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George and
Jennie Emerson

"Gone but not
forgotten."

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George and Jennie Emerson

George Waldo Emerson was born June 22, 1861 at Hampden, Maine. He was the sixth child of Benjamin and Mary Emerson. (see Emerson Genealogy, page 6) George grew to adulthood in the woods of Maine where he learned to hunt and trap and work in and around logging camps and lumber mills. In his early twenties, he used his hunting skills to supply meat for the local logging camps.

Jennie Leona Tarbert was born January 13, 1866 at Nottingham Twp., Cadiz, Harrison County, Ohio. She was the second child of Joseph and Nancy Tarbert. As a young child, Jennie moved with her family to Cincinnati, Ohio and, shortly thereafter, to a homestead near Worthington, Minn. where they remained for eleven years. The families next move was to Spokane Falls and Wild

Rose Prairie in Washington Territory in 1884 when Jennie was eighteen years old. (see Vol. 1 - 1997 for more information about Jennie's parents and siblings)

Jennie Tarbert was teaching school in a log school house at Wild Rose Prairie when George Emerson and his brother Alonzo (Lon) Emerson arrived at Wild Rose Prairie. Alonzo Emerson soon homesteaded the quarter section of land along the northern border of the Joseph Tarbert homestead. (see Alonzo Emerson - page 6) George is said to have used his hunting skills again. This time he supplied wild game for the meat market at Spokane Falls. It wasn't long, however, before George involved himself in the lumber industry at Wild Rose Prairie.

George Emerson and Jennie Tarbert were married at Wild Rose Prairie, Washington

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Territory, on June 22, 1887 (George's 26th birthday) by Rev. Schuknecht. They had the distinction of being the first couple to be married at Wild Rose Prairie.

George and Jennie lived in the Wild Rose Prairie area during the next few years. The years following their marriage (1890-1896) are still considered by historians to be the period of worst business depression that this country has ever known.

Fortunately for George Emerson, the Tarbert brothers and the Beyersdorfs, Wild Rose Prairie was still a virgin Ponderosa Pine forest at the time and the trees were an obstacle in the way of farming. At a time when there was no other employment opportunity, they are said to have "gone to the woods," in the vernacular of the day, starting a tradition that has passed down through the generations in the Emerson Family.

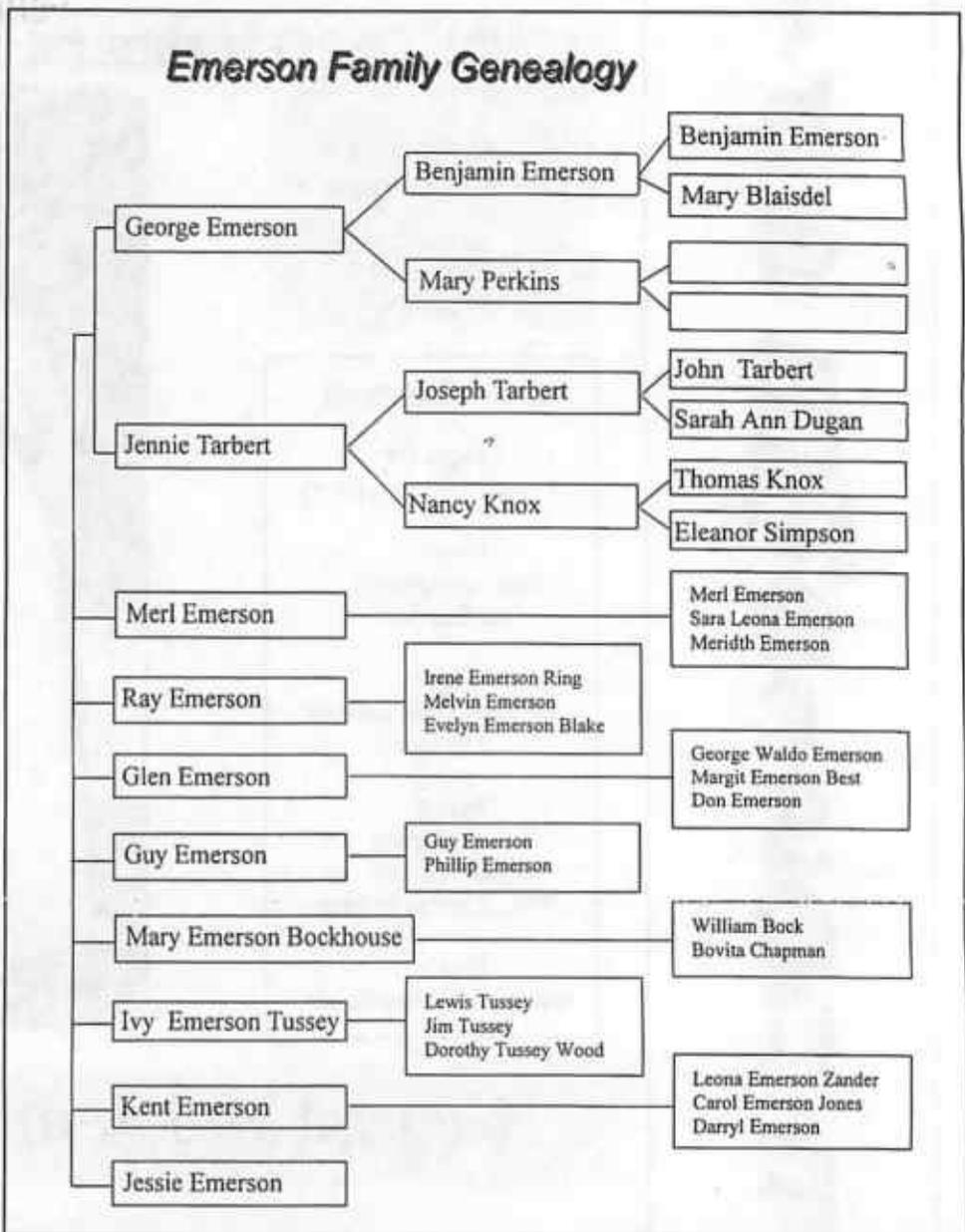
Many of the trees in the Wild Rose Prairie area were cut for cord wood and sold on consignment for railroad shipment to distant markets. Other trees were cut into logs for mill processing at the Emerson, Beyersdorf or any of the other dozen or so logging mills that operated in the area by the turn of the century.

