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GRANDMA'S ROUND-BOTTOMED KETTLE

Grandm's round iron kettle was like an egg cut half in two would be,
 So you could stir, and stir and stir and never catch, you see.

There were two iron rings cast in it, on each side of Granma's pot,
 To hold the ball all made of iron, that sometimes got so hot
 That I'll not forget how hot it was when I was playing round
 And lifted it a little bit, but quicker set it down.

Then Grandma said, "Now Marshall, I've told you it was hot.
 Don't I always use a holder, when I lift out the pot?"
 I didn't have a thing to say, so I stopped my tears and noise.

And now I see those foolish things in other little boys.
 Well, on the bottom there were cast three funny iron pegs,
 On which it stood when off the fire -- three stubby little legs.

This pot of Grandma Murray's sang most all day long.
 In the morning it was The Bubbling Mush; at noon, The Mulligan Song.
 At night it was Beans or Potatoes, or a Minute Pudding lay,
 But 'twas always the iron Kettle, that kept the wolf away.

I'll never forget the morning when we kids had finished the pot,
 And Grandma set the kettle back to get it dry and hot --
 How the mush, all dry and brittle, would flake off crisp and clean.
 A cleaner, brighter, shinier pot I'm sure you've never seen.

Sometimes the mush would stick a bit, but Grandma had the knack
 Of giving the pot a boiling of beef then the mush would flake and crack.
 Uncle Marshall (Hugh Marshall Murray). (c. 1936)

Last Leaf

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 SYLVIA MICKELSON, EDITOR--PUBLISHER
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This must be the original homestead of Asa & Hellen (Dills) Ward ca. 1883 near Glendive, MT (Belle Prairie).



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 516
 Application 628
 OF THE LAND OFFICE at Miles City, Montana

Whereas There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTER of the LAND OFFICE at Miles City, Montana, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Hellen Ward, widow of Asa Ward, deceased, has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the West half of the South East quarter and the East half of the North West quarter of Section Ten, in Township Seventeen North of Range Fifty six East of Montana Meridian in Montana, containing one hundred and sixty acres

according to the OFFICIAL PLAT of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL:

Now know ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said Hellen Ward the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Hellen Ward and to her heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law. And there is reserved from the lands hereby granted, a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.



In witness whereof, I, William McKinley, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these letters to be signed by me and the seal of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the nineteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty fourth.

By the President: William McKinley
 By: C. M. McKeen, Secretary

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Recorder of the General Land Office



