

Editor's Note

When I first started this project it was with the intention to make Helen Nadine née Stone Woodruff's manuscript on the Meisburger, Diringer, and Back family machine readable. This was to be a simple project to use an optical character recognition program on a scanned file. Well that part was fairly simple. What I soon discovered was that not only was the manuscript easy to get lost in, but information was often repeated. Furthermore when the information was repeated it was not the same in the different sections of the manuscript. So I was faced with the decision to leave everything intact or clean up Helen's manuscript.

I decided to clean up the manuscript for a variety of reasons. I also determined to leave as much of Helen's footprint intact that I possibly could. One of the first things that I did was whenever a new person's information was to be presented; I added the surname in front of the Christian name. That allows one to scroll through a large manuscript and know what person is being discussed. Secondly I eliminated all duplicate sections of information, including that from family group sheets. The same person will not be found in say both the Diringer and Meisburger families with complete family information. In instances of conflicting data, for example birth dates, I used the latest information found in Helen's files; or that which from my own research was known to be the accepted datum.

The reader must recognize that this is the family genealogy for Helen Nadine née Stone Woodruff. It was not written to include all descending or allied families. That is your job to include those families. That is what I have done and many others have done. There are many researchers working on family lines that connect back to the individuals listed in Helen's manuscript.

Finally, realize that the information included in this manuscript is not always correct. There are errors and I did not bother to correct them. Maybe I should have noted them, but that was just too much work. For the same reason the base documentation that supports Helen's manuscript are also not included in this online machine readable document.

So have fun and enjoy and use what the find here.

Sincerely,
James F. "Jim" Thoma

MEISBURGER DIRINGER BACK

My Maternal Ancestry research led me to find that along with German forefathers, there was a French background.

MAXAMIN (MAXAMILION) MEISBURGER with wife HANNAH (MARGARET ANNA) and eight children arrived in Boonville, Missouri on May 27, 1848. IGNATIUS DIRINGER and wife MAGDALENE and family were on the same boat to America. Both families settled in the area.

There is much research to be done on these families and a real challenge to someone in the future. I only hope that what I have found will be a guideline for someone in the future.

Helen Woodruff

DIRINGER

Generation I, Diringer

I) DIRINGER, FRANCOIS JOSEPH, born about 1772. Lived and probably married in Gueberschwih, District of Ribeauvllle, France. Married ANNA MARIE BIRINGER, who was born about 1769. Joseph died 25-June-1811 as stated in marriage record of IGNACE.

This entry also verifies this death date: "JACQUES BIRINGER, as brother-in-law declared FRANCOIS JOSEPH DIRINGER, aged 39 years, died in his domicile house situated out the town gate."

ANNA MARIE BIRINGER, widow of JOSEPH DIRINGER died here (Herrlisheim) in her house "out of the southern gate" at the age of 64."

1) DIRINGER, IGNACE (See **Generation II, Diringer**)

Generation II, Diringer

II) DIRINGER, IGNACE, born 12-August-1804 in Gueberschwih, District of Ribeauville, France. (24 thermidor year 12).

Married on 10-May-1832 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France to MARIE MADELEINE BACH, who was born on 27-October-1804 (the vendemiare year 13 of French Republic) in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France to JEAN LOUIS BACH, a SCHOOL MASTER and MARIA MADELEINE BRAUNEISEN.

JEAN LOUIS BACH was born about 1767. His death record reads: "Died 2-February-1829 here (Herrlisheim, France). MICHEL BACH, School master, 30 years old, son of the deceased and FRANCOIS JOSEPH BACH, son aged 31 years, who declared that JEAN LOUISE BACH, BACH, School Master, husband of MARIE MADELEINE BRAUNEISEN died :in this place at the age of 62 years."

IGNATIUS (IGNACE) and wife MARIE MADELEINE arrived in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri in May of 1848 along with the MEISBURGER Family.

IGNACE, along with other citizens in Boonville organized the BOONVILLIE WINE COMPANY, the largest Vineyard In the area. The Area was soon known to have the best vineyards in the country.

Later he moved into Boonville and took up Blacksmithing. This business continued in the family for many years. I have no death dates on either, but they are buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri. The markers appear to be on the lot of MICHAEL DIRINGER. [Editor's Note: Ignace died 08 Apr 1872 in Boonville and she died on 25 Jul 1875 in Boonville, Missouri]

1) DIRINGER, MARY MAGDALENA (See **Generation V, Meisburger**)

2) DIRINGER, ROSA, born about 1835 in Herrlisheim, France. Married in Boonville, Missouri about 1856 to ANDREW "ANDY" GANTER, who was born about 1835 in Baden, Germany. He was by trade a Brick and Stone Contractor. He died 5-October-1890 and she died 9-December-1912. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri.

A) GANTER, LEWIS (LOUIS), born 21-November-1861 in Boonville, Missouri. He was married to SOPHIE, who was born 30-July-1864. LOUIS died 26-January-19'47 and SOPHIE died 5-December-1954. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Boonville, Mo.

B) GANTER, FRANK, born in December of 1859.

3) DIRINGER, JERDOWIE (LEWIS), born about 1837/38 in France. Married LOUISA in 1869. He was a Blacksmith. He died in 1914 in Boonville, Missouri and she in 1933. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri.

A) DIRINGER, MARY, born in November of 1877.

B) DIRINGER, WILLIAM, born in June of 1882.

C) DIRINGER, FLORA, born November of 1884.

D) DIRINGER, CLARENCE, born in August of 1887.

E) DIRINGER, FERINAND, born in April of 1891.

F) DIRINGER, VIOIA, born April of 1893.

G) DIRINGER, ADELAID, married on 9-November-1898 to W. J. STRETZ in Cooper County by Theodore Kussman (Priest).

4) DIRINGER, IGNATIOUS (IGNACE), born about 1842 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France. He enlisted in Calvary for Civil War at Waynesville, Missouri on 16-August-1863. He was mustered in on August-18-1863 in Rolla, Missouri. Remustered in as a Veteran on 6-September-1864. In 1863 he was 21 years old, 5' 5" tall, black hair, brown eyes, and of fair complexion.

5) DIRINGER, MICHAEL, born 12-November-1843 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France. Married 29-October-1868 to MARGARET MITCHELL (MEISTRELL) by E. Hillner (Priest). He was a Wagon Manufacturer in Boonville. Joined the Home Guard in July of 1861. Discharged 21-December-1864. He died 29-October-1907 in Boonville, Missouri. Margaret born 24-December-1843 in Chariton, Missouri and died 15-September-1917. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri.

A) DIRINGER, FRANK I. was born 21-December-1869 and died 16-February-1870. Buried in Catholic Cemetery in Boonville.

B) DIRINGER, JOHN, born in 1870. Died 12-September-1872. Buried in Catholic Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri.

C) DIRINGER, MARY C., born 1-March-1873. Died 15-June-1873. Buried in Catholic Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri.

D) DIRINGER, HENRY JOSEPH, born 2-October-1876. Died 21-April-1881. Buried in Catholic Cemetery in Boonville.

E) DIRINGER, FRANK J., born in 1873. Was a Musician in the Spanish American War.

F) DIRINGER, EMILIA (AMELIA), born May of 1880. Married DAVID E. KELCH of Hamilton, Ohio on 17-January-1907. She was a Milliner in Boonville, Missouri.

G) DIRINGER, CATHERINE (STELIA), born in 1881.

6) DIRINGER, ANNA MARY, born 10-October-1847, perhaps in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France, but more likely on the boat. Died 19-July-1914 and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Boonville. She was "deaf" and because of this could not talk. She was a fine Seamstress. Her family was often amused at her. When she made a mistake in her sewing, she would stamp her foot and say "Damn."

MEISBURGER

Generation I, Meisburger

These first pages of this Manuscript are an update on the material I had written in 1981. I was fortunate to get in touch with a lady in France, Madame Jean Peres, who has been very helpful. The first record, I now have of the MEISBURGER family is from Harrstett, Upper-Rhin, France. Later information is from Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France.

The origin of the MEISBURGER family may have been in Busch in Turgau, France and the name may have been spelled at that time, MOSBURGER. There is a record of a Catharina Mosberger dying in Hattstatt, France in 1779. She was the daughter of Mathias and was originally from Busch, Turgau, Germany. There is a possibility that Mathias is Pierre Meisburger and that Catharina is the same as Pierre's daughter of the same name who was born 21 Sep 1867. There is no marriage record of Pierre and Salone née Creitzer Meisburger found in Hattstatt records.

Helen Woodruff

I) MEISBURGER, PIERRE, a mason by profession, married to SALONE CREITZER (CREUTZER), who died on 1-May-1782 in Hattstatt, France.

- 1) MEISBURGER, PIERRE (PETER). (Marriage record of son, Pierre). (See **Generation II, Meisburger**)
- 2) MEISBURGER, MARIA ANNA, born 22-April-1765 (Parish Record).
- 3) MEISBURGER, CATHARINA, born 21-September-1767 (Parish Record).
- 4) MEISBURGER, MARGARETA, born 7-July-1770 (Parish Record).
- 5) MEISBURGER, ANNA MARIA, born 18-June-1773 (Parish Record).
- 6) MEISBURGER, COLUMBA, born 11-February-1776 (Parish Record).

Generation II, Meisburger

II) MEISBURGER, PIERRE (PETER), born in about 1761 in Hattstatt, France. A mason by profession. Married on 8-January-1789 in Hattstatt, France to MARIA BARBARA BAUR, who was born 13-May-1758, daughter of CHRISTAIN and BARBARA (FELTZ) BAUR. Witnesses to the wedding were; CHRISTAIN BAUR (Father), JOHANNES (Brother), and FENDEL HARTENBECK (Grandfather).

BARBARA BAUR MEISBURGER died in Herrlisheim, France on 9-April-1795 (the 20 germinal year 3 of the France Republic).