Most of the Emerson's eight children were born while they lived at Wild Rose Prairie (called Hazard on official records).

Ardis Merl (Merl) Emerson was born June 17, 1888 at Spokane, WA.; Ray Everett Emerson was born Oct. 10, 1891 at Hazard; Glen Alton Emerson was born Oct. 8 1893 at Hazard; Guy Benjamin Emerson was born March 16, 1895 at West Branch; Mary Jane Emerson was born March 31, 1897 at Hazard; Ivy Emerson was born Jan. 24, 1899 at Hazard; Kent Tarbert Emerson was born March 2, 1901 at Hazard and Jessie Emerson was born Jan. 30, 1904. Jessie Emerson died in July of that same year. He was buried near numerous Tarberts at the Wild Rose Cemetery.

The Emerson boys grew up working in their father's logging and lumber mill operations and continued

Emerson Family Genealogy



Merl Emerson



Ray Emerson



Glen Emerson - 1918



Guy Emerson



Mary Emerson Bockhouse



Ivy Emerson Tussey

in that line of work as adults. Some aspects of the logging operation were seasonal and everyone participated, but many of the milling operations were specialized and each of the Emersons developed a specialty.

Merl Emerson became the millwright for the Emerson Lumber Mills with the responsibility of keeping equipment and machines in operating condition. Merl married Beulah Williams in 1924 and they had three children; Merl Ardis Emerson, Sara Leona Emerson in April of 1934 and Meridith Emerson in March of 1938. Merl moved to Spokane after the Emerson Mill moved to Wilbur, but regularly brought parts from Spokane and worked to keep the mill operational.

Ray Emerson rafted the company logs down the Columbia River to the mill at Peach and Lincoln. Such men were known as "River Rat" on the Columbia and admired for their skill and daring. He also teamed with his brother Guy to transport apples on the river. Ray married Winifred Keyser Oct. 11, 1919. They had three children; Irene Emerson on April 29, 1921, Melvin Emerson on April 19, 1926 and Evelyn Emerson on Feb. 12, 1935. Ray moved to California to start his own lumber mill after the water behind Grand Coulee Dam covered the Emerson's Mill at Lincoln.



Kent Emerson

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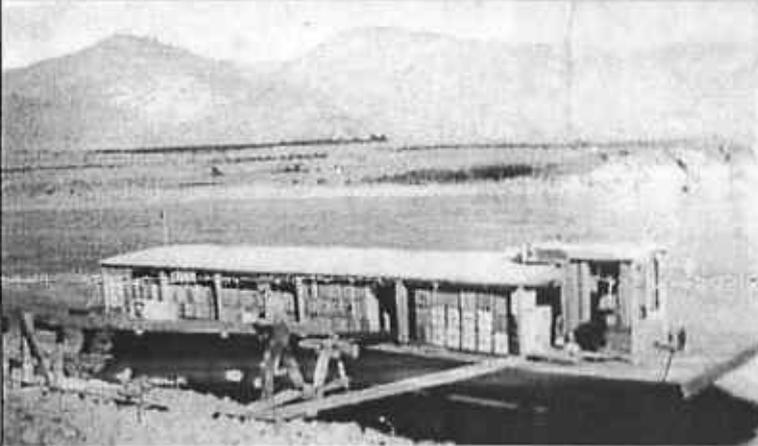
Glen Emerson was the edgerman at the Emerson Mill, smoothing the critical working edge on boards after they had been planed. He reported for duty for World War One, but was not shipped overseas.