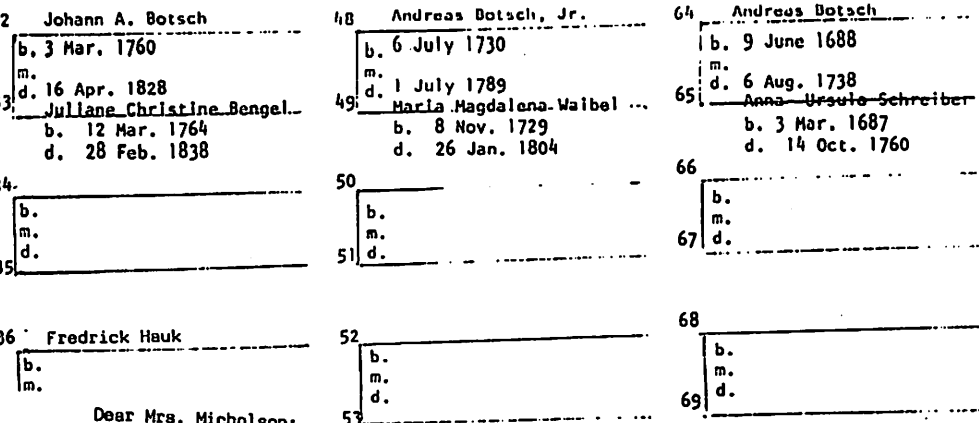
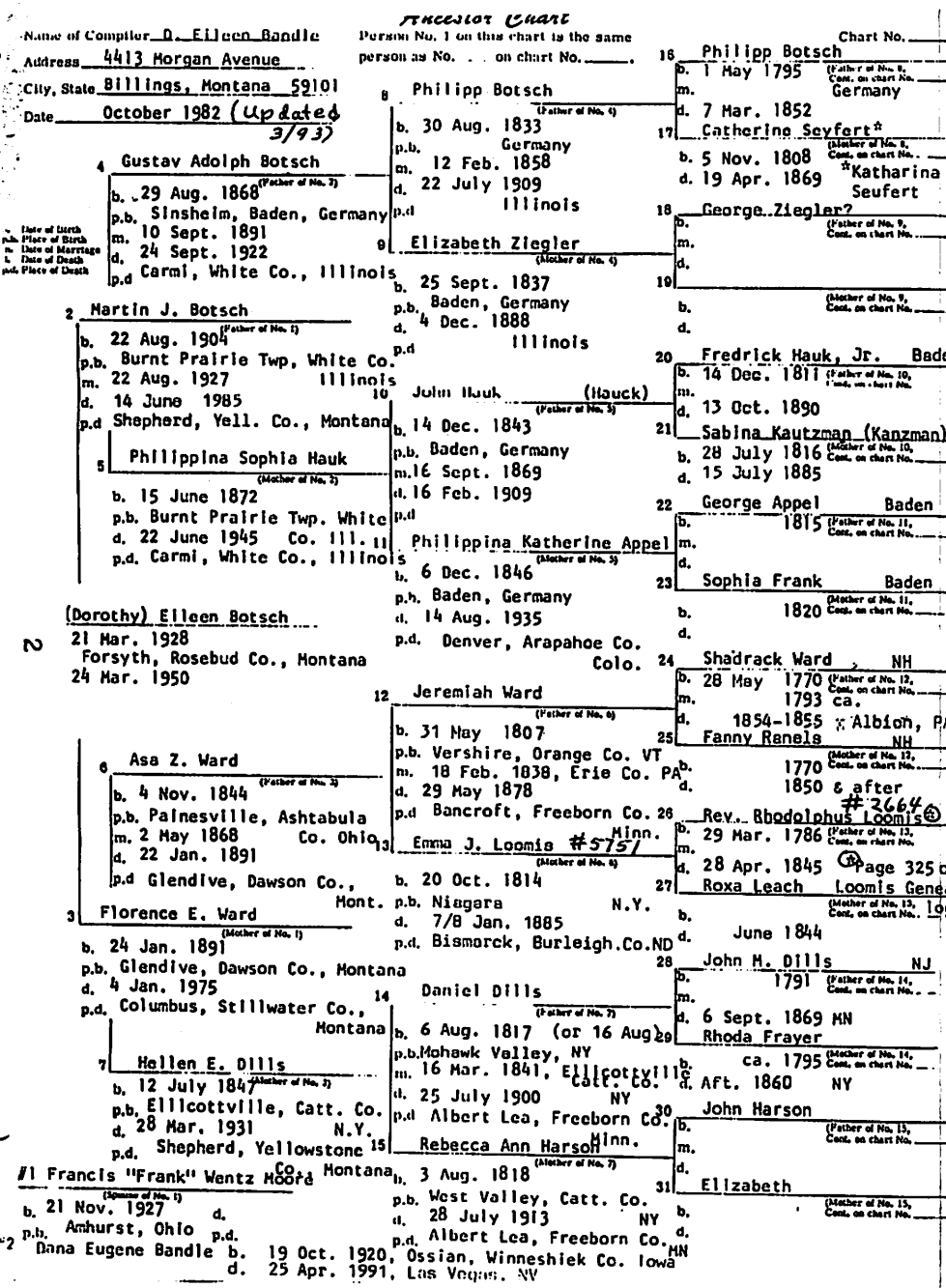
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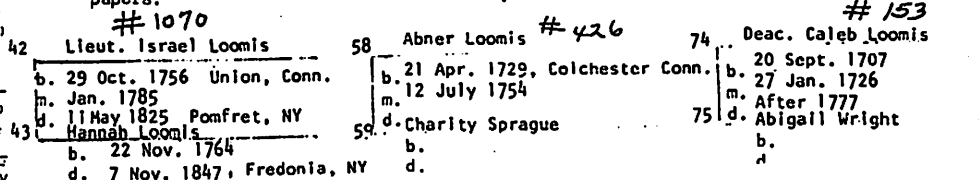
Name of Compiler D. Eileen Bandle Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. on chart No.

Address 4413 Morgan Avenue
 City, State Billings, Montana 59101
 Date October 1982 (Updated 3/93)

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death



There are a number of puzzlers I would like to have answered. Asa Ward's widow (Hellen Dills Ward) died in Shepherd, Montana and was supposedly buried in Glendive beside Asa; however, there is no record she was. The obit from Billings and the one from Glendive both state her body was shipped to Glendive for burial, and my father's diary states the same. Maybe she was buried on the old Ward homestead. Hellen is the owner of the grave plot where Asa is buried. Here is a real puzzle for you. In no doubt 1986 the Wards' baby boy (Carl) died when a hill slid down atop him while the family were fishing the Yellowstone. Dorothy Post of Glendive tried to find a record but said the papers were very fragile and a lot of them were missing in those days. It seems a great tragedy like that would have been in the news. I believe it happened in the spring when the rains caused slides. Also, my mother (Florence) had a sister Elsie Wolfe who died in Meeteetse, Wyoming April 15, 1899 and no records were kept there then. I thought perhaps some mention was made in Glendive papers.



One more puzzle - Asa's brother Henry R. Ward's wife (Frances Manley Ward) died Oct. 18 1885 and there should be either a death certificate or an obit you'd think. Her body was supposedly shipped to Bismarck. She was a sister to Henry and Asa's bothers (Oscar Ward) wife (Florence Manley Ward). Anyway, there was no record in Bismarck either. Asa's mother died that same year either in Glendive or Bismarck the 7th or 8th of Jan. and supposedly buried in Bismarck but there's no record either. Her name was Emma (Loomis) Ward.

