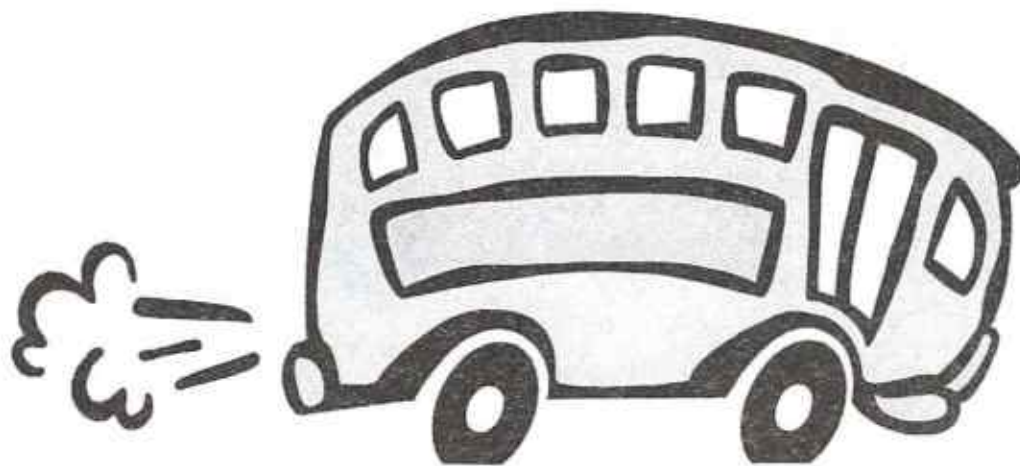


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and her presence will be greatly missed. To those who knew her she was "one to whom you can pour out the contents of your heart, chaff and grain alike, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away." Memorial, Saturday, June 26th, at 1 pm. Mesa Verde Methodist Church in Cost Mesa. Burial at sea will take place at later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Peter Lewis Reid Scholarship, c/o Independence USD 446, Attn. Karen Ferrell, P.O. Drawer 487, Independence, KS 67301. Orange Co. Register, 19 June 2010



