

Elizabeth BLAUER

5-??-1844 to 12-??-1882

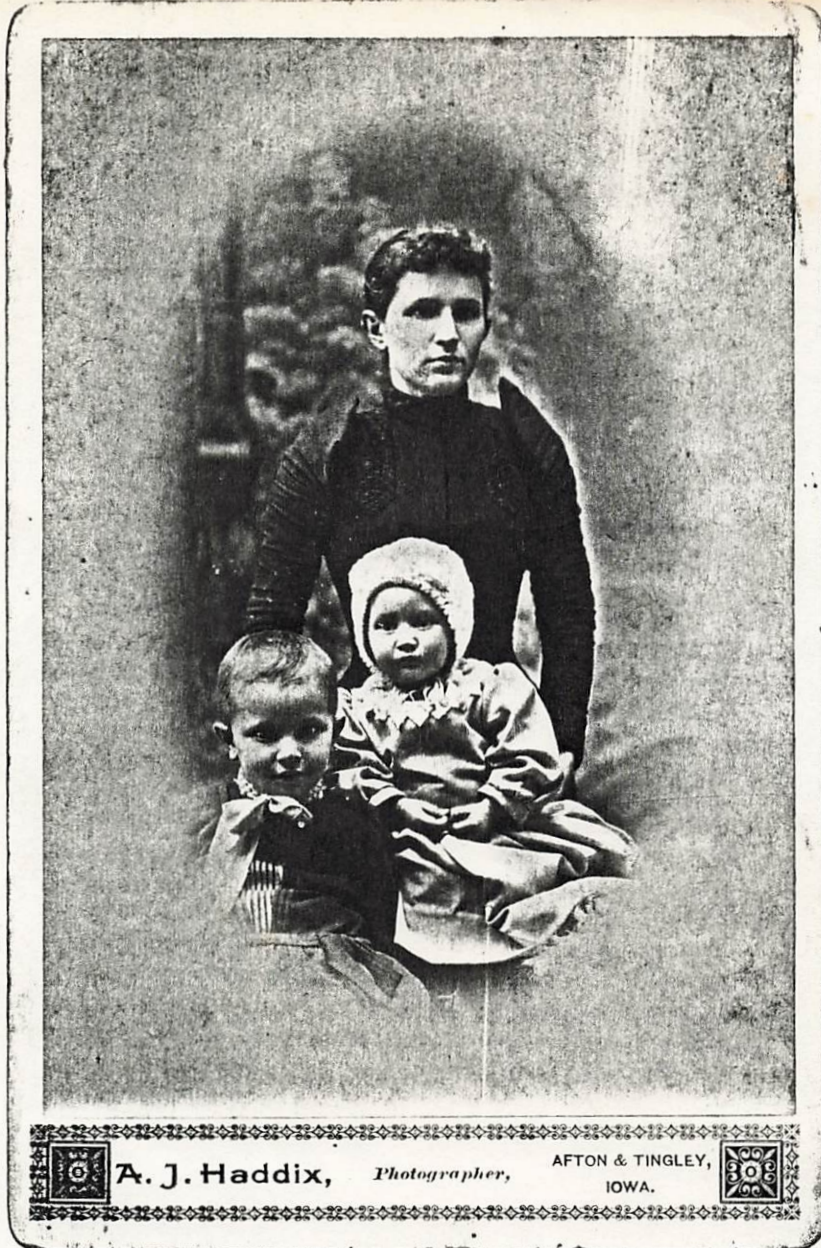
and

Peter SCHMOKER

??-??-???? to ??-??-????

and

Their Descendants



*Elizabeth Blauer
md. Peter Schmoker*

Anna Marie Schmoker daughter of Peter Schmoker and Elizabeth Blauer is shown above with her two children by her husband John W. Barger, John Jesse and Elizabeth Barger.

Anna later married Gilbert Luper and by him had three more children.

STATE OF IOWA

LOUISA COUNTY

Certification of Birth Registration

This is to certify that according to records on file in this office that

ELIZABETH MARIE BARGER

(full name of child at birth)

sex Female was born November 3, 1891
(mo., day, yr.)at Jefferson Township, Iowa
(Town or City)Name of father J.W. BargerMaiden name of mother Anna Marie SchmakerDate of filing Dec. 9, 1891
(mo., day, yr.)Recorded in Book 2 Page (pages not numbered)In witness whereof, the seal of the Clerk of District Court of said
County, State of Iowa, has been affixed hereto this 11th
day of November, 19 78*Brother S. Taylor*
County Registrar and Clerk of District Court

(Seal)

By Deputy Clerk

If this is a certificate of Delayed Registration, the evidence used to
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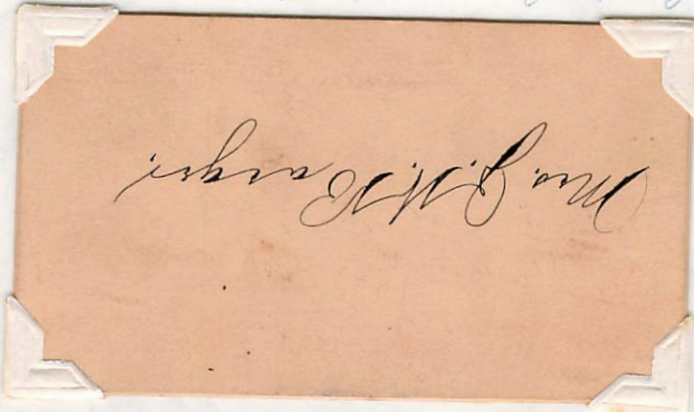
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*note that on this Certificate
J.W. is used instead of his
name. also note that Anna
Marie Schmaker is spelled
with an "a" instead of an "o".*



Berta Suppley and husband - Henry
 at the Blower home
 in Newport Beach, Ca
 July 9, 1986

Carolyn Anne Marie Delmonico and
 of James Wesley Burger



Mrs. J. M. Burger

Home of Robert Suppley, Berta Suppley and
 City, Burger - New Mexico, etc.



The Bluer Family.

