when the family was formed. This is usually an item in the Social column of the daily newspaper of the area in which the wedding took place. We have such an item for this family in the files of his parents. The Boulder Daily Camera, Boulder, Colorado, Monday December 19, 1949.  
ELSIE ATANASOFF, RICHARD WHISTLER EXCHANGE WEDDING VOWS SATURDAY.

The chapel of the Congregational church was the setting Saturday afternoon for the wedding of Miss Lura Elsie Atanasoff, daughter of Mrs. Lura Atanasoff, and Richard Thomas Whistler, all of Boulder.

The double ring ceremony was performed before about 50 guests by Reverend Lawrence Upjohn. Ira Toliver Meeks gave the bride in marriage. For her wedding the bride chose a gray-blue suit, with black accessories and a yellow orchid corsage, with feathered carnations. Her sister, Miss Joan Atanasoff, was maid of honor, and wore a wine red suit with black accessories and a gardenia and feathered carnation corsage. Christmas theme in decorations.

Best man was Eldon O'Neal with Robert Law, a cousin of the groom, ushering. The Church was decorated with large red and white bouquets, and white candles. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the brides home, also decorated in the Christmas motif. Traditional wedding music was played.

Both are C.U. Graduates. The bride graduated from Boulder high school and the University of Colorado, where she was a member of Pi Lambda Theta, women's education honorary, Pi Mu Epsilon, Mathematics honorary. The YWCA where she held a senior scholarship.

Mr. Whistler is employed at the department of revenue for the city and county of Denver. He received his B.S. Degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, his M.A. from C.U. and was a member of Alpha Lambda Tau social fraternity at API. He also belongs to Phi Alpha Theta, national honorary history fraternity, Kappa Delta Pi education honorary, the Reserve Officers Association. The National Rifle Association, and Columbia Lodge No 14 A.F. and A.A.M. He served two years in the infantry and was stationed overseas with the office of the Military Attache, in Helsinki, Finland.



Following a ten day auto trip to Santa Fe, Albuquerque and the Grand Canyon the couple will be at home at 1533 Williams, Denver, Colorado.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Richard Thomas Whistler  
Born: 12 April 1923 Lawton, Oklahoma.  
Married: 16 December 1949 Boulder, Colorado  
Father: John Marquiss Whistler  
Mother: Beulah Wysong  
Wife: Lura Elsie Atanasoff  
Born: 4 March 1928 Ames, Iowa, Mary Greely Hosp.  
Father: John Vincent Atanasoff, Born: Hamilton, New York.  
Mother: Lura Ella Meeks, Born: Quanah, Texas

Children:

1. Ann Elizabeth Whistler 4 November 1952 Washington D.C.
2. Frederick John Whistler 5 December 1954 Washington, D.C.
3. Bruce Thomas Whistler 21 March 1958 Stockholm, Sweden.

Source of Data: Letter from my son, Richard Thomas Whistler 30 November 1971.  
Richard has forwarded a biographic sketch which is included here with:

Biographic sketch of Richard Thomas Whistler.  
(This data supplements information contained in Whistler, John M., Some Descendents of Heinrich Whistler, who landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in September 1737. Mimeographed 1967 (see library of Congress card # C5 71.W577, 68-4486)

Born: 12 April 1923, in childhood lived with parents at Fort Sill, Oklahoma (1923-27); Camp Gatun, Panama Canal Zone, September 1927-May 1930: 316 Bell Street, Lawton, Oklahoma  
1930-June 1931: Fort Bragg, North Carolina,  
June 1930-January 1936; 434 Littleton Street and 308 West Stadium Street, W. Lafayette, Indiana, January 1936-June 1940; 1236 Wildwood Avenue, Columbus, Georgia June 1940-February 1942.  
Education: Morton School (1936-1937) and West Lafayette High School, West Lafayette, Indiana (1937-1940) Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Now Auburn University) Auburn, Alabama, residing at 210 S. Gay Street Alpha Lambda Tau (Now Tau Kappa Epsilon) house and at 147 W. Glen Street (1941-November 1944) receiving a B.S. Degree.  
Attended University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado 1947-49 receiving a M.A. degree.

Military Service: Inducted into the Army of the United States, at Camden New Jersey 13 February 1945. Enlisted service (infantry) until 5 April 1947. No Combat service. Overseas service as Senior NCO. Office of the Military At-



tache. American Legation, Helsinki, Finland (September 1946-February 1947) residing at Hotel Helsinki and apartment at Huvilakatu 13a. Commissioned as Reserve Second Lieutenant (Military Intelligence), August 1948; 1st Lt. 1951; Capt. 1955; Major 1962; Lt. Col. 1969. Graduate of Officers Basic Course equivalent, the Thirty Series (Counter Intelligence Corps.), Army General School 1951. The Advanced Intelligence Course, U.S. Army Intelligence School 1959; Psychological Operations Extension Course; U. S. Army Special Warfare School 1968; Counter Insurgency Course U.S. Air Force Special Operations School 1969; Infantry Field Grade Officer Refresher Course U.S. Army Infantry School 1970; U.S. Army Reserve School Program, phases I and II 1969-70; phases III and IV 1970-71, with subsequent phases continuing. Recent two week active duty April-May at Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence Department of the Army, Pentagon, in the Directorate of Intelligence, Eastern Division, working on Indonesian Military/political affairs.

Overseas annual active duty tours included J-3 (Operations and training) Joint United States Military Advisory Group, Bangkok, Thailand 17-28 May 1965 and J-2 (Intelligence Operations Division, Field Activities Branch) Headquarters, Military Assistance Command Vietnam, Saigon, Vietnam 13-24 May 1968. Latter assignments was higher headquarters staff planning for Intelligence operations against the Viet-Cong. This was the tail end of the Viet-Cong second offensive with strong enemy attacks on Saigon and on Bien-Hoa airbase. My duties included one helicopter trip to U.S. 9th Infantry Division Headquarters at Camp Bear Cat, Bien Hoa Province, for discussions on tactical intelligence collection by the combat maneuver battalions of the Division. Usual duty was performed at MACV Headquarters Compound at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Gia Dinh Province, on the outskirts of Saigon.