I have a lot of pictures of people and places in Glendive that might interest you. One is of the old Glendive bridge, the Griffin feed store, a train, etc. I can make photocopies and see if you want any, then I can send the pictures.

The Ward home at Stipek was probably the home of Asa's son Albert (and Belle) Ward as they lived at Stipek and Intake. My mother Florence was the youngest one and was born after her father Asa had died by two days. You mentioned Florence's mother as Nellie but it was Hellen. I do believe there were other Wards not related living there in the old days. At one time I did look briefly through the cemetery plot book that the caretaker carried around with him in his truck.

Eileen Bandle

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF DAWSON.

To any Person Authorized to Solemnize Marriages, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in lawful wedlock and to celebrate within this County the rites and ceremonies of marriage between Chas. S. Rhodes of Park City, Wash. aged 22 years, 2 months, 1 days, born at Chas. white color, not previously married, of divorced son of Chas. S. Rhodes his mother's maiden name was Louisa Rhodes and Frances Ward of Glendive, Mont. aged 23 years, 1 month, 1 day, born at Glendive, Mont. white color, not previously married, of divorced daughter of Wm. Ward her mother's maiden name was Frances Ward

and this shall be your good and sufficient warrant therefore.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 16th day of March A. D. 1903

Jas. Reimers District Clerk.
By _____ Deputy.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

State of Montana, }
COUNTY OF DAWSON. }

This Certifies, That the undersigned, a Minister of the Gospel did, on the 16th day of March A. D. 1903 at Glendive join in lawful wedlock Chas. S. Rhodes and Frances Ward with their mutual consent and in accordance with the Laws of the State of Montana

Witness: O. H. Siggelkow Chas. S. Rhodes Contracting Parties.
Wm. Henry James Frances Ward
Henry James Officiating.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Territory of Montana, }
COUNTY OF DAWSON. }

These Presents are to authorize any Judge of a Court of Record, any Justice of the Peace within the said County, elected or appointed by the Governor of Montana therefor, any regularly ordained Minister, who is in good standing in the religious denomination to which he belongs, or any Religious Society, according to the usages of said Society, to solemnize, within said County, the marriage of Arnold Griffin a White man aged 31 years, born at Lebanon, Pa. in the County of Luzerne State of Pennsylvania and now residing at Glendive in the County of Dawson and Secretary of Montana and son of Henry Griffin and Ann Arnold with Anna Ward a White woman aged 21 years, born at Albion, Pa. in the County of Washington and State of Pennsylvania and now residing at Glendive in the County of Dawson and Secretary of Montana, and daughter of Asa Ward and Julia Dill White party previously married

said parties being of sufficient age to be capable of contracting marriage, and there being no legal impediment thereto.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Probate Court, this Second day of February A. D. 1903

Jayson Johnson Probate Judge.

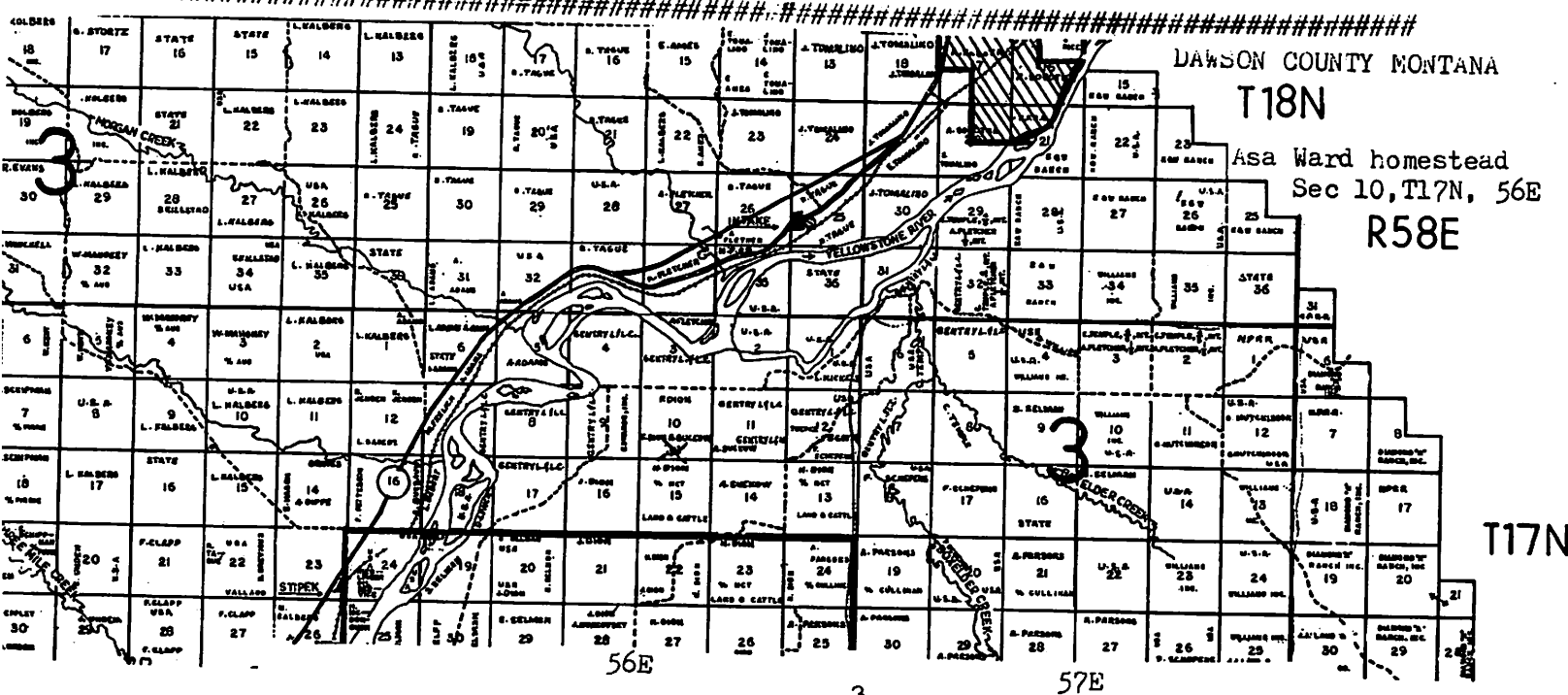
Territory of Montana, }
COUNTY OF DAWSON. }

