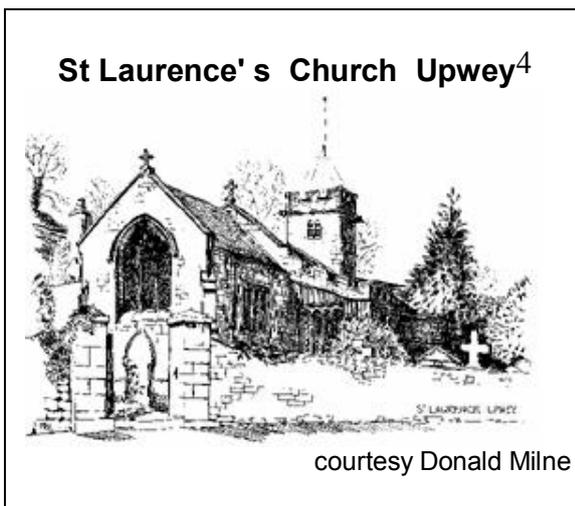


## Our Fudge Ancestry

### Robert Fudge and Martha Weston

#### The Fudge Family:

We meet the Fudge family for the first time in the 1851 Census of England. Where we found an entry for Robert Fudge Fudge, wife Martha and two daughters, Elizabeth and Fanny. We had no confirmation whether we were on the right track. At that time all that we had to go on was "Fudge"



used as a middle name for the oldest daughter and son of the Richard Lano and Martha Weston Fudge<sup>1</sup>. While I show Martha's last name as Fudge here, I only do so for clarity as at this stage of our research we had no idea of her maiden name. Martha's maiden name was first found upon obtaining a certified copy of birth certificate for our great-grandmother Harriett Cecilia

<sup>1</sup> This was our first instance of using a middle name as a possible surname of ancestors.

Lano<sup>2</sup> The mother's maiden name was indicated on this certificate as Martha Weston Lano formerly Fudge.<sup>3</sup> Thus her maiden name being Martha Weston Fudge.

Richard Lano and Martha had a son named Robert Fudge Lano. Possibly named for maternal grandfather? Using this clue as we were reviewing the 1851 census records for Lano entries we ran across the following entry.

#### 1851 Census entry :

Robert Fudge age 61 retired butcher  
 Martha Fudge age 60  
 Elizabeth Fudge daur age 31  
 Fanny Fudge daur age 18  
 bp for mother and daughters listed as Dorset, Melcombe Regis. bp for Robert listed as Dorset, Upwey.

This census entry<sup>5</sup> in itself was not confirmation of a possible family link. In December 1997, I joined the Somerset and Dorset family History Society [SDFHS] and included a query for information on the ancestry of Richard Lano and Martha Weston Fudge.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Certified Copy of Birth Certificate # BXBY 040181

<sup>3</sup> The informant being Martha Weston Lano -Mother.

<sup>4</sup> St. Laurence's Church Upwey, where Robert fudge was baptised in 1789.

<sup>5</sup> We first reported this possible link in The Four Drive, Volume I, No. 4, page 4- February 10, 1997.

<sup>6</sup> Family Group Sheet for the Fudges included on following pages.

My query was published in February 1998 issue of "The Greenwood Tree", newsletter for the SDFHS. Even before my copy of the issue arrived in the states I had two letters from members<sup>7</sup> in England not only confirming my hypothesis but suppling additional family ancestral information.<sup>8</sup>

### Upwey, Church Street<sup>9</sup>



Church Street today, has not changed much in over 100 years

### St. Laurence's, Upwey



Robert Fudge was baptised here.

### 82 Wakeham Cottage



Residence of Robert Fudge Family (1851)

### St. Georges Church, Portland



### St. Georges Graveyard



Burial Place of Robert and Martha Fudge

### Continuing research

As we continued our research we found additional generations of the Fudges.<sup>10</sup>

Robert Fudge = Martha Weston

m. 28 April 1813, Melcombe Regis

m. 25 Feb. 1781, Dorchester

Richard Fudge = Elizabeth Cox

m. 10 April 1744, Corscombe<sup>11</sup>

Remove Richard Fudge and Elizabeth Cox  
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We discuss removal of Richard and  
Elizabeth

<sup>7</sup> Letters from Nicholas J. Royal and Donald Milne.