Glen married Rosine Sandheim on June 2, 1924. They had three children who were all born at Lincoln; George Waldo Emerson on March 15, 1925, Margit Jane Emerson on Feb. 6, 1928 and Donald Glen Emerson on June 30, 1931. In addition to working in the families saw mill, Glen helped build several homes and at least one school.

Guy Benjamin Emerson served overseas as a medic in World War One. After the war, he resumed working for the family business where he was responsible for

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DEATH OF A RIVER



The construction of Grand Coulee Dam has been heralded as a boom to the economy of the region. And surely it was, overall. But, it had devastating consequences locally. Some are well published. We hear about the salmon runs that were destroyed and how that affected the local Indian population and we see old photos of geographical features, Indian paintings and Indian cemeteries that are lost for all time.

We hear little about the other residents along the river whose homes, businesses and cemeteries were destroyed. The Emerson family was affected more than most.

The slopes of the Columbia River near Gerome were covered with orchards and the river provided the means to transport the fruit to market. Ray and Guy Emerson shipped the fruit by boat (shown above loading apples at the National Orchard). With the completion of the dam the orchard land was covered by water and Ray and Guy were out of the shipping business.

The mature ponderosa pines along the river above Gerome provided a ready source of prime logs for the Emerson Mills at Peach and Lincoln. The River proved an easy pathway for the delivery of the logs until water behind the new dam covered Gerome, Peach and Lincoln. The Emerson's were out of business at those sites!

The Emerson's did survive in the logging and lumber business, but it was necessary to buy another mill and move to Creston and then Wilbur and haul the logs overland. The good old days on the river were gone forever.



1925: Unidentified Emerson's stopped work to have their picture taken with a gasoline engine logging truck. The gasoline engines were quite an improvement over the steam powered engines they replaced. The horses, you will notice, are still standing at the ready. They were still used to skid logs and they knew they would get to help when the truck mired in a mud hole.

Notice the size and quality of the logs on the truck. Only mature ponderosa pine trees, straight and free of excessive limbs, were cut for lumber. This allowed the Emerson mills to produce lumber that was straight and knot free. No log with a diameter of less than twelve inches (capable of producing a 2 by 12 board) was hauled to the mill. Fir trees were passed over as unsuitable for quality lumber.

Jennie Emerson, George Emerson, Laura Cox with Maury Bock in foreground.





George Waldo Emerson
holding grandson,
George Waldo Emerson.

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cutting and hauling activities in the woods. Guy married Bertha Lee Walling in 1925. They had two children; Guy Haden Emerson and Phillip Lee Emerson on Feb. 7, 1931. Tragically, Guy was killed in an accident at a logging site near Gerome in 1931.

Mary and Ivy Emerson studied to become school teachers. Unlike the "good old days" when their sixteen year old Aunt Laura Tarbert could become a school teacher by passing a state competency test or the "good old days" when their mother could teach at Wild Rose Prairie because she was competent to do so, the state had adopted certification standards based on attendance at state sponsored teacher colleges, known as Normal Schools at the time. Mary and Ivy attended Cheney Normal School at Cheney, WA. to earn their certification.

Having completed her school-

ing, Mary Jane Emerson married William Louis Bockhouse. He had just returned from military service at the end of the war in 1918. They had two children; William Maury Bockhouse (Bock) on Aug. 25, 1920 and Bonita Bockhouse on Sept. 11, 1925. William worked in the woods for the Emerson's and Mary cooked for the crew at the mill.

Ivy Emerson taught school at Sage Brush Flats near the present site of Ephrata, WA. after she graduated from Cheney Normal School. She married Lewis Bernard Tussey on July 12, 1919 after he was discharged from the army at Fort Lewis, WA. The couple farmed in the Palisades region east of Wenatchee where they raised their three children; Lewis Bernard Tussey born July 31, 1920, James Waldo Tussey Feb. 17, 1923 and Dorothy Tussey April 11, 1928.

Kent Emerson attended college at Cheney before he became the bookkeeper for the Emerson Mill. He married Julia Tarbert on March 2, 1935. They had three children; Leona Gail Emerson on Nov. 20, 1935, Carol May Emerson on Jan. 6, 1937 and Darryl Kent Emerson on July 7, 1938. After the Lincoln mill was forced to close by rising waters, Kent moved his family to California where he worked for his brother Ray at his new mill. Kent was soon drawn back to Washington to manage the Emerson Mill at Wilbur.