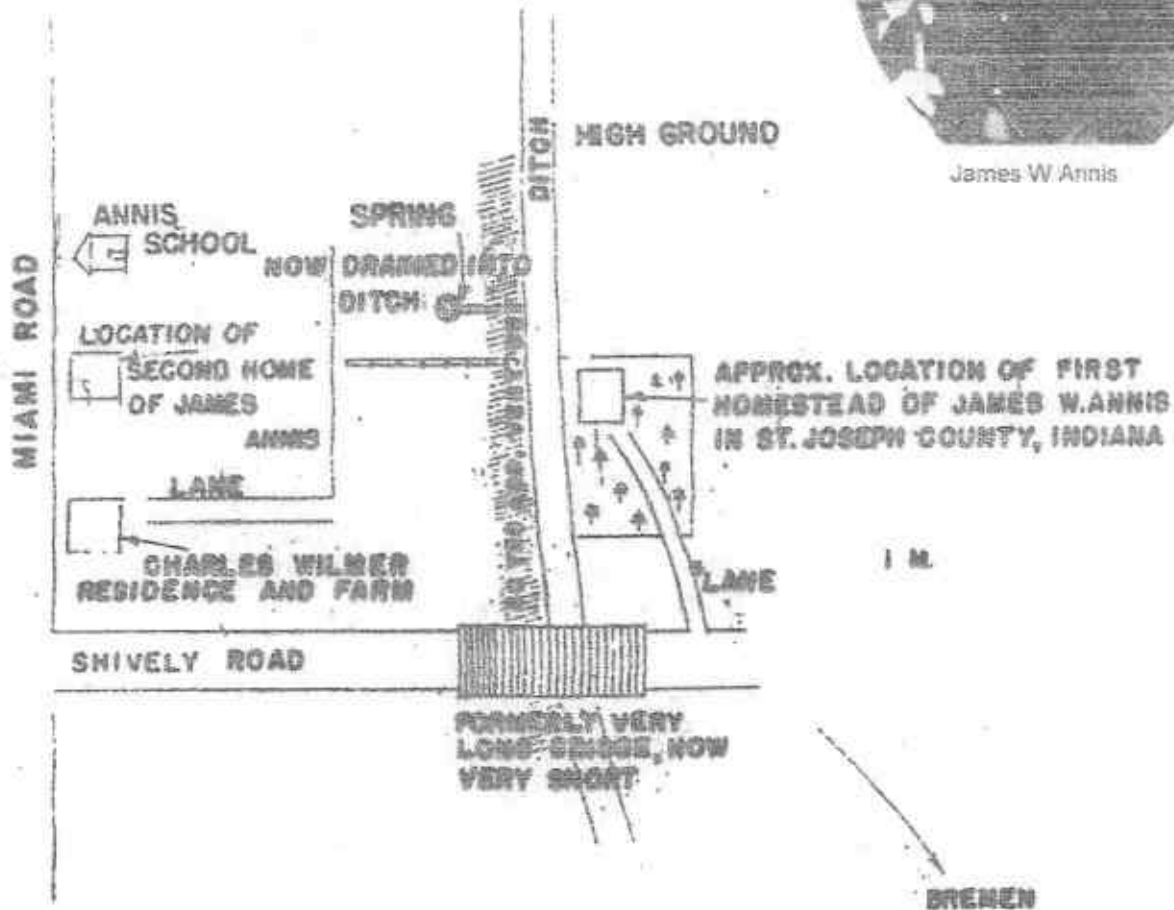
Elizabeth Annis

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wife Nancy, died 7 February 1912. Both are buried in Beaver Creek Cemetery, Crawford County, Michigan.



James W. Annis



Obituaries of Local People Who Died Los Angeles Co. Area.

Virginia Anne Smith

May 15, 1927-August 14, 2010

Virginia Smith, beloved and adored wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on August 14th.

She was born Virginia Meyer May 16, 1927 in South Bend, Indiana where she was a graduate of Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. A 54 year resident of Granada Hills, she spent many years as a surgical nurse at Northridge Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Robert, of Granada Hills, daughter Patricia, of Calabasas, son James, daughter in law Kristen and grandson, Ryan, of Texas.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 11th at 11:00 A.M. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Westlake Village. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association, Alzheimer's Association or Guide Dogs of America. Sylmar. Cal.

Los Angeles Times, 29 Aug. 2010.

Lucille T. Gadacz

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister, 77, of Fullerton, passed away October 18th. She was born Jan. 23, 1933, in South Bend, Indiana. After high school she attended Holy Cross Central School of Nursing in South Bend, graduating in 1954. She worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in South Bend, then moved to California in 1955, and continued her career at St. Francis' Hospital in Lynwood, and later St. Jude's Hospital in Fullerton, retiring in 1995. In 1966, as Lucille Leszczynski, she married Sylvester Gadacz and settled in Fullerton. She is survived by her husband, Sylvester, their four daughters, 9 grandchildren, 3 brothers, and 2 sisters. Friends may call from 4 pm to 8 pm, Wednesday at McAulay & Wallace Mortuary, Fullerton, where a rosary will be said at 7 pm. Services will be at 9:30 am Thursday, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fullerton. Burial will be at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Orange. In Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Orange Co. Register, 30 Oct. 2010

Gladys L. Atkinson

Peacefully went to be with her Lord Jesus on July 6, 2010, in Anaheim, California, at the age of 88. She was born March 15, 1922 in Mishawaka, Indiana, to George and Bertha Dukeshire. She had five brothers, James, Kenneth, Harold, Robert and Ora and was the last living sibling. Gladys was married to Glenn (Jack) Eatl Atkinson September 11, 1943 at Fort Benning, Georgia, just two days prior to Jack's graduating from Officers training School. Jack preceded her into the Kingdom of heaven in 1998.

Her family moved to Southern California in 1926, living in Santa Monica until 1943. After World War Two she and Jack moved to Van Nuys, to Santa Ana in 1948 and to Anaheim Hills in 1972.

