

OUR CURTIS FAMILY

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION

This book is an ongoing project. As long as time shall last, it should never be completed. You will note it is presented in loose leaf format so that you may make future changes and additions as needed.

At this printing, the book contains 639 descendants of John L. and Elizabeth (Spencer) Curtis. Together with spouses, the total number of persons is 933 and there are approximately 242 families.

Likely this book is not errorless, however I have done the best that I could with the materials you gave to me. Spellings of names often varied as submitted by different persons. I apologize if your name is spelled incorrectly.

I wish to thank all Curtis family members who submitted facts, stories and photos, without which this aggregation would not have been possible. It would be wrong if I failed to give special recognition to my dear wife, Ruth. Without her many, many hours and days of editing, correcting and doing the bulk of the computer work, this task would not have been completed. Appreciation also goes to our son, David, who came from Texas 3 times to guide us through the purchase of the computer and to teach us how to operate it! (We're still learning!)

I have done my best to provide you with a production of which you can feel justly proud. Only you can determine whether or not I have succeeded.

Grant Carlson

As we think of history, and particularly family history, let us pause to consider excerpts from the 90th Psalm:

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

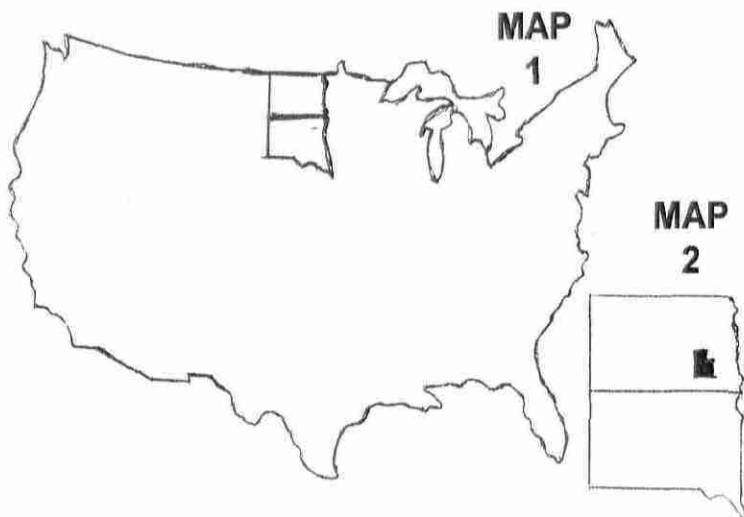
Before the mountains were born or you
brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting
you are God.

You turn men back to dust, saying,
'Return to dust, O sons of men'.

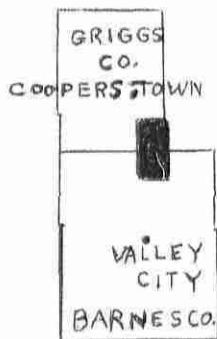
For a thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night...

The length of our days is
seventy years, or eighty,
if we have the strength;...

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom."



**MAP
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MAP 1 The United States of America outlining the location of Dakota Territory 1861-1889, now the states of North Dakota and South Dakota since 2 Nov. 1889.

MAP 2 Dakota Territory. Heavy shading marks the location of Griggs and Barnes Counties.

MAP 3 The top portion portion is Griggs Co. with its 20 townships. Lower portion is Barnes Co. with 42 townships. The two shaded townships are Broadview in Griggs and Sibley Trail in Barnes. This is the the area where Elizabeth (Spencer) Curtis settled with her family in Dakota Territory when she came from Michigan.

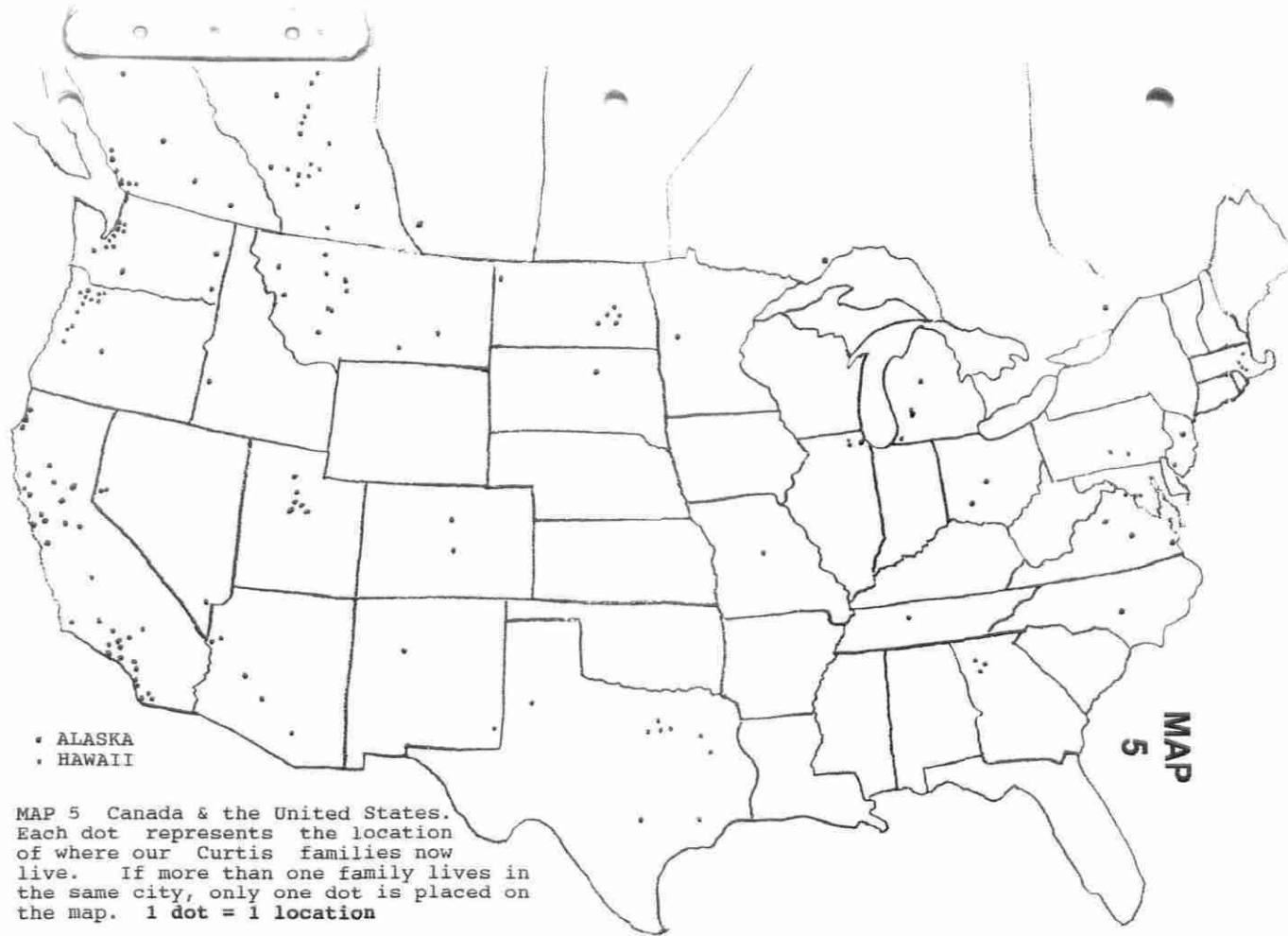
MAP 4 (on following page) The southern portion of Griggs Co. and the northern part of Barnes Co. This is from a 1910 atlas. Note where the various Curtis families owned land at that time. The numbers mark the site of the homes where each family lived. Some moved more than once, so their number appears wherever they lived as best as determined from research. The final residence is the larger number.

MAP 4



- 1-Elizabeth (Spencer) Curtis
- 2-Thomas & Ellenor
- 3-John & Adelaide
- 4-Charles & Rose
- 5-Elizabeth & John Warner
- 6-Samantha & Les
- 7-Jane & Charles Ladbury
- 8-William & Eva
- 9-Mark & Anna
- 10-Henry & Christine

Not positive about #7's location.



WHERE DO WE LIVE ?

ALASKA

4 Palmer

ALBERTA

1 Brooks
27 Calgary
1 Canmore
1 Cochrane
1 Drayton Valley
1 Edmonton
1 Gibbons
1 Innisfail
1 Morrin
1 Okotoks
1 Olds
1 Penhold
2 Red Deer
2 Rockyford
2 Standard
10 Strathmore
1 W. Lethbridge

ARIZONA

1 Kingman
2 Phoenix
3 Riviera
1 Tucson
1 Wickenburg

BRITISH COLUMBIA

3 Delta
1 Kamloops
1 Kelowna
1 Ladner
1 Langley
1 Nelson
1 Prince George
1 Squamish
1 Surrey
4 Vancouver

CALIFORNIA

1 Arcata
2 Bakersfield
1 Chico
1 Costa Mesa
1 Diamond Bar
1 Downey
1 El Cajon
1 Encinitas
4 Eureka
1 Fallbrook

CALIF (cont.)

1 Fortuna
1 Fresno
1 Grass Valley
1 Lakeside
3 LaMirada
1 Long Beach
1 Pasadena
1 Pleasant Hill
1 Rohnert Park
1 Rialto
1 Rio Nido
4 Sacramento
1 Solana Beach
1 San Diego
1 San Francisco
4 San Jose
1 San Luis Obispo
1 Sonora
1 Stockton
3 Ukiah
1 Vista
2 Walnut Creek
1 Whittier
1 Yuba City

COLORADO

1 Broomfield
1 Colorado Springs

GEORGIA

1 Atlanta
1 Lawrenceville
1 Roswell

HAWAII

1 Oahu

IDAHO

3 Boise

ILLINOIS

1 Chicago
2 Geneva
1 St. Charles

MARYLAND

1 Indianhead
1 Waldorf

MASSACHUSETTS

1 Belmont
1 Bridgewater
1 Brockton
2 W.Bridgewater

MICHIGAN

1 Belmont
1 Grand Rapids
1 Lake George
1 Niles

MINNESOTA

1 Erhard

MISSOURI

1 Columbia

MONTANA

9 Billings
1 Butte
2 Choteau
2 Cut Bank
1 E. Helena
14 Great Falls
1 Helena
1 Kalispell
1 Miles City
4 Missoula
1 Stockett

NEVADA

3 Las Vegas
3 Reno
1 Sparks

NEW JERSEY

2 Bridgeton
1 Old Bridge

NEW MEXICO

1 Albuquerque
1 Hobbs

NORTH CAROLINA

1 Fayetteville

NORTH DAKOTA
3 Cooperstown
2 Hannaford
1 Jamestown
2 Luverne
3 Valley City
1 Williston

OHIO
1 Columbus
1 Wilmington

ONTARIO
1 Ottawa
1 Thunder Bay

OREGON
1 Albany
1 Aloha
1 Bend
1 Boring
4 Corbett
1 Corvallis
2 Eugene
5 Gresham
1 Happy Valley
1 Milwaukee
1 Oregon City
10 Portland
1 Woodburn

PENNSYLVANIA
1 city unknown
1 York
1 York Springs

SASKATCHEWAN
1 Swift Current

SOUTH DAKOTA
2 Aberdeen

TENNESSEE
1 Nashville

TEXAS
2 Arlington
1 Austin
1 Chandler
1 Dallas
1 Euless
1 Fort Worth
3 Jacksonville
1 Lubbock
3 Spring

UTAH
1 Heber City
1 Holladay
1 Layton
1 Midway
5 Salt Lake City area
1 Sandy

VIRGINIA
1 McLean
1 Richmond
1 Standardville
1 Virginia Beach

WASHINGTON
1 Auburn
1 Bellevue
1 Des Moines
1 Federal Way
1 Kirkland
1 Milton
1 Olympia
1 Pullman
1 Redmond
2 Seattle
2 Spokane
1 Yakima

FOREIGN
2 England
1 Japan

The numbers in front of the cities on these two pages represent how many family units of our Curtis family live there. For use in this book, a family unit may be a group containing parents and children, a parent and children, a widow or widower or any single person over the age of 20, not living with parents.

Due to the mobility of this generation, some of the above information may have changed by the time the printing is completed.

ENGLISH ORIGIN OF CURTIS FAMILIES

Curtis as a surname has its derivation from the word *courteous*, meaning having courtly manners, or elegance of manners. From "Surnames of the United Kingdom," by Henry Harrison, published in London, is quoted: "Anglo-French, *Courteous*; Old-French, *Curteis* and *Corteis*; French, *Courtois*; Middle English (12th to the 15th centuries) *Curteys* and *Curteis*." Mr. M. A. Lower, in his "Patronymica Britannica," states that *Curteis* and *Curtois* are Norman French.

Courteous first became a surname in England after William, Duke of Normandy, won the Battle of Hastings in 1066, and became known as William the Conqueror. Robert, Duke of Normandy, eldest son of the Conqueror, was accustomed to calling himself *courteous*, alluding to his own personal courtesy. Thus the word *courteous* was eventually assumed as his surname.

The "Cre de Guerre" (war cry) appears on the Bayeux Tapestry as *Qui fit Francois, fit Courtois*. "He who is a Frenchman is always polite." His tomb at Gloucester, England, bears the inscription "Robert Curteis."

Curtis as a family name in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries occurs as *Curtys*, *Curteys*, *Corteys*, *Curthays*, *Curtheys*, and *Curteis* in many counties in England, as recorded in "Rotuli Hundredorum" (The Rolls of the Hundreds) which contain lists of all taxable persons in every county in England. These rolls were made by order of King Edward I, in the year of 1272. Among the entries are William le *Curteis*, Walter *Curteys*, Richard le *Corteys*, and numerous persons named *Curteys* and *Corteys* in many parts of England.

Mr. William Berry, in his "Encyclopaedia Heraldica," mentions the names *Courtois*, *Courtoys*, *Cortess*, *Cortesy*, *Cortessey*, *Corteysee*, *Cortoyse* and *Cortouse*.

In the "Rolls of the Hundreds," vol. 1, page 160, appears the name *Osebtus le Curteys*, a tenant in *Nasyng* (Nazing) in the Hundred of *Wautham* (Waltham), County *Essex*, *Osebtus le Curteys* appears in Latin text; in English translations the name is *Osbert le Curteys*.

The earliest record of the name *Curteis* is found in "Rotuli Curiae Regis," by Sir Francis Palgrave, K. H. These volumes contain the Rolls and Records of the King's Court in the years 1194-1199. The entries are *Willielmus le Curteis*, Co. *Norfolk*, *Gilebertus Curteis (filius)*, *Canterbury*; *Adam Curteis*, *Hunted*; *Rogerus Curteis*, *Canterbury*, and *Rogerus Curteis*, Co. *Kent*.

The Court Records are adequate evidence of two generations of the family of Curteis having resided in County Kent prior to the entry on the "Rolls of the Hundreds" of the name Osbert le Curteis in County Essex in 1272.

The Great Britain Public Record Office in London has this record: "List of tax-payers under the twentieth of Edward III, A.D. 1327, Thom' Curteys, Colchester Borough, County of Essex. Hence it is confirmed that the family of Curteys was in County Essex in the fourteenth century.

The records seem to indicate that the Curtis emigrants from Nazing, who settled in Roxbury, Mass., and Stratford, Conn., were descended from the family of Curteys found recorded in Nazing in the year 1272. The parish registers do not begin early enough to make it possible to trace the lineage from the thirteenth century.

The Heralds' Visitations of the County of Essex do not include a pedigree of a Courteys family. These Visitations taken in the years 1552, 1558, 1570, 1612 and 1634 show no record of a family of that name. The Heralds' Visitations registered only the Landed Gentry. It therefore, appears that the Essex families of Curteys or Curtis were not of the gentry. And Burke's "Landed Gentry" contains no pedigree of a family of this name in County Essex.

So far as evidence can be obtained no family of Curtis or Curtiss in County Essex has been granted a coat of arms. Neither have they ever been authorized to use the name of Curtis or Curteis families of Warwickshire and Kent, since these families have no known kinship with the families of County Essex.

Pedigrees of the Curteis family of Kent appear in Sir Bernard Burke's "Landed Gentry," William Berry's "Pedigrees of Families of County Kent," and in "Heralds' Visitations of the County of Kent," taken in the year 1619.

Eminent British authors have produced no evidence of kinship of the families of Curteys, Curtiss, or Curtis of Nazing, County Essex, to those of Warwickshire and Kent.

Contributed by Mrs. Sophia M. Hoyt of 121 St. Stephen St., Boston, MA in March 1952, a professional genealogist and a direct descendant of the original Stratford, CT Curtiss family.

JOHN L. CURTIS
story told by Grant N. Carlson

John L. Curtis, the ancestor of this project, is given as generation (1). His ten children are each given as generation (2). Their children are generation (3), etc. down to and including the youngest members of this family who are generation (7).

Who were John's parents? There is good reason to believe they were William Curtis and Jane Love for the following reasons:

(1) When I was a young man, I was invited to the home of Clarence Ladbury. "Claire" was the son of Ellenor Ladbury who married Thomas Curtis, the first child of John L. Curtis. Thomas had passed away in 1896, Ellenor in 1938, and it seemed reasonable to me that the oldest child in a family would be the likely one to have the family Bible. It proved to be a very interesting visit. In the Bible that Claire had, in handwritten form was the following:

"William Curtis and Jane Love
was married May the 16th 1807.
Samantha Curtis was Born February 14th 1810
Fisher Curtis was born Nov. 20th 1812 & Died
Charles Curtis was born Feby. 14th 1814"

From there on, the remainder of the page is torn off, except to show some "Curtis" was born on either the "20th" or "30th" 1815. The month is torn off as are all other names.

As a teenager, I spent time during some summers on the Mark Curtis farm. Mark was the 8th child in the John L. Curtis family. How Mark happened to tell me about his family, I do not know, but I vividly recall (and wrote down and preserved what he said) Mark stating his father, John L. Curtis, "had an older brother, Charles, and a younger brother, Frank." According to other family sources, David and Comfort Curtis could be two other children who could well have been written on the torn-off portion of the page.

(2) Federal census records indicate John L. Curtis was born in 1820, and that he was born in the state of New York. We also know that he moved to Ontario, where in or about 1848, he married Elizabeth Spencer. My wife and I traveled to Northumberland County, Ontario (n. e. of Toronto), and were successful in locating descendants of John Spencer, the father of Elizabeth (Spencer) Curtis! Of the 10 children of John L. and Elizabeth (Spencer) Curtis, seven were born in Ontario, most of these in Percy or Seymour Townships of Northumberland County. These two townships border Rawdon township where Elizabeth Spencer's family settled. The Ontario West 1842 census for the township areas of

Northumberland County list on the same page: William Marq Curtis, John Curtis and Comfort Curtis.

There are reasons to believe, although not proven, that Cayuga County, New York was the birthplace of John L. Curtis.

The entire family of John L. and Elizabeth (Spencer) Curtis is as follows (the 1st 7 children being born in Ontario):

Thomas	born 22 June 1849	died 29 February 1896
John	" 22 June 1851	" 14 January 1921
Charles	" 21 January 1854	" 7 July 1893
Elizabeth	" 14 March 1856	" 20 August 1934
Samantha	" April 1859	" 14 Aug. 1891
Jane	" 1860 or 1861	" 20 April 1891
William	" 9 March 1864	" 28 March 1901

Charles is reported as having been born at Toronto, Ontario. Some, if not all the other above listed children were born in Percy or Seymour Townships of Northumberland County, Ont. These two townships are adjacent to each other.

Sometime after the birth of William, John L. and Elizabeth Curtis moved to Kent County, Michigan, east of Grand Rapids, near Ada, where the other three children were born:

Mark	born 20 August 1866	died 11 May 1950
Henry	" 15 June 1869	" 26 November 1929
Daniel	" 22 May 1871	"

Daniel died as a child although we have no record of his death.

John L. Curtis was a farmer. Mark Curtis told me his father died when he was seven and one-half years old. This would place John L.'s death as February 1874. A number of years later, John L.'s widow, Elizabeth, and the entire family moved to Dakota Territory, coming to Dakota at various intervals. (See individual stories under Elizabeth and each of the ten children.) John L. Curtis died of cancer in Michigan.

ELIZABETH SPENCER

Elizabeth Spencer was born in or near Manchester, England, the 4th of 12 children born to John Spencer and Alice Scofield. According to a niece, Ida Spencer Raney, Elizabeth was born on the 20th of February. Some records indicate the year of her birth as 1827, other records as 1830.

Elizabeth's father was a silk and woolen manufacturer in Manchester, owning or managing several mills, and at one

time was very wealthy. Quoting about his life from the Spencers of Canada:

"John Spencer was fair, slim, and tall. 6' in sock feet. Fair hair, not light, not dark. Even temper, was a man of his word. His word was law in his own household. He took everyone to be honest. He had lots of money when he came here, but lost plenty thru taking everyone to be honest. He would walk 5 miles to tell anyone he could not get a piece of work done, if he had promised at a certain time and it was not done. His grandchildren all liked him. He always brought licorice or something to them on his visits. Maybe he would give them a piece the size of a pea. Then after noticing their attitude, would give them a complete or whole stick."

Elizabeth's mother, Alice, was spoken of as being "a very religious and fine woman."

At the coronation of Queen Victoria of England on 20 June 1837, Elizabeth was one of the flower girls and was attired in white silk. When she came to America, Elizabeth was one of a group of children escorted to the ship by the Queen.

After leaving England, John Spencer settled between Norham and Warkworth, in Northumberland County of Ontario. Here he continued weaving. Together with two of his daughters, they created many fine pieces, and Ontario homes were adorned with their prize winning workmanship. John Spencer was born in England in 1796, and died 15 October 1869 from gangrene in his big toe. His wife, Alice, (b. November 1803?), died 26 September 1856. Both are buried in the cemetery at Warkworth, Northumberland County, Ontario. Inscribed on their gravestone are the words:

"Our father and mother are gone.
They lie beneath the sod.
Dear parents though we miss you much,
We know you are with God."

The entire family of John and Alice Spencer is given: Mary Anne, Cresey (both Mary Anne and Cresey died young), John (married Sarah Jane Dunk), Elizabeth (also called Betsy who married John L. Curtis), Alice (married John Petherick), Anne (married Wm. Rusaw), James (married Ann McFarlen), Eli (who died young), Eliza (married Comfort Curtis), Jane (married Dave Swinton), Mathew and Mark (twins who married Ellen Banon and Sarah Anne Martin respectively).

After Elizabeth's marriage to John L. Curtis (in 1848?), the family resided in Northumberland County until their move to Michigan. Following the death of her husband, the 1880 federal census of Ada, Kent County, Michigan states:

Curtis, Elizabeth	50	widowed	keeping house
Henry	11	son	at school
Elizabeth	24	married daughter	dressmaker
Samantha	22	daughter	at home
William	15	son	at school
Mark	14	son	at school

The 1885 Dakota Territorial Census for Griggs County lists the following:

Lizabeth Curtis	55	mother	widowed	farmer b. in England
William Curtis	21	son	single	farmer b. in Canada
Mark Curtis	18	son	single	farmer b. in Michigan
Henry Curtis	16	son	single	farmer b. in Michigan

It would appear from other records, Elizabeth came to Dakota Territory in the fall of 1881 or the spring of 1882 where she homesteaded on the SE 1/4 of Section 14-144-58 which is Broadview Township of Griggs County. Coming with her were at least the three youngest of her children then living: William, Mark, and Henry. The family, being poor, could not afford train passenger tickets for everyone. (See story of this trip under Henry Curtis.) Some of the Spencer family also came to Dakota Territory, maybe at the same time as Elizabeth. The Spencers also settled in Broadview Township of Griggs County in the area later known as Spencer ravine.

In January 1891, an item in the Griggs Co. Courier relates that Samantha and her mother "have moved down to the river for the winter. They occupy the old home homestead."

Elizabeth Spencer Curtis passed away 16 February 1892 at her Broadview Township, Griggs County homestead. The following news article was taken from the Cooperstown paper, The Griggs County Courier, issue of February 26, 1892:

"Ashtabula--Mrs. Curtis was buried at the Hillside Cemetery at Ashtabula, Thursday February 18th. Rev. McClure preached an excellent and appropriate sermon, and very touchingly consoled the grief-stricken family who remain to mourn the loss of a devoted mother, sister and grandmother. Among the ladies who followed the remains to the last resting place was Miss Jessie Saunders of Gallatin, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Lilly, and Mrs. W. Curtis who braved the disagreeable weather through a hard twelve mile drive. Messrs. John Atchinson and Alex Saunders both of Gallatin were among the pallbearers. Among the many friends who on their way home from the burying ground....James Spencer and brother....Mr. Fred Newsted and his man worked two days to get the grave dug at Ashtabula for the late Mrs. Curtis. He said they got through the frost within one foot of the required depth, besides getting their noses peeled by rubbing them too hard against the frosty side of a northwester that swept over them while at work."



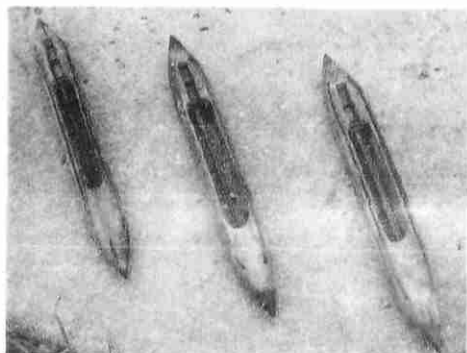
John L. Curtis



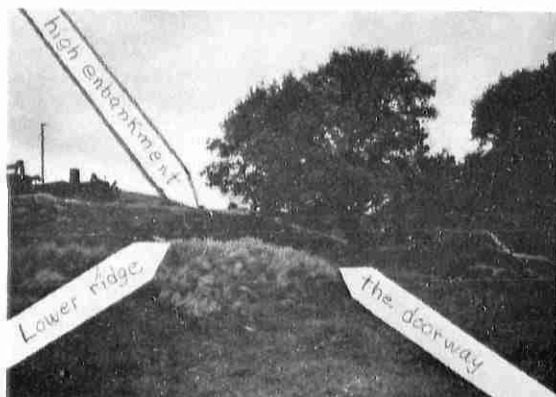
Elizabeth Spencer, the wife
of John L. Curtis



John Spencer, father
of Elizabeth Spencer Curtis



The shuttles used for weaving
by John Spencer and his daughters.



This is where Elizabeth Curtis had her barn. You can still see where the opening for the door was. The roof was probably made of timbers reaching from the high embankment to the lower ridge.
October 1992



John D. Spencer holding the shuttles that his great, great grandfather John Spencer used for weaving.



Looking northward to the area where Elizabeth Spencer Curtis homesteaded, just beyond the grain bin and down into the trees. To the left is the Sheyenne River which is somewhat backed up at this location due to the Baldhill Dam downstream.

THOMAS CURTIS

Thomas Curtis, the oldest child of John L. Curtis and Elizabeth (Spencer) Curtis was born in Percy Township, Northumberland County, Ontario, 22 June 1849. With his parents, brothers, and sisters he moved to Kent County, Michigan in or about 1865. While there he was converted and joined the Ada Baptist church.



Coming to North Dakota in the spring of 1880, he was one of the early settlers of Dakota Territory. He homesteaded on the NE 1/4 of Section 6 of Sibley Trail Township, Barnes County. He also owned a portion of section 32 in Griggs County and may have at one time also lived on the Charles Curtis farm in Barnes County after Charles and his family returned to Michigan in the late 1880's. On 23 December 1890, at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Valley City, with E.B. Stull as pastor, Thomas was united in marriage to Ellenor Ladbury, daughter of Lewellyn and Harriet (Shephard) Ladbury. Two children were born to this couple:

Freeman Glen Curtis
Harriet (Hattie) Spencer Curtis

Thomas also had a stepson, Clarence Ladbury, child of Ellenor Ladbury before her marriage to Thomas.

Thomas appears to have loved children and horses. He had seven horses at the time of the 1885 Dakota Territory Census. One day he rode over to brother Charles' place with a puppy for Charles' two girls, Ada and Alta.

Following a trip to Brainerd, Minnesota to get lumber, he returned home, where he passed away 29 February 1896 from (as the obituary says) "pneumonia of the lungs." He was buried by the side of his mother, Elizabeth, and two sisters (Samantha and Jane) in the Hillside cemetery at Ashtabula. Sometime later his body was removed to the Sunnyside Cemetery, Section 7, of Sibley Trail Township, Barnes County. This cemetery is located about 8 miles n.e. of Dazey, N.D. and is also known as the Ladbury Cemetery. Many of the Curtis family are buried there, some bodies having been moved from Hillside Cemetery to Sunnyside Cemetery. Thomas' wife, Ellenor (Ellen), is also buried at Sunnyside, she having died 3 January 1938.

Thomas Curtis Obituary
Cooperstown, ND newspaper
Issue of March 6, 1896

Died Saturday evening, February 29, 1896, Thomas Curtis at age 47, from pneumonia of the lungs.

He was taken sick weeks ago at Brainerd where he had gone to get lumber. He came home about 3 weeks ago and after receiving medical aid was pronounced well and he continued to improve until Thursday of last week when he was taken down with the gripe which caused partial paralysis which finally caused his death.

Born at Percy, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada 22 June 1849. Moved to Kent County, Michigan in 1865. While there he was converted and united with the Ada Baptist Church. He came to Barnes County, North Dakota, in the spring of 1880, and was one of the early settlers. In December 1891 he was married to Ellen Ladbury. Leaves his widow and 2 children, Freeman 4, Hattie 2. Leaves 4 brothers, John, William, Mark, and Henry and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Warner of Spokane, Washington. Funeral at the farm home Tuesday 2 P.M., Rev. E.P. Johnson, assisted by Rev. E.S. Shaw. Buried by the side of his mother and two sisters in the cemetery at Ashtabula.

(Note: Barnes County did not become a state until 1889, so he actually came to Dakota Territory.
Marriage document shows his marriage as 23 December 1890.)

Ellenor Ladbury Curtis Obituary

As death has called Mrs. Ellen Curtis we feel we have lost a dear pioneer friend and neighbor from our midst. She was born at Warwick, England, December 3rd 1849, and passed away January 3rd 1938, at the age of 88 years and 1 month. From England the family moved to Ontario, Canada. In the year of 1886 she came to Dakota Territory and has lived in this community the remainder of her life.

She leaves to mourn her departure three children: Clarence, who resided with her; Freeman, of Choteau, Mont., and Mrs. Ed Ronnie of Laurel, Mont.; also a sister, Miss Emma Ladbury of Valley City, besides nephews and nieces and a host of friends.

Before her last illness she remarked to a friend that it doesn't matter when our life ends here if we are only prepared to go. Her unselfish nature and cheerful disposition won the love of all who knew her and we shall greatly miss Aunt Ella as she was better known to us, but the memory of her sunny smile will still live on and help us

bear the burdens of life with the same uncomplaining fortitude that she met them.

Beckoning hands of a mother whose love
Sacrificed life, its devotion to prove;
Hands of a mother to memory dear,
Beckon up higher the waiting ones here.
-Contributed by a friend.

(Note: Aunt Ella is a newspaper misprint. She was commonly known as "Aunt Ellen.")

Further notes: Ellenor Ladbury was the 2nd of five children born to Lewellyn and Harriet (Shepherd) Ladbury. Her siblings were Agnes, Charles (who married Jane Curtis), Fred and Edwin. Lewellyn married a second time (to Charlotte Bodill) and to this marriage was born Emma Ladbury. Lewellyn was born 20 April 1825 in England, near Stratford-Upon-Avon (Shakespeare's old home) in Warwickshire. His early youth was spent in the neighborhood of his birth, and as a young man he was Gamekeeper on the estate of Sir John Mordant.

In 1858, Mr. Ladbury and his family came to Canada and settled in Oxford County, Ontario. In March of 1864 he moved with his family to Michigan and settled near Grand Rapids. He came in April 1880 to Dakota (then a territory) and located in Barnes County east of Dazey. In 1881 Mr. Ladbury established himself and his family on a farm on the Sheyenne River southeast of Cooperstown and for many years resided in that location. He and his family moved to Cooperstown in 1906 where he resided until he passed away the night of 16 Sept. 1915.

I (Grant Carlson) remember Aunt Ellen very well. She indeed was a very cheerful person. In the late 1930's, she lived in a tiny house on the extreme SW corner of section 32, Broadview Township, Griggs County. Her son Clarence resided with her.

Clarence A. Ladbury

Clarence A. Ladbury was born 17 May 1877 in Ontario, Canada, the son of Ellenor Ladbury. Ellen and Clarence moved to Dakota Territory when Clarence was nine years of age. He lived with his mother, Ellenor, and step-father, Thomas Curtis. After Thomas passed away in 1896, Clarence continued to live with his mother until her passing in 1938. "Claire" remained in the Karnak area and was a trucker. He passed away 5 October 1962 and was buried in the Sunnyside Cemetery, Barnes County, ND.

THOMAS CURTIS DESCENDANT DIRECTORY

(1) JOHN L. AND ELIZABETH (SPENCER) CURTIS

(2) THOMAS CURTIS

born: 22 June 1849 at: Percy Township, Northumberland
County, Ontario, Canada

died: 29 Feb. 1896 at: Barnes County, North Dakota

married: 23 Dec. 1890 at: the Methodist Episcopal Church
in Valley City, ND

to: ELLENOR LADBURY

born: 3 Dec. 1849 at: Warwick, England

died: 3 Jan. 1938 at: North Dakota

father: Lewellyn Ladbury

mother: Harriet Shephard

Ellenor had a son, Clarence Ladbury born in 1877.

(3) FREEMAN GLEN CURTIS

born: 26 October 1891 at: near Karnak ND

died: Jan 1964 at: Choteau MT

married: 25 Sept 1920 at: LaMoure ND

to: INGA GUNHILDA FREDRICKSEN ROBBINS

born: 30 July 1884 at: Norway

died: 2 May 1983 at: Choteau MT

father: Fredrick Fredriksen

mother: Lisa Andersen

Freeman's occupation was Implement blockman and John
Deere dealer "F. G. Curtis & Son"

Freeman and Inga lived at Choteau MT

Freeman and Inga were married by R. H. Myers,
Presbyterian minister. Inga was previously married to
L. Robbins and were parents of at least 3 children:
Kirk, Mike and Orin.

(4) JUNE ELAINE CURTIS

born: 10 June 1921 at: near Karnak ND

married: 8 Feb. 1950 at: Las Vegas NV

to: RAY VICTOR OLSON

June and Ray were divorced. June was

married: 14 Aug 1991 at: Choteau MT

to: CHARLES WILSON GRAY III

born: 6 June 1923 at: Choteau MT

father: Charles Wilson Gray II

mother: Irene Askew

occupation: farmer, banker & real estate dealer

June worked for many years as a bookkeeper

address: Choteau MT

- (4) **GRANT WELLINGTON CURTIS**
born: 9 December 1922 at: Cooperstown ND
married: 29 Dec. 1946 at: Billings MT
- to: **JOYCE LOGAN**
born: 28 Aug. 1926 at: Billings MT
father: "Dick" Richmond Logan
mother: Marjorie Ethel Powell
occupation: Implement Dealer until 1964, farming
Joyce is a registered nurse & works hard as a
volunteer.
address: Choteau MT
- (5) **GREGORY LOGAN CURTIS**
born: 18 December 1947 at: Great Falls MT
married: 25 Mar. 1970 at: Great Falls MT
- to: **KATHLEEN STEVENS**
born: 10 Aug. 1948 at: Great Falls, MT
father: George A. Stevens
mother: Martha Fultz
Gregory and Kathleen divorced Jan. 1990.
Gregory is an attorney.
address: Bellevue WA
- (6) **CHAD RICHMOND CURTIS**
born: 9 April 1976 at: Great Falls MT
- (6) **TYLER STEVEN CURTIS**
born: 23 July 1980 at: Great Falls MT
- (6) **CHELSEY VICTORIA CURTIS**
born: 17 Dec. 1982 at: Great Falls MT
- (5) **JEFFREY GLENN CURTIS**
born: 14 June 1950 at: Great Falls MT
married: 14 Jan. 1973 at: Reno NV
- to: **ELAINE ROSE NOVOTNY**
born: 2 Sept. 1951 at: Sacramento CA
father: Sylvester B. Novotny
mother: Dorothy Ellen Kaliher
occupation: Boeing-computer Elaine-R.N.
address: Federal Way WA
- (6) **NATHAN GLEN CURTIS**
born: 10 May 1975 at: Missoula MT
- (6) **ANGELA ROSE CURTIS**
born: 7 July 1977 at: Missoula MT

- (5) **MARCIA ELLEN CURTIS**
born: 2 Dec. 1952 at: Choteau MT
married: 6 Sept. 1971 at: Choteau MT
- to: **THOMAS LEROY ECKERSON**
born: 7 Feb. 1951 at: Helena MT
father: William Eckerson
mother: Teola Dorinne Johnson
occupation: Thomas-National Guard
Marcia-3rd year in nursing program
address: Helena MT
- (6) **DAVID GRANT ECKERSON**
born: 26 Apr. 1974 at: Billings MT
Freshman at Montana State University
- (6) **DANIEL WILLIAM ECKERSON**
born: 26 Apr. 1974 at: Billings MT
Freshman at Montana State University
- (6) **ERICA ELLEN ECKERSON**
born: 19 Dec. 1977 at: Great Falls MT
- (5) **TODD ALAN CURTIS**
born: 27 Mar. 1960 at: Choteau MT
married: 6 Apr. 1979 at: Choteau MT
- to: **BRENDA ANN BAUMGARTNER**
born: 28 Jan. 1960 at:
father: Donald Baumgartner
mother: Carole Smith
occupation: Todd-computer scientist
Brenda-bank teller
address: Redmond WA
- (6) **BRANDON TODD CURTIS**
born: 3 Oct. 1979 at: Great Falls MT
- (6) **BRITNI CAROLE CURTIS**
born: 29 July 1981 at: Great Falls MT

(3) **HARRIET SPENCER CURTIS**

born: 18 Apr. 1894 at: near Karnak ND
died: 1974 at: Great Falls MT
married: 11 June 1920 at: Valley City ND
to: **EDWARD O. RONNIE**
born: 1896?* at: Wisconsin?*

died: 6 Nov. 1966 at: Laurel MT

father:

mother:

Ed Ronnie worked as a blacksmith in the railroad yards in Laurel, Montana where he and "Hattie" made their home and later worked for the city water department.

* Wedding license states Edward O. Ronnie's age as 24 and is from Mindoro, Wisconsin. Harriet is listed as age 26 and from Sibley Trail Township, Barnes Co. ND. They were married at the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church in Valley City ND by John S. Wilds, pastor.

(4) **STANLEY E. RONNIE** (adopted)

born: 4 Sept. 1928 at: Miles City MT
died: 6 Nov. 1966 at: Chicago Il

Stanley was very interested in sports and, as a youth, had his walls covered with sports memorabilia. He never married. Stanley traveled a lot and was a school teacher in the state of Washington.



Thomas Curtis Ellenor Ladbury Curtis Ellenor Curtis Ellenor Curtis

Clarence A. Ladbury



Freeman Curtis and horses



Freeman Curtis about 1950



Inga Curtis & Hattie Ronnie



40th Wedding Anniversary of Freeman & Inga Curtis. Marci & Joyce Curtis, Sharon Geske (Inga's grand-daughter), Freeman holding Todd, Inga, Grant, Greg, June and Jeff.



40th Wedding Anniversary of
Freeman & Inga Curtis



1991 Wedding of June
Curtis & Charles Gray



Marriage of Grant Curtis
& Joyce Logan



Front-Grant & Joyce Curtis with
children Marci, Todd, Jeff & Greg



Greg Curtis with children
Tyler & Chelsey



Nathan, Elaine, Angela & Jeff Curtis



Tom, Marci, Daniel, Erica
& David Eckerson



Brenda & Todd Curtis
with Britni & Brandon



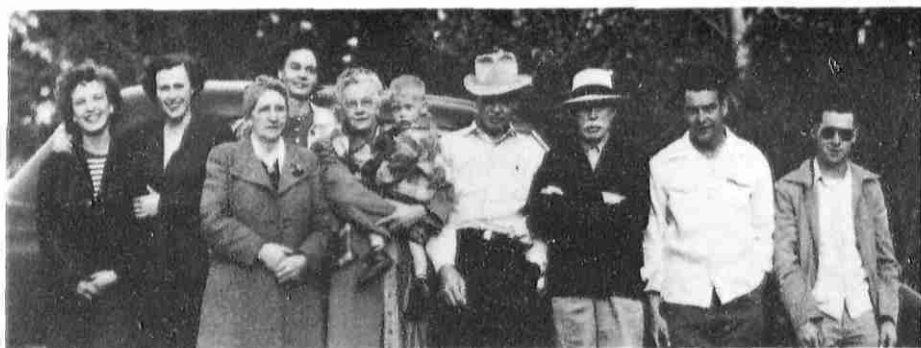
Ed & Hattie Ronnie



Stanley Ronnie



Hattie Curtis (l) & cousin Hazel Curtis



All CURTIS folks summer of 1949: Joyce, Joyce (Mark's grand-dau.), Anna, June, Inga, Gregory, Freeman, Mark, Grant & Jack.



Karnak ball players: l-r unknown, Florence, Myrtle & Hattie Curtis.

JOHN CURTIS

John Curtis was born 22 June 1851 in Northumberland County, Ontario, two years to the day after the birth of his brother, Thomas. John came to Michigan in or about 1865 with his parents, brothers and sisters. He appeared to have been one of the last, if not the last, of the John L. Curtis children to move to Dakota. John was married 1 August 1877 in Courtland Township, Kent County, Michigan to Adelaide Emmaline Rykert. She was from Kent County, Michigan, living east of Grand Rapids and was three years older than her husband. John and Adelaide were living in Kent County, Michigan in 1880. Sometime before December 1884, they moved to the Kalkaska, Michigan area, some 130 miles north of Grand Rapids, where Herbert was born. Nina was also born in Michigan. John and Adelaide had three children, seemingly in this order:

Herbert C. Curtis
Nina Curtis
Feron Curtis

According to Blanche Curtis (granddaughter of John and Adelaide), her father, Herbert, was four years old when he moved to Dakota. This would indicate John and his family moved to Dakota Territory in 1889, possibly in the spring so that he could farm that season. John and Adelaide homesteaded on the NW 1/4 of Section 5, Sibley Trail Township of Barnes County, Dakota Territory.

Feron died about age four. He was reportedly buried on the Henry Curtis farm which would seem to indicate Feron was born in Dakota Territory. Nina died at the age of 17, while a student at the Valley City State Normal School.

John was elected as a steward of the Broadview Church, Griggs Co, ND in August 1907. He was a large man, measuring over 6 feet tall, and suffered much from rheumatism. A niece, Hazel Curtis Carlson, at the age of 4 1/2, remembers John lifting her up to view her father's body in the casket and saying to her "See, he is just sleeping." John seems to have liked children, which was true of many of the Curtis men.



Following the death of his brother-in-law, John Warner, John went to visit his sister, Elizabeth, near Grey Eagle, Minnesota. While there, he suffered a stroke and then a second more severe stroke and died on 14 January 1921. Following a funeral service at Grey Eagle, his body was

returned to North Dakota for a second service, after which he was buried in the same plot as his daughter, Nina. This was in the Sibley Trail Sunnyside Cemetery also known as the Ladbury Cemetery.

Adelaide Emmaline Rykert

Adelaide "Addie" Rykert was born 5 May 1848 at Ada, Kent County, Michigan. When a very young girl, she was stricken with scarlet fever. A severe eye infection followed which caused her to lose the sight in her left eye. She also suffered a hearing loss. In spite of these handicapping conditions, she carried on through life with courage. On most photographs, Addie is facing left, turning her "bad" eye away from the camera.

Adelaide related that some of her ancestors came to America on the Mayflower. Wilbur Rykert (see below) does not agree.

Adelaide lived with her husband, John, from marriage in 1877 until his death in 1921. They made their homes in Michigan and North Dakota. After John's death, she moved to Montana. Adelaide died in December of 1925 and was buried at Brady, MT. Later her body was moved to Highland Cemetery south of Great Falls, MT.

The Hannaford Enterprise of 18 Jan. 1921, Karnak News, relates:

"Herbert Curtis was called to Gray Eagle, Minn., Friday afternoon, owing to the sudden illness of his father, John Curtis, who has spent the winter with his sister there. Later reports tell that John Curtis died Friday evening and the remains will be brought back to Karnak for burial. His bereaved wife and family have the sympathy of the community."



For anyone who may be interested in tracing the Rykert family, we suggest you contact Mr. Wilbur Rykert who lives at 204 Old Bond Court #3, Louisville, Ky. 40222. His phone number is (502)-426-4210. Adelaide Rykert's brother was Wilbur's great-great grandfather.

The following is from Wilbur Rykert in a 1992 telephone call:

"Adelaide's father was George William Rykert, her mother was Emmaline Sprague. The Rykerts came from Dutchess County, New York. On early records the name is also spelled Rikert. Adelaide's grandfather, Peter Zachariah Rykert, came to Michigan about 1833. The Sprague family came first to Canada, and Elijah Sprague to Michigan by 1839."

Stories of Herbert Curtis and Family
as told by daughter Laura

My impression of dad is that he was quite austere, although a good man. His father, John, fit that description also. Maybe it was a Curtis trait. Dad was also a very honest person and generous. He also was very friendly. I don't think he ever met a stranger. The stories I remember my dad telling were of the things he and his cousin, Freeman, used to do to a Joe Webber. They would re-live and laugh over these rather unusual stories when they were together. Poor Joe!

Raising all of us during some very hard years wasn't easy. By the time I was old enough to start school, Clifford and Blanche were away from home working. Ethel, David, Clayton, Jack, myself, Alan & Dick were still at home. We all graduated from Brady High School in Montana except our youngest brother, Dick. He graduated from Great Falls High School. Alan is the only one that went on to college. He graduated from Northwestern University in Chicago. He has a DDS degree in dentistry and practices in San Diego, California.

My brothers Clayton, John (Jack) and Alan all served in the military during WW2. Clayton lost his life in the Battle of the Bulge, he was a Sgt. in the Armored Force. Jack was an infantry man and received a medical discharge because of asthma. Alan was a Navy man. Richard (Dick) served in the Korean War where he was a radio operator.

We lived on a farm 4 miles west of Brady. Raised some of many things, grain, cattle, horses, chickens, ducks, turkeys, etc., as well as the huge garden my mother had every year. With the various things available we were never hungry and always were clothed properly.

After my brother, Clayton, was killed our mother wanted to leave the farm so they came to Great Falls in 1945. Dad didn't care much about life in the city, so he would spend a lot of time on the farm and he also did landscaping in Great Falls. It was sort of like farm work, I suppose.

He died of a heart attack, was riding his Ford tractor on the way to a landscaping job. A R.N. happened to be driving behind him, she said he threw up his hands and slumped over, and was gone when she got to him. His doctor had told him he would have to slow down as he had heart attacks before this. He wasn't much for sitting around and said he wanted to die happy.

In closing, here is just a little insight into the character of my dad. A banker with whom he had many dealings told someone that he (my dad) was the most honest man he had ever

met. He was crippled with arthritis and rheumatism badly, but he never gave up.

Story as told by son Alan

My father, Herbert C. Curtis, the "C", his middle initial I am given to understand, he gave to himself after not having been given a middle name at birth. He tired of being asked so many times and cured the problem with the "C". I was one of his younger children, not nearly as close to knowing him as I would have liked.

The demands of such a large family growing up in the depression years left him little time for anything but work. Farming, ranching, custom horse team or tractor work, selling insurance, working on dams, no let up, a true workaholic. With all this work he still remained a fun person. Loved music, especially Irish Jigs. To this day I never met anyone who enjoyed teasing as much, almost too much! Frank Harriman and Freeman Curtis were his cohorts in some of his more outlandish pranks. One Joe Webber was their favorite victim. He preferred fish to candy and loved his tea.

He was an extremely kind and compassionate man, during the middle of harvest he shut the harvesting down to take me to the hospital with my acute appendicitis when others could have taken me. When my arm was broken at twelve years of age he would come to my bed in the middle of the night to comfort and try to ease my pain, this was after a hard days work and another ahead at daybreak. I am certain many others can recall his kindness.

He was a very strong and devoted fundamental Christian, a credit to the human race and to the family Curtis, past and present!

Story as told by son Richard

One of my interesting memories of my Dad and Mom is of an experience that they had in driving (a 1936 Ford) to Great Falls, Montana, on a moonless night and the lights went out on the car. Well, in those days "freeways" were not as yet and the two-way road had a deep coulee with a narrow bridge at the bottom, and dad very fortunately was able to keep the car on the road, without colliding with the bridge at the bottom!

Story as told by son David L.

Dad was married January 1909, in, I believe, Dazey, ND, and moved soon afterward to Irricana, Alberta, a town approximately 30 miles n.e. of Calgary. The early frosts took their crops three years in a row. That was all they could take, so they moved to Brady, Montana where I was born in 1918. (I was the 7th of 12 children.) In 1919 the folks moved to North Dakota to help dad's parents who were in poor health. Grandpa Curtis passed away in 1920 and in 1925 the folks moved back to Brady, Montana. Dad was a hard working man and cared a lot for his family. As the saying goes "he would take the shirt off his back" to help any of his children.

Dad was an honest man. I was visiting with a bank president in one of our Great Falls banks many years ago, and the banker made the remark to me that he had never dealt with a more honest man than Dad. That made me very proud of him.

I remember one time, the family was going to Conrad, our County Seat, about 12 miles north of Brady. Dad had a Model T Ford in which he had converted the ignition system over to distributor from the conventional magneto and coil standard arrangement. A few miles out of Brady the Model T quit and Dad went about to repair it. He fixed the points, etc., but couldn't get it started. He took the rotor and threw it out into the adjoining field. Well, he needed that rotor so had to go search for it. He found it after a long search and that seemed to do the job. It started and he cooled off and we proceeded on toward Conrad. I was just a child then but often remember that little incident and have to smile to myself even yet.

Dad wasn't one to complain about his personal pain or problems. He broke his arm once, suffered from arthritis and had acute appendicitis, from which we nearly lost him. Dad raised his large family through the depression years. There wasn't much money available but we always had plenty to eat and good clothes to wear.

There are many memories of my Dad that make me glad he was mine, but the most important thing about Dad and Mom were their religious beliefs and what they upheld before us children. I'm thankful for that.

Story as told by granddaughter Mavis

My grandfather, Herbert C. Curtis, was a delightful man. He was the best grandpa any girl could have had. His specialty was teasing in a fun and loving way.

I remember grandpa as always being bald with just a fringe of hair around the edges. One day his grand-daughter, Kay, when a very little girl--probably a toddler, found a comb without any teeth. She held it up and said, "a comb for grandpa." Grandpa Herbert laughed and laughed in his sweet way. He was delighted with her observation.

Grandpa always gave me a lot of attention. I have many happy memories of my visits to his Brady farm and times with him and my grandmother. Also fun times in Great Falls, MT with them when they moved there. I can still see him in his living room chair in Great Falls, reading the Life magazine. I never heard him complain although, walking with a limp, he must have been in pain at times. Grandpa was thoughtful and kind, always thinking of those around him.

During my growing up years they visited at our home in Winnett, MT many times. Grandpa (Herbert Curtis) always teased me about Bobby "Flatwheel" (not his real last name), a local boy about my age who had fallen off the rimrocks near where we lived. "Bobby Flatwheel fell for Mavis"--giggle, giggle--what a grandpa! My wish would be for every child to have such a wonderful grandpa!:

Memories of Lillian
from three of her children

I'll try to make a few comments of some things that stand out in my memory concerning our mother. Like most children who have had the loving care of parents, it isn't easy to put into words some things that seem so precious and could I say, 'sacred'.

I can remember mother singing, "Good Morning, Mary sunshine; What makes you wake so soon" etc. when we'd come down the stairs after 'sleeping in' during our summer vacation from school. THAT made our day!!! Also she would make us tiny loaves of bread and little pats of butter to eat in our 'play house' which was made of just laying some boards on the ground to make a room. The blue sky was our roof.

