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1. Fredrick Banttrop

Birth Date: 15 Apr 1831
Birth Place: Leipzig or Wesphalia, Germany
Death Date: 13 Mar 1918
Death Place: McGirk, Montineau County, Mo.
Burial Place: Salem Church Cemetery, California, Mo.

Notes:

Born in Leipzig, Germany to Frederick and Helen Louise Haberfost, Fred Banttrop came this country in 1842. It is not known what boat he came on or who he came over to this country with. We do however know that he had at least one older brother and one sister, Fredericke, who married a Christopher Gross. Fred purchased 40 acres in Section 36 Township 45-N Range 15 W in Montineau County on March 10, 1854 at the Fayette Land Office. After Fred returned home from the Civil War, he worked on the farm and also had a hotel in town called the Farmer's House. From his will, it appears he lived fairly comfortably. He died at 10 p.m. March 20, 1918 at his home in Walker Township.

There is some question as to how the Banttrop name got changed from how Fredrick W. Banttrop spelled it to how it currently is spelled as Bantrup. Even on his will, he spelled it Banttrop, but his obituary and every other place it is spelled Bantrup.

A BRIEF BUT CORRECT WAR HISTORY OF A TRUE DEFENDER OF THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY FROM 1847 TO 1865

By Fredrick W. Bantrup

I first enlisted in the service of the United States under Captain Paul in Company D of the Third United States Infantry to serve during the war with Mexico; I was then in my 16th year. I, with my elder brother, were then living with our stepfather: He was very hard on us and I did not want to stay with him. My mother permitted my brother to enlist, but did not know that I had enlisted because I slipped away to camp every day and after the drills were over, I would resume my citizen's clothes and return home. I drilled thus with the company for about two months when they were ordered to Council Bluffs, Iowa. On the morning the company was to start to Council Bluffs, I put on my uniform at the camp and went down to the boat, which was to carry us and hired a boy to take my citizen's clothes home to Mother, instructing him to take them home after the boat had started; but the boy grew tired of waiting for the boat to leave and took my clothes home before the boat started and my Mother immediately set out to catch me and arrived a few minutes before the boat pulled in its gangplank. She came right on the boat and captured me; made me change my clothes and started for home. Thus ended my first service in the defense of the Stars and Stripes. My brother was killed soon after in a fight with the Indians.

In 1851, I joined the Union Riflemen of St. Louis, a local militia company and served in it for three years. The company had but one excitement, viz; then we were taken to Franklin County, Missouri to put down a mob on the Pacific Railroad.

In the Spring of 1861, I enlisted in Captain John Potthofs's independent company of Montineu County, Missouri Home Guards; I was mustered in as a sergeant and served in that company about three months and until it was disbanded by act of Congress and then I, with other comrades, joined Rice's Company G, 1st Reg., Cole County Missouri Home Guards sometimes called the First Missouri Reserve Corps. I served in that Company until the Fall of 1861 when all Homes Guard Companies were disbanded and for awhile afterwards I served as a spy for the Government at Lexington, Missouri. After that City was taken by the Rebels; I was ordered then by Gen. Thomas Price, the Post Commander at Jefferson City, Missouri; my duty being to confiscate all Government property lost in the battle of Lexington which could be found in the hands of Rebels or Rebel-sympathizers. I found and shipped to Jefferson City two car loads of horses belonging to the Illinois Cavalry and a car load of mules and other property, all of which I found in the hands of the Southerners.

After that, I enlisted in Company B, 33 Mo. Vol. Inf. On the 11th day of August 1862 for the term of three years or so long as the was should continue. Lieutenant Rapp, the recruiting officer, appointed me 3rd Sergeant of the Co. and I received my commission as such on the sixth day of October 1862 and was sent to St. Louis for muster; I

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was also appointed as left general guide on Brigade Drill.

From St. Louis, we went to Rolla, Missouri and were ordered to go from there to Springfield, Missouri; but before we reached the latter place we were ordered back to St. Louis.

On the 22nd day of December 1862 we were ordered down the Mississippi River to Columbus, Kentucky. On the 25th day of December I was detailed with 20 men to bring two large cannons from the levee and mount them in the fort at Columbus; on New Year's Day I was detailed to bury one of our comrades and we alarmed the whole camp when we fired the salute over the grave, and when we returned, we found the whole garrison in line of battle. They soon found out their mistake. From that post we were ordered to Helena, Arkansas, at which place we arrived on the 7th day of January, 1863 and on the 11th we left that place on an expedition up White River. We went to Duvall's Bluff and returned to Helena; then we went down Yazoo Pass with an expedition to Fort Pemberton. We took two heavy guns from our gunboats, pulled them through a swampy bottom by hand, and built a fort out of cotton bales and earth and mounted the guns—doing all the work in one night. We were engaged in skirmishes and bombarded the Fort for six weeks and were ordered back to Helena on the 8th day of May. We remained at Helena, doing nothing but Camp and Garrison duty; drilling in Light and Heavy Artillery, our Company having command of Battery B. We made entrenchments, built forts and barracks. On the 4th of July our first large battle was fought, the Battle of Helena. We were stationed on the left wing; after seven hours' hard fighting the battle was won. In the last action I was in command of the Company and Battery B. The Captain of my company being Acting Colonel the First Lieutenant being killed and the Second Lieutenant absent or detached service. During that engagement, Confederate Colonel Hineman with 400 men, made several sallies to capture our fortification; he with his men were in a deep hollow in front of us; he, Col. Hineman, climbed up on a log to reconnoiter us and I drew a bead on him and commanded him to surrender. He, seeing that there were but a few of us, swung his sword and cried out to his men, "Boys, take off your coats, there is only a handful of them; we can whip them." I pulled back the hammer of my gun, but my Colonel ordered me not to shoot and said he wanted to talk to them. He said, "Colonel, why in the ___ don't you surrender? Don't you see the danger you are in?" Colonel Hineman answered, "Colonel, by what power do you demand me to surrender?" Col. Hudson answered, "By a twelve pound Howitzer." Col. Hineman then reversed his sword and surrendered. I took twenty out of my fifty-five men and went down in the hollow where the Confederate soldiers were and told them that their Colonel had surrendered and I ordered them to surrender, come out and leave their guns in the hollow. They did as I commanded them and I with my twenty men marched them around the hill to the back part of the works. Soon afterwards, I sent them with the detail of twenty men to the wharf boat to be taken to Memphis.