Gladys had a career with the State of California Department of Employment in Santa Ana and Riverside offices until the time of her retirement. Her love of life was her family and enjoyed spending time with her sister in law, Gloria Dukeshire, Kingman, Arizona, and niece, Candice Rhone, Phoenix, Arizona, and nephew, Rick Knapp, Colorado Springs, Colorado along with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Gladys Atkinson is survived by her only child, daughter Nancy S. Taylor, her husband, Robert M. Taylor living in Villa Park, California; grandson, Jason Taylor and his wife, Lauri living in Oroville, California, granddaughter, Traci Shields and her husband, Timothy, living in Chico, California; great grandchildren Trevor Shields, 8, Tyler Shields, 6, and great-granddaughter, Samantha Taylor, 2, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service will be held on July 10, 2010 at 2 pm at Fairhaven Memorial Park

Orange Co. Register 8 July 2010

Evva Lou Mae Reid-Tiede

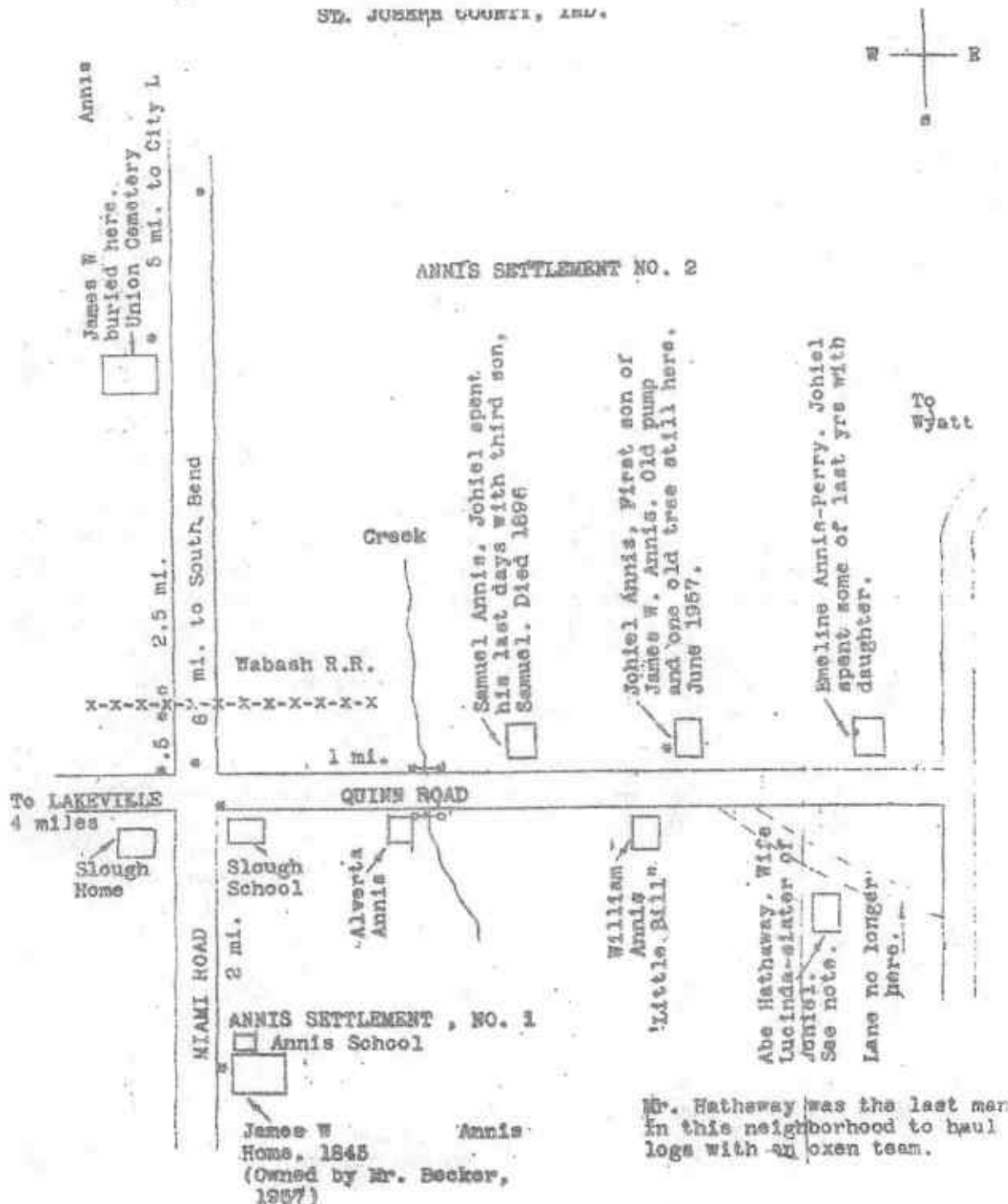
A 35 year resident of Costa Mesa, passed June 15th at the age of 83. Evva Lou was born in Osceola, Indiana on August 28, 1926. She was married to John W. Reid (deceased) for 49 years and they had 5 children: Kenneth (Mary), Nancy, Peter (deceased), Scott (Candy) and Kristen (Erik). After John Reid's death, Evva Lou married Loren T. Tiede in June 1999. Known as "Evvie" to her friends, she was a true homemaker, raising her children and spending time with grandchildren. Hobbies included sewing, quilting, baking and volunteering. She is survived by her husband, Loren, children and 12 grandchildren. Evvie was deeply loved by all who met her