CHRISTAIN BAUR was the son of JOSEPH BAUR and ??? OBERMORSCHWIHR. The father of BARBARA FELTZ BAUER was GEORGE FELTZ. The Parish Records in Hattstatt, France for the children of CHRISTAIN BAUR (WINE GROWER) ARE:

- 1) BAUR, MARIA BARBARA, born 13-May-1758 (wife of Pierre Meisburger).
- 2) BAUR, MARIE MADELEINE, born 21-September-1760.
- 3) BAUR, JEAN, born 4-January-1763.
- 4) BAUR, Elisabeth was born 20 Nov 1764. Elisabeth is missing from family group sheets and most of Helen Stone Woodruff's papers except her base records.
- 5) BAUR, LOUIS, born 24-August-1768.
- 6) BAUR, MARIA ANNA, born 16-September-1771.
- 7) BAUR, CHRISTAIN, born 2-June-1775.
- 8) BAUR, ANNA MARIA, born 17-May-1777.

There is recorded a 2nd marriage of PIERRE MEISBURGER in May of 1795 to ANNA MARIE LOUISE (LOU), daughter of SEBASTIN and HELENA (MEYER (LOUISA (LOU)).

At the death of PIERRE MEISBURGER on 1-June-1831, at the age of 72, in Herrlisheim, the widow is named as CATHARINA BINDER and he was living in his house in the place known as "graben" on the grove of this place.

ISSUE of PIERRE MEISBURGER and BARBARA BAUR;

- A) MEISBURGER, ERASEME (MAX). (See **Generation III, Meisburger**)

ISSUE of PIERRE MEISBURGER and ANNA MARIE LOUISE,

- A) MEISBURGER, PIERRE, born 1802 (18 germinal year 10 of French Republic.)

Generation III, Meisburger

III) MEISBURGER, ERASME (MAX) was born 29/31-May-1793 in Hattstatt, Upper-Rhin, France. The birth record reads: "Was born ERASMUS, son of PETER MEISBURGER, mason by profession of this place (Hattstatt) and of BARBARA BAUR, his wife legitimate. Godfather: is; JOSEPH HINNIGER, age 32 years. Godmother is; MARIA ANNA S'TEINBRUCKER."

Married 10-January-1827 in Herrlisheim, France to MARIE ANNE SCHECK, who was born 14-February-1800 (25 pluviöse year 80) in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France; the daughter of MATHIS and MARIE ANNE SCHENCK.

Mathias Schenck was married 09 Apr 1795 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France to Marie Anne (born 1764 and died 26 Feb 1808 in Herrlisheim). Her death was recorded as: "MARIE ANNE SCHENCK, wife of MATHIS SCHENCK, as declared by neighbors, was 44 years old, at her house number 45 in this place known as "graben."

HISTORY of COOPER COUNTY, MISSOURI by W.F. JOHNSON, published in 1919 stated. "MAX MEISBURGER, with his family of eight children arrived in Boonville, Missouri in 1848. MAX

MEISBURGER had served for six years as a soldier in the army of the great Napoleon and was very proud of the medals he had received for bravery. During the progress of the Franco-Prussian War (1870-73) he kept posted through the French papers which he received. When the Prussian Victory was announced, he, with clenched fists and tear dimmed eyes, declared 'If our great Napoleon had lived, he and I would never have tolerated the Prussians to lord it over our Beloved France'. He expressed the belief that his grandchildren would live to see the happy day when Alsace Lorraine would be liberated from the Prussian domination. During the time of America's participation in the World War, which resulted in the return to France of the 'lost' province, nine of his great-grandsons answered the call to the front and when the Armistice was declared in the fall of 1918, six more were waiting for the next call."

There is a Deed in the Courthouse at Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri, stating 1-Aug-1852, MAXAMIN MEISBERGER bought a lot of ground in the City of Boonville from Jeremiah Rice for One hundred and seventy five dollars.

The 1860 Census for Cooper County list MAX MEISBURGER as a Vine Grower, with wife, HANNAH.

The only Christening in the Catholic Church at Boonville that I was able to find "MARY MAGDALENA MEISBURGER, daughter of John Meisburger and Maria Magdalena Diringer born 31—Jul—1863. Sponsors: MAX MEISBURGER, MARGARET ANNA MEISBURGER". I have found no record of the death of either Agnes Meriwether, a direct descendant of Theresa Meisburger Immels, says she had been told that HANNAH (MARGARET ANNA) was buried on the lot of her son, Joseph, in the Catholic Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri. She also said she had been told that MAX had died in the home of his daughter, Therese Immele and was buried in the St. Martins Cemetery near Pilot Grove, Missouri. No one I have talked with has been able to identify more than four of the eight children.

There were suppose to have been eight children come to America with MAX Meisburger, but no one had identified but four. There are eight recorded births in Herrlisheim, but only seven living at the time they departed for America.

1) MEISBURGER, MARTIN, born 15-November-1827 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France.

2) MEISBURGER, MARIA ANNA, born 30-September-1829 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France.

3) MEISBURGER, CATHERINE, born 24-Dec-1831 Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France. Married FRANCIS JOSEPH IMMELE JR., son of Francis Joseph and Anna Marie (Boshea) Immele on 20 Apr 1856 in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri. He was a wagon maker, born 12-Apr-1829 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France. He had come with his parents to America about the year of 1851. He died 6-Sep-1911 in Boonville, Missouri. Catherine died 3-Mar-1899 in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri. Both are buried in St. Martins Cemetery near Pilot Grove, Missouri.

Francis Louis Immele, a brother to Francis Joseph, was born 22 Mar 1827 in Alsace Lorraine, France. His parents were married on 12 Jan 1825 in Hattstatt, Haute-Rhin, France. "1825 the 2nd Sunday of January were proclaimed and married he 12 January: Joseph Immele aged 31 years, son of deceased Thomas Immele and of Theresia Falermann, a winegrower and Anna Maria Buche, daughter born in Blotzheim, aged 32, of deceased Francois Buche and of Madeleine Dustaty, both in Boltzheim in their lifetime." Anna Marie's last name is also spelled Buche.

A) IMMELE, LOUIS, born 13-May-1859 in Boonville, Missouri. Died Oct-1932 and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery in San Diego, California on 05 Oct 1942. It is said he was married and had one son.

B) IMMELE, MARY, born in May of 1857 in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri. She was a Dressmaker in Boonville in 1900. She died Jul-1933 and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery in San Diego, California on 19 Jul 1933. Never married.

C) IMMELE, ANNA, born in March of 1861 in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri. She was a Milliner in Boonville in 1900. She married LESTER ???. Died Jan-1936 and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery in San Diego, California on 16 Jan 1936, No issue.

4) MEISBURGER, JOHN BAPTISTE. (See **Generation IV, Meisburger**)

5) MEISBURGER, JOSEPH was born 8 Mar 1837 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France and died in the same place on 5 Jun 1845.

6) MEISBURGER, THERESE, born 17 Apr 1841 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France. Married FRANCIS LOUIS IMMELE on 16-Jul-1859 in Boonville, Missouri. He was also the eldest son of Francis Joseph and Anna Marie (Boshea) Immele. He was born 22 Mar 1827 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France and when his parents and younger brother came to America, he remained in France. He was serving as a cannoneer in the French Army in Africa. After six years of service he joined his family in Boonville. He was a wagon maker and he and his brother had a business together for some years. He died 9-Feb-1881 in Boonville. Therese died 15-Feb-1917 in Boonville, Missouri. Both are buried in St. Martins Cemetery near Pilot Grove, Missouri.

A) IMMELE, CHARLES, born 20-Oct-1861 in Boonville, Missouri. Married 20-May-1885 to ROSELINDA JOSEPHINE GROSCHE. She was born 13-Oct-1859 and died 22-Jan-1931. He died 22-May-1925 in Boonville, Missouri. Both are buried in Montrose, Missouri.

B) IMMELE, JOSEPH, born 23-May-1864 in Boonville, Missouri. Died 6-Jun-1906 in Boonville, Missouri. Buried in St. Martins Cemetery, near Pilot Grove, Missouri. Never married.

C) IMMELE, JOHN BAPTISTE, born 7-Jul-1866 in Cooper Co., Missouri. Married ANNA CATHERINE MARTIN on 6-Sep-1898. Taught for over 50 years in Cooper Co., Missouri. Anna Catherine was born 9-Nov-1873, the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Esser) Martin and died 23-Feb-1960 in Pilot Grove, Missouri. He died 26-Sep-1942 in Pilot Grove, Missouri. Both are buried in St. Joseph Cemetery in Pilot Grove, MISSOURI.

D) IMMELE, MARY LOUISE, born 18-Sep-1872 in Cooper Co., Missouri. Married #1 HENRY JOSEPH HANRAHAN. He died in 1900 and she married #2. RUBIN MAHANEY. She died 18-Sep-1941 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is buried in the Calvary Cemetery in Tulsa, Ok.

E) IMMELE, MARY THERESA, born 2-Jul-1874 in Boonville, Missouri. She died 6-Feb-1965 in Boonville, Missouri and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri. She never married.

F) IMMELE, CATHERINE, born 5-Oct-1876 in Boonville, Missouri. Married LESTER OSCAR ZEIGEL on 6-Apr-1896 in Boonville, Missouri. He was born 18-Sep-1878, the son of Henry and Malinde (McGuire) Zeigel. He was a Farmer and Stockman. He died 2-Dec-1964 or 2 Dec 1865 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri. She died 6-Feb-1965 and is buried in St. Martins Cemetery near Pilot Grove, Missouri.

G) IMMELE, SOPHIA M. was born 2-Mar-1879 in Boonville, Missouri. Married EMMET F. HALING on 24-Apr-1908 in Boonville, Missouri. He was born in Warrenton, Missouri. in 1882. He died 18-Nov-1955 in Ft Worth, Texas and she died 2-Jun-1950 in Ft. Worth, Texas. Both are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas.

H) IMMELE, LOUIS MAXIMULIAN, born 9-Aug-1881 in Boonville, Missouri. Died 10-Jul-1974. Never married.

7) MEISBURGER, NICOLAS was born 13 Oct 1844 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France.