Employment: Entered U.S. Government Civil Service in April 1952, transferring to Foreign Service, Department of State, Circa March 1956. Foreign Tours include:

<u>Post Date</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Function</u>
Stockholm	Family lived	Attache at the
Sweden, April	temporarily in	American Embas-
1956 June	Apt. on Torsvi-	sy located at
1959	ksavangen, Lidi-	Strandvagen 101
	ingo for three	with duties as
	months and then	Political Off-
	moved to Askri-	icer, dealing

<u>Post Date</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Function</u>
	kevagen 17, Lidingo. In June 1958 moved to house at Radjursvagen 4 Stoc-ksund.	with Baltic Refugees, primarily.

<u>Post, Date</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Function</u>
Bangkok, Thailand Aug 1961-Nov. 1965.	Family lived at house #45 Soi Suke 9 Lane 12, off Sukhumvit, Bangkapi. In July 1965 dependents returned to U.S. to place children in school.	Second secretary at the American Embassy located at 95 Wireless Road, with duties as Economic Officer. Served as the Embassy's Assistant liaison officer to the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. ECAFE

<u>Saigon Veit</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Function</u>
Nam June 1966-May 1968	After spending one year in U.S at 712 Azelia Drive, Rockville Md. Dependents returned to Bangkok while Richard was serving in Saigon. Family residence at House #33, Soi Raum Chaj (Lane 15) off Sukhumvit Road, Bangkapi. After two months stay in Astor Hotel Richard obtained quarters at apartment 205, 196 Hong Thap Tu Street. Circa May 1966 moved to Villa at 56/3 Nguyen Thong Street, Saigon. Family resided in Bangkok, though Elsie visited Saigon 29 June-3 July 1967	Attache at the U.S. Embassy, 39 Ham Nghi, then moved to new Embassy at 4 Thong Nhut (Norodom Compound), In Oct. 1967. Duties as political Officer, dealing with South Viet Political Parties. Richard was on duty for the period of the veit Co- ng "Tet" offensive which commenced on the night of 30-31 January 1968. Similarly was present during the second assault, 5-12 May 1968. Departed Saigon on permanent transfer to Washington D.C. on 26 May 1968.

Note: From Washington D.C. Richard was sent on temporary duty to Saigon Veitnam, arriving 13 August 1969 after 5 days of lay-over in Honolulu, Hawaii. Departed Saigon 9 October 1969; Bangkok, Thailand 9-12 October 1969; Beirut, Lebanon 12-14 October 1969; Paris France 14-18 October 1969. Returned to Washington D.C. 18 October 1969.

He is scheduled for assignment to Djakarta Indonesia in July/August 1972.

Foreign Travel:

Sailed from New York, New York, 24 August 1946 aboard the U.S. Army Transport George Washington (25,570 tons: launched 1908; seized as war prize in 1917) and arrived in Bremerhaven, Germany 3 September 1946, enroute to Helsinki, Finland, subsequently by train from Frankfurt Am Main Via Copenhagen to Stockholm, arriving Helsinki by Air 13 September 1946. Departed Helsinki Circa 24 February 1947, and sailed from Bremerhaven on U.S. Transport St. Albans Victory (8000 ton liberty ship), 4 March 1947, arriving in New York on 13 March 1947.

Departed New York, N.Y., aboard S.S. American 28,000 tons, United States Lines), on April 14, 1956 with wife and two children, arriving Bremmerhaven, Germany the night of 22 April 1956. Stayed at Post Hotel, Bremen and on 24 April departed by train from Bremen, Via Copenhagen, arriving at Stockholm Central Station morning of 25 April 1956.

On 13 July 1957 sailed with family and mother-in-law from Stockholm aboard the Swedish passenger ship Birger-Jarl for Helsinki, Finland, on vacation, with car aboard, by car through central Finland (Tampere, Jyvaskyla, Kupino, Kajaani, Oulu) to Rovaniemi on the artic circle on 21 July 1957. Returned to Stockholm by car around the gulf of Bothina.

Departed Nynashamn, Sweden, 27 July 1958 aboard the Swedish steamer Gotland with wife, three children, maid and car for Visby, Island of Gotland. Spent vacation at Vitvar, near Ljugarn on the eastern seashore. Returned to Nynashamn from Visby aboard Swedish steamer Drotten on 5 August 1958.

The family left Stockholm by air about 10 June 1959 for London England. Sailed from Southampton, England aboard the S.S. America (United States Lines) on 20 June 1959 for New York.

In early August 1961 the family flew from Washington D.C. Via Denver, Colorado with a two day stop over in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Tokyo, Japan (5 August), then to Hong Kong, arriving .

in Bangkok, Thailand on 7 August 1961. Stayed at the Erawan Hotel over one month. On the 12th of August 1962 the entire family entered Malaya at Padang Besar by train from Bangkok and proceeded to island of Panang for vacation at Mt. Pleasant Hotel on the beach outside Georgetown. Returned to Bangkok by air 19 August.

On 22 November 1962 Richard and Elsie Whistler drove by car from Bangkok to Seim Teip, Cambodia, with Mr. & Mrs. John M. Taylor to visit the Angkor Wat and environs. Returned to Bangkok 25 November 1962.

Home leave and return, August 1963 (round the world trip). The family departed Bangkok by Air for Istanbul Turkey, via Beirut. Arrived Istanbul 1 August, staying at the Park Hotel overlooking the Bosphorous: one day swimming at the Black Sea resort of Kilyes.

Athens, Greece, 11-15 August 1963, with visits to the Acropolis, and a family day swimming in the aegean Sea at Asteria Beach, near Athens. Air flight to Rome, staying at hotel near the Borgheza Gardens: 17 August by train to Naples. Family visit to Pompei, and on evening 19 August 1963, with wife and three children sailed aboard S.S. Constitution (circa 23,000 tons, American Export Lines) from Naples. Stop over at Genoa on 20 August, then cruised along French and Spanish coasts, through the Strait of Gibraltar (22 August) and the Azore Islands (Sao Jorge and Pico islands, close inshore), arriving New York City, 28 August 1963. After visiting in New Market, Maryland, Eustis, Florida and Denver, Colorado, arrived by air in Honolulu, Hawaii circa 25 October 1963, staying at the Edgewater Hotel on Waikiki Beach. Departed by air 27 October with stop over on Guam, arriving Manila, Philippine Islands, 28 October Family departed Manila 31 October 1963, arriving Hong Kong same date. Departed Hong Kong by air 2 November 1963, landing back in Bangkok, Thailand, same date.