Frederick Blau

Born Sept 1806 - Canton, Berne - Switzerland

Died - May 4 - 1896

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Anna Reby

Born April - 1815-

Died — — — — —

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Frederick - Jan. 1836 - April 1906

Anna — May 1838

June 1840 Oct 1909

Chris May 1842 Feb 1921

Elizabeth - May 1844.

Margaret Jan 1846 July 1850

Aug 1844 Dec 1914

Apr. 1851 - Dec 189

July 1832 - Apr - 1891

Susan July 1853 - Sept 1934

Rosina Oct 1855 } most
Lella
Pul

my grand mother - Schwocker
mother of Anna Marie Schwocker
& Ade - Schwocker
E.B.F.

mother of
Anna -
Lela } Anthony
Jashyn }

Leibknecht.

Kathryn - June 1858. - March - 1936. { mother 3. Lola Weidner-
 Vernon - Lech
 Mabel - Inez }

Family came to U.S. Mar-1861
Dec-1862

Chris
John
Anna &
Calam-Ely Bower

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To Point Louisa Co. Grandview - Louisa County - Iowa - Feb 11. 4th Laur
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Anna Marie Schmoher married 1/18-1869 + 1/14-1907
James Wesley Barger (date) -- 10/16-1864 + ~~10~~ 9/2-1891
children

John Jesse Barger ~~11~~ 12/21-1888 + 9/22-1950.

Elizabeth Marie Barger - 11/3-1891 —

James Wesley Barger died Sept 2-1891.

(He was born Nov 3-1891 (Elizabeth Marie Barger-Jones))

{ Anna Schmoher Barger.

{ Gilbert Lupton - ~~7/28~~ 8/25-1844 — 3/29-1924

their children

Lela Maybrie Lupton 11/30-1894

Laurence Gilbert Lupton 2/28-1899 — 3/8-1902

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REGISTRAR'S
NUMBER

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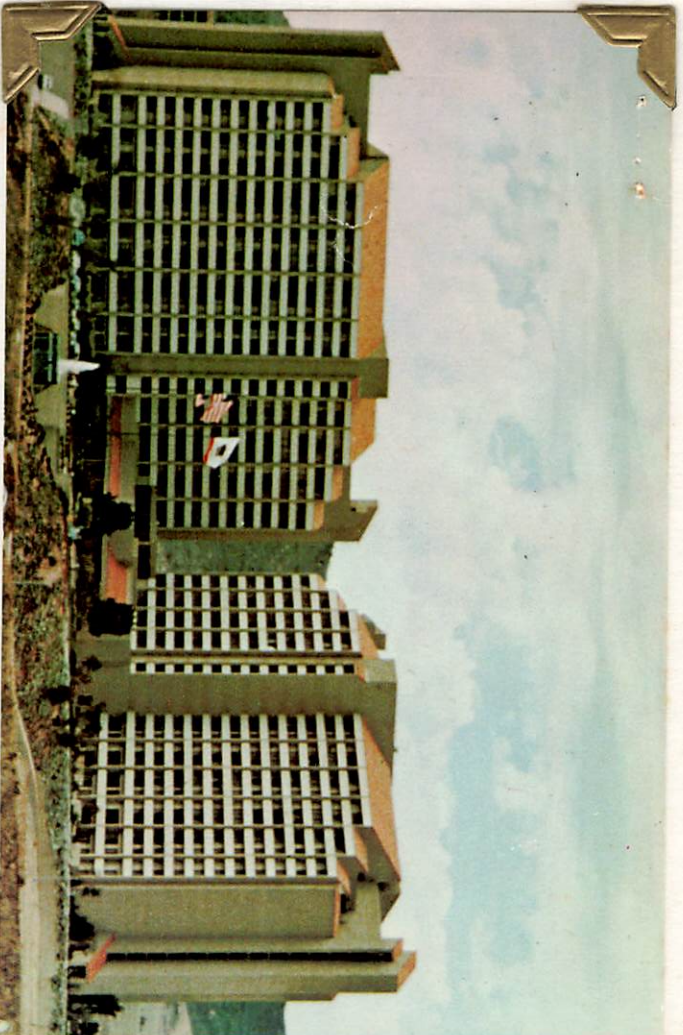
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3. SEX Male	4. COLOR OR RACE White	5. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED? Married		6. DATE OF BIRTH 1889		7. AGE (LAST BIRTHDAY) 61 YEARS		IF UNDER 1 YEAR MONTHS DAYS IF UNDER 24 HOURS HOURS MINUTES	
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14. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? SPECIFY YES, NO, UNKNOWN No		15. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER None		16. INFORMANT Dorothy L. Barger					
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VIA

REV. 1-1-49
FORM R & S, 11

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



A W E E K T O R E M M E M B E R

Greetings delayed for this picture. After three weeks of pleasure with you fine folks. I had my first accident after many years of travel. Strangely enough, it was the first time I had ever taken out Accident Insurance. Maybe I will receive a few cent My broken Ankle resulted in thirty days in the Hospital learning how to walk on one foot. Am now in a wheel chair and will soon have a walker so it will be some time before I can take a trip. I had quite a time getting home, as I had to get permission from the American Council and reports from local Doctors. No one can get on a plane unless they can walk or and off. I had to be carried on and off in Lisbon, New York and Los Angeles and to the Hospital here in Leisure Hills. Then Xrays exams and Operations. It took four steel bars and six screws to put me together again. Bones are now healed and am ready for company, so come in for lunch sometimes. Hope you had a nice Christmas.





5/24

Dear Travelers: More power to you! Thanks for remembering us. Its usually hard to find time to write when there is so much to do. Hawaii is a great place to visit and still be in the U.S. Did you see any thing of the eruption? Usually the tourists rush to see it, but perhaps not this time since it is such a disaster.

We are glad we did all of our traveling when we were able, and have our memories. Many of the residents here have traveled

extensively and some still are.

We keep busy enough. Bart is limited and I keep up my three regular activities and we go to the programs and parties. We observe all holidays - Memorial Day and Father Day coming up.