CERTIFICATE.

I Herely Cert. Y. That I believe that the facts stated in the foregoing License are true, and that, upon due inquiry, there appears to be no legal impediment to the marriage of said Arnold Griffin and Anna Ward that said parties were joined in marriage by me on the fifth day of February A. D. 1903 at Glendive in the said County and State that H. H. Ward a resident of Glendive of the County of Dawson and Asa Ward a resident of Glendive of the County of Dawson and Julia Dill of Montana were present as witnesses of said marriage ceremony, that said Arnold Griffin and Anna Ward solemnly declared, in my presence, and the presence of said named witnesses, that they took each other as husband and wife.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of February A. D. 1903

Witness: Asa Ward Anna Ward H. H. Ward Julia Dill
Ray Johnson Glendive Mont.



Alex Ayotte, the second child of Alexis and Emelie (Lizot) Ayotte, was born 21 Sept 1835, at St. Leon, Maskinonge, Quebec, Canada. This town is on the St. Lawrence River, about 25 miles down river from Three Rivers. Alexis Ayotte was a farmer, but did not appear to own his own farm. It seems that he moved from place to place as he could find work. He was married in St. Leon(1), but in 1833, when his oldest child, Emelie was born, he lived in Upton, which is quite far south from Maskinonge, on the other side of the river. He then moved back to St. Leon, where Alex was born. In 1837 there was probably another daughter, Philomene, born, but a record of her birth has not been found. In 1841, when Claire was born, the family was back in Upton, and they were still there when Marie Rose was born in 1843. Then they moved to Joliette, 25 miles south west of Maskinonge, where their youngest child, Pierre, was born in 1845. Many of Alexis' brothers and sisters lived in Joliette, and one wonders if Alexis and Emelie moved closer to the family because of failing health. Fourteen months after the birth of Pierre, Emelie Ayotte died, at the young age of 35. Less than one month later, her husband died. The cause of their deaths has not been discovered. They left behind six young children. Each of them were taken in by a different member of the family, all who lived in Joliette except Alexis' youngest brother, Pierre Ayotte, who, along with his wife, Marcelina, moved to Rutland Co. Vermont, taking their children and eleven year old Alex with them. By 1850, Pierre (called Peter in Vermont) was working on a farm in Pawlet, Vermont, and Alex was working on another farm in the neighboring town of Wells, at the age of 15.

Eight years later Alex married Caroline Woods(2), the sixteen year old daughter of Samuel and Minerva (Goodspeed) Woods of Wells. In 1860, when their oldest daughter, Jessie, was born, Alex and Caroline were living in Pawlet, possibly in his Uncle Peter's home. In 1855 Peter had moved to Castle Rock, Minnesota, south of the Twin Cities, where he bought his own farm. Now Alex was on his own. At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, he moved his family back to Wells so they could live with Caroline's parents, and he enlisted in the 2nd Regiment of the New York Infantry, going across the state line into Troy, New York, to enlist. During the war, he was on detached duty as a blacksmith in the Quartermaster Department at Fort Monroe, Virginia. In May, 1862, he was discharged on a surgeon's certificate of physical disability. He was suffering from nephritic disease. He went back home to Wells, and in January, 1864, his daughter Effie was born. The following month he left behind his 21 year old wife and two small children, and re-enlisted, this time in the 93rd Regiment at Albany. In May he was wounded at Brandy Station in the Battle of the Wilderness and was sent to Mower General Hospital in Philadelphia. He remained in the hospital until Sept. 25, at which time he returned to his regiment. Five days later, at Poplar Grove, Virginia, he was wounded again, this time being hospitalized at Fairfax Seminary, Virginia. He never returned to his Regiment again. On April 11, 1865, he was permanently discharged. The combination of Tuberculosis and his injuries made him unfit for duty. But General Lee had surrendered on April 10, so the war was over.