Grandchildren say their grandfather, George Emerson, always found time away from the lumber business for other

activities. They remember the hunting and trapping experiences they shared with him and they still treasure the furniture he built to furnish their parent's homes. George was a skilled cabinet maker with the hand tools of the day, but as a grandson commented, "It didn't hurt that he had the pick of the best lumber ever logged and milled in the State of Washington."

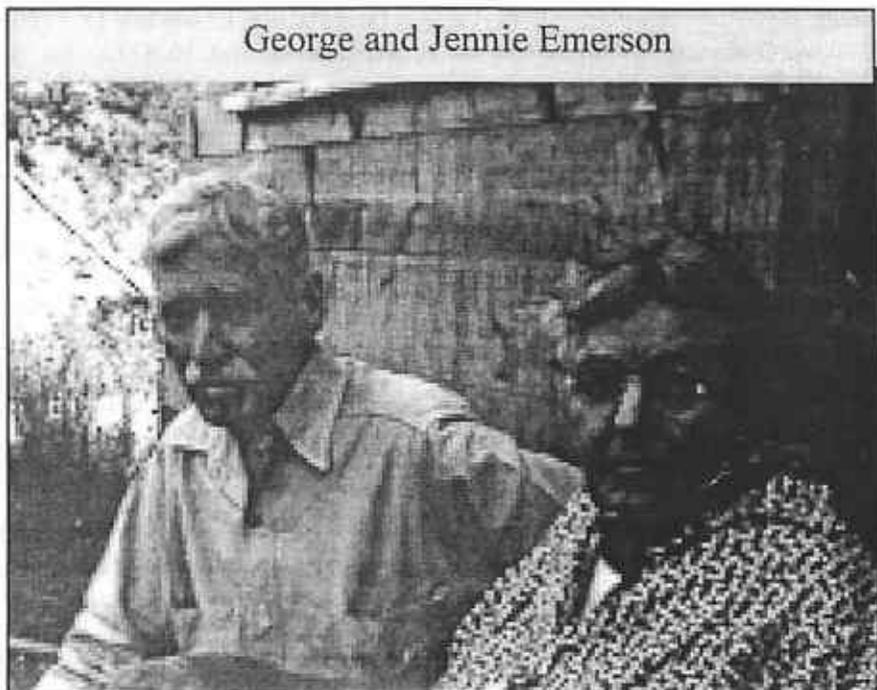
Glen Emerson moved his family and his parents, George and Jennie, to Gerome in 1933 where he cleared land for a farm on King Road. The Emerson's lived in tents that first summer until two homes could be built.

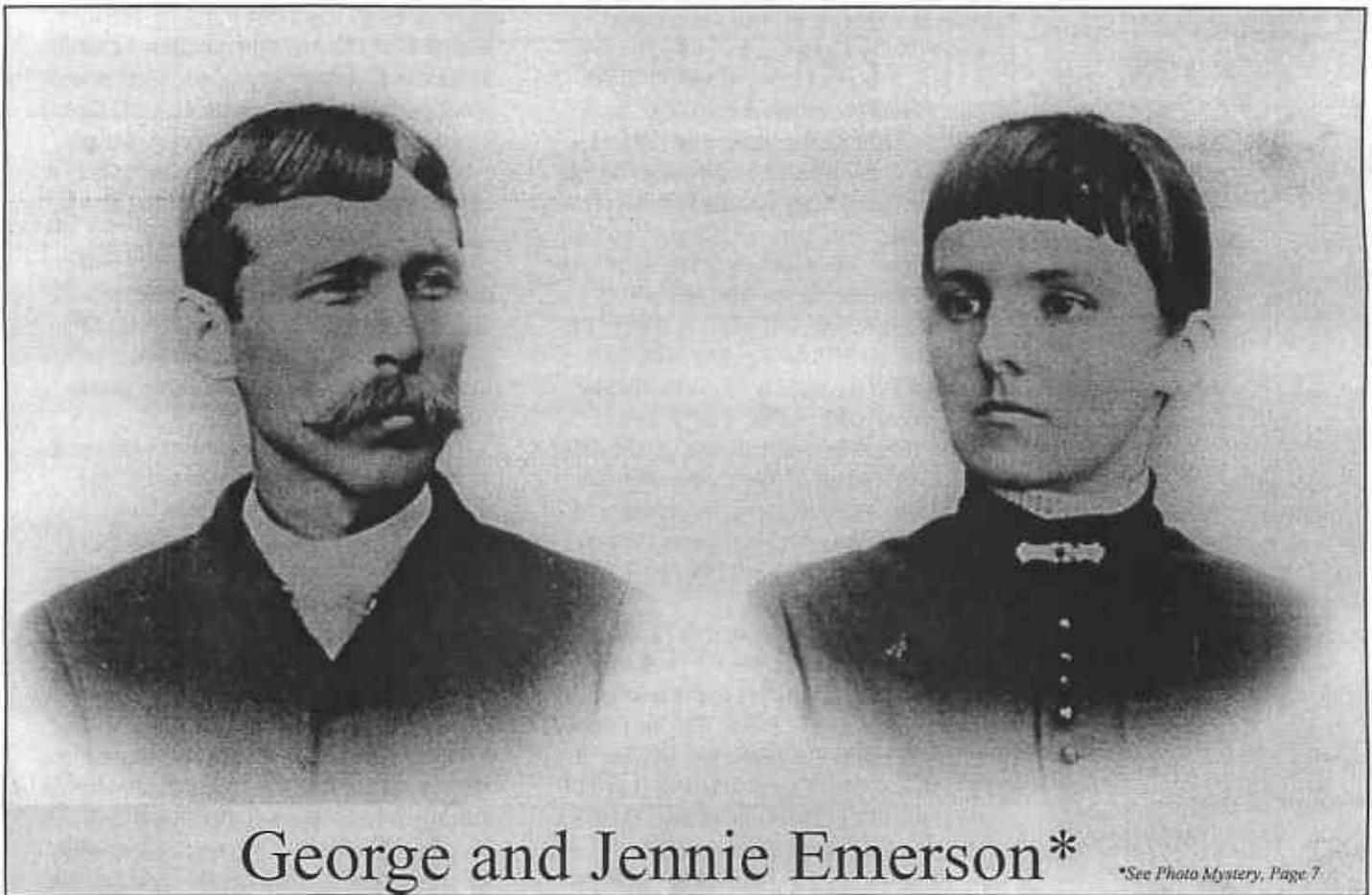
George and Jennie Emerson lived next to Glen and his family until George died Oct. 26, 1936. George was buried at the cemetery at Peach, but, with the building of Grand Coulee Dam it was necessary to relocate the cemetery. George was moved to the cemetery at Wilbur.