Fowler. Jacob Annis was James W. Annis's father.

Augustus Hammersly Annis was born 17 February 1833 in Saltillo, Washington County, Indiana. The family Moved to Union Township, St. Joseph County, Indiana between 1845 and 1847. On 8 August, 1858 he married Nancy Jane Kirkendall in Lakeville, Indiana. Nancy was born 17 October 1835 in Ohio. Her parents were Albert Kirkendall

and Katherine (Riley) Kirkendall. They had ten children: Jasper Ezra, Ada E., Annette, Clara A. Polly E. George Russell, Minnie May, Lora A., Milton E. and Rossette (Rose) Pearl. Augustus served in the Civil War from 1862 to 1865. In 1882 he moved his family to Crawford County, Michigan where he lived until his death 9 September 1910 in Grayling, Michigan. His

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Annis Family

the ninth child of James W. and Elizabeth Annis. Augustus married Nancy Jane Kirkendall and they had 10 children. My grandmother, Minnie May Annis Newman was the sixth child of Augustus and Nancy Jane. Augustus served in the Civil War in the Indiana 73rd Infantry in which he enlisted in South Bend. I have copies of two letters that he wrote to his wife while serving.

Augustus did not stay in St. Joseph County after he returned from the war. He moved his family to the Beaver Creek area of Crawford County, Michigan and lived on land grant property given to him for service in the war. He and his wife are buried in Beaver Creek Cemetery.

A more complete story of the Annis's can be found in a book that was written by two Annis brothers. This book was completed in 1968 and two copies were made. One copy was retained by each brother. We are fortunate that the LDS Library filmed the copy in Rockford, Illinois. It can be seen on film No. 0569233.

The Spring Sept. 14, 1957

I walked over this ground, found the clear, cool water still flowing from the spring from which the Annis pioneers drank. It is now flowing into the drainage ditch. I walked through the woods east of the ditch and dreamed of the original Annis playground.

I asked Charles Wilmer if he thought James W. Annis had a lane from the East-West Road to the buildings in the woods along the east bank of the creek. He said "No, but from the higher ground further east."

Charles Wilmer remembers when Mrs. William Huff and her sister-in-law, Mrs. "Si" Annis (our grandmother) came out to the Wilmer farm from Bremen to visit his mother, Mrs. Edwin Wilmer. They pointed out the spot east of the creek as the site of the original cabin. Mrs. Huff emphasized her story by saying that she could remember when panthers roamed the woods surrounding their cabin.

Signed Walter Ray Annis

Annis Roots

The oldest known members of the family were the parents of Charles Cormac Annis's wife Sara. They were Aquila Chase who was born about 1618 in Ireland. He died in 1670 and was a mariner. His wife was Ann Wheeler who was born in 1620 and died in 1687.

Charles Cormac Annis was born in 1638 in Iskilgn, Fermanagh County Ireland. He died 19 December 1717 in Newbury, Massachusetts. He married Sara Chase 15 May 1666. Sara was born about 1645 and died in 1687.