Barts Sister and her husband who live in Paradise are coming soon. Santa Rosa is little far from So. Ca. friends.

We hope you came home feeling fine, and that we will keep in touch.

With love and best wishes
Lee and Bart

Answered
8-27-87

5555 Montgomery Dr.

Box 201

San Luis Pasa Co. 95425-

Aug 17, '87

Dear Marjorie and Harold;

I hope you two are having a
good summer and getting about as
usual.

I don't know if you know Harry f.
Left the Town about Jan. as he
could no longer care for himself and
his nephew took over for us. When
it was too much for us. He has
been in a convalescent hospital
near his nephew, and they have
watched over him very well, and he
has been fairly well for 85. He
passed away Sunday morning Aug. 15th.
from a stroke. He will be at
Forest Lawn where Rose and his
parents are.

I requested Harry make his nephew
his heir and he will take care

of everything.

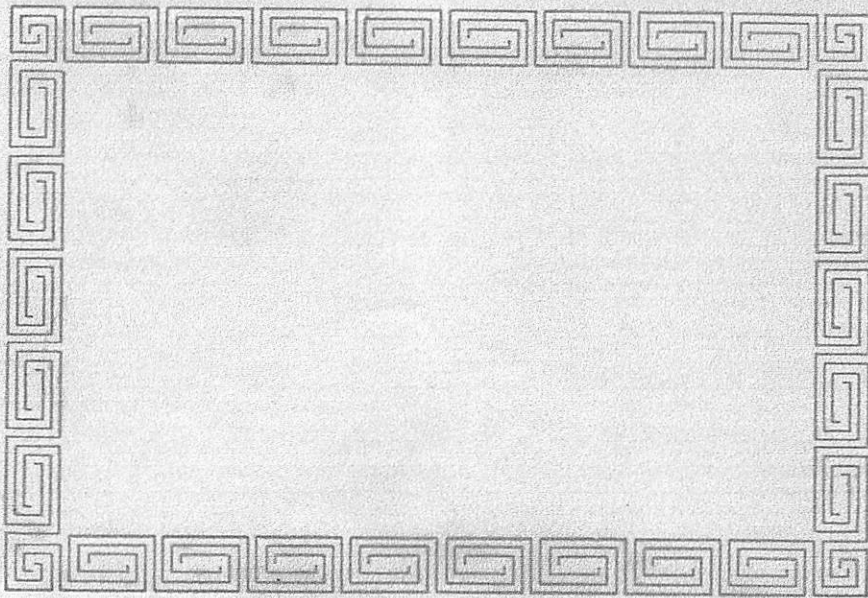
We decided on Life care here and
feel we made a good move as we
are on our own.

Barb is having good medical care.
She can only walk a short distance
due to vascular leg cramps.

We hope you and the Family
are well.

Fondly.

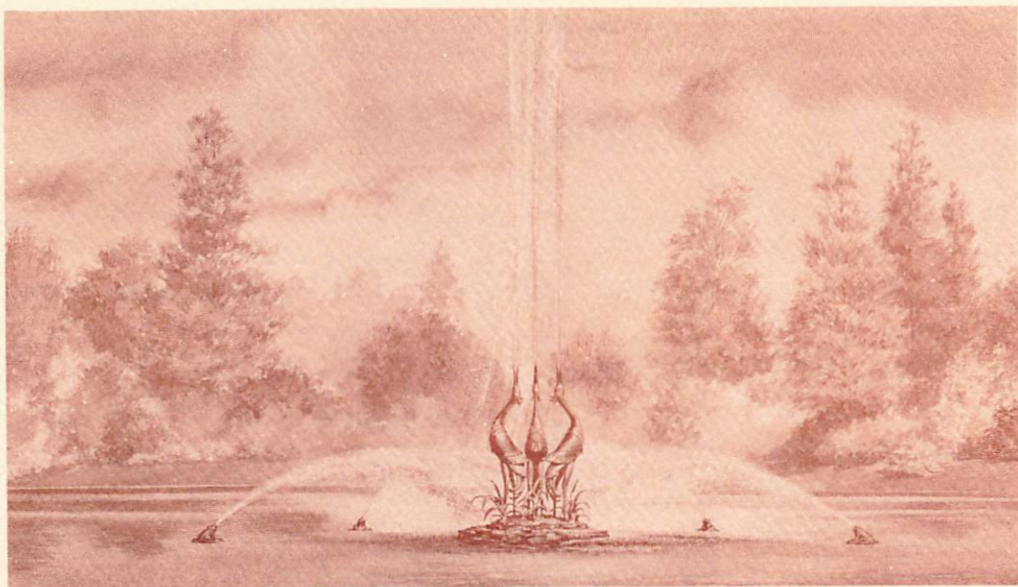
Lee and Barb (Harry).