A little over a year after returning to Wells, Alex's only son, Leon, was born. By this time Alex supposedly had his own carriage factory, according to family tradition. But no evidence of this has ever been discovered. In the 1870 census Alex is listed as a blacksmith, with \$1,000 worth of property. His wife's parents were living with them at the time. Alex's health was poor, and apparently his wife and eldest daughter both contracted Tuberculosis from him. Caroline died in 1876, and Jessie died in 1879. They are both buried in the Wells Cemetery.

Alex's health did not improve, and soon after the death of his daughter one of his officers in the army, Major Scobey, convinced him that the climate in the west would be much better for his health. Major Scobey was living in north eastern Montana, and offered to

secure a position there for Alex. After much deliberation, Alex decided to make the move. At this time his wife's cousin, Georgiana (Jenny) Brown, had come to Wells from Park Ridge, Illinois, to visit relatives. Jenny's mother, Caroline Goodspeed(3), was the sister of Minerva Goodspeed, Alex's mother-in-law. This was intended to be just a visit of relatives, but after meeting the 45 year old widower with two motherless children, 29 year old Jenny agreed to marry him. She accompanied him on his trip as far as Park Ridge, and then Alex and his children continued the journey to "The West," hoping to establish themselves before Jenny joined them. They settled at Fort Buford, Dakota Territory. Fort Buford was a Military Reservation, 30 miles square. Half of it lay in Montana Territory, and the other half in Dakota Territory. It was located on the left bank of the Missouri River, near the mouth of the Yellowstone. It served more as a glorified sherriff's office, riding herd on renegade Indians. Alex worked as a blacksmith with the Quartermaster Department caring for the Cavalry.

In 1881 Alex resigned his position and returned to Park Ridge, where he married Jenny. Jenny was the daughter of Asahel and Caroline (Goodspeed) Brown. Caroline had come to Maine Township from Tinsmouth, Vermont, with her first husband, Aaron Haskins, and their four children, around 1843. Aaron died three years later, and soon after that Caroline bought a piece of property in Maine Township, which at that time was all farm land. Several years later she married Asa Brown, a farmer. Together they added five more children to the family, Jenny being the oldest. Asa died when Jenny was just 14 years old. Shortly after she turned 21, her mother married for a third time. Caroline was noted for her beauty, which was evidenced by the number of husbands she had. This third husband, Paul Daniels, was twenty years her junior.

Alex took his new bride back to Buford with him, and together they established the Fort Buford Hotel, later known as "Hotel de Ayott". Jenny and Effie ran the hotel, while Alex performed his duties as Deputy United States Marshall, worked as a blacksmith, and operated the cable ferry across the river. Life was much cruder here than it had been in Vermont or Illinois, but this Eastern family brought a touch of class to the west which truly impressed the local people. One of their frequent visitors was William W. Mabee, editor of the Glendive Times. He came on the pretext of surveying the area to write an article for the paper, but he was obviously smitten with the charms of Effie Ayotte, a beautiful 18 year old socialite. Soon they were married at her father's home in Buford.

In 1883 Alex sold his interest in the hotel to his wife and a Mr. Bradin, and then started building a ranch just south of the reservation. When completed, he was said to have the best lot of buildings on the road from Glendive to Buford. He had a large and comfortable two story residence of eight rooms in the lower story, being two log cabins joined by a huge kitchen between them. To complete the ranch there was a stable, a corral, two wells, a blacksmith shop, storeroom, ice house, and a building each for poultry, swine and cattle. Eventually this roadhouse became known as the Half Way House, being a convenient stopping place for travelers on the road from Glendive to Buford. Frequent covered wagon caravans could be seen in the barnyard, each containing a complete family with all their earthly possessions, including their cows and horses. It became a very popular spot, especially because of the dance hall on the second story. Many an early gathering was held there. The area was named Ridgelawn by Jenny Ayotte, because of the ridge it lay on, and the beautiful lawn around the ranch.

In 1883, Jenny's sister, Wilhemina (Brown) Turner(4), came to Montana with her children, Carrie and Oliver Turner(5), from Park Ridge. She

was recently divorced from her husband, and decided to start a new life in the west. She worked as a cook at the roadhouse. Jenny must have enjoyed having someone from home here in this "wild and woolly" country with her.