Family vacation flew from Bangkok to Singapore, 4 August 1964, thence on to Kuala Lumpur for a few days, visiting rubber plantations and finally to Penang Island for another visit at Mt. Pleasant Hotel. Returned by air to Bangkok on 14 August 1964.

Richard had a business visit to Singapore, 27-30 December 1964. And during 1961-65 took a number of official trips to all portions of Thailand, e.g., Chiangmai (With Elsie, January 1962), Udorn, Ubon, Roi-et, trip to Vientiane, Laos, 20-22 June 1962. Generally, the internal Thailand trips called for official calls on Thai

provincial governors, and lower officials, and in the south to local Chinese businessmen, in addition. On 17 June 1963, Elsie and Richard, without children, flew on an R & R flight to Hong Kong for about four days.

On 7 July 1965 Elsie and children departed for U.S. See details under entry for Elsie.

On 14 November 1965 Richard completed his tour in Bangkok, and departed for U.S.A. or re-assignment to Vietnam. From Bangkok flew to Vienna, Austria, with Foreign Service Officer David Edminster, after a one-day visit, flew on to Brussels, Belgium, 16 November, and thence to Paris, France on the 18th. Departed Orly Field, Paris, 20 November for New York City and Washington, D.C. Resided at 712 Azalea Drive, Rockville, Md, until departure for Saigon, circa 2 February 1966, arriving Saigon 6 February. Internal travel South Vietnam, 1966-68 included Can tho, Nha Trang, Dalat, Ban Me Thuot, DaNang and Hue, some on repeated occasions.

Attendance at international conferences of the United Nations Economic Commission to Asia and the Far East: In Richard's capacity as U.S. Embassy liaison officer to ECAFE, located at Sala Santitham, Bangkok, he attended many international conferences in Bangkok, 1961-65, and several abroad. The latter included attendance as a non-official member of the U.S. delegation to the "Conference of Asian Economic Planners," at New Delhi, India, for about two weeks, September-October 1961; this included an overnight bus trip with Indian government hosts to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal.

In the British imperial tradition social entertainment included a splendid reception at a garden party at the Presidents Palace (residence of the former British governor-general) one night at which he was introduced to and shook hands with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Richard was a member of the U.S. delegation headed by ex-Ambassador to Thailand Kenneth T. Young to Twentieth Plenary Session of ECAFE held at Tehran, Iran, circa 25 February 18 March 1964. This memorable visit permitted a weekend motor trip across the rugged Erbus Mountains to the Caspian Sea and overnight stay at Babol-Sar and a trip through a sturgeon caviar factory there. The following weekend permitted a flight south into the desert area to Isfahan (13 March) visiting the magnificent Shah Mosque (Masjid-i-Shah) and watching Persian craftsmen working in brass and hand-painting minatures. The social highlight of the conference was a formal reception for the delegates in one of the



imperial palaces in Tehran by the Shah, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi and his young Empress, Farah, in a glittering hall of mirrors, the Shah Empress shook hands individually with the delegates and later talked personally with them. In conversation with the Empress, Richard found her English to be fluent and she had a good knack for talking with people. The state-banquet that evening was in the royal tradition with footmen and waiters hurrying everywhere bringing Persian delicacies to the dinner tables. The third EC-AFE conference abroad attended by Richard was the "Committee for Coordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin," held at Vientiane, Laos, 11-14 August 1965; among the important local government officials addressing the conference was the Laotian Prime Minister, Prince Souvannah Phouma.

Foreign language qualifications of Richard T. Whistler: College-level German, 1942-44; Swedish (Georgetown Institute of Foreign Languages, Washington, D.C., for about four months 1955); Thai (Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, Washington, D.C., for eleven months, 1960-61). Commencing Indonesian, January 1972. ELSIE ATANASOFF WHISTLER, Born Lura Elsie ATANASOFF, 4 March 1928, at Mary Greeley Hospital, Ames, Iowa.

Elsie Atanasoff Whistler grew up in Ames, Iowa, where her father, Dr. John Vincent Atanasoff, taught mathematics and physics at Iowa State College. In 1944 for reasons of health (asthma/allergies) she moved with her mother, brother, and sister, to Miami, Florida, while her father was working for the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Washington, D.C. In 1945 she moved with her mother and siblings to Boulder, Colorado, taking up residence at 1216 College Street (house torn down circa 1968). Elsie graduated from Boulder High School in 1946; she attended the University of Colorado, at Boulder, 1946-50, graduating with a B.A. Degree in mathematics. On 17 December 1949 she married Richard T. Whistler, in Boulder.

Her residencies and travels are described under entry for Richard T. Whistler.

Additional foreign travel previously omitted includes a motor trip from Stockholm to Copenhagen, Denmark, in mid-May 1957, accompanied only by her husband, for about five days. In October 1958, Elsie, with her husband, and children Anne and Fred, drove from Stockholm to Oslo, Norway, and took a train over the barren plateau to Bergen, for a short vacation in that rainy but picturesque fishing town at the entrance to a fjord. Bruce, being too young to travel,

was left at home in Stockholm with the maid.

During Bangkok, Thailand, residence, 7 August 1961-7 July 1965, and again, 19 June 1966-31 May 1968, for the most part Elsie was a mathematics and physics teacher at the International School Bangkok, located at 36 Soi Ruam Chai (Lane 15), Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok, the same street on which her house was located, 1966-68.

Elsie was able to travel fairly extensively within Thailand, in addition to her trips to Cambodia, Vietnam and Malaysia. In January 1962 she and her husband traveled by train from Bangkok to Chiangmai, one of the northernmost provincial capitals. With her family she also visited Ayuthia, the old capital north of Bangkok, and Nakorn Ratchasima (Korat), and several times to the scene of the famous World War Two "Bridge Over the River Kwai" built by British and Dutch war prisoners of the Japanese. There were many weekend family trips to the beach at Pattaya, Chonburi province. Much pleasure was enjoyed in visiting the colorful Buddhist wats (temple ground) around Bangkok, and elsewhere.

