

Denny
Family

O. T. DENNY

1849-1949

OSWALD THOMAS DENNY
TEACHER



Born January 13, 1849
His 100th Birthday Anniversary
January 13, 1949



A Pictorial Biography



IF OSWALD THOMAS DENNY had lived until January 13, 1949, that day would have been his 100th birthday.

To me, his son, and to Billee, my wife, this is a very important occasion and, realizing that most others would not remember the significance of the date, we have prepared a brief outline of his life, as portrayed in a number of informal pictures.

Those who did not know my father might assume that but slight

interest would attach to his memory 22 years after his passing, but an experience we had in Jamestown, North Dakota, last year bears different testimony.

There, on an autumn Sunday, we sat at dinner with a group of men and women who had gone to school to him in the 1880's and most of whom had not seen him since. But they met with us to pay him homage, to recount experiences in his classrooms, to tell of his influence upon their lives. The tributes were touching and beautiful.

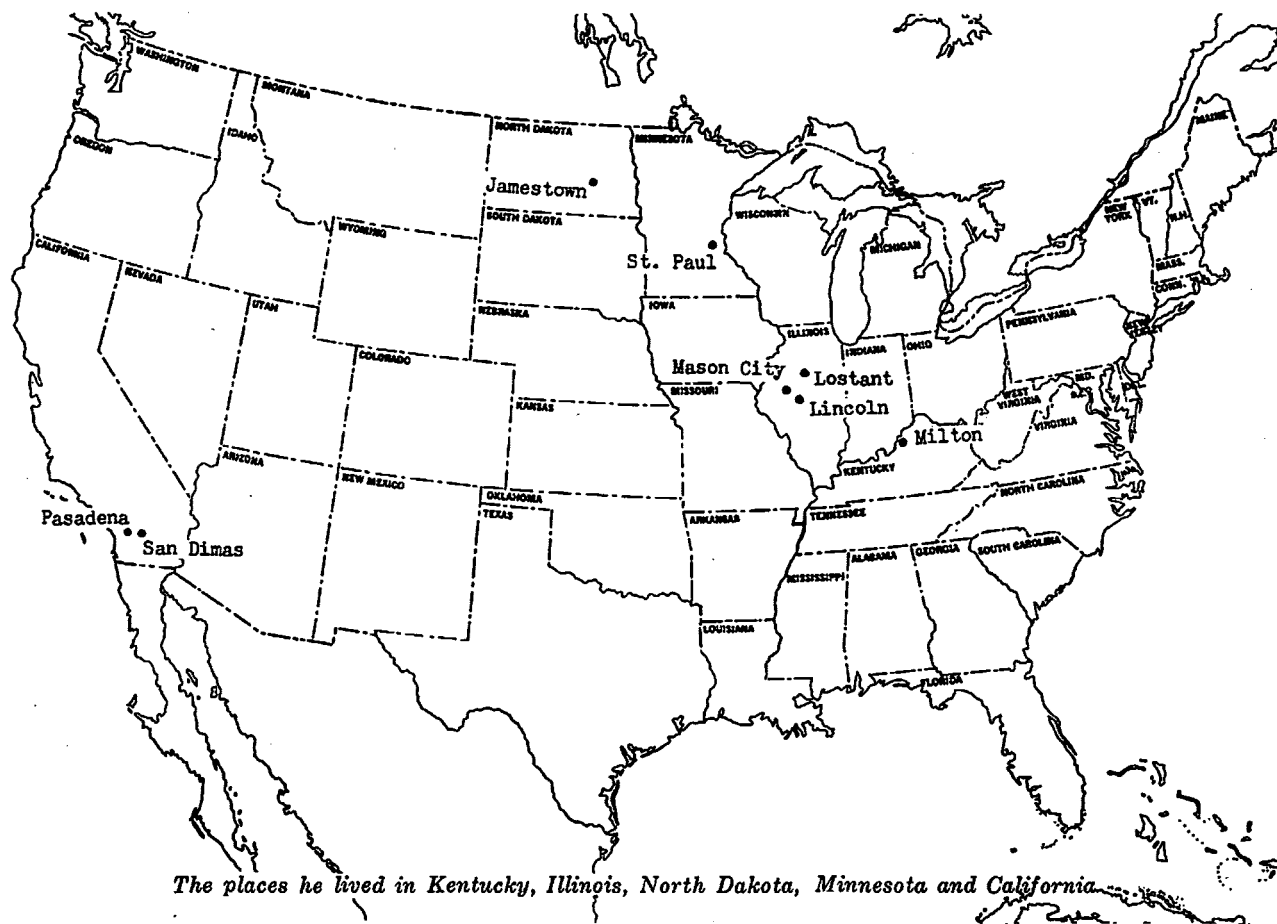
He taught them for a little while 60 years ago—and they have never forgotten him!

It was then the thought came to us that if so many in one town remembered him so lovingly so long, they, and others, would be glad to have some record of him.

And that is why this little booklet is prepared—that, and because we, most of all, want to pay tribute to him on his 100th birthday anniversary!

