

The Other Branches

The Dixon Family of New Boston, IL

by Christopher Dixon

The article "*The Aunts*" from "*The Four Drive*" Vol. IV, No. 1 (#20) dated May 14, 2000, introduced my Grandmother, Arlene Doris Fitch. This article will introduce her husband, Clifford Earl Dixon, and his family line. Featured is a short biography on each person (compiled from information from obituaries and biographical sketches), a six generation ancestor report and a discussion on interesting research techniques that I used.

Five generations of my Dixon family lived in the small Mississippi River town of New Boston, IL. Located in Mercer County (17,000 people), New Boston is situated about 35 miles southwest of the Quad City area of Davenport, Iowa and Rock Island, IL. New Boston has had a population of around 700 people for over the last 150 years.

My Grandfather, **Clifford Earl Dixon**, was born on 9 September 1915 on a farm near New Boston. The only child of **Earl and Helen (Kellogg) Dixon**, he spent his entire childhood at his father's pony farm in New Boston and graduated from New Boston High School on 25 May 1933. Clifford enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps in January 1937. His record stated that he had blue eyes, brown hair and fair complexion and was 5'9" at age 21. He served at Camp Ludington at Pere Marquette State Park in Ludington, MI and then at Camp Wolverine at Clarion, MI, located southeast of Petoskey. He was honorably discharged on 22 June 1937 to accept employment as a truck driver and moved into Ludington. On 15 August 1937, he married **Arlene Doris Fitch** in Ludington. After their marriage, the young couple lived for a few months in Ludington, and then moved to Warsaw and Washington, Indiana. They then moved back to Ludington where they resided for three years. The family then moved to Illinois in New Boston. They moved to Moline and Colona near Rock Island and back to Mercer County where they lived in New Boston and Aledo before settling in Burgess in 1947. Clifford worked as a truck driver for various companies in Mercer and Rock Island Counties and was a tool & die maker as well as a shopworker at a farm machinery shop. He was the advisor of Boy Scout Explorer's Post 29 of Aledo and was very active in scout work. He had attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, PA with his troop one month prior to his death. He died at the age of 41 due to a stroke on 29 August 1957 in the Mercer County Hospital, Aledo, IL where he had been admitted 2 days prior. He is buried at Lakeview Cemetery, Ludington, MI. ¹

Working Together

The Four Drive can only be published regularly with the help of our readership and the information that they submit. While most of our readership are related by the Fitch/Lano/Rose/Heath ancestral trees, it should not be implied that The Four Drive is limited to information relating to these branches. We are interested in the other branches too. Information and the research efforts relating to the other branches can be interesting and helpful to all of us. We had hoped to include in this issue some material regarding Chinnery family, but because of the lack of room, this material will be carried over until the next issue. Thanks to Chris Dixon and Judith Stock for material in this issue.

¹ Obituary - *Aledo Times Record*, 4 Sep 1957, sect 2, pg. 1 & 6}

Parents

Earl Monroe Dixon was born on 31 Jul 1888 in New Boston, the only son of **Frank C. and Josephine (Hartwig) Dixon**. When Earl was 14 years old in 1902, he bought a spotted mare for \$87.50 from a farmer while on his livery-stable rounds and brought her home to foal a stud colt. He sold the stud for \$75, to astound his father and put him in business for himself, and he still had the mare and most of his money back. Despite the fact that his father's opposition continued, Earl persisted in his desire to build a great herd of Shetlands. From the mare came seven fillies in a row, and the first of these had six fillies consecutively. He graduated from New Boston High School on 11 May 1906. While showing the spotted mare proudly on the church lawn, he met **Helen Loraine Kellogg**, who was to become his wife and constant aid in the Shetland business. They were married on 30 Jun 1910 in New Boston. In 1910, Earl went to Peoria, IL and purchased a dappled chestnut yearling for \$150. The colt's name was "Orloff" who was foaled 26 June 1909. Earl and Helen used his first set of daughters, bred back to "Orloff" to give them their real start with the silver dapples. A list of his get included between 50 and 60 ponies that were listed in the American Shetland Pony Club breed registry. With a ratio of about three to one, filly colts to horse colts, the get of "Orloff" then went on to present him with about 250 recorded grandsons and granddaughters. In 1918, Earl became the "boy-president" of The American Shetland Pony Club. He won 3 trophies at the 1919 Michigan State Fair for a Welsh Pony Champion Mare, a Welsh Pony Champion Stallion and a Shetland Pony Champion Mare.