In summer of 1965 Richard was scheduled for re-assignment to Washington, D.C., but his tour would not be completed until November. To get the children in school, Elsie departed Bangkok with Anne, Fred and Bruce, on 1 July 1965 aboard a Boeing 707 of Pan-American Airways Flight 2 for Hong Kong. On 8 July they sailed from Hong Kong on the S.S. President Roosevelt (circa 22,000 tons, American President Lines), stopping at Kobe and Yokahoma, Japan, where they took train trips to the ancient imperial city of Kyoto and Kamakura. Voyaging on they arrived at Honolulu, Hawaii, on 21 July, and disembarked at San Francisco, California, circa 26 July 1965.

Richard's orders were subsequently amended for assignment to South Vietnam, and Elsie and the three children were allowed to return to Bangkok, Thailand, as safe-haven dependents, on 19 June 1966, by air via Honolulu and Hong Kong. Approximately every six weeks or so, Richard was able to fly over from Saigon, via Pochentong Airport, Phom Penh, Cambodia, by Thai or Vietnamese airways, to visit with the family from two to five days.

Richard completed his tour extension in Vietnam on 26 May 1968, and on that date left Tan Son Nhut airport, Saigon, for Bangkok. Clearing out the house, clearing financial affairs at the bank of America, permitted the entire family to depart Don Muang airport, Bangkok, on Pan-American Airways, 31 May 1968, destination



Hong Kong. Two pleasant days were spent in Hong Kong, where the family stayed at the Carlton Hotel, on a Kowloon hillside with a lovely over-view of Hong Kong harbor. On the afternoon of 2 June 1968 the family boarded the passenger liner S.S. President Roosevelt (American President Lines), which sailed shortly before mid-night, with the tide. A day ashore was spent at Yokohama, with a train trip to Kamakura, and on 14 June 1968 Richard fulfilled a minor life ambition as the ship tied up at in Pier Honolulu near the Alcha Tower, though this was old hat to the rest of the family. Opportunity was seized to enjoy a few hours at Sea Park, the mari-neland of sea life on the island of Oahu. Sailing that evening the ship passed under the Golden Gate Bridge and tied up at San Francisco on 19 June 1968.

In late August 1968, Elsie and her husband purchased the house at 632 Blossom Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Where they have resided to date. She has worked as a part-time mathematics tutor for the Montgomery County Public School System.

Foreign languages: College-level German, followed by a house-wife's working knowledge of Swedish, 1956-59. In Bangkok, she received Thai language instruction at the Christian mission-ary language school on Sathorn Road.

ANNE ELIZABETH WHISTLER, Born 4 November 1952, at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C.

For residences and foreign travel in Europe and Asia see entries under parents. Anne attended The English School of Stockholm in Stockholm, Sweden (initially located at the naval station of Skeppsholmen on the island in the harbor), 1957-59; 2nd and 3rd Grade at the Sterling Elementary School, Loudoun County, Virginia, 1959-61; 8th Grade at Julius West Junior High School Rockville, Maryland; 1965-66; 9th & 10th Grades back at International School, Bangkok; 1966-68 11-11th Grade at Richard Montgomery High School, Rockville, Maryland; 1968-69; graduated in senior from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Bethesda, MD., 1969-70. Freshman year at college, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y., 1970-71, majoring in mathematics. Though her grades were excellent Anne transferred for her sophomore year to Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois, 1971-72 school year continuing to major in mathematics.

Most of Anne's playmates in Stockholm were Swedish children, and she acquired an excellent command of Swedish for her youthful age. In Bangkok, Anne learned to speak good household

Thai. She commenced the study of the French language in elementary school and has continued it into college.

In Bangkok, Anne's non-scholastic time was often spent in riding horsetack at The Bangkok Riding & Polo Club, located on Soi Polo, off Wireless Road, near Lumpini Park, close to the American Embassy. Anne's first horse was "Fris-kie". Which was sold when Anne left in 1965. Upon return in 1966, Anne owned "Snowflake" for a few months, then obtained "DDJ" for the remainder of her stay, to 1968. On several occasions Anne was able to spend her holidays at the River Kwai Equestrian Camp, located in the boondocks of Kanchanaburi Province, near the site of the famous "Bridge over the River Kwai" of World War Two fame: this camp was owned and run by a long-time German resident of Bangkok, Mrs. Lee Rhodes, who was the riding instructress at the Bangkok Riding & Polo Club. Anne won a number of ribbons in the annual "Gymkhana" horse-shows of the riding club.

Numerous weekends were spent on the beach at Pataya, Chonburi Province, in one of Dr. Monthien's cottages in early days (he was physician at the royal court), at Pukpaw Point, and later at the U.S. Army recreation center there known as Golden Sands. Water skiing was enjoyed by all.

A lot of enjoyable time was passed at the swimming pool of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, at 1 Snamma Road, where the eating was as pleasant as the swimming.

Anne has been an extremely avid reader of good literature since her early school years, and always a good student.

FREDERICK JOHN WHISTLER, Born 5 November 1954, at Old Providence Hospital, Washington, D.C. For residences and foreign travel in Europe and Asia see entries under parents. Following his birth, Fred lived with his parents in Apartment #2, 2705 Kirkwood Place, West Hyattsville, Maryland, until the family was posted to Sweden in April 1956. Upon return from Sweden, Fred lived with his parents in their home in Broad Run Farms, near Sterling, Virginia (1959-61), until moving to Thailand in August 1961. Since August 1968 (to circa July 1972, estimated) he lived at 632 Blossom Drive, Rockville, Maryland, with his parents and siblings.