---daughter Blanche

Mom was as kind and loving a person as any person could ask for. She was so concerned about the welfare of all her children and our family was large.

The folks had many sorrows throughout life, but as the saying goes - it brought the gold in their lives. That we appreciate very much. There are many memories which come back so often that make one glad we had such a mother.

---son David

Our mother was a very patient, kind and gentle person. She loved to have company, can still hear her whistling as she prepared a meal for her guests. She could put a meal on the table faster than anyone I have ever known, and by the way she was an excellent cook. She had a nice sense of humor. One 'April Fools Day' it sort of backfired on her though. My brother, Clifford, was outside working and she yelled out to him to "come quick, the house was on fire!" I can remember how bad she felt when he came running, scared to death. It just wasn't supposed to be any more than a harmless April fools joke.

As you know, we had a very large family. During the depression days when money was scarce it was because of her gardening and canning that we were able to get through some pretty bad years. She did a lot of sewing for us. I can still smell the home made bread which she baked by the dozens of loaves every week, I can't recall just how many. I remember her as a very loving Mother and feel blessed for having one such as she for a Mother.

---daughter Laura Curtis Jacobs

Nina Curtis

Nina Curtis, one of three children born to John and Adelaide (Rykert) Curtis was born 12 May 1887 in Michigan. She came with her parents to Dakota (in 1889?) and died 19 January 1905 from pneumonia. At the time she was a student at the Valley City Normal School, preparing to teach.

She has been spoken of as a very sweet girl, a true Christian. She was laid to rest in the Sunnyside Cemetery with a tall white stone marking her gravesite. A printed tribute to her, following her death, says:

"This lovely bud, so young and fair,
Called hence by early doom,
Just came to show how sweet a flower
In paradise would bloom.
E're sin could harm or sorrow fade,
Death came with friendly care,
The opening bud to Heaven conveyed
And bade it blossom there.

A very pretty wedding occurred Wednesday at Mr. & Mrs. LaValley's home when their daughter Lillie was united in marriage to Herbert Curtis. The wedding march was played by Miss Florence Curtis (cousin of the groom) and during the rendering the bridal party took their places in a room most beautifully decorated, where the ceremony was performed by

Rev. Hayes of Dazey. The bride was attired in white silk, wore carnations in her hair and carried roses....The bride is one of Barnes county's charming young ladies and the groom is a prosperous young farmer in Griggs county....A very elaborate dinner was served after which the bridal party left on the afternoon train for Duluth and other points where they will visit for some time.

Married in Great Falls

Clifford C. Curtis of Brady and Miss Alice E. Johnston of Cut Bank, were married in Great Falls Thursday evening by Justice Bert P. Christie. The witnesses were Mrs. Lillian Curtis and Dr. Macauley.....The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Curtis of Brady and one of the well known young men of that community. The newly married couple will make their home west of Brady where the groom is engaged in farming.....The entire Brady community offers Mr. and Mrs. Curtis congratulations.

Jerome and Frances Sprague

Frances Marie Curtis (6-19-37 Cut Bank, Montana to 4-26-73 Sacramento, California) and Jerome Harvey Sprague (9-14-36) were first introduced in Great Falls, MT in 1957. Frances was attending nurses training at Columbus School of Nursing and I was working while attending the College of Great Falls. By chance our paths crossed again in downtown Seattle in the summer of 1958. I was working for Boeing while Frances completed nursing school and was waiting for the results of her state exams.

We were married on Dec. 27, 1958 and settled in the Capital Hill district of Seattle. Jerome Jr. arrived on April 4, 1960 and the family was started.

We became homesick for family and moved to Great Falls, MT the following year. After settling into the Riverview section of Great Falls in 1961, James Anthony was born just in time to break up a good night's sleep. I remember the time well (broke up an intense bridge game) Oct. 28, 1961. The following two years went well while I was working for the Minuteman Missile Project in central Montana. Julie Ann blessed the long cold winter of 1963 on January 13, 1963.

The economy changed for central Montana at the completion of the missile project and caused many families to become uprooted. I felt compelled to complete a formal education. Frances was fortunate enough to always find work as a nurse. In the fall of 1964, we moved into family housing at Northern Montana College, in Havre. Janell Marie arrived into close quarters on November 25, 1964.

The summer of 1966, we returned to our house in Great Falls where I taught at C.M.Russell High School and Paris Gibson Jr. High School. During the summer of 1967, I had

the opportunity to complete my Master's program. An itch for adventure sent us to LaGrande, Oregon to finish our Masters. We enjoyed the next nine months there with Jerry and Jim attending school.

In the summer of 1968, we settled in the Riverpark section of Sacramento, California. Life was good to us. Frances nursed at Sacramento State College - Health Dept. while I taught drafting at Sacramento High School.

As life takes its turn, Frances became ill with cancer and passed away three years later on April 26, 1973. She left behind four wonderful children (Jerome Harvey Jr., James Anthony, Julie Ann and Janell Marie.) To date the four children and eight grandchildren are sixth and seventh generation of the Frances Marie Curtis branch of the J.L. Curtis Tree.

Jerome and Lori Sprague

Lori Loretta Holsey (8-26-60 Sacramento, CA) and Jerome Harvey Sprague Jr. (4-4-60 Seattle, WA) first met in Sacramento in 1981. On Dec. 4, 1982 we were married in Lake Tahoe, NV. While I was working for United Parcel Service and Lori for a local supermarket, on June 2, 1987 Ryan Dean and Calvin Rocky were born weighing in at a tad over 5 lbs, each.

During the summer of 1989, we both decided to change careers. Lori began working for American Airlines in the Dallas/Fort Worth area while I am completing a financial degree at the University of Texas and working for a financial firm.

Mrs. Ernest Freburg Taken By Death Tuesday Morning

"Mrs. Ethel Freburg, 25, wife of Ernest Freburg, salesman in the Winnett Mercantile store, died at the St. Joseph's hospital at 10:45 Tuesday morning, death resulting from pneumonia with which she was stricken Sunday. She was taken to the hospital in Lewistown Sunday afternoon.

Born in Brady, Montana, June 27, 1914, Ethel Curtis attended the grade school and graduated from the high school in that community.

She was married to Ernest Freburg in Great Falls, October 24, 1936, and soon thereafter moved with her husband to Winnett where they have lived since.

Beside the husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mavis Rae, age two years; the parents Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Curtis of Brady; two sisters and six brothers....She was of sterling character and held in high esteem by those who knew her."

JOHN CURTIS DESCENDANT DIRECTORY

(1) JOHN L. AND ELIZABETH (SPENCER) CURTIS

(2) JOHN CURTIS

born: 22 June 1851 at: Northumberland Co., Ontario
died: 14 Jan. 1921 at: near Grey Eagle, Minnesota
buried at Sibley Trail Cemetery, Barnes Co., ND
married: 1 Aug. 1877 at: Courtland Twsp., Kent Co. MI

to: ADELAIDE EMMALINE RYKERT

born: 5 May 1848 at: Ada, Kent Co., Michigan
died: December 1925 at:
buried at Brady, Montana. Later her body was moved
to Highland Cemetery south of Great Falls, MT.
father: George William Rykert
mother: Emmaline Sprague

John & Adelaide were parents of Herbert, Nina & Feron.

(3) HERBERT C. CURTIS

born: 7 Dec. 1884 at: Kalkaska, MI
died: 11 April 1959 at: Great Falls MT
married: 27 Jan. 1909 at: Dazey ND

to: LILLIAN VICTORINE LaVALLEY

born: 23 Jan. 1889 at: Fergus Falls MN
died: 15 Nov. 1964 at: Great Falls MT
father: Prosper H. LaValley
mother: Sophia Wing

Herbert & Lillian were parents of Clifford, Clinton,
Feron, Blanche, Ethel, Glenn, David, Clayton, John,
Laura, Alan and Richard.

(4) CLIFFORD CLINTON CURTIS

born: 13 Oct. 1909 at: Irricana, Alberta
died: 3 May 1949 at: Cut Bank MT
married: 23 Aug. 1934 at: Great Falls MT

to: ALICE ELETTA JOHNSTON

born: 28 Sept. 1910 at: Lansford ND
died: 25 Feb. 1986 at: Cut Bank MT
father: Dean Johnston
mother: Bertha E. Johnson

Clifford was a twin. His brother, CLINTON,
was stillborn. Clifford was an oil field worker
and died in an oil field accident. Alice was a
registered nurse.

- (5) **DOROTHY ANN CURTIS**
born: 29 April 1935 at: Conrad MT
married: 11 June 1955 at: Cut Bank MT
- to: **PATRICK WILLIAM GILLIGAN**
born: 16 Sept. 1930 at: West Rutland VT
father: John Harry Gilligan
mother: Anna Mae Harrison
occupation: custodian
address: Cut Bank MT
- (6) **DEBORA ANN GILLIGAN**
born: 5 Sept. 1956 at: Proctor VT
married: 9 Aug. 1975 at: Cut Bank MT
- to: **JOHN MICHAEL GREALISH**
born: 18 August 1954 at: Great Falls MT
father: John Grealish
mother: Clela Goldrick
occupation: communications technician
address: Butte MT
- (7) **KEVIN JAMES GREALISH**
born: 15 Mar. 1979
at: Great Falls MT
- (7) **TRAVIS JOHN GREALISH**
born: 17 July 1981
at: Helena MT
- (7) **SEAN PATRICK GREALISH**
born: 9 Apr. 1985
at: Helena MT
- (7) **BRENDAN MICHAEL GREALISH**
born: 29 Aug. 1989
at: Helena MT

(6) **JEANNE MARIE GILLIGAN**
born: 16 Sept. 1958 at: Cut Bank MT
married: 31 Aug. 1979 at: Cut Bank MT

to: **RONALD ARMBRUSTER**
born: 3 Oct. 1956 at: Cut Bank MT
father: Howard Henry Armbruster
mother: Rose Mary Kraus
occupation: Ron-florist
Jeanne is a cosmetologist
address: Cut Bank MT

(7) **ANGELA MARIE ARMBRUSTER**
born: 11 Nov. 1981
at: Shelby MT

(7) **JEFFREY HOWARD ARMBRUSTER**
born: 9 Oct. 1984
at: Shelby MT

(7) **ERIN ALLISSE ARMBRUSTER**
born: 21 July 1986
at: Shelby MT

(6) **MARY FRANCES GILLIGAN**
born: 16 Feb. 1960 at: Proctor VT
married: 1 Aug. 1981 at: Cut Bank MT

to: **THOMAS EDWARD PETAJA**
born: 18 Apr. 1954 at:
father: Arne M. Petaja
mother: Regena Kenczka
occupation: Thomas-electronic tech.
Mary is a coloranalyst
address: Layton UT

(7) **REGEE THOMAS PETAJA**
born: 30 June 1984
at: Bozeman MT

(7) **TIFFANY MARIE PETAJA**
born: 21 Feb. 1987
at: Layton UT

- (6) **BRENDA CHRISTINE GILLIGAN**
born: 30 Nov. 1963 at: Cut Bank MT
occupation: cosmetologist
lives at: East Helena MT
- (6) **DENNIS PATRICK GILLIGAN**
born: 20 Nov. 1965 at: Cut Bank MT
married: 15 June 1985 at: Powell WY
- to: **KIMBERLY DAWN FINLEY**
born: 11 Apr. 1966 at:
father: Patrick Finley
mother: Barbara Harksen
occupation: Dennis-Journeyman plumber
Kimberly-special education teacher
address: Reno NV
- (7) **TREVOR PATRICK GILLIGAN**
born: 28 Nov. 1985
at: Helena MT
- (7) **TIMOTHY JAMES GILLIGAN**
born: 18 June 1989
at: Reno NV
- (5) **FRANCES MARIE CURTIS**
born: 19 June 1937 at: Cut Bank MT
died: 26 Apr. 1973 at: Sacramento CA
married: 27 Dec. 1958 at: Seattle WA
- to: **JEROME HARVEY SPRAGUE, SR**
born: 14 Sept. 1936 at: Cut Bank MT
father: Jack Henry Sprague
mother: Mary Klein
occupation: Jerome-retired teacher, contractor
Frances was a registered nurse.
address: Sacramento CA

- (6) **JEROME HARVEY SPRAGUE JR.**
born: 4 Apr. 1960 at: Seattle WA
married: 4 Dec. 1982 at: Lake Tahoe NV
- to: **LORI LORETTA HOLSEY**
born: 26 Aug. 1960 at: Sacramento CA
father: Alton Ray Holsey
mother: Marea DeRosa
occupation: Jerome-investment counselor
Lori-Flight Attendant for Am. Airlines
address: Arlington TX
- (7) **CALVIN ROCKY SPRAGUE**
born: 2 June 1987
at: Sacramento CA
- (7) **RYAN DEAN SPRAGUE**
born: 2 June 1987
at: Sacramento CA
- (6) **JAMES ANTHONY SPRAGUE SR.**
born: 28 Oct. 1961 at: Great Falls MT
married: 28 Nov. 1981 at: San Diego CA
- to: **LISA SUSANNE STONE**
born: 19 Aug. 1961 at: Oceanside CA
father: Frederick W. Stone
mother: Lois Hackenberg
occupation: James-maintenance supervisor
Lisa-homemaker
address: Sacramento CA
- (7) **JAMES ANTHONY SPRAGUE JR.**
born: 22 Sept. 1982
at: Sacramento CA
- (7) **JACOB WILLIAM SPRAGUE**
born: 24 Nov. 1985
at: Roseville CA
- (7) **JONATHAN MICHAEL SPRAGUE**
born: 10 June 1988
at: Roseville CA
- (7) **JOSHUA DAVID JEROME SPRAGUE**
born: 2 May 1992
at: Sacramento CA

(6) **JULIE ANN SPRAGUE**
born: 13 Jan. 1963 at: Great Falls MT
married: 6 Dec. 1986 at: Sacramento CA

to: **KENNETH FREDRICK FURRER SR.**
born: 23 Mar. 1956 at: Woodland CA
father: Herbert Fredrick Furrer
mother: Barbara Lee Manners
occupation: Ken-salesperson
Julie-in school administration
address: Encinitas CA

(7) **JESSICA MARIE FURRER**
born: 1 June 1987
at: Sacramento CA

(7) **KENNETH FREDRICK FURRER JR.**
born: 18 June 1989
at: Sacramento CA

(6) **JANELL MARIE SPRAGUE**
born: 25 Nov. 1964 at: Havre MT
occupation: interior designer
address: Solana Beach CA

(5) **DENNIS LEE CURTIS**
born: 21 May 1939 at: High River Alberta
married: June 1958 at: Cut Bank MT

to: **SHARON MILDRED DAVIS**
born: 16 June 1940 at: Cut Bank MT
father: Harold Davis
mother: Elma Bedord
Dennis & Sharon are parents of Virginia and
Charlotte. Dennis & Sharon divorced.
Dennis married 13 Dec. 1974 at Reno NV

to: **TONYA ANTONSEN**
father: Lloyd Andrew Antonsen
mother: Ruth Gregory
Tonya has two daughters by a previous
marriage: Gwen Cicile Kurzrock
Anne Elizabeth Kurzrock
occupation: Dennis-heavy equipment operator,
now a buyer
Tonya-certified secretary
address: Reno NV

- (6) **VIRGINIA LEE CURTIS**
born: 26 Mar. 1959 at: Rutland VT
married: 1 April 1975 at: Reno NV
- to: **RONALD DARROW METHVIN**
born: 3 Sept. 1954 at: Ecuador, S. AM
father: Randell Dure Methvin
mother: Luzmilla
- (7) **RONALD CONRAD METHVIN**
born: 23 July 1976
at: Paradise CA
- (7) **ASHLEY LAYNE METHVIN**
born: 1 Dec. 1985
at: Reno NV

Ronald and Virginia were divorced.
Virginia is a nursing student at the
University of Nevada.
address: Sparks NV

- (6) **CHARLOTTE JOAN CURTIS**
born: 12 Sept. 1960 at: Cut Bank MT
occupation: Just completed CPA internship
address: Walnut Creek CA
- (5) **EDITH ELAINE CURTIS**
born: 12 Apr. 1946 at: Cut Bank MT
married: 20 June 1964 at: Cut Bank MT
- to: **BOB B. BRASHEAR JR.**
born: 27 Jan. 1946 at: Brady TX
father: Bob Brashear
mother: Catherine Squires
occupation: Bob in U.S.A.F.
address: Jacksonville TX

(6) **DOUGLAS MICHAEL BRASHEAR**
born: 13 Apr. 1965 at: Cut Bank MT
married: 7 Nov. 1987 at: San Antonio TX

to: **JENNIFER LYNN ESTES**
born: 2 Aug. 1967 at: San Antonio TX
father: Robert Estes
mother: Janie Burgess
occupation: Douglas is a truck driver.
address: Jacksonville TX

(7) **AARON EARL BRASHEAR** (adopted)
born: 21 Apr. 1986
at: San Antonio TX

(7) **CODY MICHAEL BRASHEAR**
born: 5 Feb. 1989
at: Tyler TX

(7) **JOEL THOMAS BRASHEAR**
born: 15 August 1991
at: Jacksonville TX

(6) **RICHARD WAYNE BRASHEAR**
born: 12 Dec. 1968 at: Waco TX
married: 27 July 1991 at: Jacksonville TX

to: **JENNIFER ANN BEARDEN**
born: 14 Mar. 1972 at: Jacksonville TX
father: James Leslie Bearden
mother: Terri Jean Bolton
occupation: electrical supply warehouse-
man
Jennifer-Admitting Clerk/PBX operator
at hospital
address: Jacksonville TX

(5) **EVELYN LAURA CURTIS**
born: 10 May 1949 at: Great Falls MT
married: 27 Nov. 1970 at: Cut Bank MT

to: **EDWIN ARTHUR ANDERSON**
born: 8 Sept. 1945 at: Butte MT
father: Oscar Anderson
mother: Emma Louise

Evelyn & Edwin are the parents of Justin & Jeanette. Evelyn & Edwin were divorced in 1984. Evelyn married 6 July 1985 at Reno NV

to: **ALAIN RENE' PAUL JOUAN**
born: 18 July 1948 at Suresnes, France
father: Rene' Georges Jouan
mother: Paulette Emilienne Marie-Louise Carrel
occupation: Sales-manufacturer's represent-
address: Spokane WA active

(6) **JUSTIN MATTHEW ANDERSON**
born: 27 Feb. 1973 at: Las Vegas NM

(6) **JEANETTE MARIE ANDERSON**
born: 2 Aug. 1977 at: Reno NV

(4) **FERON HOWARD CURTIS**
born: 25 Feb. 1911 at: Irricana, Alberta
died: 25 Dec. 1932 at: Boulder MT
buried at Boulder, Montana

(4) **BLANCHE LILLIAN CURTIS**
born: 1 June 1912 at: Irricana, Alberta
address: Whittier CA

(4) **ETHEL NINA CURTIS**

born: 27 June 1914 at: Brady MT
died: 10 Oct. 1939 at: Lewistown MT
(Ethel died suddenly from pneumonia.)
married: 24 Oct. 1936 at: Great Falls MT

to: **ERNEST A. FREBURG**

born: 24 Oct. 1909 at: Anaconda MT
died: 23 Oct. 1992 at: Winnett MT
father: Henry Freburg
mother: Anna C. Carlson
occupation: Grocery clerk, dairyman, custodian
address: Winnett MT

(5) **MAVIS RAE FREBURG**

born: 27 Oct. 1937 at: Lewistown MT
married: 8 Oct. 1961 at: Winnett MT

to: **ROBERT LOUIS SHOTWELL**

born: 2 May 1929 at: Forsyth MT
father: Bert C. Shotwell
mother: Emile Marie Schoessler
occupation: Rob't-retired employment counselor
Mavis is a registered nurse.
address: Billings MT

(6) **MELANIE SUE SHOTWELL**

born: 6 Nov. 1962 at: Billings MT
married: 20 July 1985 at: Billings MT

to: **CHRIS ALAN MUNSON**

born: 23 Jan. 1963 at: Billings MT
father: Leo C. Munson
mother: Lois J. Kirkenlager
occupation: Chris-owner Billings Type-
writer & Video Recorder
Melanie-Bank customer service repre.
address: Billings MT

(6) **DAVID ROBERT SHOTWELL**

born: 20 Apr. 1965 at: Billings MT
occupation: student
address: Billings MT

(6) **LAURIE ANN SHOTWELL**

born: 12 July 1969 at: Glasgow MT
occupation: student
address: Billings MT

- (4) **GLENN HERBERT CURTIS**
born: 19 Aug. 1916 at: Brady MT
died: 1 Apr. 1917 at: Brady MT
buried at Highland Cemetery, Great Falls MT
- (4) **DAVID LaVALLEY CURTIS**
born: 4 Sept. 1918 at: Brady MT
married: 27 Sept. 1941 at Havre MT
- to: **PHYLLIS LOIS REYNOLDS**
born: 25 Feb. 1921 at: New Ulm MN
father: John Reynolds
mother: Pauline Buck
occupation: Machinery equipment dealer and
manufacturer of RITE tractors
address: Great Falls MT
- (5) **LYNNE CORRINE CURTIS**
born: 17 Aug. 1942 at: Conrad MT
married: 1 Dec. 1958 at: Great Falls MT
- to: **GARY ELTON GOOD**
born: 27 Oct. 1940 at: Great Falls MT
father: Elton Good
mother: Doris Mauers
occupation: Rancher
address: Great Falls MT
- (6) **JEFFREY STEPHAN GOOD**
born: 26 July 1959 at: Great Falls MT
occupation: Farmer
address: Great Falls MT
- (6) **CHRISTOPHER LEE GOOD**
born: 12 June 1962 at: Great Falls MT
occupation: Stock rancher
address: Stockett MT
- (5) **CLAYTON DOUGLAS CURTIS**
born: 3 Mar. 1945 at: Conrad MT
died: 3 June 1961 auto accident near Shelby MT
buried at Highland Cemetery, Great Falls MT

- (5) **CAROL DAWN CURTIS**
born: 15 Oct. 1946 at: Great Falls MT
married: 20 July 1966 at: Corpus Christi TX
- to: **LARRY DEAN HAGBOM**
born: 8 Aug. 1945 at: Helena MT
father: Erwin Hagbom
mother: Lulu Davies
occupation: Loan consultant
address: Auburn WA
- (6) **RONALD DOUGLAS HAGBOM**
born: 23 Oct. 1967 at: SanDiego CA
married: 10 Aug. at: Great Falls MT
- to: **VICKIE LYN ESTES**
born: 14 Feb. 1971 at: Yuba City CA
father: Patrick Estes
mother: Ruth Coleman
occupation: carpentry work Vickie-RN
address: Yuba City CA
- (7) **CAMERON PATRICK HAGBOM**
born: 10 April 1990
at: Yuba City CA
- (6) **JENNIFER DEANNE HAGBOM**
born: 21 Oct. 1969 at: Whidbey WA
married: 28 Dec. 1991 at: Auburn WA
- to: **WESTON OTT**
born: May 1970 at: Federal Way WA
father: John Ott
mother: Beverly
occupation: Weston-civil engineer
Jennifer-teacher
address: Pullman WA
- (6) **DAVID ERWIN HAGBOM**
born: 28 Aug. 1974 at: Shelby MT

- (5) **CHARLENE RAE CURTIS**
 born: 4 July 1952 at: Great Falls MT
 married: 16 July 1971 at: Great Falls MT
- to: **WILLIAM LOREN KITTO**
 born: 12 July 1954 at: Bozeman MT
 father: Kenneth Kitto
 mother: Lorraine Heeb
 occupation: Insurance Salesman and
 Charlene is a medical secretary
 address: Great Falls MT
- (6) **KORI RENEE KITTO**
 born: 8 Aug. 1973 at: Shelby MT
- (6) **BRANDON MICHAEL KITTO**
 born: 29 Aug. 1975 at: Great Falls MT
- (6) **JODI LYNN KITTO**
 born: 8 Sept. 1979 at: Great Falls MT

- (5) **RENEE JO CURTIS**
 born: 21 Feb. 1957 at: Conrad MT
 lives at Great Falls MT

- (4) **CLAYTON DOUGLAS CURTIS**
 born: 26 Nov. 1920 at: Karnak ND
 died: 31 Jan. 1945 at: Belgium

Clayton was reared at Brady, Mont. where he graduated from high school in 1938 and worked on his parents' farm. Clayton was killed in the Battle of the Bulge, World War II. Clayton entered the army June 14, 1942 and took his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. and was a medium tank specialist. Sergeant Curtis went overseas in July 1944. He was a Tank Commander...He is buried at Henri Chapelle Cemetery near Leige, Belgium.

- (4) **JOHN LOWELL CURTIS**
born: 2 Mar. 1923 at: Cooperstown ND
died: 27 June 1988 at: Great Falls MT
married: 3 Nov. 1945 at: Great Falls MT

to: **LILA ARNOLDA MORK**
born: 23 Apr. 1923 at: Arnegard ND
father: Ludvik Mork
mother: Anne Kristine Elizabeth Hines
occupation: John-

Lila is a registered nurse.
address: Great Falls MT

- (5) **KENNETH DUANE CURTIS**
born: 15 Oct. 1946 at: Great Falls MT
married: 26 Aug. 1967 at: Ronan MT

to: **MARILYN MAE VOTH**
born: 20 June 1946 at: Missoula MT
father: Elmer Voth
mother: Mae Reiter
occupation: Kenneth-teacher
Marilyn-x-ray technician
address: Missoula MT

- (6) **CHAD MICHAEL CURTIS**
born: 15 Apr. 1969 at: Ronan MT
occupation: musician
address: Missoula MT

Margarett Geraldine Moore (fosterchild)
born: 10 June 1972 at: Billings MT
married: 29 June 1991 at: Missoula MT

to: Robert Ron Cornelius
born: 22 April 1972 at:
father:
mother:
occupation: both are students at MSU
address: Bozeman MT

- (5) **JEANINE RAE CURTIS**
born: 9 July 1948 at: Great Falls MT
married: 9 Sept. 1967 at: Wichita KS

to: **BURNELL HATTON KENNEDY**
born: 10 Nov. 1945 at: York PA
father: David Kennedy
mother: Betty Herschner
occupation: Burnell-pipe insulator
address: York PA

- (6) **JOHN LUDVIK KENNEDY**
 born: 25 Feb. 1969 at: York PA
 married: 23 July 1992 at: Penn State
 College PA
 to: **ANN SCHULER**
 born: at:
 father:
 mother:
 occupation:
 address: Missoula MT
- (6) **KRISTINE ANN KENNEDY**
 born: 25 May 1972 at: York PA
 occupation:
 address: Missoula MT
- (5) **JOHN LOWELL CURTIS JR.**
 born: 20 Sept. 1950 at: Great Falls MT
 married: 3 Oct. 1975 at: Great Falls MT
 to: **SYLVIA ANN HEISER**
 born: 4 Apr. 1953 at: Billings MT
 father: Frank Heiser
 mother: Gladys Bonar
 occupation: John is a meat cutter
 address: Williston ND
- (6) **TARA MARIE CURTIS**
 born: 9 Sept. 1973 at: Great Falls MT
- (6) **MICHELLE RENE CURTIS**
 born: 1 Aug. 1977 at: Great Falls MT
- (6) **BRENDA DIANE CURTIS**
 born: 28 Nov. 1980 at: Great Falls MT
- (5) **JANICE FAYE CURTIS**
 born: 15 Nov. 1952 at: Great Falls MT
 married: 1 June 1974 at: Great Falls MT
 to: **DAN THOMAS BROWN**
 born: 2 Mar. 1953 at: Dillon MT
 father: Dan Brown
 mother: Jean Lyness
 occupation: Sales
 address: Great Falls MT
- (6) **RYAN SCOTT BROWN**
 born: 8 Aug. 1979 at: Great Falls MT
- (6) **LARISSA NICHOLE BROWN**
 born: 21 Sept. 1982 at: Great Falls MT

- (4) **Laura Sophia Curtis**
born: 2 June 1925 at: Havre MT
married: 7 Sept. 1946 at: Great Falls MT
- to: **Ralph Duncan Jacobs**
born: 1 May 1918 at: Almont ND
father: Ralph P. Jacobs
mother: Florence Matter
occupation: Ralph is retired from USAF. Served in
World War II, Korean War and in Viet Nam
address: Great Falls MT
- (5) **Kay Leone Jacobs**
born: 7 Oct. 1944 at: Cut Bank MT
married: 18 Feb. 1963 at: Orofino ID
- to: **Bruce Jesse Gibbs**
born: 24 July 1941 at:
father: Jesse Gibbs
mother: Aletha
Kay & Bruce - parents of Kathi, Craig & Laura
Kay & Bruce were divorced. Kay was
married: at:
- to: **Patrick Cahill**
occupation: Kay is a finance consultant
address: Boise ID
- (6) **Kathi Diane Cahill**
born: 8 Dec. 1963 at: Great Falls MT
occupation: graduate student at Boise
State University
address: Boise ID
- (7) **Heather Marie Cahill**
born: 28 Aug. 1984
at: Haley ID
- (6) **Craig Steven Gibbs**
born: 4 Jan. 1968 at: Amarillo TX
occupation: student at Boise State U.
address: Boise ID
- (6) **Laura Michelle Gibbs**
born: 30 Nov. 1970 at: Great Falls MT
occupation: student at Evergreen College
address: Olympia WA

- (5) **PATRICIA JEAN JACOBS**
 born: 2 June 1947 at: Great Falls MT
 married: Aug. 1966 at: Amarillo TX
- to: **DANIEL OWEN OWSLEY**
 born: 2 July 1947 at: Amarillo TX
 father: Jim Owsley
 mother: Erline
 occupation: Daniel-self employed
 Patricia-college student in Yakima
 address: Yakima WA
- (6) **SHANON LYNNE OWSLEY**
 born: 17 May 1966 at: Amarillo TX
 married: 9 May 1991 at: Seattle WA
- to: **ALBERT FRITZ GALE**
 born: at:
 father:
 mother:
 occupation: Albert-mechanic
 address: Niles MI
- (7) **SPENCER ALBERT GALE**
 born: 8 June 1992
 at: Niles MI
- (6) **JIMMIE ERLINE OWSLEY**
 born: 16 Dec. 1970 at: Amarillo TX
 occupation: sales clerk for Penny's
 address: Lubbock TX
- (6) **JERRI GRACE OWSLEY**
 born: 16 Dec. 1970 at: Amarillo TX
 married: 15 June 1991 at: Bothel WA
- to: **TAYLOR THOMPSON**
 born: 2 July 1969 at: The Dalles OR
 father: Richard George Thompson
 mother: Shari
 occupation: Taylor-store manager
 Jerri-nurses aid
 address: Seattle WA
- (5) **STEPHEN RALPH JACOBS**
 born: 13 Nov. 1948 at: Edmonton, Alberta
 died: 13 Nov. 1948 at: Edmonton, Alberta

- (5) **ROBERT ALLEN JACOBS**
born: 12 Mar. 1950 at: Fort Belvoir VA
married: July 1977 at: Helena MT
- to: **DEBRA ANN SHY**
born: 26 July 1954 at: Miles City MT
father: Robert Shy
mother: Ann Churchill
occupation: Robert is chief pharmacist at
V. A. Hospital, Debra Ann is a teacher
address: Dallas TX
- (6) **RACHEL ANN JACOBS**
born: 10 Feb. 1979 at: Shreveport LA
- (5) **ANNE MARIE JACOBS**
born: 25 Jan. 1954 at: Fort Belvoir VA
married: April 1972 at: Great Falls MT
- to: **DOUGLAS LEROY PIERCE**
born: 7 Sept. 1953 at: Belgrade MT
father: David Pierce
mother: Peggy Lyness
occupation: Douglas-computer specialist
Anne-travel agent
address: Great Falls MT
- (6) **STEPHEN DOUGLAS PIERCE**
born: 25 Jan. 1973 at: Great Falls MT
- (6) **MICHAEL BRIAN PIERCE**
born: 22 Aug. 1976 at: Great Falls MT
- (6) **CHRISTINA ANNE PIERCE**
born: 28 May 1981 at: Great Falls MT
- (5) **CAROLYN JOAN JACOBS**
born: 27 Mar. 1959 at: Burtonwood AFB in
England
married: 10 Sept. 1988 at Great Falls MT
- to: **PAUL MICHAEL MEIER**
born: 22 Jan. 1953 at: Devils Lake ND
father: Leo T. Meier
mother: Margaret VonRuden
occupation: Paul-aircraft mechanic
Carolyn-a pay technician
Both work for Montana Air
National Guard
address: Great Falls MT

(5) **SHARON JOYCE JACOBS**
born: 5 Dec. 1959 at: Wichita Falls TX
married: 27 Nov. 1984 at: Virginia Beach VA

to: **TRACY C. JOHNSON**
born: 11 Oct. 1963 at: Springfield TN
father: Robert Johnson
mother: Frances Utley
occupation: Tracy is in the Navy. Sharon is
now a civilian and works for L.A.N. CORP
computer company
address: Virginia Beach VA

(6) **SCOTT ALAN JOHNSON**
born: 18 June 1986 at: Norfolk VA

(4) **ALAN BURNEL CURTIS**
born: 15 May 1927 at: Joplin MT
married: 1 Sept. 1956 at: Evanston IL

to: **CLAIRE ANN WUERL**
born: 12 July 1932 at: Great Falls MT
father: Leo Wuerl
mother: Alice Lochray
occupation: Alan is a dentist
Claire is a physical therapist
address: El Cajon CA

(5) **CLINTON LEO CURTIS**
born: 29 June 1957 at: Chicago IL
married: 27 June 1981 at: LaJolla CA

to: **YVONNE MARES**
born: 25 June 1958 at:
father: Paul Mares
mother: Yvonne Chavez
occupation: Teacher
address: Bend OR

(5) **CARLA MARIE CURTIS**
born: 19 Dec. 1959 at: San Diego CA
occupation: accountant
address: San Diego CA

(5) **CRAIG HERBERT CURTIS**
born: 3 Apr. 1962 at: San Diego CA
occupation: University of Arizona-PHD physics
address: Tucson AZ

- (4) **RICHARD LEE CURTIS**
 born: 5 Nov. 1929 at: Conrad MT
 married: May 1960 at: Colorado Springs CO
- to: **FREDA K. BOX**
 born: 27 Apr. 1937 at: Manitou OK
 father: Cletus Box
 mother: Grace Shelby
 occupation: Richard is a trucker. Was in the Army
 in the Korean War.
 address: Bakersfield CA
- (5) **DONALD MARC CURTIS**
 born: 13 June 1961 at: Great Falls MT
 married: July 1980 at: Lakeside CA
- to: **BERNADETTE OTERO**
 born: 13 April 1960 at: Albuquerque NM
 father: Robert Otero
 mother: Ninfa Chavez
 occupation: partner in overhead sprinkler
 business
 address: Lakesside CA
- (6) **TYRELL MARC CURTIS**
 born: 14 Aug. 1983 at: Tempe AZ
- (6) **TRENT JOHN CURTIS**
 born: 6 Feb. 1985 at: Delta CO
- (6) **OWEN ROBERT CURTIS**
 born: 15 Mar. 1987 at: El Cajon CA
- (5) **ROSS ELDON CURTIS**
 born: 23 Sept. 1962 at: Ogden UT
 married: 16 May 1986 at: Fargo ND
- to: **MARILYN RICHTSMEIER**
 born: 31 Jan. 1963 at: Hunter ND
 father: Wallace Richtsmeier
 mother: Evelyn Krisher
 occupation: In the insurance business
 address: Fallbrook CA
- (6) **BENJAMIN ELDON CURTIS**
 born: 25 Aug. 1988 at: Escondido CA
- (6) **ALEXANDER RICHARD CURTIS**
 born: 3 Sept. 1992 at: Poway CA

- (5) **GARY LEE CURTIS**
 born: 20 Mar. 1964 at: Great Falls MT
 occupation: Mechanical engineer-Semi-Tool Inc
 address: Kalispell MT
- (5) **LORETTA BLANCHE CURTIS**
 born: 24 June 1967 at: LaMesa CA
 occupation: Minister of the Gospel (Good
 News) of Jesus
 address: Phoenix AZ
- (5) **ANNA RUTH CURTIS**
 born: 25 May 1969 at: LaMesa CA
 occupation: Lead Teacher, Mercy Day Care
 Center & attending college
 address: Bakersfield CA
- (5) **REBECCA MARIE CURTIS**
 born: 25 May 1969 at: LaMesa CA
 occupation: Accounts Payable Clerk &
 attending college
 address: Bakersfield CA
- (3) **NINA CURTIS**
 born: 12 May 1887 at: Michigan
 died: 19 Jan. 1905 at: North Dakota
 buried at the Sunnyside Cemetery northeast of Dazey, ND
- (3) **FERON CURTIS**
 born: at:
 died: at:
 buried on the Henry Curtis farm south of Karnak, ND.
 His niece, Blanche, thinks he was about 4 years old.



John & Adelaide "Addie" Curtis
and children, Herbert & Nina



John Curtis



Elizabeth (Spencer) Curtis
with grandchildren
Herbert & Nina Curtis



Herbert Curtis



Nina Curtis



Nina & Herbert Curtis



Nina Curtis



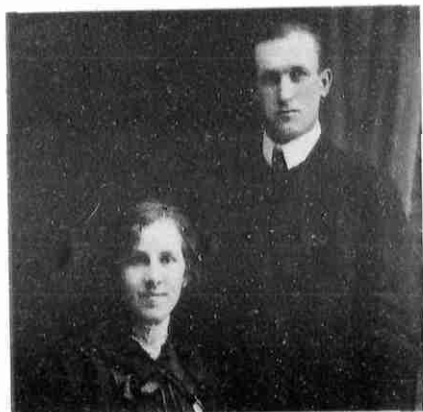
Herbert & Nina Curtis



Herbert & Lillian Curtis



Feron Curtis,
brother of
Herbert Curtis



Herbert & Lillian Curtis



Blanche Curtis &
mother Lillian



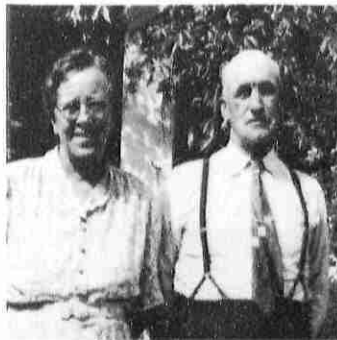
Back: Alan, Clifford, David, Clayton, John & Richard.
Front: Laura, Herbert, Lillian & Blanche Curtis. 1939



1958. Back-Alan, David, Richard & John.
Front-Laura, Herbert, Lillian & Blanche Curtis.



50th Wedding Anniversary
Herbert C. & Lillian Curtis



Lillian & Herbert Curtis



Clifford Curtis



Clifford Curtis



Back-Clifford, Dennis & Alice
Front-Dorothy & Frances Curtis



Family of John & Debbie Grealish
Children 1-r:
Brenden, Kevin, Sean & Travis



Back-Dorothy, Clifford, Alice & Frances
Front-Dennis & Edith Curtis.



Dorothy Ann Curtis



Marriage of Patrick W. Gilligan
& Dorothy A. Curtis



Dorothy & Patrick Gilligan



Ronald & Jeanne
Armbruster
children l-r: Erin,
Jeff & Angela



Tom & Mary Frances Petaja
Regee & Tiffeny



Frances Marie Curtis



Brenda Gilligan with her God-children:
holding Brenden Grealish, other l-r are
Angie Armbruster, Trevor Gilligan &
Erin Armbruster



Kimberly & Dennis Gilligan with
Trevor & Timothy (being held



Sprague Family-Julie, Jerome Sr.,
Janell, James & Jerome Jr.



1968-Jerome & Frances Sprague
with l-r Jim, Julie, Jan & Jerry



1992-Jim Sprague Family
James & Lisa with Jonathan, Jacob,
James & Joshua being held



Frances & Jerome Sprague Sr.-1972



1992-Kenneth Sr., Jessica,
Julie & Kenny Furrer



Kenneth Jr. &
Jessica Furrer



Jessica Furrer



Sprague Family-1983
Jerome Jr., Jim Jr., Lorie, Janell,
Jerome Sr., Julie, Lisa & Jim Sr.



Jerome Sprague Jr. Family
Ryan, Jerome, Lori & Calvin



Ken & Julie Furrer with
Jessica & Ken Jr.



Sharon & Dennis Lee Curtis with
children Virginia & Charlotte



Dennis Curtis with his wife, Tonya, &
grandchildren Ashley & Ronald Methvin



Dennis Lee Curtis



Dennis Curtis with daughters Virginia
& Charlotte. Front, Virginia's son,
Ronald.



Ashley Methvin, age 5
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Dennis Curtis, Ronald, Virginia & Ashley Methvin, Charlotte Curtis



Edith Elaine Curtis



Bobby B. & Edith Elaine Brashear



Douglas & Jennifer Brashear with Cody, Aaron & Joel



Evelyn Laura Curtis



Justin Matthew Anderson



Jeanette Marie Anderson



Richard Wayne & Jennifer Ann Brashear



Evelyn Laura Curtis & Edwin Arthur Anderson-1969



Al Jouan, Jeanette Anderson,
Evelyn Jouan & Justin Anderson



Feron, David & Ethel Curtis



Blanche Curtis
High School
Graduation



Blanche Curtis



Ethel Nina Curtis
3 weeks & 4 days



Ethel & Ernest Freeburg



Mavis Rae
Freeburg-1938



Mavis Rae
Freeburg



Mavis Rae
Freeburg



Bob & Mavis Shotwell with
Melanie, Laurie & David-1977



Melanie
Shotwell-1981



David
Shotwell-1983



Laurie
Shotwell-1987



Chris Alan & Melanie Munson



Glenn Herbert
Curtis



David Curtis



David Curtis-
1937 High
School Graduation



David & Phyllis
Curtis



David Curtis Family-1958
Charlene, Carol, Doug, Lynne,
Phyllis, David & Renee



Larry & Carol Hagbom Family
Jennifer, Larry, Carol, David,
Vickie (Ron's wife) holding
Cameron and Ron.



David & Phyllis Curtis, seated
with 1-r daughters Carol,
Lynne, Renee & Charlene



Gary Good Family
Gary, Chris, Lynne & Jeff



William Kitto Family
front-Charlene, Jodi & William
back-Kori & Brandon



Clayton Douglas Curtis



Clayton Curtis



Clayton Curtis



David Curtis Family
standing-Lynne & David
seated-Charlene, Carol, Renee & Phyllis



John L. Curtis and
wife, Lila-1945



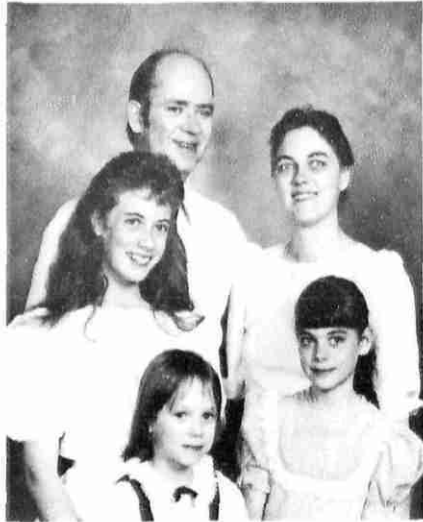
John Curtis Family-1958
Kenneth, Janice, Lila,
John Jr., John L. & Jeanine



"Jack" John L.
Curtis-1923



John Lowell Curtis
-1942



Clockwise-John Curtis Jr., wife
Sylvia, Michelle, Brenda & Tara



40th Wedding Anniversary
of John & Lila Curtis
John Jr., Kenneth, John Sr.
Lila, Jeanine & Janice



back-Chad & Margaret
front-Marilyn & Ken Curtis



John Curtis Family
back-Kenneth, Jeanine & Janice
front-John L., Lila & John Jr.



Janice Curtis Brown & her family:
Dan Brown holding Larissa, Ryan



John L. & Lila Curtis



Laura Curtis -9 months



Laura & Ralph Jacobs



Kay & Bruce Gibbs



Laura Curtis-1943



Craig Gibbs



Heather Marie Cahill



1990-Burnell Kennedy Family
front-Jeanine & Burnell with
children Kristine &
John in back.



Kathi Cahill



Patricia & Dan Owsley



Laura Gibbs



Jimmie Erline &
Jerrie Grace Owsley,
twin daughters of Patricia
& Daniel Owsley



Sharon & Albert Gale



Spencer Albert
Gale



Debra Ann Jacobs &
daughter Rachel



Robert A.
Jacobs



Rachel Ann Jacobs
6th grade-1991



Douglas & Anne Pierce with
Stephen & Michael



Michael Pierce



Christina Pierce



Back-Anne, Carolyn, Patricia, Sharon
& Laura. Front-Robert, Kay & Ralph Jacobs



Stephen.
Pierce



Paul & Carolyn Meier



Ralph & Laura Jacobs



Tracy "T.C." & Sharon Johnson with their son, Scott Alan.



Four Generations
Laura's daughter-Kay,
Kay's daughter-Kathi
Seated-Laura Jacobs &
Heather, Kathi's dau.



1945-H.S.
Graduation



Alan B. Curtis
U.S. Navy



College
Graduation



Alan Curtis, his son Craig
& Aunt Blanche Curtis



Claire & Alan
Curtis



Bride & Groom-1956
Alan B. Curtis &
Claire A. Wuerl



Dr. Alan B. Curtis



Clinton Leo Curtis
& his wife Yvonne



Alan Curtis Family
Carla, Craig,
Yvonne & Clinton
with Claire in front.



Richard Lee Curtis
1947 H.S.
Graduation



The Richard Curtis Family
back-Donald, Loretta, Gary, Rebecca & Ross
front- Bernadette (wife of Don), Richard,
Freda and Anna



Anna Curtis

Rebecca Curtis



Richard & Freda Curtis
& daughter, Loretta



Donald Curtis Family
Donald holding Owen, Bernadette,
Tyrell (l) and Trent (r)



Ross & Marilyn Curtis
with son, Benjamin



Gary Curtis

CHARLES M. CURTIS



While most of the John L. Curtis family were born in Percy and Seymour Townships of Northumberland County, Ontario, Charles' birthplace is given as Toronto. He was born on the 21st or 22nd of January 1854, and died on 7 July 1893 at Belding, Michigan.

In or about 1865, John L. & Elizabeth (Spencer) Curtis left Ontario to move to Michigan, settling east of Grand Rapids in Kent County near Ada. Here Charles met Rose Adela Fedelia Smith. Their marriage license is dated 31 December 1876 and they were married 1 March 1877 at Ada. Rose was an older sister of Eva Almeda Smith who married Charles' brother, William S. Curtis.

Two children were born to Charles and Rose:

Ada May Curtis *
Alta Belle Curtis

* On the 1880 Federal Census for Caledonia Township, Kent Co., Michigan, she is listed as Adella May and is two months old.

Ada was born at Ada, Michigan, 29 March 1880. Alta was born in Barnes County, Dakota Territory, 30 May 1883. Most of this history about Charles M. Curtis is taken from the autobiography of Alta Belle. Charles, his wife Rose, and daughter, Ada, moved to Dakota Territory by the spring of 1882, perhaps earlier. Charles homesteaded on Section 8 of Sibley Trail Township, Barnes County where he farmed and was a buyer of wild horses. He made trips to Montana to get many of these horses, and on at least one occasion Alta Belle tells the story of the family being with him at Helena, Montana.

Dakota winters were cold. Most men wore mustaches and Alta tells of her father and uncle Thomas going to Valley City and coming home with icicles hanging from their eyebrows and mustaches and from their fur coat collars.

The death of the mother of Rose and Eva occurred in Michigan 12 January 1887. Charles and his family went to Michigan to attend the funeral. Eva was only fifteen years of age at that time and being left alone in Michigan without a mother was unthinkable, so she returned to Dakota with Charles and

his family. Just barely over the age of sixteen, she was married to Charles' younger brother, William, 7 August 1887 at Sanborn, Dakota Territory.

In the summer of 1888, Charles and his family moved back to Michigan where Charles purchased a farm about five miles n.w. of Cedar Springs in Solon Township of Kent County. It was known as the Obadiah Smith farm. Charles was away from home much of the time after their return to Michigan. He would return to Dakota, then go on out to Montana and buy a carload of wild horses, bring them to Michigan, and turn them loose in his pasture. He would never think of breaking in a horse without his wife's help. He would lasso a horse, get it partially broken in, hitch it up to the buggy with a trained horse, and then he and wife Rose would go riding--very dangerous indeed!

Because of the poor health of Charles, due to the beginnings of tuberculosis, the family left the farm and moved into Cedar Springs where he purchased stock and ran a livery barn. After living in Cedar Springs about three years, the family moved to Belding, Michigan. Charles was moving the stock from the livery barn, a distance of sixteen miles, and was caught in a cloudburst. He braved the storm until he got to Greenville. There he went into a livery barn owned by a Mr. Johnson, a dear old man who cared for Charles who by now had a terrible chill. That was the turning point after which Charles failed fast. For a time he would go to the livery barn, sit in the office and keep the books, but in a short time was bedfast. Marsh Wood, who worked for him, was dishonest, so the family went through hard times with doctor bills and little income. There were many wonderful friends. The story of Charles's suffering, his conversion and death, and the fact of how hard it was for Alta to give up her father is a touching story. Let her tell it in its entirety in her own words:

"One day, I remember it so well. Ada and I had come home for dinner from school and mother told us that father couldn't get well, and that we couldn't keep him much longer. That was the first I had thought of his dying, and I just thought I couldn't give him up. I dearly loved my father and I just thought life wouldn't be worth living without him. And I just couldn't think of anything else until one day a dear friend and a great helper, told us about her little girl that was very sick and she said she just couldn't let her die. She couldn't live without her. The Dr. told her that if she lived she would be a cripple. She said she wanted her anyway and she prayed that God would let her live even if she would be a cripple. But when she watched her suffer so much, all at once it dawned on her how

selfish she was. And as she thought of it all, she saw her mistake so she stopped praying for her to live and told God if it was His will, to take her out of her suffering. And she said from then on she was reconciled and had such a peaceful feeling. And of course, God did take her.

But that was a new thought to me. I began to wonder if that was what I should do. I was only ten years old and I knew my father was suffering terribly. So I did just that. I began to change my prayers too--if he couldn't get well, to help me be willing to give him up. And even though I was just a child, I felt it was better and I became reconciled. But it was awful hard when the time came. And I did miss him so much.

Well just a few weeks before he passed away, all at once one afternoon his speech was taken from him. At the time he wasn't a Christian. But Christians had been trying to lead him to Christ but he didn't accept Him. Then when he knew he couldn't speak, he knew what it was for. Several days went by. Then one day he let us know that he wanted a paper and pencil. And when he wrote that he would accept Christ, then he could talk. I think he lived two weeks after that.

How well I remember that death bed scene. He called for his girls, Ada and I. Mother was sitting in front of him. As we came to him he let loose of one of mother's hands and took ours, Ada's first, then mine, and looked us straight in the eyes as if he was trying to tell us something. Then he took her hand again and said, 'Lord! Open the gates of Thy kingdom for I am coming.' Then he fastened his eyes on mother's face and he was gone."

Charles is buried in the Solon Cemetery in Kent County, Michigan, although the grave can no longer be located. The gentleman in charge of the cemetery records stated that all the records were destroyed in a fire some years ago; therefore, there is no way today to determine the precise location of the graves--especially the earlier burials and those graves where there was no stone, or where the writing on the stone is now obliterated with the passage of time.

After the death of Charles Curtis, Rosa married Edgar A. Lewis on 12 Nov. 1895 in Belding, Michigan. Mr. Lewis sold and installed windmills.