In 1927, when "Orloff" was eighteen years old, he was sold to E.W. "Shorty" Beghtol of Lincoln, IL. "Shorty" had been given his start on the circuit by the Dixons, when as a youth they took him with them to St. Louis, Kansas City and then Chicago. This was shortly after the Earl and Helen had graduated to the big time racing circuits. Earl had a deep, sincere and loyal interest in raising ponies. Even with faltering economic times and family crisis, his love for his ponies never changed. With a father ever lacking sympathy for his son's pony interests, and with the bank crashes of the early 1930's draining his resources, he was hard-pressed to give up his love. Earl stated that "if it hadn't been for the ponies, we wouldn't have eaten." He sold many ponies to the circus and to soap manufacturers who used them as prizes at grocery stores in return for wrapper contests. Once, he bought a carload of Shetland stallions and geldings and shipped them to England for mine work. In February 1936, a fire destroyed their house at the farm and they lost everything. Earl had several strokes from then until time of death, which was due to a stroke caused by high blood pressure. He died 21 Apr 1937 in New Boston at the age of 48. ²

Helen Loraine Kellogg was born 15 August 1890 in Oneida, Knox Co, IL. Her parents, **William and Mary (Collins) Kellogg**, brought her to New Boston when she was only a few weeks old. From then, she made her home in New Boston the rest of her life. She was known as the greatest woman driver of her day, traveling the major show circuits with her husband and their ponies for many years. Later, she worked as a telephone operator. Helen was found dead in her home in New Boston on 27 Feb 1958 by her sister-in-law Estelle Willits and Estelle's niece Mildred Tighe, who went to pay Helen a visit. ^{3 4}

Grand Parents

Frank Clifford Dixon was born 18 July 1859 in New Boston, a son of **William and Mary (Beach) Dixon**. His boyhood and youth were spent in New Boston where his education being received in the local public schools. He left school to work on farms. He operated the Scudder house livery stable for a time as well as the Myers hotel livery stable until he was 22 years of age when he went into business for himself, opening a livery stable behind his home. He ran this livery stable until 1917 when automobiles made the business unprofitable. Known by friends as "F.C.", he married **Josephine Hartwig**, the daughter of **George and Amelia (Tolle) Hartwig**, in New Boston on 22 December 1886. He engaged in farming and stock-raising on 320 acres of land situated within a mile of the town and made his home in New Boston. He specialized in pure-blooded Shire horses, Shetland ponies and shorthorn cattle for more than sixty years. He had one of the best herds of Shetland ponies in the section of the state and his activities as a raiser of high grade stock return him a handsome profit. At one time, he was credited with having the largest pony farm in the nation with over 200 Shetland, Welsh and Hackney ponies. He entered his animals in state and county fairs all over the country - such as the Denver Show and the International Stock Show in Chicago - with his ponies winning numerous blue ribbons. His farm was

² "The REAL Story of . . . ORLOFF!", Jim Roberts, "American Shetland Pony Journal", March 1953, pp. 6-7, 15, 27.

³ Ibid

⁴ Obituary - Aledo Times record, 8 March 1958

nationally known as a breeding and training place for exposition ponies with many of the ponies being sold to Ringling Brothers Circus. He had a famous racing trotter named "Josephine D" (named after his wife) that he raced at fairs all over western Illinois and was a winner. He had operated a dairy in connection with the pony business and at one time, managed a furniture store and later a grocery store. F.C. was also prominent in the financial circles of the town and was connected with the State Bank for many years, having been associated with it when it was yet a private institution. In 1904, the bank was incorporated under the state laws and he became one of its directors. He was for some time manager of the institution and in 1907 was elected vice president, continuing in that capacity until January, 1910 when he became president until it closed in 1930. As executive head, he has directed its policy for years, and its steady growth during his first four years was due in large measure to his wisdom and enterprise.⁵



He had always had the welfare of the public school system much at heart, realizing that a democracy must depend upon the intelligence and knowledge of its citizens. As school trustee, he had for many years done much to raise the standard of the schools of the community. He was a man of agreeable personality and of tried integrity, and these traits have won for him many staunch friends. After suffering 3 strokes and became blind from glaucoma, he was so well vested in his field of pony raising that he could judge a pony's value and condition with his hands. He retired from the pony business in 1945 at the age of 86. F.C. died on 31 July 1946 at Hershey Hospital, Muscatine, Muscatine Co, Iowa after a brief illness.^{6,7}

Josephine Hartwig, was born in New Boston on 14 January 1861. She won many friends, to whom she was true and steadfast by her kindly and agreeable ways. Her greatest pleasure was in her home and ministering to her family. She was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 204, New Boston Chapter. She died at her home in New Boston on 23 July 1917. {obituary - *Aledo Democrat*, 31 July 1917}

Emeline (Son) Kellogg, was born 19 March 1851, in Austerlitz, Columbia Co, NY. As a small boy of four, he emigrated with his parents to Oneida, Knox Co, IL where he grew to manhood. He was united in marriage to **Mary Alma Collins** on 15 May 1884 in New Boston. He followed the occupation of paper hanging, painting and carpenter at New Boston for many years and held the offices of justice of the peace and notary public. In later years, he was a newspaper reporter.

He was a Spiritualist by faith, he was a life member of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association at Clinton, Iowa, and held the office of secretary of the association for 12 years. He was a good citizen, a kind and loving father and husband. He passed away at his home in New Boston on 22 August 1936. {obituary - *Aledo Times Record*, 26 Aug 1936}



Kelloggs Store Front⁸

⁵ Map showing location of Dixon Pony Farm near New Boston, Mercer Co., IL

⁶ Ibid, 31 July 1946

⁷ "Past and Present of Mercer County", by Isaac N. Bassett, Vol. II, 1914, pg. 468-70.

⁸ William and Mary Kellogg and their daughter Helen with Earl Dixon outside their restaurant in Clinton, Iowa.