The next day, we buried our own dead comrades and the dead Rebel soldiers and all the next day, we were busy clearing the fields of the dead; I must say that I was very lucky in my first fight in Dixie, but the Almighty God was with me and helped me.

On the 27th day of January, 1864 we left Helena for Jackson, Miss. where we had a fight. Then we were ordered to make and guard a pontoon bridge over the Black River in the rear of Vicksburg and were assigned to the command of Gen. A.J. Smith. We camped at the Black River bridge for a month, and on the 9th of March, we left Vicksburg for the Red River Expedition. March 14th we arrived at Fort De Russe at 4 p.m. and had to fight hard for two hours during which we took the Fort by storm and captured six thousand prisoners and all the guns. We took the guns out of the Fort and put them on our boat and then blew up the empty Fort; then we left for Alexandria and took that place in good shape.

Leaving that place we marched all day through a heavy rain and deep mud and reached the rebel works at Henderson Hill. The rebels had planted a whole battery on a high hill and as soon as we came in range, they played on us with a heavy fire. Part of our army was ordered around the hill to attack them in the rear, and while going around, they discovered the rebel countersign. During the hailstorm of that night we were able to take all their pickets without a shot; the pickets having been taken at the signal, we charged on their camp and took them and only two shots were fired; we lost one man and the rebels lost one killed, and 200 prisoners. Besides the prisoners, we captured 200 head of horses and six pieces of artillery. We marched that day between 35 and 40 miles through heavy rain and hail and in mud and water which sometimes reached our breasts.

On the third day of April, we reached Grand de Cor; on the next day a few hundred of our cavalry with two regiments of infantry went out on a scout and found rebel camp of 5000 men when a heavy skirmish took place; after a loss of 90 men on our side, the rebels were repulsed. From that place we marched to Pleasant Hill, reaching there on the 8th. Here General Banks, commander of the expedition, had a very hard battle with the rebel under the leadership of Gen. Kirby Smith. The day before, Gen. Banks had been repulsed at Mansfield, with a severe loss and his army had been scattered in confusion; but at Pleasant Hill the western troops took up the fight under

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A.J. Smith and fought a stiff battle breaking our first two lines; but the third held and, having rallied, we drove them four miles. Both sides having lost heavily, we slept that night on the battlefield. The next day we retreated to Grand de Cor by order of Gen. Banks and were compelled to leave our dead and wounded on the battlefield.

We were ordered from the Grand de Cor down the Red River to the Mississippi. We had to go along the shore to protect our fleet and had to fight all the way. When we reached Yellow Bayou, we were holding the rear, protecting our army while they crossed the bayou. That day we charged the enemy three times in the open field; the last charge I advanced a little in front of the line and captured two prisoners. As I was taking them along near a blackberry patch, I saw a man standing a little distance away. I commanded him to surrender, but he told me he was shot, so I picked him up and carried him a quarter of a mile through a blackberry patch with my other prisoners in front till we reached the line.

On the fifth day of June, we arrived at Lake Chenault on the Mississippi where the rebels had blockaded the river. We had a severe fight with them on the 6th and, after several hours hard fighting, we drove them from the battlefield, leaving all their dead and wounded in our hands. Strange to say, Missouri troops were fighting on both sides that day, and it was a hard fight for both sides with a great loss, but the rebels finally gave it up.

We arrived at Memphis, Tennessee on the 10th, and on the 16th were ordered to take 15 days rations and follow up Rebel General Forrest. On this march we had to build our roads and bridges as we went, until both armies met at Tupelo, Mississippi. There we fought on the 14th and 15th of July. From that place we started again through different towns in the country making our way back to Memphis which we reached on the 22nd. While on the last named expedition, two days before the battle of Tupelo, Gen. Forrest made a charge on our provision train and in that engagement, I got badly hurt.

On the 30th day of August, 1864, we left Memphis for the last time. We went down the Mississippi to Red River and up Red River to Duvalls Bluffs and thence to Brownsville, Arkansas, arriving there on the 11th day of September. After that, we went further North into Missouri after Gen. Stuart Price who was then making a raid through our State. We followed his army into Iron Mountain and Cape Girardeau and from that place we took boats for St. Louis. We were nearly starved and naked and had to stay on the boats until after we had drawn clothing. We then followed Gen. Price by boat to Jefferson City, Mo. and thence to California, which was my home.

On November 14th, we left California, Mo. for Nashville where we arrived on the 30th. General Hood had gathered his whole force, and on the 14th of December orders came to move out next morning and face the enemy. That order was surely carried out, and on the 15th began that famous two days' battle of Nashville in which we carried their works. On the second day I was struck by something, I know not what, in the breast. The missile went through my blanket and struck the brass eagle on my belt and bent halfway around through my flesh into my breast. When I regained consciousness, I was alone on the battlefield with the wounded and dead. The whole line had passed over the first rebel entrenchment and had passed out of sight over the hill.