Rose Smith

The wife of Charles Curtis was Rose Smith, yet there are early census records and legal documents which list her first name as "Rosa". She also loved the middle name of her aunt, Charlotte Fidelia Sisson; therefore, her full name is sometimes given as Rosa Adela Fidelia Smith. Rose was born 6 December 1858 (some records say 1859), in Wells County, Indiana. When a child she moved with her parents, Henry K. & Nancy Elizabeth (Sisson) Smith, to a farm north of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Charles and Rose probably were school friends, and it is stated she "loved Charles above anyone she had ever known, and her love for Charles could never be replaced." The wedding license of Charles and Rose is dated 31 December 1876 and they were married 1 March 1877 in a double wedding ceremony at Ada, Michigan. The other bridal couple was Rose's half sister, Adellah Jane Smith and her husband, Cyrus Charles Thompson.

Duane Van Ess, great grandson of Rose, gives the following facts and characteristics of her life: She was 5' 4" tall, had long brown hair which she would roll up into a bun at the back of her head. She had blue-gray eyes and wore glasses. Rose was an extremely active, hyper-type person, suffered from headaches and eye flashes. She was plagued with rheumatism from which she would get relief by placing mustard leaves in water and would roll these around her body. Rose had very small hands, short finger nails and was left handed. She was troubled with high blood pressure and a hardening of the arteries. Duane (who got much of his data from his grandmother, Alta Belle) states she was an excellent nurse and did veterinarian services as well. Neighbors would bring their animals to her for care. She loved horses, had a riding horse, but never drove a car. She had a foot pump organ of dark walnut, a very nice organ, which was probably purchased for her by Charles. Rose also owned a second hand antique store at Cedar Springs, and was very capable of fixing and refinishing furniture.

After the death of Charles, Rose married Edgar Alphonse Lewis on 12 November 1895 at Belding, Michigan..(according to Alta; The county record says 11 November 1894 in Ionia County, Michigan.) Ed repaired, sold and installed windmills. After a fall from a barn where Ed injured himself, Rose would get him about in a wheelbarrow. Rose and Ed had one child, stillborn, which caused serious long term illness for Rose. She was bedfast for much of three years after that. Rose died on 3 December 1939 at her Bostwick Lake farm home in Cannon Township of Kent County, Michigan. Following a 1 p.m. service on Wednesday, 6 December, in the parlor of her home and a 2 p.m. service at the Methodist church, burial was in the Solon Cemetery of Kent County, Michigan.

Edgar A. Lewis

Edgar Alphonse Lewis was born in 1858 in Indiana. His first marriage was to Lillie M. Morningstar on 18 March 1889 which ended in divorce. Ed was 5' 8" tall, of slender build with white shaggy hair and beard. Besides being active in repairing, selling and installing windmills, he was good with horses. He babied them, never wanting anyone to ride them. He was a tender-hearted person, but not religious. Unless spoken to, he never talked much. Yet, you did not push him around and he was not afraid to express his opinion. Several men worked for him, but being a perfectionist, he was not easy to please. He caught his ring finger in a windmill gear and lost two fingers. Other injuries were a broken nose, broken leg and skull fracture. Ed's death occurred 3 May 1941 on the Bostwick farm and he is also buried in the Solon Cemetery of Kent County.

Ada May Curtis

The oldest of two children born to Charles Curtis and Rose Smith, Ada May Curtis was born 29 March 1880 at Ada, Michigan. According to the 1880 federal census for Caledonia Township, Kent Co. Michigan, she is listed as "Adella May" and her age as two months. She was a cute looking child, shorter than her younger sister, Alta. She began her schooling in Dakota Territory where the family moved in the early 1880's. The 1887 Gallatin School District of Griggs County lists her as age 7. The next year (1888) she is enrolled in the Ladbury S.D. #43 of Sibley Trail Township of Barnes County and is 8 years of age. Interestingly, her sister Alta age 5, is enrolled also. The school term closed 29 June 1888 and the family moved back to Michigan that same summer.

Both Ada and Alta loved and rode horses. Riding the same horse, the girls were nearly involved in a fatal accident. The horse they were riding tripped and fell. Both were thrown to the ground. Ada was unconscious. Alta could not shake her awake, ran home to Rose, her mother, saying "Ada is dead!" Thankfully, Ada recovered from that scary accident and grew to a fine young woman. The accident took place in Michigan.

After the death of her father, Charles, the family faced poverty largely because of huge medical expenses. Ada, for a time, had to quit school to begin work in a box factory even though she was only 13 years of age.

On 24 July 1899, Ada married Ralph R. Brooks, a policeman. They had two boys: Cecil Ray, and Clayton L. Ada was a piano teacher and also played piano for the silent movies which were the only movies of that time. Her son, Cecil,

was known as Rockford's (Mich.) "music man". For over 30 years he collected unusual and antique musical instruments.

Quoting from the Rockford (MI) Squire of Dec. 11, 1984 Letter to the Editor: "...we wish to share...a few additional memories of Cecil R. Brooks.

Except for the many kids whose musical instruments that he would repair, none of the rest of Rockford ever called him "Mr. Brooks". He was always just "Cece" to his hundreds of friends. On that score, Cece was in that enviable group of persons who had only friends, no enemies!

Even while in the car business, Cece was a hardworker and a true friend, especially for those customers a little short of cash. Whether they were kids buying a fine used instrument for the band or a car customer, Cece made sure that they were satisfied, and that they all made their payments promptly.

There's a whole generation of Rockford kids who bought their band instruments from Mr. Brooks. With Byrl his wife, their home on Lincoln was always open for a cookie for the young musicians from high school to have Cece do quick repairs.

His fun-instruments were not only the marimba, but also the flute, sax, oboe, clarinet and banjo.

We should remember their kindnesses of those days of W.W.II when Cece and Byrl were opening Kincheloe Air Base and the two of them were the only ones to feed the Corps of 60 Engineers until the mess hall opened. And, even the sweet-memories of how Byrl met Cece when he was in the orchestra at the Aragon Ballroom in Chicago.

His many friends mourn the passing of this colorful, kind character and prefer to remember him in his days of glory when he was always so helpful." Yours truly,

John Reed of Rockford, Mich

Ada's granddaughter, Joan Brooks, shares that "Ada was a wonderful lady, always busy. She kept quite a garden, sewed beautifully on an old treadle machine, was a great cook...grandma and grandpa lived in a little white house in Belmont. Janet (Joan's daughter) could never understand how come they didn't have a bathtub and her bath had to be in an iron tub on the kitchen sink."

Ada drove a 1936 Ford for about 20 years, owned a parrot at their Bostwick Lake farm. Ada passed away 8 March 1956 at Rockford, Michigan and is buried in the Rockford cemetery. Her husband, Ralph, preceeded her in death 9 April 1953 at Belmont, Michigan and is also buried in the Rockford cemetery.

Alta Belle Curtis
(Most data is taken from her autobiography)

Alta was born on the Charles Curtis homestead on section 8 of Sibley Trail Township, Barnes County, Dakota Territory on 30 May 1883 "in a little old sod shanty on the plains." In speaking of her grandmother Curtis (Elizabeth Spencer Curtis), she makes the comment: "I do not remember much about my grandparents. I remember seeing grandma Curtis once, on a Thanksgiving. We went there in a sleigh for Thanksgiving dinner. My grandfather Curtis had passed away before that."

All of the travel in those early days on the Dakota prairies would have been by walking, horseback, carriage or sleigh, depending on the season. There were not what we would call "roads"--mainly just trails and often trails formerly used by Indians, military expeditions or stagecoach routes. To get across the river to grandma Curtis' homestead, Alta and her sister and parents would have had to cross the Sheyenne River, probably fording it at a familiar shallow spot. There were likely no bridges of any kind in those early pioneer days. It is also possible on their trip to grandma Curtis' house for Thanksgiving, they simply cut across the prairie in a diagonal line as much as possible, which would have been a distance of about 5 miles.

Alta spent her early childhood on the Charles Curtis homestead on the Dakota prairies. On her 4th birthday, she went with her mother to Helena, Montana. Charles was already there buying wild horses, which was his trade along with farming. They remained in Montana most of that summer (1887), then returned to their Dakota home. Although Alta was only 5 years old, she enrolled in school in the spring of 1888 with her older sister, Ada, at the nearby Ladbury school. In the summer of 1888 the family moved back to Michigan where they arrived "uncle Cyrus Thompsons at night."

The next day they went to a place they had bought just a mile from uncle Cyrus in Solon Township of Kent County. This was about five miles n.w. of Cedar Springs, called the Obadiah farm. They had purchased this farm from Obadiah Smith, who was a cousin of Alta's mother, Rose. Ada and Alta attended school, "walking a mile through the woods." Charles was away from home much of the time buying horses. The next of many moves for Alta was into Cedar Springs where her father bought livery stock and ran a livery barn. After living in Cedar Springs about three years they moved to Belding, Michigan where Charles died. (See Charles Curtis story.) There were other moves, at least one in which Rose took in boarders, one of whom was Ed Lewis who became Alta's step-father. In another move, they lived on the 80 acre Ben

Ensley farm. Alta says, "I loved that old farm, and I loved the school (Baptist Lake school) and every teacher."

Alta suffered a nervous breakdown about the time she attended high school at Cedar Springs, so gave up the idea of becoming a teacher. Eva Hollister (a teacher) had tried to persuade Alta to seek a career in teaching.

On 29 April 1905 at Cedar Springs Alta married Fred Roy Garlick. She had met him at "Reamer's Bean House" where she was employed. After an injury to Fred, where he had lost fingers while cutting wood for the home, they moved to Grand Rapids. There were other moves in the city and on 17 May 1908 their first child, Freda Rose, was born. Nile Elloyd was the 2nd child and their 3rd child was Alton Dale. All three were born in Grand Rapids. Fred and Alta lived through many good and many difficult times--many jobs and many home moves throughout their marriage which ended in divorce.

Alta then married Melvin Heaton, who had been a neighbor. Melvin was born in 1885. He had managed a hotel in San Francisco earlier in life. They moved out West where Melvin died 2 May 1970. Alta passed away 23 August 1976 at LaMirada, California at the age of 93 yrs. 2 mo. & 23 days.

Charles Curtis made a sled out of a frozen horse hide and used it to clean out the barn. - Tom Mosher

Duane Van Ess, the great grandson of Charles Curtis, has done some interesting research on sod houses. Many of the early pioneers to the Dakota prairies began their lives in this region by building and living in a sod house. This was true of most of our Curtis family as well. Quoting from Duane's letter:

"My great grandfather Charles Curtis, Rose and Eva Curtis likely built a sod house on their place in North Dakota. Its usually dug into the side of a hill...Most sod houses only had 1 room. A large sod house was usually no larger than 16 by 20 feet. It took approximately 1/2 acre of sod ground to make it. The ground was plowed first and the sod bricks were carefully cut from furrows. Each brick was about 3 feet long and several inches thick. The bricks were then carried to the building site and placed like clay bricks. Frames for doors and windows were set into the walls and sod placed around them. Cracks were filled with dirt or clay. Sometimes the walls were reinforced with hickory stems driven into them. The financial status of a pioneer was revealed by the roof. The poorer the settler, the cruder the roof. Brush for sheeting was placed on rafters followed by a layer of prairie grass and finally a layer of sod. The grass side was always faced downward. Some settlers used lumber and tar paper for their roof. Sod bricks for the roof were not as thick. Some interiors were finished with plaster, some just spaded smoothly. There was usually only 1 window. Rooms were divided by hanging a quilt or rag carpet down from the ceiling. Doors were made from anything from buffalo robes and blankets to wood and glass panes. Furniture was often nothing more than nail kegs and soap boxes for chairs and a dry goods box for table(s). Few roofs were leak proof. Several days were required to dry out after a rain. Often they would have to prop up the roof with posts. Even when the sun shown, dirt and grass fell like rain on occupants. They hung cheesecloth to catch it. They often cooked using umbrellas to keep food clean and dry while it was raining. Sod houses were cool during hot summer and warm in the winter and very rarely destroyed by wind or storms. Also they were fireproof which was a major asset because prairie fires were left to burn in those days with rarely no attempt to put them out. When settlers became richer, they would build a wood frame house and their old sod house would be converted to a barn. Sod houses generally lasted only 7 years and then they'd build a new one..."

My feeling is that Thomas, Charles, Rose and Eva likely all built the sod house together that my grandmother Alta Curtis was born in. If not, they possibly added a room when Eva moved in with them. The life experiences Charles, Rose and Eva went through when they first arrived up there in North Dakota are hard to imagine.--Duane VanEss

CHARLES CURTIS DESCENDANT DIRECTORY

(1) JOHN L. AND ELIZABETH (SPENCER) CURTIS

(2) CHARLES M. CURTIS

born: 21 or 22 Jan 1854 at: Toronto, Ontario
died: 7 July 1893 at: Belding, Michigan
married: 1 March 1877 at: Ada, Michigan

to: ROSE ADELA FIDELIA SMITH

born: 6 Dec. 1858 or 1859 at Wells County, Indiana
died: 3 Dec. 1939 at: Kent County, Michigan

father: Henry Kellog(g) Smith

mother: Nancy Elizabeth Sisson

After the death of Charles, Rose married 12 Nov. 1895
to Edgar Alphonse Lewis

Charles & Rose were the parents of Ada and Alta.

(3) ADELLA MAY "ADA" CURTIS

born: 29 Mar. 1880 at: Ada MI
died: 8 Mar. 1956 at: Rockford MI
married: 24 July 1899 at: Michigan

to: RALPH BROOKS

born: 16 Dec. 1876 at: Ensley Twsp., Newaygo Co., MI
died: 9 Apr. 1953 at: Belmont MI

father: Samuel Brooks-son of Elisha & Marion Cook Brooks

mother: Elizabeth Tower-dau. of Joseph & Philura Tower

Ralph was a policeman. He and Ada lived first on a
farm and later lived at Belmont MI.

Ada and Ralph were parents of Cecil and Clayton.

(4) CECIL RAY BROOKS

born: 24 Aug. 1900 at: Cedar Springs MI
died: 24 Nov. 1984 at: Rockford MI
married: at: Michigan

to: ESTHER JANE WHEELER

born: 18 Jan. 1899 at: Muskegon MI
died: 17 Feb. 1955 at: Flossmoor IL

father: Edson Kingkade Wheeler-son of Shepherd &
Nancy Kingkade Wheeler..spelled Kincaid in
England.

mother: Emma Heinbeck-dau. of Joseph & Marguerite
Mines Schaffer Heinbeck.

Cecil and Esther were divorced about 1930.

Esther married Alvin Louis Wagner in 1938 in

Chicago. They had 2 children: Alvin Louis Wagner
Jr. & Mary Ann Wagner.

Cecil married on 28 Feb. 1942 to:

BRYL MASON DONOVAN.

Bryl was born 31 March _____ and died on 21 August 1992. She was in a nursing home in Sparta, MI

(5) **HELEN "JOAN" BROOKS**

born: 24 Oct. 1926 at: Hastings MI
married: 26 Nov. 1947 at: Chicago IL

to: **ROBERT K. JOHNSON**

born: 28 Aug. 1924 at: Chicago IL
father: Archie Leslie Johnson
mother: Esther Helena Schwartz
occupation: Federal employee for 30 years
address: Atlanta GA

(6) **JANET JOAN JOHNSON**

born: 21 Aug. 1948 at: Chicago IL
married: 30 May 1967 at:

to **GEORGE BENJAMIN WOODRUFF**

born: 3 Jan. 1948 at: Atlanta GA
father: Robert Hallock
mother: Frances "Tut" Woodruff
(George Woodruff's real name is Hallock, but after the divorce of his parents, he took his mother's maiden name.)

(7) **CHRISTINE LESLEY WOODRUFF**

born: 9 Aug. 1971
at: Clearwater FL
lives in Pennsylvania

(7) **ROBERTA LYNN WOODRUFF**

born: 18 Jan. 1973
at: New Port Richey FL
lives in Bridgeton NJ

Janet and George were divorced 24 Oct. 1974. Janet married 2 Dec. 1976 at Sandy Springs Ga

to: **ALBERT REEVES ROBERTS**

born: 27 Oct. 1946 in New Jersey
father: Roy Roberts
mother: May Reeves

(7) **ELIZABETH ANN ROBERTS**
born: 28 Feb. 1978
at: Vineland NJ

(7) **ALISON MAY ROBERTS**
born: 27 Sept. 1980
at: Vineland NJ

(7) **SARAH BROOKS ROBERTS**
born: 11 July 1982
at: Vineland NJ

Janet and Albert were divorced in 1984
Janet married: 1 Nov. 1986 at Elmer NJ

to: **NICKOLAS FRANCIS BAFFONE**
born: 20 Oct. 1956 at Wilmington DE
father: Francis Michael Joseph Baffone
mother: Rose Marie Warren
occupation: Pipefitter
address: Bridgeton NJ

(6) **ROBERTA ANN JOHNSON**
born: 25 Feb. 1958 at Chicago IL
married: 25 Aug 1985 at Atlanta GA

to: **RANDALL JACK VAUGHN**
born: 15 Aug. 1960 at Dalton GA
father: Osmond Farell "Jerry"
Vaughn
mother: Joanna Barbara "Bobbie"
Maddock
occupation: Randall owns a
Beauticians school
address: Lawrenceville GA

(7) **CAMERON TYLER VAUGHN**
born: 10 Apr. 1986
at: Sandy Springs GA

(7) **EVAN DANIEL VAUGHN**
born: 21 Aug. 1987
at: Sandy Springs GA

(6) **ROBERT WAGNER JOHNSON**
born: 19 Mar. 1961 at Chicago IL
married: 18 Apr. 1986 at Dunwoody GA

to: **NANCY JEAN PISARCIK**
born: 14 March 1962 at Tarentum PA
father: Donald Andrew Pisarcik
mother: Barbara Elaine Talloram
occupation: Robert-state employee
Nancy-employed at Wright's Gourmet
address: Roswell GA

(7) **MICHAEL ALEXANDER JOHNSON**
born: 9 Feb. 1992
at: Sandy Springs GA

(4) **CLAYTON L. BROOKS**
born: 15 Apr. 1904 at: Ensley Center MI
died: 14 Dec. 1979 at: MI
Clayton first married to Betty Miller, then
married: 26 Nov. 1956 at:

to: **MARION FISK**
born: at:
father:
mother:
Marion lives in a nursing home-Lake George MI

(3) **ALTA BELLE CURTIS**
born: 30 May 1883 at: Sibley Trail Twsp.
Barnes Co., Dakota Territory
died: 23 Aug. 1976 at: LaMirada CA
married: 29 Apr. 1905 at: Cedar Springs MI

to: **FRED ROY GARLICK**
born: 1 June 1882 at: Belmont MI
died: 29 Oct. 1961 at: Grand Rapids MI
father: Robert Roy Garlick
mother: Elizabeth Jane Tucker
Alta and Fred were the parents of Freda,
Nirum and Alton.
Fred and Alta were divorced.
Alta married: 26 Aug. 1946 at: Belmont, MI

to: **MELVIN HEATON**
born: 14 March 1885 at: Michigan
died: 2 May 1970 at: Las Vegas NV
father: Charles Henry Heaton
mother: Effie Lamphier
For a time Melvin & Alta lived in Mesa, AZ and
were later divorced.

- (4) **FREDA ROSE GARLICK**
born: 17 May 1908 at: Cedar Springs MI
married: 22 Aug. 1925 at: Saranac MI

to: **ALFRED JOHN VanESS**
born: 9 Sept. 1904 at: Grand Rapids MI
died: 24 Dec. 1962 at: Grand Rapids MI
father: John VanEss
mother: Jenny M. Roest
occupation: Alfred was a power plant
engineer at Grand Rapids MI
Freda-housewife & professional singer
Freda lives at LaMirada CA

- (5) **MADLINE JOAN VanESS**
born: 8 Apr. 1927 at: Cannon Twsp.
Rockford MI
married: 3 Jan 1947 at Grand Rapids MI

to: **MARSHALL GRAHAM HEATON**
born: 7 Jan. 1923 at: Masonborough NC
died: 15 Jan. 1983 at: Long Beach CA
father: Melvin Heaton
mother: Winnie Bole
occupation: Marshall was a steam fitter
and welder. He was in charge of a
group of men that were to remove an
atom bomb that had lodged half-way
down a pipe shaft during testing in
Nevada. Most of the men died of rad-
iation. Marshall died of bone cancer,
believed from radiation.

Madeline married to: **HERBERT VOYLES**
Madeline & Herbert are divorced.
Madeline lives at Riviera AZ

- (6) **DANIEL GRAHAM HEATON**
born: 17 Aug 1949 at Grand Rapids MI
married: 18 Jan. 1969 at: Las Vegas NV
to: **KARNE E. JESPERSON**

- (7) **NATALIE DAWN HEATON**
born: 9 Jan. 1972
at: Las Vegas NV
married on: 3 Oct. 1992
at: Las Vegas NV

to: **JEREMY BENSON**
born: 29 Nov. 1970
at: Granger UT
father: Nathan M. Benson
mother: Patricia
occupation: BioMedical Engineer
address: Las Vegas NV

Daniel and Karne divorced.
Daniel's occupation: Professional
Gardener
lives at: Las Vegas NV

- (6) **THOMAS LEE HEATON**
born: 14 Aug 1952 at Grand Rapids MI
married: 14 Oct 1989-Santa Monica CA

to: **EILEEN FRANCES MacMURDEN**
born: 23 Dec. 1955
at: Burbank CA
father: John MacMurden
mother: Virginia Widiner
occupation: Tom-attorney
address: Pasadena CA

- (6) **BRIAN ROY HEATON**
born: 20 Aug 1955 at Grand Rapids MI
married: 16 Sept. at LaMirada CA

to: **CANDACE "CANDY" MARIE LaMARRE**
born: at Providence RI
father: George Noe LaMarre
mother: Mary Kathryn Crowell
occupation: Brian-mechanic/Business
Mgr. Candy-at Cal State preparing
to be a teacher
address: Rialto CA

- (7) **MARK ANDREW HEATON**
born: 7 May 1980
at: Whittier CA

- (7) **LAURIE MARIE HEATON**
born: 6 Dec. 1981
at: Whittier CA

- (7) **MICHELLE CHRISTINE HEATON**
born: 29 April 1985
at: San Bernardino CA

- (7) **GARY DANIEL HEATON**
born: 25 Sept. 1986
at: San Bernardino CA

(6) **ROSE ANN HEATON**
born: 30 Sept 1959 at GrandRapids MI
married: 11 June 1977 at Yorba Linda CA
to: **SAMMY JAMES DIFFERDING**
born at Duluth MN

(7) **APRIL MARIE (DIFFERDING) HARVEY**
born: 23 Feb. 1978 at
Cherry Point MCAS-Havelock NC

Rose and Sam were divorced. Rose
married 19 Nov 1983 at Las Vegas NV
in "The Little Church of the West"

to: **LARRY JOHN HARVEY**
born: 5 Mar 1948 at Morenci MI
father: John Harvey
mother: Katherine Anderson
occupation: Larry-Boiler &
condensor mechanic
address: Kingman AZ

(April adopted by Larry Harvey)

(5) **La"JEAN" RAE VanESS**
born: 6 Oct. 1932 at: Lowell MI
married: 6 April 1953 at Grand Rapids MI

to: **DONALD BLAIR WYLIE**
born: 20 July 1929 at: Grand Rapids MI
died: 20 Mar. 1983 at: Grand Rapids MI
father: Harvey Wylie
mother: Zelda Blair
occupation: Donald owned large auto
sales business
Jean is a Round-up Hotline & Reser-
vation operator.

Jean married on: at:
to: **"CURLY" MORRISON**
address: Riviera AZ

Don has a son, Don Wylie Jr. by a
previous marriage, born-Grand Rapids MI

- (6) **GREGORY STEPHEN WYLIE**
born: 13 Apr 1954 at Grand Rapids MI
married: 23 June 1974- Gr. Rapids MI
- to: **SHARON SACKET**
born: 8 Jan. 1956 at: Fremont MI
father: Richard Sacket
mother: Joey Peterson
occupation: auto sales mgr.
address: Belmont MI
- (7) **MATTHEW STEPHEN WYLIE**
born: 25 July 1981
at: Grand Rapids MI
- (7) **JUSTIN GREGORY WYLIE**
born: 23 Nov. 1983
at: Grand Rapids MI
- (7) **COREY JORDAN WYLIE**
born: 23 July 1987
at: Grand Rapids MI
- (6) **MICHAEL DENNIS WYLIE**
born: 21 Oct 1955 at Grand Rapids MI
married: 22 Aug. 1975 at:
- to: **MARY BELLE PARM**
born: 29 April 1955 at: Grand
Rapids MI
father: Charles Parm
mother: Grace
Michael and Mary divorced Sept. 1983
occupation: auto mechanic
address: Riviera AZ
- (7) **MERCEDES GRACE WYLIE**
born: 25 June 1978
at: Grand Rapids MI
- (7) **MELANIE JOY WYLIE**
born: 19 Nov. 1979
at: Grand Rapids MI

(6) **JEFFERY DAVID WYLIE**

born: 25 May 1957 at Grand Rapids

married: 25 Sept. 1976 at: MI

to: **CINDY FREET**

born: 1956 at Sekuoka, Japan

father: Nile Freet

mother: Ann

occupation: Jeff in Air Force

(special forces)

address: Las Vegas NV

(7) **EMBER SUE WYLIE**

born: 24 Nov. 1974

at: Phoenix AZ

Ember is Cindy's daughter from a previous marriage. Adopted by Jeff. Ember tested 3rd highest in the United States in a scholastic test!

(7) **COURTNEY LEE WYLIE**

born: 6 Sept. 1977

at: Agana, Guam

(5) **DUANE CURTIS VanESS**

born: 11 Jan 1934 at: Rockford MI

married: 30 Nov 1956 at: Culver City CA

to: **CONNIE JEAN LOWERY**

born: 19 Mar. 1938 at: Tulsa OK

father: Linnie Lowery

mother: Anna Ray McCustin

occupation: Duane-retired space engineer

with 25 yrs in quality, reliability &

address: LaMirada CA safety

(6) **STEPHANIE JEAN VanESS**
born: 24 Mar 1959 - Grand Rapids MI
married: 22 July 1978 at LaMirada CA

to: **DANIEL JOHN STUART**
born: 4 Sept 1958 at California
father: John Stuart
mother: Beverly

(7) **JOSHUA DANIEL STUART**
born: 23 Jan. 1979
at: Orange CA

Stephanie and Dan divorced.
Stephanie was
married: at:

to: **WILLIAM CHARLES BAUMGARDNER**
born: 16 Sept. 1948 at: Ohio
father: Charles Markus Baumgardner
mother: Bridget Rose Burke
occupation: air traffic control
instructor
address: Langley BC Canada

(7) **BRITTANY ROSE BAUMGARDNER**
born: 9 Sept. 1988
at: Yorba Linda CA

(7) **EMILEE JEAN BAUMGARDNER**
born: 10 Aug. 1990
at: White Rock BC

(6) **KAREN DENISE VanESS**
born: 8 Nov. 1962 at: Rapid City
SD
married: 21 Sept. 1991 at Maui HI

to: **THOMAS JOSEPH KAIN**
born: 24 Jan. 1960 at Mt. Vernon NY
father: Joseph Altmann Kain
mother: Lorraine Theresa Sposato
occupation: Tom is on the Nat'l Bd
of Directors of Taco Bell
Karen-accountant supervisor for a
golfing firm
address: Costa Mesa CA

- (6) **DEANNA LEWYN VanESS**
 born: 25 July 1966 at LaMirada CA
 married: 11 June 1988 -Fullerton CA
- to: **WILLIAM "SAM" UEL RASCOE**
 born: 20 Nov. 1964 at Morristown IN
 father: Thomas Cecil Rascoe
 mother: Rosalita Dunham
 occupation: Sam-office manager
 address: Vista CA
- (7) **MacKENZIE NICOLE RASCOE**
 born: 26 Dec. 1988
 at: Whittier CA
- (7) **BAILEE DOROTHY RASCOE**
 born: 10 Oct. 1991
 at: Upland CA

- (5) **WARREN ALFRED VanESS**
 born: 4 Sept. 1936 at: Grand Rapids MI
 occupation: Warren had polio and is
 paralyzed. He is an artist and does
 extensive painting by holding the
 brush in his mouth.
 address: LaMirada CA

- (4) **NIRUM "NILE" ELLOYD GARLICK**
 born: 1 Oct. 1909 at: Cedar Springs MI
 died: 25 Aug. 1969 at: Yucca AZ
 was an artist, cook, miner, sign painter and
 rancher. Traveled extensively. Was in Army
 air force, injured in airplane accident

- (4) **ALTON DALE GARLICK**
 born: 7 Nov. 1911 at: Cedar Springs MI
 died: 20 Dec. 1959 at: Chicago IL

to: **NELLIE** **HOLMES**
 born: at:
 died: at:
 father:
 mother:

Alton was a sign painter & did auto body work
 lived at:



Charles Curtis



Rose Smith



Three Sisters 1-r
Adella Thompson, Eva Curtis
and Rose Curtis



Charles Curtis (L) with
brother Thomas on the right



1-r Ada, Rose and Alta Curtis



1-r Ada & Alta Curtis



Rose Smith



1-r Ada, Rose & Alta Curtis



l-r Rose, Ada, Alta & Ed Lewis,



Ada Curtis



Ada Curtis Brooks



Rose & Ed Lewis



Ada Brooks



l-r Clayton, Ada & Cecil Brooks



Cecil Brooks



Ralph Brooks-1922
Policeman at Plainfield MI



Clayton Brooks



Ralph & Ada Brooks



Cecil & Beryl Brooks
& son-in-law, Bob Johnson



Cecil Brooks



Cecil Ray Brooks & his
wife, Byrl Donovan-1979



Esther Jane Wheeler Brooks
Wagner & Alvin Wagner



Joan (Brooks) &
Robert Johnson



Joan & Bob Johnson
-1989



50th Wedding Anniversary of
Ralph & Ada Brooks
1-r back Clayton & Marion Brooks
Ralph Brooks, Beryl Brooks
Ada Brooks. In front Joan
Johnson with daughter Janet
and Joan's father, Cecil Brooks



Cecil Brooks



Cecil Brooks & grandson
Bobby Johnson



Bobby, Berta &
Janet Johnson-1962



1964-Robert K. & Joan
Johnson with children:
l-r Roberta & Janet.
Robert W. in front.



Joan & Bob Johnson with
Michael Alexander Johnson



Christine Baffone
with Cameron Vaughn



Nancy & Robert Johnson
& baby Michael May 1992



Randy & Roberta Vaughn
with Cameron & Evan-1992



Roberta & Randall Vaughn
with sons Evan & Cameron



In Back: Roberta
 l-r: Sarah, Janet, Nicholas,
 Allison & Elizabeth Baffone



Alta Belle
 Curtis



Fred & Alta Garlick



Alta & Melvin Heaton



Freda Rose
 Garlick



Freda Van Ess



Alfred VanEss



Alta Belle



Madeline VanEss



Dan Heaton



Natalie Heaton



Madeline
Heaton Voyles



Madeline & Marshall
Heaton & son Dan



Rose Harvey & her
daughter, April
(Rose was named for her
great, great grandmother Rose.)



LaJean VanEss



The Wylie Family
Greg, Cory, Sharon,
Justin & Matthew



"Jean" VanEss



l-r Emilee, Stephanie
& Brittany Baumgardner



Connie VanEss

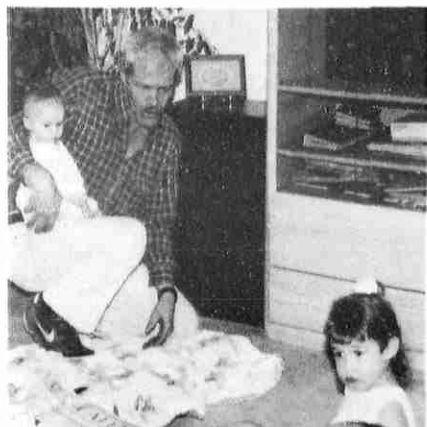


Duane VanEss



Joshua Stuart





Baby Bailee Rascoe, William Baumgardner & MacKenzie Rascoe



Stephanie & Brittany Baumgardner



l-r Tom Kain, MacKenzie Rascoe & Karen Kain



Joshua "Dan" Stuart with l-r Emilee & Brittany Baumgardner



MacKenzie Nicole Rascoe



Deanna & MacKenzie Rascoe



l-r MacKenzie, Bailee & William "Sam"uel Rascoe



Bailee Dorothy Rascoe



l-r MacKenzie Rascoe, Brittany Baumgardner, Joshua Stuart holding Bailee Rascoe & Emilee Baumgardner



l-r MacKenzie Rascoe, Brittany & Emilee Baumgardner



Warren VanEss just before he had polio



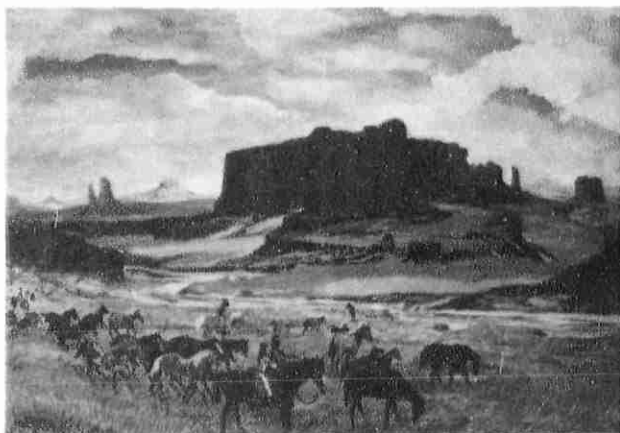
Warren VanEss doing a mouth painting



Alton Garlick



Nirum "Nile" Garlick



Painting by Warren VanEss



Alton Garlick



Nellie Holmes, wife of Alton Garlick

ELIZABETH M. CURTIS

According to a legal record, Elizabeth stated she was born in March 1855. (Her death certificate records her birth as 14 March 1856.) She was born in Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada, the fourth child and first daughter of John L. and Elizabeth (Spencer) Curtis. Elizabeth moved from Ontario to Michigan about 1865 and came to Dakota Territory in March 1882.



Elizabeth was married twice. The SPENCER history from Ontario, Canada states "Elizabeth married Charles Morgan. They had 2 daughters named Ruth and _____. Ruth married (name unknown) and they had two daughters: Ruth and Abbie. Abbie died at age 17 while training to be a missionary to China." Some of the information from the above Spencer history is in error. Elizabeth's two daughters were named Nellie Mae and Lettie. Nellie had a daughter, Ruth. However, to date, we cannot find a record of anyone named Abbie. Records show Elizabeth's marriage to Charles Morgan took place 1 April 1875. We don't know where they married, although likely it was in Michigan.

The 1880 Federal Census for Ada, Kent County, Michigan gives the age of Elizabeth as 24, that she is married and is a dressmaker. She is enumerated in the household of her mother and no mention is made of a child. Elizabeth married John E. Warner, 4 May 1884 at Cooperstown, Griggs County, Dakota Territory with Judge William Glass officiating. The 1885 Griggs County, Dakota Territory Census shows Elizabeth, age 28, married to John E. Warner, age 29, (a farmer). Two children are listed: Nellie (Nellie), age 9, born in Michigan and Lothy (Lettie) age 3, born in Dakota Territory. These children are definitely the children of Elizabeth and Charles Morgan, although some school records show Nellie as Warner. Whether or not the girls were legally adopted by Mr. Warner is not known. A letter dated 12 December 1888 at Dazey was written by Nellie Warner to her cousin Ada and also mentions Lettie.

John Warner homesteaded on NW 32-144-58 (Broadview Township), Griggs County, Dakota Territory. His homestead patent is dated 16 June 1890. On 11 December 1890 John and Elizabeth Warner of Kootina County, Territory of Idaho, deeded the above land (NW 32) to Thomas Curtis of Barnes County, North Dakota for \$1000. At the time of the death

of Thomas Curtis in 1896, Elizabeth's address was Spokane, Washington.

John E. Warner is listed on the 1900 Federal Census in Grey Eagle Township, Todd County, Minnesota as head of the house, (no one else is listed in that household), age 45, single, and born September 1854 in Michigan. His parents were born in New York. (Always keep in mind that census records are no more accurate than the information given to or assumed by the census taker!)

John Warner passed away 22 February 1920 at his home on SW 27-127-32, Todd County, Minnesota, where Elizabeth and he were then living. Their address was Grey Eagle, Minnesota. The farm which they owned was a small one--80 acres, about 5 miles southeast of Grey Eagle. Legal description was south 1/2 of SW quarter of Sec. 27-127-32, Todd County, Minnesota. Mr. Warner was a very heavy man known as "Big John" by his friends.

The obituary for John Warner taken from the Grey Eagle Gazette states:

"John Warner, a resident of Grey Eagle Township for over 20 years, passed away at his home on the night of February 22nd, 1920. Mr. Warner had been in ill health for some time, but a fall which he had during the middle of last month resulted in the breaking of one of his ribs, incapacitated him to the extent that he was obliged to take to his bed and gradually failed. Mr. Warner was about 67 years of age and leaves to survive him, his widow. The deceased was a very hard working man and very much respected by all his acquaintances. A private funeral was conducted yesterday at his home, and interment was made at Lakeview Cemetery, Grey Eagle, Miss Scultz officiating."

According to the Final Decree of Distribution, dated 14 Jan. 1921, Elizabeth Curtis Warner was the only surviving heir. There were no children listed. Mr. Warner died intestate leaving no will. Probate Court, Todd County, Minn. deeded all property to Elizabeth Warner, a widow.

Following Mr. Warner's death, Elizabeth Warner's brother John, came to be with her for a time and he died while on this visit. (See details in John Curtis story.)

Mrs. Warner sold her personal property at public auction 12 July 1921. Research in the Todd County Courthouse revealed 16 July 1921, Elizabeth Warner sold SE SW of Sec. 27 to Jacob N. Paavola. (At that time, Elizabeth was still living in Todd County.) On 16 Oct. 1929 Elizabeth sold SW SW to the same man, Jacob Paavola, and her address then was Multnomah County, Oregon. (Portland is in Multnomah County.)

NOTE: In October 1992, as we were compiling this book, the death certificate for Elizabeth was obtained! Elizabeth had been living in Portland, Oregon with her daughter, Nellie Daus. Elizabeth had been confined to bed for the last 3 years of her life due to a fractured hip. She passed away the 20th of August, 1934. Phone calls to the two DAUS names in the Portland phone book located the daughter-in-law of Nellie and the grandson of Nellie!

Information gathered from descendants indicates Nellie was first married to a Mr. Silverman and they had:

Abraham Silverman

Ruth Silverman

Her second marriage was to Maxwell Daus. To this union were born the following children:

Ernestine Elizabeth Daus

David Alexander Daus

Nellie passed away in the 1940's? at the home of her son and her daughter-in-law, David and Alice Daus in Portland, Oregon. Most of the descendants, located to date, live in the Portland area.

We have not been able to find any information concerning Lettie since she was enrolled in school in Griggs County, Dakota Territory, in the late 1880's.

Much of the data in the following Descendant Directory for Elizabeth Curtis is incomplete. We are hopeful that more information can be obtained in the coming months.

ELIZABETH M. CURTIS DESCENDANT DIRECTORY

(1) JOHN L. AND ELIZABETH (SPENCER) CURTIS

(2) ELIZABETH M _____ CURTIS
 born: 14 March 1856 at: Northumberland Co, Ontario
 father: John L. Curtis
 mother: Elizabeth Spencer
 died: 20 August 1934 at: Portland OR
 married: 1 April 1875 at: Michigan?

to: CHARLES _ (A. or H.?) _ MORGAN
 born: at:
 died: at:
 Charles' father:
 Charles' mother:

Elizabeth & Charles Morgan were the parents of two daughters: Nellie and Lettie. Nellie was born in Mich. on 21 June 1876. When Nellie was pregnant with Lettie, she left Charles because of non-support and moved to Dakota Territory in March 1882. Lettie was born 5 June 1882 in Dakota Territory.

Elizabeth was divorced from Charles Morgan. Elizabeth married 4 May 1884 at Cooperstown, Griggs Co., Dakota Territory

to: JOHN E _____ WARNER
 born: Sept 1854 at: Michigan
 died: 22 Feb. 1920 at: Grey Eagle, Minnesota
 John's father:
 John's mother:
 John was a farmer near Grey Eagle, Minnesota.

(3) NELLIE MAE MORGAN (WARNER?)
 born: 21 June 1876 at: _____, Michigan
 died: 1946 or 1947 * at: Portland OR
 married: at:

to: _____ SILVERMAN
 born: at:
 died: at:
 Mr. Silverman's occupation:
 Nellie & he lived at:
 Mr. Silverman's father:
 Mr. Silverman's mother:

* One source says Nellie was 70 years old when she died. Also that Nellie was short, chubby and had red hair. Another says Nellie was very "old-fashioned and proper!"

- (4) **ABRAHAM _____ SILVERMAN**
 born: at:
 died: at:
 married: at:
- to: **NORMA (WARNER or ZIMMER or SIMMONS?)**
 born: at:
 died: at:
 Norma's father:
 Norma's mother:
 Abe's occupation: Real Estate & Entrepreneur
 lived at: Portland OR on SE 40th & Hawthorne
- (4) **RUTH _____ SILVERMAN**
 born: 1896 or 97 at: Washington
 died: at:
 married: at:
- to: **GEORGE _____ VERT SR.**
 born: at:
 died: at:
 George's father:
 George's mother:
 George's occupation:
 Lived at Portland OR. George was a veteran.
 Ruth was buried at Sunset Cemetery in Portland.
- (5) **GEORGE _____ VERT JR.**
 born: at:
 died: at:
 married: at:
- to: **MARGARET _____**
 born: at:
 died: at:
 Margaret's father:
 Margaret's mother:
 George worked for Reynold's Aluminum.
 Lived in Vancouver WA.
- (6) daughter **MARGARET(?) _____ VERT**
 born: at:
 died: at:
 married: at:
 to:
 born: at:
 died: at:
 spouse's father:
 spouse's mother:
 spouse's occupation:
 lived at:

Sometime after Mr. Silverman died,
Nellie married: at:

to: **MAXWELL DAUS**
born: 1874-75 or 76 at: Illinois
died: at: N. 82nd & Holgate in Portland
Maxwell's father: Alexander Jacob Daus
Maxwell's mother: Ernestine Lashinsky or Warshawsky
occupation: Maxwell was an upholsterer in a factory
and built furniture at home.

The 1920 Federal Census lists Max and Nellie Daus with
their children: Ernestine-age 12, David-age 3 8/12 and
Ruth Silverman-age 23-stepdaughter to Max Daus.

(4) **ERNESTINE ELIZABETH DAUS**
born: 6 June 1907 at: Portland OR
died: 30 Aug. 1963 at: Portland OR
married: at:

to: **WILLIAM HENRY MAYBEE**
born: 8 July 1906 at: Springdale OR
died: 7 Aug. 1952 at:
Wm.'s father: Alph L. Maybee
Wm.'s mother: Emma C. Palmquist
Wm.'s occupation: Carpenter
lived at: Portland OR

(5) **PHYLLIS DOROTHY MAYBEE**
born: 4 March 1927 at: Gresham OR
married: 31 Oct. 1946 at: San Diego CA

to: **THEODORE HAINES**
Theodore & Phyllis are the parents of two
sons, Robert & Russell, & are divorced.
Phyllis is an accountant and
lives in Portland, OR.

(6) **ROBERT WILLIAM HAINES**
born: 12 Aug. 1947 at: Portland OR
married: 21 Dec. 1969 at: Gladstone OR

to: **DeNELL JERIS SKOW**
born: 24 Jan. 1948 at:
her father: William C. Skow
her mother: Deannie
occupation: Robert-attorney/Mobil Oil
address: McLean VA \Grad. of West Point

- (6) **RUSSELL LYNN HAINES**
born: 10 May 1952 at: Portland OR
married: 27 June 1972 at: Gresham OR
- to: **DEBERA ANN HART**
born: 7 Jan. 1951 at: Sadler TX
her father: James D. Hart
her mother: Velma
occupation: Russell-Printer foreman
Debera-secretary
address: Corbett OR
- (7) **NICOLE LYNN HAINES**
born: 22 Jan. 1973
at: Portland OR
- (7) **ANTHONY LEE HAINES**
born: 10 Feb. 1977
at: Portland OR
- (7) **GEOFFREY LEWIS HAINES**
born: 7 Nov. 1989
at: Portland OR
- (5) **GLORIA ANN MAYBEE**
born: 16 May 1932 at: Portland OR
died: 25 Sept. 1976 at: Corbett OR
married: 11 Nov. 1959 at: Gresham OR
- to: **ROBERT LEWIS VansPEYBROCK**
born: 17 May 1933 at: Portland OR
his father: Leon VanSpeybrock
his mother: Viola Pye
occupation: Robert-construction inspector of
roads & bridges for city of Gresham.
Semi-retired.
address: Corbett OR
Robert & Gloria have 2 adopted sons.
Robert remarried after Gloria's death to
Joyce Hanks, a descendant of Abe Lincoln's
mother, Nancy Hanks.
- (6) **LEE LEWIS VansPEYBROCK** (adopted)
born: 18 June 1964 at: Portland OR
occupation: worker for city-Troutdale OR
address: Corbett OR
- (6) **DAVID JEFFREY VansPEYBROCK**(adopted)
born: 23 June 1967 at: Portland OR
occupation: construction worker and
college student
address: Corbett OR

- (4) **DAVID ALEXANDER DAUS**
born: 27 May 1916 at: Portland OR
died: 12 May 1975 at: Portland OR
buried at Lincoln Memorial Park, Portland OR
married: 1 Aug. 1942 at: Vancouver WA

to: **ALICE LOUISE WYNN**
born: 13 May 1921 at: Hibbing MN
Alice's father: Lloyd Jenkins Wynn
Alice's mother: Alice Louise Resel

David's occupation: carpenter, worked in the saw
mill and later for Portland School Dist. #1 as
a custodian.

address: Portland OR

David and Alice had 3 children:
Judy, Maxwell and Patricia

Alice says David was 6 feet tall.

- (5) **JUDY LOUISE DAUS**
born: 11 Nov. 1943 at: Portland OR
married: 16 July 1965 at: Portland OR

to: **LEE NICHOLAS SMITH**
born: 7 Sept. 1942 at: Multnomah Co., OR
father: Lee Arthur Smith
mother: Helen Haun
occupation: Lee-Plant supervisor for Union
Camp Corporation
Judy-office mgr.-software consulting firm
address: Portland OR

- (6) **CHRISTOPHER DAVID SMITH**
born: 18 Sept. 1970 at: Portland OR
occupation: quality control for plastics
company
address: Aloha OR

- (5) **MAXWELL LLOYD DAUS**
born: 1 March 1947 at: Portland OR
married: 15 Oct. 1966 at: Portland OR
- to: **RONDA LEE ELLINGSON**
born: 28 Dec. 1946 at: Portland OR
father: Harold Oren Ellingson
mother: Dorothy Loraine Jones
occupation: Max-works for Union Camp Corp.
address: Boring OR
- (6) **LISA ROSA' DAUS**
born: 16 Oct. 1973 at: Portland OR
occupation: College student
- (6) **TRACY RENE' DAUS**
born: 28 Aug. 1975 at: Portland OR

NOTE: Maxwell was named after his grandfathers.

- (5) **PATRICIA ANN DAUS**
born: 29 Jan. 1950 at: Portland OR
married: 26 Aug. 1972 at: Portland OR
- to: **DEL EDWARD MORGAN**
born: 17 Feb. 1946 at: Hampton IA
father: Bernard Morgan
mother: Irene Hines
occupation: Del-trucker
Patty-works in admission dept. of
Good Samaritan Hospital
address: Portland OR
- (6) **SHANNA MARIE MORGAN**
born: 17 Jan. 1973 at: Portland OR
- (6) **ADAM KEAN MORGAN**
born: 13 Jan. 1976 at: Portland OR

DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT Nellie's sister, LETTIE?

(3) LETTIE _____ MORGAN (WARNER?)
born: 5 June 1882 at: (Griggs or Barnes County??)
Dakota Territory
died: at:
married: ?? at:
to:
born: at:
died: at:
his father:
his mother:
Where did Lettie live?

LETTIE MORGAN (WARNER?)

Lettie's mother was Elizabeth (Curtis) Morgan.
Lettie's father was Charles Morgan.

Elizabeth and Charles were divorced and Elizabeth married John E. Warner on 4 May 1884 at Cooperstown, Griggs Co, Dakota Territory.

Nellie & Lettie were listed on census and school records as Warner, however it is not known if John Warner adopted the girls. We have a letter in Nellie's own handwriting written in 1888 where Nellie mentions Lettie and Nellie signs the letter as "Nellie Warner".

When John Warner died in 1920, his final decree listed Elizabeth as the sole survivor. No children were listed, so it might mean that he did not adopt Nellie & Lettie.

WHAT BECAME OF LETTIE ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

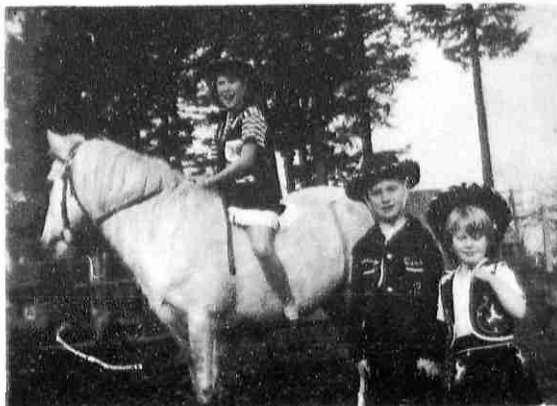
LET'S FIND OUT ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

For those interested in the WARNER name, the 75th WARNER reunion was held recently near Lansing, Michigan. Marsha (Warner) Miller of the Kalkaska, MI area is the family genealogist.

According to Wilbur Rykert (see story under John Curtis) "the Curtis' are tied into the Warners in the Grand Rapids (Michigan) area." (This must be Elizabeth Curtis and John Warner.)



Elizabeth Curtis



Children of David & Alice Daus
Judy (on horse), Max & Patty



1969-David & Alice Daus



1972-David & Alice Daus



David A. Daus with
daughter Judy



David & Alice Daus with
grandson, Christopher Smith



1982-Alice Daus



Rhonda Daus



Grandchildren of David & Alice Daus 1-r back: Christopher Smith, Lisa Daus & Adam Morgan front-Shanna Morgan & Traci Daus (These are great-great grandchildren of Elizabeth Curtis Morgan Warner)



Lisa Rosa' Daus
1991 H.S. Grad.



Tracy Rene' Daus
Class of 1993



Maxwell & Rhonda Daus



Lee, Judy & Christopher Smith

SAMANTHA M. CURTIS

The fifth child and second daughter, Samantha, was born in April 1859 in Northumberland County, Ontario. She moved to Kent County, Michigan about 1865 and came to Dakota Territory in April 1883.

Samantha's marriage to Leslie Herman Harriman probably took place in or around 1884. We do not know where they were married. Three children were born to Samantha and Leslie:

Frank Henry Harriman
Ella Elizabeth Harriman
Amy Harriman

According to the "Griggs Courier" of 15 March 1889, a daughter was born to Samantha and Leslie. We have no other information on Amy, other than she died as a child.

The 1885 census taken 1 June 1885, for Griggs County, Dakota Territory, lists Leslie Harriman, age 27, a farmer, born in Maine (also the birthplace of both of his parents), Mattie M. Harriman, wife, age 25, born in Canada, Frank Harriman, son, age 3 months and born in Dakota.



Ella Elizabeth Harriman was born in November 1887.

On 12 December 1888 Samantha was visiting at Dazey, Dakota Territory and "...Aunt Mate came yesterday and stayed all night....Aunt Mate don't feel very well. She is laying down." This was written in a letter by Samantha's niece, Nellie Warner, to a cousin.