Mary Alma Collins was born on 3 April 1859 in Fairfield, Jefferson Co, Iowa to **William J. and Susan (Turner) Collins**. When she was about seven years old, she was adopted with her sister Cora, by Lyman and Helen Scudder of New Boston, and was reared and educated there. She was also a member of the Spiritualist faith with her husband. Mary died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leota Welch, in New Boston on 8 March 1945. {obituary - *Aledo Times Record*, 9 March 1945}



Dixons-3 Generations⁹

Great Grand Parents

William Henry Dixon was born at Canal Dover, Wayne Co, OH on 20 July 1831 to **Rev. Jacob and Mary S. (Hall) Dixon**. William was reared and educated in Ohio. He came to New Boston on 10 October 1851 and established a tailor shop which he conducted for the rest of his life. The work which he did was thoroughly satisfactory and his customers were among the best people of the town. He not only prospered in a business way, but won the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. He was united in marriage on 2 October 1855 to **Mary J. Beach**. He was a good man and had lived a Christian life. He was an exemplary citizen and had the respect of everyone in the community and was a member of New Boston Lodge A.F. & A.M. for over 50 years and was one of its oldest members. William always voted the Republican ticket and was much interested in all that pertains to the public welfare. Although he kept himself well informed on all questions, he never desired public office.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, giving loyal support to that organization, and also held membership in the Masonic Order and had many friends in that body. He always found his greatest enjoyment in his home and exemplified in his life the virtues of honesty, kindness and watchful care over his own. William died at his home in New Boston on 4 July 1905 from complications after a fall from the roof of his residence on 20 April and was severely injured with a broken femur. Although he was nearly 74 years of age, he was a man of exceptionally good health. ¹⁰obituary - *The Aledo Democrat*, 11 July 1905.}

Mary Jennet (Jeannette or Jeanett) Beach was born on 28 May 1838 in Derby Township, New Haven Co, CT. Her parents were **Hubbard and Hannah (Stannard) Beach**. She belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church and was the oldest member of the congregation at the time of her death. She was a Sunday school teacher for many years and was president of the Ladies' Aid Society. Mary passed away at her home on 2 May 1918 in New Boston. {obituary - *Aledo Times Record*, 9 May 1918}

George John Hartwig was born in 1827 in Hessia, Germany. George immigrated to New Boston in 1855. He started a dry goods store in 1856 and operated it until death in 1889. He married **Amelia Tolle** on 13 April 1856 in New Boston. George also had a small grocery store called "Hartwig & Tolle" that he ran with brother-in-law Henry Tolle.

Amelia was born 19 May 1838 in Hanover, Germany - the daughter of **Charlotte Tolle**, who was also born in Hanover. With her mother, she came to New Boston on 6 November 1852. After George's death, Amelia changed name of store to "A. Hartwig" and continued the business until she died in New Boston on 4 March 1907. Amelia was a prompt and capable business woman, a staunch friend and loving mother. She was brought up in the German Lutheran Church and at the age of fourteen was confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She later united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and continued in that faith until her death. {"*Early Business History*", Zella Weilding, "*History of New Boston*", New Boston High School Class of 1906, pg 13. obituary - *Aledo Times Record*, 7 March 1907 and *Aledo Democrat*, 12 March 1907}

Great Great Grand Parents

Rev. Jacob Dixon, a Methodist minister, was born on 20 May 1793 in Virginia. He married **Mary Smith Hall**, daughter of **Rev. Eskridge Hall**, on 12 March 1817 in Pike Co, OH. Jacob and Mary moved to Wayne Co, OH and later to Washington Co, OH. **Mary** was also born in Virginia.

Benjamin Hubbard Beach was born on 21 September 1796 in North Haven Township, New Haven Co, CT, the son of **Giles and Mary (Dayton) Beach**. Known as "Hubbard", he served in the War of 1812. He

⁹ F.C. Dixon, Earl M. Dixon and Clifford E. Dixon, circa 1921.

¹⁰ "*Past and Present of Mercer County*", by Isaac N. Bassett, Vol. II, 1914, pg 468-470

married **Hannah Stannard** on 23 November 1825 in New Haven, CT. Hubbard moved his family to New Boston, IL in October 1846 to follow his trade as a house painter. In May 1849, the family returned east, as they were greatly desirous of once more seeing familiar places. In 1852, he received land warrants in return for his service in the War of 1812, and came again to New Boston in June of that year to take up his land there. He passed away on 7 October 1855 in New Boston. He was a member of the Baptist church and was much interested in its progress. ¹¹

Hannah Stannard was born in New Malbrough, Berkshire Co, MA on 24 February 1793 to **John and Hepzibah (Hewitt) Stannard**. At the age of 28, she embraced religion and united with the Baptist Church. She was an affectionate Christian mother and was unassuming and unobtrusive. After her husband Hubbard passed away, she resided with her daughter and son-in-law Mary and William Dixon. She passed away at their residence in New Boston on 3 February 1864. Obituary - *Aledo Weekly Record*, 24 February 1864}

The **BEACH, DAYTON, STANNARD, HEWITT, KELLOGG, STARK, MALLORY and DOUGLAS** families all originated in England. The immigrant ancestors of these families were prominent families in Massachusetts and Connecticut in the mid-to-late 1600's.