I started out to overtake them and, as I passed a small grove, I saw a Confederate captain of artillery with a Corporal and five men run out of the grove and pass through a gate in the stone fence on the Franklin Pike. I followed them to see where they were going and discovered that they had stopped behind the fence. I loaded my gun and went after them. I slipped up on them through the gate and commanded them to throw down their arms and surrender, and they, thinking there was a large force with me, immediately surrendered. After they had surrendered, I kept them behind the wall and stood in the gate. I saw a Confederate Color Sergeant with his guard carrying the Confederate Colors and a banner up the hill. I commanded them to halt, but they continued running up the hill and I fired at the color-bearer and brought him down; but another picked up the colors and ran up and over the hill. Had the prisoners I had taken known that I was alone, with no other Federal soldiers near, they might have taken me prisoner. I talked with them later about it, but the thought had never occurred to them.

I commanded them, then, to form a line and march in front of me to the rear, but the Confederate Captain remonstrated with me saying that if they marched in front of me between the lines, they would be shot down. So I told them that I would march at their left to protect them from Federal bullets and, in that manner, marched them along to the Federal lines, taking care all the while to keep the stone wall between them and what was lately the battlefield so they might not know I was alone. After we had gone about four or five hundred yards, I met Jimmie Cullen, a Corporal of my Company. Jimmie was lost and wanted to know if I didn't want help with my prisoners. I told him I did not, but Jimmie went along with us. When we came to the Federal lines, I gave up the prisoners to the Colonel of the 7th Minnesota. I did not find my regiment that night, but stayed with the 7th Minn. Until morning and then pushed on, together with Corp. Cullen and found the Co. near the place where I took the prisoners.

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On the 17th we left for Franklin, Tennessee and thence to Eastport, Miss. Pursuing the rebels all the way. We lay for a month the last named place with scant rations and rough, cold weather. Over three weeks we lived on shelled corn, intended for the horses.

On the 7th of February, we left and went on the river to Mobile, Ala.; but when we arrived at New Orleans on the 21st, we were taken on a steamer to Florida, where we landed and put off our cavalry and cattle. We then sailed on to Dauphin Island and Port Gaines. We landed there on the 8th, and on the 20th, we again started across the bay and up Broad River. We then got off the boat and marched by land, driving the rebels before us into their stronghold at Spanish Fort, which we surrounded on the 27th and fought for 12 days more or less, making three desperate charges. We took the Fort in the last charge, which was surrendered on the 9th day of April. We left Mobile on the 13th and arrived at Montgomery on the 25th, and stayed there ten days on account of the death of President Lincoln. While here, I rowed some of our boys across the Alabama River in a dug-out. About 2 p.m. I saw some of our command come over the hill toward the river and, at the same time, two men in gray uniform rode toward me. One of them dismounted and the other held his horse. The one who had dismounted came to me on foot and asked who had ferried the men across the river. I told them that I had; whereupon he asked me whether or not I would take him across the river. I told him I would if he was not afraid I would drown him and asked him who he was. He said nothing, but unbuttoned his coat and I saw the stars on his collar. He was General Forrest. I took him across to our side and he asked me to take him to our headquarters. I took him to our Colonel's headquarters and introduced him to Col. Heath, who gave me two men; with them I escorted Gen. Forrest to Department Headquarters in Montgomery. He stayed there for a while and then I took him back across the river. As he started to leave, he shook hands with me and thanked me very kindly for the small courtesies I had shown him.

On the 10th day of May, we left for Selma and arrived there the next day, at which place our regiment was detailed as provost guard until the 21 of July and, having received the farewell address of Gen. Grant, we started to Vicksburg and thence up the river to St. Louis, where we were mustered out of the Service. It is estimated by the Officers that our travels during the three years were fifty miles more than all around the United States.

On May 2, 1908, Fredrick Bantrop filed his will and named Roy L. Kay his executor. The will read:

I, Frederick Bantrop, of the county of Montineau in the state of Missouri, being sound mind, aged 77 years, do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows:

1. I request that my funeral be conducted in a manner suitable to my means and position in life, that a suitable monument or stone be placed, under the direction of my beloved wife, Sarah A. Bantrop to mark final resting place of my remains, the costs which shall be considered as funeral expenses. And I direct that my funeral charges, the expenses of administering my estate and all my just debts, be paid out of the personal estate.

2. I give and devise to my beloved wife, Sarah A. Bantrop, my property on High Street, in the City of California, Montineau County, Missouri, described as follows; Part of Lot number 113 in the City of California as shown by the original plot of "Boonesborough" (now California) described as follows; Beginning at the northeast corner of said lot number 113, run thence west 65 feet, thence north 82 and one half feet, thence east 65 feet, thence north 82 and one half feet to the place of beginning, to hold and enjoy absolutely in fee and the Home Place on which I now reside, in the City of California, Montineau County Missouri, known as the Farmer's House to hold and enjoy in absolutely fee, to be accepted by her in lieu of dower, and of any distributive share in my personal estate.

3. I give and devise to my son John H. Bantrop, the following described Real Estate, The North half of the North West quarter of section one Township 44-N, Range 15-W and the south east corner of the South West quarter of section 36, Township 45-N, Range 15-W, all being situate in Montineau County, upon the following express condition, that is to say that my said son, John H. Bantrop, have the use of the said property during the minority of my grandson John F. Wassman, and when he shall arrive at the age of 21 years of age then my said son, John H. Bantrop, shall pay my grandson, John F. Wassman, the sum of \$1,000 and turn over the land to him. And I hereby declare that the payment of the sum of \$1000 by my said son, John H. Bantrop, shall be enforced by any court having jurisdiction, and provided my said grandson shall die before reaching the age of 21 years, then the said \$1000 shall become a part of my estate and be divided among my children and their descendents per stirpes.

4. I give and bequeath to my son, Christopher Bantrop, the sum of \$1500.

5. I give and devise to son Fredrick W. Bantrop, the following described real estate, the 80 acres on which my said son, Frederick W. Bantrop, now lives, being situate in the county of Montineau County, Mo.