Jennie Emerson continued living on the farm near Glen for several years. She eventually had two strokes that limited her eyesight and movements but never dampened her resolve. Her grandchildren still smile as they remember that she insisted on helping out by cooking breakfast long after she had lost the ability to see the eggshell pieces that ended up in their scrambled eggs. They loved Grandma and the eggs, they are quick to say.

In 1943, Jennie moved to Wilbur to be near more of her children. Jennie died March 29, 1947. She was buried beside George at the Wilbur Cemetery.

George and Jennie Emerson





George and Jennie Emerson*

*See Photo Mystery, Page 7.

George's Ancestry

George's Parents and Siblings:

George's father was Benjamin Emerson, born April 24, 1817 at Hampden, Maine. His mother was Mary Jane Perkin, born Aug. 21, 1830. Benjamin and Mary were married May 17, 1848 at Hermon, Maine.

The couple had seven children, all born at Hampden, Maine. Elizabeth G. Emerson was born Feb. 18, 1849; Richard Sanborn Emerson, Jan 19, 1851; Alonzo Allen Emerson, March 21, 1852; Olive Anna Emerson, Sept. 2, 1855; Sada Nevada Emerson, Mar. 27, 1858; George Waldo Emerson, June 22, 1861; and Gertrude E. Emerson, Mar. 19, 1868.

George's Grandparents:

George's grandparents were Benjamin Emerson, born Nov. 30, 1783 at St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada and Mary Blaisdel, born Mar. 15, 1790, location unrecorded.

The date and location of their marriage is unknown. Five children were born to the couple, all at Hampden, Maine. Sophia B. Emerson was born May 16, 1813; Richard S. Emerson July 14, 1815; Benjamin Emerson,

April 24, 1817; Melinda Emerson, Nov. 30, 1821 and Judith C. Emerson, July 12, 1826.

George's Great Grandparents:

George's great grandparents were Samuel Emerson, born July 22, 1746 and Maomy Blaisdel, born July 15, 1750. They were married Sept. 10, 1772.

The couple had ten children. Ephraim Emerson was born at Pigtoe on Nov. 6, 1773. Moses Emerson, May 9, 1775, Elizabeth Emerson, June 6, 1777, Samuel Emerson, Feb. 28, 1779 and Daniel Emerson, June 13, 1781 were all born at Cumberland. Benjamin Emerson, Nov. 30, 1783 and James Emerson, June 14, 1786 were born at St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada. Nathan Emerson, Nov. 8, 1788, Stephen Emerson, June 9, 1791 and Nathaniel Emerson, July 10, 1793 were born at Mt. Desert, Maine.

Family History

Three Emerson brothers came from England. One settled in Virginia, one in the New England states and one in Newfoundland, Canada. George Waldo Emerson descended from the brother who settled in Canada. Ralph Waldo Emerson, the famous poet, is said to have descended from the brother who settled in the New England states.