<sup>8</sup> This same information received from Mr. Nicholas J. Royal confirmed that Martha's maiden name was Weston and supplied several generations of Weston ancestors. Subsequent correspondence include a pedigree for this same line back to King Edward I.

<sup>9</sup> This photo and others courtesy of Donald Milne.

<sup>10</sup> An Ancestral File for the parents and grandparents of Robert Fudge was located by Chris Dixon.

<sup>11</sup> Marriage information from the Dorset Marriage Index 1538-1837.

We also learned that Robert's father, Robert was a butcher<sup>12</sup>. We also learned that a Richard Fudge was a butcher. Age information for Richard the butcher is not consistent with the Richard listed above. This does indicate that being butcher was a common trade within the Fudge family circa 1800.

Robert Fudge (b. abt 1790) was son of Robert Fudge and Elizabeth Lock. Of Elizabeth we found that her father's name was William Lock. Married 25 Feb 1781, Dorchester, Dorset, UK.<sup>13</sup> The children of Robert and Elizabeth surname of Fudge were:<sup>14</sup>

- Elizabeth (b. 1782)
- Richard (b. 1785)
- Mary (b. 1786) Upwey
- Robert (b. abt 1758)
- William Lock (b. ca. 1794)
- James (b. ca. 1796)
- George (b. 1798)<sup>15</sup>
- Thomas (b. 1798)

Possible naming convention?- The first daughter being Elizabeth and named for maternal grandmother (or mother). If this is valid the second daughter Mary could possibly be the name of the paternal grandmother, as yet unknown. Regarding the sons we find that the first born son was named Richard, possibly after the paternal grandfather. The second born son was Robert and would thus have been named after the father. would he be designated as a junior? The third son shown is William Lock and he would have been named after

<sup>12</sup> The Will index provided by the SDFHS microfiche lists a will for a Elizabeth Fudge 1848, Upwey {W622} widow of Robert a butcher. We believe this Elizabeth to be the Elizabeth Lock wife of Robert fudge noted above.

<sup>13</sup> Marriage information from the Dorset Marriage Index 1538=1837

<sup>14</sup> Information regarding these children was obtained from the LDS ancestral files. We have chosen to ignore the birth location information as this file indicated Hampshire for some of the children. Active researchers learn not to accept ancestral file information as gospel.

<sup>15</sup> The 1851 Census listed a George Fudge and family. His occupation listed as plumber. Age in Census agrees with birthdate.

his maternal grandfather. In this situation the naming of the second and third son was switched from the accepted Scottish naming custom. In any event we have some valuable clues to ancestry research.

Robert Fudge's (b. 1758) parents were Richard Fudge and Elizabeth Cox. Richard and Elizabeth were married 10 April 1744 at Corscombe, Dorset, UK.<sup>16</sup> Robert being the only issue known at this writing.

### **Genetic Medical History Survey**

Our last issue of The Four Drive presented a survey form for us to accumulate information of our family diseases. Diseases of our current generations may not be as valuable now as it will be for our descendants. If you can also supply information regarding your parents and grandparents this may be of importance to us. For our readership that preferred not to remove the page from our last year to submit the form we have included a loose sheet containing the form. Please take time to forward the completed form to Joyce. Thank you.

Researchers in recording death information should record the cause of death as reported in the death record, certificate and other records.

Of interest to our readership may be the table of terms used for 19th century diseases to be included in the next issue of The Four Drive.

### **Working Together**

The information presented in this issue is a good demonstration of researchers with a common interest pooling their information. Contributors to this issue are cousins Christopher Dixon, Donald Milne, Nichols Royal and your editor Donald Chinnery. So get busy and locate your living cousins and exchange family history and photographs.

<sup>16</sup> Marriage information from the Dorset Marriage Index 1538-1837.

**Fudge Register - Richard Fudge and Elizabeth Cox**  
**First Generation**

**1. Richard Fudge.**

On 10 Apr 1744 Richard married Elizabeth Cox, in Corscombe, Dorset. Elizabeth died on 20 Jul 1800 in Corscombe, Dorset.