We have a photo of a person in an aerial tumbling posture with a crowd of people gathered. On the back of this photo are the words "Aunt Samantha with the carnival." Nothing more is known about this.

Samantha died Friday evening, 14 August 1891 of consumption (tuberculosis) and was buried in the Hillside Cemetery at Ashtabula. Her body was later moved to Sunnyside Cemetery northeast of Dazey, ND. (She was only 32 years old.)

Leslie Herman Harriman

According to the 1900 Federal Census for Richland County, North Dakota, Les Harriman was born in January 1864 in

Maine. He was living in Wahpeton, ND on 9th Street West as a boarder with Sherman and Viola A. Smith. His occupation was listed as "livery barn." His age was given as 36.

The 1910 Census for Dwight Township, Richland County, ND lists Les' occupation as a horse trainer. The 1920 Census for the same township lists his occupation as a "hired man." The 1910 and 1920 Census both show Les living with Charles H. Gudger and William Burton who were partners in farming.

Les died 16 July 1929 at the Wahpeton, North Dakota Hospital from "basal cell carcinoma of the face" following an illness of six years. He was buried in the Richland County Cemetery which is on the east side of the Bohemian Cemetery. The cemetery is located just south of Wahpeton on the east side of Center Street which is "old" highway 81. (No grave marker could be located. 1992-Grant Carlson)

The Harriman family was from the Augusta, Maine area. In one report Les was spoken of as being a close relative of the American railroad magnate, financier and millionaire Edward Henry Harriman.

Frank Harriman

Frank Harriman was born 2 March 1885 at Hannaford, Dakota Territory, the oldest child of Leslie and Samantha Curtis Harriman. After the death of his mother, Frank went to live with his uncle, Mark Curtis. On 17 March 1909, he married Mary Koch at the home of her parents at Cooperstown, N. D. She was a successful school teacher. After their marriage, Frank and Mary moved to Alberta where they raised a family of nine children. Frank passed away 26 October 1950 in a farm accident at Strathmore, Alberta, Canada, at the age of 65 years, 7 months. He is buried in the Strathmore Cemetery beside his son, Mark.

Frank & Mary Harriman by Florence Downey, Calgary

(Note: Large portions of the following excellent story are quoted. Florence Downey is the oldest child of Frank and Mary (Koch) Harriman.)

"Frank Henry Harriman, born in Hannaford, North Dakota, USA, March 2, 1885, and Mary Koch, born in Elderslie Township, Bruce County, Ontario, on April 28, 1887, were married in Cooperstown, North Dakota, March 17, 1909. They came to Strathmore (Alberta) in April 1909, to homestead two miles north of town. (NE 1/4 22-24-25)."

Quoting in part from Mary's first letter home to Dakota to her sister, Annie, April 19, 1909:

"This is a fine country here, just like North Dakota: only on the west we can see the mountains, looking like a range of snow hills. Our farm is in a nice location. We can see the whole town - depot and country for quite a distance around. There was a prairie fire near, such a fire as I never saw in North Dakota. All the people are very friendly, they come from all over the world...Strathmore...is quite a town. It has this hotel (King Edward) and a new one called the Alberta which will soon open, three livery barns - three hardwares - three groceries and general stores - two machine sheds, and they are going to build two elevators here this summer. We drove all over our farm, and picked out the building place. They are going to start the barn April 20. We had a cent a mile rate on the train and had to go second class, but we went first class all the way, and we certainly had dandy accomodations."

Quoting again from Florence Downey's story:

"The reason that the folks decided to come to Alberta to make their home was the price of land in North Dakota. One could not get started there. They came on a railroad car, horses, cows, pigs, chickens, farm equipment, house furnishings and seeds together. The barn was built first, with the animals on the ground and the people in the hayloft while the house was built.

Our young pioneers were hard workers and cheerful but weather, frost and wind made farming a real gamble. They never had a crop on the original homestead. Dad broke land and horses for other farmers in the summer and hauled coal from Carbon (about 35 miles away) in the winter to pay expenses. I remember Mother saying that she could hear Dad whistling before she could see him as he came in at night with a four horse team on the bobsled with three or four tons of coal on. These were hard years. Dad also worked in Strathmore one winter in a livery barn, but he wanted to farm, so gave that up...

Florence Ella, their eldest daughter, was born on January 29, 1910..." (See Samantha Curtis Descendant Directory for listing of all the children.) "Mark Clifton, who was born on June 4, 1917, died on July 22, 1917, with whooping cough. He was buried in the Strathmore Cemetery. I remember the horses and buggies in the procession and bouquets of beautiful prairie flowers for the wee casket. I remember the neighbors coming to help, the food they brought and how it helped. The early settlers helped each other at births and deaths, rejoicing with the good that came and supporting each other in the difficulties as they arose. It was a hard and wonderful time to be a part of a developig and growing country.

About this time there was an influx of American money to be invested. They bought up sections of prairie land, built buildings if they had to, to get renters to come and do their farming for them. In 1917, Dad moved us north to the Nightingale district where he farmed and raised his family on land bought by Mr. Dygert of Idaho...As soon as we were old enough, we drove a horse and buggy to school at Nightingale (about six miles) till the Valley Gardens School was built in 1919. Dad was active on the board most of the years the school existed. It burned down in 1944. All of the Harriman children attended Valley Gardens School and all have wonderful memories of Christmas concerts and community dances that took place there...

We were a fortunate community, with many talented and generous members...who all took the responsibility of organizing Sunday School for the children, either in the Nightingale Hall or Valley Gardens School...The student ministers of the United and Anglican churches, who came for the summer months were also greatly appreciated. It was a wonderful part of our growing up and we owe much to these people and the high standards of citizenship they gave us...We remember the first cars...The crystal radio, then the radio with speaker came into use. The old time parties that we had to the music of CFCN's Oldtimers and Foster Hewitt's hockey broadcasts were all highlights...

Dad and mother were always responsible citizens, taking their places as officers and members of all community organizations, school board and hall board, United Farmers, Wheat Pool, Women's Institute, Eastern Star and Dad was Past Master of Strathmore Masonic Lodge. Harley, Weldon and Kathleen were all members of the Airforce during the Second World War. Mother and Dad were good neighbors, always ready to lend a helping hand where it was needed. Many a new farmer came for help and advice and was never sent away without encouragement and help. Dad was always very proud of "His Boys" all who grew up with his own family. The folks were happiest when there were lots of young people around...

It was a wonderful day when Mother and Dad moved onto their own farm in July 1946. He loved the trees and working in their own yard. In 1949, the community gave a 40th wedding anniversary celebration in honor of Mother and Dad at the Hall. The folks were surprised and pleased with the beautiful chime clock that they received.

Dad was killed in a farm accident in October 1950. It was a terrible shock to the family and friends. He was buried in the family plot in Strathmore. Mother died quickly while resting in April 1964. She was buried in Strathmore Cemetery with Dad and Mark."

Excerpts from MEMORIES
By Mary (Harriman) Hildahl

"Dad always liked horses and always had a team and pony around...Dad kept a team in the barn in winter and at Christmas time hitched them to the bobsled and with the bells ringing, took us to the School Christmas Concert. I well remember one Christmas he challenged a neighbor to a race going home; the result being that when he turned the corner south of the Valley Gardens School we upset and we were all dumped out. No one was hurt and nothing lost or broken...How nice it was to get home and gather round the heater and talk, then Mother would scoot us up to bed and come and tuck us in with a warmed blanket. Believe me! it was cold upstairs in our house in winter...There were three or four winters in the early thirties when the children stayed at school till after the Christmas program. The mothers always supplied a supper on these occasions...I know Mother always sent a crock of scalloped potatoes, and...remember one Christmas when the men played ball in their shirt sleeves before the program?..."

Mother kept busy at home, sewing for all us girls and all the mending for everyone. How she managed with the old hand-power washer and wringer, I can't guess...She always counted herself lucky if she finished the washing before the train came by our place at three in the afternoon. We milked cows...as many as fourteen head...Mother made butter and sold it locally as well as shipping cream to Calgary...

Who can forget the dirty thirties?...Mother would have to light the lamps at three in the afternoon and what a chore it was to get that fine dust out of the house...The reliable school pony made many a trip home with no guiding human eyes, as we all covered our heads and let her go and she always got us home safely....Mother had hired girls, Florie Gibson, the longest, about 5 years. She came when Norman was a baby...We had a wonderful home life, with the family doing much together...All in all we enjoyed life and we learned to work and play together."

Excerpts from AS I REMEMBER
by Milly (Harriman) Miller

"The mile horse race on the way home from school..."

"We chased the milk cows to pasture on the way to school and brought them home with us at night."

"Looking out the upstairs window and watching a prairie fire. I believe it was started by the train. The people looked so small against the flames."

"When most of the girls wore long-johns to school."

"During the harvest when Mother cooked fried potatoes, bacon, eggs, bread and butter for breakfast every morning."

"Mom putting small candles in clothespin-type candle holders and clipping them to the branches of the Christmas Tree; making sure they stood straight and tall, so there was little danger of fire, and the little trays would catch the wax."

Ella Harriman

Ella was born in November 1887. Following the death of her mother, Samantha, she was raised by her aunt Eva Curtis and also by her uncle Mark Curtis. While Eva was in Fargo, N.D. to be with her husband who was ill with tuberculosis, Ella at only age 12 was on the farm caring for Eva's children: Niram, less than 8, Myrtle 6, and Hazel, not quite 4. Ella married James A. McDiarmid 26 July 1911 at Cooperstown, N.D. James was from Minnesota, and in 1910 while living in Valley City, N. D. managed the Valley City state championship baseball team. After the 1911 baseball season, Ella moved with her husband to Melville, Sask. Canada, where he went into business with his brother. James and Ella raised a family of three children:

Hazel Jessie McDiarmid
Maxwell Curtis McDiarmid
Josephine Beth McDiarmid

Ella died at Regina, Saskatchewan in March 1938.

Obituary of Mrs. Ella McDiarmid

"Regina, Sask.-Mrs. Ella Elizabeth McDiarmid, 50, former North Dakota resident, died in a hospital here, March 30.* She was born at Dazey, N. D., and was married to James A. McDiarmid at Cooperstown, N.D., in 1911, moving to Melville, Sask. She had been secretary of the Melville Liberal Women's association for four years. She leaves Mr. McDiarmid, one son and one daughter."

* Ella died on March 26.

James McDiarmid married the second time in December 1939 to Elizabeth Armbruster in the province of Manitoba, Canada. They had one child, Marlene Marie, who died in 1957.

Retired railman passes (Obituary)

"James Alexander McDairmid, a CN railway conductor, died in Grey Nuns Hospital in Regina on Thursday, August 15.

Born January 19, 1883, in Minnesota in the US, Mr. McDairmid emigrated to Canada in 1911, coming to Saskatchewan at that time. Serving with the railway, the deceased retired in 1946.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and an ardent baseball fan.

Left to mourn his passing are his widow Beth and daughter Marlene at home, another daughter Mrs. Don McConaghy of Vancouver, B.C., and a son Maxwell in Regina.

Funeral services for the late Mr. McDairmid were held in the Baugh Funeral Chapel on Saturday, August 17, conducted by Rev. J. D. McMurtry with burial following in the Melville Cemetery. A body of Masons attended the funeral, conducting graveside rights. Also attending were a number of members of the LA to the B of RT.

Pallbearers were Harry Goundry, Harry McDonald, Don Pilon, Clint Barker, Tom Clarke, and Peter Blake."

(Copied as spelled from the Melville Advance.)

SAMANTHA CURTIS DESCENDANT DIRECTORY

(1) JOHN L. AND ELIZABETH (SPENCER) CURTIS

(2) SAMANTHA M. CURTIS

born: April 1859 at: Northumberland County,
Ontario, Canada
died: 14 August 1891 at: likely Griggs Co, ND
married: at:

to: LESLIE HERMAN HARRIMAN

born: January 1864 at: Maine
died: 16 July 1929 at: Wahpeton, North Dakota
father:
mother:

Samantha and Leslie were the parents of Frank, Ella and Amy.

(3) FRANK HENRY HARRIMAN

born: 2 Mar. 1884 at: Hannaford ND
died: 26 Oct. 1950 at: Strathmore, Alberta
Frank died in a tractor accident.
Both Frank and Mary are buried at Strathmore.
married: 17 Mar. 1909 at: Cooperstown ND

to: MARY KOCH

born: 28 Apr. 1887 at: Chesley, Bruce Co, Ontario
died: 18 Apr. 1964 at: Calgary, Alberta
father: Frederick William Koch (spelled KOSH in the old
mother: Maria Evers country)

Frank & Mary were the parents of the following:
Florence, Harley, Weldon, Rachel, Mark, Kathleen, Mary
Norman and Millicent.

(4) FLORENCE ELLA HARRIMAN

born: 29 Jan. 1910 at: Strathmore AB
married: 24 Sept. 1928 at: Strathmore AB

to: ALVAH ALVIN DOWNEY

born: 7 June 1906 at: Farmington WA
died: 12 Jan. 1979 at: Calgary AB
father: Alvah Downey
mother: Martha Rygh

occupation: Alvah was a dentist. He became a
naturalized citizen of Canada in 1932.

Florence was a Certified Dental Nurse
address: Florence lives in Calgary AB

Florence was one of the first blue eyed blond babies born in Strathmore. She attended school at Nightingale, Strathmore & Calgary. In 1928 she married Alvah Downey at Strathmore. Florence and Alvah have 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren. In 1952 when Alvah became ill with arthritis, Florence went to work with Alvah in his Dental office as his assistant. Florence took courses and later became the first person in Canada to receive her diploma as a qualified Dental Nurse.

(5) **FLORENCE MARY-MARTHA DOWNEY**

born: 2 June 1932 at: Strathmore AB
married: 2 Oct. 1954 at: Calgary AB

to: **JOHN STANLEY McFETRIDGE**

born: 17 Dec. 1927 at: Grand Prairie AB
father: Thomas McFetridge
mother: Minnie Whitehead
occupation: John-a medical doctor
John and Florence divorced Nov. 1976.
address: Florence lives in Kirkland WA

(6) **GRANT THOMAS McFETRIDGE**

born: 13 Sept 1955 at San Francisco CA
married: June 1981 at: Wausau WI

to: **CINDY WHETZEL**

born: at:
father: Vernan Whetzel
mother: Ruth
occupation: Electrical engineer
address: Grass Valley CA
Grant and Cindy divorced.

(6) **SCOTT DOUGLAS McFETRIDGE**

born: 13 Mar. 1957 at: Calgary AB
occupation: Mechanical engineer
address: Seattle WA

(6) **ALISON MARY McFETRIDGE**

born: 30 Sept. 1964 at: New York City
NY
occupation: Office Manager of Jewelry
firm
address: Vancouver BC

- (5) **ALVAH "FRANK" DOWNEY**
born: 5 Jan. 1934 at: Baintree AB
married: 1 May 1954 at: London ON
- to: **LAURA "ELAINE" HUMPHRYS**
born: 1 Dec. 1934 at: Regina SK
father: Griffith Humphrys
mother: Arabel Wilson
occupation: Frank-reg. industrial accountant
address: Calgary AB
- (6) **GLENN ALVAH DOWNEY**
born: 27 Oct. 1954 at: Calgary AB
married: 11 Feb. 1984 at: Calgary AB
- to: **SUSAN "JANE" MARTIN**
born: 19 Sept. 1959 at: Calgary AB
father: James Martin
mother: Susanne Wheatley
occupation: Geologist
address: Calgary AB
- (7) **STEPHEN JAMES DOWNEY**
born: January 1986
at: Calgary AB
- (7) **JOHN THOMAS DOWNEY**
born: 26 Oct. 1987
at: Calgary AB
- (7) **PAMELA JANE DOWNEY**
born: 28 Aug. 1991
at: Calgary AB
- (6) **LLOYD GRIFFITH DOWNEY**
born: 8 Sept. 1955 at: Calgary AB
married: 19 July 1986 at: Calgary AB
- to: **BRENDA ANNE FRASER**
born: 31 January 1957 at: Calgary AB
father: James Allan Fraser
mother: Jose Maubert
occupation: McDonalds Consolidated
address: Calgary AB

- (7) **DOUGLAS FRASER DOWNEY**
born: 30 March 1988
at: Calgary AB
- (7) **CHRISTOPHER JAMES DOWNEY**
born: 5 March 1990
at: Calgary AB
- (6) **JOYCE ELAINE DOWNEY**
born: 15 Aug. 1956 at: Calgary AB
occupation: Secretary & Homemaker
address: Calgary AB
- (7) **ROBERT SHANE WALFORD DOWNEY**
born: 29 Feb. 1992
at: Calgary AB
- (6) **NEIL FRANK DOWNEY**
born: 25 Jan. 1958 at: Calgary AB
occupation: Technician in precious metals
address: Calgary AB recovery
- (6) **DIANE LOUISE DOWNEY**
born: 6 Mar. 1961 at: Calgary AB
married: 2 Oct. 1989 at: Calgary AB
- to: **NEVILLE VINCENT GIBERSON**
born: 8 August 1950 at: New Brunswick
father: Ralph Giberson
mother: Hazel Lovely
occupation: Contractor
address: Calgary AB
- (7) **LAURA AMELIA GIBERSON**
born: 5 January 1987
at: Calgary AB
- (7) **SEAN NEVILLE GIBERSON**
born: 6 October 1989
at: Calgary AB

- (5) **KAREN LOUISE DOWNEY**
born: 24 Sept. 1936 at: Strathmore AB
married: 31 May 1958 at: Calgary AB
- to: **FRED WILLIAM ARTHUR EMMS**
born: 26 Jan. 1932 at: Calgary AB
died: 19 May 1982 at: Calgary AB
father: Fred Emms
mother: Barbara
occupation: Fred was manager of Fleet Safety
& Training for City of Calgary
address: Calgary AB
- (6) **FREDDIE WILLIAM EMMS**
born: 20 Dec. 1958 at: Calgary AB
married: 31 May 1980 at: Calgary AB
- to: **BEVERLY ANN DIELISSSEN**
born: 4 July 1957 at: Calgary AB
father: Laurence Dielissen
mother: Florence
occupation: Freddie-Survey Dept.-Calgary
Beverly-City of Calgary Information
address: Calgary AB
- (7) **ASHLEY MARIE EMMS**
born: 30 April 1985
at: Calgary AB
- (7) **JEFFERY THOMAS EMMS**
born: 31 August 1988
at: Calgary AB

Freddie and Beverly divorced.

- (6) **TRACY DOUGLAS EMMS**
born: 14 Dec. 1963 at: Calgary AB
married: 16 Sept. 1989 at: Calgary AB
- to: **SUSAN MARIE HORANSKY**
born: 24 April 1959 at: Quebec
father:
mother: Jenine
occupation: Tracy-electrician
address: Vancouver BC

- (7) **SAMANTHA LEANNE EMMS**
born: 27 Feb. 1989
at: Vancouver BC
- (7) **CODY MICHAEL EMMS**
born: 14 Aug. 1991
at: Calgary AB
- (6) **ROBIN PAUL EMMS**
born: 16 July 1965 at: Calgary AB
occupation: Wood finisher
address: Calgary AB
- (5) **BRENDA JOY DOWNEY**
born: 11 Apr. 1943 at: Calgary AB
married: 18 Sept. 1961 at:

to: **STEPHEN RICHARD HANSEN**
born: 20 June 1941 at: Innisfail AB
father: Siegfried Richard Hansen
mother: Dorothy
Brenda & Stephen are parents of Michael and
Laura, then divorced in 1974. Brenda married
in 1982

to: **HUGH MacLEAN BLAIR**
born: 25 August 1931 at: Regina SK
occupation: Business
address: Calgary AB
- (6) **MICHAEL ELLIOT HANSEN**
born: 25 Mar. 1962 at: Halifax NS
occupation: Law Student
address: Calgary AB
- (6) **LAURA LEIGH HANSEN**
born: 29 Apr. 1964 at: Calgary AB
married: 23 July 1988 at: Calgary AB
to: **ALAN CUCHOW**
born: 6 March 1961 at: England
father: Beverly Cuchow
mother: Tanya
occupation: Electrician
address: Cochrane AB
- (7) **CHRISTOPHER ALAN CUCHOW**
born: 16 April 1991
at: Calgary AB

(5) **BRUCE DOUGLAS DOWNEY**
born: 28 Apr. 1944 at: Calgary AB
married: 26 June 1965 at: Swift Current SK

to: **ISLAY JEAN SMITH**
born: 11 July 1944 at: Swift Current SK
father: William
mother: Donna Lee

(6) **LISA ANN DOWNEY**
born: 18 Apr. 1970 at: Calgary AB
occupation: teacher
address: Swift Current SK

(6) **DAVID BRUCE DOWNEY**
born: 22 Sept. 1972 at Swift Current SK
occupation: Aviation Student
address: Calgary AB

Bruce and Islay divorced 1976.
Bruce married: 15 Feb. 1980 at: Calgary AB

to: **MADLINE "CAROLE" LITTLE**
born: 20 June 1949 at: Bogey MB
father: Charles
mother: Doris
occupation:
address: Wickenburg AZ

(6) **ANGELA CAROLE DOWNEY**
born: Sept. 1981 at: Calgary AB

(5) **LINDA ANN DOWNEY**
born: 28 Jan. 1948 at: Calgary AB
married: 22 Jan. 1977 at: Calgary AB

to: **DAVID OLIVER WOOD**
born: 24 Oct. 1936 at: Madison WI
died: April 1991 at:
father: Ben
mother: Gloria
occupation: David-was Head of Energy Dept.
at M.I.T. Gloria-Bank of Boston
address: Belmont MA

(4) **HARLEY FRANK HARRIMAN**

born: 22 May 1912 at: Strathmore AB
died: 14 Dec. 1980 at: Red Deer AB, buried in
the Field Of Honor in Strathmore Cemetery.
married: 7 Dec. 1945 at: Strathmore AB

to: **AGNES MOORE**

born: 6 Oct. 1915 at: Jackson, Maine
father: Samuel Cassius Moore
mother: Helene Elizabeth Johnson
occupation: Harley-was in RCAF, NATO peace-keeping
force 1958-62, then a mechanic
Agnes-an accountant
address: Red Deer AB

Harley was stationed in the Maritime Provinces for a time and went to Maine trying to find Harriman records. He met Agnes, who worked in the office!

(5) **LELAND GEORGE HARRIMAN**

(son of Agnes by a previous marriage,
adopted by Harley in 1952)
born: 5 Apr. 1937 at: Gardiner, Maine
married: 30 June 1967 at: Calgary AB

to: **MAXINE JUDITH SUSAN MARRIOTT**

born: 21 Aug. 1946 at: Edmonton AB
father: George Roy Marriott
mother: Hannah Graham
occupation: Leland-pipe fitter, plumber
and gas fitter
Maxine-domestic engineer
address: Calgary AB

(5) **FRANK HENRY HARRIMAN**

born: 23 Aug. 1947 at: Calgary AB
married: 7 Aug. 1971 at: Withrow AB

to: **PATRICIA MARIE MEYERS**

born: 27 July 1950 at: Eckville AB
father: Edward John Meyers
mother: Bertha Marie Lingren
occupation: Master Electrician
address: Calgary AB

(6) **TERENCE HARLEY HARRIMAN**

born: 23 May 1974 at: Calgary AB

(6) **CHERYL RISHA HARRIMAN**

born: 19 July 1976 at: Calgary AB

(5) **ELIZABETH HELEN HARRIMAN**
born: 6 Feb. 1956 at: Red Deer AB
married: 26 June 1982 at: Calgary AB

to: **GORDON HENDERSON CROOKS**
born: 20 Nov. 1954 at: Broyburn, Scotland
father: John Crooks
mother: Lillias Henderson
occupation: Petroleum Geologist
address: Calgary AB

(6) **ROBERT JAMES HARRIMAN CROOKS**
born: 9 Mar. 1983 at: Calgary AB

(6) **WILLIAM HENRY HARRIMAN CROOKS**
born: 29 Mar. 1985 at: Calgary AB

(6) **MALCOLM ALEXANDER HARRIMAN CROOKS**
born: 4 Oct. 1987 at: Calgary AB

(4) **WELDON HENRY HARRIMAN**
born: 7 July 1913 at: Strathmore AB
married: 24 Feb. 1945 at: Vancouver BC

to: **CATHRINE "KITTY" MARION AIRD**
born: 15 Apr. 1919 at: Scourie, Scotland
father: John Aird
mother: Joan Morrison
occupation: Weldon-teacher Kitty-clerk
address: Delta BC

(5) **FRANK "IAN" HARRIMAN**
born: 7 May 1946 at: Calgary AB
married: 6 Sept. 1969 at: North Vancouver BC

to: **CHERRY PYE**
born: 8 May 1947 at: Vancouver BC
father: John Pye
mother: Barbara Ellis
Frank & Cherry are parents of Sharel, Julie
and David...were divorced in 1987. Frank
married: 15 Apr. 1988 at: Nelson BC

to: **MERINA DIPRETTO**
born: 19 Oct. 1950 at: Pozina, Italy
father: Merino DiPretto
mother: Alda
occupation-Frank-Ford Dealership
Merina-stenographer
address: Nelson BC

(6) **SHAREL ANNE HARRIMAN**
born: 27 Mar. 1974 at: Vancouver BC

(6) **JULIE CATHERINE HARRIMAN**
born: 17 Feb. 1977 at: Richmond BC

(6) **DAVID IAN HARRIMAN**
born: 15 Oct. 1980 at: Richmond BC

(5) **MARGARET JOAN HARRIMAN**
born: 26 May 1949 at: Medicine Hat AB
married: 18 May 1991 at: Ladner BC

to: **REGINALD NORBERT FREY**
born: 4 August 1945 at: Cudworth, Sask.
father: Francis Frey
mother: Adiline Bader
occupation: both are teachers
address: Surrey BC

Reg has children by a previous marriage:
Greg Frey born in 1978
Carly Frey born in 1980

(5) **NORMAN CHARLES HARRIMAN**
born: 22 Oct. 1953 at: Vancouver BC
occupation: airline pilot
address: Ladner BC

- (4) **RACHEL MARGARET HARRIMAN**
born: 29 Jan. 1915 at: Strathmore AB
married: 23 Dec. 1935 at: Calgary AB
- to: **NORMAN PRESCOTT BRAGG**
born: 1 Aug. 1912 at: Calgary AB
died: 13 Sept. 1960 at: Standard AB
father: John Bragg
mother: Julia Gamble (from Nova Scotia)
occupation: was a school principal
address: Calgary AB
- (5) **JOHN NORMAN BRAGG**
born: 1 Nov. 1936 at: Calgary AB
married: 16 Dec. 1963 at: Dallas TX
- to: **BARBARA KEAY WESTMANCOAT**
born: 1 Oct. 1936 at: Ryley AB
father: Robert Westmancoat
mother: Marjorie Gray
occupation: John-geologist
Barbara-former teacher
address: Calgary AB
- (6) **MICHELLE MARJORIE BRAGG**
born: 17 June 1971 at: Sydney, Aust.
occupation: University student
address: Calgary AB
- (5) **NORMA RAE BRAGG**
born: 1 Aug. 1939 at: Calgary AB
married: 10 Nov. 1956 at: Standard AB
- to: **CLARK ALAN CHRISTENSEN**
born: 10 April 1937 at: Standard AB
father: Marius Christensen
mother: Evelyn Orford
occupation: retired oil dealer
address: Standard AB
- (6) **JACQUELINE LEE CHRISTENSEN**
born: 28 Sept. 1956 at: Calgary AB
married to **WOLFGANG SCHIMECK**
Jacqueline and Wolfgang divorced-1987.

Jacqueline was
married: 20 Aug. 1988 at: Standard AB

to: **NEIL ALBERT FIRKUS**
born: 12 July 1956 at:
father: Albert Firkus
mother: Donna
occupation: Neil-dispatcher, at truck
terminal. Jacqueline-librarian at the
Calgary Herald.
address: Calgary AB

(6) **SHARON LYNN CHRISTENSEN**
born: 15 Nov. at: Calgary AB
married: 9 July 1977 at: Rockyford AB

to: **DANIEL JAMES GREGORY**
born: 3 July 1956 at: Calgary AB
father: Ralph Gregory
mother: Muriel
occupation: Daniel with Alberta Gov't
Telephone, Sharon is a nurse.
address: Calgary AB

(7) **DANIELLE LYNN GREGORY**
born: 26 April 1982
at: Calgary AB

(7) **SARAH JANE GREGORY**
born: 1 August 1984
at: Calgary AB

(7) **JAMES PATRICK GREGORY**
born: 24 January 1987
at: Calgary AB

(6) **GRANT ALAN CHRISTENSEN**
born: 7 Nov. 1959 at: Calgary AB
occupation: student
address: Calgary AB

(6) **ANGELA JANE "JANIE" CHRISTENSEN**
born: 5 May 1965 at: Calgary AB
occupation:
address: Calgary AB

- (5) **RUSSELL "ALLAN" BRAGG**
born: 19 May 1944 at: Calgary AB
married: 26 Dec. 1970 at: Gleichen AB
- to: **SUSAN JANE BOLINGER**
born: 4 April 1951 at: Gleichen AB
father: Mars W. Bolinger
mother: Elizabeth Ticknor
occupation: Allan is Principal at Standard
address: Standard AB
- (6) **ROSS EDWARD BRAGG**
born: 28 May 1973 at: Innisfail AB
occupation: Student at Lethbridge
University
address: Calgary AB
- (6) **DAVID ALLAN BRAGG**
born: 4 Nov. 1975 at: Calgary AB
- (5) **ROBERT PRESCOTT BRAGG**
born: 17 Feb. 1947 at: Calgary AB
married: 6 May 1972 at: Calgary AB
- to: **LANA STEWART**
Robert and Lana divorced 1980. Robert
married: 10 July 1982 at: St. Thomas, Ontario
- to: **JOANNE RAMONDT**
born: 20 May 1951 at: Ontario
father: Jack Ramondt
mother: Marie
occupation: Robert-editor, Calgary Herald
JoAnne-Reporter, Calgary Herald
address: Calgary AB
- (6) **BRONWYN SUZANNE BRAGG**
born: 9 June 1984 at: Calgary AB
- (6) **MEREDITH ROBYN BRAGG**
born: 16 October 1986 at: Calgary AB

(5) **MARY LEE BRAGG**

born: 20 July 1949 at: Calgary AB
married: 30 Aug. 1969 at: Calgary AB

to: **COLIN TODD MORTON**

born: 25 July 1948 at: Thornhill, Ontario
father: Arthur Morton
mother: Jean Hicks
occupation: famous poet & works in Federal
Civil service, Mary works in Dept
of Official Languages at Federal Civil Ser.
address: Ottawa, Ontario

(6) **JEFFREY COLIN MORTON**

born: 7 Apr. 1975 at: Edmonton AB

(4) **MARK CLIFTON HARRIMAN**

born: 4 June 1917 at: Strathmore AB
died: 22 July 1917 at: Strathmore AB

- (4) **KATHLEEN "KAY" GRACE HARRIMAN**
 born: 25 May 1918 at: Strathmore AB
 died: 4 May 1989 at: Innisfail AB
 married: 8 Nov. 1947 at: Calgary AB
- to: **HOWARD RUSSELL CHRISTOFFERSEN**
 born: 21 June 1913 at: Gleichen AB
 father: John Christoffersen
 mother: Grace Lord
 occupation: retired farmer. Kay was a teacher.
 address: Innisfail AB
- (5) **RUSSELL JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN**
 born: 4 Dec. 1949 at: Calgary AB
 married: Sept 1974 at: Red Deer AB
- to: **LINDA CHRISTINE DESCHNER**
 born: 25 May 1956 at: Red Deer AB
 father: Stephen Micheal Deschner
 mother: Christina Isabel Shirreff
 occupation: Engineer with Amoco Oil Co.
 address: Brooks AB
- (6) **SHANNON MICHELLE CHRISTOFFERSEN**
 born: 28 Jan. 1977 at: Red Deer AB
- (6) **RYAN HOWARD CHRISTOFFERSEN**
 born: 9 Aug. 1978 at: Red Deer AB
- (5) **HOWARD "FRANK" CHRISTOFFERSEN**
 born: 28 March 1952 at: Calgary AB
 married: 2 Aug. 1975 at: Westlock AB
- to: **DONNA MARIE ELLIOT**
 born: 15 July 1954 at: Berwyn AB
 father: William John Elliott
 mother: Lola Agnes Wolfe
- (6) **IAN TODD CHRISTOFFERSEN**
 born: 16 Oct. 1978 at: Calgary AB
- (6) **GRAHAM FRANK CHRISTOFFERSEN**
 born: 6 Jan. 1981 at: Calgary AB
- Frank and Donna are divorced.
 Frank-a carpenter & lives at Thunder Bay ON
 Donna & children at Penhold AB

- (5) **EDNA KAYE CHRISTOFFERSEN**
born: 25 Apr. 1954 at: Calgary AB
married: 24 Oct. 1975 at: Bowden AB
- to: **TERENCE ROY STICKLAND**
born: 25 July 1953 at: Red Deer AB
father: William Gordon Stickland
mother: Blanche Viola Ramsay
occupation: Farmer and he is a Heavy Duty
Mechanic Instructor at Red Deer College
address: Red Deer AB
- (6) **CAROLYN KATHLEEN STICKLAND**
born: 3 Feb. 1978 at: Innisfail AB
- (6) **BRIAN TERENCE STICKLAND**
born: 15 April 1980 at: Innisfail AB

- (4) **MARY LOUISE HARRIMAN**
born: 15 Apr. 1920 at: Nightingale AB
married: 30 Oct. 1942 at: Vancouver BC
- to: **PENARD HERVIG HILDAHL**
born: 7 June 1918 at: Strathmore AB
father: Andrew Emil Hildahl
mother: Elise Hervig
occupation: farmer, formerly was a diesel
engineer, worked on tug boats, was in the
navy and served in a machine shop in Halifax
address: Morrin AB
- (5) **BEVERLY ELISE HILDAHL**
born: 16 July 1943 at: Calgary AB
married: 5 Mar. 1966 at: Morrin AB
- to: **BRIAN GEORGE McINTOSH**
born: 20 June 1943 at: near New
Westminster BC
father: Laurence McIntosh
mother: Patricia Barnett
occupation: mgr. of 3 depts. at Woodwards
Beverly-registered nurse - Kamloops Hospital
address: Kamloops BC

- (6) **KAREN LYNN McINTOSH**
 born: 14 Dec. 1970 at: New West-
 minster BC
occupation: in hospital Staff Placement
personnel
 address: Kelowna BC
- (6) **RICHARD LAWRENCE McINTOSH**
 born: 20 Sept. 1973 at: New Westmin-
 ster BC
- (5) **HARVEY EIVEN HILDAHL**
 born: 17 Apr. 1946 at: Calgary AB
 married: 6 July 1974 at: Saskatoon SK
- to: **WENDY FAY BANMAN**
 born: 28 May 1953 at: Saskatoon SK
 father: Peter Banman
 mother: Mary Fehr
 occupation: Heavy duty mechanic for ESSO
 Wendy-works in ESSO office
 address: Drayton Valley AB
- (6) **CRYSTAL DAWN HILDAHL**
 born: 29 Aug. 1976 at: Calgary AB
- (6) **KENDALL ALAN HILDAHL**
 born: 25 Aug. 1978 at: Wetaskiwin AB
- (6) **ROBYN NICOLE HILDAHL**
 born: 30 June 1981 at: Drayton Valley AB
- (5) **PENNY MARIE HILDAHL**
 born: 28 Sept. 1947 at: Drumheller AB
 married: 1 Oct. 1978 at: Winnipeg MB
- to: **GORDON GEORGE ENGLAND**
 born: 28 Apr. 1943 at:
 father: Donald Gordon England
 mother: Jean
 occupation: Gordon-Psychologist
 Penny works in Gordon's office
 address: Prince George BC

- (6) **ERIN MARIE ENGLAND**
born: 25 Feb. 1980 at: Prince George BC
- (6) **SAMANTHA JEAN ENGLAND**
born: 23 June 1982 at: Prince George BC
- (5) **FRANCES LOUISE HILDAHL**
born: 5 Nov. 1949 at: Drumheller AB
married: 3 Jan. 1970 at: Calgary AB
- to: **ROBERT EDMUND BRIAN AVRAMENKO**
born: 15 Dec. 1950 at: Drumheller AB
father: George Avramenko
mother: Gertrude Ragin
occupation: Robert-Shift supervisor for
Comenco, Frances-Library assistant with
Calgary School Board
address: Calgary AB
- (6) **ANGELA LOUISE AVRAMENKO**
born: 2 Apr. 1970 at: Calgary AB
married: 30 Dec 1989 at: Calgary AB
- to: **MICHAEL FRANCIS**
born: 28 May at: Calgary AB
father: Lorne Francis
mother: Cherry Scott
occupation: Mike-Bakery
Angela-construction secretary
address: Calgary AB
- (7) **SHAYLA ANNE FRANCIS**
born: 23 April 1992
at: Calgary AB
- (6) **ROBERT DEAN AVRAMENKO**
born: 26 Feb. 1973 at: Calgary AB
occupation: works in bakery, also farms
address: Calgary AB

- (5) **PETER ANDREW HILDAHL**
 born: 26 July 1952 at: Drumheller AB
 married: 8 Dec. 1973 at: Calgary AB
- to: **HAZELINE MARIE BELMONTE**
 born: 2 Feb. 1953 at: Phillipine Islands
 father: Remie Belmonte
 mother: Ethel Taguinod
 occupation: Peter-electrician
 Hazeline-Medical Records-Lethbridge Hospital
 address: West Lethbridge AB
- (6) **JASON KEITH HILDAHL**
 born: 10 Dec. 1976 at: Calgary AB
- (6) **COLIN PATRICK HILDAHL**
 born: 2 August 1979 at: Lethbridge AB
- (6) **MICHAEL ANDREW HILDAHL**
 born: 23 June 1981 at: Lethbridge AB
- (5) **ELLEN CHRISTINE HILDAHL**
 born: 25 July 1954 at: Drumheller AB
 married: 4 May 1974 at: Morrin AB
- to: **JAMES MITCHELL MOORE**
 born: 16 Feb. 1955 at: Stettler AB
 father: Raymond Moore
 mother: Lorraine Fraser
 occupation: James-Electrical maintenance
 director at Didsbury Hospital Ellen-loans
 officer at Canadian Imperial Bank of
 Commerce in Olds
 address: Olds AB
- (6) **NEIL ANDREW MOORE**
 born: 18 Oct. 1976 at: Calgary AB
- (6) **TRACY LEANNE MOORE**
 born: 22 August 1980 at: Calgary AB

(4) **NORMAN ALLEN HARRIMAN**

born: 13 Nov. 1921 at: Nightingale AB
married: 7 June 1952 at: Carseland AB

to: **EDNA MABEL GROVES**

born: 24 June 1932 at: Carseland AB
father: James Groves
mother: Mabel Bernice
occupation: Retired farmer
address: Strathmore AB

(5) **NORMA "JEAN" HARRIMAN**

born: 2 June 1953 at: Calgary AB
married: 14 Aug. 1982 at: Strathmore AB

to: **JOSEPH KEDMY**

born: 19 Feb. 1949 at: Israel
father:
mother: Susy

(6) **RACHEL HELENE KEDMY**

born: 22 Oct. 1984 at: Calgary AB

(6) **ADAM JAMES KEDMY**

born: 11 Sept. 1986 at: Calgary AB

Norma and Joseph are divorced.

Norma is a student and lives in Edmonton AB

(5) **CAROL EDNA HARRIMAN**

born: 2 May 1955 at: Calgary AB
married: 27 June 1970 at: Strathmore AB

to: **CALVIN GEORGE MURRAY**

born: 25 Mar. 1952 at: Calgary AB
father: Donald Murray
mother: Irene Alice
occupation: aerial applicator and farmer
address: Strathmore AB

(6) **KAREN ALICE MURRAY**

born: 16 Feb. 1972 at: Calgary AB
married: 14 Mar. 1992 at: Strathmore AB

to: **ROBERT WALLACE CARLSON**

born: 20 March 1963 at: Strathmore AB
father: Robert Carlson
mother: Marie
Occupation: Robert-trucker
Address: Strathmore AB

- (6) **PAMELA LOREEN MURRAY**
born: 21 Apr. 1976 at: Calgary AB
- (6) **SANDRA JOANNE MURRAY**
born: 14 May 1982 at: Calgary AB
- (5) **EARL KENNETH HARRIMAN**
born: 11 Dec. 1956 at: Calgary AB
married: 5 Feb. 1983 at: Kindersly SK
- to: **SHELLY MURIEL HOWARD**
born: 22 Apr. 1960 at: Kindersly SK
father: Douglas Howard
mother: Muriel
occupation: farmer & rancher
address: Strathmore AB
- (6) **KRISTIN DAWN HARRIMAN**
born: 13 Nov. 1986 at: Calgary AB
- (6) **JENNA MARIE HARRIMAN**
born: 1 July 1989 at: Calgary AB
- (6) **CALEY ANN HARRIMAN**
born: 25 Oct. 1991 at: Calgary AB
- (5) **VERNA KAY HARRIMAN**
born: 18 July 1959 at: Calgary AB
occupation: Bookkeeper
address: Strathmore AB

- (4) **MILLICENT "MILLY" EDITH HARRIMAN**
born: 6 Nov. 1923 at: Nightingale AB
married: 8 June 1946 at: Strathmore AB

to: **JOHN WALLACE MILLER**
born: 14 Feb. 1920 at: Rockyford AB
father: Albert William Miller
mother: Jessie Barnett
occupation: retired farmer
address: Rockyford AB

- (5) **CAROLYN GRACE MILLER**
born: 5 Dec. 1947 at: Calgary AB
married: at:

to: **JAKE THIESSEN**

- (6) **SHARON GAIL THIESSEN**
born: 1 Feb. 1969 at: Calgary AB
married: 23 July 1988 at: Strathmore AB

to: **KARL SCHULTZ**
born: 30 Oct. 1965 at: Calgary AB
father: Roy Schultz
mother: Lydia Thiessen
occupation: Karl-County road Maintenance
address: Strathmore AB

- (7) **KLAYTON CARL SCHULTZ**
born: 30 July 1991
at: Calgary AB

Carolyn and Jake are divorced. Carolyn
married: 10 June 1989 at: Strathmore AB

to: **DON LARDEN**
born: 21 Sept. 1944 at: Shaunavon SK
father: Percy Larden
mother: Irene Potter
occupation: contractor and tool & small
 machinery rental business
 Carolyn has concessions at Strathmore
 Auction Sales
address: Strathmore AB

- (5) **ALLISON JANE MILLER**
born: 15 Nov. 1950 at: Calgary AB
married: 28 Nov. 1970 at: Calgary AB
- to: **JOHN HARVEY SANDEN**
born: 26 May 1950 at: Calgary AB
father: Harvey Sanden
mother: Irene Thorsien
occupation: John is a farmer, teaches 4-H
small engines, has degree in enviromental
technology
address: Strathmore AB
- (6) **MICHAEL JOHN SANDEN**
born: 28 Apr. 1971 at: Calgary AB
occupation: machine technician for AGCO
address: Strathmore AB
- (6) **THOMAS ALLEN SANDEN**
born: 5 April 1973 at: Calgary AB
occupation: mechanic
address: Strathmore AB
- (6) **GRANT IAN SANDEN**
born: 9 Dec. 1977 at: Calgary AB
- (5) **WELDON FREDERICK MILLER**
born: 22 June 1952 at: Calgary AB
married: 22 Nov. 1976 at: Morrin AB
- to: **BONITA MOORE**
born: 18 Sept. 1958 at: Drumheller AB
father: Raymond Moore
mother: Laureen Frazer
occupation: Traveling Salesman-Snap On Tools
address: Gibbons AB
- (6) **CHAD RICHARD MILLER**
born: 18 May 1979 at: Grand Prairie AB
- (6) **DANIELLE DAWN MILLER**
born: 14 Dec. 1980 at: Grand Prairie AB

- (5) **LYLE KENDRICK MILLER**
 born: 26 Dec. 1958 at: Calgary AB
 married: 10 Oct. 1981 at: Strathmore AB
 to: **CINDY FLOWERS**
- (6) **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT MILLER**
 born: 7 Feb. 1982 at: Calgary AB
- (6) **ELISA JAQUELYN MILLER**
 born: 4 Apr. 1985 at: Calgary AB

Lyle and Cindy were divorced.
 Lyle was
 married: 2 Nov. 1991? at: Rockyford AB

to: **PAMELA ANNE MAWLEY**
 born: 19 Aug. 1961 at: Ontario
 father: William Sydney Mawley
 mother: Pirjo Kyylykki
 occupation: farmer
 address: Rockyford AB

Pamela has a daughter:
 Jennifer Rose Lauren
 born: 15 June 1979 at: Calgary AB

- (3) **ELLA ELIZABETH HARRIMAN**
 born: Nov. 1887 at: Dazey ND
 died: 26 Mar. 1938 at: Regina SK
 married: 26 July 1911 at: Cooperstown ND

to: **JAMES ALEXANDER McDIARMID**
 born: 19 Jan. 1883 at: Minnesota
 died: 15 Aug. 1957 at: Regina SK
 buried at Melville SK
 father:
 mother:

After marriage James and Ella moved to Melville SK, and were located on a farm there. James was in business with a brother. James was also a CN railroad conductor and retired in 1946. After Ella died, James married Elizabeth Armbruster and they were the parents of a daughter, Marlene, who died in 1957.

Elizabeth was living in Neudorf SK in 1990.

(4) **HAZEL JESSIE McDIARMID**

born: 29 May 1912 at: Melville SK
died: 22 Oct. 1975 at: Vancouver BC
married: 1929 at: Melville SK

to: **ELMER JAMES HEPBURN**

born: Mar. 1911 at: Melville SK
died: 5 Oct. 1943 at: Germany
buried in France. Elmer was a Bombardier Flying
officer in the RCAF. Was lost over Germany in
World War II.

father: William James Hepburn

mother: Rankin

Hazel (after the death of Elmer)

married: at:

to: **DON McCONAGHY**

born: at:

died: at: Melville SK

father: Grant McConaghy

mother:

occupation: CNR engineer

lived at:

(5) **GLEN "ALLAN" HEPBURN**

born: 21 Feb. 1930 at: Melville SK
died: 1981 at: Calgary AB
married: at:

to: **MARILYN**

born: at:

father:

mother:

Glen Allan Hepburn and Marilyn divorced.

Glen

married: at:

to: **JEAN**

born: at:

father:

mother:

occupation:

address:

(6) **TRACY**

born:

HEPBURN

at: Vancouver BC

Allan & Jean divorced. Jean & Tracy went to
England.

- (5) **JOAN ALISON HEPBURN**
born: 1 Sept. 1932 at: Melville SK
married: 15 June 1957 at: Carmel CA
- to: **RUSSELL JAMES HERBERT JR**
born: 10 Oct. 1930 at: Barnhart, Missouri
father: Russell James Herbert Sr.
mother: Bernice Hercher
occupation: Russell-retired from 3M National
outdoor advertising Joan is a nurse
address: Stockton, California
- (6) **CURTIS JAMES HERBERT**
born: 17 June 1958 at: Sacramento CA
occupation: electrician in US Navy
stationed at Long Beach CA
- (6) **DOUGLAS PAUL HERBERT**
born: 23 Apr. 1960 at: Sacramento CA
married: 22 Mar. 1986 at: Stockton CA
- to: **MINDY NEUMAN**
born: 17 March 1961 at:
father: Roger Neuman
mother: Judith
occupation: Douglas: Environmental
Engineer
address: Pleasant Hill CA
- (6) **ROGER ALLAN HERBERT**
born: 7 Mar. 1962 at: Sacramento CA
occupation: Mechanical engineer
address: Fresno CA
- (6) **JEFFREY DEAN HERBERT**
born: 12 Oct. 1966 at: Stockton CA
occupation: taking classes at Chico
State in industrial management
address: Chico CA

- (4) **MAXWELL CURTIS McDIARMID**
 born: 23 Jan. 1914 at: Melville SK
 died: 10 Mar. 1976 at: Vancouver BC
 married: 2 Nov. 1939 at: Sunny Bank Farm SK
- to: **ALICE "MARJORIE" STILBORN**
 born: 10 Aug. 1916 at: Sunny Bank Farm SK
 father: James Stilborn
 mother: Addis
 occupation: Maxwell was a pilot with RCAF 1939-45,
 many years with government job-Regina,
 in 1965 moved to Vancouver and took a
 job with BC Hydro, took early retirement
 because of health reasons.
 Marjorie is a retired nurse
 address: Marjorie lives in Vancouver BC
- (5) **MAXWELL JAMES McDIARMID**, in the early 1970's
 legally changed his name to:
PATRICK "JAMES" MacFARLAN
 born: 17 Nov. 1943 at: Sunny Bank Farm SK
 married: 12 Dec. 1972 at: Mexico City, Mexico
- to: **MARY KATHLEEN HEARNE**
 born: 11 June 1950 at Sault Ste. Marie, ON
 father: Walter Jesse Hearne
 mother: Frances Marilyn Rogers
 occupation: James is a helicopter and airplane
 pilot, now at University of Calgary
 Architecture School
 address: Canmore AB
- (6) **JENNIFER MARIE MacFARLAN**
 born: 23 Sept. 1978 at: Fairview AB
- (6) **HEATHER COLEEN MacFARLAN**
 born: 27 Sept. 1980 at: Fairview AB
- (6) **LESLIE ANNE MacFARLAN**
 born: 3 Apr. 1982 at: Fairview AB
- (6) **JAMIE KATHLEEN MacFARLAN**
 born: 13 Feb. 1984 at: Fairview AB

(5) **SUSAN JOAN McDIARMID**
born: 30 Sept. 1945 at: Regina SK
married: at: Regina SK

to: **WILLIAM GREGORY HEISLER**

(6) **RHONDA JILL HEISLER**
born: 5 June 1962 at: Regina SK
occupation:
address:

(7) **BODHI HEISLER**
born: 27 Dec. 1989
at: Vancouver BC

Susan and William were divorced.
Susan married at Vancouver BC

to: **DAVID KNOX SCOTT**

(6) **CARLEY JOANNE SCOTT**
born: 28 July 1973 at: Vancouver BC

(6) **DAVID "TYLER" SCOTT**
born: 10 Sept. 1975 at: Vancouver BC

Susan and David were divorced.
Susan married at Ladner BC

to: **CHARLES ALEXANDER RIESTERER**
Susan and Charles were divorced.

occupation: Susan is a psychiatric nurse.
Susan McDiarmid lives at Delta BC

(5) **MARJORIE "JILL" McDIARMID**

born: 27 Aug. 1947 at: Regina SK
died: 20 Feb. 1991 at: Langley BC
was killed in a traffic accident
buried at Ladner BC
married: 5 Oct. at: Ladner BC

to: **ISTVAN VAZUL ADORJAN VARGA**
born: 14 April 1950 at: West Germany
father: George Alexander Varga
mother: Martha Maria Csiffary
occupation: Istvan is a house painter.
Jill was a draftsman.
address: Delta BC

(6) **MORGANA VIVECA VARGA**

born: 27 Feb. 1985 at: Vancouver BC

(4) **JOSEPHINE "BETH" McDIARMID**

born: 13 Mar. 1919 at:
died: 4 July 1925 at:

(3) **AMY HARRIMAN**

born: Feb. or Mar. 1889 at Barnes Co., North Dakota
died: at:

"THAT CURTIS RED!"

When visiting the Carlsons in Nov. 1992, Mary (Harriman) Hildahl told how her mother (Mary Koch Harriman) would exclaim about the beautiful red hair of her children. She would say "That CURTIS RED!". Of the nine children of Frank and Mary, the following had red hair: Harley, Rachel, Kay and Millie and Millie's daughter, Allison, has red hair. Mary Hildahl went on to explain that the red is a beautiful dark auburn red, not a "carrot red".