P.O. Box 250
Millwood, Virginia 22646

The sender of this card is helping Project HOPE



Forest Lawn Memorial-Park

Aug 16, '87

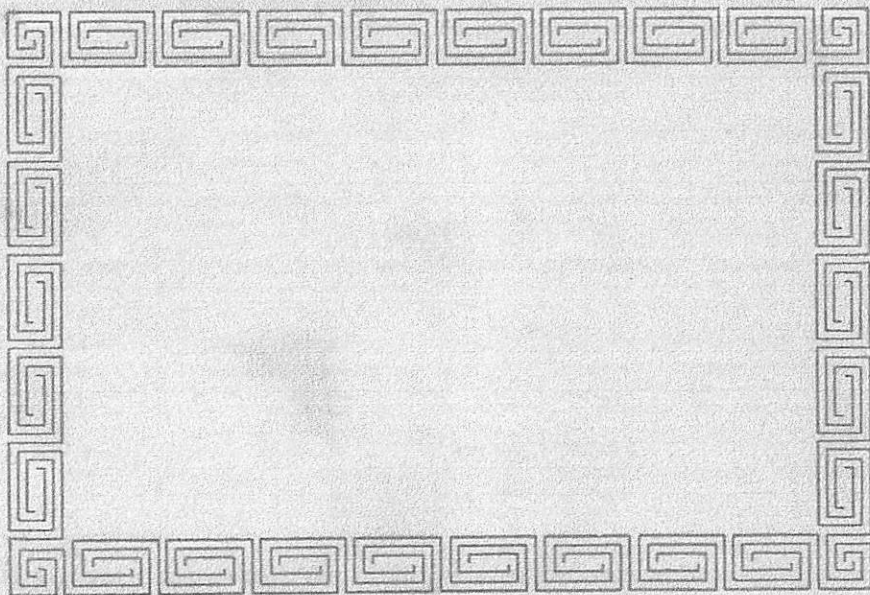
Dear Cousin:
I said to you, recently I should
be writing to you to check up on
how you are. Writing seems to get
a little harder all the time. I know
I have never of many people, who
passed away yesterday morning - Aug 15
at the Connecticut Hospital from a stroke,
which took him after two days. He had
good medical care and his nephew
and his wife were near by and
watched over him carefully. He was
95+ and we feel he enjoyed life
most of that time and we should not
grieve over him - No doubt he felt ready
to go, even if at times he said he
was going to live to be 100! He will
be buried at First Congregational by
my sister.
What have you all been doing
this summer? It has been cool
and delightful here only with me

could get out and hike, but Bart
can only walk a short distance without
getting vascular leg cramps. He can drive
and we make the best of it.

We wish we were closer and miss
our friends down there, but after one
year we feel we made the right move.

If you ever get up to the Redwood Empire
in the summer, I'm sure you would
enjoy it. Best wishes to you all

Fondly, Lee and Bart.



A Service of Memory
for
HARRISON O. JOSEPH

Born	May 11, 1892	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Passed away	August 16, 1987	La Crescenta, California
Service held	August 21, 1987	3:00 p.m.
At the	Graveside	
Funeral Director	Forest Lawn Mortuary, Glendale	
Interment	Forest Lawn Memorial-Park Glendale, California	

Hi,
We brought Uncle Harry
up to be near us in Verdugo
Vista Conv. Hosp. in March.
He could no longer take care
of himself in the tower sur-
roundings, & Jan & I visited
him 2-5 times per week.
He had a Brain Stem Stroke
on Thurs. and died Sun.
He did not suffer we are so
thankful, He lived a long
good life. Sincerely
Virginia Stanley

Virginia Stanley
1233 N. Laurel St.
Glendale, Calif. 91207

August 27, 1987

Dear James-

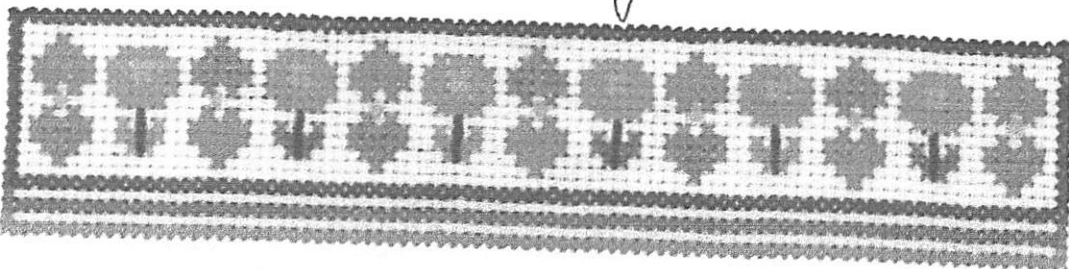
Thought you might like to have the enclosed. We were very fond of Harry and are sorry we were unable to visit him more often although we did keep in touch by telephone. We are glad he did not have to suffer.

Hope all is well down that way. Saw John Jr on the tv one night. Was surprised, to say the least. We keep plugging along - some days are good - some not so good but at least we still are able to keep going.

It's been cool here for August but is beginning to heat up - expect we will get our hot weather in September and October.

Regards to all - Lovingly

Aunt Marjorie^{and} Uncle Harold





Harry & Lee Bartreff.
June 1984 - Leisure world



Harrison Joseph in his Apt. at
Leisure world - at his desk
Summer 1984



Lee & Louisa Jim
Blauer go over some
of Harrison's Books
& Materials.
Summer 1984

Gil Lupher

Was born in Panal county, Penn., Aug. 25th, 1844, and died March 29th, 1924, at Glendale, Calif., aged 79 years, 7 months, and 4 days,

Funeral Services

will be held at the Tingley, Iowa, M. E. church, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday, April 5th, 1924, by Rev. A. B. Gable.

Interment will be made in the Tingley cemetery, in charge of the G. A. R. and the American Legion.

OBITUARY—GILBERT LUPHER

Gilbert Lupher was born near Franklin, Pa., Aug. 25, 1844, and died in Glendale, Calif., on March 29, 1924. He was mustered out as a member of the Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry of the Civil war. He came to Iowa in 1883 and settled on a farm south of Tingley. In 1893 he was married to Mrs. Anna Barger. Two children were born—Lawrenoe, who died at the age of two years, and Miss Lee (Lupher), who resides in Los Angeles. His wife preceded him in death by seventeen years. He was active in the Tingley Post G. A. R. until 1907, when the family moved to Des Moines, where he transferred to the Crocker Post. He was active in the Highland Park Presbyterian church of Des Moines. He was a kind and loving husband and father. One daughter, Miss Lee, is left to mourn

his loss; also relatives and many friends.

The funeral services were held Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock at the Tingley M. E. church by Rev. A. B. Gable, and interment was made with military honors in the Tingley cemetery, the old soldiers and American Legion participating. The pall bearers were sons of veterans.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to the relatives and many friends for kindnesses at the death of our father and brother.

LEE LUPHER,
A. J. SCHMOCKER.



HARRY L BARTRUFF
5555 MONTGOMERY DR
APT 1201
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405



Bread Wagon 1880s
25 USA



Mr. James Blauw
418 Pirate Road
Newport Beach Ca 92665

Letter from Lee Bartruff

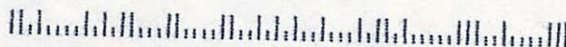


Lee Bartruff
555 Montgomery Dr. #a-101
Santa Rosa, CA 95405



EAST-WEST FOOTBALL
GAME FOR CRIPPLED
CHILDREN
USA H
First Class Rate

Mr. James Blauw
418 Pirate Rd. C.A.
Newport Beach C.A. 92665 (548-6871)



Sat. P. M.