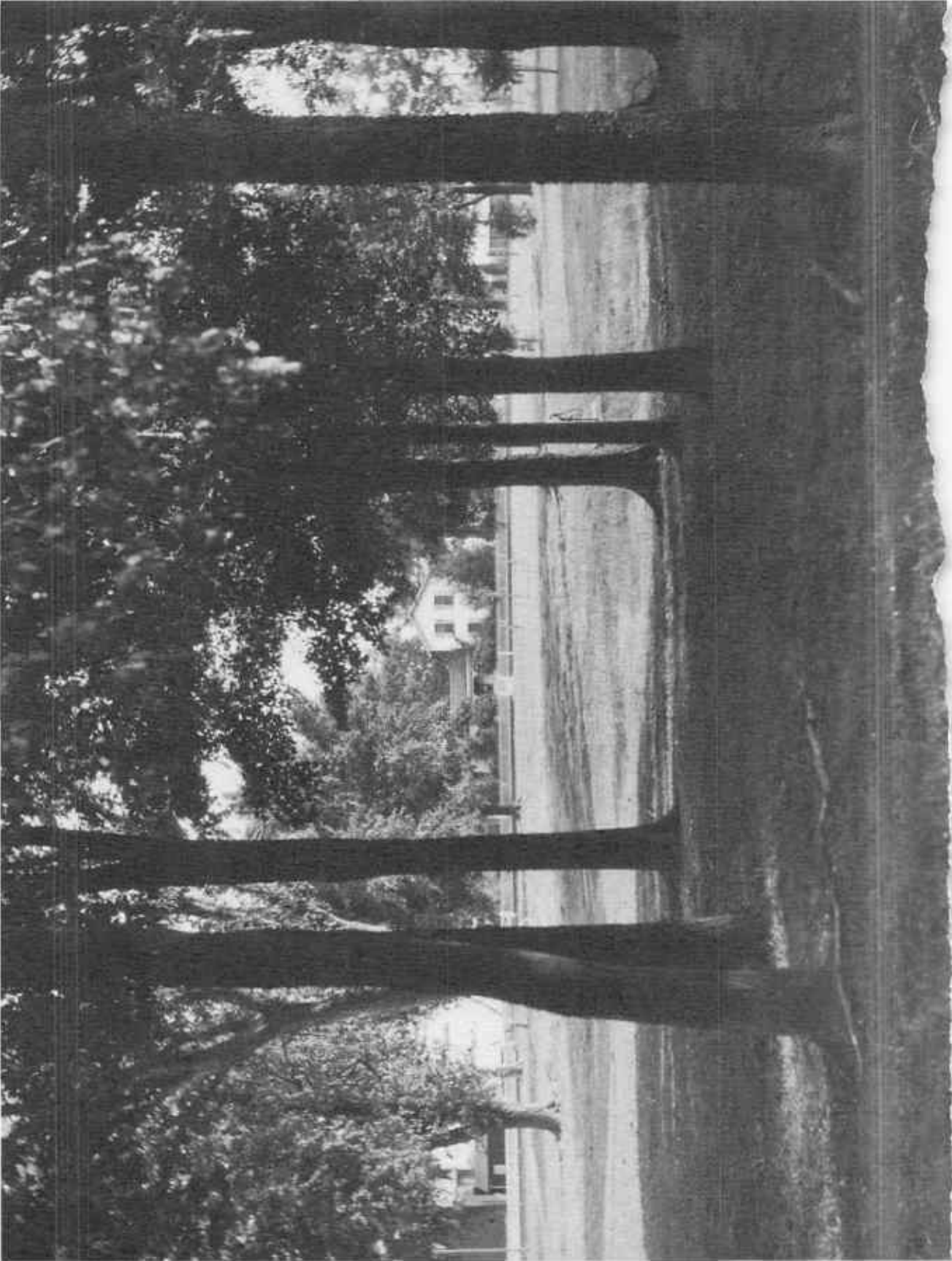
BILLEE AND LYNN DENNY





IMPORTANT DATES TO O. T. DENNY

- 1849—Born, Milton, Ky.
- 1855—Settled near Lincoln, Ill.
- 1866—Became engaged to Anna Canby.
- 1868—Entered Lincoln college.
- 1870—Taught Duff district school, near Lincoln.
- 1872—Graduated from Lincoln college.
- 1873-1877—Principal of Lostant, Ill., schools.
- 1874—Married Anna Canby at Bondville, Ill.
- 1878—Principal of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., school.
- 1878—First child born—Mabel Floy, April 25, Mt. Pulaski.
- 1878-1885—Superintendent of schools, Mason City, Ill.
- 1882—Second child born—Glenn. Died same year.
- 1885—Third child born—Lynn Canby, March 3, Mason City.
- 1885-1890—Superintendent of schools, Jamestown, N. D.
- 1890—Moved to St. Paul, Minn.
- 1891—Fourth child born—Ruth Anna, February 11, St. Paul.
- 1892-1910—Taught physics and astronomy at St. Paul Central High school.
- 1910—Moved to orange grove near San Dimas, Calif.
- 1914—Ruth died, June 11, Los Angeles.
- 1919—Moved to Pasadena, Calif.
- 1921—Mabel died, February 5, Pasadena.
- 1926—Lynn married Billee Murray, October 5.
- 1927—O. T. Denny died, June 23, Pasadena.
- 1933—Anna C. Denny died, May 22, Pasadena.



*Opposite Page: Side view of old home,
near Lincoln, Ill., which was nothing
but wild prairie when the family
arrived from Kentucky in 1855.*



*Taken in Mason City when
he was about 35 years old.*



*At 45 he was teaching in
the St. Paul Central High
school.*



*The first picture of which
there is record. He was
about 18 years old.*

*Humble voyagers are we,
Husband, wife and children three,
Touch us gently, time!
We've not proud nor soaring wings;
Our ambition, our content
Lies in simple things.
Humble voyagers are we
On life's dim, unsounded sea.
Seeking only some calm clime,
Touch us gently, gentle time!*

—BARRY CORNWALL.

HIS FAMILY



*Ruth and her mother,
1898.*



Ruth at 17 or 18.



Lynn, 4, Mabel, 11.



Mabel, 18, St. Paul.



Billee, 1948.



Lynn, 1948.

*Opposite Page: O. T. Denny and Anna
Canby Denny, married March 25, 1874.*

*Bottom (left): O. T. Denny in young
manhood. At bottom: Anna C. Denny at 31.*





Opposite Page (top): One room of Jamestown, N.D., school with O. T. Denny at right. (Bottom): At the mouth of Battle Creek, near St. Paul, O. T. Denny and "Ramblers Club" relax for a picture on a late fall day.



A Mason City school, 1878-1885.



The Jamestown school in mid-1880's, with O. T. Denny, teachers and a few pupils.

The old Central High school, St. Paul. Note telescope tower at right where O. T. Denny held many of his astronomy classes.



*Opposite Page (top): St. Paul Central
High school staff in 1903. O. T. Denny
at right end of front row.*

*(Bottom): Teaching a physics class at
St. Paul Central High school.*





Shoveling Minnesota snow.



*Sawing ice on the
Minnesota River near
St. Paul, winter 1902.*

*His youthful spirit, even at an
advanced age, is attested to in
this game of leap-frog.*



*In 1920 he revisited his old
Illinois home for the last time
and pumped water from the
same stock well he used as a boy.*

Top (left): A scene on his California orange ranch in 1911. Ruth made pets of all the chickens. Top (right): He tells H. E. White, old Jamestown friend, to pick an orange. Center: O. T. and Anna C. Denny at front of orange grove home. Below: The orange ranch group is Mabel; Ruth and her kitten ("Puzzle"); Anna C. and O. T. Denny.



Center: O. T. and Anna C. Denny on their 50th wedding anniversary. Top (left and right): In "Arroyo Seco" near Pasadena on his 75th birthday. Right: Beside car at rear door of Pasadena home on January 13, 1924.



75
YEARS OLD

50
YEARS MARRIED



EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEATH OF O. T. DENNY

"I shall always remember, as the happiest of my school days, the rambles with him when he used to take a dozen or so boys and girls on walks in the country and he would talk so delightfully about the beautiful things of nature, which he loved so much.

"His friendship has always been as sweet and fresh and faithful as the beautiful things of nature—and so his memory will ever remain in my heart."

"What a lovely and beautiful life he has led, and how fitting that he should have lectured on his favorite subject up to the very last!

"Many a night when I have gazed at the stars in various parts of the world I have thought of Mr. Denny and the astronomy parties we used to have in Jamestown, and how much I got out of them and which I have enjoyed for so many years. One never knows how far-reaching the seed may be which has been planted with love and sincerity, as he always did in everything he undertook.

"I am glad some of my old school was represented there at the last tribute to him whom we all loved so much. I am sure he knows how deeply enshrined in all our hearts he will always be."

"It seems so few find out the real things of life like he did.

"To me he was always the very best man I ever knew, and one who will be very much missed."

"Everywhere and at all times, whether in joy or sorrow, he stands to me for the very ideal of uncles.

"His mere presence has always dissipated any spirit of contention. Such just wasn't in keeping with his character . . . Besides the spirit of good will which he had himself and which he helped to create in others, he had a kind of magic which is possessed only by people of imagination—especially if there is a sense of good humor intermingled with it . . . I think Uncle carried some of the fairy-magic in his pocket."

"He was so unselfish. I always had such a tender love for him. I think it was because he was so gentle."

"In the intimate relation of teacher and pupil he had a direct influence upon more than ten thousand young people, to say nothing of the hundreds of fellow teachers and friends and relatives."

"I would like to have known him. He must have had the eyes of an artist and the soul of a poet."

"I feel sure that he is now having wonderful experiences in learning many things that he had always wanted to understand. An active mind, fascinated by infinity and eternity—what a satisfaction it must be to him to *know*!

"In speaking to his friends in St. Paul I have always been struck by the affection that everyone feels for him. 'Dear Mr. Denny' is the natural thing for all of us to say, and I think he must be enjoying the renewal of friendships of many rich years long past.

"I suppose it never occurred to him that he actually warmed the hearts of those around him, but I like to think that he feels the affection returning to him now."

"In a long lifetime I have seldom met one who, in thinking with me, would follow my mind and go with me and on before me like Mr. Denny would do."