They had the following children:

- 2 i. Robert (1758-1827)

Removed Richard and  
Elizabeth

from our tree= see Issue #41

**Second Generation**

**2. Robert Fudge.** Born in 1758. Robert died in Upwey, Dorset, UK on 6 Dec 1827; he was 69. Buried on 10 Dec 1827 in Upwey, Dorset, UK. Occupation: Butcher.

On 25 Feb 1781 when Robert was 23, he married Elizabeth Lock, daughter of William Lock & Elizabeth Guy, in Dorchester, Dorset, England. Born ca 1766. Elizabeth died bef 1848; she was 82.

They had the following children: Surname of Fudge

- 3 i. Elizabeth (1782-)  
 4 ii. Richard (1785-)  
 5 iii. Mary (1786-)  
 6 iv. Robert (~1789-1855)  
 7 v. William Lock (ca1794-)  
 8 vi. James (ca1796-)  
 9 vii. George (1798-)  
 10 viii. Thomas (1798-)

**Third Generation**

**3. Elizabeth Fudge.** Born in 1782.

**4. Richard Fudge.** Born in 1785.

**5. Mary Fudge.** Born in 1786 in Upwey, Dorset, Eng.

**6. Robert Fudge.** Born abt 1789 in Upwey, Dorset Co, England. Robert died in Wakeham, Dorset Co, England on 7 Feb 1855; he was 66. Buried on 12 Feb 1855 in Portland, Dorset Co, England. Occupation: Butcher.

On 28 Apr 1813 when Robert was 24, he married Martha Weston, daughter of Samuel Weston & Anne Standley, in Melcombe Regis, Dorset, England. Born in 1790 in Melcombe Regis, Dorset, England.

Martha died in Portland, on 6 Mar 1866; she was 76.

They had the following children: Surname of Fudge.

- 11 i. Martha Weston (1815-1892)  
 12 ii. Emma (~1818-)  
 13 iii. Elizabeth (1820-)  
 14 iv. Cecilia (~1823-)  
 15 v. Francis (~1825-)  
 16 vi. Weyland (~1828-)  
 17 vii. Samuel Weston (~1830-)  
 18 viii. Fanny (~1832-)

**7. William Lock Fudge.** Born ca 1794.

**8. James Fudge.** Born ca 1796.

**9. George Fudge.** Born in 1798.

**10. Thomas Fudge.** Born in 1798.

**Fudge Register - Richard Fudge and Elizabeth Cox, (cont'd)**  
**Fourth Generation**

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**11. Martha Weston Fudge.** Born on 1 Sep 1815 in Melcombe Regis, Dorset Co, England. Martha Weston died in Hepworth, Bruce Co., Ontario CAN in 1892; she was 76.

On 13 Jul 1836 when Martha Weston was 20, she married Richard Lano, son of Richard Lano Jr. & Elizabeth Snook, in St. Mary's, Melcome-Regis, Dorset Eng. Born abt 1807 in Portland, Dorset Co., England. Richard died in Hepworth, Bruce, Ontario CAN on 29 Aug 1867; he was 60.

They had the following children: surname of Lano.

- i. Emma Fudge (1837-) m. William Hindes(Hynes?)
- ii. Martha Weston (1839-1910) m. James Clifford
- iii. Elizabeth Snook (1841-) m. Edward White
- iv. Agnes Naomi (1842-1909) m. George Gates
- v. Robert Fudge (1845-1849)
- vi. Susanna (1847-) m. Harry Chadburne
- vii. Harriett Cecilia (1849-1926) m. John Henry Fitch

**12. Emma Fudge.** Born abt 1818.

**13. Elizabeth Fudge.** Born in 1820 in Melcombe-Regis, Dorset Co., England.

**14. Cecilia Fudge.** Born abt 1823.

**15. Francis Fudge.** Born abt 1825.

**16. Weyland Fudge.** Born abt 1828.

**17. Samuel Weston Fudge.** Born abt 1830.

**18. Fanny Fudge.** Born abt 1832 in Melcombe-Regis, Dorset Co, England.

On 6 Jul 1853 when Fanny was 21, she married Joseph Besant Fowler, in Portland, . Born on 26 Mar 1826 in Wyke Regis, . Ancesters of Donald Milne.

**Upwey**



Upwey in 1818, a view of the village that intervening years have done little to modify<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Print courtesy Donald Milne, original source unknown.