Dear Cousina; Your thoughtful note of concern was just received and I'll answer at once. We are off, and thankful we were spared. The shake here was very mild tho, we are only 50 miles away. We are not on the San Andres Fault, but Santa Rosa did have a bad quake in 1969. Our buildings are mostly wood construction and only two story and are considered quite safe. About two months ago, we moved to a ground floor apartment as Bart. has walking disability and in case of fire could not make the stairs. He gets around in his scooter and doesn't miss much. This apartment became available and is just like our other one, same model, same exposure, good view and natural light, and so we are fortunate.

We hope you two are doing well. I know it is hard. You are very kind to be thinking of us. We will try

to help with our checks. It is
a terrible disaster

Our love and best wishes to
your both.

Love Barb,

Charge us to

Apt A 101 - 3rd fl. No. 95409.

Dear Jim: What a wonderful life
you have had in 98. Your activities
nearly made my head round the stove
as it must be here.

More power ^{up} to you for making a

life for yourself!

I want you to know how much I
enjoy the Jackson Family

"a very active family, they are great!"
The kids are in college and home
and have a beautiful home and college

free care, and manage well. More
as my plans are going.

One more one program.

More, there it should soon be.
I think we have - 6 each here in
this include my 10% birthday, which is

I am all around.

Partin and am a volunteer in
the Family Center, which is
writing to the most difficult thing

I can do I hope you can make it out.
Take good care of yourself and
keep happy.

With love
Joe.



*Lee Bartlett & Marjorie Goddard. Lee is 104
Marjorie is 93 - Santa Rosa Sept 26, 1999*



William & Marla Goddard
4536 Ranchette Rd
Santa Rosa, CA 95409-2505



*Lee
Bartlett
Article.*

*Mr. John Blauer
Mr. Jimmy Blauer
418 Pirate Road
Newport Beach, CA
92663-5829*

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*Lee Bartlett article on her 106th Birthday
Nov. 30, 2000*

Fernbank
Mitford, North Carolina

It was so nice seeing you
this summer. Thank you so
much for coming.
I thought you might enjoy
this article on Cc. Love.
Mabel

Dear John & Jimmy,

Wishing you a Christmas
bright with celebration,
wrapped in favorite memories,
and warmed by the love
of family and friends.

Merry Christmas,
Love,
Bill, Mabel
& Bobby
Bedford

106 reasons to be glad she's alive

World citizen Lee Bartruff's longevity secret just might be her love of life and people.

By CHRIS SMITH

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

Retired home-economics teacher and world traveler Lee Bartruff turns 106 years old in Santa Rosa today, a feat for which she offers no simplistic explanations or advice.

"I don't understand quite why I am here," said the fastidious and remarkably agile centenarian, from her apartment at the Spring Lake Village retirement community.

The daughter of a Civil War veteran and apparently the third-oldest person in Sonoma County, Bartruff said she always has been fascinated by the world and by people, she relishes a sense of humor and positive outlook, she values a moderate diet and lifestyle and she likes to help people.

But is that why she has lived so long, or simply why she's so grateful for the long life she has lived? She has better things to do than sit and wonder.

She regularly visits with lonely neighbors, some of them far younger than she yet far less robust. She also corresponds with a 9-year-old boy in Uganda, one of many impoverished Third World youngsters she has sponsored through the years.

"I enjoy life here very much," said Bartruff, an Iowa native who lived many years in the Los Angeles area before retiring to Santa Rosa in 1986.

"I have lived out my goals pretty much," she said in a clear, precise voice. "Even as a girl growing up, I wanted to see the world; I wanted to be a citizen of the world."

Trained as a nutritionist, she became a home economics teacher. She thinks she helped her students, particularly when she offered instruction on how financially stressed families could get the



SCOTT MANCHESTER / The Press Democrat

Lee Bartruff looks at some of her many cards Wednesday sent in celebration of her 106th birthday.

"I have lived out my goals pretty much. Even as a girl growing up, I wanted to see the world; I wanted to be a citizen of the world."

LEE BARTRUFF

Turns 106 today

best possible nutrition during the lean years of the Depression.

She was thrilled to travel much of the globe with her late husband, Harry, a man with a doctorate degree who coached high school sports. Come the start of summer vacation 40, 50 and even 60 years ago,

the two of them took off for faraway places: Africa, Japan, Latin America, India, Greece, the Holy Land, Iran, Fiji, New Zealand, Tahiti.

Bartruff's world is much smaller now that she's 106, apparently the third-oldest person in Sonoma County. A spokesman for the Social Security Administration said records show that benefits are being paid to two residents born before November of 1894.

But Bartruff walks steadily, she hears well, she enjoys food and she loves to visit with people. She said it was wonderful witnessing the advance of life-saving medicine, the Industrial Revolution and the arrival of the electronic era, though she's not disappointed to have personally missed out on the age of computers.

"It brings problems along with its advantages, and I see those," she said.

Having cast ballots ever since American women won the right to vote in 1920, when Woodrow Wilson was president, Bartruff regrets the current wrangling over which votes in Florida should be counted and which should not.