Alex continued to work as Deputy US Marshall, being known as the "Terror of all evil-doers," and operated his ranch in the lower Yellowstone Valley. Eventually more people settled in the area, and they decided to try forming a voting precinct. The Republicans, headed by Alex Ayotte, set about to establish Ridgelawn as a voting precinct. This turned out to be a bitter battle, as the Democrats insisted that the Republicans were trying to get a straight Republican ticket elected, and accused them of all sorts of tactics. The editor of the Glendive Times, William W. Mabee, Alex Ayotte's son-in-law, was a Republican. The Editor of the Glendive Independent, Joseph, was a Democrat. The accusations and slander flew back and forth for weeks between the two editors, with Mr. Ayotte taking the brunt of criticism from the Independent, and Mabee denying all the charges. Mr. Ayotte was accused of living on the reservation, which would make it illegal to establish it as a precinct. Mr. Mabee pointed out that Mr. Ayotte had his certificate for filing a tree claim, which proved it was not on the reservation. Joseph said the surveyor claimed the ranch was on the reservation. Mr. Mabee said the County Treasurer collects license from Mr. Ayotte, and the military authorities would never allow him to sell liquor, so he couldn't be on the reservation. Joseph accused him of planning to run in woodchoppers to vote. Then Mr. Ayotte made a statement in the paper, denying all the charges, and denouncing Joseph as a liar. And on and on it went. Eventually, a precinct was established, with Alex Ayotte as the delegate.

In February, 1885, Effie (Ayotte) Mabee gave birth to a daughter, who she named Jessie after her deceased sister. William was thrilled with his new daughter, but Effie was not inclined to settle down in one place and be a mother. This same year saw Wilhemina (Brown) Turner married in May to Thomas Chestnut(7), a local rancher, and friend of Alex's. Then in August, Jenny gave birth to her first daughter. Having lost her first child due to the lack of medical care in the area, she went back home to Park Ridge to give birth to Ellen Lida(8). Her daughter was just six months younger than her step-daughter's baby, Jessie. This coincidence would make them more like sisters than niece and aunt as they were growing up.

In November of this same year Alex filed a pre-emption claim for the 160 acres on which he was living and farming, and received a patent for it. His homestead was finally official. His log roadhouse was now known far and wide by hunters, cowboys and newcomers in the area. He provided lodging, meals and whiskey to anyone who came by. Since this was an official stage stop, there was quite a bit of business. Alex continued as deputy Marshall, frequently apprehending criminals and taking them to Miles City by stage coach.

In August, 1886, Caroline Daniels(3), mother of Jenny and Wilhemina (Willie), came to Ridgelawn by train to visit her daughters. The train took her as far as Glendive, and the remaining 52 miles was traveled by stagecoach. She was present for the birth of Wilhemina's daughter, who was named Lida Keates(7), after Wilhemina's youngest sister, Alida, who had married Tom Keates(4) eight years previous. This was the first child for Tom Chestnut, but the third for Willie. This may have been the last time that Jenny and Willie saw their mother, as she died just two years later.

In 1887 Caroline Daniels died in Park Ridge of Typhoid Fever, and a letter of notification was sent to Jenny and Willie, but was not received for many months. The mail was sent to Glendive, and from there was brought down the valley by "way-mail". Anyone coming down the valley would take the mail as far as they were going, and there it would sit until someone else picked it up and carried it farther. The

women folk decided it was high time they had a post office, so they circulated a petition and everyone signed it. However, this totaled only eight signatures, which they did not figure to be enough. But one day a couple wagon loads of men stopped at the road house for a meal, and all thirty men signed the petition. Soon there was a post office in Ridgelawn. Alex and Jenny were the postmaster and postmistress, and had the post office in their home.

Around this time many changes occurred in all the branches of the family. Alex and Jenny's second child, Ethel Viva(8), was born. For this birth Jenny traveled to Lansing, Iowa, where Effie Mabee was residing. Ethel was born in Effie's home. After returning to Ridgelawn with the new baby and two year old Ellen, Alex moved his family to the Poplar Creek area on the edge of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. It is uncertain what prompted him to give up his homestead, unless it was the offer of the position of Indian Agent at Fort Peck, working with Major Scobey. Here his family lived along with the Indians, having an Indian squaw as nurse maid for the children. Leon was a real cowboy by now, and frequently pulled his little sister, Ellen, up on his horse with him, galloping off to the horror of his step mother. It was an exciting life for the little girls.

William Mabee moved to the Buford area, where he was editor of the Little Muddy Optic for a time, and established a drug store. It is not known whether Effie was with him at this time. Within the next two years he moved to Glasgow, Montana Territory, near the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. Mr. Mabee and Leon Ayotte established a drug store in Glasgow called "Ayotte and Mabee Drug." It was a short lived venture. Sometime during this time period, Effie and William(6) were divorced, and William married Harriet Morgan in 1895. Effie left her little daughter, Jessie, in the custody of Alex and Jenny, where she was raised alongside her two aunts, who were more like sisters. Effie went to Chicago, where she eventually married Frank Devine. He was jealous of Effie having a half grown daughter. Life was not happy for Jessie with her mother and new step father, so she spent her days between their home, Alex and Jenny's home, and her father and step mother's home in Montana. While visiting in Montana she met and married Jay Lytle at Glasgow, Montana.