As I was doing a final check on the photos for this book, I began to notice many of the Curtis descendents of other families than Samantha's also have this beautiful dark red hair! Since this book is not in color....take my word for it! I wonder if Samantha had red hair.

Later, I was asking one of Elizabeth's descendents what Nellie looked like and asked what color hair she had...."Oh, beautiful RED hair!" How many of generations 1, 2 and 3 had red hair?...."THAT CURTIS RED!"

P.S....Since writing the above, I found out that Charles Curtis and John's daughter, Nina, had red hair!

submitted by Ruth Carlson



Samantha Curtis



Samantha Curtis & Ada Jane Smith



Ella & Frank Harriman



Frank Harriman



Ella Harriman
Age 18



Ella & Frank Harriman



Frank Harriman



Mary Koch
Graduation



Florence &
Harley Harriman



Frank Harriman
& Mary Koch



Frank &
Mary Harriman



Four Generations
 1-r back-Florence (Harriman) Downey,
 Mary (Koch) Harriman and her mother
 Mary (Evers) Koch. Children are
 Florence "Mary Martha" and Alvah
 "Frank" Downey



Florence & Alvah Downey
 40th Wedding Anniversary



Dr. & Mrs. A. Downey
 (Alvah & Florence)
 50th wedding anniversary

1992 photo of Florence Downey
 and her grandchildren. 1-r back-
 GLEN & Jane Downey, Susan Emms,
 DAVID Downey, TRACY & FRED Emms,
 Brenda & LLOYD Downey holding
 Christopher Downey. Front-
 LAURA Cuchow, Florence Downey,
 DIANE Giberson & JOYCE Downey.
 (8 of 16 GRANDCHILDREN)





l-r back-Florence Mary-Martha
McPetridge, Frank Downey,
Karen Emms. Front- Bruce
Downey, Linda Wood, Florence
Downey & Brenda Blair.



Florence Downey with her
GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. (Missing
is CODY Emms) l-r back- JOHN,
STEPHEN & Lloyd Downey holding
CHRISTOPHER Downey, Florence
Downey holding CHRISTOPHER Cuchow,
SAMANTHA & ASHLEY Emms and DOUGLAS
Downey. Front-PAMELA Downey,
JEFFERY Emms, SHANE Downey, LAURA
and SEAN Giberson.



Marriage of Grant
McPetridge & Cindy Wetzel
1-r Scott & Allison McPetridge,
Florence Ella Downey, Cindy
Wetzel, Grant McPetridge,
Florence Mary Martha &
John McPetridge



1-r top-Florence Mary Martha
McPetridge, Grant McPetridge
Florence Ella Downey
Seated: Mary (Koch) Harriman,
Scott McPetridge & man unknown.



Seated: Frank & Elaine Downey
Standing: 1-r Neil Downey,
Diane Giberson, Lloyd, Brerda,
Joyce, Jane & Glenn Downey.



Fred, Robin, Karen
& Tracy Emms - 1990



Fred & Karen Emms



l-r Michael Hansen
Brenda & Hugh Blair
and Laura Cuchow



l-r Samantha, Karen,
Jeffery & Ashley Emms



l-r Lisa, Carol, Bruce
& David Downey. Front-
Angela Downey



Cody Emms-1991



David & Linda Wood



l-r Agnes & Harley Harriman,
Patricia & Frank Harriman &
Patricia's parents Marie &
Edward Meyers



Frank & Patricia Harriman's
Wedding. l-r Elizabeth
Harriman, Mary-bride's friend,
Patricia (Meyers) & Frank
Harriman, Richard Meyers
and Russell-groom's cousin.



l-r Elizabeth, Malcolm, William,
Robert & Gordon Crooks-1992



back l-r Leland, Harley
& Frank. Front Agnes &
Elizabeth



l-r Frank, Agnes, Elizabeth
& Leland Harriman



Agnes & Harley with
Cheryl & Terance



Weldon Harriman



Harley Harriman



Kitty & Weldon Harriman



Marriage of Margaret Harriman
& Reginald Frey-May 1991
l-r: Norman Harriman, Weldon
Harriman, Margaret Harriman &
Reg Frey, Kitty Harriman,
Merina & Ian Harriman



Kay & Howard Christoffersen
Wedding-1947



Standing l-r Robert, Allan,
Norma & John. Seated are
Mary Lee & Rachel Bragg at
Rachel's 75th Birthday-1990



Kay & Howard Christoffersen
40th Anniversary-1987



l-r Ian, Frank & Graham
Christoffersen



Russell & Linda Christoffersen
with children Ryan & Shannon



l-r Jackie, gr-daughter of Rachel Bragg, Penny England, Pat & Frank Harriman.



Carolyn & Brian Stickland



Terence & Edna Stickland with children Carolyn & Brian



Penard & Mary Hildahl



Penard & Mary Hildahl family-Back: Harvey Hildahl, Ellen Moore, Frances Avramenko, Penny England, Bev McIntosh & Peter Hildahl.



l-r Penard & Mary Hildahl with
grandchildren Karen & Richard
McIntosh



Brian, Bev, Karen & Richard McIntosh



Crystal, Kendall, Wendy,
Robyn & Harvey Hildahl



Aaron, Penny, Gordon &
Samantha England



Front-Frances & Robert Avramenko
Back-Robert Avramenko, Angela &
Michael Francis



Neil, Ellen, Jim & Tracey Moore



Angela & Michael Francis



Michael, Peter, Hazeline,
Jason & Colin Hildahl



Mike & Angela Francis holding Shayla,
Frances, Bob & Robbie Avramenko



Jason Hildahl



Sharon Schultz



Klayton Carl
Schultz



Colin Hildahl



Carolyn &
Don Larden



Michael Hildahl



Back: Robert & Karen Carlson, Pamela Murray,
Calvin & Carol Murray, Verna Harriman & Shelly
Harriman. Front: Norma Jean Harriman, Rachel &
Adam Kedmy, Norman & Edna Harriman & Sandra Murray
behind, Jenna, Caley, Earl & Kristin Harriman



Back-Millie & John Miller
 Front-Lyle, Carolyn, Allison & Weldon



Pamela & Lyle Miller



The Sanden Family
 back l-r Michael & John
 front Tom, Allison & Grant



l-r Danielle, Chad, Bonita
 & Weldon Miller



Jennifer Rose
 Lauren



Christopher
 Miller



Elisa Miller



Harriman Family-1928
 l-r back: Florence, Harley, Weldon,
 Rachel, Mary & Frank. Front-Kathleen,
 Mary, Norman & Milly



1942
 Harley, Mary & Weldon
 Harriman



Frank Harriman & Sons
 l-r Weldon, Harley,
 Frank & Norman 1940



1945-the Harriman Family
 back l-r-Harley, Frank & Mary,
 Norman, Milly & Weldon. Front-
 Kay, Mary, Rachel & Florence.



1941-Frank Harriman &
 his team.



1957-the Harriman Family
 back l-r: Florence, Norman, Mary,
 Weldon & Harley. Front-Kathy,
 Rachel, Mary & Milly.



Harriman Family in 1957

Front l-r: Harley & Agnes Harriman.
 Middle row: Howard & Kathleen Christoffersen,
 (mother) Mary Harriman, Rachel & Norman Bragg.
 Back: Penard & Mary Louise Hildahl, Norman &
 Edna Harriman, Wallace Miller looking over
 shoulder of his wife-Millie, Kitty Harriman,
 Florence Downey, (in back-Weldon Harriman)
 and Florence's husband-Alvah Downey.



Front l-r-Agnes Harriman, Howard Christoffersen,
 Mary Hildahl, Rachel Bragg, Florence Downey,
 Weldon & Kitty Harriman. Back-Penard Hildahl,
 Edna & Norman Harriman, Milly & Wallace Miller.



1991 l-r-Weldon & Kitty Harriman,
Rachel Bragg, Agnes Harriman,
Milly Miller, Norman Harriman
and Florence Downey



Back: Kathleen, Millicent
& Mary. Front: Rachel &
Florence.



1976-the children of Frank & Mary Harriman
back l-r: Weldon, Harley & Norman Harriman.
Seated-Mary Hildahl, Rachel Bragg, Florence
Downey, Kathleen Christoffersen & Millicent
Miller.



Harriman Women l-r back- Millie & Rachel
Front-Agnes, Edna, Kitty, Kathy, Mary &
Florence. (Pianist unknown.)



Seated Row 1-r: Edna & Norman Harriman, Agnes Harriman, Rachel Bragg, Howard Christoffersen, Mary & Pennard Hildahl, Florence Downey, Weldon & Kitty Harriman, Milly Miller holding Elisa Miller, Wallace Miller, Gordon Crooks holding Malcolm Crooks, Jean Harriman, Ellen Moore, Frances Avramenko, Hazeline & Jason Hildahl.

Seated on floor 1-r: Adam Kedmy, David Harriman, Ian, Ryan & Shannon Christoffersen, Carolyn & Brian Stickland, Graham Christoffersen, Samantha England, Crystal & Robyn Hildahl, Erin England, Tracy Moore, Danielle, Christopher & Chad Miller, Sandra Murray, Robert & William Crooks, Sheryl Harriman holding Rachel Kedmy, Pam Murray holding Kristin Harriman, Julie Harriman, Michael & Kendal Hildahl.

Back Row 1-r Allan Bragg, Harvey Hildahl, Wendy Hildahl, Penny England, Beverly McIntosh, Jeffery Morton, David Bragg, Frank Downey, Laura Giberson, Elaine Downey, Karen Emms, Florence McFetridge, Margaret Frey, Ross Bragg, John Bragg, John Sanden, Alison Sanden, Merina Harriman, Ian Harriman, Norman Harriman, Neil Moore, Terry Stickland, Edna Stickland, Verna Harriman and Russell Christoffersen.

2nd Back Row 1-r: Don & Carolyn Larden, Weldon & Bonnie Miller, Gordon England, Brian McIntosh, Michael Hansen, Diane Giberson, Laura Cuchow, Brenda & Hugh Blair, Carole, Karen & Calvin Murray, Tom, Grant & Michael Sanden, Elizabeth Crooks, Pat, Frank, Cheryl & Terrance Harriman, Lloyd & Douglas Downey, Lyle Miller, Brenda Downey, Earl Harriman, Peter Hildahl, Jim Moore, Linda Christoffersen, and Robert Avramenko.



Niram Curtis & Ella Harriman



Hazel McDiarmid
age 4 1/2 months



Maxwell & Hazel
McDiarmid



l-r Hazel Curtis & Ella Harriman



Hazel McDiarmid



Elmer James
Hepburn



Ella Harriman taken on
her 18th birthday while
attending Norman School
in Valley City ND

back l-r Jill, Marjorie & Maxwell McDiarmid, Hazel Hepburn holding baby Tracy Hepburn. Front: Jean & Allan Hepburn, Tracy's parents.



Allan Hepburn & his
mother, Hazel



Joan & Russell Herbert



Curtis Herbert



Douglas Herbert



the Herbert family back l-r Jeff, Douglas, Roger & Curt. Front: Russell & Joan



l-r Jeff, Roger, Doug, Curt & Russell Herbert



Douglas & Mindy Herbert



Jeff Herbert on return home from Saudi Arabia



Maxwell & Marjorie McDiarmid



Marjorie & Maxwell in England



Maxwell McDiarmid



Jim MacFarlan(r) & friend fishing in Alaska near Yukon border. Jim, a pilot in summer & house designer in winter.



Mary MacFarlan & children Jennie & Heather



MacFarlan Children: back Jennifer, front l-Leslie, center-Heather & right-Jamie

JANE CURTIS

Jane Curtis was born in Northumberland County, Ontario likely in 1860 or early 1861. She is recorded on the 1861 census in Seymour Township of that county as age 1 and is called "Eliza". Jane was also known as Jennie E., Jan and Eliza Jane.



Jane moved to Kent County, Michigan about 1865 and on 1 May 1880 at Ada, Kent Co., Michigan she was married to Charles Ladbury. Three children were born to this union:

Sophia Mae Ladbury
William Ladbury
Pearl Ladbury

The first two children were born in Michigan and Pearl was born in North Dakota. Charles and Jane moved to Dakota, settling in Dakota Territory in 1887. Jane died of tuberculosis on Monday, the 20th of April 1891, leaving her husband and three children to mourn her passing. She was buried in the Hillside Cemetery at Ashtabula. It has been reported that when the bodies of other Curtis family members were moved from Hillside Cemetery to Sunnyside Cemetery, Jane's body was not moved.

After Jane's passing, Charles Ladbury married Mrs. Lena Sands about 1902. Charles and Lena are buried in Sunnyside Cemetery. Charles was a brother to Ellen Ladbury who married Thomas Curtis.

Sophia Ladbury

Sophie Ladbury was born 4 March 1881 in Michigan, the oldest of three children born to Charles Ladbury and Jane Curtis. On 8 March 1899, she was married to Oscar Mosher at Cooperstown, N. D. Eight children were born to this couple, a story of courage filled with sadness. Most of this family succumbed to tuberculosis over a span of 40 years. Seven of the eight children, Sophie's mother Jane and Sophie's husband all contracted and died from the deadly disease. Despite all of this trauma and tragedy, Sophie remained a brave, faithful, cheerful and kind person. She must have known weeks of agony at a time, over the loss of so many of her family, yet she did not become bitter.

Sophie lived most of her life on the Sibley Trail Twp. farm east of Dazey. While her daughter, Marjorie, was in the sanatorium in Dunseith, N.D., Sophie raised Marjorie's three children. In 1956 Sophie sold the farm and moved to Valley

City, living for a time in the Hilmer and Hazel Carlson home. She passed away 4 October 1960 at Mercy Hospital in Valley City and is buried in Sunnyside Cemetery.

Oscar Mosher
husband of Sophie Mosher

Oscar Mosher and his brothers, Obed, Elihue, Emmett, and his sister, Phila came to the Dazey community from the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. Oscar was born near Howard City, Michigan 5 August 1870, a son of Obed and Mary Mosher.

Oscar visited Dakota twice before making a permanent home here in 1890. Years of his marriage to Sophie Ladbury vary from 1897, 1898, 1899, but 1899 seems the most likely.

Mr. Mosher passed away the morning of 10 September 1923, after suffering for sometime from tuberculosis. His funeral was held on the lawn of the Ed Ladbury home and he was laid to rest in the Sunnyside Cemetery.

William Ladbury

William (Willie) Ladbury was born 29 August 1886 in the state of Michigan and moved with his parents to Dakota in 1887. Not much is known about this young man who died at age 21. He was sent by his stepmother out to the field to plow on a bitterly cold and wet day, got wet and chilled, developed pneumonia and died 18 November 1907. He is buried in the Sunnyside Cemetery. However, an obituary gives a somewhat different account of his brief life, as taken from the Valley City, ND Evening Times-Record of Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1907.

Death of William Ladbury

"William Ladbury, son of Ed* Ladbury of Dazey died yesterday at a local hospital. His death resulted from typhoid fever. He had been in ill health for the past month. He was born in Kent County, Michigan and came to Dakota with his parents when he was a few months old, and he was 21 years of age at the time of his death. The remains were taken to Dazey this morning, and the funeral will occur from the farm home tomorrow afternoon, and his remains will be laid to rest in the cemetery at Dazey.**"

* This is a newspaper error. William was the son of Charles Ladbury.

**William is definitely buried in the Sunnyside Cemetery east of Dazey, where many of the Curtis family are laid to rest.

Pearl Ladbury

August 1889, 1890, May 1891--the first and last are birthdates which appear on census records. The 1890 figure is Pearl's birth year from her cemetery marker at Sunnyside Cemetery. She was born in Dakota. As with her brother, William, not much information is available. She never married. She died 23 November 1919, following an illness of ten days. An obituary says, "Miss Pearl Ladbury was taken to Fargo Hospital for an operation Friday evening. It being a very serious case the operation was performed at once. Later reports inform her relatives and friends she passed away Sunday afternoon. She leaves an aged father and one sister besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn her untimely death." An obituary from the Fargo Forum of Nov. 24, 1919 states, "Miss Ladbury was born in Dazey and was 29 years old." (This would indicate her year of birth as 1890.) From the same Fargo Forum obituary, "A brother-in-law and sister, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Mosher of Dazey were with her when she died."

Charles Ladbury (husband of Jane Curtis)

Charles Ladbury was born 21 February 1851, the oldest son of a family of five children born to Lewellyn Ladbury and Harriet Shephard. His father was born 20 April 1825 in England, near Stratford-Upon-Avon, Shakespeare's old home, in Warwickshire. As a young man, Lewellyn was Gamekeeper on the Estate of Sir John Mordant. After leaving England, the family migrated to Canada in 1858, settling in Oxford Co. of Ontario, and six years later (in March 1864) the family moved to Michigan, settling in the Grand Rapids area.

As mentioned in the Jane Curtis story, Charles was married to her in 1880. After Jane's death in 1891, he remained a widower until in or about 1902 when he married Mrs. Lena Sands. Charles Ladbury died 17 July 1931, and is buried in the Sunnyside Cemetery. The obituary from the Valley City Times-Record, issue of Sat. July 18, 1931 follows and gives us more details regarding Charles:

Charles Ladbury Dies Of Heart Ills Pioneer Settled on Farm East of Dazey 35 Years Ago

"Charles Ladbury, 80, pioneer resident of Dazey community died suddenly at his farm home yesterday morning of heart disease. Funeral services are to be held today in the Union Congregational Church at two o'clock with internment in the church cemetery.

Charles Ladbury was born in Warwickshire, England, on February 21, 1851, a son of the late Lewellyn Ladbury of Cooperstown who died in 1915. Mr. Ladbury's father emigrated to Canada in 1858 and later removed to Michigan. Mr. Ladbury was married to Jennie Curtis in 1880. Three children were born to this union, Sophy, William, and Pearl. The latter two passed away some years ago, leaving only one daughter, Mrs. Sophy Mosher.

In 1887 Mr. Ladbury removed to North Dakota, settling first on a farm north of Karnak, later going to another 7 miles east of Dazey where he resided 35 years. Mr. Ladbury's wife died in 1891 and he married Mrs. Lena Sands who preceded him 2 1/2 years. Since that time Mr. Ladbury passed most of his time with his daughter, Mrs. Sophy Mosher of Dazey township.

A sister, Mrs. Agnes Taylor, and two brothers, Fred and Ed Ladbury passed away some years ago, and two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Curtis and Miss Emma Ladbury still survive.

Although not in the best of health of late years, Mr. Ladbury busied himself with many acts of thoughtful kindness. He held the office of school clerk of Ladbury School District for 30 years. A quiet, retiring man, Mr. Ladbury will be mourned by a large circle of relatives and friends in Dazey and Sibley Trail townships, and the neighboring districts."

(Note: In the obituary above, Mr. Ladbury actually moved to Dakota Territory as North Dakota did not become a state until November 1889. Also, Miss Emma Ladbury was his half-sister. Following the death of Lewellyn Ladbury's first wife, Harriet Shephard, Lewellyn married Miss Charlotte Bodill, and Emma Ladbury was the offspring of that union.)

JANE CURTIS DESCENDANT DIRECTORY

- (1) JOHN L. AND ELIZABETH (SPENCER) CURTIS
- (2) JANE CURTIS
born: 1860 or 1861 at: Northumberland Co, Ontario
died: 20 April 1891 at: North Dakota
married: 1 May 1880 at: Ada, Kent Co., Michigan
- to: CHARLES LADBURY
born: 21 Feb. 1851 at: England
died: 17 July 1931 at: his farm home, Barnes Co. ND
father: Lewellyn Ladbury
mother: Harriet Shephard
- (3) SOPHIA MAE LADBURY
born: 4 Mar. 1881 at: Michigan
died: 4 Oct. 1960 at: Valley City ND
married: 8 Mar. 1899 at: Cooperstown ND
- to: OSCAR SAMSON MOSHER
born: 5 Aug 1870 at: Michigan near Howard City
died: 10 Sept 1923 at: rural Dazey ND home
father: Obed Mosher
mother: Mary
- Oscar was a twin to Orrin, who died at birth. Oscar was also a brother to Elihue Mosher, who later was married to Eva Smith Curtis.
- (4) HAROLD GLENN MOSHER
born: 7 Dec. 1900 at: farm near Dazey ND
died: April 1963 at: Spokane WA
married: at:
- to: MARGARET DuVALL
born: 1913 at:
father:
mother:
Harold was a carpenter.
Margaret is living in Spokane WA
- (4) ROY DELBERT MOSHER
born: 26 Mar. 1902 at: farm near Dazey ND
died: 20 Oct. 1956 at: Valley City ND
- (4) CLIFFORD W. MOSHER
born: 6 Dec. 1903 at: farm near Dazey ND
died: 6 Dec. 1941 at: Dunseith ND

- (4) **CECIL RICHARD MOSHER**
born: 6 July 1906 at: farm near Dazey ND
died: 29 June 1929 at: farm near Dazey ND
- (4) **WILLIAM LLOYD MOSHER**
born: 4 Apr. 1908 at: farm near Dazey ND
died: 25 Aug. 1934 at: farm near Dazey ND
- (4) **CHARLES LEWELLYN MOSHER**
born: 20 Apr. 1910 at: farm near Dazey ND
died: 15 Feb. 1929 at: farm near Dazey ND
- (4) **MARJORIE PEARL MOSHER**
born: 28 Feb. 1913 at: farm near Dazey ND
died: 22 Nov. 1957 at: Valley City ND
married: July 1933 at: Valley City ND
- to: **JOHN ALOYSIUS LANGER**
born: 24 Dec. 1893 at: Council Bluffs IA
died: 21 June 1965 at: Wadena MN
father: Reinhold Langer
mother: Anna Kunze
- (5) **ROBERT ALLEN LANGER**
born: 1 Mar. 1934 at: Valley City ND
married: 9 Nov. 1957 at: Randolph MA
- to: **ROSEMARIE MAXINE MAKER**
born: 12 Oct. 1935 at: Boston MA
father: Maxwell Manning Maker
mother: Louise Rose Garaffo
Robert was a paper hanger, now retired.
They live in West Bridgewater MA
- (6) **ROBERT ALLEN LANGER, JR.**
born: 18 Sept. 1958 at: Great Lakes
Naval Training Center IL
married: 7 July 1985 at: Warwick RI
- to: **DONNA CHRISTINE BOYIJIAN**
born: 23 Mar. 1959 at: Providence RI
father: Paul Boyijian
mother: Etta Mastrano
occupation: Dist. Mgr. Kids OR Us
Donna is a homemaker
address: Old Bridge NJ

- (7) **CHRISTINE MARIE LANGER**
 born: 30 Nov. 1986 at: Queens,
 New York City NY
- (7) **ROBERT ALLEN LANGER III**
 born: 14 Oct. 1989 at Old Bridge NJ
- (7) **PAUL EDWARD LANGER**
 born: 1 May 1992 at: Old Bridge NJ
- (7) **TIMOTHY MAXWELL LANGER**
 born: 1 May 1992 at: Old Bridge NJ
- (6) **DOREEN MARIE LANGER**
 born: 30 Aug. 1959 at: Stoughton MA
 Doreen is a school teacher.
 address: Bridgewater, Mass
- (6) **MICHAEL JOHN LANGER**
 born: 21 Nov. 1960 at: Stoughton MA
 Michael is a postal worker
 address: West Bridgewater MA
- (6) **PATRICIA ANN LANGER**
 born: 28 May 1962 at: Brockton MA
 married: at:
- to: **EDWIN C. CANINO**
 born: 13 April 1960 at: San Juan PR
 father:
 mother:
 occupation:
 address: Brockton MA
- (7) **EDWIN ROBERT CANINO**
 born: 20 June 1985 at Baltimore MD

- (5) **MARILYN ANN LANGER**
 born: 6 Apr. 1935 at: Valley City ND
 married: 28 Nov. 1964 at: Chicago IL
- to: **JAMES ANDREW CRAWFORD**
 born: 1 Dec. 1931 at: Belvidere IL
 father: Francis Crawford
 mother: Madalene Fane
 occupation: James-insurance salesman at bank
 Marilyn-secretary for insurance company,
 now works with Senior Citizens business
 office at Geneva Care Center as office
 clerk & Human Resources person
 address: Geneva IL
- (6) **LAURA ANN CRAWFORD**
 born: 21 Dec. 1966 at: Geneva IL
 occupation: Elementary Education Teacher
 at Dundee IL
 lives at St. Charles IL
- (6) **LINDA MARIE CRAWFORD**
 born: 23 Dec. 1969 at: Geneva IL
 occupation: Administrative Assistant in
 Chicago
 address: Geneva IL
- (6) **MAUREN ANNE CRAWFORD**
 born: 19 Jan. 1972 at: Geneva IL
 occupation: Student at Northern Illinois
 address: Geneva IL
- (5) **DONALD LANGER**
 born: 24 May 1936 at: Valley City ND
 address: Aberdeen SD
- (4) **LELAND WRIGHT MOSHER**
 born: 12 Mar. 1920 at: rural Dazey ND
 died: 17 June 1986 at: Valley City ND
 married: 15 Nov. 1953 at: Valley City ND
- to: **IONE FLORENCE STAUB**
 born: 12 March 1934 at: Valley City ND
 father: Ernest Staub
 mother: Mary Henricks
 Leland & Ione - parents of Cecil and Gloria.
 Leland & Ione divorced. Ione married Arthur
 Odegaard & they live in Valley City ND

- (5) **CECIL IRELAND MOSHER**
 born: 16 Mar. 1955 at: Valley City ND
 married: 10 July 1976 at: Valley City ND
- to: **PENNY MICHELLE MASON**
 born: 19 July 1955 at: Valley City ND
 father: George Mason
 mother: Helen Ladbury
 Cecil is a salesman in a sports shop.
 address: Erhard MN
- (6) **NICOLE KRISTIN MOSHER**
 born: 12 Sept 1980-Thief River Falls MN
- (6) **ERIC JOSHUA MOSHER**
 born: 7 Apr 1983 at Thief River Falls MN
- (5) **GLORIA JOANNE MOSHER**
 born: 14 April 1957 at: Valley City ND
 married: 27 Jan. 1978 at:
- to: **DAVID ROBERT KUNZE**
 father: Frank Kunze
 mother: Anna Rasmussen
 Gloria and David were divorced.
 Gloria was
 married: 2 Mar. 1991 at: Valley City ND
- to: **MARC HUDSON BURKETT**
 born: 11 Dec. 1950 at: Jamestown ND
 father: Duane Burkett
 mother: Jane Oakley
 occupation: Marc farms & cooks at Hardees
 : Gloria is a cook at the college
 address: Valley City ND
- (6) **HUDSON TUCKER BURKETT**
 born: 30 Oct. 1989 at: Valley City ND
- (3) **WILLIAM LADBURY**
 born: 29 Aug. 1886 at: Kent County, Michigan
 died: 18 Nov. 1907 at: Valley City ND
- (3) **PEARL LADBURY**
 born: at: Dazey ND
 died: 23 Nov. 1919 at: Fargo ND (age 29)



l-r Charles Ladbury, Ellenor Ladbury & Jane Curtis



Sophia Ladbury



in back, Claire Ladbury
in front, Sophia Mosher



Oscar & Sophia Mosher
just after they were married.



Marjorie & Pearl
Ladbury, her niece



Harold Mosher's
wife, Margaret



Pearl Ladbury



Sophia Mosher



Sophia & Oscar Mosher



l-r Donald Langer, Harold
& Sophia Mosher



Roy Mosher



Jane Ladbury



Clifford Mosher



Cecil Mosher



Marjorie & Charlie Mosher



Cecil & Charles Mosher



Marjorie & Leland Mosher



l-r Roy, Leland, Clifford
and William Mosher



l-r Leland Mosher and
Lester Ladbury



l-r Donald Langer, Marilyn
Crawford & Robert Langer



RoseMarie &
Robert Langer



The John Langer Family
back l-r Donald, John & Robert
front l-r Marilyn & Marjorie



Robert in back
l-r Donald & Marilyn Langer



RoseMarie & Robert Langer



Cecil Mosher
6 months old



Daughters of Marilyn &
James Crawford: Laura in back,
l-r Maureen & Linda



Nichole Mosher



Penny & Cecil Mosher



Marilyn & James Crawford



Eric Mosher



Marilyn & James Crawford



l-r Leland, Cecil, Penny
and Ione Mosher
in front-Eric & Nichole



The Cecil Mosher Family
Nichole in back
l-r Penny & Cecil
in front-Eric



Hudson Tucker
Burkett



l-r Margaret Mosher, Ione Staub Mosher,
Donald Langer, John Langer, Harold
Mosher, Sophia Mosher, Marilyn Crawford,
In front: Gloria & Cecil Mosher



Marc & Gloria Burkett

WILLIAM S. CURTIS
by Grant Carlson



William S. Curtis was born 9 March 1864 in either Percy or Seymour Township of Northumberland County, Ontario, about 75 miles east-northeast of Toronto. He was the 7th of 10 children born to John L. & Elizabeth Spencer Curtis and the last to be born in Canada. (Percy & Seymour Townships lie adjacent to each other and it seems the family lived in both townships at one time or another during their stay in Canada.) Sometime between March 1864 and August 1866, the family moved from Ontario to Kent County, Michigan, settling on a farm near Ada, about 5 miles east of Grand Rapids. John L. farmed until his death from cancer about February 1874. Elizabeth, (John L.'s widow), left with her three youngest boys William S., Mark, and Henry for Dakota Territory in late 1881 or early 1882, taking a homestead on the SE 1/4 Sec.14-144-58, which is Broadview Township, Griggs Co. ND. The "S" in William's name supposedly stands for "Short," although pictures do not show him to be an especially short man in stature.

On 7 August 1887 at Sanborn, Dakota Territory, William married Eva Almeda Smith, who was only 16 years of age. Eva had come to Dakota Territory with her married sister, Rose and Rose's husband, Charles Curtis (a brother of William), following the death of the mother of Rose and Eva in Michigan in January 1887. One of the first places William and Eva lived after their marriage was the shanty on the SW 1/4 of Section 32, Broadview Township, Griggs County. William and Eva homesteaded on Section 4 of Sibley Trail Township, Barnes Co., just inside the Barnes-Griggs Co. Township line. Later the family also owned the S 1/2 of Section 33, Broadview Twsp.

William S. lived a short life. He developed tuberculosis, as did several others in the Curtis family. Because of William's illness, it is my understanding he and his devoted wife, Eva, spent time in the South (Arkansas, New Mexico, or both). The 1900 federal census shows William S., Eva, and their youngest child, William L. Curtis living in Fargo at the Emma Knowlton address, 1422-1st Ave. S. The 1900 census of Barnes County lists Ella Harriman, born in 1887, as "Head" of the household taking care of three cousins: Niram 8, Myrtle 6, and Hazel 2. William S. Curtis passed away at home in Sibley Trail Township on 28 March 1901 at the age of 37. William and Eva had the following children:

Glenn Henry Curtis
Niram Henry Curtis
Myrtle Rose Curtis
Hazel Adella Curtis
William Lloyd Curtis

I never knew my grandfather, William S. Curtis, since I was born 22 years after he died. He is buried in the Sunnyside Cemetery, Sibley Trail Township of Barnes County, N. D.

Obituary of William S. Curtis

"The Courier is called on to record the death of a well known citizen of Barnes County, Mr. William S. Curtis, who passed away last Thursday evening after a protracted illness. Mr. Curtis was born in Seymour, Canada, March 9, 1864, and came to this country about 20 years ago settling in the Ladbury settlement where he has lived ever since. August 7, 1887, he was married to Miss Eva A. Smith who with four children born to them and three brothers, John, Henry and Mark remain to mourn his loss. Mr. Curtis was a consistent member of the Congregational Church with which he united about two years ago. He was patient under suffering. During the last few days of his life he improved every opportunity to recommend his Saviour to his neighbors and friends.

The funeral services were held in the Ladbury school house after brief services at the home, Sunday at 11 a.m., conducted by Rev. E. S. Shaw of Wahpeton, and the remains interred in the cemetery recently established nearby. The sermon was from Ps. 116:15, a verse marked by the deceased in his favorite Psalm. The entire community feels the loss as evidenced by the large attendance at the services and the many acts of kindness shown to the family and friends during their sorrow."

Eva Almeda (Smith) Curtis
by Grant Carlson

Eva Almeda Smith was born 14 July 1871 on a farm near Ada, Michigan, about 5 miles east of Grand Rapids. She was the youngest child of Henry Kellogg Smith and Nancy Elizabeth Sisson. I have a picture which says on the back:

"Glenn took this December 1937, my old birthplace 5 miles east of Grand Rapids, just as it looked when I was a child, only they built on a new porch and chimney. Eva Curtis Mosher"

Glenn Williams and I visited this farm on 19 August 1979 and took pictures. It is the same home my grandmother Eva Smith Curtis lived in as a child, and is between Grand Rapids and Ada, Michigan. (The person living there in 1979 was John Gritter. The address was 5450 Ada Road. Mrs. Dorothy Keeling of Grand Rapids owns the home, and her mother, Mrs. Elsie Carew, who lived to about age 97, lived there about 60 years.)

Eva was a faithful Christian and a courageous woman. Losing two children early in life, plus living with and caring for a husband who had tuberculosis and died in 1901 at the age

of 37, life must have been hard. After her husband died, Eva continued living on the farm, raising four small children, ages 8, 6, 4, and 1. Still she carried on with courage and faith in God. Some of her husband's brothers who lived nearby, as well as good neighbors, helped with the farming operations.

I remember Eva well from about 1930 to the time of her death in 1939. My parents and I often drove to the farm to visit, and she occasionally came down to Valley City where we lived to spend a few days with us. In all the years I can remember her, I never knew her to say an unkind word about anybody. She was a caring person, thoughtful of others, mild mannered, and well liked by everyone in her neighborhood. She was instrumental in getting a Congregational Church moved into the Sibley Trail country community in the 1920's. The area was heavily populated by Lutherans and Catholics, but she was a friend to all of them and well liked by everyone. My grandmother was also very talented musically, both vocally and on the piano. She was active in the church, sang for funerals, played for services, and was a willing and hard worker. She also taught piano lessons.

On 24 March 1933, at Valley City, N.D., after being widowed for nearly 32 years, Eva married Elihue John Mosher of the Dazey community. He was a gentleman about her age and well liked by her family.

On 22 April 1939, at our home in Valley City, where she spent her last weeks following failing health for two years, Eva passed to her heavenly home. Just an hour or less before her death, she would motion with her hands as she said: "Death is nothing to fear. It is just passing on, passing on." Knowing death was not far away, she said in quoting scripture: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Then she would say, "I may not have fought a good fight, but I have kept the faith." Truly she had! I can truthfully say I have never known anyone more worthy of the name "Christian." She died at 11:45 p.m. from a stomach-digestive problem. My father felt she had cancer. I really do not know.

Reading not long ago from her Bible, I came across the words from Psalm 118:24, "This is the day which the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." Then, following the verse, Eva had written in pencil, "May 25, 1934." I often wonder what happy event took place that date. At least she found some joy in a life clouded with trials, suffering and sadness. I am sure that most of her joy in this life came from the inner peace she knew in her relationship with her Savior.

Niram Henry Curtis

Niram Henry Curtis was born 10 October 1892, the second child of William S. and Eva Smith Curtis. He was only eight years old when his father died. Since his brother, Glenn, had died, this left Niram as the oldest child in the family and most likely with much more responsibility.

Niram and a cousin went to Montana where they intended to make big money plowing the land. The project turned out to be a business failure. To make matters worse, Niram contracted tuberculosis and returned to North Dakota. His mother took him to a southern state for treatment, but to no avail. Elihue Mosher and his wife, Inez, thought a lot of Niram and assisted in his care at the Curtis home. Niram died 4 May 1914. Niram is buried in the Sunnyside Cemetery. There is no gravestone.

Walt and Myrtle Rose (Curtis) Williams
by Glenn Williams

Myrtle Rose Curtis and Joseph Walton Williams (a.k.a. Walt) were married in 1914. Over the next several years Walt ran elevators in Karnak and in Blabon, N. D. Doctors advised his health made it necessary for him to change his occupation.

The family, now of three, returned to Myrtle's family's home state - Michigan where her mother's (Eva (nee Smith) Curtis) brothers and sisters lived. Walt and Myrtle lived out their days in Michigan. Myrtle was in her element: as an accomplished pianist she was urged by friends, uncles, aunts and cousins alike to play at all gatherings, and there were many. But her religion was the most important part of her life. Walt found work in a Michigan factory, studied at home and became a journeyman electrician, his occupation until his retirement. Walt was an inventor at heart: he patented a dumping device for use in grain elevators, perfected a method which made it possible for a neon sign to spell words or otherwise show action at a time when neon signs were new and sterile. He experimented with many ideas which were not patented but which were used in the home.

Walt and Myrtle celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with their family and friends. They were separated a few years later with Walt's death. They are buried side by side at the Restlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Regarding Myrtle's musical talent, I add the following as taken from a Valley City, N. D. newspaper: "One of the most attractive recitals of the year was held in the auditorium

last night. The program was an artistic one and was remarkably well executed. Miss Myrtle Curtiss, who gave a piano number has exceptional technique for one so young." I can recall Myrtle playing the piano on several occasions. She was brilliant! ---- Grant N. Carlson

Hazel Adella (Curtis) Carlson

Hazel Carlson was born 27 August 1896 on the home farm in Sibley Trail Twp. of Barnes Co. N.D. She was the 4th of five children born to William S. and Eva Smith Curtis. As a young girl, and throughout much of her life, she was of a nervous temperament, but in general was a well-liked, cheerful person.

She attended Valley City Normal School in 1913-14, receiving her teaching certificate, then taught three years in rural schools in Broadview Township, Griggs County, N. D.

On 23 June 1920 she was united in marriage to Hilmer Carlson at the farm home of her mother, Eva, (Mrs. William S. Curtis). An account of the wedding follows:

"A very pretty and quiet wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Eva Curtis, last Wednesday when Miss Hazel A. Curtis was united in marriage to Mr. Hilmer Carlson, Rev. Nathan Wood officiating. The bride was becomingly dressed in white Georgette and carried a bouquet of roses. The ring service was used. The groom is cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Karnak and is highly esteemed. The bride is a popular young lady of Sibley Trail Township where with her mother she has resided most of her life. Just a few immediate relatives were present. Mr. & Mrs. Carlson will reside in Karnak."

Two children were born to this union:

Grant Nyram Carlson
Keith Curtis Carlson

Hazel was a good mother, faithful to her husband and children. She loved to visit people, possessed musical talent in singing and piano playing. Following the death of her husband, Hilmer, in 1958 she lived alone in their home in Valley City. For a time after his death she worked in the kitchen at Mercy Hospital and the kitchen at Lincoln Elementary School, both in Valley City. Finding it increasingly difficult to manage on her own, she became a resident of the Sheyenne Manor Nursing Home in Valley City from September 1972 until the Lord called her to His eternal home on 30 November 1979. Funeral services were conducted at the Evangelical Free Church in Valley City with Rev. Don Nydam officiating. She is buried beside her husband in

Memory Gardens, two miles east of Valley City, just south of Interstate 94.

Hilmer Carlson
by Grant Carlson

Hilmer Carlson was born 5 April 1891 on the home farm in Greenview Twp. of Steele Co. N.D., the 3rd of 11 children born to Emil Carlson and Johanna Hindriksson. Growing up as a child on the home farm he must have been fun loving, and involved in typical boyhood pranks, which could have resulted in serious injury or even death. I recall him telling how he had placed his tongue on the cold windmill frame, and through hard breathing managed to energize enough heat to free his tongue. Then there is the story of his riding the calves and pigs, once leaving the back of his coat hanging on the fence as he returned to the house. Or the time when while riding a calf he ran into a barbed wire fence, gashing the calf of his leg badly. His mother slapped a handful of liniment on the wound, and he really "danced" as he tells it, but he never got an infection! Some of the old remedies worked very well!

Hilmer had only an 8th grade education, but he was brilliant with figures, especially addition. He could add a column of figures, accurately too, in his head faster than anybody I have ever seen. In the 3rd grade he easily out-added the 8th graders. He was accepted some years later at Dakota Business College in Fargo, N.D. where he did very well. His penmanship was a thing of beauty to behold!

Hilmer clerked in a grocery store in Finley, was employed at banks in Powers Lake and Finley, both in N. D., before serving his country overseas in World War I. He was shipped to France and served 11 months overseas. Upon discharge from the service at the conclusion of hostilities, Hilmer returned to the business world, and had the bank at the little village of Karnak, N.D. He was well liked, highly respected, a man of integrity, and I am sure it hurt him deeply when Karnak was one of the small banks that went "under" during the early twenties. In June 1920, he married Hazel Curtis, and they raised two boys. (See Hazel Curtis story).

After the closure of the Karnak State Bank, Hilmer moved his family to Valley City on 15 November 1924, the day son Grant was exactly thirteen months old. Here his first job was that of Fuller Brush salesman. Hilmer had a way with people which seemed to "catch on", and he was, therefore, an excellent salesman.

During his more than 33 years in Valley City he held numerous jobs. During the later twenties he was employed as a clerk in a grocery store, bookkeeper for Straus Clothing

Co., deputy sheriff and deputy treasurer for Barnes County. When the nation was hit by the Great Depression, Hilmer did not want to be under government programs, so he turned again to salesmanship, sold Watkins Products door to door in Valley City where he did surprisingly well financially, in spite of depressing times. Urged to run once again for a Barnes County office (he had ran unsuccessfully for county auditor in 1932, losing to the long term incumbent by 96 votes), he ran in a field of five candidates for Register of Deeds, won the election, and served in that capacity for fourteen years (seven two year terms), from 1938 to 1952.

Hilmer was a good provider for his family. When mother was ill he could and did care for the household tasks and children as well as any woman could do. He loved children. He had a sense of humor which was contagious. He never forgot his love for the farm, and he considered it a vacation to spend as much time as possible on the farm of his brother-in-law, working in the harvest fields, as well as with many other farming interests. In fact, it was his love for the farm which was the main cause for his defeat in the election after 14 years as Register of Deeds. The farm held more appeal than the office by 1952.

Hilmer faced the final months of his life with courage and a deep faith in God. Developing a cancer of the liver and pancreas, he succumbed to the disease 9 September 1958 at the Veteran's Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He was one of the first to be buried in the newly developed Memory Gardens just east of Valley City.

William Curtis

William Lloyd Curtis (better known as Willie) was born 13 July 1899 on the home farm. He was the youngest of the five children. Following his education in the rural schools, Willie remained on the farm of his mother, and married Orla Williamson from Nebraska. They were married 29 Dec. 1927 at Valley City, N. D. Willie and Orla had one child:

Nyle Donovan Curtis

Willie was a farmer and a trucker. Having purchased a large Diamond T truck, he did a lot of hauling, often to Fargo and Duluth and also hauled coal from western North Dakota. After his divorce from Orla, he married Doris Thornburg Klein, a widow with two children. This marriage took place at Webster, South Dakota on 14 Sept. 1946. They farmed in Ashtabula Township in Barnes County. Two children were born to Willie and Doris:

Gary William Curtis
Verna Faye Curtis

Willie passed away on the farm Saturday afternoon, 18 Dec. 1976. His funeral was held 22 Dec. 1976 at the Dazey United Methodist Church, with his nephew, Rev. Grant N. Carlson, officiating. Willie is buried in the Sunnyside Cemetery of Sibley Trail Township.

William Lloyd Curtis
excerpts of his life as told by son, Nyle

William Lloyd Curtis, born July 13, 1899, was my father...The best father I know of never had a father. His father died when he was 3 years of age...(William) had his brother Niram who himself must have been hardly ten when their father William S. Curtis died. In his way, this brother, Niram, became the person my father revered...

One instance my father told me of...was in directing a team of horses in harness into or out of the barn, lightning struck. A bolt of lightning actually picked Willy Curtis (my father) up and threw him many feet out of the barn, stunned him, but other than that he was not apparently seriously injured. Niram came to his rescue or rather help. An addition here: Concerning lightning, 'Willy' had a second experience. In standing by an automobile with his hand on the door, in the twilight of his life, lightning struck and he was knocked to the ground. Twice in one life and survive? Yes...Niram may have had the most lasting influence on 'Willy' Curtis...But Niram contracted tuberculosis...and died...This left my father...as the man of the house. His teen years? His two closest friends were his cousin, Howard Curtis...and William Thompson, a little older and an immediate neighbor. William Thompson apparently had a type of tuberculosis that affected bones and/or muscles. It was somewhat challenging for him to walk.

Willy Curtis challenged life...The Great Northern railroad trestle was built across the Sheyenne River Valley. This went east to west through Luverne, N. D., and on the west side, through Karnak. Our Curtis home farm was s.e. of Karnak. This trestle may be one of the highest of such type in the nation. One day, William Thompson and Willy Curtis chose to cross this trestle on foot...At intervals there were small spaces for barrels of water or such. Well, these two young men, one a vigorous extremely healthy young man, the other a partial cripple, were crossing this trestle. About in the middle, they heard a train! My father grabbed William and ran as fast as he could to the nearest offset from the track, dragging William and jumped head first off the track. He told me the train had passed them before he could look up...

1916...Willy did try to enlist but was too young. Eva, his mother took him to Valley City...and she bought him a brand new model T Ford. Had to have been an open car...My father had hardly even been in a car, let alone having actually driven one. The roads were merely trails at this time and subject to becoming mud bogs when it rained. Still

he managed to drive this 'new car' back home. I don't know if his mother rode with him. She may have returned in the buggy they must have gone to town in--about 25 miles. Willy entered this car in track races...These cars were run on magnitos for the spark. He said at times he would have to climb over the front of the car to manipulate the magnito while at the same time keeping the car racing. What excitement and what a man! Then he had motorcycles. My grandfather (my mother's father) had told me my father was a wild man on a motorcycle. He said my father used to ride up and down rows in corn field showing off!...This is Willy Curtis. This is your life, Willy Curtis!

Willy, Bill, Billy, William, he in turn followed in his brother's footsteps. He was one of the first in his neighborhood to have the new inventions, the new types of agricultural machinery...He tried everything he could think of to survive, to get ahead and to support his family...He went to school, apparently across the Sheyenne River. How he managed to cross the river I don't know. In the winter, of course, the water would be frozen. He attended through the 7th grade, but that doesn't place him in an ignorant class. Henry Ford had little formal education...

My birth was in 1930. Before this my father spent a winter with my mother in Minneapolis and vicinity. This just before the great depression...He worked on a Model T Ford assembly line and he worked in a cason in digging a tunnel under the Mississippi River...Air pressure is forced into the cason and the workers then would 'dig'...if for any reason the air pressure let up, the river would start to rise in the cason...one time in particular it neared disaster. Power was restored without much extra time to spare. Due to good fortune, luck if you will? the workers weren't trapped and drowned..

Somehow my grandfather Williamson had chosen to make his move to North Dakota from Kansas/Nebraska. Why to a colder climate I do not know...They came in 1914 in an honest to goodness covered wagon!...they ended up being next 'farm' neighbors to Eva Curtis and her family. By now, their two eldest daughters had become attractive teenagers...my father was certainly attracted to one - Orla Irene who became my mother.

My father was an animal lover. Horses were a near passion and he sent away for a correspondence course in horse training. He became quite accomplished at this also. Trained horses, broke horses, rode horses, raced horses...

Oct. 23rd was the great stock market crash of 1929-and that about issued me in. I was in the womb - truly a depression baby. I was the only issue of my father and mother. Spoiled, I expect? Reasonably sharp. Generally near the top of my classes in school. Insecure. Possessive of my parents...I wasn't deliberately mean or destructive...Willy did everything possible to succeed during the 30's, experiencing year after year of drought, dust bowl, crop failure. At times he was trying to farm 4

distant pieces of land at one time. The frustrations in seeing even the tiny growth that might be, eaten by swarms of grasshoppers, must have been heart wrenching. Also during this time he also had a truck...hauling cattle to market, hauled hay, hauled coal from the western N.Dak. mines, hauled sugar beets...In 1939 he managed to buy a new Ford truck, hired it out hauling gravel on new highway construction and with his capabilities, he himself began driving the distributors, a semi used at that time for shooting hot oil (tar/black top) in laying a new road bed. During this period of time the distributoring was done driving in reverse and at a relatively high rate of speed so it required someone with a great deal of coordination. He fit. All these efforts were a decade early or he likely would have become wealthy...having to mortgage the farm deeply...he somehow managed to gain ownership of it and keep it in the family...

The 40's, the era of the Wincharger, wind powered electrical generation for areas not then having access to power lines. A new brother-in-law, Jack Deist,...was selling these Winchargers...His installer was killed when he made an error and the tower he was on, fell. My father was available - he raised that tower for Jack, and had a new business...until rural electrification via power line finally made this obsolete near 1950...Howard Curtis...started working with Willy in installing and servicing these wind power plants (until he was killed in a tragic truck accident)...Installing Winchargers was at least a two man job...A steady partner, Zene Taylor now filled the bill...Zene was the husband of my mother's sister, Thelma. Zene and Willy were also very close. Willy was good natured and when people work together, it can be enjoyed...During this decade (40's), family dissolution ruled for all three of these men, Willy, Jack, Zene...Willy bought a farm down near Hastings, N. D...also farmed land near Rogers...what he did seem to enjoy most in his life, living on a farm, one to finally call his own...He met Doris Thornberg Klein...She was a widow with two young children, Robert and Carol...purchased cattle in '46, rented pasture near Valley City on the Sheyenne River...still holding ownership of the Hastings farm, he...traded/purchased the farm at Ashtabula crossing, directly north of Valley City...This farmstead is still occupied by my brother, Gary, his family, and his mother Doris. At the time of moving out there, Gary was a baby...This ended the hectic, confusing life my father, through the circumstances he was dealt, had fought throughout his first near 50 years. Life for him didn't become easy here either, but he fought it out, doing the best he could, and the home is still intact to a point. And it has been good...

WILLIAM S. CURTIS DESCENDANT DIRECTORY

(1) JOHN L. AND ELIZABETH (SPENCER) CURTIS

(2) WILLIAM S. CURTIS

born: 9 March 1864 at either Percy or Seymour Twsp.
of Northumberland Co., Ontario, Canada
died: 28 March 1901 at Sibley Trail Twsp, Barnes Co, ND
married: 7 Aug. 1887 at: Sanborn, Dakota Territory

to: EVA ALMEDA SMITH

born: 14 July 1871 at: farm near Ada, Kent Co. MI
died: 22 Apr. 1939 at: Valley City ND

father: Henry Kellogg Smith

mother: Nancy Elizabeth Sisson

Many years after the death of William, Eva was married
on 24 March 1933 at Valley City, ND

to: ELIHUE JOHN MOSHER of Dazey ND.

(3) GLEN HENRY CURTIS

born: 22 July 1888 at: Dakota Territory
died: 30 Oct. 1890 at: (Barnes County ?) ND

Glen died after eating poisonous berries or rose buds.
He was buried on the old Henry Curtis farm just south
of Karnak, ND on SW 1/4 of Sec. 20, Broadview Twsp.,
Griggs Co., North Dakota. (All attempts to locate his
grave have failed and the entire farmstead was bull-
dozed just a few years ago by the present owner and is
now all farmland.)

A letter from Nellie Warner (daughter of Elizabeth
Curtis Warner) written Dec. 12, 1888 at Dazey to
her cousin Ada (daughter of Charles & Rosa Curtis)
in Michigan gives the following information:

"Aunt Eva was hear sunday. little
glan is in short dresses now. he is the
cuteest little boy you ever saw. he gut
over the huping cof right away after you
laft.....Little frank and Ella and
Lettie is all eatting on a chair all by
thair selefs."

(3) NIRAM HENRY CURTIS

born: 10 Oct. 1892 at: Dakota Territory
died: 4 May 1914 at: home in Sibley Trail Twsp,
Barnes Co, ND

Died at age 21 from tuberculosis.