"As I look back it does seem to me that he has actually gone home. Though walking on earth and performing his duties here, he really lived among the stars. They were his friends and comrades. He knew when and where to expect them to rise or set. His beautiful soul communicated with them in the quiet evening hours . . . For his own temporary good he may have been too much like a tender mother or a youthful lover, but to his friends he was an ideal. What must he have been to his students and to his own family! He may have left us bodily, but surely he continues to live among us.

"His whole life was a sacrifice of his greatest wishes for the sake of making the wishes of his loved ones come true!"

"His was a wonderful life of service to others and one cannot think of him without feeling an uplift because of his lasting influence.

"It is a beautiful thing to be able to create works of art but to learn the art of living as he did, and the rare art of making and keeping friends, is worth the effort of a lifetime."

"What a heritage he has left! What a high mark he has set for all who knew and loved him! How insignificant transient possessions appear compared with the permanent worth of such a man!

"Science gives us no means of valuing the life of a cultured, Christian gentlemen, who spent his many years in doing good and helping hundreds to live better and more useful lives. The extent of good brought about by him can be told only on the records of eternity.

"It was no ordinary welcome that was accorded him when he passed through the Gates Eternal. There is a great throng up there who know him and love and appreciate him for his long and fruitful life. It was no ordinary greeting that awaited him. They knew a great soul had joined them."

"His death calls back more vividly than ever before the splendid citizen, patriot, and teacher that he has been. The imprint of his exceptional character and Christian spirit continues through the lives of many thousands of young men with whom he came in contact during his years as professor and superintendent of schools here and elsewhere.

"What a wonderful thing to have been brought up and to have lived in the home of such a splendid person!

"I learned to love Professor Denny when I was still but a high school student in Jamestown, and I am certain that very much of my success in life has been due to the teaching and force of character gained by me through association with him and the kindly advice from time to time received from his lips.

"I certainly am proud of the fact that he has been a teacher of mine, not only in the classroom and within the same building, but outside with his personal touch, his personal friendship and his always personal interest. I know that but for him much of the ability I have would never have been acquired. His splendid habits, his noble character, and his consideration for others could not but have touched the hearts of everyone with whom he came in friendly contact."

"He just lived for his family and never had a thought except for their happiness and welfare. He was so absolutely unselfish."

"He became a hero to me when I was a very small boy and it seems to me a supreme test of his character that last summer when I was 35 years of age and had that perfect day with him, I loved that wonderfully good man more than ever, and he was still a hero to me."

"I was very glad for and proud of his friendship. It meant a great deal to me as a girl, and as much to me as I grew older, because affection for a man such as he was couldn't lessen with time or distance.

"He was so truly kind and good to everyone that the most beautiful memories will always exist of him and revive at any thought or mention of him."

"Though I never saw him, I felt very near to him through a correspondence which I greatly enjoyed. In these little messages of his, which came to me from time to time, I caught the glimpse of a great and noble soul, and often wished I might be permitted to see and talk with him."

"He loved all that was best and truest—books, flowers, mountains, valleys and friends. He was a poet in thought and deed."

"To no one else, outside my own family, am I so indebted for whatever high ideals I have cherished."

"He was a wonderful example for the youth who listened to his gentle voice, and his countenance always shone without trace of a frown.

"I am glad I knew him. He set me one of the purest and dearest examples in my whole life."

"I consider it a very happy privilege to have known him and shared his friendship and love. His thoughts were as pure and sweet as a beautiful, fragrant flower. Lives that are such an example of truth, love and all good are indeed an inspiration to us at all times."

"Mr. Emerson and similar characters were not his authors, they were rather his comrades, and his poetic soul just feasted at times, sitting with them around the table loaded with mental food for all of them.

"His wonderful memory was loaded with the choicest gems of literature and frequently his soul would bubble over to share his treasures with his students.

"Surely my own days have been more beautiful because my fate gave me that precious acquaintance with a man of his excellent worth. This world may not be worthy of such admirable natures, but how could it continue to exist without them?"

"It may truly be said of Oswald T. Denny: 'Behold a man, who, while with us, was at home in the ages that have gone, and who will, I believe, be equally at home in the glorious ages that are yet to be!'"

"His head was always up and his sweet whimsies of rich humor never failed him.

"Hundreds of young lives touched by his spiritually sensitized life have found the incentive to seek nobility.

"Last Thursday night out of the harbor silently sped the good ship 'Oswald T. Denny,' with sealed orders, with all sails up, colors flying, loaded with the riches of a glorious lifetime, and with the great Pilot at the wheel!

"I have no doubt of the ship's destination or of its safe arrival!"

EPITAPH

Darken the classroom,
And turn the key;
This is the
Unknown Quantity.

Leave the echo
Of brilliance there,
And the unsolved theorems
In the air,

And the sound of laughter
Dying down
To his upraised finger
And impish frown.

For the witty and wise
Have limped away,
And the sun is dark
On a lonely day —

And the night comes on,
With the campus still,
As the gayest leaf
Drifts down the hill.