Frederick attended kindergarten at The English School of Stockholm, located on Erikbergagatan (his teacher was an excellent German lady, Mrs. Gisela Dietze, living at Rasundavagen 127, Solna), 1958-59. Kindergarten and 1st

Grade at a private school (Mrs. Olson) in Leesburg, Virginia, 1959-61; 2nd-5th Grades at International School, Bangkok, Thailand, 1961-65; 6th Grade at Woodley Garden Elementary School, Rockville, Maryland; 7th & 8th Grades back at International School, Bangkok, 1966-69; 9th Grade at Julius West Junior H.S. Rockville, Maryland, 1968-69; 10th-12th Grades, at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Bethesda, Maryland, 1969-72. Academically, in 1971 Fred won a Commendation in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Fred's pre-school years in Stockholm were largely at home, or on excursions with his parents, such as to the castles at Gripsholm and at Skokloster. Occasionally he would ride in from Lidingo to Stockholm with his mother and sister, taking the electric train from Kyrkviken Station near the family residence at Askrivevagen 17. Beaches in the summer months and sledding in the snow during winter was much the order of things.

Fred spoke fairly good Swedish for a 4-year old by the time the family returned to the U.S. in 1959. During his six years in Thailand Fred picked up a good working knowledge of spoken Thai. He has continued to study French.

Like his sister, Fred was greatly active in riding during his Bangkok years, at the Bangkok Riding & Polo Club (see entry under Anne). He had a series of horses, "Pixie" (1962-65), and later, 66-68, "Ratana", "Trixie", and "Midnight". On the latter two he won the championship in the 1968 Gymkhana horse show at the Bangkok Riding & Polo Club. As with his sister, Anne, Fred spent several holidays at the River Kwai Equestrian Camp, in the wilds of Kanchanaburi Province, riding along the riverside and on Jungle paths. Fred was able to fly to Chiangmai, in northern Thailand, in late December 1967 aboard a C-37 with some of his classmates to visit a Thai blind school, and a hilltribe school out in the district. This was the second xmas trip with his parents and siblings he visited other places like beaches at Hua Hin, Bangsain and Pataya, the old capitail at Ayuthia and Korat.

Fred was an avid tennis player, and took instruction, along with his brother and sister from competent Australian, Mr. John Hopman, well-known among professionals in his country. An excellent swimmer; Fred won a number of ribbons at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club.

Of an academic and intellectual turn of mind, Fred has a wide range of interests in social problems, politics and in mathematics and the natural sciences. He has shown interesting

talent in artistic designs (both drawing & painting).

BRUCE THOMAS WHISTLER, Born 18 March 1958, in the Allmanna Barnbordshuset (General Childrens Hospital), Stockholm, Sweden. It was a windy, snowy day and Bruce was delivered by natural birth by a mid-wife, in the Swedish tradition. For travel and residence in Europe and Asia since entry under parents.

Bruce lived in Sweden approximately fourteen months. He was a busy child and well adored by a succession of nursemaids, first a well educated Swedish girl, Eva Berger, who worked for the family primarily to improve her English, and lastly with a seventeen year old finish lass, Uylla Anneli Viitanen, straight from Valkeakoski, Finland, who spoke no English and little Swedish, but got along great with Bruce.

In the U.S., Bruce lived at Broad Run Farms, Sterling, Virginia (Loudoun County), with his parents for two years. He attended kindergarten and 1st grade at Mrs. Clayton's school, 175 Sathorn Nua, Bangkok, 1963-65; 2nd grade at Woodley Gardens Elementary School, Rockville, Md., 1965-66; 3rd & 4th grades at International School, Bangkok, 1966-68; 5th & 6th Grades at Woodley Gardens Elementary School, Rockville, Md., 1968-70; 7th and 8th grades at Julius West Junior H.S., Rockville, Md., 1970-72.

The formative years of Bruce's life were spent in Bangkok, Thailand. Highly active physically he played constantly with the servants, and the dogs on the premises. He spent a lot of time in the kitchen talking with Thongdii (cook and No 1 servant during the 1961-65 period) and with Kayoon (combination wash amah and housegirl, same period), eating Thai food and watching them clean the silver and linens in the servants quarters, or he played games with the gardner Tuan. Consequently, Bruce learned very good everyday-speaking-Thai. Bruce followed much this same procedure in the 1966-68 period, with new servants, Chalerm, with her four young children, and El, the housegirl, all of whom lived in the servants quarters behind the house. Bruce continued his same fearless contacts with the two new dogs kept in our compound, one named "Leo", part beagle and Thai mongrel; Leo was brought back to the U.S. with the family in 1968.

Bruce was an outstanding swimmer at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, where he won many ribbons. He took up riding in 1964, with his brother and sister, but it was never his favorite. He developed excellent potential as a tennis player under the tutelage of Mr. Hopman, his Australian

instructor at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club.

Although not a wide reader in his early years, Bruce was always an excellent student and a conscientious one. Particularly he liked mathematics, French language and art, having a special flare for colors. Besides these studies in the Rockville schools, Bruce has continued his activities in swimming, belonging to the Rockville Swim Club, and in tennis. As extra-curricular efforts, he participated in wrestling, bowling, and baseball, performing well in all.

THE FAMILY OF DONALD EUGENE AND BARBARA ELIZABETH YORK WHISTLER.

The keepsakes of his parents did not produce any newspaper clipping of this marriage. We lived at that time in Colorado, and we departed for home immediately after the wedding and so did not have a chance to obtain a newspaper account of the event. We do however have a copy of the wedding invitation.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron J. York request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter Barbara Elizabeth to Donald Eugene Whistler, Lieutenant, United States Army on Wednesday, the eighth of June at four o'clock Helmlock Glen, Grand Avenue Newburgh, New York.

This wedding was attended, by among others, his father, mother and sister Jane. It was a beautiful wedding in a perfect setting in her home in Newburgh, New York.

Now that the family is formed we can go on with the subsequent events of their lives.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Donald Eugene Whistler  
Born: 15 April 1927 Station Hospital, Fort Sill  
Married: 8 June 1949 Balmville, New York  
Father: John Marquiss Whistler  
Mother: Beulah Viola Wysong  
Wife: Barbara Elizabeth York, Born Mapes, changed by Court Order 5 March 1949.  
Born: 19 September 1929 Newburg, New York  
Church: Christened 20 April 1930 Union Presbyterian Church, Newberg, New York.  
Father: Stuart Woolsey Mapes. Adopted by Bryon Jesse York 5 March 1949.  
Mother: Anna Christine McDonough

Children:

1. Kenneth York Whistler 16 April 1950 Newburg, New York.
2. Dona Christine Whistler 2 July 1951 Frankfurt on Main Germany.