(3) **MYRTLE ROSE CURTIS**

born: 22 Apr. 1894 at: Dazey ND
died: 14 Oct. 1974 at: Grand Rapids MI
married: 8 July 1914 at: Valley City ND

to: **JOSEPH "WALT" WALTON WILLIAMS**

born: 22 June 1891 at: Blanchard ND
died: 20 July 1971 at: Grand Rapids MI
father: Hayden Monroe Williams
mother: Teresa Cruden
occupation: electrician
address: moved to Grand Rapids MI in fall of 1923

(4) **GLENN CURTIS WILLIAMS**

born: 13 July 1915 at: Karnak ND
married: 4 July 1941 at: Benton Harbor MI

to: **MARY JEAN KRANENBERG**

born: 11 Mar. 1918 at: Detroit MI
father: Harry George Kranenberg
mother: Cora Estella Lounsbury
occupation: Glenn-Graduated from Northwestern University with a B.S. degree. He is a Michigan Certified Public Accountant with special emphasis upon health-care facilities-i. e. Director of two different hospitals and a Bureau Chief for State of Michigan for Institutional Review. Was a Lt. in the Army Air Corps (pilot) in World War II.
Mary Jean-graduate of Calvin College with B.A. degree in teaching. Was an elementary school teacher with oil and water-color as hobbies and remains a homemaker.
address: Grand Rapids, MI

(5) **ROBERT CURTIS WILLIAMS**

born: 12 June 1945 at: Grand Rapids MI
married: 6 Jan. 1974 at: San Francisco CA

to: **AMY LAURA ROBBINS**

born: 26 Nov. 1950 at: Washington DC
father: Boris Robbins
mother: Frances Hershey
occupation: Robert-Grad. of Central Michigan University with an A.B. degree in teaching. Has Masters of Divinity degree from Andrews University and is working on a Ph.D. He was ordained in 1983 and is a pastor of two S.D.A. churches, one in Gettysburg and one in York Springs PA.
Amy-Is an executive secretary & homemaker.
address: York Springs PA

- (6) **HOLLY ANN WILLIAMS**
born: 3 Nov. 1974 at: Ringold GA
- (6) **JENNIFER LYNN WILLIAMS**
born: 19 Apr. 1978 at: Berrien Springs MI
- (6) **REBECCA JEAN WILLIAMS**
born: 3 May 1980 at: Cory PA
- (5) **DIANA LYNN WILLIAMS**
born: 19 May 1950 at: Grand Rapids MI
married: 5 May 1973 at: Grand Rapids MI
- to: **THOMAS ELDER BLUE**
born: 4 July 1950 at: Lafayette IN
father: James Wilbert Blue
mother: Beatrice Kuhlmann
occupation: Tom-Grad. of Miami University in Ohio-B.S. degree. Earned a Master of Science Degree and a Ph.D. degree in nuclear engineering at U. of Michigan. Is now a professor at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.
Diana-Grad. of Michigan State University with an A.B. degree and a Masters Degree in Medical Social Work from U. of Mich. At present is employed at Arthur James Cancer Hospital in Columbus and is on staff at Ohio State University.
address: Columbus OH
- (6) **LAURA ELIZABETH BLUE**
born: 29 Nov. 1975 at: Ann Arbor MI
- (6) **ELIZABETH LYNN BLUE**
born: 4 April 1981 at: Champaign IL
- (6) **LESLIE ROSE BLUE**
born: 9 June 1983 at: Champaign IL
- (5) **GARY SCOTT WILLIAMS**
born: 16 Mar. 1952 at: Grand Rapids MI
died: 13 May 1972 at: Grand Rapids MI
Was student at Grand Rapids Junior College at the time of his accidental death at age 20

(3) **HAZEL ADELLA CURTIS**
born: 27 Aug. 1896 at: Sec.4, Sibley Trail Twsp.
Barnes County ND
died: 30 Nov. 1979 at: Valley City ND
married: 23 June 1920 at: Sibley Trail Twsp., Barnes
County ND
to: **HILMER CARLSON**
born: 5 Apr. 1891 at: Greenview Twsp, Steele Co. ND
died: 9 Sept. 1958 at: St. Cloud MN, VA Hospital
buried at Valley City ND
father: Emil Carlson
mother: Johanna Hindriksson
occupation: Hilmer-banker, register of deeds
Hazel-teacher and homemaker
Lived in Karnak and Valley City ND

(4) **GRANT NYRAM CARLSON**
born: 15 Oct. 1923 at: Fargo ND
married: 14 June 1953 at: Bristol SD
to: **EVELYN "RUTH" MOIR**
born: 4 Aug. 1932 at: near Andover SD
father: Walter Wilfred Moir
mother: Alma Clara Huwe
occupation: Grant-retired United Methodist clergy-
man.
Ruth-was a rural school teacher,
secretary, dialysis nurse...retired.
address: 403 11 1/2 St. NW, Valley City ND 58072
Phone: (701) 845-0838

From the ones who compiled the "Curtis book": We would be pleased to have you stop for a visit if you are in the area! Valley City is right on Interstate 94, 60 miles west of Fargo.....36 miles east of Jamestown.....300 miles NW of Minneapolis...about 275 miles east of Medora and the North Dakota Badlands.....all of this on I-94! Since our children have "left the nest", we have an abundance of room for an overnight stay.....be our guests! We would like to meet you!

Grant and Ruth

(5) **MARILEE JOY CARLSON**
born: 7 May 1956 at: Bismarck ND
married: 27 Oct. 1990 at: Evanston IL
to: **MICHAEL FRAZIER BAINBRIDGE**
born: 28 Oct. 1960 at: Chicago IL
father: Frazier Bainbridge
mother: Hazel Mae Robinson
occupation: Michael-maintenance technician
Marilee-registered nurse
address: Chicago IL

- (5) **DAVID GRANT CARLSON**
born: 5 Nov. 1958 at: Bismarck ND
married: 29 Mar. 1986 at: Denison TX
- to: **PAULA KAY RICE**
born: 6 Nov. 1957 at: Denison TX
father: Paul Everett Rice
mother: Melba Hamill
occupation: David-Retail sales management
Paula-works for American Airlines, news
anchor for USA News
address: Arlington TX
- (5) **JERRY GLENN CARLSON**
born: 25 Aug. 1962 at: Jamestown ND
occupation: college food service-Sonoma U.
address: Rio Nido CA
- (4) **KEITH CURTIS CARLSON**
born: 28 June 1933 at: Valley City ND
married: 17 Dec. 1955 at: Juanita ND
- to: **ELEANOR RUTH TOPP**
born: 28 Jan. 1934 at: farm near Grace City ND
father: Donald Topp
mother: Margerite Stedman
occupation: both in food service & janitorial work
address: Aberdeen SD
- (5) **JULIE LaRAE CARLSON** (adopted)
born: 5 June 1965 at: Jamestown ND
married: 2 Jan. 1988 at: Minneapolis MN
- to: **WILLIAM PAUL HICKS** (adopted)
born: 31 Oct. 1965 at:
father: William Hicks
mother: Mary Farina
occupation: Bill-clerical work-Westinghouse
near Roswell NM
address: Hobbs NM
- (6) **HANNAH ELIZABETH HICKS**
born: 17 Feb. 1989 at Hobbs NM
- (6) **CALEB MICHAEL HICKS**
born: 25 July 1992 at Andrew TX

(5) **JOY RENEE CARLSON** (adopted)
born: 23 Feb. 1969 at: Fargo ND
married: 19 Sept 1992 at: Columbia MO

to: **DAVID EUGENE BASSETT**
born: 31 Jan. 1962 at: Oskaloosa IA
father: Harold Eugene Bassett
mother: Ethel Ann Hughes
occupation: David-Appliance technician
Joy-Pharmacy technician
address: Columbia MO

(3) **WILLIAM LLOYD CURTIS**
born: 13 July 1899 at: Barnes County ND
died: 18 Dec. 1976 at: farm in Barnes Co. ND
married: 29 Dec. 1927 at: Valley City ND

to: **ORLA IRENE WILLIAMSON**
born: 17 April 1910 at: Bellvidere, Nebraska
father: Charles Williamson
mother: Mary Ellen O'Hearn
William and Orla had one child, Nyle, and were later
divorced. Orla married a Christiansen. She lives in
Portland OR

(4) **NYLE DONOVAN CURTIS**
born: 17 May 1930 at: Cooperstown ND
married: 27 June 1954 at: Highland Falls NY

to: **THEODORA CLAIRE WEYANT**
born: 13 Sept. 1935 at: Newburgh NY
father: Vincent Kenneth Weyant
mother: Esther TenBroeck

Nyle and "Teddy" had the following children:
Kathie, Blaine, Sherri, Darren, Shayne, Cory and
Dawn, then were later divorced.

Nyle is a welder and lives in Portland OR.

Teddy lives in Utah.

- (5) **KATHIE RENE' CURTIS**
born: 21 Apr. 1955 at: Valley City ND
married: 16 Apr. 1976 at: Fargo ND

to: **GLEN UNDERBERG**

- (6) **MEIRA MATTEA UNDERBERG**
born: 8 Nov. 1976 at: Murray UT

Kathie and Glen were divorced.
Kathie was
married: 25 Apr. 1980 at: Raytown MO

to: **CHARLES THOMAS CLAYTOR JR.**

- (6) **SHAELON TYRUS CLAYTOR**
born: 28 Oct. 1982 at: Long Beach CA

Kathie and Tom are divorced.
Kathie lives in Utah.

- (5) **BLAINE CHARLES CURTIS**
born: 23 Aug. 1957 at: Valley City ND
occupation: business mgr. of heavy equipment
address: Downey CA

- (5) **SHERRI DIANE CURTIS**
born: 4 June 1960 at: Valley City ND
married: 16 Apr. 1983 at: Indian Head MD

to: **DAVID JOHN GIBSON**
born: 23 Nov 1957 at: Kingston NY
father: Albert Jack Gibson
mother: Katherine Jean Hartfuer
occupation: contractor/fire fighter
address: Holladay UT

- (6) **JOSHUA JOHN PAUL GIBSON**
born: 20 July 1981 at: Murray UT

- (6) **MATTHEW JOHN GIBSON**
born: 18 Sept. 1989 at: Salt Lake City UT

- (5) **DARREN TENBROECK WEYANT CURTIS**
born: 21 Mar. 1964 at: Cheyenne WY
married: 21 Mar. 1986 at: San Diego CA
- to: **CRYSTAL LEE MOUNT**
born: 27 June 1967 at: NJ
father: Louis Bernard Pomidor
Crystal's father died before she was born.
Her mother was married then to William
Edward Mount & Crystal was adopted by him.
mother: Sandra Lee Farrell
occupation: Darren is in the Navy
address: Japan
- (6) **DARREN TENBROECK WEYANT CURTIS II**
born: 5 June 1989 at: Sandy UT
- (5) **SHAYNE DARRICK CURTIS**
born: 21 Nov. 1965 at: Valley City ND
occupation: Manager at a Game Store
address: Diamond Bar CA
- (5) **CORY GORDON CURTIS**
born: 19 Apr. 1968 at: Valley City ND
married: 27 Feb. 1988 at: Murray UT
- to: **JANN MARIE HADFIELD**
born: 16 Jan. 1968 at: Salt Lake City UT
father: Glen J. Hadfield
mother: Karla Jansen
occupation: Cory on submarine in Navy
address: Oahu, Hawaii
- (5) **DAWN TANYA CURTIS**
born: 23 June 1970 at: Valley City ND
married: 2 July 1991 at: Salt Lake City UT
- to: **RANDAL GENE SWINK**
born: 31 Jan. 1968 at: St. Louis MO
father: Charles Randal Swink
mother: Brenda Joyce Evans
occupation: two-way radio telecommunications
address: Salt Lake City UT
- (6) **SAMUEL XAVIER SWINK**
born: 24 Jan 1992 at: Salt Lake City UT

William Curtis

married: 14 Sept. 1946 at: Webster SD

to: **DORIS THORNBURG KLEIN**

born: 8 Feb. 1917 at: Sanborn ND

father: Orville Roland Thornburg

mother: Minnie Anderson

Doris has two children by a previous marriage to Mr. Klein, who died. They are Carol Jean and Robert. Doris Curtis lives on the farm north of Valley City. Her address is Luverne ND.

(4) **GARY WILLIAM CURTIS**

born: 20 Apr. 1947 at: Valley City ND

married: 25 Sept 1976 at: Valley City ND

to: **LORRAINE JUNE HOWE**

born: 30 Apr. 1959 at: Lincoln NE

father: Delbert Howe

mother: Gladys Lovell

occupation: farming

address: Luverne ND

(5) **ANGELA MARIE CURTIS**

born: 11 Feb. 1977 at: Valley City ND

(5) **HEATHER MAE CURTIS**

born: 27 July 1979 at: Fargo ND

(5) **JOSEPH ROBERT CURTIS**

born: 7 Sept. 1983 at: Fargo ND

(5) **KELSEY ANN CURTIS**

born: 22 Aug. 1986 at: Fargo ND

(5) **TYLER LLOYD CURTIS**

born: 21 Oct. 1992 at: Valley City ND



l-r Henry, William & Mark Curtis
taken May 18, 1881



Eva Smith



Eva Smith, age 12



William S. & Eva (Smith) Curtis



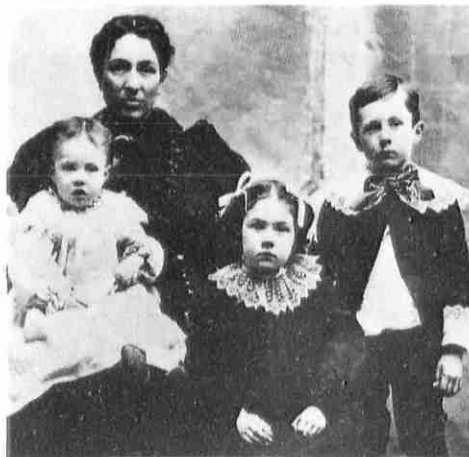
William & Eva Curtis
taken shortly before Wm.
died at age 37



Glen Curtis



Niram H. Curtis
age 5



l-r Hazel, Eva, Myrtle
and Niram Curtis



Myrtle & Niram Curtis



William L. & Hazel Curtis



Niram Curtis



William L. &
mother, Eva Curtis



Eva and Hazel Curtis



Curtis Brothers
Niram-back
William L.-front



Curtis Sisters
l-r Myrtle & Hazel



Eva Curtis Family l-r Niram, Myrtle, Eva,
Hazel & William



Glenn & Myrtle Williams



Eva, William & Hazel



l-r Elihue Mosher, Eva,
Anna & Mark Curtis



Myrtle Rose
Curtis



Eva Curtis with her four
grandsons: l-r Glenn
Williams, Nyle Curtis,
Keith & Grant Carlson



Myrtle, Glenn & Walt Williams



Jean & Glenn Williams



Jean & Glenn Williams
& son, Robert



Glenn Williams



Glenn C. Williams, Lt.
US Army Air Corps



Diana Williams



Diana Williams, age 17



Robert Williams
age 18



Gary Scott
Williams



Grandchildren of Glenn & Jean Williams
l-r Becky, Laura, Holly
Beth, Jenny with Leslie in front



Robert, Amy & Holly Williams
seated Rebecca & Jennifer-1992



l-r Beth, Diana, Leslie,
Laura & Tom Blue-1987



Robert & Amy Williams
with children clockwise:
Holly, Jenny & Becky 1987



Glenn & Jean Williams
50th Wedding Anniversary



Hazel Curtis
8th Grade
Graduation



Hazel Curtis,
teacher



Hilmer Carlson
Dierdorf, Germany
World War I



Hilmer Carlson
in the bank



Wedding Photos of
Hilmer & Hazel (Curtis) Carlson



Hilmer & Hazel with 1st
grandchild-Marilee



Grant Carlson on the
bank counter...Dad was
the banker!



Hilmer Carlson



Grant Carlson



Hazel Carlson



Grant Carlson,
age 1



Grant & Ruth (Moir) Carlson
Wedding Photo-1953



David, Hazel &
Marilee Carlson



Grant Carlson
H.S. Graduation
1941



the Grant Carlson Family
l-r Ruth, Marilee, Jerry,
Grant & David-1965



Grant & daughter,
Marilee



Marilee Joy
Carlson



Marilee & Michael Bainbridge
with Grant & Ruth Carlson



David Carlson



David Carlson,
H.S.
Graduation-1977



Marilee & Michael
Bainbridge



Marilee & Michael
Bainbridge-1990



Paula Rice &
David Carlson-1987



Paula & David Carlson



Jerry Glenn
Carlson



Jerry Carlson



Grant & Ruth Carlson



Baby Photo
Keith Carlson



Keith Carlson
& dog



Keith Carlson
Graduation



1968-Julie
Carlson



Hazel Carlson with sons
l-r Grant & Keith



Eleanor & Keith Carlson
with daughter, Julie-1967



Keith & Eleanor (Topp)
Carlson

Joy, Julie,
Eleanor
(seated) and
Keith Carlson





Keith & Eleanor Carlson



Julie & William Hicks



Julie & Bill Hicks
& dau. Hannah



l-r Keith, Eleanor & Joy
Carlson, Bill & Julie Hicks



Caleb Michael Hicks
b. 25 July 1992



Hannah &
Caleb Hicks



Willie Curtis & calf



Willie Curtis & horse



David & Joy Bassett



Willie on horse



Willie Curtis



Orla, wife of
Willie Curtis



William L. & Orla
(Williamson) Curtis



Nyle Curtis



Nyle Curtis



Teddy Curtis with
1st two children:
Kathie & Blaine



Nyle & Theodora
"Teddy" (Weyant)
Curtis Wedding



Kathie Curtis Claytor
with daughter, Meira &
son, Shealon



Kathie Rene' Curtis
at 21 months



Kathie Curtis
-1961



Blaine Curtis
-1959



Curtis Family Photo
top l-r Jann & Cory, Shealon
Kathie, Meira, Joshua &
David Gibson. Front l-r Dawn,
Theodora, Darren & wife Crystal
and Blaine Curtis

FAMILY OF NYLE & TEDDY CURTIS





Orla Christiansen,
Nyle's mother



Nyle Curtis



Darren, Crystal &
Darren Jr. Curtis



Darren
Curtis Jr.
age 21 months



Shayne Curtis



Cory Curtis



Nyle & Gary Curtis



William L.
"Willie" & Doris
(Klein) Curtis



Cory & Jann Curtis



Gary Curtis



Doris Curtis



Doris & son,
Gary



Verna Curtis



Gary Curtis Family
back-Angela, Gary & wife Lori
front-Joseph, Heather & Kelsie



the Gary Curtis family
1988 l-r Angela, Gary holding
Joseph, Heather & Lori
holding Kelsie.



1992 l-r Kelsie, Angela holding
Tyler, Heather & Joseph Curtis



Tyler Lloyd
Curtis



Kristi Dawn, dau.
of Verna Curtis



1988-Kristi Wurzer
High School Grad.



1972-John Wurzer, Verna
& Kristi



l-r Kristie, Cole &
Dale Bercier



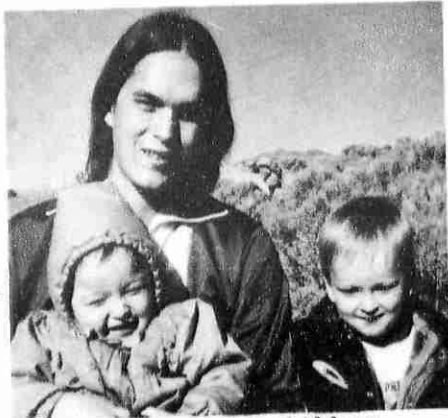
Kristi & Cole in
their new jackets!



Dale & son, Cole Bercier
taken the morning Dale was
to go to Panama, he went to
Saudi Arabia!



Cole Joseph Bercier age 3 in 1991



Tim Grenz with children Alesha and Travis



Tim Grenz & Verna Curtis



1991 Billy Cox with his father, Roger Cox



Alesha Grenz



Verna Curtis

1992 l-r Billy Cox, Travis Grenz Alesha Grenz



Three Cousins:
l-r Glenn Williams
Gary Curtis &
Grant Carlson



1988
Standing: l-r Jean & Glenn Williams & Lori Curtis. Seated: l-r Grant Carlson, Doris Curtis, Heather Curtis Ruth Carlson, Gary & Kelsie Curtis. Front: Joseph & Angela Curtis.



back l-r Nyle & William Curtis & Raynard Kinn. Middle l-r Verna & Gary Curtis. Front l-r Hazel Carlson, Harriet Curtis & Florence Kinn.

MARK CURTIS

Personal Memories by Irwin A. Willson

I did not know Mark Curtis until I began courting his daughter, Rachel, which was in the fall of 1931. Our parents knew each other since they were both pioneers, my Dad in 1883 and Mark about 1890. The exact date I do not know. Our homes were about twenty-three miles apart but both of us had gone away to teach before that time except for holidays and sometimes summer vacations. It was during Thanksgiving vacation in 1931 that I drove up to the Curtis home south of Karnak to see Rachel. That was the beginning of a long and lasting friendship.



Mark was a very private person. One could not guess what he was thinking at any given time for he seldom expressed his innermost thoughts. During the first year, it became gradually evident that he accepted me fully. In the years that followed it became clear that he did not have an intimate friend with whom he could speak freely. Without realizing it, I had become that intimate friend.

Our conversations ranged from pioneer days to the current depression....On two or three occasions we talked about pioneer days and how tough you had to be to get a start. It seems to me that it was Mark's mother who was the pioneer. I never heard him talk about his father. I do not know if his father had died or if his mother and dad had separated. I believe his Mother and family of children came out from Ada, Michigan somewhere around 1890--maybe before that. I think they settled east of the Sibley Trail area. Later, Mark and one of his brothers, I think Henry, staked a claim in the vicinity of Karnak. Maybe a third brother did too, I'm unsure.

I do know there were no buildings built the first couple of years - I think three years, and so they all went back to Ada, Michigan for the winters. What they did for a living during the winters is unclear to me. I believe they hired out for wages one winter - Mark as a teamster in the woods. Teams of horses were used to pull the logs to the loading dock. On the hillsides it was a very dangerous job for both the team and the driver. I believe one winter Mark stayed out in North Dakota - around Valley City. About five years after staking his claim, Mark had built a small cabin-like structure, a shelter barn for the animals and added a chicken coupe lean-to on to this barn. The heat from the

animals kept the chickens from freezing - (most of them). I believe for about three or four years they went back to Ada for the winter.

Mark proved to be an excellent farmer. It took years to develop the land for farming, maintaining the productivity of the soil. When I came on the scene, the systematic way he rotated his crops in the right sequence produced good crops each year. Mark loved horses! He bred percherons and clydesdales. They were beautiful animals. He also dressed them up pretty with white and colored spreaders and brass hames, well groomed from head to tail. One bay team I especially remember was a well trained chore team. Mark could clean the barn, pitching the manure onto a spreader, move from stall to stall including occasionally backing without touching the reins; just by voice commands. That team could be called "automatic" whether working in the barn or in the yard. He took excellent care of them.

Mark had a surrey or phaeton at one time and a team of buggy horses that were the envy of the community. Yes he really loved horses and knew how to train them.

Mark also had one of the best herds of cattle in the country. All the neighbors wanted to borrow his bulls so they could upbreed their herds. He always got top price for his steers at the market. When his milk cows were getting a little too old to maintain milk production and calf production too, they became range cows for the spring and summer. Early in the fall, he would then "stall" them to fatten them for the market. He would feed them heavily and only let them walk to the water trough for exercise. The last two weeks before selling them, he would carry the water to them. Being on the range, developed a lot of muscle not available to milk cows status. But it would also be fairly tough meat. They produced wonderful meat.

The depression got worse. Each year there were poor crops and less feed for livestock. After two more years of no crop and buying feed for the cattle, it became apparent he was going to have to curtail his livestock enterprise. We sat and talked about what to do many times that summer. Some of us still remember the "dust bowl". How horrible it was! Cattle began losing weight. Lots of farmers were selling part or all of their cattle to stockyards in West Fargo. This brought the price down to almost nothing. Being in debt from buying seed each year and feed for the livestock posed an ugly dilemma. Taking a lesson from my Dad's experience who had tried to hang on to all of his farms only to lose them all, I suggested to Mark that he pick out six or eight of his finest cows and keep them as a nucleus to start rebuilding again when times got brighter. This also would provide milk and meat which they could use to live on together with the luscious garden that Anna

always had. And by salting away the proceeds from the sale of the rest of the herd, he would have enough to get off the ground in his come back. This he felt wasn't right. He owed the bank money. He felt he had to pay them back as much as he could. He did take the suggestion of keeping out of the sale of cattle a few of his best specimens but only about half as many as would have been prudent. He sold off all the herd - to the slaughter yards. This was a traumatic experience for Mark. His hands were tied and he could not do anything about it. He felt that his life work was going down the chutes that day. It was as if he was in love with each one of his cows and calves. He never got over it!

Our relationship stood strong and firm to the end of his life. When he was on his death bed, he didn't want any one else to wait on him or nurse him except me. I was at his side trying to give him comfort and relief when he died. How I wished I could have measured up to his expectancy - I lost a real friend and father-in-law.

Tribute by Irwin Willson

Mark Curtis was born Aug. 20, 1866 at Ada, Michigan in Kent Co., the son of John & Elizabeth Curtis, of English descent. They had immigrated from Canada in 1865. Mark was the last survivor of a family of 10 children. At the early age of 7 years, his father passed away and a few years later, 1880, the family moved to Sibley Trail community in Dakota Territory where he resided until his death.

In 1905, he was united in marriage to Anna Williams of Sparta, Wis. Three children were born from this union:

Kenneth Mark Curtis
Rachel Kathryn Curtis
Theodore Henry Curtis

Mark Curtis was one of the last of the early settlers of this community. His contributions to its development were many. Those who knew him best well remember his faithfulness in caring for the sick and the needy during his long and useful life.

Mark was a firm believer in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Saviour of Men. His last request was that all the family might turn to the Lord, so that we might be reunited with him thruout all eternity. Mark passed away on May 11, 1950 at the age of 83 years, 8 months, and 21 days.

"Mark Curtis went by Sophie Ladbury's farm on a hot summer day. He saw Sophie pumping water. On his way home from town he stopped in, gathered Robert, Donald and Marilyn together, and told us in no uncertain terms that he never wanted to see Sophie pumping water again, and that he would check when he went by. He only wanted to see one of us pumping. Needless to say, he was not one of our favorite people for a few years. Later we learned to love him".

---Marilyn Langer Crawford

"I am glad one of my great uncles on mother's side of the family lived long enough for me to know him. Our family had many nice visits at Mark's farm. He loved children, and would take the younger ones in his arms and rub his heavy thick mustache over their cheeks and say, "My tikes, my tikes!" I often tried to avoid the mustache rub.

During a part of one summer (maybe about 4 to 6 weeks) I stayed out at the Mark Curtis farm and learned to know him even better. I can see him standing, looking out the east kitchen window and often saying, "When, oh when, will I ever see the day when I stop sinning?" That statement puzzled me then as I felt he was a saintly man. But we are all human and we all have our weaknesses. He was a good man--stern, but good. He could get very angry I learn, but I never saw that side of him. I shall never forget the night Mark and the family attended the revival meetings at the Evangelical Free Bible camp. It was Mark -- bless him -- who said to me at the close of the meeting, "Are you a Christian?" I thought about it, and one of the most sacred memories in my life is that night, in the upstairs guest bedroom, I got down on my knees and prayed, making my commitment to Christ. It was a decision I have never regretted, and I owe a debt of gratitude to Mark Curtis for asking me that question."

-----Grant N. Carlson

Obituary of Mark Curtis
Griggs County Sentinel-Courier
Cooperstown, N.D.
Issue of May 18, 1950

Funeral services were held on Monday in Sibley Congregational Church south of Karnak for Mark Curtis, North Dakota resident since 1880* who passed away at his farm home near Karnak on Thursday May 11. The service was conducted by Rev. O. A. Monson and Rev. Busse.

Born August 20, 1866 at Ada, Michigan, Mr. Curtis came to Dakota Territory in 1880 and had farmed here ever since. He was married to Anna Williams in Wisconsin in 1905.**

Surviving are Mrs. Curtis and three children, Kenneth of Cooperstown, Mrs. Irwin Willson of Denver, Colorado, and Theodore at home. There are also numerous nieces and nephews, three of whom attended the funeral from a distance: Herbert Curtis of Great Falls, Mont., Freeman Curtis of Choteau, Mont., and Frank Harriman of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Pallbearers were Maxwell and Ernest Ladbury, August Steiner, George Kerber, Hugh Mosher, and John Nolting. Burial was in the church cemetery.

*While Mark Curtis may well have come to Dakota Territory as early as 1880, he did not homestead until some years later. The earliest trips to Dakota may well have been with an older brother or other Michigan relatives. Along with his mother, and brothers William and Henry, he definitely came to Dakota Territory in the fall of '81 or spring of '82. (See story of this trip under Henry Curtis.) It is recalled on one trip from Michigan to Dakota, he got off the train at Valley City and walked the 26 miles to his homestead site.

**The Hannaford, N. D. Enterprise, issue of January 30, 1906, says under the heading "Hannaford and vicinity news": "Cards are out announcing the marriage on January 17 at Sparta, Wisconsin of Miss Anna Williams and Mark Curtis. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis will be at home on the bridegroom's farm in Broadview after February 17."

A further piece of interesting information was sent by Vy Andrews, a daughter of Edgar Curtis, who was a son of Henry Curtis. The information from Vy are three letters--two from Henry and one from Mark, written in 1891 from Valparaiso, Indiana, where they are attending school. Two of the letters are dated January 12, 1891 -- one each from Henry and Mark -- and a second letter from Henry dated March 23, 1891. These three letters are schoolwork. Mark's letter in part states: "...I was born and raised in the state of Michigan until I was twelve years old and then moved to Dakota, have been there ever since..."

If the above is correct, since Mark was born in 1866, his first visit to Dakota would have been 1878.

Mark Curtis always furnished the team and buggy for funerals.

Anna Williams
(wife of Mark Curtis)

Anna Williams was born 30 May 1874 at Aberystwith, Tregaron, Cardigan Co., Wales. Her father, Peter D. Williams and family left Wales when Anna was five and one-half years old. They landed in New York 13 October 1879, and took the train to Ixonia where uncle Robert Williams lived. Peter rented a farm for three years after which the family moved to Sparta, Wisconsin where they purchased a farm.

The maiden name of Anna's mother was Catherine Jones. Both parents were devoted Christians. Her father was a deacon in their church, and a good singer as was Anna's brother, Dave. Anna's father, Peter, died at age 54, her brother William two months after the death of his father Peter, and the poor mother was left to mourn the loss of a husband and a son so closely together. The parents always spoke Welsh at home and when Anna started school she could not understand a word of English. The children tried to talk English, but when they got into an argument they talked Welsh! Only the rich folk had white bread to eat. Anna's family had barley bread.

In her early twenties, Anna moved to North Dakota. Here she met Mark Curtis, and was married to him at Sparta, Wisconsin 17 January 1906. To this union was born two sons and a daughter: Kenneth, Rachel, and Theodore in that order.

After many years on the farm, Anna moved to Valley City and lived with her son, Theodore, and family. When Theodore moved his family to California, Anna accompanied them and spent her remaining years in that state. The Cooperstown paper (Griggs Co. Sentinel Courier) of July 10, 1969, has an interesting article which is quoted in part below:

Mrs. Mark Curtis Notes 95th Birthday

"A former Cooperstown lady, Mrs. Mark Curtis, was honored on her ninety-fifth birthday May 30. Open house was held at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Willson of San Luis Obispo, California. The former Anna Williams married Mark Curtis January 17, 1906 and went to reside with him on a wheat farm in Griggs Co. N. D...Mrs. Curtis has 15 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren...Her early life was spent near Sparta, Wis. She came from a family of five children and cooked for her father's farm help. She also worked for other families. Although she completed her education at the eighth grade, Mrs. Curtis is an enthusiastic reader and letter writer..."

Anna passed away 6 February 1972 at the age of 97 years, 8 months at the home of Theodore Curtis in Eureka, California where she had been living. Funeral services were held at

Eureka with Rev. Samuel Sanders of Eureka officiating. Concluding services were held at Valley City, North Dakota, with Rev. Irving Standley in charge. Burial was in the Sunnyside Cemetery east of Dazey, North Dakota.

Interesting comments made by Anna just three days before her death told of hearing the most beautiful music she had ever heard in her life. Some of her comments follow:

"They are on every little while. It sounds just like hearing my brother and nephew."

"The choir is on every little while."

"It's all heaven there, everything is so pleasant!"

"Can't you hear it? You don't have it turned on."

"It is so touching to the soul, everything is so pleasant!"

While she was talking about this music, one of her grandchildren asked her: "Grandma, do you suppose that is the heavenly choir you have been hearing?" "Oh", she said, "of course it is. There is no music like it down here on earth. Oh the music and the harmony! I never heard anything like it!"

Three days later, following dinner on Sunday afternoon 6 February, she was preparing to dress, combed and fixed her hair, then suddenly fell. The family was on the scene at once but Anna was already gone. God had called her home.

Anna was a superb cook! I remember as a child -- this would be after the Mark Curtis home burned in 1923 and before they moved on to the Henry Curtis farm just s.w. of Karnak -- the annual New Year's Day dinners to which it seems people of the whole countryside were invited! Relatives and neighbors from far and near (we were invited from Valley City every year) came to visit and enjoy the sumptuous feast. I may be wrong, but it seems to me we walked into the home--just the main floor, no upstairs--by walking down a few steps east into the kitchen where Anna was bustling around with final preparations for the big meal. It seems she thrilled to do the task, and as I recall nearly all alone. Talk about an ambitious woman! Anyway, we would turn left into the dining room where the meal had to be served in shifts, and on to our right into the living room where people would mingle and visit until their turn was called to come eat. It seems about 20-25 people could be served at one time and I would think there were at least three, if not more, "shifts" to eat. And, oh what pies for dessert! Several varieties--pick your choice! When dear

Aunt Anna ate, I never knew. She seemed to relish the thought of serving this big annual affair!

-----Grant N. Carlson

Kenneth Mark Curtis
written by his wife, Gladys

Kenneth was a very out-going person. He took part in all kinds of sports--baseball, bowling, hunting and fishing. He also had varied occupations, from farming, owning a country store, and when we moved to Montana he worked for a John Deere dealer and then as an office manager for R.E.A. He bought a Fort Peck cabin which he remodeled and turned it into a lovely summer home. He even made most of the furniture and enjoyed working with wood. He acquired trees from the government--gave them to many cabin owners which really beautified the area. He put in a lovely lawn, had a big garden which he shared with all the neighbors and friends. Ken loved his family and enjoyed his many friends.

Story About Myself
by Rachel Kathryn Curtis Willson

I was born April 21, 1908 on the Mark Curtis farm in Griggs County North Dakota a few miles south of Karnak. I had two brothers--Kenneth, 13 months older and Ted (Theodore), 3 1/2 years younger than I. We lived on this farm until I was in fourth grade when our family moved to Hannaford--a distance of 11 miles while the new house was being built. A double garage was built before the house, into which we moved while waiting for the house to be ready.

The first building my father had built on this new farm site was a 200+ foot barn. A strong, sturdy swing was made and hung in one of the barn stalls for us kids. I have memories of swinging for hours at a time out there in the barn. I would swing at top speed and top height, then jump off and land in a pile of straw in the opposite stall. What FUN! I was never allowed to be around the barn when men or animals were there. During the day time while the men were in the fields the barn was a favorite place to play. Another fun time was when my brothers and I would climb to the opening of the hay mow door where the hay was reeled in, which was the highest point available to us. From there we would take turns jumping off into the soft hay below. Great sport!

We moved into the new house when I was in the seventh grade. What a palace to me, that was. All the woodwork was solid

oak as were the floors upstairs and down. Beautiful staircase which was also made of solid oak, enhanced the beauty of the entire house. It was a three story house with a full basement. Electricity and running water through out. Tiled floor and pedestal lavatory were especially intriguing to me. We had never had a bathroom before. The most wonderful thing about it all was that I had my own bedroom. And they furnished it with a beautiful brass bedstead. True luxury to me!

We lived in that house three and a half years. Then one afternoon coming home from High School as we approached the brow of the hill - looking toward home - there stood a huge TALL chimney. The house had burned to the ground. I really don't remember my feelings. All I remember is that I wore the same middie and skirt to school for a week after that. Everything we had in the house was gone. As I remember, Mother lamented losing our pictures more than anything else.

I was always a loner. I was not privileged to bring friends home with me. In fact I don't think I had any friends. I was my father's pet. He over protected and spoiled me. There is nothing that money could buy that he would not give me. One morning on the way to High School in Cooperstown, I remember commenting to him that I was the only kid in school that didn't have a watch. He stopped at the Drug Store before taking me to school that morning and bought me a watch. Much later he wanted to buy a fur coat for me. I insisted 'No'. I told him I wouldn't wear it if he did buy it, explaining that the kids would have less to do with me if I wore a fur coat. I was always over dressed according to the other kids as it was. I was very sensitive about all this.

In spite of the difficulty in relating to my peers, there were several things I did enjoy. For example, playing basket ball was lots of fun. I loved drama. I was in several plays and loved them all. One play especially, I remember acting the role of a French Maid. My coach was a very personable lady. I related well to her--consequently enjoyed my classes with her.

My brother Kenneth was a winner in High School. He was voted "The Best Looking Boy in Cooperstown High School." He was also a Basketball Star. Since I was a little on the puggy side, he wanted little to do with me. This didn't help my self-esteem much!

It wasn't until I got to Valley City State Teachers College that I found my personal interest. The classes in Child Development and Child Psychology really intrigued and inspired me. I always thought I wanted to be a teacher. It was when I got into Student Teaching classes and the actual classroom with the primary children that I was turned on and

motivated. Outside of being a wife and mother, teaching First Grade has been my vocation. I graduated from VCST in 1928 with a Life Credential for teaching Primary level. Much later, while teaching - attending afternoon and evening classes, I earned a BE degree in Elementary Education from California State Polytechnic University, 1965.

I taught two years in Lucca, one year in Rogers, and one year in Fessenden - all in North Dakota. Then beginning all over again, in California I taught 14 years in three different school districts. I retired in 1972 - four months after my Mother went to Heaven.

It was while I was teaching in Fessenden, N.D. that I met Irwin, my husband. We were married April 10, 1932. God gave us four wonderful children. Each one is now serving the Lord in their respective communities. Curtis was born April 6, 1933; Janis December 4, 1934; Jacquelyn July 29, 1936 all three born in Valley City, N.D. David was born October 8, 1946 in Pueblo, Colorado. It was while I was pregnant for David that I gave my life to Jesus Christ. I dedicated him to God's service before I ever saw him. Truly God has been faithful. In fact, looking back I can see how God's hand has been evident in my life long before I ever knew Him. He has been so patient and long suffering with me, waiting for me to come to the end of myself and ask Him to take over my life. II Cor. 5:17 has been my assurance of salvation: "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new." Truly this was my experience. Even the grass was greener! There have been may ups and downs in our lives BUT God has been more than faithful.

We are retired now and currently living in San Luis Obispo, CA. We attend a Bible teaching undenominational church (Grace Church) in our city.

--Rachel K. Willson

A Tribute to
Theodore Curtis
as told by Dr. M. S. Ward
(Dr. Ward was a former superintendent of the
Valley City, N.D. public school system.)

"There was a time some 18 or 20 years ago when Ted Curtis of near Karnak in Griggs County, seriously doubted that he would ever have the essential things which every normal American youth justifiably desires--his own home, a family, a lucrative occupation, ability to make a living, and health to enjoy both work and life. During the first 24 years of his life Ted was subject to a series of illnesses that

threatened to deny him these vital objectives. But throughout those long years of illness, pain, doubt, and uncertainty Ted waged as heroic a fight as any warrior on any battlefield, and in the end he won.

The story of Theodore Henry Curtis is at once both a lesson and an inspiration. It is a lesson of vital import to all those youth and adults, who, possessing splendid health and no handicaps, are often inclined to grumble at their present lot in life. It is a powerful inspiration to those youth and adults who do have various handicaps, who can learn through this story that courage, will, determination, faith, and God's help can transform a handicap into a source of power.

Ted Curtis was born on the homestead of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Curtis, in Griggs County, just a few miles north of the Barnes County line. Mark Curtis, the father, was born on a farm a few miles south of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was of English descent, his mother having served as a flower girl at the coronation of Queen Victoria of England.

In 1887 Mark Curtis came west into Dakota Territory to file for a homestead. He left the Northern Pacific train at Valley City and started northward across Barnes County to Griggs County. The first night he slept under a wagon. Crossing the county line into Griggs County he soon came to his homestead land, filed the claim and proceeded to prove his ownership.

Ted's mother, Anna Curtis, was born in Wales. When she was five years old her family came to the United States and out to Dakota Territory where they settled on a farm in Griggs County not far from Cooperstown. Growing to womanhood she met and married Mark Curtis and on his homestead they began their married life. Ted was born on this homestead in 1911. He was one of three children, one girl and two boys. Sickness beset him when he was only three months old. This he overcame in a few months. At the age of five his left hip became affected and for four years it was necessary for him to wear a cast on his leg and move about on crutches.

Ted struggled through these difficulties, attended the district school nearby which was the Curtis school, in Griggs County, and graduated from the eighth grade at the age of 13. In the fall of 1926 he came to Valley City and enrolled in the Valley City High School. Here he roomed at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Hilmer Carlson, Mrs. Carlson being his cousin. At the end of the first semester in January 1927, Ted found it necessary to give up school on account of his health. He went back to the farm and there seemed to improve in the out-of-doors, but at the age of 19 he developed a serious heart condition which confined him to his bed for four years.

It was during this serious and continued illness that he became vitally interested in the Bible, the Christian religion, faith, and prayer. Many conferences with Rev. G. O. Vikan of the nearby Presbyterian church renewed Ted's faith in religion and gave him new hope. Under this influence, and the tender, devoted care of his mother, Ted gradually but surely regained his health. Then he began to attain the great objectives of which he had once despaired.

With returning health Ted acquired a farm, secured farm machinery, planted the farm in crops, and began raising turkeys. His mother had raised a few turkeys and Ted became interested in this project. He began with 250 turkeys, received valuable help and advice from representatives of the Kimball Brothers of Hillsdale, Michigan, dealers in turkeys, and was successful from the start. Gradually he increased the number of birds to a peak of 4000, constantly increasing his profits. Now after 18 years of continuous, intelligent work, Ted has good health, a fine farm, 1/2 mile south of Karnak, 27 miles northwest of Valley City, just west of the north shore of Lake Ashtabula, and a wonderful family.

On August 12, 1944 Ted married Miss Phyllis Lende of Cooperstown, North Dakota, who he had first met some years before at Cooperstown. They were married at Oakland, Neb. by Rev. Irving Standley, a brother-in-law of the bride. Mr. Lende, the father of Phyllis, was born at Stavanger, Norway, came to this country, and out to Cooperstown, N.D. where for many years he conducted a produce business. Phyllis' mother was born at Muskegon, Michigan, of Swedish and Danish ancestry, one of twelve children.

Phyllis, Mrs. Ted Curtis, was born at Cooperstown, N. D., one of twelve children, six boys and six girls. She went through the public schools at Cooperstown and graduated from the Cooperstown High School, after which she worked for her father of the produce company. Gifted musically, Phyllis was one of the Lende Trio of sisters who formerly sang frequently over KOVC at Valley City.

Ted operates his grain farm, raises annually about 16 head of cattle, 32 sheep, 3500 turkeys and numerous chickens. For the turkeys Ted has a 30 x 100 foot brooder house, automatically operated. He uses commercial feeds entirely. Ted is an expert mechanic, with a completely stocked machine shop where he repairs his own and neighbors machinery, and has even built a windrower which he used for two years. He has a complete line of modern machinery, including 3 tractors and 1 combine. He has a private pilot's license for flying, with 225 hours in the air.

Ted has never forgotten the tremendous help he received from religion in his "storm and stress" period. For two years he

did evangelistic work throughout N. D., S. D., and Minn. Besides church work, Ted has been president of the community club, member of the Farm Bureau, township clerk and assessor for 19 years, and member of the Wildlife Association. In this latter capacity he propagated 200 pheasants for stocking Griggs County. His hobbies are fishing and machine work.

Triumphing over all difficulties, including 24 years of serious illness, Ted Curtis has now achieved the great objectives of a useful life--head of a fine family, owner and operator of a productive farm, generous community worker, honest and competent public official, builder of God's kingdom here on earth--these are the positive accomplishments of a great citizen and a valiant hero. In the spirit of gratitude for your indomitable courage, we salute you, Ted Curtis, and your wonderful wife, Phyllis, and wish for you and your family great happiness and success in all the years that lie ahead."

Theodore Henry Curtis
by daughter, Erleen Staley, for the family

Theodore Henry Curtis was born in Cooperstown, N. D. on 8 November, 1911, to Mark & Anna Curtis. He weighed 6 1/2 lbs. at birth and also weighed the same at 6 months old. He was a sickly child all of his preschool days. He fell from a horse at the age of 6 and developed a hip disease. When he was 19 years of age he helped push a car out of the ditch while he had the flu and brought on the enlargement of his heart from one side of his chest to the other. The doctor told him he would never get out of bed. For 3 1/2 years he was flat on his back and could barely turn over. During this time he read the Bible from cover to cover. A pastor from a local church led him to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as his own personal Savior.

During this time he cried out to God and told Him if He would heal him and raise him up he would serve Him the rest of his life and raise a family for Him. The Lord heard his prayer. He healed his heart totally. At the age of 33 Ted married Phyllis Lende from Cooperstown, N. D. who was 23. They met in church. Phyllis was from a family of 12 children and helped her father in the local creamery business. Times were hard. It was during the depression. The Lord blessed Ted & Phyllis with 8 children: Erleen, Mary Lou, Bonnie, Joel, Virginia, Rachel, Esther and John. Jesus Christ was the center of their home and life.

Ted was known for his spiritual gift of teaching and evangelism. He was an evangelistic speaker at times, lay pastor and Sunday School teacher.

When Erleen was 6 months old, she developed an incurable childhood disease of the intestine. Ted & Phyllis had faith to act on God's Word, according to James chapter 5 and call for the elders of the church to anoint her with oil in the Name of the Lord and pray for her. Jesus Christ chose to hear their prayer and heal her.

They were known for their gift of hospitality and giving. They saw many of their friends and family come to know Jesus over the years, before they died. When they were first married they farmed a section and one-half south of Karnak, N.D. They raised 5,000 turkeys, 2,500 broilers, and 300 pheasants all in one year. They released the pheasants for hunting for the government. Anna Curtis taught Phyllis to cook. The only thing they ever went to town for was flour, sugar, and hardware. They grew all their own food and canned it and stored it for winter.

Ted was an active member of the community. He was President of PTA, and Gideons local chapter, County Assessor for many years and later on opened an Oliver Implement business in Hannaford, N.D. From here they moved to Valley City, N.D. where they built a 22 room home for income purposes. They rented rooms to 18 college students at one time. They also had 4 elderly people upstairs, 8 children, and a 24 hour Taxi and Ambulance Service. The children were trained in all the business to take their share of responsibilities.

One winter during the Winter Show several of the local motels sent their overflow guests to Ted & Phyllis because of their gift of hospitality. Our home ended up with 37 people spending 3 days and 2 nights because of a blizzard howling outside. Some were playing games, cards, sleeping and eating. All of them will never forget the open heart-open home of the Curtis family.

They were also known for their open heart to help those in need whether spirit, soul, or body. Ted would bring a person home who was too drunk to tell him where he was going. He would then sleep it off on the couch. Phyllis would serve this person breakfast while Ted gave him the gospel. After eating he would then take the person home. The home was a hustle and bustle of activity 24 hours a day. After 7 years of this they moved to California and bought a resident care home for the elderly in Fortuna. Erleen and Mary Lou had already moved out West. All of their children married spouses from California. They then moved to Eureka where they settled for the next 25 years. Ted went home to be with the Lord on 10 March, 1982. Ted is survived by his loving wife Phyllis, 8 children, and 22 grandchildren.

Phyllis has just purchased a home in Hannaford, N.D. and has plans to move back there this year, Lord willing. She is 71 years young. She has many brothers and sisters back there and also a son John. She has a burden to see everyone know Jesus. He's been her husband since Ted's homegoing.

Ted & Phyllis realized all their lives how short this life is and how instant and forever eternity is. They always looked at everything with eternity in view. His last words to Phyllis were, "God will take care of you."

We as a family thank and praise God for such a Godly Christian Heritage. Our prayer is, "Lord Jesus, say hi to Dad from us. We love you and can hardly wait to be with You."

Love and Prayers,

Erleen, for the family.

Mary Lou Curtis (Bravo)
Ted & Phyllis Curtis' second oldest daughter

I graduated from high school in Valley City, N. D. in 1964. I attended Valley City State College for almost two years taking up Elementary teaching courses. I had a chance to move out to California so I did, settling in the Bay area. I worked as a nurse's aid at Eden Hospital in Castro Valley for quite some time before transferring up to northern California, (Eureka) to work for my folks. I spent some 24 years working in their guest homes. My dad passed away at 70 years of age in 1982. My dad sure thought I got a good man, and he got to share some special times with my two boys who were two and one at the time of his death. My oldest son, Lance, is 12 and in 6th grade. He's a good student and is super in every sport he's in. He wears size 10 shoe already. My second oldest son, Chad, is in 5th grade, also a good student and great in every sport also. My husband who is the best husband ever, is a foreman in Samoa, Calif. for Louisiana Pacific Lumber Mill. He also commercial fishes and crabs on the side.

Our church is a wonderful Christian group in Rio Dell Assembly at Rio Dell, California. Pastor Kenworthy. Lanny and I have been married 13 years and the Lord blessed us with two beautiful children for which we are so grateful."