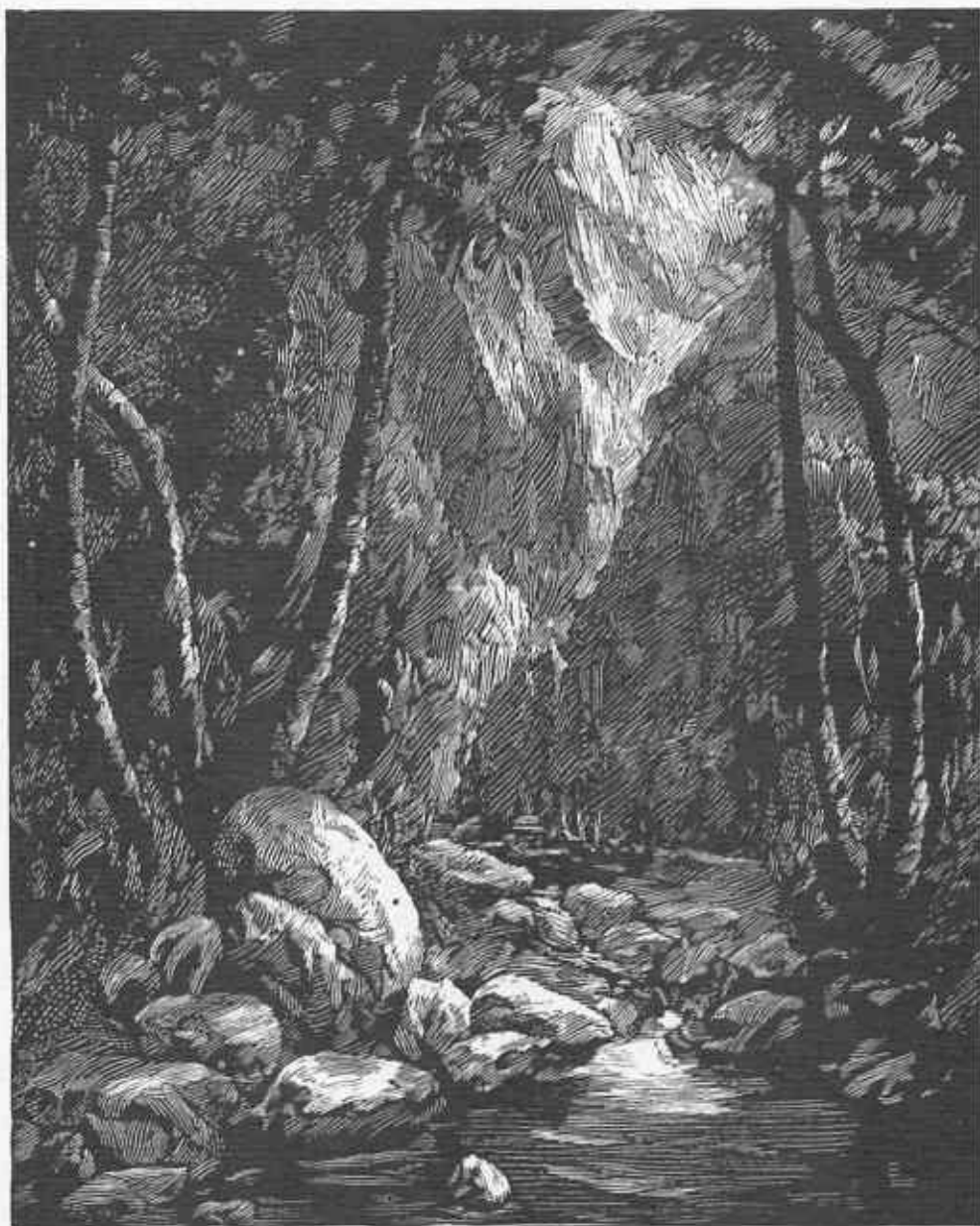
—*Lea Abernathy.*

OTHER TRIBUTES

Upon several past occasions touching the life of O. T. Denny, there have been sent to old friends and relatives the tributes directly following.

The first was at the time of his death; the second a memorial for his 90th birthday anniversary, and the third, commemorating the 100th anniversary of his parents' marriage. Some readers of this booklet have not had opportunity to see them.

And so they become a part of the record for January 13, 1949.



Chalkboard Etching by ALBERT JAMES DEWEY.

Courtesy of TOURING TOPICS

TWISTED SYCAMORES IN A CALIFORNIA ARROYO

To the late Oswald Thomas Denny—lover of all trees, the Sycamore in particular; lover of birds and bees and streams and leas; rocks and hills; lover of the starry heavens, of Mother Earth and Nature's ways; lover of mountain and plain, and the breath of prairie breezes; lover of home, lover of life; singer of sweet song; friend of his fellow men; tender, humble, lovable, true; one of God's nobility—the picture of these grand old trees and this page of SEEING CALIFORNIA is affectionately dedicated by the Editors—his children, and his mourners forevermore.



O. T. DENNY

"One of God's Nobility"

Born in Milton, Kentucky, 1849
Died in Pasadena, California, June 23, 1927

January 13, 1939,
His 90th Birthday

A Memorial

To the sweetest memory of life—our association with him.

LYNN AND BILLEE DENNY

It was his nature to blossom into song,
as it is a tree's to leaf itself in April.

Alexander Smith.

MY FATHER

Could I forsake these rugged ways,
These paths where now I walk with men,
And hie me back to childhood days,
To be, in body, born again—
From out this heart I call my own,
From out this soul, forever free,
You are the father—you, alone—
I should ask God to give to me.

Ralph M. Thomson.

February 22, 1844

Married 100 Years Ago

February 22, 1944

THOMAS HEDGER DENNY

DENNY

MARY LOUISA KING



ELLA, ALBERT, THOS. H., LOUIE, MARY L., EDGAR, WILL, TOM



THE OLD HOME NEAR LINCOLN, ILLINOIS.
(Now owned by Matt Miner)

"Though each dear spot seems changed and sad,
It still retains its charm."

"Deer Creek is running just as still,
Some trees upon its side
Are larger than they were, dear Will,
But more have drooped and died."

We are all here,
Father, Mother, Sister, Brother,
All who hold each other dear.
The marks of time are on each face,
Our forms have lost their youthful grace,
But in our hearts there still is place
For memories old and dear—
We are all, all here! —O.T.D.



From Lynn and Billee Denny.



Lincoln College

So when a great man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.



Another '49'er.

Denny Family

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CHARLES D. DENNEY PAPERS

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Charles D. Denney is known as the founding member of the Alberta Genealogical Society. In 1967 he began researching the Bannerman family which had been part of the Selkirk settlers in the Red River Settlement of Manitoba. As time passed, his collection grew to include over a thousand western Canadian families of Metis extraction as well as the original Selkirk Settlers.

The Denney Papers contain over 10,000 (3 x 5) cards listed alphabetically. (Note: these cards have been photocopied and are contained in binders at the Branch Library). Each card may contain information such as:

- a. Birth Records - from vital statistics records, church or newspaper
- b. Death Records - from vital statistics records, church, headstone or newspaper
- c. Marriage Record- from vital statistics records, church, or newspaper

The Denney Papers also include over seventy binders documenting individual family groups and some of the above cards have been cross-referenced to these family groups. Information in this grouping may include family pedigree charts, group sheets, newspaper clippings, birth, marriage and death information, correspondence with individuals across North America who may be researching that particular family, and Scrip affidavits.

Also included in the Denney Papers, various published family histories and copies of various journals of the Hudson's Bay employees which were obtained from the Public Archives in Ottawa, and copies of Scrip records for 1876, 1885, and 1900/02.

This collection contains a wealth of information for genealogists and its uniqueness has not been equaled. We commend Mr. Denney for his tireless effort and valued contribution to the Alberta Genealogical Society.

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The following is an alphabetized list of names from the Denney Papers. Several names have various spellings, but due to limited space, I have just included the most common spelling and I did not include the names that were listed under the sundry heading (miscellaneous).

AUDET	AYOTTE	BEAUCHENE	BLONDIN	BURTON
AULD	BABY	BEAUDREAU	BLOOMFIELD	BUTLIN
AYASIW	BACON	BEAUDRY	BLUE	BUTTON
ANDRE	BARBEAU	BERRY	BODEAUX	BUXTON
AUGER	AZURE	BEAUDOIN	BODY	BYERS
ABBOTT	BADGER	BEAULIEU	BOHAY	CADIEUX
ABEL	BAGG	BEAUPRE	BOISVERT	CADOTTE
ARKUS	BARRON	BIGNELL	BOIVEN	CAISSE
ABRAHAM	BAILEY	BECK	BOLEYAN	CAITHCART
ACRES	BAIN	BECKER	BOLTON	CALAHISEN
ABERLAE	BAHAN	BEAULION	BOMPAS	CALDER
ADAM	BAIRD	BEDDOME	BONE	CALDWELL
AFFLICK	BAKER	BEDDONA	BONIN	CAMELLE
ADHEMAR	BAKALA	BEDON	BONNEAY	CAMERON
ALDER	BALAN	BEGG	BONNEVILLE	CAMPBELL
AGNEW	BAKIE	BEDSON	BONTHON	CAMPION
ALEXANDER	BALL	BEIOLEY	BOOTH	CANADA
ALLARD	BALLENDINE	BELANGER	BOREAU	CANVIN
ADAMS	BALSILLIE	BELCOURT	BORSTEN	CAPLETTE
ARCHIE	BANDALE	BELHEUMEUR	BORWICK	CARBONEAU
ALLARY	BANGS	BERARD	BOSKILL	CARDINAL
ALLARDYCE	BANKS	BERCIER	BOSWELL	CARIBOU
ALLEN	BANNATYNE	BERGER	BOTTINEAU	CARIEPY
AMADA	BANNERMAN	BERIAULT	BOUCHARD	CARIFELLE
AMOITTE	BANNISTER	BERNARD	BOUCHER	CARMICHAEL
ANDERSON	BARBER	BERTHELET	BOUDRA	CARNEGIE
ANANAS	BAPTISTE	BERNIER	BOUDREAU	CARON
ALLAN	BALLENDEN	BLONDELL	BOUILLE	CARR
ANDREWS	BARCLAY	BERTRAND	BOURASSA	CARRIERE
ANNAL	BARNABE	BESSON	BOURI	CARROLL
ANTIL	BARNETT	BIAS	BOURQUE	CARRUTHERS
APPLEYARD	BARNS	BICKERSTELL	BOUSQUET	CARRY
ARCHS	BARRE	BIGG	BOUVET	CARSON
ARCHER	BARNSTON	BIG ROCK	BOUVIER	CARTIER
ARMIT	BASTARD	BISON	BOWDRIDGE	CARTONE
ARKLAND	BARRY	BIRD	BOWES	CARTWRIGHT
ARTHUR	BARTHLETTE	BIRSTON	BOWMAN	CARY
AUBICHON	BASTIEN	BISSONET	BOYD	CASSELS
ARNAND	BATARD	BLACK	BOYDEN	CASTOR
ASHAM	BATES	BLACKMAN	BOYER	CATACH
ARMSTRONG	BARTON	BISHOP	BOYLE	CATHELAIN
ASHFORD	BATOCHÉ	BLANC	BRABANT	CAVALLIER
ASHDOWN	BAYER	BLANCHARD	BRADLEY	CAYEN
ATAKE	BEAR	BLAYON	BRANCONNIER	CAYOL
ATKINSON	BEAUCHAMP	BLONDEAU	BRASS	CHABOT
ASHTON	BEADS	BLANDION dit DION	BRATLEE	CHABOYER
ATKINS	BEAUCHEMIN	BLOW	BRAY	CHALIFOUX
ASSINIBOINE	BEARDY	BLEU	BRAZEAU	CHAMBER
ARCAND	BARNARD	BETHUNE	BURKE	CHAMBERLAIN
				CHAMBERS