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6. I give and despire to my daughter Hannah L. Meyers, the following described estate, Lot number 90 Old Town of California, in Montineau, Missouri to hold and enjoy absolutely in fee simple.

7. I will that my son-in-law, John Kirchoff, have no part of my estate.

8. All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real and personal, I give, bequeath and devise, to my daughters, Harriett F. Tuepker, Mary Jane Eberhardt, Hannah L. Meyers and Martha Charlotte Pohlman, to be divided equally among them.

9. I hereby declare that the names of my children are as follows; Harriett F. Tuepker, Mary Jane Eberhardt, Hannah L. Meyers, Emma Bantrop, who died leaving no descendent, John H., Louis F. Bantrop, who died leaving no descendants, Christopher A. Bantrop, Rosa A. Wassman, who died leaving one son, named John Frederick Wassman, Mary C. Kirchoff, who died leaving one child now deceased, and Martha Charlotte Pohlman.

10. I appoint Roy L. Kay executor of this my last will and testament, revoking any former will by me made.

OBITUARY in California Democrat Thursday March 28, 1918

Fredrick Bantrup died at his home in McGirk, Thursday last. - funeral Friday afternoon at Salem Evangelical Church near McGirk, Rev. Neidermeyer officiating. The Henry Brown G.A.R. post of which he was an honored member took charge at the grave, the services conducted by Judge Hott and Jas. S. Roth of city, a considerable turnout of veterans both from California and Clarksburg.

Mr. Bantrup, who was 86 years old, 11 months old was confined to his room for about six years, paralyzed in his legs. He was born in Germany and came to this country in 1842 settling in Montineau County in 1854. He was a genial, good man and had many firm friends. When the Civil War broke out, he joined the Union Forces, the 33rd Missouri Regiment of Infantry, raised principally in St. Louis, and served about four years making a good soldier, most of the time as a sergeant of his company, and engaged in several of the severe battles of the Southwest. His genial disposition got him into trouble several times - one trouble that he related - "he was on picket duty in Mississippi on the bank of a small creek and the advanced Southern pickets were on the opposite side of the stream - both sides concluded to be friendly and refrain from war for the time being. They talked over the war and exchanged food. Sergeant Bantrup and his associates had supply of tobacco and the rebels were anxious for them to come across the stream and share their tobacco. Sergeant Bantrup and two or three of his comrades crossed over and divided the tobacco--all were having a good social gathering when the Captain of the Rebel guards made his appearance and made prisoners of Sergeant Bantrup and his comrades. They were, however, prisoners but a few hours and when the Rebel captain understood their friendly mission they were released and allowed to return across the creek to their command."

Mr. Bantrup located in this county over 60 years ago, engaged principally in farming. Previous to going to McGirk he lived in California many years conducting a hotel the "Farmers' Home," which he owned up to his death. He is survived by his wife, Sarah Wilson Bantrup, one sister, Mrs. Fredericke Gross, widow of the late Christ Gross, and seven children, C.A. Bantrup, Boonville; John H. Bantrup, Mrs. Wm. Tuepker, Mrs. Fred Pohlmann, Mrs. Eberhardt, and Mrs. Ed Meyers, of New Franklin.

Mr. Bantrup was a powerful man physically, 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighing about 250 pounds, not fleshy, with a powerful bone and muscle. He attended several meets of the G.A. R. and was flag bearer at their meeting in Boston at the grand parade of the principal streets of that city.

50th Anniversary Celebration

May 21, 1903 California Democrat

Last Sunday marked the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bantrup and the occasion was fittingly celebrated by a family reunion at their home in this city. A scrumptious dinner was spread, and a delightful day was enjoyed by the family and a few friends including Rev. F.A. Crabeck and Dr. H.B. Boade.

The presents, of which they were the recipients, were numerous, handsome and useful.

Mr. and Mrs. Bantrup were married May 23, 1853, in Jefferson county, Mo., Mrs. B's maiden name being Sarah Ann Wilson, shortly after removing to this county, where they have resided for forty-six years.

Of this union there are eight children living: Mrs. Harriet Tuepker, of near Russellville; Mrs. Mary Jane Eberhardt, of near Decatur; John, Chris, and F. Wm. Bantrup of this county, Mrs. Fred Pollman, of McGirk, and Mrs. John Wassman of Cooper county, all of whom were present except Mrs. Meyer, together with twenty grandchildren and two great grandchildren. As a momento a group picture--30 in all--were taken of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bantrup although well advanced in years, are still hearty and vigorous and enjoying good health,

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despite the fact that a half a century has elapsed since their lives were united. Mr. Bantrup is a veteran of two wars--the Mexican and civil--enlisted for the first named when only 18 years old.

That this respected and worthy couple may live to enjoy many more happy returns of their wedding day is the wish of their many friends.

SOURCES: Lois Gritz, Missouri Death Certificate, Aubrelia Hansen Barrata information, BLM Land Records, Fredrick Bantrop Will, 1880 Montineau County Census Walker Township Family 300, Personal Account of Civil War, California Democrat Obituary, California Democrat 50th Anniversary Story.