MARK CURTIS DESCENDANT DIRECTORY

- (1) JOHN L. AND ELIZABETH (SPENCER) CURTIS
- (2) MARK CURTIS
born: 20 August 1866 at: Ada, Michigan
died: 11 May 1950 at: home (Griggs Co., ND)
married: 17 Jan. 1906 at: Sparta, Wisconsin
- to: ANNA WILLIAMS
born: 30 May 1874 at: Aberystwith, Wales
died: 6 Feb. 1972 at: Eureka, California
father: Peter D. Williams
mother: Catherine Jones
- (3) KENNETH MARK CURTIS
born: 28 Feb. 1907 at: farm south of Karnak ND
died: 12 Sept. 1988 at: Billings MT
married: 10 Apr. 1929 at: Langford farm, Cooperstown ND
- to: GLADYS MAURVEEN LANGFORD
born: 16 Dec. 1909 at: Cooperstown ND
father: John Herbert Langford
mother: Bertha Evelyn Sansburn
occupation: Kenneth was manager of McCone Electric Co.
address: Gladys lives at Cooperstown ND
- (4) JOYCE KARLEEN CURTIS
born: 12 Mar. 1931 at: Cooperstown ND
married: 25 Apr. 1953 at: Williston ND
- to: ORVILLE "GLENN" GARNER
born: 13 Sept. 1927 at: Charlie TX
father: William Jackson Garner
mother: Cora Stanley
occupation: Glenn-oil field supply executive
Joyce-medical lab technician
address: Chandler TX
- (5) ELIZABETH "BETH" ANN GARNER (adopted)
born: 1 May 1959 at: Fort Worth TX
married: 1989 at:
- to: THOMAS FOSTER
Elizabeth and Thomas are divorced.
occupation: employed at an Art Gallery
Elizabeth lives at Fort Worth TX

- (5) **KENNETH GLENN GARNER** (adopted)
born: 12 Feb. 1966 at: Houston TX
occupation: college student
address: Austin TX
- (4) **JOHN "Jack" KENNETH CURTIS**
born: 6 May 1932 at: Cooperstown ND
married: 29 Oct. 1955 at: Cooperstown ND
- to: **LOIS MAE FINK**
born: 29 Aug. 1933 at: Breckenridge MN
father: Ben Henry Fink
mother: Esther Gertrude Dinger
occupation: Jack: Air conditioning technician
Lois: nurse and homemaker
address: Cooperstown ND
- (5) **GREGORY KENNETH CURTIS**
born: 27 Oct. 1956 at: Valley City ND
married: 4 Sept. 1983 at: Red Willow Lake ND
- to: **JUDY MARIE HAGEN**
born: 24 May 1957 at: Glenwood MN
father: Paul Jerome Hagen
mother: Marlyn Arlene Hanson
occupation: Government engineer
address: Broomfield CO
- (6) **GRETCHEN HAGEN CURTIS**
born: 3 May 1980 at: Richland WA
- (6) **HEIDI HAGEN CURTIS**
born: 13 Apr. 1990 at: Denver CO
- (5) **MARK ALLEN CURTIS**
born: 2 Mar. 1958 at: Cooperstown ND
married: 13 Oct. 1984 at: Jamestown ND
- to: **MICHELE JEAN HIMMELSPACH**
born: 13 June 1958 at: Mandan ND
father: Mike A. Himmelspach
mother: Viola Hoffman
occupation: EMT with ambulance service
address: Jamestown ND

- (4) **CARYL MADLYNN CURTIS**
born: 4 May 1935 at: Cooperstown ND
married: 15 Nov. 1954 at: Fargo ND
- to: **EDWARD J. BEDNAR**
born: 31 Dec. 1926 at: Cooperstown ND
father: Frank Joseph Bednar
mother: Bertha Hanson
occupation: Edward: farmer & highway super.
Caryl: secretary for A.S.C.S.
address: Cooperstown ND
- (5) **KEVIN JAY BEDNAR**
born: 7 May 1956 at: Cooperstown ND
married: 11 July 1981 at: Jamestown ND
- to: **CATHERINE KNUTSON**
born: 29 Dec. 1950 at:
Kevin and Catherine are divorced.
occupation: machinist & construction worker
address: Euless TX
- (6) **JENNIFER KAY BEDNAR**
born: 26 Jan. 1982 at: Valley City ND
- (5) **JACQUELINE KAY BEDNAR**
born: 20 Aug. 1959 at: Valley City ND
married: 3 May 1985 at: Phoenix AZ
- to: **DONALD JOSEPH MacLEOD**
born: 23 Nov. 1956 at: Grand Forks ND
father: Robert Malcolm MacLeod
mother: Isabelle Mary Hosley
occupation:
address: Phoenix AZ
- (6) **MARC ROBERT MacLEOD**
born 27 June 1986 at: Phoenix AZ
- (6) **KRISTINE CARYL MacLEOD**
born: 25 Apr. 1990 at: Phoenix AZ
- (5) **KEITH DANNEI BEDNAR**
born: 26 Oct. 1960 at: Cooperstown ND
occupation: airline pilot
address: Wilmington OH

(5) **KELLY GENE BEDNAR**
born: 19 Feb. 1964 at: Cooperstown ND
occupation: estimator & architect-Kirby Steel
address: Nashville TN

(3) **RACHEL KATHRYN CURTIS**
born: 21 Apr. 1908 at: farm south of Karnak ND
married: 10 Apr. 1932 at: farm south of Karnak ND

to: **IRWIN ATWOOD WILLSON**
born: 22 June 1909 at: Leal ND
father: Howard Atwood Willson
mother: Mary Elizabeth Hilborn
occupation: teacher & college professor
address: San Luis Obispo CA

(4) **CURTIS ROBERT WILLSON**
born: 6 Apr. 1933 at: Valley City ND
married: 1 July 1955 at: Modesto CA

to: **GRACE ELIZABETH THOMPSON**
born: 28 Jan. 1933 at: Waterloo IA
father: Forrest Vern Thompson
mother: Tessie Florence Sterling
occupation: Curtis-
Grace-Staff IV OR nurse
address: San Jose CA

(5) **REBECCA LYNN WILLSON**
born: 21 Nov. 1956 at: Modesto CA
married: 16 Nov. 1979 at: San Jose CA

to: **JEFFREY LEE BONTRAGER**
born: 24 Nov. 1956 at: Hutchinson KS
father: Clell Eugene Bontrager
mother: Janet Marie Hoffman
occupation: Jeff-field rep/Pratt & Whitney/
jet engines
address: San Jose CA

(6) **KRISTIN GRACE BONTRAGER**
born: 14 Oct. 1981 at: San Jose CA

(6) **MEGAN NICOLE BONTRAGER**
born: 29 Nov. 1983 at Honolulu HI

(6) **JUSTIN LUKE BONTRAGER**
born: 16 May 1986 at: San Jose CA

- (5) **RUTH ELIZABETH WILLSON**
born: 7 Aug. 1959 at: Modesto CA
married: 5 Aug. 1984 at: San Jose CA
- to: **JEROLD ALLEN REITON**
born: 29 Sept. 1958 at: Palo Alto CA
father: Charles Douglas Reiton
mother: Eleanor Jeannie Harvey
occupation: Attorney At Law/DR of Juris
Prudence (J.D.L.L.M.)
address: San Jose CA
- (6) **MICHAEL ALLEN REITON**
born: 27 Oct. 1987 at: San Jose CA
- (6) **MATTHEW DOUGLAS REITON**
born: 18 May 1989 at: San Jose CA
- (6) **NATALI GRACE REITON**
born: 30 Mar. 1992 at: San Jose CA
- (5) **DOUGLAS CURTIS WILLSON**
born: 7 Feb. 1961 at: San Jose CA
occupation: Interactive Business Network/
Customer Service
address: San Jose CA
- (4) **JANIS RAE WILLSON**
born: 4 Dec. 1934 at: Valley City ND
married: 15 Dec. 1973 at: Hayward CA
- to: **DAVID NOVY HARDISTY**
born: 22 Dec. 1933 at: Washington DC
father: Norris Montague Hardisty
mother: Edith Kathleen Pilke
occupation: Hospital Chaplain
address: Gresham OR
- Scott and Holly are David's children by a previous marriage.
- (5) **SCOTT HARDISTY**
born: 6 May 1959 at: Minneapolis MN
died: July 1980 at: Prescott AZ
Scott died while jogging.

(5) **HOLLY HARDISTY**
born: 17 Oct. 1956 at: Fort Knox KY
married: 6 Aug. 1988 at: Tacoma WA

to: **MAX LEGG**
born: at:
father:
mother:
occupation: Purchasing agent/Boeing Aircraft
Alaskan Airlines
address: Milton WA

(4) **JACQUELYN KAY WILLSON**
born: 29 July 1936 at: Valley City ND
married: 15 June 1957 at: Mt. Hermon CA

to: **JOHN WILLIAM VISS JR**
born: 15 Feb. 1935 at: Modesto CA
died: 7 May 1976 at: Fort St. James BC Canada
in a boating accident
father: John William Viss Sr.
mother: Anne Travaille
occupation: John was a medical doctor.
address: Gresham OR

(5) **RUTH MIRIAM VISS**
born: 28 June 1958 at: French Camp CA
married: 2 Sept. 1978 at: Fort St. James BC

to: **KENNETH ALLAN FAST**
born: 31 Aug. 1955 at:
father: George Fast
mother: Martha Goertzen
occupation: Geologist/oil exploration
address: Okotoks AB

(6) **SHARON RACHEL FAST**
born: 7 Mar. 1981 at Vancouver BC

(6) **KRISTIN MIRIAM FAST**
born: 26 Sept. 1983 at Saskatoon SK

(5) **JOHN WILLIAM VISS III**
born: 19 Dec. 1959 at: Oakland CA
occupation: litigation Attorney
address: Sacramento CA

- (5) **PHILLIP ANDREW VISS**
 born: 3 July 1961 at: Vallejo CA
 died: 2 Nov. 1976 near Ft. St. James BC
 Phillip died in a plane crash at or near
 Frazer Lake, BC while returning from a hunt-
 ing trip with 3 missionaries, their goal was
 to shoot a moose for winter meat for
 Phillip's mother and family. Phillip was a
 sophomore at Fort Saint James High School.
- (5) **STEPHEN MARK VISS**
 born: 18 July 1964 at: Ft. St. James BC
 occupation: American West customer service/
 airline
 address: Des Moines WA
- (5) **DANIEL WILLSON VISS**
 born: 30 Oct. 1968 at: Vallejo CA
 occupation: landscaping & student
 address: Sacramento CA

Jacquelyn and John Viss adopted two
 Carrier Indian sisters.

- (5) **LAURA LEE VISS** (adopted at age 5 years)
 born: 24 Dec. 1962 at: Vanderhoff BC
 occupation: Preschool daycare worker
 address: Squamish BC
- (6) **JOSHUA ROBERT BILLIE**
 born: 22 April 1988 at: Squamish BC
- (5) **MARYANNA LYNN VISS** (adopted at age 3.5 weeks)
 born: 8 Feb. 1967 at: Vanderhoff BC
 married: 2 Sept. 1989 at: Portland OR
- to: **JAMES ANDERSON**
 born: 10 Apr. 1961 at: Portland OR
 father: James Anderson
 mother: Genevive
 occupation: U S Bank/Loans
 address: Oregon City OR
- (6) **DANIEL JAMES ANDERSON**
 born: 5 April 1991 at: Oregon City OR
- (6) **IAN BRICE ANDERSON**
 born: 27 May 1992 at: Oregon City OR

(4) **DAVID IRWIN WILLSON**
born: 8 Oct. 1946 at: Pueblo CO
married: 1 Apr. 1967 at: Hayward CA

to: **ANITA LOUISE ESPASANDIN**
born: 9 Sept. 1948 at: Hayward CA
father: Louie Leroy Espasandin
mother: Betty Jane Atsalis
occupation: David-
Anita-Medical Technician
address: Sonora CA

(5) **MARK DAVID WILLSON**
born: 6 Aug. 1971 at: San Luis Obispo CA

(5) **LISA JANENE WILLSON**
born: 4 Sept. 1972 at: Sonora CA

(5) **CORY BRANDON WILLSON**
born: 6 Mar. 1977 at: Sonora CA

(3) **THEODORE HENRY CURTIS**

born: 8 Nov. 1911 at: Cooperstown ND
died: 10 Mar. 1982 at: Eureka CA
married: 12 Aug. 1944 at: Oakland NE

to: **PHYLLIS DELORES EVANGELINE LENDE**

born: 18 Apr. 1921 at: Cooperstown ND
father: Thorvald T. Lende
mother: Hilda Marie Johnson
Phyllis lives at Hannaford ND

(4) **ERLEEN RAE CURTIS**

born: 10 May 1945 at: Valley City ND
married: 11 Feb. 1967 at: Mount Hermon CA

to: **WARREN GRAY STALEY**

born: 3 June 1944 at: Kansas City MO
father: Warren Gray Staley
mother: Bonnie Vivian Crippen
occupation: Warren-accountant/CPA
address: Arcata CA

(5) **WARREN GURDON "SKIP" STALEY**

born: 15 Aug. 1968 at: San Leandro CA

(5) **MELODEE KAYE STALEY**

born: 10 Jan. 1971 at: Atascadero CA

(5) **KEITH EDWARD STALEY**

born: 23 Nov. 1972 at: Phoenix AZ

(5) **GRACE CORINN STALEY**

born: 23 Mar. 1976 at: Arcata CA

(5) **MARK THEODORE STALEY**

born: 2 Aug. 1983 at: Fortuna CA

(4) **MARY LOU CURTIS**

born: 17 July 1946 at: Valley City ND
married: 27 Apr. 1979 at: Reno NV

to: **KENNETH "LANN" BRAVO**

born: 21 Jan. 1947 at: Scotia CA
father:
mother:

occupation: Lann-foreman for Louisiana/Pacific
Lumber Mill, also a commercial fish-
erman.

Mary Lou-24 yrs. in nursing home care
address: Fortuna CA

- (5) **LANCE KENNETH BRAVO**
born: 7 Dec. 1979 at: Fortuna CA
- (5) **CHAD STEVENS BRAVO**
born: 5 March 1981 at: Fortuna CA
- (4) **BONNIE JEAN CURTIS**
born: 6 Dec. 1947 at: Valley City ND
married: 12 June 1971 at: Eureka CA
- to: **LON THURSTON MABON**
born: 12 May 1947 at: Minneapolis MN
father: Byron Mabon
mother: Geri Thurston
occupation: Lon and Bonnie are advocates for
Citizens Rights in Oregon in
spiritual and political warfare.
address: Woodburn OR
- (5) **KRISTI MARIA MABON**
born: 7 Mar. 1972 at: Fortuna CA
- (5) **JESSE DANIEL MABON**
born: 1 Mar. 1973 at: Fortuna CA
- (5) **JASON ANDREW MABON**
born: 15 Mar. 1976 at: Bishop CA
- (4) **JOEL THOMAS CURTIS**
born: 26 Mar. 1949 at: Valley City ND
married: 4 Apr. 1971 at: Rhonerville CA
- to: **RACHEL KAY RIDDLESPIERGER**
born: 8 June 1951 at: Harrison AR
father: Jay Riddlesperger
mother: Agnes Mae Terherst
occupation: Joel & Rachel-21 years of geriatrics
and ministry. Now both House Doctors.
address: Eureka CA
- (5) **TODD MARK CURTIS**
born: 28 Jan. 1972 at: Fortuna CA
occupation: Preparing for career in Law
Enforcement
address: Eureka CA

(5) **TAMMY RENAE CURTIS**
born: 21 Apr. 1974 at: Harrison AK
occupation: Preparing for R.N.
address: Eureka CA

(5) **STEVEN EUGENE CURTIS**
born: 23 Jan. 1978 at: Ukiah CA
occupation: Plans to be FBI agent

(5) **BRIAN LEE CURTIS**
born: 9 April 1980 at: Fortuna CA
Plans to be sports broadcaster on ESPN

(4) **VIRGINIA MAE CURTIS**
born: 7 Oct. 1950 at: Valley City ND
married: 1 Nov. 1969 at: Fortuna CA

to: **THOMAS EDWARD THOMPSON**
born: 22 June 1950 at: Tacoma WA
father: Earl Henry Thompson
mother: Opal M. Rodden
occupation: Thomas-lube technician for auto dealer
Virginia-beautician
address: Gresham OR

(5) **TERRI LYNN THOMPSON**
born: 9 Sept. 1970 at: Arcata CA
married: 25 Aug. 1990 at: Eureka CA

to: **JOHN ROYAL SELVAGE**
born: 11 Feb. 1967 at:
father: Jack Selvage
mother: Leslie
occupation: John-engineer
Terri-receptionist
address: Rhonert Park CA

(5) **KIMBERLY KAY THOMPSON**
born: 14 Nov. 1973 at: Inglewood CO

(5) **JENNIFER LeANN THOMPSON**
born: 12 Feb. 1977 at: Eureka CA

- (4) **RACHEL MARIE CURTIS**
born: 27 Nov. 1952 at: Cooperstown ND
married: 1 Apr. 1972 at: Eureka CA
- to: **DAN LEE GRAYBILL**
born: 20 Aug. 1949 at: Twin Falls ID
father: Carl Graybill
mother: Rosie Klundt
occupation: Owns insect extermination business
address: Portland OR
- (5) **CAMMY SHERI GRAYBILL**
born: 17 Mar. 1973 at: Eureka CA
- (5) **SHANNON MARIE GRAYBILL**
born: 18 June 1975 at: Eureka
- (4) **ESTHER JANE CURTIS**
born: 4 Feb. 1955 at: Cooperstown ND
occupation: works in resident care home
address: Eureka CA
- (4) **JOHN MARK CURTIS**
born: 26 Nov. 1957 at: Cooperstown ND
married: 7 Feb 1982 at: Eureka CA
- to: **LORRAINE ANNE SAVAGE**
born: 20 Nov 1962 at: Santa Monica CA
father: Earl Sherman Savage
mother: Victoria Leonetti
occupation: Amway & antique dealer
address: Hannaford ND
- (5) **JAROD JOHN CURTIS**
born: 12 Nov. 1982 at: Fortuna CA
- (5) **KENNETH KYLE CURTIS**
born: 6 Nov. 1984 at: Fortuna CA
- (5) **ANGELE' LORRAINE CURTIS**
born: 26 Aug. 1988 at: Fortuna CA



Mark Curtis



Anna & Mark Curtis



Kenneth & Rachel Curtis



Standing-Kenneth
Seated-Theodore & Rachel



Theodore, Rachel &
Kenneth Curtis



Rachel & Kenneth Curtis



Grandma Curtis (Anna Williams Curtis) was 5 1/2 years old when she came to this country with her father, mother, and brother William who was 3 years old, Rachel was born 10 days after they arrived at Watertown, Wisconsin, our father (Mr. Williams) died in Sept. 1892, William passed away in Feb. 1893 and Rachel passed away June 12, 1964. (On the back of the photo is: Aunt Mary 14 years, Aunt Rachel 20 years, Mother Curtis (Anna) 27 years.)



Mark Curtis with Kenneth,
Ted and Rachel



Ted, Mark & Kenneth
Curtis



Mark & Anna Curtis



Mark and Anna Curtis
at Regina



Mark Curtis



Anna Curtis
age 84 in 1959



Kenneth Curtis



Kenneth & Gladys Curtis



Kenneth & Gladys Curtis



Joyce & Jack Curtis



John "Jack" & Lois Curtis



Joyce & Orville Glen Garner



l-r Joyce, Glen & Ken Garner
and Beth Foster



l-r Greg, Heidi, Judy &
Gretchen Curtis



Beth & Kenneth Garner



Michele & Mark Curtis



Edward & Caryl Bednar
25th Anniversary



Keith Bednar



Kevin & Jennifer
Bednar



Kelly Bednar



l-r Kristine, Jackie,
Marc & Donald MacLeod



Rachel Curtis



Rachel & Irwin Willson
wedding Apr. 10, 1932



Curtis & Janice Willson



Rachel Curtis one hour
before marriage.



Curtis, Jacqueline
and Janice Willson



l-r Irwin, Rachel, Jackie,
Jan, Grace & Curt-1986



Rachel & Irwin Willson
54th wedding Anniversary
April 10, 1986



Irwin & Rachel
Willson - 1991



Grace & Curtis Willson



l-r Jeff, Megan, Kristin,
Justin & Becky Bontrager



l-r Kristin, Megan
and Justin Bontrager



Jeff & Becky Bontrager
with Megan, Kristin & Justin



Ruth & Jerry Reiton with children
l-r Michael, Natalie & Matthew



Jerry & Ruth Reiton
& son Michael



Matthew & Michael Reiton



Natalie Reiton
5 months old on
Mar. 30, 1992



Douglas Willson with
nephew Matthew Reiton



David & Janice
Hardisty



Scott Hardisty



Holly Ann
Hardisty Legg



The Viss Family
l-r back: Phillip, John III,
Jackie, John & Ruth.
l-r front: Laura, Daniel,
Maryanna & Stephen.



l-r back: Laura, Jackie, Ruth & Steve
l-r front: Maryanna, John, Phil & Dan
The Viss family 4 months after Dr. John
Viss' death & 2 months before Phil's death.



top row l-r: Jackie, Ken & Jan
bottom l-r: Kristin Fast, Rachel
Willson & Sharon Fast



John W. Viss III



Kristen & Sharon Fast



l-r Steve, Maryanna & Daniel
seated: Jackie



l-r Jackie, Curtis & Grace



Anita & Dave
Willson



David Willson



Irwin & Rachel Willson
Anita & David



l-r Lisa, David, Anita,
Mark & in front, Cory



Maryanna's Wedding
l-r: Irwin & Rachel Willson,
John, Jackie, Ruth, Joshua,
Laura, Steve & Dan.
Front: Maryanna & Jay Anderson



Grandma Curtis and ten of her great-grandchildren: back l-r: John Viss III, Becky Willson, Ruth Viss, Ruth Willson, Doug Willson. front l-r: Phillip, Laura, Maryanna & Steven Viss, Grandma holding baby Daniel.



l-r Irwin, Rachel & Grace. Kristin & Justin Bontrager, Matthew, Michael, Jerry & Ruth Reiton, Becky & Jeff Bontrager with Megan Bontrager in front.



l-r Rachel, Jackie, Irwin, Jan & Dave Hardisty, Grace & Curtis Willson



l-r Anna, Theodore, baby Erleen and Mark Curtis



Theodore Curtis



Theodore & Phyllis Curtis
Wedding Photo



Erleen Curtis



Mary Lou Curtis



Chad Bravo



Lance Bravo



Lanny & Mary Bravo



back-Mary Lou
center-Lance, Kenneth "Lann"
front-Chad Bravo



l-r Keith, Skip, Grace, Melodee
and in front-Mark Staley



Clockwise: Warren "Skip", Keith,
Melodee, Grace, Mark, Erleen
and Warren Staley



back-Jason, Jesse & Kristy
front-Lon & Bonnie Mabon



Joel Curtis



Bonnie Jean Curtis



back-Todd
center-Joel, Rachel, Steven & Tammy
front-Brian Curtis



Front-Tom & Ginny Thompson
Back-Jennifer & Kim Thompson,
John & Terry Selvaqe



Rachel Curtis



Virginia Curtis



Cammy & Shannon Graybill



Lorraine & John Curtis



Dan & Rachel Graybill



Joel, Rachel, Steven, Todd,
Brian and Tammy Curtis



l-r Thomas, Kimberly, Jennifer,
Terri and Virginia Thompson.



Esther Curtis



Esther Curtis



l-r Kenneth & Jarrod
front-Angele' Curtis



Ted & Phyllis Curtis
35th Wedding Anniversary

Ted Curtis Family
back l-r: Ginny, Erleen, Joel,
Mary Lou and Rachel
front l-r: John, Ted, Phyllis,
Esther and Bonnie





Year 1914 - Mark Curtis and his 5 grain tanks full of grain on the way up to the Karnak Elevator during threshing. The following was taken from conversation of Anna Curtis at the dining table, Dec. 6, 1966. "The tractor was bought in March 1912 from the proceeds of a horse sale. Thirty head of work horses, beautiful ones, brought \$7,000. He paid \$3,000 for the tractor, an Allis Chalmers. One team was bought by the brewery for \$600."



top-Erleen, Anna & Mark
bottom-Rachel, Mary Lou & John



The Mark Curtis home which
burned in 1923.



The Mark Curtis shanty in Dakota



Anna Curtis, Mary Lou & Erleen
Joel, Ginnie & Bonnie

HENRY CURTIS



Henry Curtis was born at Ada, Michigan, the 9th child of John L. and Elizabeth Spencer Curtis. There is a discrepancy on Henry's birth. His tombstone says 16 February 1868. Obituaries say 15 June 1869. There is also a one day variance in the date of his death. One obituary says 25th November, another says 26th November 1929. The stone in the Sunnyside Cemetery, Barnes Co. where he is buried says 26 November 1929. He died on the home farm in Griggs County, North Dakota of pulmonary tuberculosis.

There is an interesting story of Henry's coming to Dakota. Apparently his mother, Elizabeth Spencer Curtis, perhaps two or three of her Spencer relatives, including at least one brother, and at least three of her children, William, Mark, and Henry came to Dakota at the same time in the fall of 1881 or the spring of 1882. At any rate, let Vy Andrew, (Henry's granddaughter), tell the story in her own words. (Vy is the daughter of Edgar Curtis, Henry's oldest son.)

"A couple of chats with daddy (Edgar) about grandpa Henry that the family moved from Ada, Michigan, to Valley City, N. D.--two boys had to ride in a cattle car with 2 or 3 horses, a cow or 2, hay and feed--as the family could not afford fare for all. Another time he said Henry and Mark were the boys that traveled in the cattle car. One brother emigrated to the Sheyenne River s.e. of Cooperstown where he lived with his mother."

The brother who lived with his mother was William S. Curtis. The story is also told that the conductor knew the boys were in the cattle car but realized the family could not afford fare for everyone and said nothing. Another report tells how when the train stopped at a station, the boys would either get out of the cattle car or hide among the hay and feed in the car--apparently not to attract attention--perhaps fearing the conductor would not let them ride since they had not paid the fare.

Another version of the story of Henry Curtis' trip from Ada, Michigan, to Griggs Co., Dakota, was told by Edgar Curtis to Myron & Betty Lou Curtis, as follows:

"We were driving back to Oregon from a visit with Vyolette and family in Maryland. It was late at night when we saw a sign to Ada, Michigan. Myron and "Grampa" Eddy had been reminiscing about the farm and the old days. It was then

that Grampa Eddy decided to tell us how his father travelled to his new home.

When the Curtis boys came West with their mother, they did not have enough money for all to ride in the passenger car of the train. At that time it was common practice for a family to move all their belongings with them, including their farm animals, chickens and such. When the train stopped for a long enough time, the people were expected to go and feed and water their animals in the cattle cars. One brother rode with the mother as a passenger, and the other two were put in a crate and rode with the cows and chickens. Henry was one of those in the crate. The mother would go and give them food and water and sometimes take them out for exercise.

Grampa Eddy said he was sure the train people knew the boys were in there, but probably realized it was necessary if the whole family was to make it out West. Apparently the family was reluctant to talk about this as Grampa Eddy had not told anyone. No one else in the family (cousins etc.) that we have told the story to, had heard it. People in those days did not like to admit to being poor so it was kept a secret."

Looking back on that night I often wonder about the way things worked for the story to come out. We had been talking so much about the farm and hardships they faced in those early days. Then seeing the sign to Ada it was as tho, then (in) the dark, he could tell the story.

Henry homesteaded in Griggs County, North Dakota and probably made several trips over a period of years to and from Michigan before completing his homestead requirements. In 1891, in January and March, there are letters written by Mark and Henry, showing they were attending school at the city of Valpariso, Indiana, not far from Chicago. At any rate Henry returned to N. D. to continue farming in Griggs Co. On 23 May 1894, he married Christine Gillis Stewart in Riverside Township of Steele Co., N.D. (Steele Co. borders Griggs Co. on the east.) Henry & Christine had 4 children.

Florence Elizabeth Curtis
Edgar Thomas Curtis
Howard Angus Curtis
Myrl Henry Curtis

Henry was a well respected citizen of Griggs County. He outlived his wife by more than ten years. The federal census of 1920 for Broadview township of Griggs Co. shows him as head of a household with sons Edgar 22, Howard 20, and Myrl 18 living in the same household. Daughter Florence on the same 1920 census, same township & county, is married to Raynard Kinn, and have two daughters, Minerva & Mildred.

Henry Curtis, My Paternal Grandfather
By Vyolette Curtis Andrew

My Grandfather Henry Curtis passed away when I was seven. In that he was ill for a long time prior to his death my most vivid memories are going to his house and seeing him ill in bed in the living room. It was difficult to understand why I was not allowed my usual hugs and kisses and recalling how much his mustache tickled me. He died of tuberculosis and at that time it was highly contagious and without the wonder drugs many passed away from the disease.

Tho the memories of him when he was well was riding the old turkey gobbler and also my daily visit to see him. As soon as my folks would come for me, I would be hidden in conspicuous places and the mock tears and anxiety my parents would have looking for me could not keep me from giggling.

My Dad and Grandpa were terrible teases as all the children and grandchildren will attest.

One story that I have always loved to hear is about how Daddy, Aunty Florence and Uncle Howard would wait until their parents left for awhile, then the three of them would head for the music room - Aunty Florence to the old pump organ and the boys to their violins. They were doing quite well - all playing by ear until one day their parents, Grandma and Grandpa, arrived sooner than expected and heard the music. Evidently pleased with the sounds, they were then allowed to play their instruments at will. Daddy still played his violin until he became too ill.

Both Daddy and Grandpa were devoted to their families and each of us have learned from their values and the love they have given us.

Love, Vyolette

Henry Curtis Obituary

Mr. Henry Curtis, one of our most highly esteemed and beloved citizens passed away Tuesday morning, November 26, 1929, (another obituary says he passed away Monday Nov. 25). He was born at Ada, Michigan and moved to North Dakota with his mother, brothers, and sisters, at the age of 12 years where he has ever since made his home. He was one of the true pioneers, having seen the country change from virgin prairie to a well settled and cultivated country, dotted with small towns and he has done his share toward the building.

He was united in marriage with Miss Christine Stewart, May 23, 1894, which union was blessed with four children,

Florence, Edgar, Howard, and Myrl. They made their home on the homestead in Broadview township, where Mr. Curtis was honored with many positions of trust in the church, the township and in the school district. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis early affiliated themselves with the Congregational Church of Sibley Trail, and also aided in the building of a church at Karnak, the townsite of which is on their land. His son Myrl and Mrs. Curtis, preceded him to their heavenly home, the former May 25, 1924, and the latter January 3, 1919. Although the loss of his dear companion left him lonely and desolate he carried on with courage and cheerfulness for the sake of his children, and grandchildren. During the trials and vicissitudes which everyone must meet in this life, he sought and found strength from the One who never fails to guide us through the Valley of the Shadow.

He leaves to mourn his passing his daughter, Mrs. Raynard Kinn, and two sons, Edgar and Howard, his brother, Mark, and sister, Elizabeth, other relatives and a host of friends. Services were conducted at the Congregational church of Sibley Trail, arrangements for which were cared for by E. J. Mosher, who had been a friend of the family for many years. Rev. Meyers gave a fine address to the relatives and many friends who assembled to pay their last respects. Interment was made at Sunnyside Cemetery, adjacent to the Congregational Church. The community and other friends extend sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

Christine Gillis Stewart

Christine Gillis Stewart, wife of Henry Curtis, was born either 21 December 1873 or 1874 at Mitchell, Ontario, north of London, Ont.

She was the daughter of Angus Stewart and Margaret Patterson. Angus and Margaret had the following children: Neal, Christine, Alexander, who married Emily Dow. He, (Alexander), died at age 40, about a month of the time of Christine's death. A 4th child was a girl who died at age 18. The families of Mr. & Mrs. Angus Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Ladbury, and Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Morgan, were friends, and all came to Dakota from Mitchell, Ontario.

Christine Stewart's great-grandmother was a sister of David Livingstone, the missionary-explorer to Africa. Another source says that Christina's mother was a first cousin to Dr. David Livingstone. We do not have a great deal of information about Christine beyond her obituary which is now quoted.

"Hannaford Enterprise. Christine Gillis Stewart was born in Ontario, December 21st, 1873, and was called to her long

home Jan. 3rd, 1919, at the age of 45 years and 12 days, having been stricken with the Spanish influenza about a week before her departure, the disease developing into pneumonia.

In 1883, when only 10 years old, she came with her parents to Riverside township, Steele County, where she resided until May 23rd 1894, at which time she was married to Henry Curtis and came to the present Curtis homestead where she resided until her Master called her to be with Him in that better land. To this union were born four children, Florence Elizabeth, now Mrs. H. R. Kinn, Edgar Thomas, Howard Angus, and Myrl Henry; the latter three residing on the old homestead with their parents, and the former with her husband and two children on their farm just across the road from the Curtis homestead.

Mrs. Curtis confessed Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at about the age of fifteen and after her marriage placed her membership in the Union Congregational church of Ladbury. Upon answering the call of her Heavenly Father, she leaves us with her mother, Mrs. Stewart of Valley City, her husband, her four children, two grandchildren and a large circle of friends who in a measure expressed their love and friendship through an elaborate floral display on the day of the funeral. The services were conducted from the home by Rev. J. C. Wilson of Hannaford, and her remains were laid to rest in the Ladbury cemetery.

Mrs. Curtis was not only highly respected by all but made the stranger, as well as the friend and neighbor full welcome in her home. Many hearts are sad because she is missed, but they are not without hope."

IN LOVING
REMEMBRANCE OF
Our Dear Mother
Christine G. Curtis
Born Dec. 21, 1874
Died Jan. 3, 1919
Age 45 yrs. 12 days.
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
God in His wisdom has recalled,
The boon his love had given,
And though the body slumbers here,
The soul is safe in Heaven.

My Tribute to Mother and Daddy (Harriet and Edgar)
By Vyolette Curtis Andrew

My mother was born in Fountain Prairie Township, Minnesota in 1896. There were twelve children in the family. Mother's parents were Holland Dutch, both being born in the Netherlands. Mother was named Hattie (no middle name) and changed her name to Harriet after Mother and Daddy were married. Before they were married, Mother was a teacher at the Greenland Consolidated School in Litchville, N. D. The first year she taught there was in 1919. Daddy was born in 1897 in Karnak, N.D. of English, Irish and German extraction in a family of four children. Mother and Daddy met in N. D. and were married in Baldwin, Wisconsin in 1920. They had three children, myself, my brother Myron and sister Betty. Daddy was a farmer working with his Dad on the family farm at the time of their marriage.

My first remembrances were living in a small house across the road from my Grandfather, Henry Curtis. My Grandmother passed away in 1919 from the flu and I do not remember my maternal Grandmother Margaret Patterson, who lived at the home place until her death in 1924. When my Grandfather became ill, we exchanged houses and Grandpa went to live in the little house and we moved into the large family home place. My Grandpa then had a live-in woman who was a wonderful caretaker for him until he passed away in 1929.

Daddy farmed the property and Mother raised a large garden, had chickens and turkeys. I recall her getting up early to water and care for her garden before the heat of the day. She also had a chicken hatchery where she did custom hatching for family and friends. We always had the Curtis school teacher living with us so it was a busy household.

Living on the farm we were all busy with our chores. Summers as I recall were very busy with threshing and helping neighbors and families with their crops.

I just do not recall any problems the folks had with us children. I am certain we were not angels because I recall that when we returned from visiting or shopping we always asked if we had been good and could we go again. One time Daddy caught me on the top of the windmill. He must have had eyes in the back of his head as I was certain I was unnoticed. After being told to get down, the palm of his big hand left a great understanding that would be the last time I would climb the windmill and it was possibly the first and last time I would get a spanking.

Mother and Daddy had an interesting social life with many relatives and friends nearby. They had numerous whist parties in the south room. Mother and Daddy loved to dance and helped to plan many social events. I recall them

putting on plays for the community. One of them was "A Prairie Rose". Mother was Rose and Daddy was Rob, the dashing suitor. The play's cast were close family and friends.

Sunday was a day of rest, as much as it could be on a farm. The menu of the day was always fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy. Daddy always made homemade ice cream. The ice used was cut from the river during the winter freeze and then stored underground with straw covering. The ice cutting again was a family endeavor.

As a family we enjoyed many fun times like sledding and tobogganing down the big hill south of the barn. Others may dispute me as they could never find "the big hill". I recall family picnics down by the river and under the railroad trestle. What a temptation to walk across. We had fun playing in our Grandpa's horse drawn buggies in the large shed across the road.

Mother and Daddy finally gave up the farm in 1934. The Depression and dust storms were too much. I vividly recall the day of the farm auction. It was a very sad day for all of us to leave our roots and many of our personal belongings and move across the country from farm to city. Fortunately we moved to Eugene, Oregon, an area where many relatives and friends from N. D. would be moving.

They did not find life too easy in Eugene, but it did become their final destination. Daddy had odd jobs to begin with, a service station for awhile and then later built a garage and did auto repair. In later years they had RV sales with Myron's help.

Mother worked at the Eugene cannery for many years. It was somewhat seasonal, early spring thru late fall. She started on piece goods, then was inspector and also worked in various receiving offices. Fortunately Betty always lived close by and was always a helping hand for our parents.

Mother and Daddy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1970 with many friends and relatives in attendance.

The folks lived in the same house for all the remaining years of Mother's life. She passed away in 1972. Daddy moved to Gresham in 1975 when he married Emma MacGregor, who had been a neighbor and friend from the time we moved to Eugene. Daddy became ill and passed away in 1985. They are buried in the Resthaven Memorial Mausoleum, Eugene, Oregon.

Life was not always easy for Mother and Daddy, but what they made of their lives shows their true character. When I asked my girls what they remembered the most about their Grandparents, the answers were all the same. The feeling of

comfort and warmth and of being loved while Mother read a favorite fairytale, while rocking in her favorite chair; the wonderful aroma and treat of her delicious cinnamon rolls; or the Sunday morning teddy bear pancakes made by Daddy and the candy that Daddy always had in his pocket or desk, ready for a willing little hand to find. Mother and Daddy's memory lives on in the lives of all their family. Their values and beliefs will live for generations in our hearts.

Lovingly, Vyolette

The following is taken from a newspaper article, Howard Johnson, correspondent:

CURTIS FAMILY LEAVES FOR OREGON

Edgar Curtis and family of Karnak left for Eugene, Oregon on Wednesday, October 15, where they intend to make their future home. Vyolette, their oldest daughter, has been a member of the freshmen class for the past five weeks. The Curtises have taken an active part in community affairs and we know they will make many friends at their new home. We wish them good luck and happiness. H. J.

Edgar T. Curtis

Cryptside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Resthaven Memorial Park in Eugene for Edgar Thomas Curtis, retired owner and operator of Curtis Motors and Trailer Sales in Eugene. Mr. Curtis, a Gresham resident, died Thursday at the age of 87. Mr. Curtis was born in Karnak, N. D. He was a member of the Southeast Portland Lions Club and International Union of Operating Engineers. Following his retirement in Eugene, he moved to Gresham. Surviving are his wife, Emma M.; two daughters, Vyolette C. Andrew of Corvallis and Betty E. Large of Eugene; a son, Myron H. of Portland; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Myrl Henry Curtis

Myrl Henry Curtis, the youngest child of Henry Curtis and his wife, Christine was born at Karnak, N.D. 14 November 1901. His childhood was spent in their Griggs County home. On 24 January 1923 at Minneapolis, Mn. he married Miss Lillian Pederson. She was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Pederson who apparently were from Ladysmith, Wisconsin.

Myrl lived a short life. Following marriage Myrl and Lillian moved to Karnak where he lived until the day of his death, 21 May 1924 at midnight. He had contracted tuberculosis about the first of September 1923 which resulted in his early death less than nine months later.

Myrl and Lillian had one child. His name is not known and there is no record of this death in the Griggs County records. A newspaper article dated 11 March 1924 says: "The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Curtis died when but a few days old and was laid to rest at Ladbury Cemetery."

Two weeks later, newspaper article dated 25 March 1924 says "Mr. and Mrs. Merle Curtis have moved into the Joe Griesinger house."

From the obituary of Myrl Curtis we also note the following:

"...He was preceded in death by his mother who died in the year 1919. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, and father, Henry, one sister, Mrs. Henry Reynard Kinn, and two brothers, Edgar and Howard. Visitors from out of Karnak were Mrs. Eugene Pederson from Ladysmith, Wisconsin, the mother of the bereaved wife, and her sister from Page, N.D....Funeral services were conducted from the Karnak church on Saturday May 24th at two o'clock p.m. and the remains were laid to rest at Ladbury Cemetery, Rev. John Haaland conducting the services."

We have been unable to find further information regarding Myrl's wife, Lillian, and do not know how long she lived, nor when or where she died.

HENRY CURTIS DESCENDANT DIRECTORY

(1) JOHN L. AND ELIZABETH (SPENCER) CURTIS

(2) HENRY CURTIS

born: 15 June 1869 ? at: Kent County, Michigan
died: 26 Nov. 1929 ? at: Griggs County, ND
married: 23 May 1894 at: Riverside Township,
Steele County, ND
to: CHRISTINE GILLIS STEWART
born: 21 Dec. 1874 at: Mitchell, Ontario, CANADA
died: 3 Jan. 1919 at: Griggs County, ND
father: Angus Stewart
mother: Margaret Patterson

Henry and Christine were the parents of Florence,
Edgar, Howard and Myrl.

(3) FLORENCE ELIZABETH CURTIS

born: 6 Oct. 1895 at: Karnak ND
died: 11 Sept. 1966 at: Valley City ND
married: 24 Nov. 1915 at: Valley City ND

to: HENRY RAYNARD KINN

born: 2 Sept. 1891 at: Barnesville MN
died: 26 Dec. 1975 at: Billings MT
father: Henry Hanson (The whole family changed
mother: Maria Kinn their name to Kinn, their
mother's maiden name.)

occupation was: Livestock dealer
lived at: North Dakota near Karnak & Walum & in Montana
Florence and Henry were the parents of Minerva, Mildred
and Vernon.

(4) MINERVA CHRISTINE KINN

born: 14 Feb. 1916 at: Karnak ND
died: 19 Mar. 1964 at: Great Falls MT
married: 27 Mar. 1938 at: Valley City ND

to: WILLARD VELO BRURUD

born: 13 Jan. 1915 at: Hill MT
father: Willard C. Brurud
mother: Tilda "Tillie" Marie Velo

After Minerva died, Willard
married on: 26 Mar. 1970 at: Alaska

to: GLORIA MURIEL SMITH

born: 23 June 1931 at: Cloquet MN
father: Lauren Foy Smith
mother: Hollis Muriel Johnson
occupation: Willard-meat cutter & furniture work
address: Great Falls MT

Willard & Gloria had a daughter:

Tami Lyn Brurud
born: 11 October 1971
died: 1 January 1973

- (5) **BARBARA JOANNE BRURUD**
born: 3 Jan. 1940 at: Valley City ND
- (6) **TRACY RAYE BRURUD**
born: 30 Oct. 1960 at: Great Falls MT
married: Jan. 1984 at: Great Falls MT
to: **CARL RAY TRUJILLO**
born: 8 October 1947 at: Great Falls MT
father: Alfonso Trujillo
mother: Vera Romero
occupation: Carl-behavioral psychologist
address: Albuquerque NM
- (7) **REGINA MICHELLE TRUJILLO**
born: 27 June 1984
at: Great Falls MT
- (7) **ANTHONY BRANDON TRUJILLO**
born: 9 July 1985
at: Great Falls MT
- (7) **ALICIA MARIE TRUJILLO**
born: 31 Mar. 1988
at: Albuquerque NM
- (6) **CAL A. LANCASTER SMITH**
born: 22 Mar. 1966 at: Anchorage AK
occupation: auto body work
address: Great Falls MT
- (6) **JEANIE ROBERTA LANCASTER SMITH**
born: 6 Oct. 1968 at: Great Falls MT
married: 30 Oct. 1986 at: Palmer, Alaska
to: **RODNEY VERNON ERICKSON**
born: 28 Sept. 1963 at: Minnesota
father: Arlo Erickson
mother: Florence Wilson
occupation: tests for oil rigs
address: Palmer, AK

(7) **LYNNETTE RAYE ERICKSON**
born: 23 August 1986
at: Palmer AK

(7) **JUSTINE DAWN ERICKSON**
born: 1 September 1989
at: Palmer AK

(6) **JANIE LYNNETTE LANCASTER SMITH**
born: 6 October 1968 at: Great Falls MT
occupation: waitress
address: Great Falls MT

(7) **BRITTANY JOANNE LANCASTER**
born: 4 August 1991
at: Reno NV

Barbara married: 10 Oct. 1970 at: Anchorage AK

to: **KEITH MYRON SMITH**
born: 30 July 1938 at: Alaska
father: Lauren Foy Smith
mother: Hollis Muriel Johnson

(6) **MISTY DAWN SMITH**
born: 10 Oct. 1971 at: Palmer AK
occupation: waitress
address: Great Falls MT

(7) **KaSANDRA ANN SMITH**
born: 19 July 1990
at: Great Falls MT

(7) **LEON KEITH SMITH**
born: 8 Jan 1992
at: Great Falls MT

Barbara and Mr. Smith divorced.
Barbara married: 14 Sept. 1984 at:

to: **PATRICK WOODS**
born: 4 Mar. 1953 at: Great Falls MT
died: 25 Dec. 1986 at Reno NV
father:
mother:

Barbara married 14 August 1992

to: **CURTIS WAYNE MOE**
born: 17 March 1950 at: Grafton ND
father: Leo Glenn Moe
mother: Delores Ann Ingridason
occupation: auto body work
address: Great Falls MT

Curt's children:

Cody Christian Moe
born: 2 Feb. 1977
at: Great Falls MT

Cimberley Dawn Moe
born: 22 May 1980
at Great Falls MT

- (5) **BETTE JANE BRURUD**
born: 30 Dec. 1941 at Valley City ND
married: 10 Sept. 1962 at Fort Benton MT

to: **ARTHUR HENRY ISH**
born: 2 May 1933 at: Great Falls MT
died: 13 Oct. 1974 at: Palmer AK
Injured in an airplane crash which
necessitated kidney transplant, then died.
father: William Arthur Ish
mother: Amy Maria Garvin
Art did auto body work.
After Art's death, Bette was
married: 23 Nov. 1977 at: Palmer AK

to: **RANDY BROWN**
born: 1 Aug. 1944 at: Phoenix AZ
father: Travis John Brown
mother: Pauline Feller
occupation: welding-builds & repairs
address: Palmer AK

- (6) **RICHARD "RICKY" DARREL ISH**
born: 7 May 1963 at: Great Falls MT
married: 15 Nov. 1990 at: Palmer AK

to: **BOBBI JO CORRIGAN**
born: 5 April 1968 at: Great Falls MT
father: Robert Corrigan
mother: Karen
occupation: geo physical-testing for oil
wells, oil driller
address: Palmer AK

- (7) **TREVOR CORRIGAN ISH**
born: 20 September 1990
at: Palmer AK
- (7) **BLAKE DARREL ISH**
born: 20 June 1992
at: Palmer AK
- (6) **WILLARD ARTHUR ISH**
born: 28 May 1965 at: Anchorage AK
married: 19 July 1985 at: Palmer AK
- to: **CONNIE JEAN CORRIGAN**
born: 8 July at: Great Falls MT
father: Robert Corrigan
mother: Karen
occupation: Fish & Game - Fish Hatchery
address: Palmer AK at Tucka Bay
- (7) **RANDY ROBERT ISH**
born: 14 Sept. 1985
at: Palmer AK
- (7) **ANNALISHA JANE ISH**
born: 13 Sept. 1988
at: Palmer AK
- (7) **ANDREW CHARLES ISH**
born: 11 June 1991
at: Great Falls MT
- (5) **BEVERLY JEAN BRURUD**
born: 26 Feb. 1943 at: Breckenridge MN
married: 14 Apr. 1959 at: Fort Benton MT
- to: **DENNIS MILLER WETZEL**
born: 9 May 1940 at: Great Falls MT
father: Charles Miller Wetzel
mother: Mary Funk
- (6) **JOSEPH ALLEN WETZEL**
born: 9 August 1960 at: Great Falls MT
married: 19 Mar. 1979 at: Heber City UT
- to: **MANDY LEE ANDERSON**
born: 29 Jan. 1963 at: Grant's Pass OR
father: Andy Anderson
mother: Betty Lee
occupation: Joseph-drywaller
address: Salt Lake City area

(7) **CRYSTAL LEE WETZEL**
born: 7 Sept. 1979
at: Great Falls MT

(7) **PRISCILLA ANN WETZEL**
born: 7 Dec. 1983
at: Great Falls MT

(7) **CHARLES CHANCE WETZEL**
born: 21 Sept. 1992
at: Heber City UT

(6) **JODY ANN WETZEL**
born: 9 Sept. 1962 at: Great Falls MT
married: 10 June 1983 at: Midway UT

to: **SCOTT GERALD NICOL**
born: 6 Apr. 1962 at:
father: Robert Nicol
mother: Ruby Lawton
occupation: Scott-Yard Supervisor
Jody: Accounts Payable-U.S. Ski Team,
Park City UT
address: Salt Lake City area

(7) **NICOLE JO NICOL**
born: 23 April 1985
at: Provo UT

Beverly and Dennis Wetzel divorced 29 Nov.
1962. Beverly married: 9 Sept. 1965 at
Couer d'Alene ID

to: **JOSEPH MURRAY SAKAYE**
born: 2 Dec. 1938 at: Great Falls MT
father: Kuskai K. Sakaye (Saki-Japanese)
mother: Ella Caulder (Indian)
occupation: Joe-drywall contractor
address: Midway UT

(6) **JOHNNY K. SAKAYE**
born: 9 April 1966 at: Great Falls MT
married: 31 Dec. 1990 at: Midway UT

to: **GAYLENE ANN McDONALD**
born: 23 April 1965 at: Heber City UT
father: Jim McDonald
mother: Sherry Pedersen
occupation: Drywaller
address: Heber City UT

(7) **ELEKA RAE SAKAYE**
born: 22 August 1989
at: Heber City UT

(4) **MILDRED KINN**
born: 8 Oct. 1918 at: Karnak ND
died: 29 Jan. 1976 at: St. Cloud MN
married: at:

to: **GEORGE S. LOCKNER**
born: 21 Jan. 1916 at: Cooperstown ND
died 3 June 1966 at: St. Cloud MN
father: R. J. Lockner
mother:

Mildred married: 4 Sept. 1965 at: St. Cloud MN

to: **WILFRED MILLER**
born: 14 May 1922 at:
died: 5 Oct. 1990 at:
father:
mother:
occupation:
lived at:

(4) **VERNON CURTIS KINN**
born: 30 July 1926 at: Cooperstown ND
married: 5 Feb. 1945 at: Hannaford ND

to: **VIVIAN ERICKSON**
born: 31 Dec. 1925 at: Towner ND
father:
mother:

Vernon and Vivian had 4 children:
Vernon, Keith, David and Grant
Vernon and Vivian divorced.
Vernon married 5 Dec. 1963 at Sheridan WY

to: **PAULA MAE JOHNKE**
born: 15 July 1931 at: Flatwillow MT
father: Otto Johnke
mother: Lois Pallock
occupation: Vernon is a trucker
address: Billings MT

(5) **VERNON ARLIN KINN**
born: 8 Aug. 1946 at: Valley City ND
married: 2 July at: Billings MT

to: **DIANE WHITAKER**
born: 8 Aug. 1950 at: Seattle WA
father: Leo Jay Bankston
mother: Cleo Mae Coplen
occupation: Vernon-retired from service. Is a
Deputy Sheriff
Diane-clerk-Burlington Northern
address: Billings MT

(6) **RHONDA MAY KINN**
born: 26 Mar. 1971 at Ft. Monmouth NJ
married: Oct. 1989 at Sierra Vista AZ

to: **JOE GOTTO**
born: at:
father:
mother:
occupation: his-cook
hers-homemaker
address: Richmond VA

(7) **ROBERT KINN**
born: 11 Aug. 1987
at: Colorado Springs CO

(7) **DANNY KINN**
born: Dec. 1989
at: Colorado Springs CO

(7) **JOEY GOTTO**
born: 26 Dec. 1990
at: Sierra Vista AZ

(6) **KATHLEEN RENEE KINN**
born: 23 Nov. 1974 at:
married: at: Colorado Springs CO

to: **VICTOR QUINTANA**
born: at:
father:
mother:
occupation: his-maintenance
address: Colorado Springs CO

- (7) **ELIZABETH ANN KINN**
born: June 1988
at: Ft. Huachuca AZ
- (7) **VICTOR QUINTANA**
born: Jan. 1990
at: Colorado Springs CO
- (5) **KEITH LONNY KINN**
born: 22 Sept. 1948 at: Fargo ND
married: 6 May 1967 at: Billings MT
- to: **BEVERLY CHUPP**
- (6) **HARVEY R. KINN**
born: 17 Aug. 1967 at:
died: 19 Aug. 1967 at:
- (6) **LONNI LOUISE KINN**
born: 27 Feb. 1969 at: Billings MT
married: 4 Mar. 1989 at: Billings MT
- to: **TIM PATRICK GLENN**
born: 19 Aug. 1962 at: Billings MT
father: Thomas William Glenn
mother: Dolores Elayne Bingaman
occupation: Tim-General Contractor
Lonni-Housewife
address: Billings MT
- (6) **KYLE CURTIS KINN**
born: 9 June 1971 at: Billings MT
occupation: Cook
address: Billings MT
- (6) **LORRI ELIZABETH KINN**
born: 15 Jan. 1973 at: Billings MT
occupation:
address: Billings MT
- (7) **ROBIN LEIGH KINN**
born: 5 Jan. 1990
at: Helena MT
- (7) **ASHLEY ELIZABETH KINN**
born: 8 Nov. 1992
at: Billings MT