CHAMPAGNE	COTE	DESCHAMBEAULT	DUNN
CHAPMAN	COTTER	DESCHAMPS	DUNNET
CHAPPELL	COURCHENE	DESCHENEAU	DUNNING
CHARBONEAU	COURTEPATTE	DESCOTEAU	DUNSMORE
CHARETTE	COUTEAU	DESJARDIN	DUPHRESNE
CHARLES	COUTOERILLE	DESJARLAIS	DUPLESSIS
CHARLETTE	COUTU	DESLAURIERS	DUPONT
CHARLTON	COUTURE	DESMARIAS	DUPRE
CHARON	COWAN	DESNOMME	DUPUIS
CHART	COX	DESNOYER	DUQUET
CHARTIER	CURRIE	DESOYNE	DURANT
CHARTRAND	CURTIS	DESPLARLAIS	DUSSIAUM
CHATELAIN	CUSITAR	DESRIVIERES	DUVAL
CHENAIL dit GENAILLE	CUTHBERT	DESROCHER	DYER
CHENIER	CYR	DESROCHES	DYSON
CHEVIGNEY	D'AMOUR	DESSOTEAUSE	ECCLES
CHISHOLM	DAGNON	DEVELIN	ECK
CHOMIAK	DAHL	DEWAR	EDMUNDS
CHRISTENSEN	DAIGNEAULT	DICHL	EDWARD
CHRISTIE	DALKE	DICKSON	ELDER
CHURCH	DANIEL	DINGWELL	ELEMONT
CHURCHWELL	DANIELS	DION	ELLIOTT
CLAIRE	DAUNAIS	DIONNE dit BLANDION	ELSE
CLAIRMONT	DAUNAIS	DIXON	ELY
CLARE	DAUPHINE	DOBIE	EMELIA
CLARK	DAUPHNAIS	DODD	EMOND
CLAUDIE	DAVID	DOEDERAI	ENGLISH
CLEAVER	DAVIDSON	DOIG	ENNIS
CLELLAND	DAVIS	DONALD	ENO
CLEMENS	DAWSON	DONALDSON	EPEVATIS
CLEMENTS	DAZE	DONNELL	ERASMUS
CLERMONT	DE LA CHEORATURE	DORION	ERMINE
CLOUSTON	DEACON	DOUGLAS	ESPARVIER
CLOUTIER	DEAN	DOWNES	ESPERANCE
COATES	DEASE	DOZE	ESSON
COCHET	DECAIRE	DRAIN	ETHIER
COCHRANE	DECOYNE	DREVER	EUSTACE
COCKBURN	DEFOND	DRIVER	EVANS
COCKS	DEFONT	DROLET	EVERETT
COLELOUGH	DEFRAISE	DUBE	FAGNANT
COLES	DEGAN	DUBOIS	FAILLE
COLLARD	DEGEAR	DUBRAY	FAILLON
COLLIER	DEGRAISSE	DUBREIUL	FAIR
COLLIN	DEGUERE	DUBRU	FAIRBANKS
COLOMBE	DELANEY	DUCEPS	FALARDEAU
COMBER	DELARONDE	DUCHARME	FALCON
COMMANDENT	DELAUNAIS	DUCHENE	FARIES
COMPTIOS	DELISLE	DUCK	FARMER
CONSTANT	DELORME	DUFOND	FARQUARHSON
CONSTANTINE	DEMERS	DUGUET	FAVEL
COOK	DEMIT	DUGVETTE	FAWCETT
COOMBS	DEMONTIGNY	DUKE	FAWSSEUEVE
COOPER	DENNET	DUKE	FAYAN
CORBETT	DENNEY	DUMAS	FAYE
CORCORAN	DENNICK	DUMONT	FELIX
CORRIGAL	DENNING	DUMONTIER	FENNELL
CORRIGAN	DENNIS	DUNBAR	FERCASSE
CORRUTHERS	DEROCHE	DUNCAN	FERGUSON
COSTIGAN	DESAULELS	DUNDAS	FERLAND

FERMIER	GARSON	GRAVES	HARTY	HUPPE
FIDLER	GARTON	GRAY	HARVEY	HYDE
FIELD	GASPARD	GREEN	HARWOOD	IGNACE
FIELDING	GAUCHER	GREENLEAF	HAWK	INGHAM
FINLAY	GAUDET	GREENWOOD	HAY	INKSTER
FINLAYSON	GAUDRY	GREGG	HAYDEN	IROQUOIS
FINNIGAN	GAUTHIER	GREGOIRE	HAYES	IRVINE
FIOLLEAU	GEDDES	GREGOR	HAYLEY	IRVING
FIRTH	GENAILLE dit CHENAIL	GREGORITCH	HAYWARD	IRWIN
FISHER	GENDRON	GREGSON	HAYWOOD	ISBISTER
FITCOL	GENEREUX	GRENIER	HEATH	IVERQACH
FITSPATRICK	GENTHON	GRENON	HEBERT	JACKSON
FITZGERALD	GENTON	GROOVETTE	HEGARTY	JACOBS
FLAMAND	GEORGE	GREY	HEINAULT	JACQUES
FLEMMING	GERARD	GREYYES	HEMINGWAY	JACQUISH
FLETCHER	GERRIE	GREZAUD	HENARY	JAMES
FLETT	GERVAIS	GRIER	HENDERSON	JAMIESON
FLEURY	GESSON	GRIERSON	HENSAULT	JANVIER
FLYNN	GIBBON	GRIEVE	HENSELWOOD	JARDINE
FOLEY	GIBBS	GRIFFIN	HEON	JEANNOTTE
FOLSTER	GIBSON	GRIS	HEOY	JEANOTTE
FONESCA	GIGOT	GRISDALE	HERMAN	JEFFERSON
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FRASER	GLENN	HALLET	HOGUE	JORDON
FRASER	GODIN	HALLIDAY	HOLLAND	KAVANAGH
FREDERIC	GONNERNVILLE	HAMEL	HOLMES	KAYATTOWE
FREEMAN	GOOD	HAMELIN	HONORE	KEITH
FRIDAY	GOODAY	HAMERSTON	HOOKEY	KELLY
FRIGON	GOODFELLOW	HAMILTON	HOPE	KEMP
FROBISHER	GOODMAN	HANCOCK	HORN	KENEVIS
FULTHORPE	GOODRIDGE	HANEY	HORTON	KENNEDY
GADDY	GOODWIN	HANNAH	HOULE	KENNY
GAGNON	GORAN	HANSON	HOURLIE	KERR
GAILLARD	GORDON	HARCUS	HOURSTON	KESES
GALARNEAU	GOSSELIN	HARDISTY	HOUSE	KEYS
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GAMBLE	GOULET	HARMAN	HOWEY	KING
GANDRY	GOWLER	HARPER	HOWIE	KIP
GARDEN	GRAF	HARRIOTT	HUDDLESTONE	KIPLING
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WHAT'S NEW IN OUR LIBRARY ?