Birth certificate and certificate of Citizenship.  
Birth Certificates: Husband: State Department of health, 3400 Northeastern, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Wife: Department of health, Newburg,



New York. Son: Department of Health, Newburg, New York. Daughter: U.S. Department of state & Geburtsurkunde, Frankfort A.M., Germany, 16 March 1956. Certificate of Marriage, Orange County Court, (NY). Order for change of name (wife) 20 January 1949.

Source of Data: Donald Eugene Whistler

A short history of this family was written by Colonel Donald Eugene Whistler, Field Artillery, United States Army and is given as he wrote it.

DONALD EUGENE WHISTLER. Born 15 April 1927, Station Hospital, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. My childhood revolved around frequent moves made by the family to various Army posts including the Panama Canal Zone, Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Benning Georgia, Providence, Rhode Island and Wilmington, Delaware. Boyhood interests were mainly with sports--primarily football--but changed to golf in later years. In July 1945 entered the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY. While a cadet earned a minor letter in gymnastics as a tumbler, suffered through German studies, and enjoyed mostly the studies in mathematics. I was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery on 3 June 1949 and graduated with my class on 7 June 1949. On 8 June 1949 Barbara York and I were married in her home in Balmville, New York.

The initial army assignment was to the Ground General School, Fort Riley, Kansas and then to Fort Sill, OK to attend the Field Artillery Officers Basic Course. The primary lesson learned during this period was that the government docked my pay in one big lump sum for an overpayment of travel. The most important event was the birth of our son Kenneth, on 16 April 1950. Barbara went to stay with her parents in Newburgh, NY in anticipation of this event while I continued with my studies at school.

We received orders, on completion of school, to Germany. Luckily, we were able to fly directly to Paris from New York. We were put up in transient family housing while I proceeded to report to the 5th Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Artillery, in Schwaibisch Hall. Fortunately the family was allowed to move there shortly even though I had to report to Grafenwoere to join the unit there. I was assigned to Battery D (Alexander Hamiltons Battery) and remained assigned for approximately 2½ years, the last year being the Battery Commander. Shortly after returning from the fall training, the Battalion moved to Kitzingen, Germany. During the last year I was assigned as the Battalion Fire

Direction Officer. This duty was professionally the most regarding of my service. However, the most important event was the birth of our daughter, Dona, on 2 July 1951 at the 97th General Hospital, Frankfurt on the Main, Ger. Unfortunately, I was out in the field again and was of no help to Barbara in this matter.

We returned from Germany in April 1954 to Fort Sill, where after a short tour with the 55th FA Battalion I attended the Artillery Officer's Advanced Course. During this time I was promoted to Captain. After school, I spent a year at Sill writing technical manuals for the Department of Publications and Non-Resident Instruction. Fortunately an opportunity for transfer occurred and we moved to Fort Benning, Georgia where I was a instructor on the Artillery Committee at the Infantry School. We remained here for 2 years, but before leaving I successfully completed the Airborne School to become a parachutist though this is not my favorite hobby.

Orders for an unaccompanied tour to Thailand in 1958 disrupted the family. Barbara and the children went to Newburgh to stay with her parents and then I made the trip to Bangkok. I was assigned as the advisor to the 2nd Royal Thai Artillery Battalion at Prachinburi, Thailand about 100 miles east and a little north of Bangkok. The detachment was composed of two Majors and myself, all living in a high-stilted set of quarters furnished by the Thai Army. The time spent in Thailand was very pleasant. The people were very friendly and helpful. However, from the professional viewpoint the Thai artillery battalion didn't need an advisor--they knew what they were about and did it exceedingly well.

We next moved to Fort Bragg, North Carolina in the fall of 1959 where I was assigned as the training officer for Headquarters, XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery. We spent some pleasant years here, but other than the training problems caused by the Berlin call-up in 1961, life was fairly uneventful. From Bragg we went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where I attended the Command and General Staff College, having been promoted to Major prior to the move. This was a very pleasant place for the entire family. The post was organized to care for the families and all enjoyed themselves immensely. Upon graduation in 1963 we went to Atlanta, Georgia where I attended Georgia Institute of Technology and earned a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering. The period 1963-65 was not overly full of family life since serious study prevailed. We were fairly happy, for this reason, to leave for Wright--



Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Received promotion to Lieutenant Colonel enroute.

At Wright-Patterson I was assigned as an instructor to the School of Systems and Logistics, Air Force Institute of Technology and was responsible for assisting in the development of a 4 week course in Data Management (managing technical data to be purchased from contractors). This came about through a complete miscalculation on my part and on the part of the Department of Army assignment officer. Neither of us, it turned out, had the lightest idea what was meant by Data Management, but we both thought that it had something to do primarily with computers. So with my degree in Electrical Engineering, it was assumed that it would be a very appropriate assignment. Eventually I took over as the Course Director for which service the Air Force found it advantageous to award their Commendation Ribbon. However, the real trauma resulted from the purchase of our first house in Dayton both children completed high school Kenny his last three years and Don attended all four years, which was a distinct advantage for them. Barbara also became interested in antiques--the western Ohio area being a prime purveyor of these articles. Ken entered Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina in the summer of 1968 and Dona entered Ohio University, Athens, Ohio in the fall of 1969.

In the summer of 1968 I was ordered on an unaccompanied tour to South Korea. Barbara decided to remain in Dayton so that Dona could complete her last year of high school there. On my arrival in Korea I was assigned as G-3, 7th Infantry Division, Camp Casey and remained in this job until February 1969. The 7th Division has since been deactivated (circa 1970-71) and removed from Korea. From my view this is the best thing that could have happened. There was no place to train and the Division was in bad operational condition. Additionally, it was overloaded with contingency missions that it could never hope to fulfill. There was nothing to gainfully occupy the troops and they continually fell prey to the voraciousness of the Koreans. Good men were continually fed down the tubes and became dregs--ruining their careers, marriages and themselves. In February 1969 I was transferred to become Executive Officer, 7th Infantry Division Artillery at McDonald Barracks. Because of having no command assignment, Department of Army curtailed my tour and I departed Korea in May 1969.