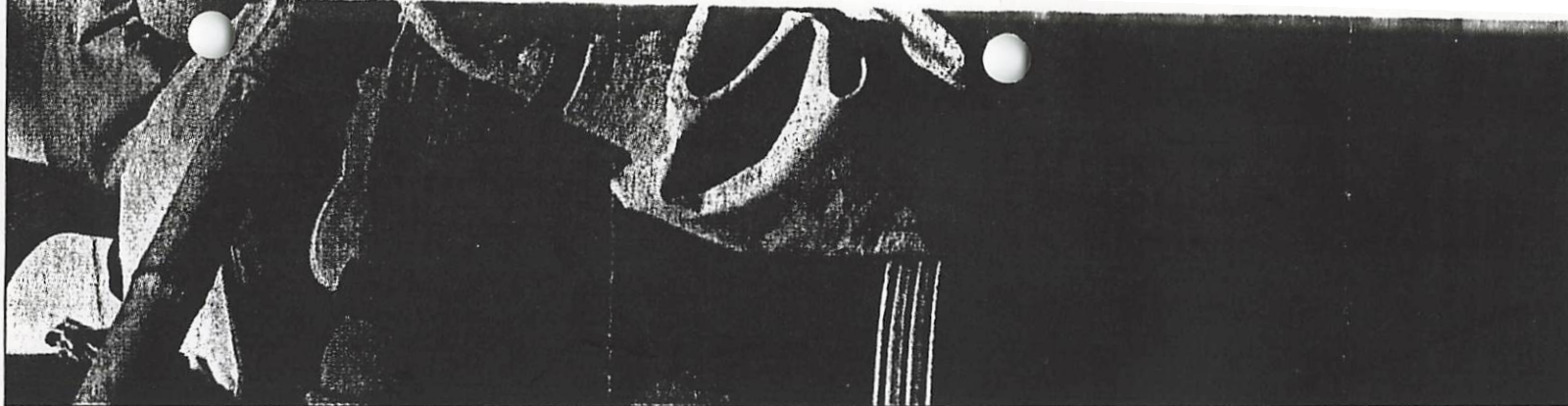
"That's a blight upon our democracy," she said. "I think every vote should be counted."

She said she takes life a day at a time, and today will enjoy spending some time with the neighbors and Spring Lake Village staffers who will gather for an informal afternoon reception in her honor.

Has she, after 106 years, any regrets?

Though leery of sounding like Pollyanna, she replied, "I wish I could have helped more people."

You can call Staff Writer Chris Smith at 521-5211 or e-mail at csmith@pressdemocrat.com.



PHOTOS BY MARY GARDELLA/PRESS DEMOCRAT

Born and raised in Sonoma County, Clarence Barnard, 100, longs for the "natural paradise" of the county's good old days.

LIVES THAT SPAN THREE CENTURIES

Time Travelers



Lee Bartruff, 105, spends her days with friends at Spring Lake Village.

Three Sonoma County residents who were born in the 19th century and lived through the 20th century reflect on their lives as they usher in the dawn of the new Millennium and their third century on Earth.

"I'm looking forward to 2000 because it means I will have lived in three centuries," said Lee Bartruff, a 105-year-old Santa Rosa resident.

Clarence "Barney" Barnard, a retired Healdsburg rancher, jokes that he's going to set up a booth and collect money from people

who want to be photographed with an old codger whose life has touched the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

Longtime Santa Rosa resident Elfrieda Martens, who is 101 and survived San Francisco's 1906 earthquake, never imagined she would live to 2000 during a lifetime filled with adventure. "My life has been more than I can tell you."

Bartruff, Barnard and Martens are the oldest of the old in Sonoma County, a select group whose lives tell the story of a century of change.



Elfrieda Martens has packed a lot of adventure into her 101 years.

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LEE BARTRUFF

A survivor's memories of simpler times

By TIM TESCONI
Staff Writer

To Lee Bartruff, a 105-year-old Santa Rosa, the best thing about growing up in the early part of the century was that life was simpler and people helped one another.

The darker side, she said, was the lack of antibiotics, vaccines and other benefits of modern medicine. Children died of diseases such as whooping cough and typhoid.

"Most families lost at least one child. Every illness was dangerous. It was all so tragic," Bartruff said. She survived whooping cough because her parents took turns holding her in a standing position for several days.

"You didn't dare lie down," she said.

She was born in Iowa on Nov. 30, 1894. Her father, Gilbert Lupher, fought in the Civil War, after which he moved to a farm in Iowa where he raised corn and hogs.

"I had a happy life living in the country," Bartruff said.

In the eighth grade, she came up with a list of principles that would guide her life — goals such as honesty, honoring your elders and respecting others.

"I've lived by these rules and they've influenced my whole life," she said.

A star student in high school, Bartruff studied nutrition at Iowa State University. She was a dietitian and home economics teacher for 25 years, spending most of her teaching career in the Los Angeles area.

She and her husband, Harry Bartruff, moved to Santa Rosa 13 years ago, becoming residents of Spring Lake Village, a retirement community affiliated with the Episcopal Church. Harry Bartruff, a retired athletic director in Pasadena, died in 1990 at the age of 92.

Today, Bartruff is Spring Lake Village's goodwill ambassador and guiding light, visiting seniors 20 years younger who are in the village's nursing facility because of failing health.

She attributes her long life to great genes, good nutrition, healthy living and a positive attitude. She learned stress management before the term was invented.

"Long ago I learned to close the wounds," Bartruff said. "You can't fuss and worry. You must channel all that into something positive and uplifting."

Bartruff has had four bouts of cancer, surviving the disease that killed both of her parents. She said modern medicine has allowed her to realize the longevity provided by her genetic blueprint.

She's planning on toasting the dawn of the new Millennium at a New Year's Eve party at Spring Lake Village but isn't certain if she can stay up until midnight.

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The grand lady of Spring Lake Village loves life but does not fear death.

"So long as I have my mind, I want to live," she said. "So far, my body is still manageable and gets me around."



MARY GARDELLA/PRESS DEMOCRAT

Martens, 101, sits in her Brush Creek Road home next to her old piano and precious photos of friends and family.

ELFRIEDA MARTENS

Adventures of a lifetime

TESCONI

Elfrieda Martens survived San Francisco's 1906 earthquake, but when asked about the most memorable time during her 101 years, the story of being marooned in Arctic icebergs for 10 days before rescued by Russian sailors.