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Members of the A.G.S. are entitled to borrow from our library. Send your requests for library materials to: A.G.S. Librarian, P.O. Box 12015, Edmonton, AB T5J 3L2. Reference should be made to library lists appearing in this and other issues of "Relatively Speaking". When your books are mailed to you, you will be given a return date and asked to reimburse the society for postage expended.

AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGICAL STUDIES "THE GENEALOGIST" Vol 4 No 12 - Catholic pioneers of Brighton; 1893 students at Korroit, Victoria; passengers list aboard "Orontees" 1909.
Vol 5 No 1 - Article on indexes to Victoria's pre-1896 BMD records.

CANADA

PAC "THE ARCHIVIST" Vol 13 No 3 - War on the Great Lakes; Charting the Great Lakes; Wireless telegraphic communications; Sources for Great Lakes history; A.B. Young, photographer of Great Lakes vessels; Informing Canadians through exhibitions.

APHS "QUARTERLY" Vol 6 No 4 - Life story & will of Peter Fetterly b.1753; Young & de Forest pedigrees; Straight line pedigree of Anne Beale; New at Calgary Public Library.

AGS EDMONTON BR "CLANDIGGER" Vol 7 No 1 - BM Edmonton Journal 1905; Edmonton House officers 1891-92; Salt Lake City Library floor plan.

Vol 7 No 2 - Library Holdings; Pedigree and Story of James Curtis Bird & his two wives.

BCGS "GENEALOGIST" Vol 15 No 1 - Vancouver 100 years ago; Arrivals in Vancouver 1886; Pre 1760 sources for FH in Quebec; "Breton & McKee" surnames.

PRINCE GEORGE FHS "TREE TRACER" March 1986 - Pre-empters 1909; "Luttrell, Mallery, Muirhead" surnames.

HBGS "GENERATIONS" No 27 - Carroll's Crossing & Campbellton rural cemeteries; Highlands & Forest Hill cemeteries in Carleton Co.; Pioneer, Rusagonis, Wood, Stennick & Fredericton cemeteries in Sunbury Co.; Obits 1885; "Bostwick & Pugh" surnames.

NSGS "THE NOVA SCOTIA GENEALOGIST" Vol 4 No 1 - N.Scotian to Aust. 1852; New acquisitions at PANS; Black population at Preston; Digby Co. school records; Scots from Isle of Skye to Cape Britain 1830; "Beckwith, Deal & Craig" surnames; Computerized index for Vol 3.

OGS "FAMILIES" Vol 25 No 1 - Article on immigrant ancestors in Ontario; Excerpts York Almanac & Royal Calendar of Upper Canada 1823; English Poor Law Settlement & Removal documents 1662-1866; Samilac Co.; Michigan Death records 1862-1873; Log Houses; Computer numbering system; Queries; "Clucas" surnames; Book reviews.

Vol 25 No 2 - OGS coat of arms; Interpretation of Ont. land records index; Family of Judge Wm Buell b.1791, Rochester, N.Y.; Lists from British Military records; Book reviews; Queries.

ANNUAL OGS SEMINAR 1986 REPORT - 25th annual meeting branch & committee reports.

COMPUTER CORNER

By Peter Goutbeck - A.G.S. #1006
Edmonton Branch

NEW COMPUTERS and NEW TECHNOLOGIES: Lately the consumer has been bombarded with advertising about several new advances in the computer industry. Let's take a look and discuss these machines from the viewpoint of using them for your genealogy work.

APPLE MACINTOSH SE - announced by Apple earlier this year. This machine takes a significant departure from the old Mac in that they have slots. Slots mean one major thing - adaptability! One important thing you will be able to do with the new Macs is to insert an AST board that will allow these machines to also run MS-DOS. These machines with monitor, AST board, and disk drives will cost over \$8000. Most genealogists are unlikely to consider this a good choice even if they get the best of both worlds.

COMMODORE AMIGA 2000 - This newest version of the AMIGA has slots now, and that means you can adapt it with a "bridge" card that will let it run MS-DOS. The major problem here again is its price - well over \$6000.

IBM PS/2 MODEL 30 - is the lowest priced of the new IBM's, just under \$3000.

All these new computer models use 3.5 inch diskettes of either 720k or 1.44MB capacity (the new Mac will also take the old 5.25 MS-DOS diskettes). The new smaller size will be a real benefit but there will be a problem getting genealogy programs until the program developers have made the necessary changes in their programs to take advantage of this.

Perhaps one should just consider sticking with the good old Apple and IBM compatibles. These can still be bought for under \$1500, and include all the hardware necessary to run any of the good genealogy programs available.

I still have available some of the lists of genealogy programs and the computers they run on, as mentioned in a previous issue of *Relatively Speaking*. Just send a long S.A.S.E. to A.G.S., P.O. Box 12015, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3L2.

VETERAN MOUNTIE DEAD - CAPTAIN DENNY:

(From the "Barhead Leader" Thurs. August 2, 1928.)

Edmonton: One of the two last survivors of the original troops of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police to cross the plains in 1874. Capt. Sir Cecil Edward Denny, 79 yrs old, sixth Baronet of Tralee Castle, County Kerry, Ireland, died in a local hospital on July 24, 1928.

He left Ireland at age 24 and enlisted at Ottawa in the RNWMP which was just being organized. He rose to the rank of Inspector in the force and was one of the officers to sign the famous Treaty of 1877 with the Indians.

In late years Sir Cecil Denny has been acting as Archivist for the Alberta Government, and has written several books on early life in the West.

NEW CEMETERY FOR SALE

Jarvie Community Cemetery

Westlock Rural ... NE 11-63-27-W4 \$2.00 + \$1.00 p&h

POLAND TOUR - An organized bus tour is available through Poland from June 16 to June 25, 1988. It will visit the following cities and towns - Torun (Thorn), Luben, Biskupitz, Wloclawek, Plock, Warsaw, Minsk-Masowiecki, Raczka, Zeliszew, Siedlce, Wegrow, Walerow, Sadowne, Wielgie, Platkownica, Sadoles, Zajezerze, Ocieta, Sojkowek, Brok, Sochaczew, and Posen. If you wish further information, contact Wally or Ingrid Neumann at 465-4358. (from AHSGR, Edmonton Branch, Oct.'87)

All Minnesota birth records since 1900 and death records since 1908. Write to: Minnesota Department of Health, Section of Vital Statistics Registration, 717 Delaware St. S.E., P.O. Box 9441, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440 U.S.A. (Birth \$7 U.S. and Death \$5 U.S.) (from North Central North Dakota Genealogical Record Aug.'87)

Canada To know the origin of a place name in Canada or the location of a hamlet which is no longer found on a map, write to: Ministry of Energy, Mines & Resources, Surveys & Mapping Branch, Canada Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E9. (from Clandigger, A.G.S. Edmonton Br. Vol.8 No.2)

Searching for a Jewish ancestor, make contact with the: Toronto Jewish/Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region Archives, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont. N2R 3V2 or phone 416-635-2883. (from Branch Notes, Waterloo Wellington, OGS Vol.15 No.3)

For those planning to write a history of their church, an excellent booklet is now available. "HOW TO WRITE A PARISH HISTORY" by Ralph Milton. Published by Wood Lake Books, Box 700, Winfield, B.C. V0H 2C0. (from Branch Notes, Waterloo Wellington, OGS Vol.15 No.3)

A new branch of O.G.S.: Brant County Branch, P.O. Box 2181, Brantford, Ontario N3T 5Y6.