Research techniques

Having many generations of a family living in the same county makes research much easier than if the family continuously moved. I had many birth, death and marriage dates from my Grandmother that she received from Aunt Estelle Dixon Willets (Earl Dixon's sister). After attending Aunt Estelle's funeral in February 1991, my Father sent me gravestone photos from the New Boston Cemetery. During our family trip from Washington state to Michigan in 1995, we stopped at New Boston and took additional photos of gravestones but could not find Hubbard and Hannah Beach nor William and Mary Dixon's gravestones. We then stopped at the Mercer County Courthouse in Aledo and located death records for Earl, F.C. and William Dixon.

Later that year, I located the Mercer County GenWeb site on the Internet where I posted a few queries regarding the New Boston families. Another researcher sent me a photocopy of Hannah Beach's obituary. From that information, I was able to find Hannah's birth record in the LDS IGIndex (Latter Day Saints International Genealogical Index) as well as her parents' birth record. I was then able to find additional Beach and Stannard information from LDS IGIndex and Ancestral File and on the Internet from other researchers. A branch of the Beach line connects to Yale family of which Yale University of New Haven, CT is founded. The Beach, Dayton, Stannard, Yale, Hewitt, Bassett, Spencer and Douglas families and lines were prominent in settling many areas of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

A researcher at Mercer County Historical Society and Museum sent me obituary on Amelia Hartwig. In 1998 on a return trip from Michigan to Washington, we stopped at the Historical Society to search for obituaries. The Historical Society has an excellent obituary record system. I was able to find obituaries for Clifford, F.C., William, Helen, Josephine and Mary J. Dixon and William Kellogg as well as locating F.C. and William Dixon's biographical sketches in the "*History of Mercer County*" book. Wanted to stop at the courthouse but we ran out of time and needed to do more research at home to see what information I actually had found and plan from there. We did stop back at the New Boston Cemetery and finally located the graves for Hubbard and Hannah Beach and William and Mary Dixon.

Once I returned home in Washington, I had William Kellogg's birth date and place and parents from his obituary. I went to the local LDS church and found his birth listed in LDS IGIndex. I then found his father Elisha's and mother Olive's birth and parents. Using this information, I then searched the LDS Ancestral File and found Kellogg and Mallory family lines back 10 generations from William's paternal grandparents to the 1500's. The Kellogg, Stark, Mallory and Douglas families all came from England and settled in Massachusetts and Connecticut including the New London, CT area where I am now currently living. The LDS IGIndex listed William's mother's maiden name Emeline SON. I have found a few SON/ZON/SOHN families in Columbia Co, NY but not find her parents. I believe that I have located her uncles and grandparents at this time.

¹¹ Ibid, page 469

From William H. Dixon's biography and obituary, I had his parent's names as well as father's birth date. A search of the LDS IGIndex located their marriage in Pike Co, OH as well as Mary's middle name. From there, I went to the Pike Co, OH GenWeb site on the Internet and found that her father Eskridge Hall was listed as living in Pike Co, OH during the 1820 and 1830 censuses. At this time, I do not know Eskridge's wife's name, Eskridge's birth or death information or Mary's birth or death. I do have Jacob Dixon's birth date but no specific location in Virginia. I have had no luck with locating his parents at this time.

Ancestral Report for Clifford Earl Dixon, Sr. - 5 generations

1. **Clifford Earl Dixon, Sr.** b. 9 Sep 1915, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, m. 15 Aug 1937, in Ludington, Mason Co, MI, **Arlene Doris Fitch**, b. 15 Aug 1919, Ludington, Mason Co, MI. Clifford died 29 Aug 1957, Aledo, Mercer Co, IL, buried: Nov 1958, Lakeview Cemetery, Ludington, Mason Co, MI.

Parents

2. **Earl Monroe Dixon** b. 31 Jul 1888, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, m. 30 Jun 1910, in New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, **Helen Loraine Kellogg**. Earl died 21 Apr 1937, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, buried: Apr 1937, New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.
3. **Helen Loraine Kellogg** b. 15 Aug 1890, Oneida, Ontario Twp, Knox Co, IL, d. 27 Feb 1958, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, buried: 1 Mar 1958, New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.

Children:

1. i **Clifford Earl Dixon, Sr.** b. 9 Sep 1915, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, m. **Arlene Doris Fitch**.

Grand Parents

4. **Frank Clifford Dixon** b. 18 Jul 1859, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, m. 22 Dec 1886, in New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, **Josephine Hartwig**. Frank died 31 Jul 1946, Muscatine, Muscatine Co, IA, buried: New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.
5. **Josephine Hartwig** b. 14 Jan 1861, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, d. 23 Jul 1917, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, buried: 25 Jul 1917, New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.