8) MEISBURGER, JOSEPH, born 28-Oct-1846 or 1847 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France. Married HELENA HUBER on 27-Jun-1872 in Boonville, Missouri. He was a Blacksmith. He lived in Boonville until about 1882, when he moved with his family to Fayette, Missouri. Helen was born 4-Jul-1847 in Missouri the daughter of John and Elizabeth Huber. She died 28-Apr-1901 in Boonville, Missouri. He died 19-May-1902 in Boonville, Missouri and was buried on 21 May 1902; both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri.

A) MEISBURGER, JOHN HENRY, 26-Mar-1872 in Boonville, Missouri. Married BETTIE KELLOGG on 23-Oct-1907. He died 15-Apr-1936.

B) MEISBURGER, MARY ELIZABETH (MAYME), born 5-Dec-1876. Died 17-Mar-1963 in St. Louis, Missouri. Buried in Catholic Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri. Never married.

C) MEISBURGER, WILLIAM JOSEPH, born in 1879 in Boonville, Missouri. Married ALICE SOMMERS in Kansas City, Missouri. Died 9-Feb-1955 in Kansas City, Missouri.

D) MEISBURGER, RAYMOND, died in infancy.

E) MEISBURGER, ALBERTINE (TINA), born in 1875 in Boonville, Missouri. Married MELVILLE WATT and lived in St. Paul.

Generation IV, Meisburger

IV) MEISBURGER, JOHN BAPTISTE, born 29-Jun-1834 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France. He was a wagon maker. Married MARY MAGDALENA DIRINGER, daughter of Ignatius and Magdalena Diringer on 12-Apr-1857 in Boonville, Missouri.

Mary Magdalena was born 9-March-1834 in Herrlisheim, Haute-Rhin, France. She and John lived most of their married life in Bunceton, Kelly Twsp, Cooper County, Missouri. Their parents had come to America on the same boat and had arrived in Boonville on 27-May-1848. Both families had come from the area in France, known as Haute Rhine. John Meisburger was in failing health for several years and took his own life on 11-

Jun-1903. The funeral was held in the home of Michael Diringer in Boonville, Missouri. He was buried on 14 Jun 1903 in Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Church Cemetery, Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri.

Mary Magdalena died in the home of her son, Joseph in Kansas City on 29-Jan-1917 and is buried beside her husband in the Catholic Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri. She was buried on 31 Jan 1917.

1) MEISBURGER, LOUISE MAGDALENA (See **Generation IV, Back**)

2) MEISBURGER, JOHN LOUIS (LEWIS), born 27-Oct-1860 in Florence, Morgan Co., Missouri. Married 31-Dec-1880 in Boonville, Missouri to EMMA PARKER. He was living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1903 and I have a picture of three of his children taken in Greenville, Texas. He died 5-Feb-1914.

3) MEISBURGER, MARY MAGDALENA (ANNA) (See **Generation II, Back**)

4) MEISBURGER, FRANK N., born 1-Jan-1866 in Tipton, Moniteau County, Missouri. Went to Kansas City when he was seventeen years old and became a messenger boy for Western Union. He attended college in Sedalia, Missouri and studied Telegraphy. He was superintendent of the West Bottoms Office during the flood of 1903, delivering the last message from the office in a row boat. In later years he was a Contractor and builder in Kansas City. Married MARY LANDRIGAN in 1893. She died when his only son was six weeks old in Aug of 1895 in Kansas City, Missouri. He married KATHERINE SULLIVAN in 1902. She was died in 1929 in Kansas City, Missouri and he died in 1955 in Kansas City, Missouri at the age of 89 and is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri.

A) MEISBURGER, EDWARD PAUL (EDDIE), born in October 'of 1895. He lived with his grandparents in Bunceton, Missouri, until his father remarried in 1902. He was with the Journal Post Newspaper in Kansas City beginning in about 1915, where he was City Editor, and was State Editor from 1922 to 1942. He was in WW II and his Commander was Captain Harry Truman. He was active in the Veterans Organization for most of his later years. He died in July of 1979 at the age of 83 and is buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. He married IRENE A., no other information.

a) MEISBURGER, WILLIAM F.

b) MEISBURGER, EDWARD PAUL JR.

c) MEISBURGER, ANNA MARIE, married to HARTLEY.

d) MEISBURGER, IRENE KAY married to LEHMAN.

5) MEISBURGER, MARY LEE, born 4-Jul-1871 in Tipton, Moniteau, County, Missouri. Married JOSEPH P. WALDRON on 14-Jun-1894 (or 27 Jun 1894) in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church by Rev. R. D. Kennedy in Bunceton, Missouri. He was born 31-Oct-1868 in Green Valley, Ill., and was a school teacher in his earlier life. He worked in Kansas City for the Postal Dept. and transferred to Calif. and was retired from that department in Los Angeles. He died 10-Oct-1957 his funeral was held at "Little Church of the Flowers" and conducted by Dr. Joseph P. Haggerty of the North Hollywood Funeral Director, Forest Lawn Mortuary. He is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, California on 15 Oct 1957. I have no further information on Mary Lee, she was alive in 1953.

A) WALDRON, PORTER, married to MALICE FULTON (SUZANNE).

6) MEISBURGER, JOHN BAPTIST JR., born 20-Jul-1868 in Tipton, Moniteau County, Missouri. He worked in his early life as a salesman for W.H.Morris and Sons Clothing Store in Bunceton, Missouri. Later on the Columbus Mail train. In 1903 he was in Texas and in later life lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He worked many years for the Elks, in Tulsa. He was married to GEORGIE. No further information at this time. He died before 1953.

7) MEISBURGER, JOSEPH ALBERT, born 1-Sep-1874 in Tipton, Moniteau County, Missouri. Married 22-Nov-1899 to LENA SOPHIA NORRIS in Boonville, Missouri by J. H. Allen, Minister. Lena was born 17-May-1878 in Greenridge, Pettis County, Missouri, her mother died when she was born and she was raised by her Aunt and Uncle by the name of Allison. They lived in Sweet Springs, Missouri for awhile, moved to Auliville, Missouri and later into Kansas City, Missouri. He retired from the Postal Service in 1939. His mother lived in his home for the last ten years of her life. He died 25-Jan-1953 in Kansas City, Missouri. Services were held in the Newcomer Chapel. She died 27-Mar-1958 in Kansas City, Missouri. Services were held in the Newcomer Chapel. Both are buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri.

A) MEISBURGER, NORINE, born 24-Jan-1902 in Auliville, Missouri. Married 24-Jan-1928 in Kansas City, Missouri to VIRGIL CLIFFORD LONG. He was born 19-Aug-1903, the son of Francis Marion and Annetta Bell (McVicker) Long. They both worked for The First National Bank in Kansas City, Missouri. After their marriage he went to work for Rival Mfg. After his retirement they moved to Cross Timber, Missouri. He died 24-Feb-1970 and is buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Norine is living in 1981 in a rest home near Blue Springs, Missouri.

a) LONG, JOSEPH MARION (JOE), born 5-Apr-1932. Worked for Civil Service - Postal Dept. in Kansas City, Missouri. Married 12-Jan-1952 to IDA MAY SEIFERT, born 20-Dec-1931.

He sent me this story about his G-Grandmother, told to him by his Grandfather (Joe). "There is one incident related to me by Grandpa, you may or may not have heard. It was before he was born and concerned one of his older sisters, who was a baby during the Civil War. Missourians were constantly visited by soldiers of both sides and they would of course hide valuables as best they could. G-Grandmother Meisburger had a reasonably large sum of money for some special purchase when she was visited by a troop of soldiers. She prepared dinner for them while they searched the house. The Senior Officer held the baby on his lap for a while. They ate and left without incident. The Senior Officer had the money in his lap most of the time, Grandmother had put the money in the baby's diaper."

i) LONG, DEBORAH SUE was born in 1953 and married Allen Lehdinin

ii) LONG, CLIFFORD A. was born in 1956 and married Shirley Jo Cardener.

b) LONG, WILLIAM CLIFFORD (BILL), born 29-Sep-1936. Worked for the Postal Dept. in Kansas City but is now Postal Inspector in Birmingham, Alabama. Married 22-Oct-1955 to JOAN CLAUDIA STEVENSON, born 5-Sep-1936 in Rockford, Illinois. He

wrote "We do have a clock that was supposed to have been brought to America by G-G-Grandmother Meisburger. Don't know the details."

8) MEISBURGER, EDWARD MICHAEL, born 10-Jan-1877 in Bunceton, Cooper County, Missouri. He worked for the Western Union in Galveston, Texas during the flood of 1900. He was cited for Rescue Activities. He retired in 1938, after forty five years with American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Married 9-Jun-1907 to BERTHA (BERT) GOFF. He died 15-Jul-1961 in the home of his Daughter-in-Law in Wamega, Wyandotte, Kansas. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri on 18 Jul 1961.

A) MEISBURGER, RICHARD, was in the Navy during WW II. Was a Medical Doctor. Married Virginia ????. Died some time around 1955.

a) MEISBURGER, DONALD

b) MEISBURGER, JEAN

B A C K

My desire to know about my German Ancestry has led into an interesting search, where I have met so many people, who have helped in many ways. Some are relatives, others have become very dear and giving friends. My thanks go out to each and everyone of them.

Credit for my interest must surely go to Laurie Gail Schler of Boonville, Missouri. She had searched for material on her side of the BACK FAMILY for sometime. Records on other BACKS continued to turn up until she became interested in our family. She was very generous and always helpful.

The mystery of the spelling BACH or BACK was solved with a letter from the Evangelische Kirchengemeinde of Rettert, West Germany.

"We have all records about the BACK Family. This Family was, and still is BACK." From the Archives in

Wiesbaden, West Germany.

"At Rettert, JOHANN BACK appears in 1648. After that JOHANNES BACK 1677 - 1694."

Later GEORGE FRIEDRICH BACK 1759-1768 and JOHANN PETER BACK Mayors (Schultheissen) of the village of Rettert in the area of Nassau (Nassauische).