Alonzo (Lon) and Kady Emerson

Lon Emerson was George's older brother. He homesteaded the quarter section of land bordering Joseph Tarbert's northern border at Wild Rose Prairie in 1887. Lon operated a store there until he sold the property in 1902.

The photo above was taken in April of 1940 when Lon was 88 and Kady (Rady K. Rinear in the Emerson Family bible) was 81. They were married Aug. 31, 1883 at Rathdrum, Idaho Territory. Lon died Oct. 8, 1940.

Emerson Grandchildren

Sara Emerson and Meridith Emerson live in Spokane, WA.

Irene Emerson Ring lives in Davenport, WA. Evelyn Emerson Blake lives in Shingletown, CA.

George Emerson, Margit Emerson Best and Don Emerson live near Fruitland, WA.

Phillip Emerson lives near Fruitland, WA.

Lewis Tussey lives in Linden, WA. Dorothy Tussey Wood lives in Wenatchee, WA.

Leona Emerson Zander lives in Bellingham, WA. Carol Emerson Jones lives in New Richmond, Wis. Darryl Emerson lives in Wilbur, WA.

The Emerson Name

The Emerson name occurs so often in the Tarbert Family Newsletters that it is easy to get confused. This issue features George Waldo Emerson who, as far as can be determined, is unrelated to the Elvira Emerson (grandmother of Della, Clara and Ina Tarbert) who married John Tucker. So, it is safe to assume that only George's descendants are related to the poet Ralph Waldo Emerson. But wait a minute, Ralph Waldo Emerson married a Tucker.* How confusing! But, that is only the beginning. Consider that a little research reveals that two George Waldo Emerson's were born in 1861 in Maine and that our Tarbert "cousins" in Pennsylvania have a grandfather named Ray Emerson.

Emerson's were among the first immigrants to the Colonies (the first one starved to death - no descendants) and, apparently, many families have an Emerson grandparent somewhere in their family history if they trace their roots to the Colonial period. So, there is no end to family research possibilities. You can get in on the fun by checking the Emerson Family Web Site on Genealogy.Com at <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/emerson/>> After you learn all about our Emerson relatives you can replace <emerson> with a different family name and continue the fun.

*Ellen Tucker died childless in 1835, of tuberculosis, three years after she married Ralph. Ralph's father and two brothers died of tuberculosis that same year.

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Data from Emerson Family Bible provided by Bob Tarbert and others.

Wills of Robert Tarbert and William Tarbert provided by Sharon Clark.

Four suits filed in 1830 provided by Jo Ann Minnig.

Corporal Charles Tarbert: Don Tarbert, <http://tanaya.net/vmw/T/rec-51000.html>, James Patrick Tarbert,

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Verbal and written historical details: Kim Aschwander, Julia Emerson, Minnie Crosby, Sharon Clark, Dorothy Wood, Margit Best, George Emerson, Don Emerson, Kathy Monaghan, Carol Scior, Don Tarbert, James Patrick Tarbert, Vicky Iverson, Thelma Bell.

Photos: Harold Haupt, Bob Tarbert, Kim Aschwander, Sharon Clark, Kathy Monaghan, Julia Emerson, Minnie Crosby, Margit Best, Larry Beyersdorf, Floyd Lacy Tarbert, Dorothy Wood.

*Photo Mystery

This writer has been fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit many family members to collect data and look at family photos. He has shared their frustration when photo subjects could not be identified and their occasional joy when he was able to make an identification based on having seen the same photo at another residence. The writer has also had the experience of finding the same photo at two residences with each photo being identified as a different individual. That happened with the photo on page 6 that the writer has identified as George and Jennie Emerson. The photo, as shown, was displayed for many years at the home of Kent and Julia Emerson. Julia identified the couple as George and Jennie Emerson. A few months later, the writer discovered the same identical photo of the female at Laura Gwinn's house. That photo had her grandmother's name (Laura Cox) written on the back. Laura was quite certain that the name was written by her mother, May Shelley. Since that time, other Emerson family members have been discovered to have the same photo with Jennie Emerson (or "George's wife," in one case) written on it. The photograph was taken by P. M. Peterson, Artistic Photographer, at Spokane Falls, Washington Territory. The writer has identified the photo as George and Jennie Emerson for the purposes of this newsletter, but would very much appreciate any information you have that would help clarify this photo mystery.

Vol. 7 - Corrections

Several corrections are in order for Vol. 7.

-Leroy Tarbert's birthdate was incorrect. It should have been reported as Aug. 28, 1907.

-It was reported that the children stayed with Floyd after he and Grace split up. The boys did stay with Floyd, but Nellie went with her mother.

-It was incorrectly reported that Floyd took the boys to his brother Clyde's home when in fact he took them to his sister Jennie's home.