SCOTLAND pre-1855 Monumental Inscriptions for 22 parishes in East Stirlingshire. Margaret McWilliam (A.G.S. #1120) has a copy of this and is willing to search for names. Phone 433-1807. (from Clandigger, A.G.S. Edmonton Br. Vol.8 No.2)

The Pontiac Archives (Pontiac County Quebec) is located in the Campbell's Bay Elementary School, Campbell's Bay, Que. It is open every Tues. and Thurs. 1-3 p.m. during the school year. Their holdings include pioneer records, family trees, several church histories, cemetery recordings for many of the cemeteries in the county, and the Catholic Marriage listings from 1836-1973.

If you are having trouble reading faint zeroxed material, go over it with a yellow hilite pen and you will be able to read the print much better. (from S.G.S. Bulletin Vol.18 No.2 '87)

Civil War Photos Contact U.S. Army Military History Institute and they will check their card files for names, regiments and send you a xerox copy (limit - 10 per patron) of what they have. They will also send a list of reproduction charges, if you want a photographic print. Write to: Curator, U.S. Army History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013 U.S.A. (from Clandigger, A.G.S. Edm. Br. Vol.8 No.2)

Cemetery Index for La Moure County, North Dakota. If anyone is interested write to: Kathy Sizer, Route 1, Box 1272, Granger, Washington 98932 U.S.A. There are many Scandinavian, German/Russian and some French names. (from Bulletin, Yakima Valley G.S. Wash. Vol.19 No.3)

Vital Records in New Hampshire. Send to: Bureau of Vital Records, 6 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. 03301 U.S.A. Make cheque or money order for \$3.00 (U.S.) payable to Treasurer, State of New Hampshire. (Clandigger, A.G.S. Edm.Br. Vol.8 No.2)

Deany
family

To-
Imogene and "Sparky"

With Billee's love.

A GRAIN OF WHEAT

By

Billee Murray Denny

A Grain of Wheat

By Billee Murray Denny

Tommy was only a boy.

But his father knew that he was enraptured by every tree he saw, so decided to give him an acre of land for his very own which he could plant full of trees if he wished.

The planting was done with the father's help and years later it became a solid grove of black walnut, elm and maple trees, all of which delighted Tommy as boy and young man, and in after-years when he visited his parents on the Old Farm in central Illinois. The acre became a landmark because of its beauty.

But Tommy's father was a farmer and grew wheat among other crops. As Tommy grew up he did his share of planting and harvesting, and always as he passed his acre when plowing or cultivating he was thrilled with a sense of ownership of the ground and the increasing beauty as the trees matured.

By some strange alchemy, his sentiment and love for the Old Farm seemed to penetrate the soil, for crops prospered as if imbued with an urge to make the land famous for the quality of its crops.

One year the wheat yield was enormous--60 bushels per acre--and as Tommy's father hauled the grain to the Lincoln elevator, one particular grain so hated to leave its long-time home and the shade of Tommy's acre, it resolved to escape from the other grain, if it could, and return so that, as future years came and went, its re-planting would bear the fruit of reproduction maybe a million times over!

So, when the wheat was finally sacked for shipment to a distant market, this special grain of wheat found a little niche in one corner where his sack was sewn and he hid there.

Away went the shipment, with the little fellow clinging tightly and waving a farewell to the Illinois prairies he loved. He thought it might be all right to travel around for a little while--maybe to see the wheat fields of Missouri and Kansas and Texas--even Canada, if he could--but come back home he must. That one thing was uppermost in his mind. He was shocked at the thought of being made into a hunk of bread and eaten at one gulp by someone who hadn't the slightest idea of his origin or what he wanted to accomplish in life.

By the noise on the rails, he figured he must be in a railroad boxcar, destination unknown. It was gloomy and hot, but he wouldn't come out of his stuffy retreat. And he liked to remember what he heard at the elevator by two men who traded in wheat and who said that the Illinois grain was the finest they ever saw. He was very proud of that, and it made him the more anxious to gain the ends he planned. But success was far off.

After days and nights of travel, with many delays on dingy sidings in the heat, his car arrived in New Orleans. There the grain sacks were transferred to a foul-smelling ocean freighter, bound for Seattle by way of the Panama Canal. Then came weeks of slow traveling, but far better air, and finally the pungent odors of Puget Sound.

It had been the talk of other grains of wheat in his sack that

they were doomed to go to a Washington flour mill and, if that occurred, he knew he would lose his identity forever. So he clung the tighter to his cramped, but seemingly safe, retreat.

Again, long waits and much handling on wharves until, at last, the mill was reached. All of the sacks were emptied into a great bin, but he still clung on, and finally felt his sack thrown into a corner where many others laid in a huge pile.

Days went by and no one seemed interested in the sacks, but at last they were loaded into another boxcar and began what turned out to be an eastward movement--Chicago-bound!

Then one morning he was awakened by someone calling out the train had reached Chicago. His heart beat fast as he realized he was back in Illinois again. And, better still, it was not long until, with many other sacks, he was shipped down to Lincoln, and in spite of many vicissitudes of travel and fears he would never see his old home again, the brave, little Grain of Wheat could now release his long hold on his sack and breathe a long-postponed sigh of relief.

Very soon he found himself again stored in an empty granary on the farm of Tommy's father, and where he had been born, all just as he had so long prayed would happen!

So it came about, he was replanted in the spring of the year in the warm, black Illinois soil, and in due time sent up one of the biggest and fullest heads of wheat on the whole farm. These grains beside him were truly his children, of which he was so much a part.

They were all so large and well formed, in fact, Tommy's

father, decided to keep them, and many others which grew by Tommy's Acre, to use for seed in succeeding years, and thus it was that this little Grain of Wheat, that had had a vision like this for so long a time, lived on and on and on in its offspring, to share in the happiness and honor they brought the Old Farm as the finest in the locality for raising the best wheat in the world!

DENNY Family

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The old Denny home has passed to other hands. It was purchased from the heirs by Matt Minder, who still lives there after 43 years of ownership, which he has treasured second only to the love the original family felt for its Illinois home.

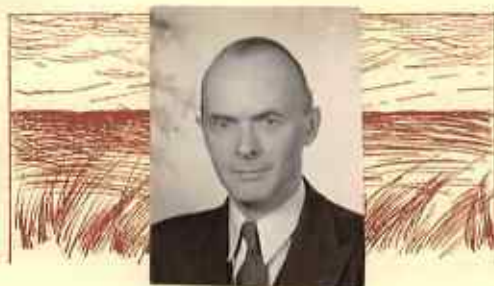
To —

The 1955 descendants
of

The 1855 Denny Pioneers

with the affectionate regard of

Lynn and Billee Denny



*One Hundred Years Ago
—On May 7, 1855—
The Denny Family
arrived at a new home
on the prairie
near Lincoln, Illinois*

Pioneers

They rise to mastery of wind and snow;
They go like soldiers grimly into strife
To colonize the plain. They plow and sow,
And fertilize the sod with their own life,
As did the Indian and the buffalo.

—Hamlin Garland

IN THE BEGINNING

On May 7, 1855, a certain little band of pioneers took possession of a crude, three-room house on the unbroken prairie near Lincoln, Illinois. The father of the family had built it in anticipation of the occasion, while the mother and children awaited its completion at the home of distant relatives some miles away.