Abraham Annis was born 18 August 1668 and died in 1738. He married Hannah Osgood who was born in 1692 (or 94).

John Annis was born 1 May 1700 in Newbury, Massachusetts. He married Abigail Rolfe of Bradford on 16 December 1724.

Ezra Annis was born 25 March 1726 in Newbury, Massachusetts and died in 1818. He was a Revolutionary War Veteran. He married Sara (Long) Haggett who was born in 1730.

Jacob Annis was born 16 February 1763 in Andover, Massachusetts and died in 1841. He was also a Revolutionary Veteran. He married Abigail



Augustus H. and Nancy Jane (Kirkendall) Annis

Burial at Sea

I was and the Admiral did. He said coldly, "How can the Navy help the Marine Corps, Colonel." I told him the story. He turned to his Chief of Staff and said, "Which is the sharpest destroyer in port?" The Chief of Staff responded with a name.

The Admiral called the ship, "Captain, you're going to do a burial at sea. You'll report to a Marine Lieutenant Colonel Goodson until this mission is completed..."

He hung up, looked at me, and said, "The next time you need a ship, Colonel, call me. You don't have to sic Al Bowser on my ass." I responded, "Aye Aye, Sir" and got the h-ll out of his office.

I went to the ship and met with the Captain, Executive Officer, and the Senior Chief. Sergeant Jolly and I trained the ship's crew for four days. Then Jolly raised a question none of us had thought of. He said, "These government caskets are air tight. How do we keep it from floating?"

All the high priced help including me sat there looking dumb. Then the Senior Chief stood and said, "Come on Jolly. I know a bar where the retired guys from World War II hang out."

They returned a couple of hours later, slightly the worst for wear, and said, "It's simple; we cut four 12" holes in the outer shell of the casket on each side and insert 300 lbs of lead in the foot end of the casket. We can handle that, no sweat."

The day arrived. The ship and the sailors looked razor sharp. General Bowser, the Admiral, a US Senator, and a Navy Band were on board. The sealed casket was brought aboard and taken below for modification. The ship got underway to the 12-fathom depth.

The sun was hot. The ocean flat. The casket was brought aft and placed on a catafalque. The Chaplin spoke. The volleys were fired. The flag was removed, folded, and I gave it to the father. The band played "Eternal Father Strong to Save." The casket was raised slightly at the head and it slid into the sea.

The heavy casket plunged straight down about six feet. The incoming water collided with the air pockets in the outer shell. The casket stopped

abruptly, rose straight out of the water about three feet, stopped, and slowly slipped back into the sea. The air bubbles rising from the sinking casket sparkled in the in the sunlight as the casket disappeared from sight forever.

The next morning I called a personal friend, Lieutenant General Oscar Peatross, at Headquarters Marine Corps and said, "General, get me out of here. I can't take this anymore." I was transferred two weeks later.

I was a good Marine but, after 17 years, I had seen too much death and too much suffering. I was used up. Vacating the house, my family and I drove to the office in a two-car convoy. I said my good-byes. Sergeant Jolly walked out with me. He waved at my family, looked at me with tears in his eyes, came to attention, saluted, and said, "Well Done, Colonel. Well Done." I felt as if I had received the Medal of Honor!

The Annis's of St. Joseph County, Indiana

Written by Jack R. Newman

For the current residents of the County, many would be acquainted with my uncle the longtime Park Commissioner, Ralph Annis Newman. Uncle Ralph, like me, is a descendant of a long line of Annis's in America. The first Annis in America was Charles Cormac Annis who settled in Massachusetts in 1665. James W. Annis moved to Washington County, Indiana in 1818. There he married Elizabeth Davis who was a descendant of Barabus Davis who came to America in 1635 and settled in Connecticut. James W. and wife Elizabeth had 17 children. Most were born in Washington County while the rest were born in St. Joseph County after they moved there in 1845.

The Annis's lived in their own settlement which was on Miami Road a few miles south of South Bend. The settlement included their own church and school. James W. and his wife are buried in Lamb's Settlement Cemetery (Union Township Cemetery) also along Miami Road.

My great grandfather, Augustus H. Annis was