Children:

2. i **Earl Monroe Dixon** b. 31 Jul 1888m m. **Helen Loraine Kellogg**.
 ii **Florence Kate Dixon** b. 7 Oct 1897, m. 22 Aug 1919, **James F. Brashear**. Florence died 4 Jan 1924.
 iii **Helen Estelle Dixon** b. 15 Sep 1899, m. 7 Feb 1924, in New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, **Lorin Willits**, b. 14 Sep 1894, Smithsburg Twp, Mears Co, IL, d. 10 Jul 1964, buried: 15 Jul 1964, New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL. Helen died 18 Feb 1991, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL.
6. **William Marvin Kellogg** b. 19 Mar 1851, Austerlitz, Columbia Co, NY, m. 15 May 1884, in New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, **Mary Alma Collins (Scudder)**. William died 22 Aug 1936, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, buried: 24 Aug 1936, New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.
7. **Mary Alma Collins (Scudder)** b. 3 Apr 1859, Fairfield, Jefferson Co, IA, d. 8 Mar 1945, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, buried: 10 Mar 1945, New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.

Children:

- i **Leota M. Kellogg** b. 17 Apr 1886, m. **Charles L. Welch**, b. 1883, d. 1940. Leota died Dec 1973, Eliza, Mercer Co, IL.
3. ii **Helen Loraine Kellogg** b. 15 Aug 1890, m. **Earl Monroe Dixon**.

Great Grand Parents

8. **William Henry Dixon** b. 20 Jul 1831, Canal Dover, Wayne Co, OH, m. 3 Oct 1855, in New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, **Mary Jennet Beach**. William died 4 Jul 1905, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, buried: 6 Jul 1905, New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.
9. **Mary Jennet Beach** b. 28 May 1838, Derby Twp, New Haven Co, CT, d. 2 May 1918, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, buried: 4 May 1918, New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.

Children:

- i **Clarence Edgar Dixon** b. 23 Feb 1858, m. 28 Apr 1883, **Ida May Osburne**. Clarence died 28 May 1904, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, buried: 29 May 1904, New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.
4. ii **Frank Clifford Dixon** b. 18 Jul 1859, m. **Josephine Hartwig**.
 iii **Sharon Hubbard Dixon** b. 25 Jun 1862, Illinois.
 iv **Fred Vernon Dixon** b. 29 Jun 1866, m. 29 Jan 1896, in New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, **Maude Patterson**, d. Apr 1940. Fred died 29 Jan 1946, Rock Island, Rock Island Co, IL.
10. **George John Hartwig** b. 1827, Hessia, Germany, m. 13 Apr 1856, in New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, **Amelia Tolle**. George died 1889, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, buried: New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.

11. **Amelia Tolle** b. 19 May 1838, Hanover, Germany, d. 4 Mar 1907, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, buried: New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.

Children:

- i **Emma E. Hartwig** b. 1858, m. **Monroe G. Reynolds**. Emma died Jul 1893.
 5. ii **Josephine Hartwig** b. 14 Jan 1861, m. **Frank Clifford Dixon**.
 iii **Louis G. Hartwig** b. 20 Mar 1863, m. 12 Oct 1898, **Jennie Hudson**, b. 28 Jul 1864, (daughter of John Wesley Hudson and Anna Hudson) d. 27 Jan 1924, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL. Louis died 7 May 1915.
 iv **Kate Hartwig** b. 1865, d. 1948.
12. **Dennis Kellogg** b. 26 Feb 1810, Austerlitz, Columbia Co, NY, m. **Emeline Son**.
13. **Emeline Son**.

Children:

- i **Charles E. Kellogg**.
 ii **Marian Melissa Kellogg** b. 18 Apr 1844, Austerlitz, Columbia Co, NY, m. 17 Oct 1867, in Knoxville, Knox Co, IL, **John Wesley Gladman**.
 6. iii **William Marvin Kellogg** b. 19 Mar 1851, Austerlitz, Columbia Co, NY, m. **Mary Alma Collins Scudder**.
14. **William J. Collins** m. **Susanna Turner**.
15. **Susanna Turner**.

Children:

7. i **Mary Alma Collins** b. 3 Apr 1859, m. **William Marvin Kellogg**.
 ii **Cora Collins** b. Dec 1862, Iowa.

Great Great Grand Parents

16. **Reverend Jacob Dixon** b. 20 May 1793, Virginia, m. 12 Mar 1817, in Pike Co, OH, **Mary Smith Hall**.

17. **Mary Smith Hall** b. Virginia.

Children:

8. i **William Henry Dixon** b. 20 Jul 1831, m. **Mary Jennet Beach**.
 ii **Mary J. Dixon** m. **Mr. Smith**.
18. **Benjamin Hubbard Beach** b. 21 Sep 1796, North Haven Twp, New Haven Co, CT, m. 23 Nov 1825, in New Haven, New Haven Co, CT, **Hannah Stannard**. Benjamin died 7 Oct 1855, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, buried: New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.
19. **Hannah Stannard** b. 24 Feb 1793, New Marlboro, Berkshire Co, MA, d. 3 Feb 1864, New Boston, Mercer Co, IL, buried: New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.

Children:

- i **Miss Beach** b. 27 Aug 1826, North Haven, New Haven Co, CT.
 ii **Master (son) Beach** b. 27 Nov 1828, North Haven, New Haven Co, CT.
 iii **John Francis Beach** b. 20 May 1831, North Haven, New Haven Co, CT.
 iv **Master (son) Beach** b. 21 Sep 1835, North Haven, New Haven Co, CT.
 9. v **Mary Jennet Beach** b. 28 May 1838, Derby Twp, New Haven Co, CT, m. **William Henry Dixon**.
22. **Mr. Tolle** b. Germany, m. in Germany, **Charlotte** _____. Mr. died bef 1860.