There were eleven BACK families in Boonville, Missouri in the 1850's. All gave their birthplace as Rettert,

Nassau, Germany. I can only assume they were in some way related. All belonged to the German Evangelical Church and many were Sponsors for Christenings and Witnesses at Weddings in each others families. The families arrived in Boonville, Missouri from about 1845 through 1858. The Port of Entry for most was New Orleans, Louisiana. They would travel up the Mississippi River to St. Louis and then the Missouri River to Boonville.

The Evangelische Kirchengemeinde in the village of Rettert sent record that I will base the following

—
BACK Ancestry on.

Helen Stone Woodruff (1982)

Generation I, Back

I) BACK, HEINRICH ANTON, married to ANNA MARIA STÖTZER.

1) BACK, JOHANN PETER (see **Generation II, Back**)

Generation II, Back

II) BACK, JOHANN PETER, born 8-Feb-1786 in Rettert, Nassau, Germany. Married to Anna Elisabeth Debusmann, born 24-Mar-1791, daughter of Johann Heinrich and Elisabeth (Kloss) Debusmann from Ergeshausen (a mill at a bridge named Bruckermuhle).

The Archives at Wiesbaden sent me this information:

"In Ergesheusen, I have found nothing on Debusmenn, but in the town of Kordorf, which is nearby, there lived JOHANNES DEBUSMANN in 1646-1649, died before 1658. His son, PHILIP DEBUSMANN was born somewhere between 1638-1642 and was from 1674 to 1698 the gamekeeper and in 1680 was a shoemaker in Kordorf."

The church records for Kordorf are kept at Klingelbach and there I found this record.

"JOHANN HEINRICH DEBUSMANN of Kordorf and MARIA ELISABETHA WEYL, widow of JOHANN ADAM GILL (Miller at Eigeshauser Mill) were married 14-Jun-1785."

There was also this record, "ANNA ELISABETHE born 24-Mar-1791 to JOHANN HEINRICH DEBUSMANN (Miller) and ELISABETHE KLOSS".

1) BACK, PHILIP PETER, born 24-Oct-1821, in Rettert, Nassau, Germany. He married ELIZABETH BARBARA STEGNER, daughter of Paul and Mary (Vollrath) Stegner on 04 May 1853 in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri. He was a Cooper (maker of barrels and casks) and Brewer. He died 28-Nov-1874 in Boonville, Missouri. Murdered, his body found behind his tavern in a cistern by persons who had robbed him earlier that morning. Elizabeth Barbara was born 22-Dec-1835 in Saxony, Coburg, Germany and died 4-Feb-1900 in Boonville, Missouri. Both are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri.

A) BACK, MAGDALENA JOHALUNI (LENA), born 12-Jun-1855. Christened 8-Jul-1855. Sponsors: Jacob Stegner and Magdalena Huth. Died 21/25-Feb-1862. Buried Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

B) BACK, ERNEST ANTON (E.A.), born 24/25-Feb-1859, in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 27-Mar-1859. Sponsors: Anton Back, Ernest Stegner and Catherine Back. Confirmed: 19-Mar-1872. Never married. Died 27/28-Feb-1928 and buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville.

C) BACK, JACOB WILHELM (WILLIAM GOTTLIEB), born 4-Nov-1860 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 25-Dec-1860. Sponsors: Jacob Neef and Gottlieb Stegner. He was Confirmed in 1874. He was a Pottery Maker. He married ANNIE MARY MAGDALENA MEISBURGER on 20-Oct-1885 in Boonville, Missouri. He died 19-Jan-1939 and is buried in Red Wing, Minnesota.

Anna Mary Magdalena Meisburger was born on 31 Jul 1863 in Boonville, Missouri; a daughter of John Baptiste and Mary Magdalena (Diringer) Meisburger. She was Christened 31-Jul-1863 in Boonville, Missouri. Sponsors: Max Meisburger and Margaret Anna Meisburger. She died 12-May-1933 in Redwing, Minnesota and is buried in Red Wing, Minnesota.

a) BACK, INFANT, born and died 27-Aug-1886.

b) BACK, LOUIS WILLIAM, born 30-Jul-1887. Married 12-Oct-1909 to ROSE FRANCES STARGER, who was born 5-Mar-1879.

i) BACK, MARION LOUISE, born 6-Nov-1910, died 25-May-1919.

ii) BACK, FREDERIC JOHN, born 9-Jan-1912. Married 6-May-1935 to DOROTHY CATHERINE TURNHEFFER, born 15-Jun-1912.

iii) BACK, FRANCES ISABEL, born 13-Jul-1913. .
Married 27—Oct—1952 to JOHN
JOSEPH v0Lz, born li;-Oct-1916. —

iv) BACK, ROBERT LOUIS, born 5-Mar-1916. Married ELEANORE FAY O'BANNON.

v) BACK, WILBUR WILLIAM, born 17-Apr—1918. Married 18-Oct-19hl to HELEN BECKER. Died 3-Oct-1952.

c) BACK, ERNEST EDWARD, born 28-May-1890. Married 26-Jan-1915 to ELLA AUGUSTA BAUMGARTNER, born 22-Jun-1896.

i) BACK, EILEEN ELIZABETH, born 1-Feb-1916. Married 9-Dec-1944 to NORMAN F. SPADS.

ii) BACK, DELORIS KATHERINE, born 26-Jun-1917. Married 16-Apr-1941 to ROBERT GORDON ADAMS.

d) BACK, WILLIAM FRANCIS, born 24-May-1893. Married 18-Oct-1920 to HELEN WOLF. No issue.

e) BACK, ETHEL REGINA, born 15-Oct-1895. Married 26-Ju-1939 to WILLIAM CHRISTIAN RISSE. No issue.

f) BACK, HELEN LOUISE, born 5-Feb-1898. She was a Soprano for General Electric for many years. Never married.

g) BACK, JOSEPH HAROLD, born 11-Mar-1905. Married 1-Mar-1930 to KATHERINE I. BENIK, born 25-Sep-1905.

i) BACK, JAMES WILLIAM, born 11-Dec-1930. Married 20-Feb-1954 to DOROTHY HELEN KELLY, born 1-Feb-1931.

ii) BACK, RONALD JOSEPH, born 16-Jun-1933. Married 18-Jun-1955 to KAY NOTH CHAMBERS, born 19-May-193h.

D) BACK, JOHANN LORENZ (LAWERENCE JOHANN), born 19/20-Aug-1864 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 2-Oct-1864. Sponsors: Johann Lorenz Vollrath, Freserica Vollrath. Confirmed 14-Apr-1879. Married #1 Maggie Fisher in May of 1887. Married #2 Amanda Kriege. No issue. He was a Pottery Maker. Died 12-May-1931 in St. Louis, Missouri and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

E) BACK, MARIA AUGUSTA CHRISTINE (MARY C.), born 13-Jan-1867 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 24-May-1867. Sponsors: Christine Gross and Mary Stegner. Confirmed 5-June-1881. Married 25-Sep-1889 to William Christian Scheusever (Schleuner), born 8-Aug-1858 and died 11-Dec-1924. She died 30-Apr-1930 in St Louis, Missouri and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery at Kirkwood, Missouri.

a) SCHLEUNER, VIOLA LOUISE was born in 1890 and died in 1913.

b) SCHLEUNER, EMMA MARIE was born in 1892. She married George Thomas Huggins. George was born in 1894 and died in 1969

c) SCHLEUNER, LAURENCE ROBERT was born in 1895 and died in 1962. He married Dorothy Elgin Bsrinai.

d) SCHLEUNER, WILLIAM JOHN was born in 1896 and died in 1899.

e) SCHLEUNER, MARGARET LOUISE was born in 1899. She married Rev. R. C. Haas who was born in 1897 and died in 1961.

f) SCHLEUNER, ERNEST EMMATT was born in 1901 and died in 1938. He married Helen Brockschmitt. Helen was born in 1901.

g) SCHLEUNER, ROBERT ADAM was born in 1904. He married Elizabeth Blackman. Elizabeth was born in 1913.

F) BACK, MARIA AMELIA (EMMA), born 6-Feb-1870 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 16-May-1870. Sponsors: Peter Huth, Maria Elizabeth Huth and Emma Stegner. Confirmed 11-Apr-1884 in Boonville, Missouri. Died 22-Dec-1924 and buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville, Missouri. Never married.

2) BACK, JOHANN ANTON PETER. (See **Generation III, Back**)

3) BACK, PHILLIP GOTTFRIED, born 26-Aug-1826 in Rettert, Nassau, Germany. He was a farmer. He married KATHERINE CHRISTINA SAVERSSIG on 27-Oct-1857 in Boonville, Missouri. He made application for citizenship in the March term of court and received his papers on July 17, 1865. He died 28-Apr-1901 in Boonville, Missouri. Katherine was born on 24-Apr-1829 in Larret, Prussia and died 9-Mar-1910 in Boonville, Missouri.

A) BACK, JOHANN GEORGE ANTON, born 3-Apr-1858. Christened 12-May-1858. Sponsors; George Debusmann and Anna Margaret Stegner. Confirmed 1-Jun-1873. He was a

farmer. Married #1 Mary Anna Kramer on 21-Nov-1883. She bled to death after a tooth extraction in about 1897. Married #2 Louella (Lulie) Coffman on 5-Jan-1899. He died 15-Aug-1916 in Boonville, Missouri. Louella was born 11-Jul-1882 and died 27-Sep-1908. All are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville, Missouri.

a) BACK, ANNA KATHERINE was born in 1886.

b) BACK, STELLA FRANZISMA (FANNY) was born in 1889 and died in 1926. She married "Buddy" Ryan.

c) BACK, WILLIAM HENRY (BUSS) was born in 1892 and died in 1965. He married Lillie Ivy Myrtle Skinner. Lillie was born in 1891.

d) BACK, CLARA MARGARET was born in 1894 and died in 1942. She first married Harry Genzler and latter a Fry.

