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Dedication

This history of the S. O. Lukens family is dedicated to Samuel Oscar and Lena Leota Lukens, the finest parents and grandparents any four children and nine (ten) grandchildren ever had.

On April 5, 1949, Samuel Oscar and Lena Leota Lukens will celebrate their Fifty-first Wedding Anniversary. This little booklet is presented as a token of love in honor of the occasion.

This history, addressed to the nieces and nephews of the author, is intended to answer the question, "Who Am I?" for the ninth generation of Lukenses.

Editor's Note, March 3, 2000: Because copies of *Who Am I?* are no longer available, Tom and Christine Lukens Buchanan have reprinted this delightful account of our family as a gift to Aunt Lucile on her 99th birthday. Updating includes the addition of Loren Lukens, the tenth of her nieces and nephews; the first death among us cousins, and death dates of her immediate family; page numbers, and appropriately, pictures of our aunt and her parents' families. Also, a complete list of the Samuel Oscar and Leota Tice Lukens family appears in the final pages.

JAN LUCKEN came from Krefeld, Germany,

to Germantown, Pa., in 1683.

He married

MARIA TEISSEN (Tyson)

WHO AM I?

On July 24, 1683, Jan and Maria Lucken, along with thirty-one other individuals comprising thirteen families, left their homes in Krefeld, Germany, for a new home in the American Colonies. The party of thirty-three had a rough trip from Rotterdam to London. In Rotterdam they were met by William Penn's agent, Benjamin Furly, through whom Jan purchased two hundred acres of land in Pennsylvania before he ever left the Continent.

Furly had arranged for the party's passage across the Atlantic from London in the Concord, which had been detained for them for several weeks. They arrived in Philadelphia on October 6, 1683, after a voyage of seventy-four days. Wm. I. Hull's account of *William Penn and the Dutch Quaker Migration to Pennsylvania* says the voyage was "very comfortable" and the voyagers "had their health all the way." There were no deaths on the way across the Atlantic but there were two births.

At Philadelphia (a city one year old) the Dutch immigrants were welcomed by William Penn and Francis Pastorius. Their names may be seen today on the Pastorius monument in Vernon Park, Germantown, Pennsylvania. But in 1683 Jan and his neighbors were not going about carving their names on monuments. Instead they were busy surveying lots and building homes in the village of Germantown. The first lot of fifty acres surveyed and assigned to Jan Lucken in Germantown was part of the two hundred acres he had purchased before he left Rotterdam.

Jan was a weaver by trade and continued his occupation in the New World. However, he bought farming land for his children, more than a thousand acres in Bristol and Towamencin townships.

Jan and Maria lived in their second Pennsylvania home for more than fifty years. Herman Tyson Lukens has drawn a beautiful pen and ink sketch of the Jubilee Jan and Maria Lucken and their sixty-one descendants must have had in October, 1733, to celebrate the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and the Fiftieth Anniversary of their landing in America. Mr. Lukens also prepared a chart to show how old each child and grandchild was on that historic occasion.

ABRAHAM LUCKEN (1703-1776)

married

MARY MARLE (LUCKEN) 1703-1751

ARCHIBALD STEWART came from Newry, Ireland, to Carlisle, Pa., in the Juniata Valley, in 1752. He was accompanied by his son William and his wife—

MARGARET STEWART

JOHN THOMPSON (..... 1779) came to Thompsontown, Pa., in 1730 from County Antrim, Ireland. He belonged to the Scotch Clan Campbell.

He married

MISS GREENLEE

The Dutch Bible, published in 1598 (three hundred fifty years ago), which Jan and Maria Teissen brought over on the Concord is in the possession of the Historical Society of Montgomery County, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Number ten of the eleven children of Jan and Maria Lucken was Abraham Lucken, born in 1703, twenty years after his parents landed in the Colonies. Abraham married Mary Marle in Philadelphia (now Montgomery) County, Pa. Abraham was the father of one of the "lucky Johns." You see Abraham's brother John had no children so in 1732 he made a will in which he left his farm of two hundred acres in Bristol township to his "Dear wife, Margaret, for life," and after her death to "all and every one of my Bretheren's children who are named John Lucken." At that time he had five nephews named John—the lucky fellows! But this is really a digression, for we are not descended from a Lucky John Lucken.

Two years after Uncle John made his will, Abraham Jr. was born, the fifth child of Abraham and Marie Marle Lucken. It seems to have been this generation that settled on LUKENS as the spelling of the family name, though historians find the name spelled in various ways by court clerks, recorders, and map makers. At least Jan never spelled it "Lukens" in signing his will, deeds, and other papers.

Abraham Lukens, Jr., married Margaret Fry in 1758 and they had eight children. But this Abraham must have thought he was expected to live up to the Biblical Abraham who had descendants that were as the sands of the sea in number, for he married two more wives and had a total of seventeen children!

In 1752, Archibald and Margaret Stewart with their son William left Newry, Ulster County, Ireland, and migrated to the province of Pennsylvania. They seem to have had trouble establishing themselves comfortably in the new land, for history records that in September, 1753, the Stewarts came up the Juniata River and settled what was later known as the "Bark Tavern Tract" in Perry County. They were driven from this settlement by hostile Indians and went to Carlisle on the other side of the mountains. In 1765 William married Elizabeth (maiden name unknown) and in the fall of 1776 they came to the settlement above Delaware Run where they lived until William's death in 1784. Elizabeth lived with her children for thirty-eight years after her husband's death.

William and Elizabeth Stewart had twelve children, two of whom were "direct line" ancestors of the present generation of Lukenses. These two were the fourth and fifth children, Margaret and Gracey, twin daughters, born September 26, 1768. If they had been born nine days earlier, they would have been exactly 160 years older than their twin great-great-granddaughters, Charlene and Christine Lukens, born September 17, 1928.

William Stewart seems to have been interested in the freedom of the colonists early in the conflict for, although struggling with adverse circumstances himself, in 1774 he responded to the appeal of the Boston sufferers by the infamous Stamp Act. According to the records, William contributed sixteen shillings (about four dollars in modern currency) to a fund the settlers of the Western Country collected for the settlers in Boston.

Although (or should I say "Because"?) he was already the father of nine children, William enlisted in the Continental Army in October, 1777, and fought in the Revolution as a private in the Cumberland County Militia under Captain William Matthias. William survived his war experience and returned home to father three more branches of the Stewart line. The twins, Margaret and Gracey, in whom we are especially interested, were nine years old when their father went off to fight for Independence (with a capital "I") and seem to have suffered no serious privations, for they lived to a ripe old age.

In 1730, less than fifty years after Jan Lucken left Krefeld, Germany, Pioneer John Thompson packed his Scotch kilt and bonnet and set sail from County Antrim, Ireland, for the New World. The Thompson family belonged to the Clan Campbell of Argyll from County Antrim. The Thompsons fled from Scotland to Ireland and from thence to America to escape religious persecution, oppressive taxation, and political troubles.

Pioneer John established a home near the present site of Thompsettown, Pennsylvania, and proceeded to rear a family destined to mingle Scotch blood with that of the German Lukenses and the Irish Stewarts. John Thompson made sure of the continuance of the family name by marrying three wives (successively, not simultaneously!) and fathering fourteen children, one of whom was born after his father's death in 1779. Besides his

numerous progeny, Pioneer John left a farm of 412 acres he had acquired near Thompsonstown. (Thompsonstown was founded by one of the sons of Pioneer John.) Thomas Walter Thompson wrote that he visited the old John Thompson homestead in September, 1947, and found Kathleen Ullery and her mother, Mrs. Ralph Thompson, living on the farm that John Thompson, the son of John Thompson of kilt and bonnet fame, left behind him 170 years ago. (I don't believe John left his bonnet and kilt to posterity for history says he wore them for the forty-nine years of his life in America.)