Spouse: Sarah Ann Wilson
Birth Date: 27 Apr 1835
Birth Place: Desoto, Missouri
Death Date: 30 Jan 1924
Death Place: McGirk, Montineau County, Mo.
Burial Place: Salem Evangelical Church in McGirk

Spouse Notes:
California Democrat
Thursday, Jan. 31, 1924

Mrs. Sarah A. Bantrup Dies At 89 Years of Age

Splendid Woman Passed Away At Home of Daughter at McGirks, Funeral Friday

Mrs. Sarah A. Bantrup, wife of the late Fred Bantrup, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F.W. Tuepker of McGirks Wednesday morning. She would have been 89 years old next April. Rev. F.P. Umbeck will officiate at the funeral service which will be held at the Salem Evangelical church Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Bantrup was born in Jefferson County, Missouri in 1835 and would had been 89 years of age in April. Her maiden name was Wilson and she was married to Fred Bantrup in 1853. Mr. Bantrup died six years ago. Nine years ago Mr. and Mrs. Bantrup went to McGirks where they made their home. Previous to that time the family home was in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Bantrup were the parents of twelve children, seven of whom survive, Mrs. Lottie Pohlman of McGirks, Mrs. Harriett Tuepker of McGirks, Mrs. Mary Eberhardt of Russellville, Mrs. Louise Meyer of Kansas City, Christ A. Bantrup of Boonville, John Bantrup of Pacific Junction, Iowa and William Bantrup of east of California. She is also survived by a large number of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Bantrup was a member of the Baptist church and a splendid christian woman. She has a host of friends who regret to hear of her death.

Marriage Date: 13 May 1853
Marriage Place: Jefferson City, Mo.

Children: John Henry
Fredrick William
Harriet Elizabeth
Hannah Louise "Louiza"
Mary Jane
Charlotte "Lottie"
Mary C. "Carrie"
Emma
Rosa A.
Caroline
Christopher Alexander
Louis F.

1.1 John Henry Bantrup

Birth Date: 1869
Birth Place: Missouri

Notes:

When his father, Fredrick Bantrop died in 1918, John Henry was given the farm Fredrick owned. It was the "North half of the North West quarter of section one, Township 44-N Range 15-W and the Sout East quarter of the South West quarter of section 36, Township 45-N, Range 15-W, and being situate in Montineau County, upon the following express condition, that is to say that my said son, John H. Bantrop, have the use of the said property during the minority of my grandson John F. Wassman, and when he shall arrive at the age of 21 years of age then my said son, John H. Bantrop, shall pay my grandson, John F. Wassman, the sum of \$1,000 and turn over the land to him.

I am guessing that after John F. Wassman was old enough to farm, John Henry and Mary Ann Collett moved to Pacific Junction, Iowa. They were listed as living there in January 1924 in the obituary of Sarah Ann Bantrup. However, in 1918 they were still on the farm outside of California. In 1918, John Fredrick Wassman was 13 years old. The couple farmed in Pacific Junction until 1940.

SOURCE: Fredrick Bantrop's Will, 1880 Montineau County Census Walker Township Family 300, California Democrat: Jan. 31, 1924.

Spouse: Mary Ann Collett
Birth Date: 14 Mar 1873
Birth Place: Montineau County, Missouri
Spouse Father: James Andrew Collett (1847-1881)
Spouse Mother: Catherine Reichel (1854-1881)

Spouse Notes:

SOURCE: Thelma Sappington info

Marriage Date: 26 Mar 1893
Marriage Place: California, Missouri

Children: Sarah
Mary Catherine
Rose
Clara
John Frederick
Carl Frederick

1.1.1 Sarah Bantrup

Birth Date: 26 Jan 1896
Birth Place: California, Missouri
Death Date: 3 Aug 1988
Death Place: Council Bluffs, Iowa

Notes:

Sarah was a farm wife until 1946 when they moved to 1635 5th Ave. in Council Bluffs. She worked as a seamstress for Brandeis Department Store (16th and Douglas streets) until retirement in 1962. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and cooking. From 1958 until her death, she was active in the Jehovah Witness Church in Council Bluffs. Her nickname was "Gammy," "Lalah" and "Lolly."

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SOURCE: Dorsie Ivy, John Fuller, 1903 Bantrup family photo, Ivy family packet compiled by Stan Ivy

Spouse: Orien Ivy
Birth Date: 24 May 1894
Birth Place: Gravois Mills, Missouri
Death Date: 17 Oct 1978
Death Place: Glenwood, Iowa
Spouse Father: Asa L. Ivy (1856-1929)
Spouse Mother: Fannie C. Weesen (1866-1926)

Spouse Notes:

Orien farmed in Missouri and Iowa until 1946. He last farmed in Pacific Junction, Iowa, in 1946. From 1946-52, he worked at Crawford Lumber in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He liked horses and rodeos. When he was between 16 and 20 years old he worked on mule teams in Oregon. One day he just came into California, Mo. sold his horse and left for Oregon. He came back from Oregon to Morgan County, Mo. and married Sarah Elizabeth Bantrup. They moved to Pacific Junction, Iowa. Then they moved to Red Oak and finally to Council Bluffs. He lived at 1635 Fifth Avenue in Council Bluffs until his natural death in 1978. His nickname was "Gamp." He also was an alcoholic, but one day he had bad hallucinations and quit cold turkey. His social security number was 485-18-8353.

SOURCE: John Fuller, Dorsie Ivy

Marriage Date: 1 Apr 1916
Marriage Place: Versailles, Missouri

Children: Dorsie Eugene

1.1.2a Mary Catherine Bantrup*

Birth Date: 6 Feb 1901
Death Date: 26 May 1978

Notes:

She died May 26, 1978 after refusing a blood transfusion due to religious beliefs. She married Roy Honeywell. He divorced her. Then she married Pearl Clark.