In 1892 Leon left the area, settling at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for a time, eventually marrying Myrtle Back, an old friend from Glendive, Montana. They had two children, Austin and Effie. They later moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, and then to Eugene, Oregon, where Leon died in 1957 at the age of 90. His daughter, Effie, still lives in the area, and there are many descendants in the Oregon and Washington area. His son, Austin, is deceased, but Austin's son, Austin Jr. lives in Austin, Texas, with his family.

Wilhemina and Tom Chestnut(7) stayed in Ridgelawn for a while, operating the post office after Alex left the area. Their family had grown over the years. Twin boys, Lloyd and Floyd, were born, but only Floyd survived. Another son, T.J., also apparently died before they left Ridgelawn in 1895. Tom and Wilhemina and their two children moved to Clancy, Montana, a small town near Helena, in 1895. Here Tom again served as Post Master, as well as engaging in merchandising. He was active in the Republican party, the Masons and the Odd Fellows. Wilhemina's death has not been discovered, but she probably died in Clancy in 1928 after suffering a stroke. Tom then moved to Astoria, Oregon, where he died in 1948.

Wilhemina's daughter by her former marriage, Carrie Turner(5), had married Hjalmer Davidson, a Chicagoan, and they were the only branch of the family to settle in the Ridgelawn area. Their descendants still live in Fairview, Montana, a town which sprang up near the site of Ridgelawn. Carrie Davidson's two sons, Martin and Glen Davidson, were frequent visitors in Park Ridge. Carrie's brother, Oliver Turner(5), stayed in the area until the turn of the century. He was a range rider for the N-Bar-N Ranch, and a scout during the early Indian uprisings.

Family Group Sheet

Husband's Full Name Thomas James CHESTNUT **Chart No.** _____

Birth	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
6 Mar 1855				Royal Oak	Oakland	All	
Chr'd							
Marr.	May 1885			Glendive	Dawson	MT	
Death	14 Feb 1948			Astoria	Clatsop	OR	
Burial	19 Feb 1948			Portland	Multnomah	OR	
Places of Residence	Royal Oak, Mt; Fort Peck, MT; Ridgelaan MT; Clancy, MT; Astoria, OR						
Occupation	Merchant, Post Master						
Church Affiliation							
Military Rec.							
His Father	Benjamin Chestnut			Mother's Maiden Name <u>Mary Ann Martin</u>			

Wife's Full Maiden Name Wilhemina BROWN

Birth	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
June 1861				Park Ridge	Cook	IL	
Chr'd							
Death	ca 1921			Clancy	Jefferson	MT	
Burial							
Places of Residence	Park Ridge, IL; Ridgelaan, MT; Clancy, MT						
Occupation							
Church Affiliation							
Military Rec.							
Her Father	Asabel W. Brown			Mother's Maiden Name <u>Caroline Goodspeed</u>			

Sex	Children's Names in Full (changed in order of birth)	Children's Dates in Full	Children's Sexes	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 Thomas J. Chestnut	ca 1885?					Ridgelaan Dawson		MT	
	Full Name of Spouse									
	Death	ca 1885?					Ridgelaan Dawson		MT	
	Burial						Ridgelaan south of old CCC camp			
F	2 Lida Kates Chestnut	26 Sept 1886					Ridgelaan Dawson		MT	Ruth
	Full Name of Spouse									
	Marr.	1910					Clancy Jefferson		MT	
	Death	25 July 1970					Forest Grove Washington		OR	
	Burial									
M	3 Floyd T. Chestnut	15 Oct 1888					Ridgelaan Dawson		MT	Glenn
	Full Name of Spouse									
	Marr.									Floyd T.
	Death	23 Aug 1982					Longview Cowlitz		WA	Donald
	Burial	26 Aug 1982					Clatskanie Columbia		OR	
A	4 Lloyd J. Chestnut	15 Oct 1888					Ridgelaan Dawson		MT	
	Full Name of Spouse									
	Death	bet 1890-1900					Ridgelaan Dawson		MT	
	Burial									
	Full Name of Spouse									
	Death									
	Burial									
Compiler	Pat Darling									
Address	Box 870670									
City, State, Zip	Wassilla AK 99687									
Date	Feb 1991									
Sources:	"Courage Enough", Glendive Times; "Progressive Men of Montana", History of MT; 1900-1910 cens. Clancy, MT; Obituary of T. Chestnut, Floyd Chestnut & Edna Chestnut; Mortuary Record of T.J. Chestnut									