Pioneer John Thompson's fifth child, Robert, married Sarah Mitchell, and their fifth son, James Thompson, born about 1782, was your great-great-great grandfather. (James Richard Lukens, here is the original Lukens for whom your great grandfather, James Thompson Lukens, was named. That evidently makes you James III.)

By this time the Lukens-Stewart-Thompson families are so entangled it takes a Philadelphia lawyer to untangle the lines. (Maybe that is the reason all three families chose to settle in Pennsylvania.) Three of Gracey Stewart's nieces married three Thompsons (a son and two grandsons of Pioneer John) and one of them married an Abraham Lukens. One of Pioneer John's grandsons married a Lukens and another one married a granddaughter of Gracey's twin sister, Margaret Stewart.

Now before you go completely crazy trying to figure that out, let's take a look at the Tice line.

Twenty years after the birth of our third generation Irish Stewart ancestors, a young man by the name of Andreas Von Theis set sail for the shores of a new country far across the Atlantic Ocean from his home in Germany. It is known that at least one brother (perhaps more) and possibly his wife accompanied him to America.

Andreas Von Theis (later changed to Andrew Tice) settled in Washington County, Maryland, and ran a ferry across Conocheague Creek near Williamsport, Maryland. His wife was Catherine Talsman Lush Household (why the multiple name we do not know). She is buried in the Lutheran graveyard near Clearspring, Maryland. Three sons of this union moved westward

ABRAHAM LUKENS JR (1734-1776)

married

MARGARET FRY (LUCKENS)

ROBERT THOMPSON (17 -)

married

SARAH MITCHELL

WILLIAM STEWART (...-1784) born in

Newry, Ireland, came to America in 1752.

In 1765 he married

ELIZABETH ... (STEWART) (.....- 1822)

after their mother's death in 1841 and established homes in Centerville, Indiana, but two Tice brothers remained in Maryland. I have heard it rumored that the brothers disagreed on the subject of slavery, but I have no actual proof of that idea at present. Members of the Tice family still live on the farm that was the first American home of Andrew and Catharine Tice.

As I said earlier in this history, Abraham and Margaret Fry Lukens had eight children. Two of them were named Gabriel and Henry. Evidently we had no connection with the angel Gabriel, but the second son, Henry, born in 1764, married Gracey Stewart and thus completed the first "direct line" union between the Lukens and Stewart families. Margaret, Gracey's twin sister, married George Brown. (So we're related to the Browns now!) Information concerning William Stewart's family, the marriage of Henry and Gracey Lukens, and their descendants is found in a Bible that evidently belonged to the Henry Lukens family. The Bible, now 114 years old, has been handed down from generation to generation and is now in the possession of Samuel Oscar Lukens, great grandson of its original owner.

Henry and Gracey Lukens had five children, the last two being another pair of twins, William Stewart and Rachel Lukens, born May 5, 1809, the same year as Abraham Lincoln. Also they were born 102 years before another pair of Lukens twins: Robert Wagner Lukens and Roberta Ware Lukens.

William Stewart Lukens married twice. His first wife was Nancy Jane Thompson, daughter of James and Margaret Carson Thompson. (You remember James I.) They had three children, of whom James Thompson Lukens, born April 6, 1839, was the second. When Nancy Jane died, William S. married her cousin, Elizabeth Thompson. They had five children, one of whom was Robert H. Lukens, whose sons Will and Clair carry on the family name in the vicinity of Gladstone, Illinois, and Santa Ana, California.

William Stewart Lukens seems to have moved about 1844, while his children were still young, to the vicinity of Monmouth, Illinois. By this time there were a number of Lukenses in Illinois. Peter and Gregory Lukens, also of the fifth generation of Lukenses, left the family home in Virginia and moved into

HENRY LUKENS (1764-1813)

married

GRACEY STEWART (1768-1848)

JAMES THOMPSON

married

MARGARET CARSON

MARGARET STEWART (BROWN) (1768-...)

married

GEORGE BROWN

FREDERIC WARE

married

ELIZABETH DETTOR born July 20, 1765

**ANDREAS TICE came from Germany to
Washington County, Md., before 1790**

married

CATHERINE HOUSEHOLD (1763-1841)

Menard County, Illinois, where the county seat town of Petersburg was named for Peter Lukins. Gregory, born in 1811, was a very special friend of Abraham Lincoln. A history of Menard County says that Gregory Lukins and Abraham Lincoln "worked together, slept together, and ate together." Theirs was a friendship never interrupted until the death of Lincoln.

Going back to look at the Tice line, we find that Andreas and Catharine Tice had five children, of whom John, born in 1791, was the oldest. He was born the year after his father settled in Washington County, Maryland. John Tice served in the War of 1812 (when he was twenty-one). Married Ann Eliza Stoner, reared a family of thirteen children, and died in 1856 at the age of sixty-five. In 1849 while John's family was still young, again he felt the call of the West and moved from Indiana to Iowa, where his children grew to adulthood and married.

Again the Stewart and Lukens lines were united when James Thompson Lukens, grandson of Gracey Stewart Lukens, married Martha Brown Ware, granddaughter of Margaret Stewart Brown. James defended the Union in the War between the States and contracted typhoid fever. He spent six weeks in a hospital in the South where he developed a running sore on one leg, a condition from which he never recovered. When he returned to his home in Illinois, he married his second cousin, Martha Brown Ware, who lived across the Mississippi River.

Travel across the Mississippi in mid-winter could be very precarious, as Martha Ware knew by bitter experience. One time she was on the Illinois side when Saturday night came. It was not until Sabbath morning that the frozen river was pronounced safe for travel; and even though Martha's Presbyterian conscience was troubled, she finally decided the trip just had to be made on the Sabbath day. But it was not until the session of her church had held a meeting and decided she had done a "a work of necessity" that she was entirely absolved from guilt.

Another time the river came near interfering with Martha's plans was in December, 1863. If James couldn't get across, there would be no wedding, for you just can't have the wedding without the bridegroom. But James got there (where there's a will there's a way) and on December 16, 1863, your great grandfather

WILLIAM STEWART LUKENS twin (1809-1891)

married on October 11, 1836

NANCY JANE THOMPSON

JANE BROWN (WARE) (. . . -1885)

married

MATTHIAS WARE (1797-1874)

JOHN TICE (1791-1856)

married

ANN ELIZA STONER

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WAGNER

married

MARY HUNT (WAGNER)

and great grandmother were married.

Your great grandmother, Martha Brown Lukens, born February 23, 1835, was the daughter of Jane Brown and Matthias Ware, an innkeeper. Matthias Ware was the son of Frederick and Elizabeth Ware. The Ware family Bible does not give Elizabeth's maiden name, but a German Bible, two hundred and fifty years old, in the possession of Louie Thompson Allaman, contains a record of the Dettor family. Among the children of Matthias and Mary Magdalena Dettor is listed "Elizabeth Dettor born July 20th, 1765." The record is written in German and was translated for me by Mrs. Frank Hunninghake of Frankfort, Kansas. The Elizabeth Dettor of this German record was probably the wife of Frederick Ware.