Returning to Dayton I was advised to proceed as soon as possible to Fort Polk, LA and

arrived there in early June. Barbara and Dona moved down a month later when school was over. At Polk I was assigned as Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Basic Combat Training Brigade. The battalion consisted of a skeleton staff and 5 basic training companies. Due to the war in Vietnam the officers assigned were usually either returning from the war and getting out of the army, or else were Second Lieutenants fresh from their basic course, who would spend 4 to 6 months in a training company and then ship out for Vietnam. Despite this high turnover rate most of them were good men and did an excellent job. A few stood out above the rest. In April 1970 and headed to Cincinnati, Ohio. In Cincinnati I took over as Professor of Military Science, Xavier University on 1 August 1970.

THE FAMILY OF JANE WHISTLER BROWNE.

Jane is the youngest of the three children of John Marquiss and Beulah Wysong Whistler. She was born in the Panama Canal Zone at the Colon Hospital 16 December 1929 while her parents were stationed at Fort Davis, Canal Zone, on duty with the 2nd Field Artillery, U.S. Army.

She was brought home the day before Christmas and her brothers thought that she was the best Christmas present yet. She had red hair the first few months of her life and that is how she got her nick name "Red".

As was the custom in all army posts all children received Christmas presents at the organization Christmas party. Her brothers were in a tizzy thinking that Santa would not know that they had a baby sister and that she would be left out of the presents. Well Old Santa somehow found out that she had arrived. Unfortunately Santa got her name wrong and had John instead of Jane, on the present. When her name was called both boys rushed up to get it for her. They came back with her present but it happened to be a boys present instead of for a girl, and that caused them great pains.

A few years later the same thing happened again when she was about four years of age. This time she received a cowboy boys suit. This time she rebelled. She had wanted a dolly. In due time she grew over that mistake.

Some years later when the family was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia Jane was invited to a party. She was about eleven years of age. All the girls were going to this party in long dress costume with all the finery. Many children arrived and the party was a huge success. Immediately outside the Officers Club there was a large athletic field.

The youths were all exuberant and a football game was organized on this athletic field. Boys and girls chose sides and the game was under way. Coats got ripped, girls finery became shreds, the game was the thing and win at all costs. In due time the parents decided it was time to go home. They found the children locked in desperate attempts to win the game. It is not recalled who won but certainly the clothing lost in that encounter. High heeled shoes, hand bags, coats and other items of clothing that was an impediment were sorted out and everyone went home in high spirits.

After attending schools in many states she graduated from the High School in Wilmington, Delaware in 1946. Shortly thereafter she went with her parents to Boulder, Colorado to live. Here she took a course in business school for one year and in September 1947 entered the University of Colorado as a freshman in Interior decorating.

She became a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She partook in the usual activities of all young people of that time. In due course of time she met one James Houston Browne who was a student in the University.

James had a Cushman Motor Scooter. That was prior to the present motorcycle bug out. He had an additional seat on the back of his machine that she rode. Young people can stand a lot of physical punishment and not become laid up with all the aches and pains of old age. They did not exactly wear out that scooter, but they tried hard enough.

There is a newspaper clipping in her mother's files that should be placed here. The Boulder Daily Camera Boulder Colorado, Thursday October 20, 1949. Col. and Mrs. John Whistler announce daughter's betrothal to James Browne.

Of interest to many Boulder people is the announcement this week of the engagement of Miss Jane Whistler to James Houston Browne, both of this city. The Bride-elects parents, Col and Mrs. John M. Whistler made the announcement to a small group of intimate friends and relatives at a dinner recently at their home.

Miss Whistler passed the traditional box of candy to members of her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, at their meeting on Manday evening. Small written announcements were given to each girl at the meeting.

Both the Whistlers and the parents of James ; Col and Mrs. L.E.J. Browne, are well known in Boulder, with both being retired Army officers.

The bride-elect is a junior in the University of Colorado, majoring in Interior Decorating. She is a graduate of the Wilmington, Delaware High School. James is a graduate of Allen Military Academy in Bryan, Texas, and is now a senior at CU majoring in chemical Engineering and business. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society. Mr. Brown is a sergeant with Company F of the National Guard.

Wedding plans are indefinite for the couple. Mr. Browne is scheduled to graduate next August from the University.

The logical next step should be the announcement of their marriage, and so we find it in this case. The Boulder Daily Camera Boulder Colorado, Saturday June 10, 1950. Under the Society Column. James H. Browne takes for his bride Miss Jane Whistler in ceremony here.

This is a long item of a column and part of another going into many details, a picture of the Bride as Mrs. James H. Browne.

Another item in another newspaper not near as long is as follows:

Miss Jane Whistler, daughter of Col. J.M. Whistler, FA USA-Ret., and Mrs. Whistler of Boulder, Colorado became the bride of Mr. James Houston Browne, son of Col L.E.J. Browne, MC USA-Ret., also of Boulder, at St. John's Episcopal Church of that city, June 10.

The bride wore a white lace gown designed with a cowl neckline and court train. Her fingertip veil was held by a headdress of matching lace and she carried a colonial bouquet of pink roses with a shower of stephanotis. A cousin of the bride Miss Betty Law, was her maid of honor and only attendant. 2nd Lt. L.C.L. Browne was best man for his brother and the ushers were Mr. Richard T. Whistler, Mr. J.M. Cavender and Mr. John L. Browne, another brother of the groom.

The bride is a junior at the University of Colorado and a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. The groom graduated in August with a degree in chemical engineering.

Following a wedding trip, the young couple are now at home at 655 12th Street, Boulder.

Shortly after graduation James entered the employment of Monsanto Chemical Company at Texas City, Texas as a Chemical Engineer. He worked in production for some years and then went into engineering at Texas City plant. Some years later he was transferred to central Engineering at the general Headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. He is now engineering supervisor and plans designs and constructs the plants that he is

assigned by the General Management in various areas of the U.S. In some instances he goes to European Countries to get technical know-how from them in the design and construction of some plants. His family lives in the St. Louis area and his headquarters is St. Louis.