That group of courageous and aspiring settlers was the Thomas Hedger Denny family, which had come overland by covered wagon from Kentucky to find a home in a new land, there to make a life whose enduring influences extend even to the present day.

In addition to the father (age 39), there was the mother, Mary Louisa King Denny (33) and four children — William Crawford (10), Mary Ellen (9), Oswald Thomas (6) and Albert Mountjoy (1½). Soon to be born were James Edgar (1856) and Clara Louise (1859).

While the members of that family have long since passed away, seven grandchildren of Thomas and Mary Louisa are living today, and they are the ones who will see a special significance in the date of May 7. These grandchildren are Ralph W. and George W., sons of William; Lynn C., son of Oswald Thomas; Christina E. Smith and Maude A. MacPherson, daughters of Edgar, and Pearle L. Hartwig and Raymond P. Purviance, children of Clara Louise.

The emotional excitement and physical privations in the life and experiences of the Thomas Hedger Denny family in Illinois have been told in "Prairie Pioneers," by Oswald Thomas Denny. From that story there are quoted here references to May 7 which reveal impressions and feelings of this Denny group the day it first looked upon the home it was to occupy more than 50 years.

"PRAIRIE PIONEERS"

"And now going out from Lincoln in a slightly southeastern direction, we found ourselves upon the prairie which was to have such a vast influence on our many lives. We were at last nearly home—our home! Every heart beat high with hope and expectancy.

"When we had reached a point about one-quarter of a mile from our land, we suddenly came to the top of high ground and there right before our eyes stood the little house that was to be our home, lonely and desolate, the only object in sight on the wide prairie.

"With what a thrill of surprise and anticipation we gazed at it!

"It was probably not long before noon on the seventh day of May, in the year 1855, a date that was never afterward forgotten by any of the members of the family.

"Our utter loneliness and isolation from the world can be understood when it is explained that on all sides of us stretched one unbroken prairie. Though there were two distant neighbors, yet no improved land touched ours. Nothing but a sea of grass, especially the tall blue stem, or blue joint, of these prairies was found all about us.

"To me in particular, and to all of us in some degree, this wild, uninterrupted prairie view had an indescribable charm which deepened with longer acquaintance.

"So far as was indicated by all surrounding conditions, the land on which we stood had never before in the whole history of the world been cultivated or even occupied. Later, as we turned up the sod which had lain there for ages, we felt that it was sacred — hallowed ground which we should treat with awe and reverence."

Gone!

To Billee:

One little woman, sweet and true—
Too pure for this mad sphere—
But came—to part—with sad adieu,
And left me stranded here.

But beautiful her legacy:
Love's happy message clear!
She tarried for a day with me
And loosed her spirit near.

Now she is gone—like breath of air
That night winds whisk away,
While I wait on with silent prayer
We meet another day!

—LYNN.

Memorial Services for
Mrs. Billee Murray Denny

Born
September 2, 1889
Washington, Pennsylvania

Passed away
November 1, 1965
Pasadena, California

Services at
Turner & Stevens
November 4, 1965

Clergyman
The Rev. Ganse Little, D.D.

Organ Selections
Song:
"Beyond the Sunset"
Recitation:
"Should You Go First"

Interment
Mountain View Cemetery
Altadena

In Remembrance



TURNER & STEVENS CO.
PASADENA, CALIF.



In Memory of Billee Murray Denny

Billee Murray Denny passed away in Pasadena during the noon hour Nov. 1, at her home on North Mar-engo Ave. Services were held Nov. 4, and she was buried in the family plot in Mountain View cemetery.

Officiating at the ceremony was Dr. Ganse Little, pastor of the Pasadena Presbyterian Church and his tribute follows:

Service for Mrs. Billee Murray Denny:

This service is being held in memory of Mrs. Billee Murray Denny, who has lived with her husband, Lynn C. Denny, in Pasadena for 40 years.

The words to be said are few in number because she wished a simple ceremony, and because no elaboration of them could place her more firmly in the hearts of the intimate friends and relatives she has known so long and who have contributed so much to her well-being.

Mrs. Denny was born near Washington, Penn., not far from Pittsburgh. Her parents moved to Carnegie, Penn., when she was small, where her father was a railroad superintendent, and where, as a child even, she sang in the Presbyterian church choir as a soloist. From there she attended the University of Texas, and later engaged in advertising promotion work in New York City. Following the death of her father, she and her mother moved to California.

During many of those years she wrote children's stories for a national magazine and her experiences enabled her to become publisher of a California travel magazine in Los Angeles entitled "Seeing California."

She became interested in philanthropic work in several Los Angeles women's clubs and served as motion picture chairman in the mid-thirties for the Los Angeles district of the then California Federation of Women's Clubs.

The triumph that probably pleased her most and gave delight to friends across the country, was the publication in late 1963 of a book she wrote which well represented her philosophy of life and joy of living, entitled, "My Mountain Meadow". She also wrote for publication some charming essays on nature.

But, as her husband says so poignantly in the little folder you probably hold in your hands.

"One little woman, sweet and true—
Too pure for this mad sphere—
But came—to part—with sad adieu,
And left me stranded here.

"But beautiful her legacy:
Love's happy message clear!
She tarried for a day with me
And loosed her spirit near.

"Now she is gone—like breath of air
That night winds whisk away,
While I wait on with silent prayer
We meet another day!"

—LYNN.

So, today it is farewell to a really lovely soul, long tucked into the body of Billee Murray Denny, and but so recently released to seek other accomplishments in that greater world to which we all aspire!

*I'll Find Her
Among the Stars!*

I did not know I lost her—
I thought her only gone
Across the way to view a scene
She set much store upon.

But when the daylight darkened
And she did not return,
I knew that I must seek a means
To ease my deep concern.

I sped from isle to mainland,
And flew beyond the sea;
I scanned the heights she yearned to climb
As soon as she was free.

Yet, now within my thinking
I fear the story true
That when you lose the one you love
No hope is left for you.



So, I am boldly planning
To leave the world behind,
And know I'll find among the stars
The brightest of their kind!

—Lynn

*To Billee—
For her birthday,
September 2, 1966.*

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Fantasy

To our great friend,
Elihu, who knows
no limit to the
kind & generous things
he does for
Billie & Homer

May Sept. 4 be
a small song for you!
1954?

JUST from TWO



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY from BOTH of US



Many happy returns!



Many happy returns!

NOT from a CREW

The Freeway is a Monster

**By Lynn C. Denny
2-1-1966. Pasadena**

A Report to Billee:

"We want your home", the freeway says,
And never bats an eye;
"What dif' to you?" (in mock surprise),
"We're in a mood to buy."

"We'll pay you cash, a goodly sum",
And left the contracts here,
Not doubting that I would be glad
To move this coming year.

I read the clauses through and through
To see why I should sell,
But all their talk was where to sign,
And not where I could dwell.

Through all the rooms they walked and looked
To list the things to stay,
But never once were they concerned
To hear what I would say.

They saw no pictures on the walls,
Nor books whose covers gleamed;
The colors in the rugs and chairs
Were naught to them, it seemed.

They did not see the vase of flowers
Beside your picture, Dear,
Nor dream the spirit of the rooms
Was something to revere.

It never crossed their minds to search
For hidden treasure's gold
Of years and years of living time
We tried so hard to hold.

(more)

The sandy earth and board, on board,
The carpets on the floor,
Were all they saw and all they sought--
These vandals at my door!

But that which makes this house a home,
Whose memories enthrall,
Was missed by those who thought a check
Would compensate for all.

They'll build their demon speedway now,
Like many little towns will face,
While stealing something from my heart
They never can replace!



Biller & Lyman

January 2, 1958

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Biller Murray Drury