B) BACK, ELIZABETH BERTHA FRIEDERICA (LIZZIE), born 15-May-1861 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 9-Jun-1861. Sponsors: Elizabeth Neef, Elizabeth . Back and Friederica Hugger. She married ADOLPH (OTTO) KNACK on 25-May-1884 in Boonville, Missouri. She died 7-Jul-1893 in Boonville, Missouri. Otto was born 26-Dec-1855 and died 8-May-1903 of a suicide. Both are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri.

a) KNACK, ANNA

b) KNACK, LIZZIE

c) KNACK, CORINE

C) BACK, GEORGE WILHELM (WILLIAM PAUL) born 4-Jul-1864. Christened 27-Apr-1865. Sponsors: Peter Huth, George Weber and Catherine Fessler. Moved to Eureka, California and married EMMA GARTHOFNER on 24-Jan-1892 in Eureka, California. He died while on a visit to Boonville, Missouri on 20 Jan 1898 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri.

D) BACK, MARGARET (MAGGIE), born in 1866 in Boonville, Missouri. Married JOSEPH KESSEK (CASSEL) on 28-Mar-1883 in Boonville, Missouri. Moved to Kansas City, Missouri and is buried in Kansas City, Missouri.

4) BACK, MARIE MAGDALENE, born 27-Aug-1829 in Rettert, Nassau, Germany. Married JOHN PETER HUTH on 31-Jul-1853 in Boonville, Missouri. She died 10-Apr-1909 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville. John Peter Huth was born 18-Mar-1820 in Egenroth, Nassau, Germany and died 26-May-1896 in Boonville, Missouri and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville.

A) HUTH, ELIZABETH PHILIPPINE (LIZZIE), born 2-Dec-1854 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 6-Mar-1855. Sponsor: Phillip Back. Married WILLIAM MALONE, born 1851, died 1918. She died in 1930 and is buried in Hillside Cemetery at St. Paul, Minnesota. No issue.

B) HUTH, JULIANA CATHERINE (KATIE), born 5-Sep-1856 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 21-May-1857. Sponsor; Catherine Saverssig. Confirmed 1-Jun-1873. Married on 28-Dec-1879 to PHILLIP PETER NEEF, born 13-May-1857 and died in November of 1934. She died 11-Jun-1937 in Boonville, Missouri. Both are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri.

a) NEEF, FREDERICK CARL AUGUST married Flora A. Gantner.

i) NEEF, PHILLIP FRANCIS was born in 1907. He married Margaret Ellen Lebbing. Margaret was born in 1907 and died in 1967.

ii) NEEF, CATHERINE JULIA was born in 1901 and married William Brengarth. William was born in 1906 and died in 1979.

iii) NEEF, CARL EDWARD was born in 1913. He married Ida Mae Rose Woodward. Ida was born in 1945.

iv) NEEF, MARGUERITE J. was born in 1918 and married Victor M. Reynolds.

v) NEEF, BERNARD JOHN was born in 1921.

vi) NEEF, JEROME W. was born in 1927 and died as an infant.

b) NEEF, JOHN HENRY

C) HUTH, DAVID AUGUST, born 22-Aug-1858 in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri. Christened 29-May-1859. Sponsor: David Huth. Confirmed 1874. Married on 1-May-1882 to CATHERINE ELIZABETH PLATT, born 17-Oct-1863. He died 3-Jul-1918 and she died 14-Jan-1949. Both are buried in Hillside Cemetery in St. Paul, Minnesota.

a) HUTH, PAULINE CATHERINE was born in 1893 and married Lawrence John Barret.

b) HUTH, REGINALD VERE was born in 1894 and died in 1945. He married a woman by the name of Johanna.

D) HUTH, JOHN PETER, born 9-Oct-1863 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 27-Apr-1864. Sponsors; Peter Neef and Elizabeth Neef. Confirmed 1874. Married WILHELMINA SOPHIA RETHMEYER on 31-May-1891 in Boonville Missouri. She was born 16-Aug-1870 and died in October of 1906. He died in November of 1932 in Boonville, Missouri. Both are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery at Boonville.

a) HUTH, HERBERT WILLIAM was born in 1892 and died in 1906.

b) HUTH, RAYMOND PETER LEONARD was born in 1893 and died in 1972. He married Clara Margaret Lohse who was born in 1902.

i) HUTH, MARCELLA FRIEDA was born in 1928 and married Lashlay Martin. Lashlay was born in 1915.

ii) HUTH, KENNETH RAYMOND was born in 1931. He married Helen F. Bishop who was born in 1934.

c) HUTH, WILLIAM LEE was born in 1898 and died in 1975. He married Rose Marie Baer. Rose was born in 1901 and died in 1980.

d) HUTH, ALVENA MARGARET was born in 1903 and died in 1965. She married Leslie Williamson who was born in 1899 and died in 1972

E) HUTH, JULIUS LORENZ (LON LAURENCE), born 8-Aug-1866 in Boonville, Missouri and baptized 17-Jan-1879. Died in 1938, buried in Hillside Cemetery, St. Paul, Minnesota. Never married.

F) HUTH, FREDERICK LOUIS, born 16-Dec-1870 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 17-Jan-1879. Sponsor: Frederick Mittelbach. Married MRS, IDA WAYNE. Buried in St. Paul, Minnesota with no issue.

G) HUTH, Infant - No dates.

Generation III, Back

III) BACK, JOHANN ANTON PETER, born 30-Apr-1824 in Rettert, Nassau, Germany. He was a fine Cabinet Maker. Had a strong, beautiful voice and sang in the German Evangelical Lutheran Church Choir. Was probably among the first Trustees of the church when it was organized in 1860/91. He married CATHERINE WILHELMINA SOPHIE GEUER. There is a record of a marriage between them on 24-Dec-1857 in Boonville, Missouri. The marriage performed by C. L. Greiner and witnessed by Philip Back and Dorothea Friedrich Back. My mother and several other people I wrote to said they had been married in Germany in the spring of 1857. I found on the passenger list of the S.S. Johannesburg "Wilhelmine Back arrived in New Orleans on Feb-13-1857 on the ship S.S. Johannesburg." I did not find Anton's name. So they may have been married in the spring of 1856, and remarried in Boonville so their children would be American Citizens. [Editors Note: Some documents state that Sophie Wilhelmina Geuer was disowned by her family when she married Anton Back. That she never spoke English in her entire life; flatly refusing to speak anything other than German.]

Anton Peter Back made application for citizenship on July 17, 1865. I did not find where he received his papers. During the Civil War, he was a member of Captain Eppstein's Company A Boonville R Corp. Regiment, Missouri. H.Q. Military Record said June 20, 1861. Wounded in Battle at Boonville, Missouri. Mustered out 8-Dec-1862. Sick every since.

He died 3-Feb-1876 and is buried in the Sunset Hills Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri. Catharine Wilhelmina Sophia Geuer. He was born in Hoechst, Nassau, Germany on 13-Feb-1828. Her father was Johann Geuer, a Bookbinder. He was a Catholic, born in Cologn, Germany. Her mother was Caroline Luise Muller, born in Berlin and a Protestant. The name Johann was added at Baptism. The Godparent was Wilhelmina Klan of Rettert. After the death of Anton she returned to the Catholic Church and was a faithful and devoted member of the Church and the Sacred Heart Society. Her obituary says she was survived by a sister in Germany. She is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri.

1) BACK, PHILIP GOTTFRIED. (See **Generation IV, Back**)

2) BACK, LOUISE BARBARA ANTONIA, born 1-Mar-1859 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 27-Mar-1859. Sponsors: Barbara Back and Louise Geuer. She was married 13-Feb-1876 to **GEORGE BURNEY STILLWELL** in Boonville, Missouri. He was killed in a hunting accident on 6-Nov-1881 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville. She married **JOHN HENRY POTTER** on 6-Sept-1882. He was born 16-Apr-1858 in Missouri and died 5-Apr-1949. She died 20-Jan-1939 in Boonville, Missouri, both are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville. They bought the Coal and Oil Company in 1893 from Philip Back when he moved to Oklahoma.

A) STILLWELL, GEORGE E., born 12-Dec-1876 and died the same day all in Boonville, Missouri.

B) STILLWELL, MARY ELIZABETH, born 17-Dec-1877 and died the same day all in Boonville, Missouri.

C) STILLWELL, JOSEPH WILLIAM, born 8-Dec-1878 in Boonville, Missouri. Married **MYRTLE LEE WEIR** on 21-June-1899 in Boonville, Missouri. She was born 23-Aug-1880 in Millersburg, Missouri and died 14-Mar-1967. He died 15-Jan-1965 in Higginsville, Missouri and both are buried at Higginsville, Missouri.

a) STILLWELL, MILDRED GUENDOLYNNE was born in 1900 and married Harry F. Wieggers.

i) WIEGERS, GUENDOLYNNE was born in 1923 and married Kenneth P. Murray.

I) MURRAY, THEREAS was born in Athens, Greece in 1948; appears to have died as an infant and was a twin to Ann Mary.

II) MURRAY, ANN MARY was born in Athens, Greece in 1948; appears to have died as an infant and was a twin to Thereas.

III) MURRAY, GREGORY S. was born in 1957.

IV) MURRAY, AMY SUSAN was born in 1963.

ii) WIEGERS, ALFRED OTIS was born in 1925 and married Patricia A. Eller.

I) WIEGERS, DAVID B. was born in 1950.

II) WIEGERS, DOUGLAS F. was born in 1953.

III) WIEGERS, CAROL A. was born in 1954.

IV) WIEGERS, CHRISTOPHER L. was born in 1958 and died in 1971.

V) WIEGERS, LISA M. was born in 1959.

VI) WIEGERS, PHILLIP B. was born in 1962.

iii) WIEGERS, MYRTLE EVA was born in 1931 and married Laurence H. Welch.

I) WELCH, MICHAEL T. was born in 1950.

II) WELCH, KEVIN K. was born in 1951.

III) WELCH, MICHELIE C. was born in 1958.

b) STILLWELL, ALBERTA NELL was born in 1902 and married Frank M. O'Dell.

i) DELL, CHARLES D. was born in 1936 and married Judith M. Ragland.

I) DELL, BRENDA MAY was born in 1960.