Family Group Record.

Husband: James Houston Browne  
Born: 13 October 1928 El Paso Texas, Wm Beaumont General Hospital.

Married: 10 June 1950 Boulder, Colorado, Episcopal Church.

Father: Lewis Edwin Joel Browne

Mother: Jean Lindsey

Wife: Jane Whistler

Born: 16 December 1929 Canal Hospital, Colon, Panama Canal Zone.

Father: John Marquiss Whistler

Mother: Beulah Viola Wysong

Children:

1. James Marquiss Browne 9 April 1955 Galveston, Texas.
  2. Roxanne Browne 1 July 1957 Galveston, Texas.
- Source of Data: Jane Whistler Browne. This is her family.

The interests of this family are many and varied  
Jane W. Browne: Sewing, bridge, work in Sunday school for many years, Volunteer work in hospitals and various civic organizations. After family has grown would like to work and travel.  
James H. Browne: Many interests but outside of his work enjoys making furniture as a primary hobby. Likes to read history and biographies. Has traveled a great deal in connection with designing chemical plants for Monsanto Company.  
Roxanne Browne attends Parkway Central Junior High. She likes swimming, tennis, and football. Has a dog named "Birdie".

Mark goes to Parkway Central Senior High School. Likes all sports participates in cross country and track teams. Likes hikes history, in school.

Mrs. James H. Browne, Jane Whistler Browne is a member of the Daughters American Revolution with membership number of 561845, being a member of Oklawaha Chapter, Eustis, Florida. Her ancestor was Henry Whistler who was declared a Patriot at the DAR Board Meeting in Washington, D.C. held on February 1, 1971 and published in the DAR Magazine April 1971 page 466, New Ancestor Records. Her ancestors services were: Rendering material aid by furnishing supplies for the Southern Expedition as shown by the Public Service Commission Commissioners Book V, Rockingham County, Virginia for November 21, 1785.

## CHAPTER 19

### THURSTON WYSONG THE FAMILY OF IRMA MARGUERITE WYSONG

Thurston Wysong was the fourth child of George Pendleton and Effie May Pearman Wysong. He was born on 14 August 1901 at Ligonier, Indiana. He died 28 September 1901.

He is buried in the Salem Cemetery about five miles due north of Ligonier, Indiana, on the east side of State Highway #5.

The location of his burial plot is lot # 138.

To locate this grave site walk down the center driveway of the Cemetery starting from the church end and go to the eastern edge of the cemetery. From this eastern edge of the cemetery walk back toward the west on the center driveway a total of 80 thirtyinch steps. This will put you at the grave site. The Alfred Ramsey stone is to his west and the Ora D. Blanchard stone is on his east.

The marker for Thurston's grave site is made of soft granite. Over the years it had become almost illegible. The marker was taken to a tombstone cutter in 1971 and the data on the stone was re-newed and the marker replaced at the grave site.

#### THE FAMILY OF IRMA MARGUERITE WYSONG GEPPELT.

This family lives in Corpus Christie, Texas where it has lived for many years. Otto is an Engineer in Petroleum Refining, and avid hunter in season and does well at amateur photography.

He retired several years ago and has been doing some traveling since then in the United States.

Irma was born in Aurora, Missouri as the youngest child of George Pendleton and Effie May Pearman Wysong. She was born 1 August 1906. She moved with her family to Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1920 and graduated from the high school in Stillwater in May 1924. She attended Oklahoma A. & M. College in Stillwater for a short time. She worked for several firms in Stillwater prior to her marriage.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Otto Geppelt



Born: 5 December 1902 Easton, Nnant County,  
Pennsylvania.

Christened: Corpus Christie, Texas.

Married: 10 June 1929 Stillwater, Payne County,  
Oklahoma.

Father: Emil Geppelt Sr.

Mother: Johanna Degenring

Wife: Irma Marquerite Wysong

Born: 1 August 1906 Aurora, Lawrence County,  
Missouri.

Father: George Pendleton Wysong

Mother: Effie May Pearman

Children:

1. George Harold Geppelt 14 January 1931 Pampa,  
Texas.

2. James Edward Geppelt 9 September 1934 Pampa,  
Texas.

Source of Data: Family records of Otto Geppelt  
family as sent to by James Edward Geppelt and  
the family Records of Otto Geppelt's Father.

Family Group Record.

Husband: Emil Geppelt (Chemical Engineer)

Born: 1 March 1857 Danzig (Now Gdansk) F-St  
(Now Poland)

Married: 14 June 1888 Elizabeth, Union County,  
New Jersey

Died: 26 October 1939 Dallas, Texas

Buried: 28 October 1939 Laurel Land Memorial  
Park Cemetery Dallas, Texas.

Father: ?

Mother: ?

Wife: Johanna Degenring

Born: 23 October 1865 Oberstein Germany (Alsa-  
ce-Lorraine)

Died: 3 December 1954 Corpus Christie, Texas

Buried: 6 December Laurel Land Memorial Ceme-  
tery Dallas, Texas.

Father Peter Degenring

Mother ?

Children:

1. Emile Geppelt 8 March 1889 Died 6 Febuary  
1929. Married Grover Butcher

2. Ernest Geppelt 1 May 1890 Married Flossie  
Gardner

3. Carl Geppet 1892

4. Walter Albert Geppelt 17 August 1894 Jersey  
City. Married: Eunice Lucille Hawkins.

5. Emil Geppelt Jr. 22 September 1899 Married  
Dessa Berry

6. Otto Geppelt 5 December 1902 Easton Penna  
Married Irma Marguerite Wysong.

Source of Data: Letter dated 24 October 1960  
from Mrs. Walter A. Geppelt in possession of  
Otto Geppelt family.

There is one memento of this family in



the possession of Beulah Wysong Whistler, the sister of Irma Geppelt. This memento is her photograph and commencement exercises of Saturday 21 May 1921 and class roll of the junior high school program held at eight o'clock p.m. in the Isis Theater Stillwater, Oklahoma. The Isis Theater was on Main Street of Stillwater and was one of the main attractions for young and old at that time.



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