SOURCE: John Fuller, SSDI

Spouse: Roy Honeywell
Other spouses: Pearl Clark

1.1.2b Mary Catherine Bantrup*

(See above)

Spouse: Pearl Clark
Birth Date: 1910
Death Date: 17 Nov 1974

Spouse Notes:

SOURCE: John Fuller, SSDI

Other spouses: Roy Honeywell

1.1.3 Rose Bantrup

Birth Date: 6 Feb 1901
Death Date: 14 Feb 1995

Notes:
SOURCE: John Fuller, SSDI

Spouse: Floyd McClary
Birth Date: 21 Feb 1905
Death Date: Jul 1973
Death Place: Lane, Oregon

Spouse Notes:
SOURCE: SSDI

1.1.4 Clara Bantrup

Spouse: Lorenzo "Lon" Birdsong

Children: Ual
Geneva
Leroy
Lorene
Virginia
Velma
David
Donald
Glenn

1.1.5 John Frederick Bantrup

1.1.6 Carl Frederick Bantrup

Birth Date: 10 Dec 1894
Birth Place: California, Mo.
Death Date: 4 Nov 1936
Death Place: Council Bluffs, Iowa
Burial Place: Glenwood Cemetery

1.2 Fredrick William Bantrup

Birth Date: 28 May 1873
Death Date: 3 May 1949
Burial Place: California City Cemetery

Notes:
SOURCE: 1880 Montineau County Census,
Martin, James, (Ed.). 1992. "Recordings of Walker Township Cemeteries.
California, MO. Moniteau County Historical Society. 211 pgs + index, Judy Wittenberger

Spouse: Alvina L. Wittenburger

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Birth Date: 15 Oct 1867
Birth Place: Montineau County, Missouri
Death Date: 24 Apr 1931
Burial Place: California City Cemetery, California Missouri
Spouse Father: Friedrich Wittenburger (1824-1909)
Spouse Mother: Johana Frederica Priese? (1824-1887)

Spouse Notes:
SOURCE: Judy Wittenberger

Marriage Date: 1894

Children: Lula Sarah

1.2.1 Lula Sarah Bantrup

Birth Date: 26 Sep 1895
Birth Place: California, Mo.
Death Date: 15 Oct 1971
Death Place: California, Mo.
Occupation: SSN 491-36-7333

Notes:
SOURCES: SSDI, Montineau County Marriage Listings

Spouse: William C. Wilhelm

1.3 Harriet Elizabeth Bantrup

Birth Date: 28 May 1858
Death Date: 12 Jul 1934
Death Place: McGirk, Missouri
Burial Place: Salem Cemetery, California, Mo.

Notes:
SOURCE: Tombstone at Salem Cemetery

Spouse: Frederick William Tuepker
Birth Date: 8 Mar 1855
Death Date: 29 Apr 1929
Death Place: McGirk, Missouri
Burial Place: Salem Cemetery, California, Missouri

Spouse Notes:
SOURCE: Tombstone at Salem Cemetery

Children: William S.
Emma
Herman Frederick
Lena Marie
Anna Katherine

1.3.1 William S. Tuepker

Birth Date: Before 1903

Notes:

SOURCE: 1903 Bantrup Family Photo

1.3.2 Emma Tuepker

Birth Date: Before 1903

Notes:

SOURCE: 1903 Bantrup Family Photo

1.3.3 Herman Frederick Tuepker

Birth Date: Before 1903

Notes:

SOURCE: 1903 Bantrup Family Photo

1.3.4 Lena Marie Tuepker

Birth Date: Before 1903

Notes:

SOURCE: 1903 Bantrup Family Photo

1.3.5 Anna Katherine Tuepker

Birth Date: Before 1903

Spouse: Charles Collett

Birth Date: 7 Apr 1879

Birth Place: Montineau County Census

Spouse Father: James Andrew Collett (1847-1881)

Spouse Mother: Catherine Reichel (1854-1881)

Spouse Notes:

SOURCE: Thelma Sappington Info, 1903 Bantrup family photo

1.4 Hannah Louise "Louiza" Bantrup

Birth Date: 1862

Notes:

They lived in New Franklin in 1918 and 1924

SOURCE: Fredrick Bantrop obituary, Sarah Ann Bantrup obit, 1880 Montineau County Census Walker Township Family 300, Ed Wassman info

Spouse: Ed Meyers

Children: Clara Ellen

1.4.1 Clara Ellen Meyer

Birth Date: 22 May 1886
Death Date: 5 Oct 1958

Notes:
SOURCE: Ed Wassman info

Spouse: John Fredrick Wassman
Birth Date: 16 Oct 1875
Death Date: 5 Apr 1966

Children: Edwin Otto
Louise Minnie
Mary Wilhelmina
Walter Franklin Christopher
Maude Sarah

1.5 Mary Jane Bantrup

Birth Date: 10 Jan 1860
Birth Place: Missouri
Death Date: 23 Jan 1950
Death Place: California, Montineau County, Mo.

Notes:
According to Alvin Weber, they lived south of California on a farm. She was a housewife. She was living at the Henry Home for the Aged and she died of a heart attack on Jan. 23, 1950 at 11:20 a.m. in Montineau County, Missouri.

SOURCE: 1880 Montineau County Census, Alvin Weber personal interview Jan. 9, 2000, Lois Gritzo info, Missouri Death Certificate

Spouse: Henry Joseph Eberhart
Birth Date: 8 Mar 1852
Birth Place: New Philadelphia, Ohio
Death Date: 1 Dec 1928
Spouse Father: Jakob Eberhart (1820-1889)
Spouse Mother: Elizabeth Voegely (1826-1889)

Spouse Notes:
SOURCE: Lois Gritzo, 1880 Montineau County Census, Walker Township Family 433

Marriage Date: 14 Nov 1878
Marriage Place: Montineau County, Missouri

Children: Roy Henry
Archie
Earl Frederick
Nettie
Edith

1.5.1 Roy Henry Eberhart

Birth Date: 19 Nov 1884

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Death Date: 13 May 1962

Notes:

He had a car dealership and garage in Russelville, Mo. He also farmed and raised cattle.

SOURCE: Alvin Weber

Spouse: Mary D. Morris
Birth Date: 7 Jun 1886
Death Date: 7 Feb 1923

Marriage Date: 7 Oct 1906

Children: Neva Marie

1.5.2 Archie Eberhart

1.5.3 Earl Frederick Eberhart

Birth Date: 2 Dec 1898
Death Date: 2 Jun 1961
Death Place: Fulton, Missouri

Notes:

SOURCE: Lois Gritz

Spouse: Kathryn Marie Burger
Birth Date: 4 Mar 1897
Spouse Father: Benjamin Franklin Burger (1852-1911)
Spouse Mother: Mary Catherine Hutchison (1856-1944)

Marriage Date: 7 Mar 1920

1.5.4 Nettie Eberhart

Birth Date: May 1880
Birth Place: Walker Township, Montineau County, Mo.