23. **Charlotte** _____ b. 1795, Hanover, Germany, d. aft 1870, buried: New Boston Cemetery, Mercer Co, IL.

Children:

- i **Charles Henry Tolle** b. 1825, m. **Rebecca Tolle**, b. 1838, Illinois.
 ii **Jane Tolle** b. 1833, Hanover, Germany.
 11. iii **Amelia Tolle** b. 19 May 1838, m. **George John Hartwig**.
24. **Elisha Kellogg** b. 4 Aug 1779, Hebron, Tolland Co, CT, m. **Olive Mallory**.
25. **Olive Mallory** b. 23 Jan 1789, Cornwall, Litchfield Co, CT.

Children:

12. i **Dennis Kellogg** b. 26 Feb 1810, Austerlitz, Columbia Co, NY, m. **Emeline Son**.
 ii **James Douglas Kellogg** b. 28 Nov 1812, Austerlitz, Columbia Co, NY.
 iii **Olive Mallory Kellogg** b. 24 Jan 1814, Austerlitz, Columbia Co, NY.
 iv **Benjamin Kellogg** b. 27 Jan 1816, Austerlitz, Columbia Co, NY, m. **Caroline Kellogg**, b. 1829, d. 1900, buried: Ontario Twp, Knox Co, IL. Benjamin died 1867, buried: Ontario Twp, Knox Co, IL.
 v **Elisha Bradley Kellogg** b. 24 May 1818, Austerlitz, Columbia Co, NY.
 vi **Lucy Ann Kellogg** b. 11 Mar 1820, Austerlitz, Columbia Co, NY.
 vii **Harriet Newell Kellogg** b. 11 Jun 1824.

3rd Great Grand Parents

34. **Reverend Eskridge Hall** Lived in Pikerton Twp, Pike Co, OH in 1820 and 1830 US Census.

Children:

17. i **Mary Smith Hall**, m. **Jacob Dixon**.
36. **Giles Beach** b. 13 Jan 1765, Derby, New Haven Co, CT, m. 3 May 1789, in New Haven, New Haven Co, CT, **Mary Dayton**. Giles died 22 Jun 1847, buried: Old Cem, Montowese, New Haven Co, CT.

37. **Mary Dayton** b. 4 Sep 1765, New Haven, New Haven Co, CT, d. 19 Mar 1829, buried: Old Cem, Montowese, New Haven Co, CT.
Children:
- i **Bede Beach** b. 1 Apr 1790, New Haven, New Haven Co, CT, m. **Samuel Hemingway**. Bede died 30 Jun 1889.
 - ii **Ancy Beach** b. 5 Mar 1792, North Haven Twp, New Haven Co, CT, d. 1 Oct 1794, buried: Old Cem, Montowese, New Haven Co, CT.
 - iii **Joseph Dayton Beach** b. 8 Jan 1794, North Haven Twp, New Haven Co, CT.
 - iv **Ormelia Beach** b. 6 Oct 1795, New Haven, New Haven Co, CT, d. 6 Oct 1795.
18. v **Benjamin Hubard Beach** b. 21 Sep 1796, m. **Hannah Stannard**.
vi **Jonathan Beach** b. 11 Feb 1799, North Haven Twp, New Haven Co, CT, d. 26 Feb 1799, New Haven, New Haven Co, CT.
vii **Giles Beach** b. 11 Feb 1799, North Haven Twp, New Haven Co, CT, d. 4 Mar 1799, New Haven, New Haven Co, CT.
viii **Mary Beach** b. 1 Jan 1800, North Haven Twp, New Haven Co, CT, d. 19 Apr 1809, New Haven, New Haven Co, CT, buried: Old Cem, Montowese, New Haven Co, CT.
ix **Abraham Beach** b. 24 Dec 1801, North Haven Twp, New Haven Co, CT, m. 4 Oct 1824, in New Haven, New Haven Co, CT, **Rhoda Dorathy**.
x **Ancy or Amy Beach** b. 1 Jun 1805, North Haven Twp, New Haven Co, CT, m. **George Alva Miner**. Ancy died 21 Dec 1886, New Haven, New Haven Co, CT.
xi **Sharon Yale Beach** b. 21 May 1809, New Haven, New Haven Co, CT, d. 27 Mar 1899.
38. **John Stannard** b. 11 Nov 1754, Suffield, Hartford Co, CT, Hartford, Hartford Co, CT, m. (1) **Mary**, m. (2) **Hepzibah Hewitt**. John died 1852, New Marlboro, Berkshire Co, MA.
39. **Hepzibah Hewitt** b. 11 Sep 1766, Canaan, Litchfield Co, CT.
Children:
- i **John Stannard** b. 23 May 1780.
 - ii **Mary Stannard** b. 29 Dec 1782.
 - iii **Mary Stannard** b. 1 Oct 1789.
 - iv **Betty Stannard** b. 9 May 1791.
19. v **Hannah Stannard** b. 24 Feb 1793, m. **Benjamin Hubard Beach**.
vi **Gershom Stannard** b. 11 Aug 1794, New Marlboro, Berkshire Co, MA, d. 30 Aug 1879, Winchester, Litchfield Co, CT.
vii **Rebeckah Stannard** b. 29 Dec 1796.
viii **Mahelch Stannard** b. 22 Dec 1798.
ix **Sally Stannard** b. 14 Oct 1800.
x **Joseph Stannard** b. 26 Oct 1802.
xi **Hiram Stannard** b. 2 Jul 1805.
xii **Angilina Stannard** b. 20 Jul 1807.
xiii **Orson Stannard** b. 25 Sep 1809.
xiv **Ambros Stannard** b. 4 Jul 1812, d. in Civil War.
48. **Benjamin Kellogg** b. 25 May 1745, Hebron, Tolland Co, CT, m. 1765, in Hebron, Tolland Co, CT, **Phebe Stark**.
49. **Phebe Stark** b. 2 Jan 1746, Hebron, Tolland Co, CT.
Children:
- i **Phoebe Kellogg** b. 1770, Hebron, Tolland Co, CT.
 - ii **Elizabeth Kellogg** b. 1772, Hebron, Tolland Co, CT.
 - iii **Abigail Kellogg** b. 1774/75, Hebron, Tolland Co, CT.
 - iv **Lydia Kellogg** b. 15 May 1777, Hebron, Tolland Co, CT.
24. v **Elisha Kellogg** b. 4 Aug 1779, m. **Emeline Son**.
vi **Samuel Kellogg** b. 4 Sep 1781, Hebron, Tolland Co, CT.
vii **Benjamin Kellogg** b. 7 Feb 1784, Hebron, Tolland Co, CT.
viii **Marvin Kellogg** b. 1792, Hebron, Tolland Co, CT.
50. **Eliakim Mallory** b. abt 1748, New Haven, New Haven Co, CT, m. (1) 13 Oct 1771, Sarah Bradley, m. (2) 20 Dec 1785, **Olive Douglas**. Eliakim died 5 Nov 1817, Cornwall, Litchfield Co, CT.
51. **Olive Douglas** b. 1745, Cornwall, Litchfield Co, CT, m. (1) 20 Dec 1785, **Eliakim Mallory**, m. (2) Thomas Johnson. Olive died 26 Jan 1820, Cornwall, Litchfield Co, CT.
Children:
- i **Elisha Bradley Mallory** b. 15 Nov 1786, Cornwall, Litchfield Co, CT, m. 25 Sep 1806, **Tabitha Clark**.
25. ii **Olive Mallory** b. 23 Jan 1789, m. **Elisha Kellogg**.