-Several dates and spellings in the section for Floyd Lacy Tarbert were incorrect. They should read as follows:

Floyd Lacy Tarbert married Bernice Kress on Sept. 23, 1951. They had two daughters; Trudie Marie Tarbert born Nov. 29, 1953 and Vicky Lea Tarbert born March 15, 1957. Trudie Johnson lives at Stites, Idaho and Vicky Iverson lives at Warrenton, OR.



FLOYD AND BERNICE TARBERT

John A. Tarbert - Joseph Tarbert's Brother**John Tarbert Family c. 1902.**

Ina Tarbert Green, Charles Tarbert, Sarah Tarbert (John's wife) John Tarbert, David Tarbert and Myrtle Tarbert Jackson.

John Tarbert was born June 9, 1848, ten years after his brother Joseph. Like Joseph, he became a carpenter, but unlike Joseph, he maintained his residence in Ohio close to their parents, John and Sarah Ann Tarbert.

John married Sarah Kennedy and they had two sons and two daughters, shown in the above photo. John worked for the railroad as a carpenter for most of his adult life, retiring in 1916.

It is interesting to note that the oldest city directory available for Spokane Falls, (later shortened to Spokane) shows that an Alexander Tarbert (John's middle name was Alexander) roomed at the Windsor Hotel in 1889 at the same time that Joseph was living in Spokane Falls (n s Stoll 1 w of Lincoln) to help rebuild the town after the great fire of '89. One can only guess that this Alexander might have been Joseph's brother John. Did he rebuild the railroad terminal after the fire?

Ohio records show that John served as the administrator of the estate of his and Joseph's mother, Sarah A. Tarbert, after she died March 7, 1885. In that capacity, he sold property in the town of Deersville, Harrison County, Ohio that she purchased in 1867. John Alexander Tarbert died Nov. 8, 1935.

Thanks to all who provided the information and photos that made this newsletter possible. As always, corrections and additions are welcomed.

The next newsletter will feature the Frank Tarbert Family and much more information about the first Tarbert's who immigrated to the Colonies and on to Ohio.

Again, all I know is what you tell me so don't hesitate to send along information and photos.

Robert Tarbert - James Tarbert's grandfather

Robert Tarbert lived in Fawn Township, York County, PA. on a farm known as Mount Pleasant when James was born in 1784. Fawn Township is in southeast Pennsylvania on the Maryland State border. It had a population of 783, including 39 slaves, at that time. There were 118 dwellings, 89 barns, 8 mills and 18,100 acres under title. Records show that the 200 acre farm that Robert Tarbert (Torbit) owned was valued at 112 pounds sterling.

Neighboring farms were owned by James Gordon, Robert Gordon and James McCullough. Robert's daughter, Janet, married a Gordon and another daughter, Agnes (aka Mary), and his grandson, James, each married a McCullough. Records show that Robert and the above named neighbors were not slave holders.

The first official U. S. census for Fawn Township in 1790 shows the Robert Tarbert (Tarbit) household held one male over 16 years of age, one male under 16 and two females. Neighbors included an Andrew Tarbert (Tarbit) and a James Tarbert (Tarbitt). Several Tarberts lived just across the border in Maryland.

Robert Tarbert's farm had increased in size to 400 acres when he wrote his will in 1804. His son Andrew lived at one end of the farm and he lived at the other end of the farm with his other son, Robert. The farm was divided equally between the two sons, by the terms of his will, when he died in 1809.

With any luck, we will soon learn much more about James' grandfather, Robert Tarbert, and his mother, Janet Tarbert Gordon, and their relationship to other Tarberts in PA. and MD. and those who moved to Ohio and their genealogy back as far as Scotland.

In Memory of Corporal Charles Stanley Tarbert

Corporal Charles Stanley Tarbert was a casualty of the Vietnam War. His name is on panel 15W, line 044 of the Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. As a member of the Army Selective Service, he served our country until December 9th, 1969 in Hua Nghia, South Vietnam.

Charles (Chuck to his family) was born on July 9th, 1949 in Pecatonica, Illinois, where he was raised. He was the first child of Dale and Donita Tarbert. He was survived by his parents, a brother Mike and sisters Donata and Pam. Charles was 20 years old at the time of his death, having served in the army for less than a year. He was not married.

Charles' cousin reports that Charles liked to cruise around on a motorbike with two of his buddies and that his family was concerned for his safety. As it turned out, all three boys ended up in Vietnam and two of them lost their lives for their country.

His cousin, James Patrick Tarbert, says that "Chuck was carrying one of his company that was wounded in a mine field, out of the same field. He lost his life to a land mine. His remains were returned to Pecatonica and they had the funeral in the high school gym. 1500 people from a town with a population of 1800 at the time turned out for the service."

Family records show that Charles was a descendant of a James Tarbert who was born in the early 1800's. That James Tarbert may well have been Joseph Tarbert's Uncle James, although that is unproved at this time.