Matthias is another of the historic grandfathers who had two wives, both named Jane. The first Jane (Jane Jones) died on March 28, 1828, and on November 13 of the same year he married Jane Brown. Quick work but he could still call her Jane!

Aunt Jennie Morrell says she can still remember Grandfather Matthias Ware tell of an occasion when he was subpoenaed for jury duty. He begged to be excused, saying that his wife had died a few months previously, leaving him with four small children. Of course, his sympathetic hearers excused him. "But," Grandfather would chuckle, "I didn't tell them I already had another wife!"

Not only were Martha B. Ware and James T. Lukens second cousins through those twin grandmothers of theirs, but to further complicate the relationship, Martha's oldest sister, Margaret, married Ewing Thompson, a cousin of James's mother and a brother of his stepmother. Thus James's second cousin, who is also his uncle, now becomes his brother-in-law. Sounds reminiscent of "I'm my own grandpa," doesn't it?

James and Martha Lukens had a well-balanced family of three boys and three girls, all born in the vicinity of Monmouth, Illinois. When the youngest was a toddler of four, James and Martha heard the call of "Go west, young man, go west," and in 1886 set out for Mitchell County, Kansas. They left the Illinois farm in the hands of John Thompson, son of Margaret and Ewing. (You figure out the relationship). The farm is still owned by the Thompson

JAMES THOMPSON LUKENS (1839-1910)

married

MARTHA BROWN WARE 1835-1917)

SAMUEL NELSON TICE (1830-1905)

married

SARAH WAGNER (TICE) 1837-1925)

family; and while we leave it in capable hands, let's go back to see what became of the Tices.

We left John with a family of thirteen children, of whom Samuel Nelson, born September 5, 1830, was the ninth. He and his younger brother Adam Eleaser (Please, dear nieces and nephews, don't feel obligated to hand down family names just because they are recorded here!) married sisters, Sarah and Nancy Wagner.

The Wagner sisters were daughters of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Hunt Wagner. Here comes another grandfather who had a way with the ladies. B.F.'s first wife had five children and then died of TB; the next time he married the Widow Wells, who already had a number of little Wells, and then they proceeded to add to the Wagner population. It was a case of "your children," "my children," and "our children." I have heard my grandmother Sarah excuse herself for marrying ten days before she was nineteen years old by saying, "Well, you know I had a stepmother." The Wagner family came from Germany but there is a tradition that Mary Hunt was able to trace her ancestry back to the Mayflower.

One of the possessions in Mary Hunt's "hope chest" was a beautiful blue and white coverlet, the wool of which was carded and spun in her own home. She (or some member of her family) wove the coverlet about the year 1835 (113 years ago). Since that time it has been handed down to the oldest daughter in each generation. But now a great unsolved problem faces the present generation. In the year of our Lord 1948 the possessor of the coverlet is Lucile Lukens, an old maid school teacher, and the oldest nieces are twins. Problem: Who gets the coverlet?

Samuel Nelson Tice and his wife Sarah had ten children, the first seven of whom were boys. When the first daughter, Lena Leota (the prairie flower) was born, neighbors and friends gathered to charivari the happy parents—and the baby. Lena Leota wasn't charivaried again until she celebrated her Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on April 5, 1948.

Naturally, a family of such proportions as the Tices needed room for expansion; so in October 1878, Nelson, Sarah, and eight children set forth in a covered wagon on the long trek from

SAMUEL OSCAR LUKENS (1872-....)

married

LENA LEOTA TICE (LUKENS) (1873-....)

Creston, Iowa, to Mitchell County, Kansas. They drove their cattle with them, and I've heard that Lena Leota grew proficient as a cow hand though she was probably only the spoiled darling of big brothers on this trip since she was barely five years old at the time.

One of the things she remembers is a blind horse that had to be herded carefully. Night and morning after the cows had been milked and everyone had had all the milk he wanted to drink, the blind horse got his share.

Grandmother Sarah carried eighteen hundred dollars sewed in the lining of her dress to be used to purchase a farm when the Tices reached the land of opportunity. Their first Mitchell County farm was near the Honey Creek school house; but seven years after they landed in Kansas, Nelson and Sarah purchased a farm in Turkey Creek township eight miles southwest of Beloit and three miles from the Hopewell United Presbyterian Church. Lena Leota has lived on that farm continuously since 1885 except for the first three years of her married life.

Now let's go back and get the lad who started west to meet "the prairie flower." James T. and Martha B. loaded their household goods and the horses on a train and prepared to set forth with the six children ranging in ages from four to twenty-one. But a good, old-fashioned Illinois snowstorm chose to hold them prisoner for a week. The horses had to be unloaded, and very likely the family spent the week sitting on packing cases and eating from broken crockery.

Finally the storm subsided sufficiently for the eight Lukenses and the three Harrises (relatives of Alice Ramsay) to set out, but by the time the train reached Atchison, Kansas, it encountered snow drifts of such depth that it took four days to cover the distance from that point to Greenleaf. Fortunately Martha was a worthy descendant of her famous Biblical ancestor, for she had in the baggage car a huge box of provisions. No one went hungry, but such cooped up quarters are not recommended for either comfort or sanitation.

The Lukens party arrived in Beloit, Kansas, on February 1, 1886, and the next year settled on a farm just south of the

Hopewell Church. Lyle Lukens and family now live on the same farm.

The fourth child of Martha B. and James T. was Samuel Oscar Lukens, born May 3, 1872. He moved to the farm just south of Hopewell in the spring before he was fifteen and lived there until he married Lena Leota Tice on April 5, 1898.

For the benefit of the granddaughters who may be uninitiated in the tactics needed "to catch a man" let me here set forth the importance a straw may have in so momentous an event. Lena Leota, a school teacher, had applied for the position in the district in which Samuel lived. She says she was a good friend of Samuel's sister Maggie but had no romantic notions about Sam. Be that as it may, Sam's father was a member of the school board and favored Leota's application. But each of the other two members of the board had a favorite candidate. Finally the three agreed to settle the matter by drawing straws, the one getting the shortest straw to have the privilege of naming the teacher. Grandfather James drew the short straw and thus the stage was set for YOU and ME. Leota went to room and board in Sam's home and that's the way "she got her man."

In 1906 when she was seventy-one years old, Martha B. Lukens made for her granddaughter Lucile a dainty handkerchief, hemstitched and edged in lace. Inserted in the handkerchief is a bit of lace cut from a cap worn by Margaret Stewart, who was born in 1768 (180 years ago). There is also a piece of embroidery cut from a baby cap worn by Martha herself 113 years ago.

Samuel Oscar and Lena Leota Lukens have four children: Lyle Milton, Christine Lucile, and the twins Robert Wagner and Roberta Ware. Though Samuel was one of three brothers, he has the only boys in his generation.

Like Jacob, Lyle labored seven years for his wife and married her on July 28, 1926. (Actually he had to wait for her to grow up, for Lois Ruth Tilton, born December 17, 1904, was only fourteen when Lyle began to court her.) Because the younger generation always feels that it must begin where the older generation left off, Lyle and Lois began their family with twins—girls this time. Two identical, blue-eyed, golden-haired babies born September 17,

1928, were named Charlene Lois and Christine Lucile. Two years later, Joan Elizabeth was born on June 30, 1930, just in time to let her mother rest in the hospital while Dad and the twins did the harvesting! Then on June 19, 1933, a brown-eyed baby girl proved that there could be variations in the pattern. A name for the fourth member of the Lukens quartet became the problem of "Aunt Lucile," and before she was completely swamped by suggestions from helpful (?) relatives and friends, she settled on Jean Marie. She still thinks it is a pretty name for a pretty girl.