Keith and Beverly divorced 6 Feb. 1976
Keith married ALTA LOY STOVALL
on: 14 Nov. 1979

(6) LEVI JUSTIN KINN
born: 11 June 1981 at: Billings MT

Keith and Alta divorced 13 June 1984
Keith married 24 Apr. 1987 at Newell SD

to: DEBORAH "DEBBIE" KAY WANNER
born: 9 Apr. 1956 at: Dickinson ND
father: Donald Wanner
mother: LaDonna Sauvageau
occupation: Keith-Truck driver
Debbie-Day care provider
address:: Miles City MT

(6) RANEE WHITNEY KINN
born: 29 Feb. 1988 at: Billings MT

(6) MATTHEW ALAN "LIVINGSTON" KINN
born: 8 Apr. 1990 at: Billings MT

Debbie has a child by a previous marriage to
Frank Baxter:

Tera Lee Baxter
born: 10 June 1979 at Leavenworth KS

(5) DAVID CRAIG LIVINGSTON KINN
born: 12 Sept. 1951 at: Valley City ND
married: 28 Mar. 1986 at: Bozeman MT

to: SHAUNA MARIE CUDNEY
born: 12 March 1959 at: Castro Valley CA
father: David Cudney
mother: Shirley Douglas

(6) AMANDA MARIE KINN
born: 23 May 1988 at Colorado Springs CO

David and Shauna divorced.
occupation: David is a welder on ships.
address: Portland, OR

- (5) **GRANT ALON KINN**
born: 29 May 1956 at: Billings MT
married: at:
- to: **ROXANNE ELAINE RADECKI**
born: 4 Nov. 1956 at: Seattle WA
father: Leo Radecki
mother: Betty McMurray
occupation: Distribution Center Manager for
McKesson Drug
address: Sandy UT
- (6) **HEATHER RACHELLE KINN**
born: 20 Oct. 1977 at Billings MT
- (6) **BEAU MICHAEL KINN**
born: 10 Apr. 1980 at Billings MT
- (6) **PAUL ALON KINN**
born: 24 Feb. 1983 at Billings MT
- (6) **NICOLE ELAINE KINN**
born: 20 July 1985 at Billings MT

- (3) **EDGAR THOMAS CURTIS**
born: 26 Sept. 1897 at: Karnak ND
died: 9 May 1985 at: Gresham OR
married: 30 June 1920 at: Baldwin WI

to: **HARRIET LOKHORST**
born: 26 July 1896 at: Pipestone MN
died: 25 June 1972 at: Eugene OR
father: Eibert Lokhorst
mother: Hattie VanEssen

Edgar and Harriet had three children:
Vyolette, Myron and Betty

After Harriet died, Edgar married 21 June 1975 at
Vancouver WA

to: **EMMA MCGREGOR**
born: 15 Mar. 1900 at New Martins Village WV
died: 28 July 1988 at: Gresham OR

Edgar owned Curtis Motor and Trailer Sales in Eugene OR

(4) **VIOLETTE HARRIET CURTIS**

born: 6 Oct. 1921 at: Karnak MD
married: 6 June 1943 at: Portland OR

to: **WILLIAM MCGILLIVARY ANDREW**

born: 29 Sept. 1916 at: Nauvoo AL
father: William Kaiser Andrew
mother: Christine MacGillivary
occupation: Wm: retired engineer
Vy: homemaker
address: Corvallis OR

(5) **BILLIE EILEEN ANDREW**

born: 12 Mar. 1945 at: Eugene OR
married: 15 Aug. 1963 at: Eugene Or

to: **JACK ANTHONY ROLFE**

born: 23 June 1942 at: England
Billie Eileen & Jack had a daughter Tracy Ann
Billie Eileen & Jack were divorced in 1968.
Billie married 29 June 1974 at Waldorf MD

to: **JOHN MATHEW HALLORAN**

born: 19 Oct. 1939 at: Washington DC
father: Matthew Valentine Halloran
mother: Helen Christine Mathews
occupation: John-business owner
Billie-office manager
address: Waldorf MD

(6) **TRACY ANN ROLFE**

born: 11 Oct. 1967 at: Annapolis MD
married: 12 May 1990 at: Bryantown MD

to: **THOMAS MYRON LOYD, JR.**

born: 12 Mar. 1967 at: Washington DC
father: Thomas Myron Loyd, Sr.
mother: Maxine Zucker
occupation: Thomas: policeman with
Capital State Police
Tracy: Director of Day Care Center
address: Indianhead MD

(7) **MICHAEL ANDREW LOYD**

born: 26 Mar. 1991 at Washington DC

- (5) **DIANE KAY ANDREW**
born: 18 July 1947 at: Portland OR
married: 30 Dec. 1966 at: Las Vegas NV
- to: **JOSEPH EDWARD PARSONS**
born: 4 April 1947 at: Milton FL
father: Joseph Martin Parsons
mother: Martha Louise Johnson
occupation: Joseph-Human Resources Mgr.
Diane-executive secretary
address: Spring TX
- (6) **JONATHAN ANDREW PARSONS**
born: 16 June 1971 at: Twentynine
Palms CA
occupation: finished college in
fireman training
address: Spring TX
- (6) **KIMBERLEY LOUISE PARSONS**
born: 25 May 1973 at: Quantico VA
occupation: attending college
address: Spring TX
- (5) **CHRISTINE CURTIS ANDREW**
born: 5 Nov. 1955 at: Seattle WA
married: 12 Feb. 1977 at: Corvallis OR
- to: **RANDALL GARY KRIEG**
born: 2 June 1954 at: Corvallis OR
father: Richard Albert Krieg
mother: Virginia Hamerness
occupation: Randall-mgr. of heavy equip. firm
Christine-employed-State of OR
address: Albany OR
- (6) **GREGORY WILLIAM KRIEG**
born: 17 Oct. 1978 at: Corvallis OR
- (6) **KELLIE CATHERINE KRIEG**
born: 17 Apr. 1980 at: Corvallis OR

(4) **MYRON HENRY CURTIS**
born: 13 Dec. 1922 at: Cooperstown ND
married: 2 June 1946 at: Reno NV

to: **ELIZABETH "Betty Lou" LOUISE KIRKLEY**
born: 2 Nov. 1924 at: Reno NV
father: Joseph Leland Kirkley
mother: Louise Mae Piggot
occupation: Owner-Trailer & RV Dealership
address: Portland OR

(5) **MYRON LEE CURTIS**
born: 19 Dec. 1948 at: Portland OR
married: 23 Aug. 1969 at: Portland OR

to: **KRISTINA BUTLER**
born: 10 Nov. 1950 at: Portland OR
father: Eugene Butler
mother: Bonnie Lee
Myron and Kristina divorced.
address: Myron in care home in Gresham OR

(6) **MICHELLE LEE CURTIS**
born: 9 May 1971 at: Portland OR
married: 17 Oct. 1992 at: Reno NV

to: **THOMAS ANTHONY SEARLE**
born: 25 July 1968 at: Portland OR
father: George Raymond Searle
mother: Gloria Ann Johnson
occupation: Cabinet maker
address: Gresham OR

(6) **MYRON MICHAEL CURTIS**
born: 11 May 1973 at: Portland OR

(6) **TREVOR JAMES CURTIS**
born: 1 Oct. 1977 at: Portland OR

- (5) **CAMELIA LOUISE CURTIS**
born: 4 Nov. 1950 at: Portland OR
married: 30 Jan. 1969 at: Reno NV
- to: **THOMAS EDWARD GOETZ**
born: 22 Jan. 1950 at: Portland OR
father: Lee Goetz
mother: Alma
occupation: Thomas-Regional sales manager
for Orowheat Bakery
Camelia-Vice Pres/Curtis Trailers
Inc.
address: Milwaukee OR
- (6) **KOREN RENAE GOETZ**
born: 16 Sept. 1969 at: Portland OR
occupation: Travel Agent/Educational
Tours
address: Standardville VA
- (6) **KORY THOMAS GOETZ**
born: 3 July 1973 at: Portland OR
- (5) **MYLO EDGAR CURTIS**
born: 29 Aug. 1952 at: Portland OR
occupation: Fireman
address: Portland OR
- (5) **CARLENE HARRIET CURTIS**
born: 3 June 1954 at: Portland OR
married: 6 June 1946 at: Gresham OR
- to: **ROBERT JOHN SCHRIEVER**
born: 7 May 1951 at: SD
father: Al Schriever
mother: Lucille
occupation: Robert-General Mgr.-Curtis
Trailers, Inc.
Carlene-Sec./Treas. Curtis Trailers, Inc.
address: Happy Valley OR
- (6) **KARRA JILL SCHRIEVER**
born: 26 July 1978 at: Portland OR
- (6) **KELSEA ALLISON SCHRIEVER**
born: 7 Feb. 1982 at: Portland OR
- (6) **ROBERT JOHN SCHRIEVER**
born: 16 Oct. 1983 at: Portland OR

(4) **BETTY EILEEN LIVINGSTON CURTIS**
born: 5 Dec. 1924 at: Cooperstown ND
married: 1 Sept. 1960 at: Eugene OR

to: **HERBERT LEON LARGE**
born: 20 Mar. 1913 at: Eugene OR
father: Elisha Large
mother: Mary Katherine Donahoe
occupation: Retired Bank Officer for United States
National Bank of Oregon
address: Eugene OR

(5) **LISA KATHERINE LARGE**
born: 16 Dec. 1961 at: Eugene OR
occupation: Legal Secretary
address: San Francisco CA

(5) **CURTIS LEON LARGE**
born: 14 Jan. 1963 at: Eugene OR
occupation: Owns a Roofing business
address: Eugene OR

(3) **HOWARD ANGUS CURTIS**
born: 3 Sept. 1899 at:
died: 26 Dec. 1941 at: near Galesburg ND
married: 29 June 1939 at: Valley City ND

to: **FRANCELLA MARIE JOHNSON**
born: 9 Oct. 1912 at: Hope ND
died: 22 Jan. 1965 at: Valley City ND
father: Francis Godfred Johnson
mother: Alva Charlotte Lind
Howard was a mechanic & farmer & an excellent violinist

(4) **ARLEN HOWARD CURTIS**
born: 23 June 1940 at: Valley City ND
occupation: High School Mathematics Teacher
address: Walnut Creek CA

(4) **LONA JEAN CURTIS**
born: 18 Sept. 1941 at: Hannaford ND
married: 1 Feb. 1964 at: Valley City ND

to: **DONALD ANDREW KNIGHT**
born: 27 June 1939 at: Hunter ND
father: Andrew Knight
mother: Louise Ethel Horning
occupation: owns a sign business
address: Ukiah CA

- (5) **CURTIS TODD KNIGHT**
 born: 5 Dec. 1965 at: Aberdeen SD
 married: 30 April 1988 at: Roseville MN
- to: **HELEN ELAINE GINGERICH**
 born: 24 Feb. 1969 at: Albert Lee MN
 father: Clifford John Gingerich
 mother: Mary
 occupation: Works in family sign business
 Youth Pastor in Assembly of God
 Curtis & Helen in Christian band
 address: Ukiah CA
- (5) **DANIEL LEE KNIGHT**
 born: 22 Mar. 1967 at: Aberdeen SD
 occupation: 1-works in family sign business
 2-race car business & driver
 address: Ukiah CA
- (5) **KRISTIE LYNN KNIGHT**
 born: 13 Nov. 1970 at: Ukiah CA
 occupation: Graduated from cosmetology school
 address: Ukiah CA

- (3) **MYRL HENRY CURTIS**
 born: 14 Nov. 1901 at: Karnak ND
 died: 21 May 1924 at: Karnak ND (of tuberculosis)
 married: 24 Jan. 1923 at: Minneapolis MN
- to: **LILLIAN PEDERSON**
 born: at:
 died: at:
 father: Eugene Pederson
 mother:

- (4) **CURTIS**
 according to the Hannaford Enterprise of .
 11 March 1924 "the infant son of Mr. & Mrs.
 Myrl Curtis died when but a few days old."
 The infant is buried at the Ladbury Cemetery.



l-r Henry, William S.
& Mark Curtis
taken May 18, 1881



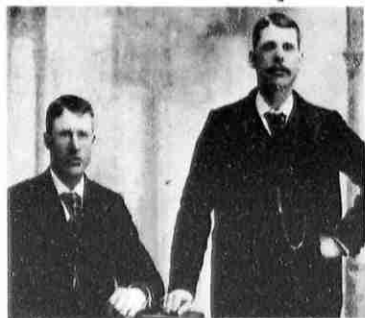
Henry Curtis



Christine Gilles
Stewart, wife of
Henry Curtis



Henry Curtis & "Tina"
Stewart, who he after-
wards married



l-r Henry & Mark Curtis



Edgar & Florence Curtis



4 Generations- Christine
Curtis, Margaret Patterson
Stewart holding Minerva
Kinn & Florence Kinn



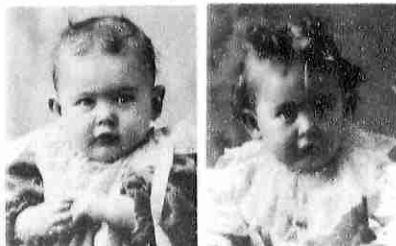
Henry & Tina Curtis
with Florence & Edgar



Christine Curtis
holding daughter,
Florence & Christine's
mother, Mrs. Stewart



l-r Henry & Christine Curtis,
& their children Florence,
Edgar, Howard & Myrl.



Florence Curtis



Curtis Children Howard in buggy,
Florence & Edgar



Florence Curtis Kinn



l-r Mildred (Kinn), Harriet Curtis,
Florence Kinn, Phyllis Curtis,
Hazel Carlson



Henry Curtis with
granddaughter
Minerva Kinn



Florence Kinn, Edgar Curtis,
Blanche Stewart, Raynard Kinn
and Emily Stewart



Minerva Kinn



l-r Three Brurud Sisters:
Bette Brown, Barbara Moe
& Beverly Sakaye



Curt & Barbara Moe



Willard Brurud



Willard & Minerva Brurud



Trujillo Children: l-r Anthony
Regina & Alicia



l-r back: Janie, Jeanie, Cal
front: Misty & Tracy
Children of Barbara



Brittney, dau. of Janie



Lynnette
Erickson



Justine
Erickson



KaSandra Smith



Leon Smith



Arthur Ish



Randy Brown



Ricky Ish &
son, Trevor



1992-Blake Ish



1992-Willard Ish



Randy Ish



Annalisha Ish



Andrew Ish



l-r back-Priscilla & Crystal Wetzel,
Mandy & Joseph Wetzel, John Sakaye.
front-Nicole & Judy Nicol, Joe and
Beverly Sakaye, Gaylene Sakaye
holding Elexa Sakaye.



1992-Andrew Ish



Charles Wetzel



Nicole Nicol



John Sakaye



Elexa Sakaye



Vernon & Paula Kinn



Debbie Kinn holding Matthew, Tera Baxter, Keith Kinn holding Ranee



Lonni & Tim Glenn



Levi Kinn



Robin Leigh Kinn



Lorri Kinn & brother, Kyle Kinn

Edgar, Harriet & children leaving North Dakota (Betty, Myron & Vyolette)



Edgar Curtis & Harriet Lokhorst Wedding



Edgar & Harriet Curtis



Edgar Curtis



Edgar on his motorcycle



Wedding Photo of
Vyolette Curtis & William Andrew



Bill & Vy Andrew
taken Oct. 1991



Billie Eileen &
John Halloran



Billie & John



Jack Rolfe



Myron & Tracy Loyd
wedding photo



Myron & Tracy Loyd
with Michael



Randall & Christine Krieg
Wedding Photo-1977



Joseph & Diane Parsons
with Jonathon & Kimberly



Joseph & Diane
Parsons Wedding
Photo-1966



Randall & Christine Krieg
& children Gregory & Kellie



Myron H. & Betty Lou Curtis
at their dealership



Robert Schriever Family
l-r Robert, Carlene, Kelsea,
Robert & Karra



l-r Myron M., Michelle & Trevor
Curtis. Seated-Myron Lee Curtis



Howard Curtis



Francella Johnson
& Howard Curtis



l-r Tom, Koren, Cammy
& Kory Goetz



Betty & Herbert Large



Mylo Edgar Curtis



Arlen Curtis



Sister & Brother
Lisa & Curtis Large



Lona Curtis &
Don Knight wedding



the Knight Family
l-r Daniel, Don, Lona, Kristi,
Curtis & his wife, Helen



Donald & Lona Knight



Myrl & Lillian Curtis



Myrl Curtis
age 17 months



Myrl Curtis



l-r Edgar Curtis, Lillian
& Myrl Curtis



back l-r: Willie Curtis, Myrl Curtis
center; Howard, Florence, Myrtle &
Hazel Curtis, front: Edgar Curtis



Henry Curtis farm home
near Karnak, ND



l-r Back: Harriet Curtis, Florence Kinn, Francella Curtis, Hazel Carlson, Lona Curtis & Hannah Ladbury.
Front: Arlen Curtis, Raynard Kinn and Ernest Ladbury.

the Sunnyside Congregational Church in Sibley Trail Township. The cemetery (known as Ladbury, Sunnyside or Sibley Trail) is just to the south of this church. This is where most of the early pioneers of the Curtis family are buried. The church is closed but the cemetery is kept up.



Henry Curtis farm

DANIEL CURTIS

- (1) **JOHN L. & ELIZABETH (SPENCER) CURTIS**

- (2) **DANIEL CURTIS**
born: 22 May 1871 at: Ada, Michigan
died: at:

The Kent County, Michigan birth records, Book 1, Page 244 list Daniel Curtis born 22 May 1871 at Ada, Michigan. Mark Curtis stated in naming the family, "And then there was little Daniel." This indicates Daniel probably died as a child. Nothing more is known about him. We do not have a picture of Daniel.

To date, no one has found death records for either John L. Curtis or his youngest child, "little Daniel" Curtis. It is highly probable both Daniel and his father, John L. Curtis, are buried somewhere on the land once owned by John L. & Elizabeth Curtis, his wife, and later owned by John and wife Adelaide Curtis and Thomas Curtis. The legal description of this land is:

E 1/2 SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 7 North, Range 10 West. (Ada Township, Kent County, Michigan)

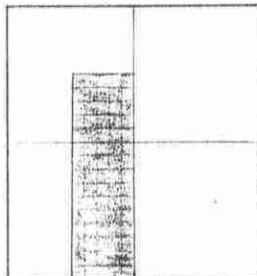
Warranty Deed dated 1 Sept. 1868 conveys the above land from Edward and Maria W. Pettis to John L. Curtis.

Warranty Deed dated, 26 December 1871 conveys the same land from John L. & Elizabeth Curtis to Edward Pettis.

Quit Claim Deed dated 10 Sept. 1877, covering the same land is from Edward and Maria W. Pettis to Thomas & John Curtis.

QCD on same land and dated 8 August 1879, is from John and Adelaide Curtis to Thomas Curtis.

Here is a sketch of Section 26. The shaded area is the portion of the section once owned by the Curtis family.



EXCERPTS FROM NEWSPAPERS OF
Cooperstown, Hannaford, Valley City
regarding
CURTIS-SPENCER FAMILIES
Time period covered: 1884 - 1924

9 May 1884--**JOHN E. WARNER** and **ELIZABETH MORGAN** were married by Judge Wm. Glass on May 4. (Note: Marriage was at Cooperstown, Dakota Territory.)

26 September 1884--With fine weather threshing will be completed on the Nelson Bros. farm Saturday. **CURTIS BROTHERS**, who have the contract are our boys for threshing.

19 September 1885--Estray Notice. Strayed on to my premises, a bay horse pony with whiter nose and four white feet. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges. **THOMAS CURTIS**- Sec. 14-144-58

16 October 1885--**THOS. CURTIS** sold 1000 bushels of barley to S.K. Nestor of Valley City which is being shipped to Duluth, 48 cents per bu. being the price paid.

29 April 1887--**JOHN WARNER'S** dog attempted to go through one of Syverson & Co.'s windows (at Cooperstown) Tuesday. The result was a broken pane of glass and a badly scared canine.

July 1887--**JAMES SPENCER** has been elected to the Gallatin School Board.

23 December 1887--**TOM CURTIS** who lives south between the river and the creek has killed two glandered horses and has another one on the sick list.

December 1887--**NELLIE WARNER**, 12, is attending school at Gallatin during this year.

13 January 1888--**MRS. HERMAN** and her brother, **CHARLES CURTIS** started out in the blizzard Thursday to go 16 miles south. Two little children of **MRS. HERMAN** at home urged them out. They probably had to stop on the way.

20 January 1888--Cooperstown was thrown into a state of mild excitement by the reports of farmers coming in to trade that Sheriff Michaels, Chris Jackson, Mrs. Carl Ohde, I. E. Mills, A. Cameron & wife, **CHARLES CURTIS** & **MRS. HERMAN** had been lost in the blizzard that struck here Wednesday at 4 p.m....**CHARLES CURTIS** & **MRS. HERMAN** were later in the day reported safe...One poor woman insufficiently clothed died, -Mrs. Carl Ohde while walking through the drifts to her husband and child...

20 April 1888--**CHARLEY LADBURY** tried to get down to the river after wood...can't cross creek...came back empty.

27 April 1888--**MR. LESS HERMAN** bought 100 bu. of the finest seed wheat this season for 73 cents and no interest from Mr. Root of Valley City.

18 May 1888--We could see from this place a furious prairie fire in the neighborhood of Stoddard and up around **TOM CURTIS'** last Wednesday night.

11 January 1889--Surprise parties have been the latest amusements...Mr. & Mrs. Ladbury...and **MR. TOM CURTIS**.

15 March 1889--Dad said a boy. **LESS HERMAN** knows better. It is a girl. Dad's mistake. (Note: Dad is the writer of the Ashtabula news which appears periodically in the Cooperstown paper. Also, the paper nearly always refers to the surname, "**HARRIMAN**" as "**HERMAN**".)

5 April 1889--It gives us great pleasure to report that **MRS. HERMAN** is gaining and recovery is beyond doubt. The little girl is well cared for by Mrs. Ladbury.

1 July 1889--**LESS HARRISON** is reported to be in Watertown, Dakota.

18 July 1889--**JAMES SPENCER JR.** is back from Montana. **JAMES** went this spring with a car load of horses for **CURTIS**.

26 July 1889--**LESLIE HERMAN**, the man supposed to have been kidnapped, a brother-in-law of **CURTIS**, is in Wahpeton, Richland County, Dakota...**SPENCER** saw him there...

1 November 1889--**MISS ELLEN LADBURY** was appointed clerk for the Ladbury School District.

November 1889--**JIM SPENCER** is moving up the river, now near Gallatin.

6 December 1889--Notice. I wish the public to understand that the note taken by **MATHEW SPENCER** from me and due Nov. 1, 1889 has been fully complied with and duly paid. **THOMAS CURTIS**.

13 December 1889--**CURTIS** is still threshing with horsepower and has a long job before him.

20 December 1889--**MR. SPENCER** bruised himself by a fall downstairs. **JAMES SPENCER JR.** had the tine of a hayfork run through his hand.

10 January 1890--**MR. TOM CURTIS** is not through threshing yet. He will thresh out the 89 and thresh in 90.

24 January 1890--Pardon me, ye editor, this time I hardly think it is a skip but something like it. The report is that Mr. Carl Zimmerman, next neighbor to the disappearing **LESS HERRIMAN**, has also skipped...Dad

31 January 1890--**JAMES SPENCER** called as usual. Jim says he has bought his father's place.

31 January 1890--Ashtabula. Atchison says there is only one settler between here and Gallatin, a distance of 12 miles. Almost as wild now as it was 8 or 9 years ago.

18 April 1890--They say **MR. SPENCER** has gone to the new promised land, and no telling whether the Turtle Mts. may check his progress, or the ice at the North Pole. **MR. SPENCER** has been an old settler here and will be missed.

23 May 1890--We understand that Sidney Pierce has bought 160 acres formerly owned by **CHARLES CURTIS**.

11 December 1890--Warranty Deed- **JOHN & ELIZABETH WARNER** of Kootenai Co., Idaho Territory, to **THOMAS CURTIS** of Barnes Co., N.D. for \$1000. NW 1/4 32-144-58

9 January 1891--**MRS. HERMAN (SAMANTHA)**, and her mother, (**ELIZABETH SPENCER CURTIS**), have moved down to the river for the winter. They occupy the old homestead.

16 January 1891--**JOHN CURTIS** of Barnes County is hauling ice from the river.

___ January 1891--**WILL CURTIS** saw gophers, a sign of spring coming.

6 February 1891---There was a small social gathering at **WILL CURTIS'** residence last week...excellent singing by **MRS. CURTIS**, **MISS TENA STEWART**, & John Dyer, and an excellent supper served by **MRS. CURTIS**. The entertainment was enjoyed by all.

20 February 1891--**JOHN CURTIS & FAMILY, MRS. HERMAN**, Fred Ladbury, **JOHN & JAMES SPENCER**...were guests of **MR. & MRS. THOMAS CURTIS**.

20 March 1891--**THOMAS CURTIS** has moved his house from Barnes County to the old homestead on the river, a distance of 5 miles with 16 horses.

3 April 1891--The house of **MR. LESS HERRIMAN** is moving up the river...

24 April 1891--**MRS. CHARLEY LADBURY**, (nee **JANE CURTIS**), died last Monday from quick consumption. She was buried at Ashtabula. Rev. C. W. Collinge preached the funeral sermon.

1 May 1891--Ashtabula. A large number of friends and relatives followed the remains of **MRS. CHAS. LADBURY** to her last resting place at Ashtabula Cemetery, April 22. The husband and 3 children remain to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother...

8 May 1891--Ashtabula. Saturday April 25th was a very hot day with a scorching south wind, prairies were never in better condition for a blaze...between 10 and 11...a terrible fire sweeping over the hills at the rate of 8 miles an hour, moving straight north, rapidly spreading east and westward...two stacks of hay belonging to **THOMAS CURTIS** and Ed Ladbury went up in smoke...The fire started in the vicinity of Rapp's place.

12 June 1891--Devils Canyon. **MRS. HERRIMAN** is very sick with some lung trouble. **JOHN SPENCER** is expected back to Griggs County in a few days.

19 June 1891--Devils Canyon. **JOHN SPENCER** arrived at the Canyon last Sunday.

19 June 1891--Our genial postmaster, and son Fred Ladbury, Dunk Parks, and **MARK CURTIS** dined at the Canyon Friday last. Call again gents.

19 June 1891--**MRS. HERMAN** is feeling somewhat better.

17 July 1891--Devils Canyon. **MR. MATHEW SPENCER** and family of Manitoba started for Tennessee 3 weeks ago. They are now at the Canyon House and in all probability will be there the rest of the summer...oldest daughter taken sick with convulsions.

7 August 1891--Devils Canyon. **THEO. SPENCER** and Dave Swinton have started for Buffalo. **THOMAS CURTIS** has stopped his cream cart to Valley City on account of the low prices...now selling at Cooperstown.

14 August 1891--Ashtabula. **MR. JAMES & MISS ANNIE SPENCER** of Canyon, were pleasant callers at our place last Sun. Dad

14 August 1891--(reported from "Pembina Express"). A farmer named **JAMES S. SPENCE** with family reported to customs Saturday on his way back to his former home in Griggs County. Mr. Spence (r) is one of the Manitoba victims who was deluded two years ago to move to Manitoba. He located 40 mi. n. of Winnipeg where he remained until he had nearly exhausted what little he had when he came here...This makes the 3rd family within 2 weeks that have returned from north.

21 August 1891--Devils Canyon. **JAMES SPENCER SR.**, and housekeeper and family, have returned from Manitoba. They say Dakota is good enough for them.

21 August 1891--**JOHN SPENCER** and **MATHEW SPENCER** and family have gone to Buffalo.

21 August 1891--**MRS. HERIMAN**, of Gallitan, died last Friday evening of consumption. **MRS. HERIMAN** was a cousin of **J. S. SPENCER**.

March 1892--**ELIZABETH (MRS. JOHN L. CURTIS)**, died 16 February. Burial at Hillside Cemetery, Ashtabula. (Note: See story under Elizabeth Spencer).

17 June 1892--Gallatin. **WILL CURTIS** has moved on to the old homestead again.

30 December 1892--Dave Swinton and **MARK CURTIS** have gone to Ontario to spend the winter among friends and relatives.

21 January 1905--Valley City Normal. The school will observe Saturday afternoon out of respect for **MISS NINA CURTIS**, a student who while attending school here, was taken with an attack of pneumonia from which she did not recover.

7 November 1905--**HENRY CURTIS** has put up two immense stacks of corn on his Pleasant View Farm. **MARK CURTIS** also has a lot of corn...A few years ago people claimed they could not raise corn in North Dakota.

28 November 1905--**MR. & MRS. HENRY CURTIS** have gone to Weyburn, Assiniboia, to attend the funeral of **MRS. CURTIS'** brother.

12 December 1905--There was a surprise birthday party on **HERBERT CURTIS** last Thursday. It was his 21st birthday.

30 January 1906--Cards are out announcing the marriage on January 17 at Sparta, Wisconsin of **MISS ANNA WILLIAMS** and **MARK CURTIS**. **MR. & MRS. CURTIS** will be home on the bridegrooms's farm in Broadview after February 17.

27 February 1906--A surprise party was sprung on **MR. & MRS. HENRY CURTIS** last Friday evening. A large number of friends gathered together and proceeded to the Pleasant Hill Farm. There the couple was royally entertained...

25 September 1906--**JOHN CURTIS** is laid up with a bad attack of rheumatism.

13 November 1906--**HENRY CURTIS** is building a barn 28' by 40' with 16' posts. The McCoy Lumber Co. has contracted to furnish the material.

20 November 1906--**HENRY CURTIS** served on the jury at Cooperstown last week.

27 November 1906--The following were jurors in the Frank Smith murder case at Cooperstown. (One juror listed was **HENRY CURTIS**).

18 December 1906--**HENRY CURTIS** came in from his Pleasant View Farm in Broadview Saturday.

26 March 1907--**HENRY CURTIS** was in town one day last week to have the doctor examine his hand which was effected with a very painful sore.

25 June 1907--Miss Inez Floyd and Mrs. Williams of Sparta, Wis. are visiting in the home of **MARK CURTIS**.

23 March 1909--**FRANK H. HARRIMAN** and **MARY KOCH** were married Wednesday March 17 at the home of the bride's parents in Cooperstown.

2 May 1911--The baseball team who are expected to win the pennant for Valley City are expected in the city this evening...Manager **MACDIARMID** is confident we will have fully as good, if not better team, than last season.

31 July 1911--D. W. Clark received a card Saturday evening from **J. A. MACDIRMID** announcing his marriage to **MISS ELLA HARRIMAN** at Cooperstown on July 26. The contracting parties are well know in Valley City...They will be located at Melville, Saskatchewan...

12 May 1914--**JOHN MCDERMOTT**, former manager of the city baseball team, passed through Valley City last night enroute to Carrington where he will spend time with his brother, **MR. MCDERMOTT** is located on a farm in Canada at the present time with his wife and two small babies. (Note: These babies would be **HAZEL** and **MAXWELL**.)

24 November 1919--**MISS PEARL LADBURY** of Dazey died yesterday in a Fargo Hospital. (Note: See obituary under **JANE CURTIS** section.)

25 November 1919--**HILMER CARLSON** helped **WILLIE CURTIS** last week, filling barn with feed etc.

25 November 1919--**HENRY CURTIS** has left on a trip to the Pacific Coast, going by way of.....Seattle, San Diego, San Francisco, Kansas City, St. Paul.

6 January 1920--**MARK CURTIS** and **THEODORE** expect to leave for St. Paul Monday evening where **THEODORE** has been receiving medical aid.

13 January 1920--**MARK CURTIS** and **THEODORE** came back from St. Paul Saturday, and we are glad to hear that **THEODORE** has improved wonderfully.

30 March 1920--**HENRY CURTIS** returned Wednesday from a four months sojourn in California. His health is much improved and he reports a very enjoyable trip.

30 November 1920--Born to **MR. & MRS. HERBERT CURTIS** on Thanksgiving, a twelve pound boy.

21 June 1921--A dainty bit of feminnity arrived at the **FREEMAN CURTIS** home June 11. All concerned are doing nicely and **FREEMAN** wears a lengthy smile that won't come off.

19 July 1921--**MR. & MRS. FREEMAN CURTIS** spent the week end at Edgeley visiting relatives.

6 September 1921--**MR. FREEMAN CURTIS** had one of his eyes slightly burned last week with scalding water from his tractor.

13 September 1921--**MISS LILLIAN PETERSON** who is home from Minneapolis on her vacation, is helping **MRS. EDGAR CURTIS** during threshing.

13 September 1921--Mrs. Sven Boe is at her brother's home, **MR. ED RONNIE**, where she will keep house during the absence of **MRS. RONNIE**.

13 September 1921--**KENNETH** and **RACHEL CURTIS** started to attend school in Cooperstown Tuesday. They will drive night and morning with the car while the weather permits.

27 September 1921--**MRS. ED RONNIE** returned home Sunday from Cooperstown.

25 October 1921--**MR. and MRS. ED RONNIE** are moving to their farm west of Hannaford this week.

25 October 1921--**MRS. HILMER CARLSON** had her tonsils removed at Valley City Monday morning. She is improving rapidly.

6 December 1921--The Curtis school has been closed by the county physician of Griggs when it was discovered that one child has small pox.

20 December 1921--**HOWARD CURTIS** appeared Friday morning with a new Ford coupe. O see the lucky girl.

7 March 1922--**MILDRED** and **MINERVA KINN** are the proud owners of a shetland pony.

14 March 1922--**THEODORE CURTIS** was seen on the streets of Karnak last Saturday training a shetland pony for **REYNARD KINN**.

4 April 1922--We understand **HILMER CARLSON** will be our future postmaster--Karnak news.

18 April 1922--The post office fixtures were moved into the bank building Saturday.

12 December 1922--Little **VIOLET CURTIS** is visiting at the **HENRY CURTIS** home for a few days.

19 December 1922--A little chore boy arrived at the **EDGAR CURTIS** home Wednesday of last week.

7 March 1923--A baby boy was born to **MR. & MRS. HERBERT CURTIS** at Cooperstown, N. D. March 2, 1923. They have named him John Lowell. (Note: The name John Lowell Curtis could be very significant. It tells us John L. Curtis' (Gen. 1) middle name might have been Lowell.)

16 March 1923--Friends gathered at the home of **MR. & MRS. OSCAR MOSHER** March 8 to celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary.

1 August 1923--**MR. & MRS. MARK CURTIS** entertained the following Sunday: **EDGAR CURTIS** and **RAYNARD KINN** families, **MR. HENRY CURTIS**, **GRANDMA** and **MRS. MERLE CURTIS**.

16 August 1923--The following were callers at the **OSCAR MOSHER** home Sunday: **MR. & MRS. WALT WILLIAMS**, **MRS. EVA CURTIS**, **MR. & MRS. MARK CURTIS**.

2 October 1923--The splendid new farm home of **MARK CURTIS** on the farm about 2 miles south of Karnak burned down last Thursday afternoon. **MRS. CURTIS** was alone in the house at the time, and before a threshing crew at work not far away could be summoned the fire had gained too great a headway, and it was found impossible to save the building...efforts were directed to save as much as possible of the household goods...The building was without doubt the finest and most expensive farm residence in the county and was practically new, having been completed in 1919.

23 October 1923--**HILMER CARLSON** motored to Fargo Sunday to spend the day with **MRS. CARLSON**. They are rejoicing over the arrival of a little son, born October 15.

30 October 1923--**HILMER CARLSON** came up from Karnak last Saturday evening and took No. 2 for Fargo. **MRS. CARLSON** and young son returned home with him on Sunday October 28.

6 November 1923--**J. W. WILLIAMS** left Monday evening for Grand Rapids, Michigan where he intends to locate...A farewell party was given **MR. & MRS. WILLIAMS** at the **EVA CURTIS** home Saturday evening.

11 March 1924--The infant son of **MR. & MRS. MERLE CURTIS** died when but a few days old.

25 March 1924--**WILLIE CURTIS** arrived from St. Paul Friday.

25 March 1924--**HILMER CARLSON** and **MRS. EVA CURTIS** motored to Finley Sunday, leaving little **GRANT CARLSON** to stay with grandma Carlson for a while.

25 March 1924--**MRS. EVA CURTIS** and son **WILLIE** have moved back to the farm.

25 March 1924--**MR. & MRS. MERLE CURTIS** have moved into the Joe Griesinger house.

15 April 1924--**HILMER CARLSON** went to St. Paul Tuesday evening returning with **MRS. CARLSON** Thursday morning.

15 April 1924--**MR. & MRS. HILMER CARLSON** spent Sunday at the **EVA CURTIS** home.

19 November 1924--**MR. FREEMAN CURTIS** and family left last week for Montana where they expect to make their future home. The best wishes of the community go with them.

19 November 1924--**MR. & MRS. HILMER CARLSON** and family arrived in the city by car from Karnak, N.D., and have taken a residence at 915 First Street where they expect to make their future home. **MR. CARLSON** is a representative of the Fuller Brush Company and believes Valley City is an ideal location for his work. We welcome the new family to Valley City and trust they will enjoy making this their home.

**IF YOUR ANCESTORS KNEW YOU WERE THEIR
DESCENDANTS, WOULD THEY BE PLEASED?**

Some of the information in this book will have changed between the time the manuscript is taken to the printer and the time of completion. PLEASE send your changes and additions so that a supplement might be made later. I also need your changes of address. Kindly call or send to:

**GRANT N. CARLSON
403 11 1/2 ST. NW
VALLEY CITY ND 58072**

(701) 845-0838

January 1888 was not the only year of near tragedy for Curtis family members due to blizzards. (See excerpts from newspapers 13 and 20 January 1888.) 104 years later another fast moving but dangerous storm affected Curtis persons. These Dakota blizzards are not as frequent as in years gone by, but they do occur and are life threatening as noted by the following article taken from the Valley City (ND) Times-Record issue of Monday, December 28, 1992:

THERE ARE STILL HEROES

To the editor:

"There are still heroes today. On Christmas Eve a young family of five, the parents and three young children and also their 17 year old niece from Portland, Ore., went to deliver some Christmas goodies to some friends in the country. At 5:30 p.m. they called their mother and told her that they were leaving for home as the wind was coming up. The weather was awful, the wind came up so fast. They crept along so slow and couldn't see the road good enough. They turned a little bit to stay on what they thought was the road. The wind blew them into a drift and they were stuck. So there they sat.

They were driving their International Scout. They didn't have any blankets along. All they had was one sheet. One of the hinges on the tailgate was broken and the snow was blowing in there. Also the driver's door was sprung so the snow was blowing there, too. They all crowded in the front seat and tried to keep warm. Snow was in their hair and all over them.

It was only eight miles from Hannaford and when they didn't come and didn't come, their mother called me and told me that they hadn't come back yet and she was so worried. Someone notified the sheriff and he said that no one should go out in that kind of weather.

I called my nephew, Merlin Lende, and he said he would get his heavy clothes on and go and look for them. My nephew took another fellow, Omar Abraham, along with him. Owen Vincent was kind enough to let them borrow his four-wheel-drive Suburban. They would never have made it without it. They just crawled along until they finally found them. They were stuck and out of gas. They had been out for 5 1/2 hours. They were two miles from the family they were visiting. They all went back there and stayed overnight. By that time they were 6 1/2 hours out in the cold. They all came back the next day.

Much prayer went up for them all across the country. They found them safe and sound but covered with snow and very cold. If they hadn't gone out and found them, it may have been a very sad Christmas for their mother and us.

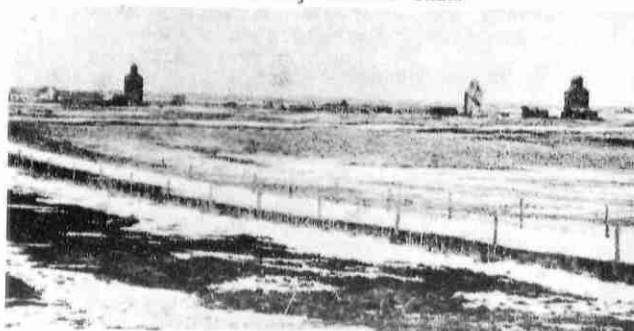
God does answer prayer. I think these two men are real heroes. Their names again are Merlin Lende and Omar Abraham from Hannaford. The people who were rescued were the John Curtis family and their niece Shannon Greybill, who is visiting them."

Mrs. Dennis Anundson, Hannaford, ND

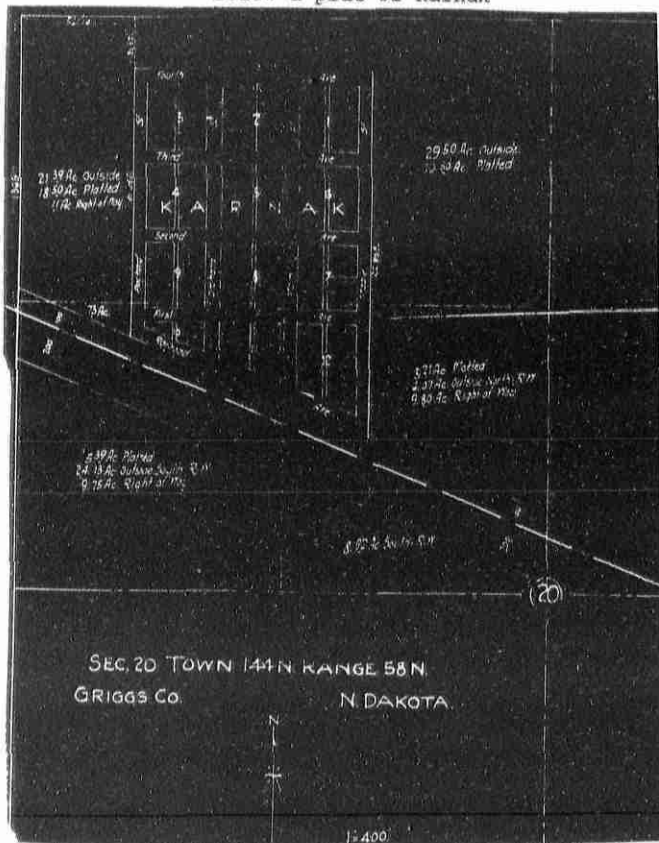
When asked if they ever felt this was the end as far as this life is concerned, John said, "We had a peace about it. We knew we were going home. We didn't know if it was to Heaven or Hannaford." (The John Curtis family moved from California to North Dakota this year, 1992.)

Right-1939's-Joyce & Jackie Curtis
 by their father's (Kenneth's) store
 in Karnak. This was the former Bank
 building where Hilmer Carlson was
 the banker in the early 20's.

KARNAK, as seen from
 the Henry Curtis farm

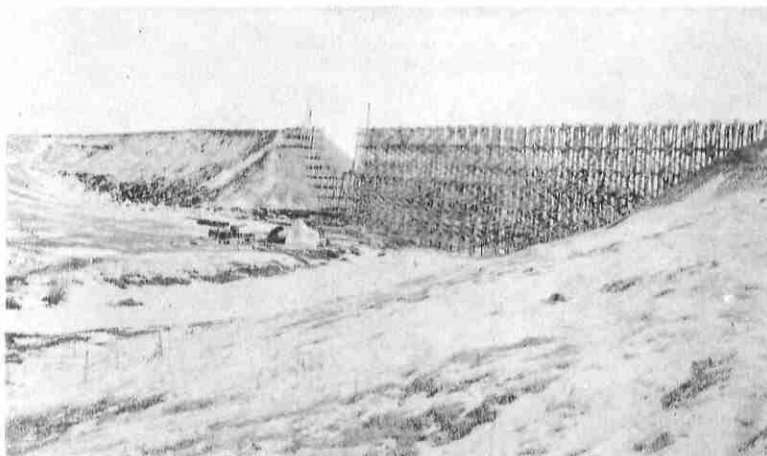
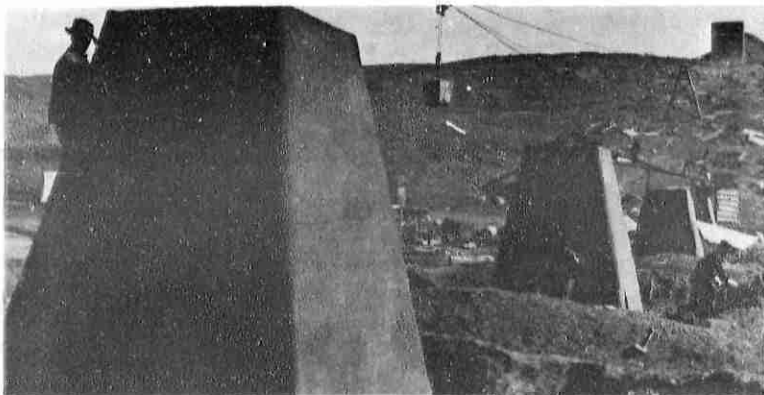


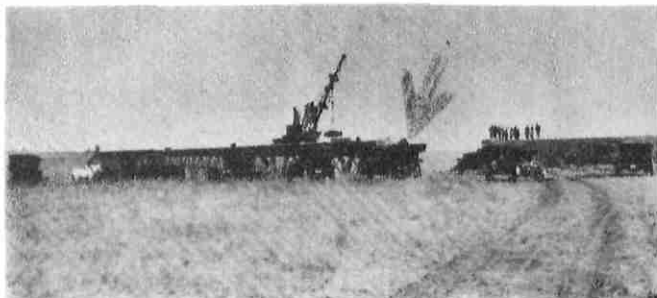
Below-a plat of Karnak



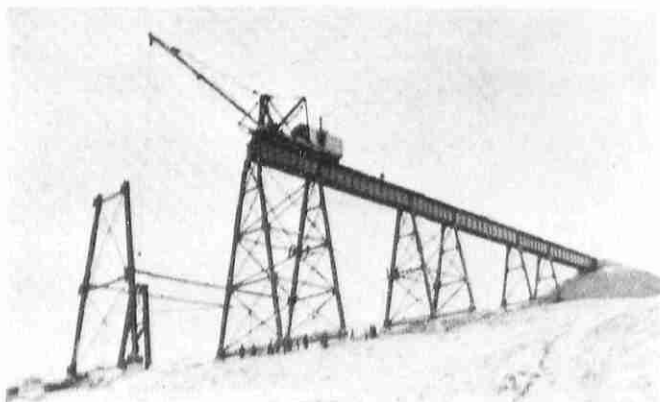
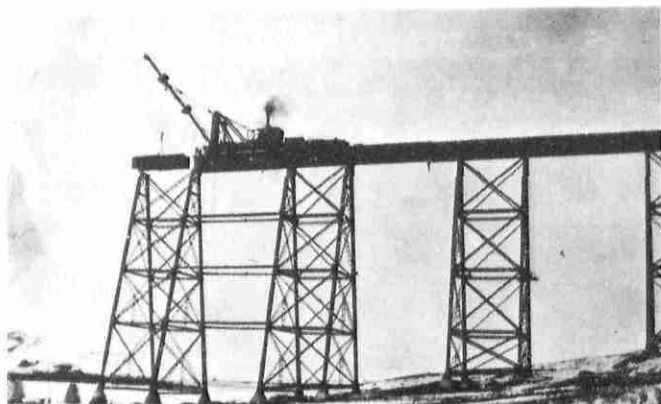
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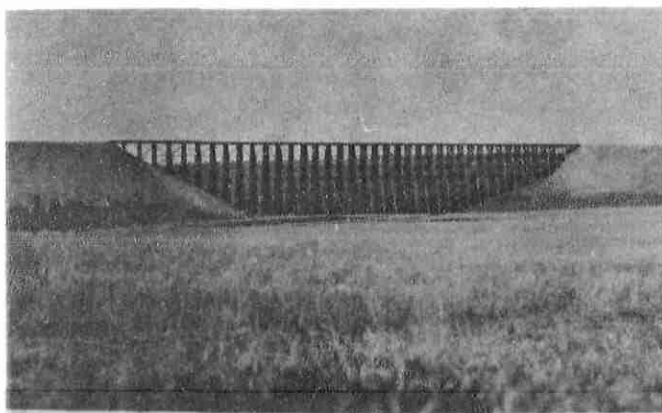
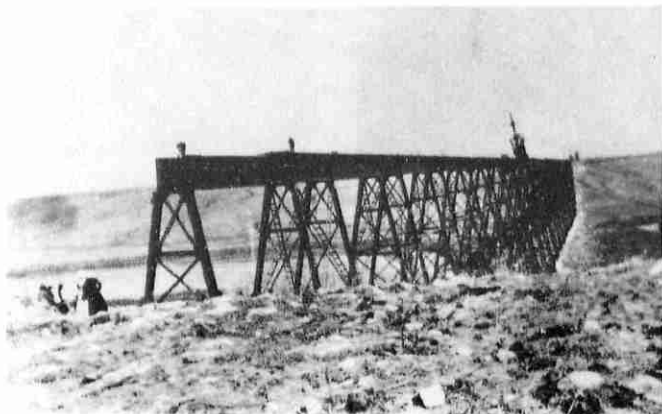
From the farm where Elizabeth (Spencer) Curtis homesteaded, you can look to the southwest and see one of North Dakota's few "high line" bridges. An envelope of old photos was sent by descendants of Henry Curtis showing various stages of construction of the bridge. Some of the photos are marked "March 1912". The building of the bridge must have been a very exciting happening in the lives of our descendants! This bridge is still in use today. Most of the Curtis homesteads were on the opposite side of the Sheyenne River from Elizabeth's place.





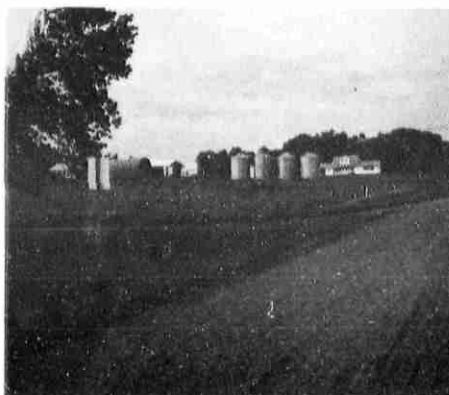
1912 Our Cadillac
(belonged to Henry Curtis)







Home of William & Eva
Curtis, still occupied.



Oct. 1992 This is now the
Lausch farm..,Mark Curtis
used to live here.



Grant Carlson, center, shows
his 2nd cousins some of his
Curtis research... David Curtis,
from Billings and David's sister
Blanche from Whittier, Ca.



Grant Carlson with 3rd cousin,
John D. Spencer of Campbellford,
Ontario-fall of 1990



Myron & Betty Lou Curtis



Duane VanEss from LaMirada, Ca
reflects on the location of his
great grandfather's
homestead (as indicated by arrow).



Grant & Ruth Carlson
October 1992
"Compilers" of this book



the Sibley Trail Congregational
Church east of Dazey ND where
most of the Curtis families
worshipped and were later buried
in the cemetery south of the church.



Sunnyside Cemetery

WHO ARE THEY ?

Photographs have been sent to me to see if I would be able to identify them. In many cases, identical photos came from different sources with the identification being on one of them. However, there are many photos not yet identified. Can you help? If you have any of the following photos or know who the people are, please let me know! Any help that you can give will be greatly appreciated.



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DESCENDANT DIRECTORY OF JOHN L. AND ELIZABETH (SPENCER) CURTIS

The following directory lists the women by their maiden names, if known. This listing includes all who are or were part of a family unit, but not necessarily descendants. Parents of spouses are not listed.

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