II) DELL, STUART ANTHONY was born in 1962.

c) STILLWELL, JOSEPH WEIR was born in 1904 and married Iva Ruby Kroeneka.

d) STILLWELL, MYRTLE ESTELLE was born in 1911 and married Leroy Grandstaff.

i) GRANDSTAFF, JOAN LEE was born in 1932 and married Paul F. Smith.

I) SMITH, KATHERINE LEE was born in 1953.

II) SMITH, MICHELLE M. was born in 1955.

III) SMITH, BRADLEY F. was born 1956.

IV) SMITH, JACQUELINE WRAY was born in 1958.

ii) GRANDSTAFF, JOSEPH WILLIAM was born in 1941 and married Susan E. Mueller.

I) GRANDSTAFF, JOSEPH WILLIAM, JR. was born in 1968.

II) GRANDSTAFF, PETER ARTHUR was born in 1970.

iii) GRANDSTAFF, KAREN DAWN was born in 1945 and married Jack Ussery.

I) USSERY, TALLEY was born 1963.

e) STILLWELL, JOHN GEORGE was born in 1915 and married Virginia Lee Still.

i) STILLWELL, REGINA ANN was born in 1941 and married William Smith.

I) SMITH, GREGORY M. was born in 1968.

ii) STILLWELL, MONA LEE was born in 1945 and married Ralph A. Myers.

I) MYERS, LISA ANN was born in 1968.

D) STILLWELL, SAVANNAH MINNIE (VANNIE MARY), born 26-Apr-1880 in Boonville, Missouri. Married **JESSE BURT** 10-Apr-1901. He was born 18-Jan-1880 and died 4-Jul-1947. She died 3-Jun-1953 in Pratt, Pratt County, Kansas and both are buried in Pratt, Kansas.

a) STILLWELL, ELLEN LOUISA was born in 1901 and died in 1980. She married Walter Smith.

i) SMITH, ALICE JOLOYRNE was born in 1933 and married Dale L. Miskimen.

I) MISKIMEN, JAMES EDWIN was born in 1955 and married Ruthie Hindershot.

II) MISKIMEN, PAULA KAY was born in 1957.

b) STILLWELL, ALICE EVA RUE was born in 1903 and died in 1980. She married Ralph Waldo Laswell.

i) LASWELL, ERNESTINE LOUISA was born in 1922 and married Merle E. Carder.

I) CARDER, DAVID MERLE was born in 1945 and married Veronica Perkins.

II) CARDER, KAREN LYNNE was born in 1946.

III) CARDER, STANLEY was born in 1949.

E) POTTER, WILLIAM JOHN, born 13-Apr-1883 in Boonville, Missouri. Married #1, **MARY ELIZABETH THOMAS** on 5-Mar-1905 in Pacific, Missouri. Married #2, **MARY LOUISE BURLEDGE** after 1920. He died 28-Jul-1940 in Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri and is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery at Moberly, Missouri.

a) POTTER, WILLIAM JOHN, JR. was born in 1906 and died in 1959. He first married Agnes H. Carey and later married Juanita Murray.

b) POTTER, MARGARET ESTELLE was born in 1908 and died in 1961. She married Bernard Blandford.

c) POTTER, ELMER MAURICE was born in 1910 and died in 1964. He married Jettie Elvada Edmonds.

d) POTTER, MAJORIE CECILIA was born in 1915 and died in 1961. She married Henry Thomas Smith.

e) POTTER, EUGENE EDWIN was born in 1917 and married Katherine Leona Green.

F) POTTER, HERMAN EMIL, born 13-Apr-1885 in Boonville, Missouri. Married #1, MARGARET FUCHS, born 10-Aug-1883 and died 11-Nov-1928, buried in Pacific, Missouri. Married #2, MRS. MARY LOUISE BURLEDGE POTTER, widow of his brother William John. He died 2-Dec-1956 and is buried at Moberly, Missouri.

a) POTTER, MARY LOUISE was born in 1907 and married William T. Fraser.

b) POTTER, FRANCIS JOSEPH was born in 1909 and married Maria Augusta Schaeffer.

c) POTTER, HERMAN JOSEPH was born in 1911 and died in 1942. He married Marie Rose Roth.

G) POTTER, WALTER ALBERT (CURLY), born 11-Aug-1888 in Boonville, Missouri. Married ANNA JOSEPHINE SCHUSTER on 17-Sep-1915 in Boonville, Missouri. She was born 1-Dec-1887 and died 5-Jun-1958. He died June of 1960 in Boonville and both are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville, Missouri.

a) POTTER, WALTER JOSEPH was born in 1925 and married Martha Lee Johnson.

H) POTTER, LOUISE LENORA, born 25-May-1890 in Boonville, Missouri. Married CLARENCE EGBERT McCARTNEY on 6-Sep-1910. He was born 24-Aug-1878 and died 14-Jan-1943. She died 29-Oct-1974 in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri and both are buried in Mapel Park Cemetery at Springfield, Missouri.

a) McCARTNEY, CLARENCE JOHN was born in 1912 and married Bobbie Ryears Wayland.

I) POTTER, GEORGE OTTO (NIG), born 3-Jan-1892 in Boonville, Missouri. Married DOROTHY MARY WILEY on 13-Oct-1923. She was born 20-May-1898. He died 14-Jan-1965 in Lordsburg, New Mexico and is buried in Mt. View Cemetery in Lordsburg, New Mexico.

a) POTTER, RUTHIE LOUISE was born in 1924 and married James Demarcus, JR.

J) POTTER, BESSIE ERNESTINE, born 24-Dec-1895 in Boonville, Missouri. Married JOSEPH ORVILLE KYLE on 8-Sep-1922. He was born 28-Mar-1895 in Marrisonville, Missouri. She married #2, HOLLAND T. BENNET on 13-Jan-1938. He was born 28-Mar-1895 in Greene County, Missouri. He died 29-Sep-1948 and is buried in the National Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri.

a) KYLE, WALTER EDWARD was born in 1923 and married Gertrude Miller.

K) POTTER, JOHN HENRY (JUDY) born 3-Feb-1897 in Boonville, Missouri. Married MABEL GERTRUDE SIMS, born 22-May-1897. He died 8-Jun-1918 in Boonville, Missouri and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri.

a) POTTER, ERNESTINE M. was born in 1917 and married Errett L. Estes.

b) POTTER, JOHN MARVIN was born in 1918 and died in 1971. He married Gertrude E. Baker.

L) POTTER, CHARLES EDWARD, born 2-Jul-1905 in Boonville, Missouri and married REBA SARA PHELPS on 2-Jul-1927. She was born 1-Jan-1907.

a) POTTER, EDWARD LEE was born in 1930 and married Marian Shurig.

M) POTTER, Stillborn.

3) BACK, EMIL PETER CHRISTAIN, born 7-Jan-1862 in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri. Christened 23-Feb-1862. Sponsors: Peter Huth and Louise Christian Geuer. He married GEORGIA ANN MEADOWS in Boonville, Missouri. She was born on 25-Feb-1863 in Missouri and her parents were born in Kentucky. He made the "Cherokee Strip" land run from Orlando with his brother, Joe. He, with his brother, had a saloon in Guthrie while they were waiting for the date to be set for the land run. He took Claim #55 in Bunch Creek Township near what is now Billings, Oklahoma. He died in 1897 in Guthrie, Logan County, Oklahoma. Brother Joe was appointed guardian of his children and he helped Georgia and the children to prove up the claim. Later in life, Georgia married D. E. HEDGEPATH and after his death a Mr. PARKER. She died in 16-Dec-1943 and is buried in Wooline Cemetery, Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico.

A) BACK, PHILIP, born in February of 1883 in Boonville, Missouri. He was in the U.S. Navy for sometime, joining from Illinois. Married for a short time. No Issue. Died 8-Jun-1929 and is buried in Woodbine Cemetery at Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico.

B) BACK, PEARL ANN, born 5-Jun-1885 in Boonville, Missouri. Married to GROVER WORNOCHE. Died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on 7-Dec-1944 and buried in Woodbine Cemetery in Artesia, New Mexico. No issue.

C) BACK, RUBY BELL, born 13-Oct-1890 in Boonville, Missouri. Married BLAINE BEDFORD HARNIS. Died in Fort Worth, Texas in December of 1954 and is buried in Woodbine Cemetery in Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico. No issue.

a) HARNIS, MILTON DEMETRIUS was born in 1917 and married Grace Kimoha Jordon.

i) HARNIS, MILTON LEON was born 06 Apr 1940 and married Laurs Sue Isley.

ii) HARNIS, BLAINE BEDFORD, JR. was born in 1949 and married Pauline.

I) HARNIS, STEVE BLAINE was born in 1953.

D) BACK, EMIL PETER, born 8-Apr-1892 in Oklahoma, Indian Territory. Married MARY MARTHA VOGEL on 14-Dec-1922. She was born 8-Nov-1898 and died 31-Oct-1972. He died 26-Jan-1967 and both are buried in Woodbine Cemetery in Artesia, New Mexico.

a) BACK, JAMES EARL was born in 1923 and died in 1928.

b) BACK, EMIL PETER, JR. was born in 1926 and married Elizabeth McDonald.

c) BACK, EVELYN MAE was born in 1930 and married in Warren Coughenhour.

i) COUGHENHOUR, CYNTHIA ELIZABETH was born in 1954.

ii) COUGHENHOUR, CATHY EILEEN was born in 1957.

d) BACK, ALBERT PHILIP was born in 1934 and married Wilma Friesen.

i) BACK, TRACY CHRISTINE was born in 1962.

ii) BACK, Joel Paul was born in 1964

4) BACK, JOSEPH WILLIAM, born 24-Apr-1863 and Christened 27-Mar-1863 in Boonville, Missouri. Sponsors: Peter Back, Joseph Mauz and Magdalene Huth. He married ANNE CHARLOTTE LEIPHART on 29-Jul-1884 in Boonville, Missouri. He made the Cherokee Strip race for land from Orlando and took Claim #127 in Whiterock Township near Billings, Oklahoma. He proved the claim and lived here until later in life when they built a new home in Billings, Oklahoma. Annie was born 29-Sep-1861 in Boonville, Missouri. She died 5-Aug-1936 and he died 26-Jan-1933 in Billings, Oklahoma. Both are buried in Billings Cemetery.