1851 Census Information**Robert Fudge**

82 Wakeham Cottage, Wakeham  
 Robert head age 61 Ret.Butcher bp Upwey  
 Martha wife age 60 bp Melcombe Regis  
 Elizabeth daur age 31 bp Melcombe Regis  
 Fanny daur age 18 bp Melcombe Regis

**George Fudge**

85 St. Thomas Street, Melcombe Regis  
 George head age 52 Plumber bp Upwey  
 Phillis wife age 50 bp Melcombe Regis  
 Phillis daur age 25 bp Melcombe Regis  
 Albert son age 25 Plumber bp ditto  
 Adelaide daur age 20 bp ditto  
 Isabel daur age 18 bp ditto

Dorset Geography

As we present this information an understanding of the geographical location of some of these villages may be of interest.

**Dorsetshire**, {Dorset} is located on the Southern Coast of England. It has the following counties adjacent to its borders: (clockwise) Devonshire, Somerset, Wiltshire, and Hampshire. Our ancestors resided in the areas at the extreme southern tip of Dorset, and the Isle of Portland protrudes into the English Channel. During low tides, there was a causeway connecting to the mainland. Also known as the Weymouth Registration District.

The Weymouth District is located along the southern coastline. Portland is in reality an island off of Weymouth.

Thanks to Donald Milne we have a nice colored map of the Isle of Portland and surrounding area. It loses most of its detail when I tried including as a reduced view in this newsletter. I have it as "jpg" image and would be glad to send you a copy via e-mail upon request. Later on I will also add it to my web site.

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Utilizing Middle Names  
as a possible research tool

I have always been interested in the existence of possible naming conventions for children. Especially the utilization of family surnames as second names for offspring. We have previously used this custom for locating the parents of Martha

weston Fudge, here we repeat the conclusions and how we used this same information for determining that Richard Lano's mother was in fact Elizabeth SNOOK and not here previous marriage name of GIBBS.

Examples as depicted in the family groups of :

Richard Lano = Martha Fudge  
 Robert fudge = Martha Weston.

Richard Lano=Martha Weston **Fudge**

{my 2 x g- grandparents}

all children surname of Lano

Name	comment
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- |                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1) Emma <b>Fudge</b>    | mmname    |
| 2) Martha <b>Weston</b> | gmmname   |
| 3) Elizabeth Snook      | see notes |
| 4) Agnes Naomi          |           |
| 5) Robert <b>Fudge</b>  | mmname    |
| 6) Susanna              |           |
| 7) Harriet Cecilia      |           |
- {my great grandmother}

Robert Fudge = Martha **Weston**

{my 3 x g-grandparents}

all children surname of Fudge

Name	comment
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- |                         |         |    |
|-------------------------|---------|----|
| 1) Martha <b>Weston</b> | mmname  | 2) |
| Emma                    |         |    |
| 3) Elizabeth            | mngname |    |
| 4) Cecilia              |         |    |
| 5) Francis              |         |    |
| 6) Weyland(f)           |         |    |
| 7) Samuel <b>Weston</b> | mngname |    |
| 8) Fanny                |         |    |

Donald Milne's ancestor<sup>18</sup>

\* Lack of a middle name is not indicative of NONE, just that we have no information indicating possible middle name.

\* Abbreviations used in tables:

- mmname = mother maiden
- gmmname = grandmothers maiden
- mngname = maternal grandmother
- mngname = maternal grandfather

<sup>18</sup> Donald Fowler Milne's ancestor.

Reviewing the above, we note that the first born female and male have their mother's maiden name for middle names. Samuel Weston Fudge being named after his maternal grandfather. The second daughter, Martha Weston Lano, was named for her maternal grandmother.

### Using Naming Customs as a Research Tool.

#### QUESTION

In case of Elizabeth: is Snook a paternal grandmother? Our records show Elizabeth GIBBS as the material grandmother. So our first response would be NO. But a closer look at the marriage index information indicates that Elizabeth GIBBS was a widow at the time of her marriage to Richard Lano, Jr., widower. The date of the marriage is such that Elizabeth is quite probably the mother of our Richard LANO (possibly III, though not designated thus in records). So we now have an additional QUESTION? What was Elizabeth's maiden name? We have no information indicating the name of her parents. But could her maiden name have been SNOOK?