Notes:

SOURCE: 1903 Bantrup Family Photo

Spouse: Luther Barbour

Spouse Notes:

SOURCE: 1903 Bantrup Family Photo

Children: Letha
Crystal

1.5.5 Edith Eberhart

Spouse: ?? Ratcliff

1.6 Charlotte "Lottie" Bantrup

Birth Date: 1875
Death Date: 1966

Spouse: John Frederick Pollman
Birth Date: 1867
Death Date: 1922
Death Place: California, Mo.
Burial Place: Salem Cemetery, California, Mo.
Spouse Father: Fredrich W. Pollmann (1822-1900)
Spouse Mother: Mary C. (1826-1903)

Spouse Notes:

He was listed as Frank J. in the the 1880 Montineau County Census for Walker County, but the parents and birthdate correspond with what I know about him. He is buried at the Salem Cemetery.

SOURCE: 1880 Montineau County Census Walker Township Family 399, Tombstone at Salem Cemetery

Children: Cleo
Harry
Infant
Infant
Infant

1.6.1 Cleo Pollman

Birth Date: Before 1903

Notes:

SOURCE: 1903 Bantrup Family Photo

1.6.2 Harry Pollman

1.6.3 Infant Pollman

Birth Date: 1 Oct 1914
Birth Place: California, Mo.
Death Date: 1 Oct 1914
Death Place: California, Mo.
Burial Place: Salem Cemetery

Notes:

SOURCE: Tombstone at Salem Cemetery

1.6.4 Infant Pollman

Birth Date: 15 Nov 1905
Death Date: 15 Nov 1905
Burial Place: Salem Cemetery

Notes:

SOURCE: Tombstone at Salem Cemetery

1.6.5 Infant Pollman

Birth Date: 12 Oct 1910
Death Date: 12 Oct 1910
Burial Place: Salem Cemetery

Notes:
SOURCE: Tombstone at Salem Cemetery

1.7 Mary C. "Carrie" Bantrup

Death Date: Before 1918

Notes:
SOURCE: Fredrick Bantrop will, Lois Gritz info

Spouse: John F. Kirchoff

Children: ??

1.7.1 ?? Kirchoff

Death Date: Before 1918

Notes:
SOURCE: Fredrick Bantrop will, Lois Gritz info

1.8 Emma Bantrup

Death Date: Before 1918

Notes:
SOURCE: Fredrick Bantrop will

1.9 Rosa A. Bantrup

Birth Date: 28 Sep 1878
Death Date: 24 Apr 1905

Spouse: John Fredrick Wassman
Birth Date: 16 Oct 1875
Death Date: 5 Apr 1966

Marriage Date: 10 Apr 1901

Children: Fredrick John "Fritz"

1.9.1 Fredrick John "Fritz" Wassman

Birth Date: 27 Jan 1905

Notes:

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SOURCE: Edwin Wassman info

Spouse: Virginia Tucker
Birth Date: 18 Oct 1908
Death Date: 6 Aug 1990

Children: Robert Otto
Jerome Fredrick

1.10 Caroline Bantrup

Birth Date: 1865

Notes:

SOURCE: 1880 Montineau County Census

1.11 Christopher Alexander Bantrup

Birth Date: 16 Nov 1871
Birth Place: California, Mo
Death Date: 18 Feb 1944
Death Place: Boonville, Mo.
Burial Place: Boonville Cemetery

Notes:

When his father died in 1918, Christopher was given \$1,500. He and Lena lived in Boonville as early as 1900 when Fritz was born and probably earlier than that. Christopher operated a freight hauling service in Boonville.

With Christopher there is some question as to how old he really was. His tombstone says he was born in 1871 but the census data points at 1880. Then James Bantrup remembered that his grandmother was 10 to 15 years older than Christopher. Something is fishy here.

SOURCE: 1880 Montineau County Census Walker Township Family 300, Bantrup family picture given by Lois Gritzto, Fredrick Bantrop will, John Fuller, James Bantrup personal interview, Tombstone at Boonville Cemetery.

Spouse: Lena Hessel
Birth Date: 30 Mar 1868
Birth Place: Leipzig, Sachsen, Germany
Death Date: 1955
Death Place: Boonville, Missouri
Burial Place: Boonville Cemetery
Spouse Father: August Wilhelm Hessel
Spouse Mother: Sophia Anne

Spouse Notes:

She came to the United States in the 1860s from Germany. She was about 15 to 20 years older than her husband.

SOURCE: William Bantrup-personal interview, James Bantrup personal interview 1-14-00

Children: Frederick John "Fritz"
Alma Sophia
Laura W.
Walter
Frieda
Infant twins

1.11.1 Frederick John "Fritz" Bantrup

Birth Date: 30 Jul 1900
Birth Place: California, Missouri
Death Date: May 1973
Burial Place: Pisgah Cemetery, Pisgah, Missouri.
Occupation: he sold tombstones

Notes:

Fritz and Katherine Bantrup lived at 109 Walnut St. in Boonville. Fritz was a dreyman, which meant he operated a trucking and hauling business in Boonville, Missouri. He had his loading dock and office in downtown Boonville and then he would go to the Katy Train Depot and the Missouri Pacific Railroad to get the goods he was to transport. After he quit that business, he owned a service station. He was a bakery accountant. He sold tombstones for the last 23 years of his life with Heynen Monument Company. He went to school through eighth grade. He member of the United Church of Christ where he was a member of the choir for more than 30 years. He was a member of the IOOF Lodge No. 64, past president of the Boonville Rod and Gun club, a member of the Boonville Chamber of Commerce, a member of the City Council for 10 years, a member of the Knights of Pythias of Boonville and a member of the Boonville Industrial Group. James said that his father's campaign slogan for City Council was "I was never late to a council meeting." He died of heart disease and is buried at Pisgah Cemetery.