Christine Lucile Lukens, second child of Samuel and Leota, was born March 3, 1901. Being merely a "second child," she would have been relegated to entire oblivion if she had not established a reputation as the crossiest baby in the entire history of nine generations. Actually the poor thing had colic for four months, but no one feels sorry for her. Oh, no, you feel sorry for her parents and speak of the baby in hushed tones as if she were the skeleton in the family closet.

Christine Lucile probably would have gone through life as "the baby" if her Uncle Fred had not arranged to be married on April 17, 1901. Sam and Leota decided that the relatives at the wedding would find it more convenient to call the six-weeks-old infant by a name so they chose Christine from a book entitled *Chrissy's Endeavor* and Lucile from the suggestion of Aunt Maggie Blackford.

It seems that Lucile decided very early in her career that marriage was a silly business, for one of her earliest recollections is the wedding of Aunt Effie Louella Lukens and Uncle Charles McKee. Aunt Effie looked beautiful all in white; but when everyone made a to-do over kissing her, Lucile decided the whole performance was undignified. (Lucile, you understand, had reached the mature age of two years and six months when she arrived at this decision. Yes, her father is gifted with an unusual memory, too. His earliest recorded recollection is a shopping trip to Monmouth when he was two. Not being too well acquainted with the Negro race at the time, he was frightened when a colored man entered the store. Sam ran for the protection of his mother's skirts but fell and in so doing burst a felon on his finger. The matter of the felon is well authenticated; so no lifted eye-

LYLE MILTON LUKENS born October 16, 1899

on July 28, 1926, married

LOIS RUTH TILTON, born December 17, 1904

CHRISTINE LUCILE LUKENS) born March 3, 1901

ROBERT WAGNER LUKENS (twin) born November 29, 1911

on July 15, 1940, married

HELEN LOUISE VICKBURG, born May 4, 1914

ROBERTA WARE LUKENS (twin) born November 29, 1911

on June 1, 1938, married

OSCAR DELBERT GROVER (triplet) born October 8, 1909

CHRISTINE LUCILE LUKENS (twin) born Sept 17, 1928

CHARLENE LOIS LUKENS (twin) born Sept 17, 1928

died July 28, 1999

JOAN ELIZABETH LUKENS born June 30, 1930

JEAN MARIE LUKENS born JUNE 19, 1933

MARJORIE JEAN LUKENS born February 19, 1943

JAMES RICHARD LUKENS born March 8, 1947

LOREN DEAN LUKENS born July 14, 1952

DELBERT LEROY GROVER born December 3, 1939

RONALD RAY GROVER born October 1, 1941

ROBERT VAUGHN GROVER born June 23, 1945

brows, please.)

There seems to be little point in returning to Lucile's history after so interesting a digression. She simply grew up, went to school, and taught school—and she's still at it.

Robert and Roberta, the twins that kept the S.O. Lukens family perfectly balanced, were born November 29, 1911, the day before Thanksgiving. After such a shock Lyle was the only member of the family that had recovered sufficiently to attend Thanksgiving dinner at the church that year.

The twins grew up in due process of time and both graduated from college. Roberta was embarked on a teaching career when one day her twin brought home a young Christian minister, Oscar Grover by name. He turned out to be a triplet, something new on the family tree. His beautiful wavy hair and the fact that he has been described as having the appearance of a Hollywood movie star may have had their effect, but very likely it was his eloquence that won Roberta. Whatever the cause, on June 1, 1938, the morning after Oscar graduated from Manhattan Bible College, Roberta and Oscar were married. They have three sons, all blue-eyed and fair-haired.

Delbert Leroy Grover, born December 3, 1939, was the first grandson in the S.O. Lukens family. He was born in Junction City, Kansas, and was the center of attention at the Lukens family gathering there on Christmas Day in 1939.

Ronald Ray Grover, born December 3, 1941, after the family moved to Lyman, Nebraska, got here just before the Pearl Harbor incident threw the world into a turmoil. Perhaps the time of his advent accounts for his love of sheer, ear-splitting noise.

Robert Vaughn Grover, born in Lexington, Nebraska, June 23, 1943, completes the trio of P.K.s now living in the Christian manse at Smith Center, Kansas. His arrival brought a telegram of congratulations from New Zealand on the other side of the world. Actually Uncle Bob sent the cable to the baby's mother, but an obliging telegraph operator left the "a" off Roberta and delivered the message to the baby Robert Grover.

Robert Lukens met Helen Louise Vickburg while both were

attending KSC in Manhattan and after eight years of toil persuaded her to become Mrs. Robert Lukens on July 15, 1940. That fall he went to Linn, Kansas, to teach vocational agriculture. On February 19, 1943, Marjorie Jean Lukens was born. Seven months later her father was inducted into the United States Army. In April, 1944, Bob was sent overseas where he spent nearly two years as a member of the U.S. Army Joint Purchasing Board. His particular job was inspecting meat in New Zealand. During the time of Bob's absence, Marjorie and Mommie kept the home fires burning in Linn, where Mommie held down a half-time teaching position. Bob returned to civilian life in January, 1946, and the next summer he purchased the R.R. Ramsay farm six miles southwest of Beloit, Kansas.

James Richard Lukens, the last of the tribe at the present writing was born March 8, 1947. He is the sole male heir among the thirty-one great grandchildren of James T. Lukens.

The members of the S.O. Lukens family have many happy memories of family gatherings on Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthday, and wedding anniversaries. Before the children were married, the farm home was almost sure to be filled with college, teacher, or preacher friends during the holiday season. Of later years the grandchildren, as well as the children, look forward to gathering at Grandpa's to eat Grandma's delicious roast chicken, raisin dressing and extra special pumpkin pie.

Other highlights in the family history include a trip to the Black Hills, South Dakota, in the summer of 1932. At that time there were just ten in the family. They made the trip in two cars and such a grand time as they had. Charlene remembers getting cold in Crystal Cave and being delighted to get to wear Uncle Bob's coat, miles too big for her. Joan, only two, doesn't remember the trip; but she has heard many, many times that she positively refused to allow anyone except her mother to touch her on the way through the cave, and her mother, Lois, decided a two-year-old was quite a chunk to carry before the party reached the outside world again. Bob remembers the night he proved himself competent to be the man of the family by threatening Joan with "Papa spank" and getting away with it. At least we heard no more of Joan that night! I wonder if Christine remembers the "cotton

candy" and how disappointed Uncle Bob and Aunt Lucile were that the twins did not care for that extra special delicacy of the older generation's childhood? We all remember that traveling with two pairs of twins was almost as exciting as traveling with a circus. At Custer, S.D., we met a set of triplets, lovely sixteen-year-old girls. Two pairs of twins plus a set of triplets attracted the attention of newspaper men and photographers (and secured for the youngsters tickets to a rodeo in which the oldsters refused to show the slightest interest.)

Another vacation of special note was the one seventeen members of the family (all but Jimmie this time) spent in Glen Eyrie, Big Thompson Canyon, Estes Park, Colorado, the summer of 1946. Otille Belknap painted a picture of Glen Eyrie that will always be a treasured reminder of the wonderful two weeks spent in that cabin.

Lyle and Lucile have set a record from 1901-1948 by celebrating every Christmas together, regardless of where other members of the family might be.