A) BACK, JOSEPH WILLIAM JR., born 10-Jul-1885 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 10-May-1886. Married HALLIE I. BARNES on 15-Nov-1911. She was born 27-Mar-1892 and died 26-Jul-1968 and he died 14-Apr-1971 and both are buried in Billings Cemetery, Billings, Oklahoma.

B) BACK, ALMA AMELIA, born 18-Oct-1886 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 26-Oct-1890. Married 12-Aug-1908 to RAYMOND RHON DERR. He was born 27-Feb-1885 and died 9-Jun-1923 and she died 21-Sep-1927. Both are buried in Billings Cemetery in Billings, Oklahoma.

C) BACK, ESTELLA JUANITA, born 7-Dec-1888 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 26-Oct-1890. Sponsor: Wilhelmina Back. Married JOHN DUPY 7-Mar-1911 in Enid, Oklahoma. John was born 7-Dec-1887 and died 30-Aug-1956. She died 5-Mar-1973 and both are buried in the IOOF Cemetery at Ponca City, Oklahoma.

D) BACK, EDGAR DAVID, born 9-Sep-1890. Christened 26-Oct-1890. Sponsor; Louise Leiphart. Married WILLA BROWN, who was born 21-Apr-1894 and died 3-Jan-1966, or 25-Jun-1916. He died 24-Jul-1956 and they are both buried in Forrest Lawn in Glendale, California.

E) BACK, HARRIET GEORGIANNA, born 20-Oct-1892 in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Christened Sponsor was John Leiphart. She married FRANK M. DUPY on 28-Jun-1920 in Enid, Oklahoma.

F) BACK, EDNA PAULINE, born 17-Jun-1901 in Billings, Oklahoma. Married LEO EMERSON BELLMAN on 28-Sep-1921 in Billings, Oklahoma. Leo died 4-Mar-1972 and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery at Ponca City, Oklahoma.

5) BACK, ANTONE DANIEL, born 31-Mar-1865 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 4-Jun-1865. Sponsors were Anton Geuer and Catherine Back. Married 17-Nov-1885 to LOUISE SOPHIS FESSLER

by Rev. Louis Kohlman in Boonville, Missouri. She was born 17-Apr-1865. Christened 16-May-1865. Sponsors were John Peter Back and Sophie Hooker. She died 4-Jan-1917 and he died 23-Dec-1923 in Boonville, Missouri. Both are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery at Boonville.

A) BACK, TERRANCE JACOB, born 26-Aug-1886. Married EDITH BOGGS on 5-Jan-1909. She was born 24-Dec-1886 in Boonville and died in Oct of 1969 and buried in Olathe, Kansas. He died 3-Jan-1942 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri.

B) BACK, ETHEL ANNE, born 20-Jul-1888. Married OSCAR BERNARD KLINE on 14-Aug-1907. He was born 30-May-1887 and died 26-Nov-1955 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri. Ethel is living in a rest home in 1981.

C) BACK, JOHN ROBERT, born 30-Sept-1891. Christened 17-Apr-1892. Sponsors were Robert Stegner and Annie (Fessler) Dick. Died 29-Mar-1895 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery at Boonville.

D) BACK, HENRY FRANK (PETIE), born 7-Nov-1897. Married 4-May-1922 to MRS. MABEL GERTRUDE SIMS POTTER. He died 1-Jul-1955 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri.

E) BACK, ROSALIE REGINA born 28-Dec-1902, Christened 9-Feb-1903. Sponsor was Regina Williams. Married MELVAN LAVEN CAUTHON, SR. on 8-Oct-1923. He was born 4-Jul-1903, died 1-Sep-1976. She was living in a rest home in 1981.

F) BACK, THELMA LAVIENA, born 20-Jul-1905. Christened 25-Aug-1905. Married 17-Jun-1930 to OTTO HERMAN SCHMOLFELDT. He was born 4-Sep-1897. She died in 1981.

6) BACK, ANNA MARIE (MARY ANN), born 20-Jun-1867 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 11-Aug-1874. Sponsors were Anna Marie Heiburger and Conrad Geuer. Married 6-Sep-1882 to DOMINICUS BARNET by Rev. Hoffman. He had come from Germany in 1880. He was born 4-Aug-1862 and was a Naturalized Citizen. He was a Contractor and Builder. She died 13-Jan-1953 in Boonville, Missouri and he died 20-Jul-1948. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri.

A) BARNET, WILHELMINA JOSEPHINE (MINNIE), born 29-May-1884. Married JOHN (JACK) BRUSTMAN in 1918. She died 7-May-1957 and he died 29-Jan-1965. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri.

B) BARNET, CARL ALOYSUS, born 8-Dec-1888. He married 3-Nov-1910 to LOUISE C KOENIG. She was born 23-Mar-1892 and died 26-Sep-1956 and he died 18-Mar-1959. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri.

C) BARNET, EDGAR LAURENCE, born 22-Sep-1891. Married MARIAN CLARK BRADLEY on 27-Feb-1913. She was born 21-Mar-1891. He died 30-Jan-1966 and is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery at Boonville, Missouri.

D) BARNET, MERLE JOSEPH, born 2-Feb-1896. Died 27-Jan-1972 and is buried in St. Morrah Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri.

E) BARNET, ANNA LENORE, born 29-May-1900. Married **HOWARD STERLING McGUIRE** on 3-Jun-1922. He was born 5-Sep-1902. She died 18-Oct-1977 and is buried in Phoenix, Arizona.

F) BARNET, JEROME DOMINICUS, born 8-Sep-1902. Married **ANNA FORESTINE REID** on 18-Jun-1930. She was born 26-Mar-1906. He died 7-Jun-1964 and is buried in Tacoma, Washington.

7) BACK, WILLIAM HERMAN (DUTCH), born 18-Jun-1869 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 11-Aug-1874. Sponsors were Wilhelmina Geuer and Herman Joseph Geuer. He was an Insurance Agent. He married **MACKIE SPREY HIRT** on 14-Jan-1891 in Boonville, Missouri. He was hit by a Missouri Pacific Railroad Train in downtown Boonville and killed 4-Aug-1925. Mackie was born 9-Oct-1869 and died 10-Sep-1921. Both are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri.

A) BACK, MARY WILHELMINA, born 5-Jan-1892. Married **ELMER CARTNER** 2-Sep-1913. He was born 7-Feb-1890 and died 11-Mar-1957. She died in the spring of 1981 and both are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri.

B) BACK, WILHELM PHILIP, born 25-Jul-1894 and died 20-Jan-1898. Buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

C) BACK, WALTE HERMAN, born 5-Sep-1896/97. Died 19-May-1904. Buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville, Missouri.

Generation IV, Back

IV) BACK, PHILIP GOTTFRIED, born 1-Jan-1858 in Boonville, Missouri. Christened 31-Jan-1858. Sponsors were Gottfried Back and Catherine Neef. Confirmed 1-Jun-1873. He married **LOUISE MAGDALENA MEISBURGER**, daughter of John Baptiste and Mary Magdalena (Diringer) Meisburger on 29-Apr-1884. They were married by Rev. John A. Hoffman, pastor of S.S. Peter and Paul Church. The first year of their marriage, he served on the Police Force. At different times he made application and received license to operate a Dram Shop. He owned and sold barges on the Missouri River and several different pieces of property. He went into the Fuel Business. He had a wood and coal yard and added a Fuel Wagon (Red Tank Line Co.) drawn by horses. He delivered "Perfection Oil" and "Crown Gasoline" over town. This he sold to his brother-in-law, John Potter in August of 1893 when he decided to claim land in the Cherokee Strip Land Run. The Fuel Company remained in the Potter Family for many years.

This story found in the things of Anna Helen Back Stone after her death in 1955, probably tells the story of the early days in Oklahoma for him and his family best. "Mr. Back, with his brother-in-laws, Frank Meisburger and Dominicus Barnert made the race together in a heavy cart made out of the back wheels of a wagon. They drove two grey horses, named Dutch and Tony after two of his brothers. They had them shipped from the west and wasn't halter broke when they were unloaded at the Railroad station at Guthrie, Oklahoma in August of that year and they spent many hours breaking them to the cart. It took seven men to hitch them the day of the race. They made the start from Orlando. Mr. Back took a place two miles east of Billings, now owned by his son, Emil. Mr. Meisburger took the farm joining it on the east and Mr. Barnert, the one now owned by Mr. Pitts, south of Billings. They both turned their claims back as they did not like the country and wanted to go back to Missouri. Mr. Back dug a well on the bank of a bijou on the west side of his place that same afternoon. He soon built a two room house, 16' x 22', the first winter and hauled the material from Perry. The family moved

out in February of 1894. He had a small store on Red Rock Creek the first winter and a post office, called ARNOLD. (Arnold was established November 27, 1893 and changed to WHITEROCK Sept. 31, 1915). While trying to make a living in the store and post office, he had a man contest the claim. He bought the contestant off and he moved two miles north and bought a place so everyone was happy. Mr. Charles French was the contestant. The sod was broke by Ad and Joe Brown with a team of oxen. Watermelons grew well on the sod, also Kaffir Corn. There were very few lights to be seen at night as so many neighbors lived in dugouts. Fuel was very scarce. Wood was hauled from Red Rock, about 6 or 7 miles. You would buy a tree and then have to cut it up in stove lengths. Our chicken house was made of sod. The coyotes were plentiful and at night made a doleful sound.

The first school was moved from Perry and Mary Brown was the first teacher. Her father was a homesteader. The term was three months and the salary was twenty dollars. Two dollars was the price a teacher paid a week for board. Silk undies were a thing not known then. Underwear was made of flour sacks and you could sometimes still tell the brand of flour when they were on the clothesline.

Later Sunday School was started in the school house and also used for social activities. Literary and 'what debates'. Some of the phrases still stand out in my mind, such as 'Procrastination is the thief of time'. I recall so many times of seeing my father dressed as an old darky and singing 'Old Black Joe'. We also drove the cart and Old Dutch and went to Freemom and Lone Star to Literary. Our home school was Summit.