Booneville Daily News

May 22, 1973

Former Councilman, Civic leader Fritz Bantrup dies

Fritz J. Bantrup, a former city councilman and active civic leader, died this morning in Cooper County Hospital after a brief illness. He was 72. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the B.W. Thacher Funeral Home. The Rev. Mel Lichte and the Rev. Kenneth Carpenter will officiate.

Friends may call from Thursday morning until time of service at the funeral home. The family requests memorials to the Heart Fund.

Fritz John Bantrup was born in California, Mo. May 20, 1900, the son of Chris and Lena Bantrup. He married Katherine Carpenter Nov. 18, 1923 in Boonville.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons: James Bantrup of Manteca, Calif., Fred Bantrup of Dixon, Ill., and Roger Bantrup of Boonville. He also leaves eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren, a brother and three sisters: Walter Bantrup of Boonville, Laura Stegner of Boonville, Frieda Bradshaw of New Franklin and Alma Hansen of Silver Springs, Md.

Mr. Bantrup was a member of the United Church of Christ where he had been a member of the choir for over 30 years, he was a member of the IOOF Lodge No. 64, past president of the Boonville Rod and Gun Club, a member of the Boonville Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Boonville City Council for 10 years, a member of the Boonville Industrial Group, and for the past 23 years had been associated with Heynen Monument Co.

Burial will be in the Pisgah Baptist Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Henry Lee Long, Robert Bradshaw, William W. Bantrup, Kenneth Long, Donald Dreyer and R.F. Hayes.

SOURCE - James Bantrup: Personal Interview 1-13-00 and 1-22-00, Tim Bantrup personal interview 1-10-00.

William Bantrup info from Florence Young, Boonville Advertiser Year in Review 1923, Pisgah Cemetery listings, SSDI, Melton's History of Cooper County, pg. 324, Fritz Bantrup obituary

Spouse: Katherine Carpenter
Birth Date: 5 Mar 1900
Birth Place: Booneville ?
Death Date: 16 Oct 1990
Death Place: Ashland, Boone County, Missouri

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Burial Place: Pisgah
Spouse Father: James Franklin Carpenter (1875-1946)
Spouse Mother: Gertrude Hayes (1874-1945)

Spouse Notes:
She was an accountant. She went to high school in Boonville, Mo.

SOURCE: Tim Bantrup

Marriage Date: Nov 1923
Marriage Place: Boonville, Mo.

Children: James
Roger August William
Fred

1.11.2 Alma Sophia Bantrup

Birth Date: 4 Jul 1896
Death Date: 20 Apr 1985

Notes:
SOURCE: Florence Young, 1917 Year in Review Central Missouri Republican, Aurelia Barrata

Spouse: Walter Hansen

Marriage Date: 25 Dec 1916
Marriage Place: Boonville, Mo.

Children: Walter
Auriela
Marie
Betty

1.11.3 Laura W. Bantrup

Birth Date: 5 Feb 1898
Birth Place: California, Missouri
Death Date: 7 Jan 1984
Death Place: Lexington, Lafayette, Mo.
Burial Place: Walnut Grove Cemetery

Notes:
Boonville Daily News

Laura W. Stegner, 85, died January 7 at Lettie Joy's Boarding Home in Lexington (MO).

She was born February 5, 1898 in California, Mo. to Christopher Alexander and Lena Hessel Bantrup. She was married to Joseph W. Stegner. He preceded her in death on March 23, 1960.

She was a member of the Boonville United Church of Christ, the Boonville American Legion Auxiliary. She had lived in Boonville before moving to Lexington a year and a half ago.

Survivors include one son, William A. Stegner, Palm Beach, Florida; one daughter, Mrs. Anna K. Willig, Lexington; one brother, Walter Bantrup, Boonville; two sisters, Mrs. Frieda Bradshaw, Boonville, Mrs. Alma Hansen, Silver Springs, Maryland, four grandchildren and one great grandson.

Services were held Tuesday January 10 at the Walker-Nadler-Graff Chapel with the Rev. Karl Kindt officiating;

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burial was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville, with the Rev. Sara Hartman officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to Lettie Joy's Boarding Home in Lexington.

SOURCE: SSDI, Obituary

Spouse: Joe Stegner
Birth Date: 24 Jan 1887
Birth Place: Pilot's Grove Township, Cooper County, Mo.
Death Date: 21 Mar 1960
Death Place: Cooper County, Mo.
Spouse Father: George Stegner (1846-1909)
Spouse Mother: Katherine Westerman

Spouse Notes:
He was an automobile merchant.

SOURCE: Tim Bantrup-personal interview 1-9-00, James F. Thoma <jfthoma@charter.net> info

Children: William A.
Ann

1.11.4 Walter Bantrup

Birth Date: 1 Oct 1903
Death Date: Sep 1985
Death Place: Boonville, Missouri

Spouse: Florence Young

Children: William
Pam

1.11.5 Frieda Bantrup

Birth Date: 28 Apr 1908
Birth Place: California, Missouri
Death Date: 26 Feb 1990
Death Place: Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri

Spouse: James Bradshaw
Birth Date: 8 Oct 1907
Death Date: 30 Apr 1988

Marriage Date: 30 Mar 1932
Marriage Place: Boonville, Missouri

Children: James F.
Robert R.
Frieda

1.11.6 Infant twins Bantrup

Death Place: at birth

1.12 Louis F. Bantrop

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