From the above account you can easily gain the idea that the members of the family are pleasantly congenial and have more than the usual feeling of family solidarity. I believe psychologists would agree, my beloved nieces and nephews, that your heritage on that score is an enviable possession.

From an occupational point of view you, of the ninth generation of Lukenses, are certainly sons and daughters of the soil. Although Jan Lucken was a weaver in Germany and practiced that trade in the Colonies, he bought farm land for his sons; and so far as we know each of the "direct line" Lukenses since Abraham, born in 1703, has made farming his direct occupation. William Stewart and his descendants seem to have been farmers according to the records. The last history I read said a Stewart-Lukens descendant still lived on the old Stewart farm in the Juniata Valley. A member of the Thompson family lives on one of the Stewart-Thompson farms near Thompsonstown, bought by a Thompson in 1768; and a Tice lives in the old Tice home purchased about 1790. Mathias Ware was an innkeeper, but Martha Brown Ware ran true to her Stewart ancestry by marrying a farmer from the Thompson-Lukens strain.

Religiously you are quite a mixture, but you can rejoice in a strictly Protestant Christian heritage. The Lukenses were Quakers, a part of the Quaker migration to Penn's colony. The Stewarts, coming from the north of Ireland, were surely Calvinistic. At least their descendants have been largely Presbyterian of one kind or another. The Thompsons were Covenanters; the Wares were Presbyterians; and the Wagners were Baptists, though for some reason or other Grandmother Sarah, in her girlhood, chose the United Brethren Church as her church home. I don't know what the Tices were originally, but I wonder if they were Lutherans. They came from Germany and Catherine Household Tice is buried in the Lutheran cemetery near Clearspring, Maryland. Today you will find Tices in almost every Protestant denomination in the land. The Lukens name in this century is very likely to be associated with the United Presbyterian Church, but if you scratch below the surface of a marriage certificate, you need not be surprised to find a Methodist, a United Brethren, a Christian, or a Presbyterian. The men of the Lukens name seem to have followed Rev. R.A. Edson's advice when he said, "Men, get a United Presbyterian if you can; but if you can't, then get a Methodist and make a United Presbyterian out of her."

Politically, the Lukenses of the generations that we know have been Republican pretty consistently, but they are not noted as party men. They are much more likely to vote for the man than for the party. The Tices that we know are Republicans also, but I am told that the Maryland branches of the family are staunch Democrats. I have heard that Aunt Nancy (Grandmother Sarah Tice's sister) was very much interested in the election of Abraham Lincoln chiefly because she was concerned about the welfare of young Adam Tice off fighting in the army of General Sherman to preserve the Union; but Aunt Nancy had no luck getting her brother-in-law Nelson Tice to take any active part in the campaign. His lack of enthusiasm may have been due to an antipathy for Yankees inherited from his slave-holding ancestors.

That, my dears, is your history for nine generations. What the tenth generation will be depends on you.



LENA LEOTA TICE LUKENS, who lived from 1873 to 1963, sits at the right of her parents, Samuel Nelson Tice (1830-1905) and Sarah Tice (1837-1925). To the left is Gertrude (1877-1905). Standing are brothers Edgar (1862-1924), Benjamin (1860-), Charles (1867-1927), Martin (1858-1921), Harry (1869-1933) and Ira (1872-1929).

DESCENDANTS OF NANCY JANE THOMPSON AND WILLIAM STEWART LUKENS

JAMES THOMPSON LUKENS, second child of Nancy Jane Thompson and William Stewart Lukens, was born April 6, 1839, in Pennsylvania. When James was young, (presumably in 1844) the William Stewart Lukens family moved to Illinois. James Thompson Lukens married Martha Brown Ware, daughter of Jane Brown and Matthias Ware, in Kossuth, Iowa, on December 16, 1863. Martha Brown Ware was born February 23, 1835, in Indiana. Later she moved with her family to Kossuth, Iowa, where her father was an innkeeper. Martha Brown Ware and James Thompson Lukens were the parents of six children. In February, 1886, they moved to Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas. James Thompson Lukens died at his home on October 25, 1910, and Martha Brown Ware Lukens died July 18, 1917, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles McKee. Both James and Martha are buried in the Hope-well United Presbyterian cemetery, 11 miles southwest of Beloit.

CHILDREN OF JAMES THOMPSON LUKENS AND MARTHA BROWN WARE

1. JANE (Jennie) ELIZABETH LUKENS was born February 19, 1865, near Rosetta, Illinois. She moved to Mitchell County, Kansas, in 1886, and on April 18, 1889, she married Joseph Morrell. Joseph Morrell, son of Elizabeth Ward and Samuel Morrell (a Methodist minister), was born in Shaw Mills, Yorkshire, England, on September 18, 1858. He came to America with his brother John in 1880. In 1885 Joseph came to Beloit, Kansas, and farmed in Mitchell Co. and near Logan, Kan., for many years. Later he retired in Beloit and died there January 6, 1937. He is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Beloit, Kan. Jane (Jennie) Elizabeth Morrell lives at 111 East 3rd, Beloit, with a maiden daughter, Martha Elizabeth Morrell. Jane Elizabeth Lukens and Joseph Morrell had six children.

2. WILLIAM MATTHIAS LUKENS was born October 25, 1866, near Rosetta, Illinois. He moved to Mitchell County, Kansas, in 1886, and on November 27, 1890, he married Sarah Beatrice Blackford, daughter of Hannah Jane (Jennie) and Matthew Blackford. Sarah Beatrice Blackford was born June 30, 1864. William Matthias Lukens farmed until about 1914 when he moved to Beloit, where he served as a county officer and engaged in banking. He died in Loveland, Colorado, on October 22, 1936. He

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is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Beloit, Kansas. His wife still lives in Beloit, Kansas. Sarah Beatrice Blackford and William Matthias Lukens had two children.

3. MAGGIE OLIVE LUKENS was born in Kossuth, Iowa, on July 8, 1869. She moved to Mitchell County, Kansas, in 1886, and on March 16, 1897, she married Robert Everett Blackford, born June 30, 1869, son of Hannah Jane (Jennie) and Matthew Blackford. They lived on a farm in Center Township, Mitchell County, Kansas, until the death of Maggie Olive Lukens Blackford on January 13, 1920. The next summer her husband and two daughters moved to Loveland, Colorado, where Robert Everett Blackford died June 23, 1943. Maggie Olive Lukens and Robert Everett Blackford are buried in the Hopewell United Presbyterian cemetery, eleven miles southwest of Beloit, Kansas. The two daughters still live in Loveland, Colorado.

4. SAMUEL OSCAR LUKENS was born May 3, 1872, near Rosetta, Ill. He moved to Mitchell County, Kan., in 1886, and, on April 5, 1898, he married Lena Leota Tice, daughter of Sarah Wagner and Samuel Nelson Tice. Lena Leota was born in Adams County, Iowa, on October 23, 1873. Lena Leota Tice and Samuel Oscar Lukens live on a farm eight miles southwest of Beloit, Kansas, the same farm on which they were married 50 years ago. Address is R.R. 3, Box 120, Beloit. They have four children.

5. FREDERIC WARE LUKENS was born March 8, 1876, near Rosetta, Illinois. He moved to Mitchell County, Kansas, in 1886, and, on April 17, 1901, he married Ada Crawford, daughter of Emmaline Osborne and Isaac Crawford. Ada Crawford was born October 23, 1878. Frederic Ware Lukens farmed until the fall of 1947 when he and his wife moved to Beloit, Kansas, where they now live at 916 North Mill Street. They have no children.