We now have a pointer piece of information for us to use in further digging. The SDFHS marriage index for Dorset has 576 SNOOK entries for marriages prior to 1837.<sup>19</sup> The cost being prohibitive (>\$150.00) to obtain a print out of this listing. So we'll have to rely on others to review this list for us.

Using the above table (Fudge and Lano Family Groups on previous page), as a guide we contacted Ken and Val Andrew administrators for the Dorset Marriage Index database. Our query requested a possible marriage of a Elizabeth Snook and an as yet unidentified Gibbs.

The reply to our query supplied the following information:

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<sup>19</sup> Prior to 1837 all vital records were maintained by the local parishes. In July 1837 England started their centralized Civil registry.

Elizth. **SNOOK** of Weymouth = Thos. **GIBBS** of Portland on 11 December 1796 at Wykes Regis, All Saints, by Licence. Wits:- Edward READ and Richard LANO, Jnr.<sup>20</sup>

As a follow up to the above marriage information we contacted the Dorset Society's burial index service to locate the death of Thomas Gibbs. The reply received advised of burials for three Thomas Gibbs, occurring in 1796, 1797 and 1797. We do not have any information confirming whether any of these three are the one that married Elizabeth. We strongly feel that the death in 1797 is the Thomas GIBBS, spouse of our Elizabeth.

### The SNOOK Connection

So there you have it, Richard **LANO**(Jnr) married Elizabeth Gibbs nee **SNOOK**. It is interesting to note that Richard Lano(Jnr) was also a witness at the wedding of his wife's first marriage. At that time he being married to Joan Gibbs, whom we believe to be a sister of Thomas Gibbs.

The preponderance of evidence seems to confirm that Richard Lano and Martha Weston Fudge named their third daughter, **Elizabeth Snook Lano**, after the paternal grandmother mother Elizabeth Gibbs nee Snook.

What substance may we give to this information? Perhaps a look a one naming custom that we know of.

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<sup>20</sup> The actual entry in the index indicated the last name of Richard as Lane, Ken and Val Andrews co-ordinators for the Dorset Marriage Index are of the opinion that the transcription of the records was can error. This based upon fact only one other known instance of Lane in the Dorset area, but a preponderance of Lanos. I concur, especially because of the marriage relationship of Richard Lano, i.e. married to Joan Gibbs at the time of this witnessing.

### **Scottish Naming Customs**<sup>21</sup>

#### **1st Son -**

named after father's father  
{paternal grandfather}

#### **2nd son -**

named after mother's father  
{maternal grandfather}

#### **3rd son -**

named after father

#### **1st daughter-**

named after mother's mother  
{maternal grandmother}

#### **2nd daughter-**

named after father's mother  
{paternal grandmother}

#### **3rd daughter -**

named after mother

This same issue had a second letter written on Scottish Naming Customs that essentially confirmed the above table. Both letters provided examples and were written in response to an earlier letter that they disagreed with. Based upon our Fudge and Lano families which follow quite closely the Scottish custom, I do too. Does this mean some Scottish ancestry somewhere in our tree? The letters referenced also advised that there could be local variations. Sometimes the above list reversed.

### **United States Customs**

In the United States utilization of family names for middle names is perhaps not as common as we find in the examples shown above. However, I can and I am quite sure our readership can site several examples of a family surname as middle name. My mother for example was Alice Rose Fitch. Rose being her mother's maiden name. We also have the situation where women upon their marriage will drop their given middle name and utilize their maiden surname as a middle name. This my mother did- Alice Fitch Chinnery. Additionally we are seeing more and more the use of hyphenated names, comprising the brides maiden name and her husbands last name. Their off spring also carrying this hyphenated surname.

Regardless of which practice may have been followed whether here in the United States or England, do not overlook the middle names as possible research tools in locating new ancestors on your tree.

### **Family Vital Records**

Please submit reports of births, marriages, and deaths in your family for inclusion in this newsletter. Additionally I use the information to update my genealogy data base.

### **MARRIAGES**

**Carley Ann Dixon and Robert Dodge** were married May 27th, 2000 at First Christan Church in North Muskegon, Michigan. and the reception was right after that at the VFW hall in North Muskegon. Carley is daughter of Charles Dixon and Robin Williams. Robert William was born in Cherry Point,NC on June 26th, 1972 and is the son of Robert Charles Dodge, Jr. and Susan Francis Kraft.