ANCESTRY OF JAMES TARBERT

(James Tarbert - Joseph Tarbert's Grandfather)

The mystery of James Tarbert's ancestry has been solved!*

It had been known that James Tarbert was born in Fawn Township, York County, Penn. on April 4, 1784, that he moved to Harrison County Ohio early where he farmed near James and Janet (Tarbert) Gordon (who researchers presumed to have been his aunt and uncle), that he married Peggy McCollough on April 16, 1807, that they had seven sons (Robert, Peter, William, James, John (Joseph Tarbert's Father), Josiah, and Joseph) and one daughter (Nancy Jane), that James was active in family and community affairs and the owner of farms in two counties when he filed his will in 1861, and that he died May 31, 1867 at 83 years of age.

James' ancestry, however, remained a mystery. That has changed with the recent receipt of several documents. It is now possible to demonstrate that James' grandfather was Robert Tarbert (of Fawn Township, York County, Penn. who filed his will in 1804 and died in 1809) and that James' mother was Janet Tarbert (the Janet Tarbert - daughter of Robert Tarbert - who has previously been presumed to have been his aunt) who married James Gordon and lived near James Tarbert in Ohio. These conclusions are supported by the wording in the documents described below.

A warning! Documents were handwritten in the 1800's. Spelling of names was inconsistent and substitution of common names for given names occurred. Copies of original documents, rather than abstracts, must be evaluated in their totality and cross referenced to have any validity.*

#1) The will of Robert Tarbert dated Nov. 13, 1804, probated Sept. 5, 1809:

In his will, Robert names four daughters (Jean Fleming, Janet (Jenat) Gordon, Agnes McCollough (McCullough), and Isabel Shaw), two sons (Robert and Andrew), two granddaughters (Nancy Shaw and Agnes - daughter of Andrew) and two grandsons (James - son of Janet (Jenat), and William - son of Isabel). The following quotes are pertinent.

"I give and bequeath unto my next eldest daughter Jenat Gordon the sum of forty pounds ... to be paid ... two years after my decease."

"I give and bequeath unto my next eldest daughter Agnes McCullough thirty pounds ..."

"I give and bequeath unto my two grandsons, James (son of Jenat) and William (son of Isabel) ... half of the amount which was paid for a tract of land purchased from William Parks to be divided between them ..."

#2) The will of William Tarbert (Tarbet/Tarbett), dated 1818:

William identifies James Tarbert (Tarbet) as his cousin and names him the exc. of his will and chief beneficiary. He also says Janet (Jensey) Gordon is his aunt. The names and relationships in this will match those in the 1804 will of Robert Tarbert. The following quotes are pertinent.

"I give and bequeath unto James Tarbet of Harrison County State of Ohio my cousin all my money..."

"I also will and bequeath to my Aunt Jensey Gordon, wife of James Gordon ..."

"I will and bequeath to my cousin Martha Gordon daughter of James Gordon ..."

#3) Four suits filed in May of 1830 against Robert Tarbert (Torbet/Torbett), exc. of the 1804 will of his Father, Robert Tarbert:

The four suits establish that James Tarbert and his cousin William Tarbert are grandsons of Robert Tarbert and that James Tarbert is the son of Janet Gordon and William Tarbert is the son of Isabel Shaw.

A. James filed a suit on behalf of himself for payment of money owed from the will of Robert Tarbert that was probated Sept. 5, 1809. His claim says in part "Plaintiff claims in this part one hundred dollars with interest from 5th of Sept. 1809 ... due him being the one fourth part of the money which was had for land purchased of (uncertain spelling) Park..."

B. James filed a second suit as the exc. of William Tarbert's (Tarbet/Tarbett) will that reads the same as his.

C. James filed a third suit as the adm. of Mary (aka Agnes) McCollough (McCullaugh) claiming thirty pounds from Robert Tarbert's (Torbett) will of 1804 on her behalf. He says, "This suit is brought to recover thirty pounds which were bequeathed to Mary McCullaugh in the will of Robert Torbett dated 13th Nov. 1804 and ..."

D. Janet (Jennett) Gordon filed a suit claiming the forty pounds from Robert's will that should have been paid two years after his decease. It reads, "...claims in this suit forty pounds with interest from the 5th of Sept. 1811..."

Note: Robert Tarbert's name was spelled "TARBERT" in his 1804 will, as was James Tarbert's name in his 1861 will.

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* Copies of original documents are available on request from Jim Tarbert, 714 Schons Place, Wenatchee, WA. 98801

TARBERT FAMILY PICNIC

The second Sunday in August each year at the city park in Deer Park, WA. starting at noon.

Hope to see you there!



1918: George Emerson, center, with his two oldest sons, Merl on his right and Ray on his left, taking a break while building a lumber mill at Diamond Lake.

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