6. EFFIE LOUELLA LUKENS was born February 20, 1882, on what is now the Hickory Grove Farm, Oquawka, Illinois. She moved to Mitchell County, Kansas, in 1886, and on September 9, 1903, she married Charles Marvin McKee, a farmer. Charles Marvin McKee, son of Jemima Jane Musgrave and Charles Urvin McKee (United Brethren minister) was born April 19, 1879, in Center Township, Mitchell County, Kansas. Effie Louella Lukens and Charles Marvin McKee now live at 303 North Hersey, Beloit, Kansas. They had two daughters

GRANDCHILDREN OF MARTHA WARE BROWN AND JAMES THOMPSON LUKENS

Children of Jane (Jennie) Elizabeth Lukens and Joseph Morrell:

11. John Stuart Morrell was born at Logan, Kansas, on April 16, 1894. On August 20, 1920, he married Nellie Elizabeth Norton at Cawker City, Kansas. Nellie Elizabeth Norton, second child of Luella Higgins and Robert Henry Norton, was born October 19, 1896, at Cawker City, Kansas. John Stuart Morrell is superintendent of schools in Beloit, Kansas. He has been successively vocational agriculture teacher in the high school, principal of the high school, and superintendent of schools since 1923. Address: 320 Western Ave. Seven children.

12. Martha Elizabeth Morrell was born at Logan, Kansas, on July 26, 1895. Single, Address: 111 East Third Street, Beloit, Kansas.

13. Clarence Ward Morrell was born at Logan, Kansas, on November 16, 1897. In Beloit, Kansas, on August 13, 1921, he married Honora Mary Cooke, youngest daughter of Honora Tilton and Walter Cooke. Honora Mary Cooke was born July 5, 1900, in Beloit, Kansas. Address: 522 North Pine, Beloit, Kansas. Six children.

14. Mary Hannah Morrell was born at Logan, Kansas, on May 4, 1900. On September 6, 1940, in Davenport, Washington, she married Harry Coplen Bowers, son of Chris J. and Laura V. Bowers. Harry Coplen Bowers was born October 9, 1889, at Hepner, Oregon. Occupation: Technical inspector of a paper mill. Present address: 531 N.E. 17th Ave., Camas, Washington. No children.

15. Frances Effie Morrell was born at Logan, Kansas, September 27, 1902. On December 12, 1936, she married Howard Franklin Gentry at Beloit, Kansas. "Frank" Gentry, son of Edith Hull and James Gentry, was born June 13, 1903, at Asherville, Kansas. Farmer. Address: Asherville, Kansas. No children.

16. James Joseph Morrell was born at Logan, Kansas, August 17, 1905. On June 21, 1930, he married Edith Luella James in Hutchinson, Kansas. Edith James is the daughter of Ardie Bertha Gise and Alfred Washington James. She was born February 1, 1907, in Beloit, Kansas. Hardware merchant. Address: 409 East Fourth Street, Beloit, Kansas. One child.

Children of Sarah Beatrice Blackford and William Matthias Lukens:

21. Olive Mae Lukens was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on September 9, 1892. On April 12, 1922, she married Robert James Severance, son of Lovilla Jane Markham and John Severance. Robert James Severance, dairyman-farmer, was born November 17, 1895, in Hutchinson, Kansas. Address: 319 Western Ave., Beloit, Kansas. Four children.

22. Wilma Beatrice Lukens was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on June 16, 1900. On Sept. 1, 1926, she married Russell Reid Kennedy, son of Louise Kennedy and John Reid Kennedy. Russell Reid Kennedy, school teacher, was born in Bloomington, Ind., August 5, 1899. Address: Iola Junior College, Iola, Kan. Two children.

Children of Maggie Olive Lukens and Robert Everett Blackford:

31. Ida Frances Blackford was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on October 13, 1899. Single. Address: 828 Cleveland, Loveland, Colorado.

32. Ruth Ware Blackford was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on January 13, 1901. Single. Address: 828 Cleveland, Loveland, CO

Children of Lena Leota Tice and Samuel Oscar Lukens:

41. Lyle Milton Lukens was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on October 16, 1899. On July 28, 1926, he married Lois Ruth Tilton, daughter of Alice Creitz and Edward C. Tilton. Farmer. Address: R.R. 3, Beloit, Kansas. Four children.

42. Christine Lucile Lukens was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on March 3, 1901. Single. School teacher. Address: 114 East Sixth, Frankfort, Kansas.

43. Robert Wagner Lukens (twin) was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on November 29, 1911. On July 15, 1940, he married Helen Louise Vickburg, daughter of Viola Virginia Norton and Carl Vickburg. School teacher and farmer. Address; R.R. 3, Beloit, Kan.

44. Roberta Ware Lukens (twin) was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on November 29, 1911. On June 1, 1938, she married Oscar Delbert Grover (triplet), minister, son of Mary Forbes and Lester Grover. Oscar Delbert Grover was born in Washington County, Kansas, on October 8, 1909. Address: Christian Parsonage, Smith Center, Kansas. Three children.

Ada Crawford and Frederic Ware Lukens have no children.

Children of Effie Louella Lukens and Charles Marvin McKee:

61. Anna Louella (Lee) McKee was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on August 3, 1904. On June 12, 1929, she married Rev. Frederick John McConnellee, son of Alma Collins and Rev. John J. McConnellee, United Presbyterian missionaries to India. Frederick John McConnellee was born May 21, 1900, in Punjab Province, India. Address: Route 1, Shedd, Oregon. Two children.

62. Mildred Mae McKee was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on February 5, 1910. Single. Deceased February 28, 1938. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Beloit, Kansas.

**GREAT GRANDCHILDREN of MARTHA BROWN WARE
and JAMES THOMPSON LUKENS**

Children of Nellie Elizabeth Norton and John Stuart Morrell:

111. Keith Noel Morrell was born July 24, 1921, at Columbia, Missouri. He died June 29, 1943, in a Japanese Prison Camp in Mukden, Manchuria. He is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Beloit, Kansas.

112. Kenneth Norton Morrell was born July 24, 1922, in Columbia, Mo. Served in U.S. Navy in World War II. Pharmacy student.

113. Betty Lou Morrell was born March 4, 1924, in Beloit, Kansas. On October 8, 1945, she married Robert Paul Biddinger, son of Lela Heacock and Paul Biddinger, in Wichita, Kansas. Robert Paul Biddinger was born March 4, 1924. (His wife is eight hours the older!) One child.

114. Dora Lee Stuart Morrell was born December 24, 1928, in Beloit, Kansas. (She was married February 13, 1949, to James Andrew Wilson.)

115. Richard Stuart Morrell was born July 22, 1932, in Beloit, Kansas.

116. Frances Marilyn Morrell was born November 16, 1933, in Beloit, Kansas.

Children of Olive Mae Lukens and Robert James Severance:

211. John William Severance was born in Beloit, Kansas, on June 17, 1925. On June 7, 1947, he married Virginia Lee Moss, daughter of Eva Van Scoyc and LeRoy Moss. Virginia Lee Moss was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on August 28, 1929. Bindweed expert. Address: Beloit, Kansas. One child.

212. Robert James Severance, Jr., was born in Beloit, Kansas, on December 10, 1926. College student. Address: 319 Western Avenue, Beloit, Kansas.