Longtime Sonoma County resident Arctic shipwreck tops her list of res, coming 22 years after experience the Great Quake of '06.

as only 7 when she was rocked by her family's Mission District "one of history's worst earthquakes" at first thinking it was a strong shaking the house. "My life has been an I can tell you," said Martens, living about her life to a visitor in up Santa Rosa home where she has 40 years. She was born in the last and lived in grand style through century. She relishes ushering in 2000 so her life will have touched centuries and two millennia.

up in bed and say, "I made it, I Martens said of her plans for mid-New Year's Eve. "I've lived a very

good life. I'm not afraid of dying, but when I say my prayers, I ask God to let me live to the year 2000. That would be something."

She was born Elfrieda Niewerth on Aug. 13, 1898, in San Francisco. Her father was a cooper in San Francisco, crafting wine and whiskey barrels. Her mother, who lived in Sonoma County as a young woman, was a maid to the wife of Anton Korbel, one of the Korbel brothers who founded Guerneville's Korbel Champagne Cellars in 1886. The couple met at the Guerneville winery when the cooper traveled north to build barrels for Korbel.

Martens went to business school and became an administrative secretary. She worked in the '30s as the payroll clerk for the Phillips Van Orden Co. in San Francisco, where she was once held at gunpoint by bandits who took \$3,000 in cash from the company's coffers.

"That's when \$3,000 was worth something," she said.

Martens now spends her days reflecting on the high-flying times she had as adventurer, society maven, career woman and devoted wife to wealthy businessman Hans Martens, a brilliant entrepreneur who developed the gauze tea bag. His success

allowed the couple to travel the world and live a privileged life. They moved to a ranch in Healdsburg in the '40s, relocating to San Rosa in 1959.

But it was in 1928 that Martens had the adventure of her life.

Martens had traveled to Europe and set off with two cousins from Germany for a cruise of the Norwegian fjords on the Monte Cervantes. While the vessel was cruising Bell Sound near Spitzbergen, it struck an iceberg and water entered its bulkhead.

Help came when the Russian ice-breaker Krassin responded to the ship's SOS. While water was pumped from the bulkhead, the crew from the Krassin worked 10 days repairing the deep gashes on the forward side of the Monte Cervantes. Passengers were stranded on Spitzbergen, which Martens describes as an ice-covered island at the top of the world.

"Our fresh water supply had run out; we were forced to drink distilled ocean water," Martens recalled.

As she gets ready to mark the century's end, Martens is thankful for the adventures of a lifetime that was never boring. Martens, who lived for excitement, said she could handle anything but boring.

CLARENCE BARNARD

ative son, rancher, mountain man

TESCONI



scratched out a living raising cattle,

tractors when Sonoma County was a leading agricultural county and most everyone



Dear Jim - I am just out of the Hospital and
can scarcely write. I know you are going East
and will send what I have.

My Grandfather was Peter Schmoher - Swiss
not sure of Grandmother.

My Swiss Cousins were

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This letter was
written by Lee
to her Cousin
Jim Blauer in
Aug 1996. Jim
planned his Sept
vacation to Plymouth
Mass. to attend
the Mayflower
Concert. The trip
she refused to.

LEE LUPHER BARTRUFF will be 100 years old on November 30. 1994
If you think that time has whizzed by, let her tell you just a few of her adventures, accomplishments and determinations. This is a most unusual lady!

It all began with Lee's birth at the family-country home in southern Iowa in 1894. Her mother's first husband had died at age 27 of yellow fever in New Orleans, where he taught college math. Finding herself with a small boy and a soon-to-be-born daughter, Lee's mother Anna Marie moved to Iowa to be with an aunt and uncle. It was they who introduced her to Gilbert Luper, a prosperous, progressive farmer. Gilbert, a widower, the son of a Pennsylvania carriage-maker, had fought as a cavalryman in the Civil War. He and Anna Marie were later married; Lee was their only child.

Life on the farm was lyrical for Lee: she loved the land, the trees, flowers and animals, and knew them all. She also enjoyed the 16-student country school with its pot-bellied stove. There she received a good foundation for life-long learning. Her favorite thing was a large geography book, with many pictures, which she pored over whenever possible. Her unquenchable love of travel was born!

Sadly, her mother developed cancer, and despite the care of Des Moines' best doctors, died at 36. During her long illness, she and Gilbert agreed that, for the good of the three children, he should sell the farm and move to a place offering good education. So by the time Lee was 12, she was adjusting to Des Moines schools and the loss of all she had loved in the country. (They moved only the piano and organ--everything else was sold.) Gilbert was never again employed; he devoted all his time and caring to his children,

as a good Victorian father. Their home was directly across the street from Drake University.

After having a housekeeper, Lee and her half-sister Elizabeth suggested to their father that they take on those duties. He consented, and thenceforth brought home the needed supplies. The girls cooked, cleaned and ran the household. They were 12 and 15. Lee considers the difficulties an excellent preparation for life's later demands.

At the end of three years the family moved to nearby suburb Highland Park, to a more modern house, this time across from Highland Park College, where Elizabeth eventually studied music. Being near these colleges insured many enjoyable cultural activities. Also the Laphers now had a lovely garden, in which both Lee and her father were very much interested.

Cooking was taught in the 8th grade then, and Lee became one of the top students in her class. (She used the Drake University Library as a resource.) The school principal invited four girls to demonstrate their cooking skills on a central dais in a hall at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines--one of United States' most famed fairs. Lee was much influenced there by the Director of Demonstrations, an accomplished elegant lady from Iowa State University Extension. Lee won a \$10 prize for her part in the demonstrations and additional writing, so she bought a fine-looking French blue winter coat, being allowed to co-sign her father's check for the additional \$9.

For the ensuing four years, Lee attended the Fair, demonstrating jelly-making and "cold-pack" preservation of food, in the Boys and Girls Club Building. Excited and interested by all she saw, she knew that Iowa State University was where she wished to go. She

convinced her father that this would be the place for her, and he consented, although friends and neighbors thought she should attend a Des Moines college.

Believing there was inadequate knowledge for the maintenance of good health, Lee resolved to study nutrition and become a hospital dietitian. When she finished college, she moved to Los Angeles with her sister and brother-in-law. She interned at Good Samaritan Hospital (without pay) until certified for a government position. However, World War I was over, and no such positions were open. She worked at nearby Clara Barton Hospital for almost a year, but found supervising the preparation of trays a disappointing use of her skills. Her hours were 7 to 7, with the promised "recess" rarely honored. She was so small she had to make her own uniforms. Finally, at the age of 22, she began searching for a new position.