The Stock Family

Life Back Then: my story¹²

Jean Olive Stock-Payne
1922 - 1997

I was born on December 12, 1922. My parents, Harold and Jean Stock, had a one-year job transfer to St. Louis, Missouri, otherwise, I have spent most of my life in the Detroit area. During all of my early childhood and school years, there were just the two of us, my sister, Janice and I. When I was a senior in high school, my sister, Judy, was born—a surprise and not an immediate joy to my mother.

My mother, Imogene Marie Van Court, was the only daughter, the little princess they called her, after two sons. She lived the rest of her life as the little princess, wanting and expecting to be treated as one. From the time I was twelve years old, I felt like HER mother. A passive-aggressive person, she leaned on people. Her husband, my father, couldn't take a lifetime of being leaned on. He took to drinking excessively and left.



Grandmother Areson, her mother, came from good Southern Methodist stock. Her father was a minister in the faith somewhere in Alabama. Olive Aletta Spencer was the last child and only girl. She had seven older brothers. She always said that her mother hated her and liked only the boys. At an early age, as was the custom then, she married a man considerably older than herself, George Van Court, of Dutch descent. They produced three children, the oldest son, Charles Kenneth and then Royal, then Imogene, called Jean for short.

I never met Royal but I was aware that he was the family favorite. All of the virtues must have settled themselves on him. Perhaps that was because he died early. His work was hotel management. He was assistant manager of the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago and became the first manager of the Cliff House in San Francisco. He kept in touch with his mother with letters and post cards, some of which we still have. He sent her money and was generally a good and wonderful son.

Charles Kenneth, on the other hand, was an itinerant musician. Traveling about the country, he sometimes sent money home to his mother and sometimes borrowed from her. He, unlike Royal, did marry and had two children. There was a son, Kenneth Junior, who, we heard, settled in Hamilton, Ontario. I have a vague recollection of a daughter. No name comes to me though, or that of his wife. I don't remember either of them ever visiting.

Grandmother was an unusual lady for her times. She divorced her husband, took her three children and moved up from the south to Chicago. Undoubtedly, that unprecedented behavior was the reason she never heard from her family again. An exception was one brother, Charlie



Imogene, Jean and Janice

¹² My Story by Jean Olive Stock - Payne, sister to Judith Stock. Jean and Judith are our cousins by having same common great grandfather Henry Rose.

Spencer, who moved to Dallas, Texas and owned a jewelry store. We have post cards of his store with him standing in front of the counter.

This was the early 1900s and grandmother supported her family by writing book reviews for the local newspapers. Royal watched over the kids sometimes while grandmother worked. One of the stories they tell was that they lived across the hall from and were great friends with Buddy Rodgers, the movie star, and his grandmother. He apparently lived with his grandmother and when he became famous in the movie world, my mother always mentioned that they were raised together.