213. Wilford Lee Severance was born in Beloit, Kansas, on October 7, 1931. Address: 319 Western Avenue, Beloit, Kansas.

214. Harold Gail Severance was born in Beloit, Kansas, on May 1, 1933. Address: 319 Western Avenue, Beloit, Kansas.

Children of Lois Ruth Tilton and Lyle Milton Lukens:

411. Charlene Lois Lukens (twin) was born in Beloit, Kansas, on September 17, 1928. College student. Address: R.R. 3, Beloit, Kan.

412. Christine Lucile Lukens (twin) was born in Beloit, Kansas, on September 17, 1928. College student. Address: R.R. 3, Beloit.

413. Joan Elizabeth Lukens was born in Beloit, Kansas, on June 30, 1930. College student. Address: R.R. 3, Beloit, Kansas.

414. Jean Marie Lukens was born in Beloit, Kansas, on June 19, 1933. Address: R.R. 3, Beloit, Kansas.

Children of Helen Louise Vickburg and Robert Wagner Lukens:

431. Marjorie Jean Lukens born in Concordia, Kansas, on February 19, 1943. Address: R.R. 3, Beloit, Kansas.

432. James Richard Lukens born in Beloit, Kansas, on March 8, 1947. Address: R.R. 3, Beloit, Kansas.

433. Loren ~~Dean~~ Lukens, born 7/11/52 at Beloit, Kansas. Potter, Spokane, Washington. (added in reprint)

Children of Roberta Ware Lukens and Oscar Delbert Grover:

441. Delbert LeRoy Grover, born in Junction City, Kansas, on December 3, 1939. Address: Smith Center, Kansas.

442. Ronald Ray Grover, born in Lyman, Nebraska, on October 1, 1941. Address: Smith Center, Kansas.

443. Robert Vaughn Grover, born in Lexington, Nebraska, on June 23, 1945. Address: Smith Center, Kansas.

Children of Anna Louella (Lee) McKee and Frederick McConnellee:

611. Daryl Frederick McConnellee was born in Minden, Nebraska, on February 1, 1936. Address: Route 1, Shedd, Oregon.

612. Charles William McConnellee was born January 11, 1939, in Minden, Nebraska. Address: Route 1, Shedd, Oregon.

Children of Clarence Ward Morrell and Honora Mary Cooke:

131. Mary Virginia Morrell was born July 21, 1923, in Mitchell County, Kansas. On January 1, 1941, she married Robert F. Rooney, son of Mae Blake and Thomas F. Rooney in El Paso County (Colorado Springs), Colorado. Two children.

132. Elizabeth Louise Morrell was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on October 26, 1925. On August 15, 1943, she married William E. Hair, son of Florence Gertrude McGill and William L. Hair, in El Paso County, Colorado. One child.

133. Harold Wayne Morrell (twin) was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on October 11, 1928. On June 8, 1947, he married Delores Katherine Sleichter, daughter of Hyland Hock and Harold F. Sleichter, in El Paso County, Colorado. Farmer. Address: Star Route, Beloit, Kansas. One child.

134. Wendell Herbert Morrell (twin) was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, October 11, 1928. On January 27, 1946, he married Verna Clide Dill, daughter of Anna Ellet and Richard Dill, in El Paso County, Colorado. Address: R.F.D., Beloit, Kansas. Two children.

135. Charlotte Jean Morrell was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, on August 16, 1931. Address: 522 North Pine, Beloit, Kansas.

136. Ellen Frances Morrell was born in El Paso, County, Colorado, on December 31, 1938. Address: 522 North Pine, Beloit, Kansas.

Child of Edith Luella James and James Joseph Morrell:

161. Shirley Jean Morrell was born in Beloit, Kansas, on September 15, 1936. Address: 409 East Fourth, Beloit, Kansas.

**GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN of MARTHA BROWN
WARE AND JAMES THOMPSON LUKENS**

Child of Betty Lou Morrell and Paul Biddinger:

1131. Lawrence Richard (Larry) Biddinger was born August 15, 1946, in Wichita, Kansas.

Child of Virginia Lee Moss and John William Severance:

2111. Anita Jean Severance was born in Beloit, Kansas, July 6, 1948.

Children of Mary Virginia Morrell and Robert F. Rooney:

1311. Louise Elaine Rooney was born in El Paso County, Colorado, February 6, 1942.

1312. Patricia Annette Rooney was born in El Paso County, Colorado, July 31, 1943.

Child of Elizabeth Louise Morrell and William E. Hair:

1321. David William Hair was born in El Paso County, Colorado, August 1, 1945.

Child of Harold Wayne Morrell and Delores Katherine Sleichter:

1331. Gary Wayne Morrell was born in Mitchell County, Kansas, February 13, 1948.

Children of Verna Clide Dill and Wendell Herbert Morrell:

1341. Karon Kay Morrell was born in El Paso County, Colorado, August 20, 1946.

1342. Sharon Sue Morrell was born in El Paso County, Colorado, August 8, 1947.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Herman T. Lukens, 102 East Jacoby Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania. He is depositing a complete chart of the Lukens family with the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia. Herman T. Lukens and Grandfather James T. Lukens are both great grandsons of Abraham Lukens and Mary Marle. On his mother's side, Herman is a great-grandson of John Lukens, brother of Abraham Lukens.

Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Sixth Volume, page 264. Mrs. Mabel Mann, 2009 Maple Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania. Daughters of the American Revolution, No. 214379. Mrs. Mann is a granddaughter of Rachel Lukens, twin sister of William Lukens, and a great granddaughter of Gracey Stewart Lukens.

Miss Elinor Tice, 211 1/2 N. Santa Fe, Salina, Kansas. Elinor is a granddaughter of Sarah Wagner and Samuel Nelson Tice.

Rev. Thomas Walter Thompson, 310 Thirteenth Avenue N.E., St. Petersburg, Florida. He is a retired minister of the Methodist Church, spending the winter in Florida. Home address: 407 W. Illinois St., Urbana, Illinois. Mr. Thompson is a grandson of William Stewart Thompson, first cousin of Nancy Jane Thompson Lukens, and a great grandson of Andrew Thompson, brother of James Thompson in our direct line.

Family Bible records handed down in the Stewart-Lukens, Ware and Thompson families.



ABOUT 1902, the large family of S. O. and Lena Leota Lukens posed for this photograph. Lyle and Lucile are in the arms of their parents, Sam and Leota on the back row. The older man and woman seated to the left are Sam's parents, James Thompson Lukens and Martha Ware Brown.

S.O. AND LEOTA TICE LUKENS DESCENDANTS

Lyle Lukens and Lois Tilton Lukens

children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

Christine Lucile Lukens (twin), b. Sept. 17, 1928; married June 4, 1951, to Thomas Stavely Buchanan. Their children:

1. *James Lee Buchanan*, b. Aug. 6, 1952.
2. *Thomas Richard Buchanan*, b. Oct. 29, 1953, married June 9, 1973, to Joyce Lee Fuhrken, b. May 8, 1955. Their children:
Jason Lee Buchanan, b. Feb. 22, 1977;
Katherine Anne Buchanan, b. April 28, 1984;
John Michael Buchanan, b. May 10, 1987.
3. *Jean Anne Buchanan*, b. March 16, 1955; married to Steve Workman, divorced; married to Dan Wiggs, divorced.
4. *David Bruce Buchanan*, b. Aug. 31, 1956; married June 7, 1986, to Lynette Sue Lacy, b. Mar. 25, 1952. Their children:
Sean Andrew Buchanan, b. April 25, 1990;
Benjamin Murray Buchanan, b. Dec. 11, 1992.
5. *Beth Lynn Buchanan*, b. Feb. 12, 1963; married Aug. 20, 1983, to William Jack Reid, Jr., born Dec. 9, 1953. Their children:
Allison Christine Reid, b. Jan. 19, 1988;
Lauren Marguerite Reid, b. Aug. 20, 1991.