After Practice Teaching in Hermosa Beach schools, she was offered \$95/month to stay, but through a Teachers' Agency she found an opening in Prescott, Arizona, teaching Home Economics. Her three years there were a pleasure. Prescott, once the capitol of Arizona, was very prosperous, with surrounding mines and ranches. Lee rode horseback regularly, enjoying the countryside and her new friends.

From her class she sent a girl to Tucson in May to a competition; she was outstanding, which brought good publicity, and an entry into the national competition. It also brought Lee a raise! Lee's subsequent period of teaching in Phoenix was cut short by her father's fatal illness. She took him, by train, to Los Angeles, where her sister helped with his care. He died of cancer six months later.

Lee's travels began while she lived in Prescott, the first being to Alaska aboard a British ship out of Vancouver. It ran aground near Prince Rupert, but the next high tide floated it free. Then there was a wood-burning paddle-wheeler that had to be hauled over the rapids on the Yukon River. A grizzly bear was swimming there!

There was a trip to Cuba, where she danced with the cadets at their West Point. On her first European trip, with a collegiate group from Quebec, her room-mate was a court reporter.

Lee's next job was in San Diego, where her "wharf-rat" students were really tough. She then taught in the Huntington Park-Bell schools for 15 years, bringing her total teaching years to 24.

Lee married Harry Bartruff, a high school Physical Education director and coach, in 1929. It was a 61-year union of mutual companionship and respect, as well as a shared passion for travel. In 1932 they built their first home, in Pasadena. Ten years later they built again, on a half-acre in Flintridge, enjoying a spectacular view, large rooms and of course a garden. Their third home overlooked Pasadena's Arroyo Seco. Their adventures continued at Leisure World for 20 years before they came to Spring Lake Village.

In 1939 the Bartruffs drove down the International Highway and spent the summer in Mexico. They were never ill, and enjoyed the whole experience.

In 1946 Lee resigned her teaching position, and within a year had a radical mastectomy and radiation, plus a thyroidectomy. Convalescence was very slow.

Harry took a sabbatical in 1950 and the pair spent 10 months touring South and Central America. They traveled on their

own, exploring as their fancy drew them. Peron was in power when they reached Argentina, with paid "demonstrations" in the streets. Visiting Iguazu Falls required a series of boats on La Plata, Parana and Iguazu Rivers; they saw three ^{State} national capitols en route. In Tierra del Fuego they were so taken with their lakeside quarters that they stretched their 2-day stay to 13! After visiting Chile they took a freighter to Peru, where they stayed a month. Central America was also on their itinerary.

Wherever they went, Harry checked out the sports situation: he played golf in Lima, and in Buenos Aires visited the 18-story Athletics Building (which required a guide!) He also noted the moat around the soccer field...

Returning home, Lee resolved to help bring all the Americas together by tutoring foreign students at the local Junior College. She prepared them for the "Minimum Essential" test for entering regular classes. She enjoyed it so much, she continued for 12 years, including students from many different countries. She always urged her students to take their learning back to their native lands.

1954 found the Bartruffs on a 90-day trip round the world on the U.S. President Polk, touching 26 ports after San Francisco. 10 years later they circled the globe by air, seeing the interior of India, Tibet, the Holy Land, Greece, Japan and the Near East. Zanzibar was being taken over by the Communists (whose gunboats underscored their presence). Bartruffs' guide was also a pilot, luckily; theirs was the last plane out, landing in Dar es Salaam.

Lee's memories of 1958 center on the S.S. Mariposa, which took them to Tahiti. During the celebration of Bastille Day, Lee and Harry followed whichever crowd looked interesting, increasing their list of adventures. One led them to the Governor's mansion, where two huge

Tahitian men presented a pig, chickens and fruit hanging from a pole borne on their shoulders. A pledge of allegiance in Tahitian followed, with the Governor responding in Tahitian. Then dancers from the various islands, gorgeously costumed, competed. The ship proceeded to New Zealand, Australia, Fiji and Samoa before returning home via Honolulu.

Highlights of later trips: a stop in Iceland en route Norway-- thermal heating in the former, the city of Hammerfest in the latter: a strategic area leveled by the Nazis and lovingly rebuilt by its citizens; also a priest's shipboard prayer for clearing weather, whereupon the fog lifted, fjords and waterfalls were admired! A Greek ship out of Trinidad, docking in Algiers and Casablanca. White (!) camels coming into Marakesh with a caravan. The loveliness of Spain.....

After Harry's retirement in 1964, he became Commander of the Veterans of World War I in Palm Desert (where the Bartruffs wintered), and Lee headed the Auxiliary. Blue ribbons were won, funds raised, goals accomplished. Harry became Service Officer, responding to needs presented to him by the veterans. (He remained their interested friend until his death here at Spring Lake Village in 1990.) And while at Leisure World, Lee started a ^{Quilting Club} Center for Abused Children in Orange County which is still operating. - 97.2.28.2000. ^{Quilting Club} facility.

Although the Bartruffs had no children of their own, they taught other people's for the grand total of 68 years. (Jack Kepler was one of Harry's students.) They also sponsored three street children, through the Christian Children's Organization, after the Korean War, providing for them until they were ¹⁸18, and writing encouraging letters. They later sponsored three ^{Children}brothers from an Untouchable family ^{as} in a small Indian village near New Delhi. The children attend a government

school; the older boy, Omsen, now 14, writes with considerable maturity. (His Hindi letters must be translated.) Lee counsels and encourages him.

Lee hopes to be remembered as a teacher, social worker, counselor, lover of children, of nature and the peoples of the world. Spring Lake Villagers cherish her presence.

Spring Lake Residents honored me with a beautiful celebration on my 100th Birthday. I now have a sponsored child, Jamie Richard, 6 yrs old. I have been a recent sponsor of a Center for the Handicapped with the most modern technology in Santa Rosa.

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