One of grandmother's sayings was, "It's just as easy to fall in love with a rich man as a poor one." This she did. And married her second husband, Charles Wesley Areson. Olive and Charles Wesley moved their family to Detroit where they became pillars of the Metropolitan Methodist Church- what else, with a name like Charles Wesley. Charles continued the adoration of Imogene, only he called her "Baby Doll." She, in turn, referred to him as "Daddy," and seemed to adore him in return. We never heard again from George Van Court, father of the children.

On my father's side of the family, his parents were Samuel Stock and Nellie Lansing Stock. Both were brought over from England by their parents when very young. They settled in Detroit where Sam was a butcher and Nellie a housewife. Harold, my father was the oldest, his brother, Glenn was next in line, then the daughter, Elizabeth or Betty. I remember my grandmother Stock as a large woman wearing long dresses with an apron and always carrying huge loads of laundry to hang in the yard. She used to bake bread, rolls and cookies once a week and made my sister and me little individual loafs for us.



Janice(l) and Jean with
Grandmother Stock

When we were quite young we were often taken on a family outing to visit Grandma Stock's sister, Hattie, who lived in a grand rambling old house in New Baltimore, Michigan. Since New Baltimore was nearly 50 miles away, this was a major excursion, the cars and roads being what they were then. This was not a problem for my father, however, as he, being in one of his prosperous periods, had a splendid auto, a Marmon. It was tan with chrome wire wheels, side-mounted tires and even a dog seat in the back. This car was probably the equivalent of owning a Rolls Royce today. Many of the visits to Aunt Hat's (she may have been grandmother's aunt instead of sister, I don't know) consisted of a trip to the cemetery to tidy up the graves, lay flowers and to have a picnic. Apparently, it was common practice then to picnic in graveyards. I remember running about playing tag and being admonished not to step on the headstones.

There was another aunt, Helen, with a daughter, Marion. Marion never married and was known as the spinster of the family. She lived with her mother in Detroit. We didn't see them much or know them well, as my mother did not mix readily with that part of the family, considering them beneath her. Aunt Betty, father's sister never had any children so we missed having cousins to grow up with.

When I was five or six, we moved from Detroit to Ferndale, a distance of 20 miles north. I remember running out in the backyard and waving vigorously when a plane went over. This was still the 1920s and planes were not that common yet. We had streetcars too. Grandmother Areson, who lived with us, used to take me on the streetcar to Detroit with her to shop. Streetcars ran on tracks down the middle of Woodward Avenue a greenbelt median stretching all the way

from Royal Oak to the Detroit River. Streetcars were operated by a conductor who took money, punched tickets for transfer to other lines and called out the names of the major cross streets as we approached. I recall that slippery straw feeling of the seats and how the car swayed from side to side as it got up speed. Bells clanged. It was a wonderful trip.

Another wonderful trip was the Detroit-Windsor ferry. It shuttled back and forth to Canada carrying cars and passengers. Grandmother paid the five-cent fare and we rode all day. Grandmother had a "grand dame" side when she shopped at J.L. Hudson department store. She had her "little lady" who sold gloves to her. One rested an elbow upon a velvet pillow as the glove lady laboriously worked the kid gloves of various lengths on to fit hand and arm. These were the days when ladies never went out without white gloves and a hat. Her "little man" in the trade, never carried a package home. No matter how small, they were always sent. Hudson's and all the other department stores had home delivery free all over the city and the suburbs. It was a sad day for grandmother when they halted that practice.

Grandmother had influential friends, no doubt from the Methodist church, THE church in town. One of her friends owned a rather upscale hotel and restaurant where we dined in splendor when we stayed downtown for dinner. While damask tablecloths, formal hovering waiters, fresh flowers and finger bowls were the mode. I'm sure grandmother wanted to see that the next generation knew how to behave just in case a rich man rather than a poor one came along.

Grandmother Areson kept up her writing, book reviews, and poems all of her life. She wrote and acted in plays for the Detroit Woman's Club and her church and was much acclaimed. She did so much for the church through the years that they awarded her a lifetime retirement in the Methodist Home in Chelsea, Michigan where she lived out her last years.

My middle name is after my grandmother Areson and I was always called Jean Olive. I detested the name Olive when I was young. Now I think it's kind of neat and different. I'm pleased to carry the name of an eccentric and great lady.

Jean Olive Stock-Payne

Date of original unknown.

Postscript by Judith Stock.

Last night I was going through some of my sister's papers and came across this typed up account of her life. I think it would be of interest to the newsletter list and family. If you are interested, you have my permission to print this article. Also, I have photographs of my sister that would look great with the article.

[Editor Note:

A good example of "look at all papers when tackling that tremendous sorting project".]

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.

Birthdays

Hazel McDonald nee Fitch was 93 on July 16th. **Arelene Brant nee Fitch** was 81 on August 15 with **Ethel Cassan nee Fitch** having her 77th birthday on August 15.

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

Jon D. Chinnery, articles "Adelbert Chinnery is early County Settler", 1958-1989 Modern Scottville", and "History of Rickey School is Recalled".

Chicago register, death certificate and obituary for rebecca L. thompson.

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