As of May of this year I got out of the Navy and now i'm a homemaker and will be working in a few months in an dministration postion. Rob is a SGT in the U.S. Marine Corps. We will be moving to Pensacola, FL around the 14 of Aug for nine months while he goes to advanced avionics school. From there we are not for sure where the Marines will put us. One thing I know though is home is where the military puts you. He would like to stay in the east coast but we will see next year.

The Dodge's current mailing address is:  
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<sup>21</sup> Excerpted from two letter's to "The Greenwood Tree", Journal of The Somerset and Dorset Family History Society. Volume 24, No. 3 page 92.

## Recent Acquisitions.

Your recent acquisitions of family history should be recorded here. Let us know what important piece of information you have recently found and or received from someone.

### RECEIVED FROM

#### Social Security Administration

Copy of original application for Ethel Marie LOCKHART nee CHINNERY

#### SDFHS - Marriage Index

Information received with marriage information for ...Robert FUDGE, bach. o.t.p. and Elizabeth LOCK, spin, o.t.p. m. 25 February 1781 at Dorchester, Dorset, Holy trinity. Wits: Thomas POUNCEY, William CLARK. Richard FUDGE and Elizabeth COX, m. 10 April 1744 at Corscombe.

William LOCK believed to be the father of Elizabeth we have information for 6 marriages during the possible time frame. Confirmation of the appropriate one pending.

#### SDFHS - Burial Index

Information received with information from their burials index.

Jane Miller LANO nee WHITE, age 25 wife of Richard Lano died 6 Apr 1834 in Easton, Portland, St. Georges Parish.

Listing of Dorset Parishes included in their Burials Database.

### RECENTLY RECEIVED

Jon Chinnery has sent me copies of newspaper articles as follows:

- Adelbert (Del) Chinnery is Early County Settler
- History of Rickey School is recalled.
- 1958-1989 Modern Scottville

The article about Del Chinnery contains a lot of Chinnery family history but additionally for persons with Mason county, MI origins they would find this article interesting because it also contains a lot of early Mason County History. The other two articles have considerable early history information. We will review in detail in a future issue of The Four Drive.

### The Journals of

## Charles Wesley Fitch Sr.

We have previously reported on our progress in transcribing grandpa's journals. I have often wondered how early in his life did he start recording in his journals? Our first transcription was for the year 1900. The journal for 1900 was the earliest we have run across. Recently we found within the pages of the 1904 journal a snippet of a page for the year 1898. This page only has a few entries, so we decided to include in this issue of The Four Drive

### 1898

Dec. 9, Friday

Made road to wood. Split wood and shanked some out. Broke Double-tree. Ethel<sup>22</sup> came over and stayed all night.

Dec. 10, Saturday

Got up at four-went down to unckles and cut stalks.

Dec. 11, Sunday

Went to Summit

Foggy all day.

Dec. 12, Monday

Rained all day.

Cut the rubbish that was in the wood shed.

Ground cutting box knives.

Put straw over the stable.

Dec. 13, Tuesday

Wind blows 50 over 50 miles an hour.

Tried to grind and cut stalks. Mill would not stay in gear.

Lathed up stairs.

After supper ground feed for Gillette.

Broke cutting Box.

Dec. 14, Wednesday

Went over to Edwards to look at a cutting box.

Put west storm door on.

Put a slide on the north door.

Lathed up stairs.

Barks came and stayed till ten o'clock.

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This is the earliest known of Charle's journals. He would have been 20 years old at this time, having been born in 1878. Full transcriptions for the years of 1900, 1908 and 1955 are available. At this writing, just prior to printing of this issue of The Four Drive, I am somewhat surprised that no interest was expressed for copies of the recently transcribed 1955 diary. Do I conclude from this that there is no justification for continuing additional transcriptions? Or does this mean the newsletter is not being read and our subscribers did not see the announcement?<sup>23</sup>

<sup>22</sup> Ethel Vivian Rose, later, 1902, to be his wife.

<sup>23</sup> This is known as fine print, we will wait and see how closely it is read.

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