Charlene Lois Lukens (twin), b. 9-17-1928-d. July 28, 1999; married May 30, 1950, to Meredith Leroy Myers, b. June 1, 1923. Their children:

1. *Susan Jeanine Myers*, b. Oct. 8, 1951; married May 27, 1972, to Raymond Michael Farag, b. Aug. 1, 1950. Their children:
Michael David Farag, b. May 23, 1977;
Michelle Lynn Farag, b. March 1, 1980;
Matthew Meredith Farag, b. Feb. 26, 1988.
2. *Nancy Jane Myers*, b. Sept 28, 1953.
3. *Vicki Jo Myers*, b. Oct. 9, 1957; married June 8, 1983, to James Alfred Justman, b. Nov. 7, 1956. Their children:
Luke Myers Justman, b. Sept. 13, 1988;
Benjamin Habeck Justman, b. July 28, 1991;
Seth Lukens Justman, b. May 28, 1994.
4. *Jennifer Kay Myers*, b. May 7, 1962; married Aug. 13, 1983, to Lance Alan Burdick, b. June 13, 1962. Their children:
Shannon Marie Burdick, b. April 9, 1988;
Caitlin Rose Burdick, b. April 12, 1991;
Cale Major Burdick, b. Nov. 22, 1992.

Joan Elizabeth Lukens, b. June 30, 1930; married Aug. 23, 1954, to **Karl Eugene Cunningham**, b. Nov. 14, 1927. Their children:

1. **Linda Jo Cunningham**, b. June 3, 1955; married Oct. 20, 1984, to **Douglas James Joseph**, b. June 30, 1957. Their children:

Kelsey Anne Joseph, b. Aug. 20, 1991;

Kurt Nathaniel Joseph, b. Feb. 26, 1994.

2. **Douglas Karl Cunningham**, b. March 24, 1957; married Dec. 26, 1981, to **Kimberly Ann Myers**, b. Nov. 30, 1961. Their children:

Melissa Ann Cunningham, b. Oct. 14, 1982;

Leslie Marie Cunningham, b. June 26, 1985.

3. **Diane Marie Cunningham**, b. Dec. 13, 1958; married Jan. 9, 1988, to **Paul William Deffenbaugh**, b. Dec. 21, 1956. Their children:

Danielle Kay, b. Feb. 5, 1991;

Samuel Paul Deffenbaugh, b. Dec. 2, 1993.

4. **Karen Kay Cunningham**, b. Sept. 7, 1960.

Jean Marie Lukens, b. June 19, 1933, married Oct. 4, 1952, to **James Harrison Widrig**, b. Nov. 23, 1930-d. Oct. 4, 1989. Their children:

1. **Debra Jean Widrig**, b. Aug. 11, 1954, married **Stephen Decker** Jan. 10, 1976. Divorced. Their child:

Michael Alan Decker, b. Sept. 22, 1980.

Debra Jean married June 7, 1997, to **Timothy J. Yager**, b. July 31, 1962. His sons: **Scott Darel Yager**, **Kirk Thomas Yager**.

2. **Lee Allen Widrig**, b. March 22, 1957, married May 1, 1982, to **Christine Marie Johnson**, b. April 28, 1959. Their children:

Emily Christine Widrig, b. Dec. 26, 1986;

Erin Lee Widrig (twin), b. Sept. 8, 1990;

Abby Marie Widrig (twin), b. Sept. 8, 1990.

3. **Kay Marie Widrig**, b. May 11, 1962, married Feb. 27, 1987, to **J. R. Simmons**, b. April 9, 1963. Their children:

Tyler James Simmons, b. May 9, 1988;

Jacee Jo Simmons, b. Aug. 25, 1990.

4. **Eric James Widrig**, b. Aug. 7, 1968, married Sept. 5, 1992, to **Jami Jo Carter**, b. April 7, 1971. Their child:

Brittany Jo Widrig, b. March 22, 1997.

(compiled by Joan Elizabeth Lukens Cunningham, 2000)

**Robert Lukens (twin) and Helen Vickburg Lukens:
children and grandchildren**

Marjorie Jean Lukens, b. Feb. 29, 1943; married Lynn Martin Van Buren Aug. 29, 1966. Their child:

1. *Christopher Jay Geil Van Buren*, b. Dec. 16, 1971.

James Richard Lukens, b. March 8, 1947; married May 30, 1970, to Susan Irene Scott, divorced. Their child:

1. *Allison Louise Lukens*, b. July 3, 1982.

Loren Dean Lukens, born July 14, 1952; married Dec. 15, 1973, to Beth Marie Kirchhoff. Their child:

1. *Claire Ellen Lukens*, b. July 25, 1982

**Roberta Lukens Grover (twin) and Oscar Grover (triplet):
children and grandchildren**

Delbert LeRoy Grover, b. Dec. 3, 1939; married Sept. 11, 1965, to Helen Darlene Woelk, b. March 24, 1944. Their children:

1. *Sarah Lynn Grover*, b. Nov. 27, 1968; married June 5, 1993, to Matthew Wade Balocca.

2. *David LeRoy Grover*, b. June 5, 1970; born with Cri du Chat Syndrome, "profoundly mentally retarded."

Ronald Ray Grover, b. Oct. 1, 1941; married June 16, 1963, to Linda Kay Lown b. July 9, 1941. Their children:

1. *Ronda Jean Grover*, b. July 5, 1965; married June 15, 1985, to Todd Michael Bowman. Divorced. Married Feb. 24, 1990, to Kent W. Wedel, b. Dec. 22, 1954. Their children:

- Kyle James Wedel*, b. June 4, 1991;

- Kaylee Marie Wedel*, b. April 16, 1993.

2. *Richard James Grover*, b. April 17, 1967; married Jan. 4, 1992, to Laura Layton, b. Dec. 5, 1970. Their children:

- William James Grover*, b. May 28, 1996;

- Anna Marie Grover*, b. Aug. 20, 1998.

Robert Vaughn Grover, b. June 23, 1945; married April 14, 1973, to K. Jann Compton. No children.

(Compiled by Marjorie Lukens Van Buren and Delbert Grover, 2000)



Aunt Lucile, who in 1949 originated this booklet that has become a cherished possession among Lukens family members, in 2000 is the only remaining member of her immediate family.

- Samuel Oscar Lukens, born May 3, 1872, died Sept. 18, 1968.
 - Lena Leota Tice Lukens, born Oct. 23, 1873, died Feb. 21, 1963.
 - Lyle Milton Lukens, born Oct. 16, 1899, died May 20, 1976.
Lois Ruth Tilton Lukens, born Dec. 17, 1904, died Jan. 18, 1997.
 - Roberta Ware Lukens Grover, b. Nov. 29, 1911, died Jan. 11, 1987.
Oscar Delbert Grover, born Oct. 8, 1909, died April 30, 1999.
 - Robert Wagner Lukens, born Nov. 29, 1911, died Oct. 8, 1975.
Helen Vickburg Lukens Hodler, b May 4, 1914, lives in Beloit.
- Family members are buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Beloit.

(Information courtesy Delbert LeRoy Grover)