The first time we took eggs to market in the cart, the seat fell off and broke our first delivery of eggs. How well I remember stripping cane and hauling it to the sorghum mill about two miles away. And what good sorghum. Castor beans and broom corn were two more crops in the early days. Bins were made on hard ground and the beans put out to dry and when they opened they could well be called 'jumping beans'. We also raised peanuts and on cold winter nights we would all set around the fire and pick off peanuts, shell popcorn and sing songs. We always looked forward to Christmas for the relatives in Boonville would send us hard maple sugar, cheese and many more treats. Sometimes neighbors would gather and we would have taffy pulls, if we had extra sugar."

The farm was SW ½ Section 22 Twsp 24 Range 2W Noble County Claim #22 Bunch Creek Township. About 1909 they built a new house in Billings, Oklahoma. He had grocery and Mercantile stores most of the time up until his death. At one time his store was called "Wonder Mercantile" and later "P.G. Back Mercantile Co." Just before his death he had started the first "Help Yourself Grocery Store" in Billings, Oklahoma. He died in Enid, Oklahoma on 16-Nov-1922 and is buried along side his wife in the Billings Cemetery.

1) BACK, ANNA HELEN (See **Generation V, Back**)

2) BACK, MARY NADINE, born 12-June-1888 in Boonville, Missouri. Married FRANK HOLLAND on 5-Feb-1908 at Plum Grove Farm, her parents home, near Billings, Oklahoma. She spent some time in California, where she was employed by the Guarantee Title and Trust Co. She died 18-May-1925 and was laid to rest by her father in the Cemetery in Billings, Oklahoma. No issue.

3) BACK, EMIL PHILIP, born 4-Jul-1890 in Boonville, Missouri. He was a Farmer and married MABELLE ALLIANCE JONES on 22-May-1912. She was a school teacher and was born 29-Jan-1890. They lived most of their married life on the farm his father had taken in the Cherokee Strip Land Run. They moved to Ponca City later in life where he died 20-Mar-1965 and she died 5-Jan-1977. Both are buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

A) BACK, MERLIN EMIL, born 24-Sep-1914 in Billings, Oklahoma. Married in October of 1936 to AUDRA WILLIAMS. Died 23-Feb-1956. Buried in IOOF Cemetery in Ponca City. Two children — in information.

B) BACK, BETTY LOU, born 2-Sep-1929 in Billings, Oklahoma. Married 16-Jul-1948 to GEORGE GLENN MARTIN. He was born 17-Dec-1929, the son of Louis Martin.

a) MARTIN, JANET LOUISE, born 22-Jul-1951.

b) MARTIN, GAYLA JEANNE, born 1-Dec-1953.

c) MARTIN, GEORGE GLENN jr., born 24-Jun-1958.

d) MARTIN, SUSAN RENEE, born 28-Aug-1962.

4) BACK, MAYBELLE MARGARET, born 19-Nov-1892 in Boonville, Missouri. She graduated from High School in Billings, Oklahoma and helped her father in the Mercantile Store until her marriage. Married FRANCIS WESLEY STEPHENSON on 7-Oct-1914. He was born 27-Apr-1889 near Lincoln, Nebraska, the son of James Henry and Hannah (Shelpman) Stephenson and died 1-Oct-1951. She died 23-Jun-1935 in Enid, Oklahoma and both are buried in the Billings Cemetery.

A) STEPHENSON, HANNALOU ESTELLE, born 22-Oct-1915. Married ARCHIE GLENN SMITH on 11-Jul—1942 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was born 15-Jul-1909, the son of William Archie and Catherine Isabelle Martha (Reeves) Smith.

a) SMITH, DOUGLAS GLENN born 19-Feb-1945. Married FRIEDA GAYE CRIMMINS on 27-May-1968.

b) SMITH, JUDITH MARGUERITE, born 11-Sep-1946. Married GERALD JAY MOWERY on 7-Jan-1967.

c) SMITH, DAVID ARCHIE, born 14-Sep-1952. Married MARY KATHLEEN ROARK on 29-Dec—1974.

d) SMITH, REBECCA HANNALOU, born 15-Feb—1954. Married JIMMIE LEE HATCHER on 16-Aug-1975.

B. STEPHENSON, FRANCIS WESLEY JR, born 7-Jan-1918 in Billings, Oklahoma. Married 10-Jul-1940 to HAZEL FRANCES WHEATLY born 8-Feb-1921, the daughter of Francis W. and Iris A.

(Duff) Wheatley. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Has been in Retail Merchandising in Tulsa, Oklahoma since his graduation.

a) STEPHENSON, DONALD TERRY born 2A-Oct-1941. Died 27-Oct-1941.

b) STEPHENSON, RICHARD WESLEY, born 21-Jul-1944. Married DONNA LOU BLACK on 25-Aug-1967.

c) STEPHENSON, DAVID RAY, born 31-Jan-1952. Married JOAN GUILLUAME on

25-Jul-1974.

C) STEPHENSON, MARGUERITE VIOLA, born 18-Nov-1918 in Billings, Oklahoma. Graduated from Billings High School. Received her RN in nursing from Wesley Hospital in Wichita, Kansas. She has followed this profession for most of her life in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She married 10-Nov-1966, PHILIP OTTO KOELLER. He was born 2-Nov-1912, the son of Harry Celler. He died in 1978/79.

a) KOELLER, PHYLIS MARGUERITE, born 16-Apr—1948. Married ROY DARE STEWART.

b) KOELLER, KAY LOUISE, born 18-Feb-1950. Married RON REID.

c) KOELLER, STEPHEN HARRY, born 20-Sep-1952.

Generation V, Back

V) BACK, ANNA HELEN, born 19-Apr-1885 in Boonville, Missouri. Graduated from University Preparatory School in Tonkawa, Oklahoma on 12-Jun-1903 with a Commercial Education. She worked for some time for a Judge in Perry, Oklahoma. Returned to Billings, where she and her sister, Nadine, lived together. Nadine was a fine Dressmaker and Anna clerked in stores. One time for Cooper Clothing and later for Aaron and Sadie Cades. Both girls were members of the Sopoctum Club. She married WILLIAM THOMAS STONE on 11-Jul-1907 in Billings, Oklahoma. Married by George F. Dennis, Minister. William Stone had come to Billings from Kansas City, Missouri to put in a Grocery Store with Redfern. He was born 12-Dec-1868 in Ohio, the son of Samuel A. and Catherine (O'Kane) Stone. He died 10-Jun-1935 and she died 23-Aug-1955. Both are buried in IOOF Cemetery at Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

1) STONE, CATHERINE LOUISE, born 27-Dec-1908 in Billings, Oklahoma. Died 22-Jan-1909. She is buried in the Cemetery at Billings, Oklahoma

2) STONE, HELEN NADINE, born 9-Aug-1910 near Ponca City, Oklahoma. Married BURRTON GLENN WOODRUFF on 17-Sep-1939 in Anthony, Kansas. Burrton was born 25-Jun-1907 in Caddo, County, Oklahoma, the son of Burrton Glenn and Emma Bell (Bentley) Woodruff.

A) WOODRUFF, BURRTON GLENN III, born 6-May-1941. Received his Doctorate Degree in Research Psychology and is Professor of Psychology at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. Married 2-Jun-1962 to DORIS MILLER, born 2-Jul-1939, the daughter of Paul Leroy and Minnie A. (Atterbury) Miller.

a) WOODRUFF, BURRTON GLEN IV was born 14-Mar-1968.

b) WOODRUFF, JASON SCOTT, 26-Jun-1971.

B) WOODRUFF, LAYTEN LAMAR, born 4-Apr-1943. He was in the Navy, Tool and Die Journeyman. He works for General Signal in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

C) WOODRUFF, RODGER ALLYN, born 25-Jul-1944. Associate Degree in Merchandising. Employed by K-Mart as Assistant Manager in Denver, Colorado. Married to **SUSAN AGNES LaVOIE**, born 24-Feb-1950, the daughter of Robert Eugene and Shirley Agnes (Oaks) LaVoie.

a) **WOODRUFF, HEATHER KAYE**, 15-Mar-1968.

b) **WOODRUFF, CHRISTOPHER ROBERT ALLYN**, 4-Feb-1971.

c) **WOODRUFF, RYAN SCOTT MICHAEL**, 21-Feb-1978.

d) **WOODRUFF, KATHERINE ANN MARIE**, 7-Nov-1979.

D) WOODRUFF, VIRGIL JOE, born 22-Aug-1945. Employed in Tulsa, Oklahoma by Reading & Bates. Married **DONNA DEE CRANMER** on 20-Jan-1968. She was born 26-Feb-1946, the daughter of Warren Hall and Estella Faye (Turley) Cranmer.

a) **WOODRUFF, JODY ANNA**, 25-Oct-1974.

b) **WOODRUFF, CARRIE JO**, 26-Feb-1976.

c) **WOODRUFF, BENJAMIN JOE**, 12-Mar-1980.

3) STONE, WILLIAM PHILIP, born 18-Jun-1918 near Bliss (Marland) Oklahoma. He served WW II in the Army Air Corp. Employed by Civil Service in Institutional Correction System. Married 6-Jun-1938 to **ELIZABETH EVELYN RUARK** in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. She was born 7-Nov-1918, the daughter of Hallam O. and Ester Kendal (Lanyon) Ruark. He died 7-Oct-1963 and is buried in South Lawn Cemetery in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

A) STONE, WILLIAM KENDAL, born 14-Nov-1950. Married 7-Jun-1975 to **MARY BETH WALKER**.

B) STONE, THOMAS PHILIP, born 4-Dec-1960.

4) STONE, VIRGIL EUGENE, born 16-Sep-1923 in Billings, Oklahoma. He was a Farmer. He was in WW II in the Navy. Married 13-Feb-1954 to **MARION M. KILEGA** in Pondcreek, Oklahoma. She was born 19-Aug-1919. He died 12-Apr-1978 and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Tonkawa, Oklahoma. No issue.