Family Group Sheet

Husband's Full Name Alexander C. AYOTTE **Chart No.** _____

Birth	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
27 Sept 1835				St. Leon, Maskinonge	Quebec	Canada	
Chr'd							
Marr.	9 Nov 1860			Park Ridge	Cook	IL	
Death	30 Oct 1892			Park Ridge	Cook	IL	
Burial	1 Nov			Park Ridge	Cook	IL	
Places of Residence	Quebec; Wells, VT; Fort Buford, MT; Ridgelaan, MT; Fort Peck, MT; Park Ridge, IL						
Occupation	Blacksmith; Rancher						
Church Affiliation	Congregational						
Military Rec.	2nd Reg. NY Inf., Civil War						
His Father	Alexis Ayotte			Mother's Maiden Name <u>Emilie Lisot</u>			

Wife's Full Maiden Name Georgiana A. BROWN

Birth	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
23 Feb 1850				Park Ridge	Cook	IL	
Chr'd							
Death	14 Jan 1939			Park Ridge	Cook	IL	
Burial	17 Jan 1939			Park Ridge	Cook	IL	
Places of Residence	Park Ridge, IL; Ridgelaan, MT; Fort Peck, MT						
Occupation							
Church Affiliation	Episcopal						
Military Rec.							
Her Father	Asabel W. Brown			Mother's Maiden Name <u>Caroline Goodspeed</u>			

Sex	Children's Names in Full (changed in order of birth)	Children's Dates in Full	Children's Sexes	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
F	1 Ellen Lida AYOTTE	16 Aug 1885					Park Ridge Cook		IL	Willard A. t
	Full Name of Spouse									
	Marr.	24 June 1899					Park Ridge Cook		IL	Robert C. Brown
	Death	14 Mar 1917								Robert C. Brown
	Burial	13 Aug 1920					Sarasota		FL	Jack, Jill t
F	2 Ethel Viva AYOTTE	3 Sept 1888					Lansing Allamakee		IA	James Bolton
	Full Name of Spouse									
	Marr.	17 Nov 1911					Park Ridge Cook		IL	Ellen A. t
	Death	27 Jan 1978								Kathleen
	Burial									CA
Compiler	Pat Darling									
Address	Box 870670									
City, State, Zip	Wassilla AK 99687									
Date	Feb 1991									
Sources:	Source: Baptism Record, School, Maskinonge; Marr. Certificate; Ayotte Fam. Bible; Death Certificate; Alex and Georgiana; Obituaries Alex and Georgiana; 1850, 60, 70 Census Park Ridge, IL; 1850, 60, 70 Census Wells, VT; 1850 Census Buford, MT; 1890 Census Glasgow, MT; 1900, 1910 Census Park Ridge, IL									

ALEXANDER AYOTTE cont'd

He eventually moved west, settling in Inglewood, California, where he died in 1953.

Alex worked as an Indian Agent at the Poplar Creek Indian Agency for several years. Then his health worsened, and in August, 1891, it became necessary to go back to Park Ridge for medical help. Jenny had bought a piece of property in the center of Park Ridge in 1889, and the Ayotte's moved into the house upon their return from Montana. The house, built in the early 1840's by Mancel Talcott, was the second house built in Park Ridge, and Jenny had been interested in buying the property for years. It stood where the Citizens State Bank now stands.

They were living in this house when Alex died at Presbyterian Hospital on October 30, 1892. He was buried at Park Ridge Cemetery. His obituary states simply: "AYOTTE: At Presbyterian Hospital, Oct. 30, A.P. Ayotte. Funeral at Park Ridge Congregational Church, Nov. 1 at 2p.m."

Thus ended the life of a hardy pioneer, a life that spanned a little over a half century, and had many interesting experiences. He experienced the hardships of the itinerant farmer's life in Canada; the tragedy of being orphaned at a young age; the excitement of emigrating to another country and working hard as he came of age in Vermont; the satisfaction of marrying and raising a family and fighting for his country; and the pain of injury and illness; the grief of losing his wife and daughter; the challenge of starting over at age 45 with a new wife in an unsettled part of the country. He met his challenges well.

Dear Sylvia:

Enclosed is the Family Group Sheet for Robert Lee Lowrey's parents and his father's obituary. His brother, Henry Jackson (#4) was my grandfather. Also enclosed if my check for \$5 for THE LAST LEAF.

Robert Henry Lowrey was the oldest of 15 children all born in Webster County, GA. He and 3 of his brothers were in the Confederate Army, all four surviving. In 1868 & 1869, the whole family, including his father and mother, migrated to Texas. Robert Henry was a rancher and owned 6 sections in Lubock County at his death. Most of this generation were ranchers or farmers.

Robert Lee's brothers left active ranching for "city" jobs but kept their land for rental property. John David (3) was District Court Clerk in Sutton County for over 30 years. My grandfather was a pharmacist.

My aunt, Irene Lowrey Kershner, visited Uncle Bob and Aunt Lizzy in Montana and I believe it was she who told me about Aunt Lizzy's diary.

The obituaries for Bob and Lizzy, in 1954, only the son, Alcimus, is named -- no grandchildren. He was living in Great Falls at that time. If the diary has been preserved, that might be where it is. I would very much like to locate that diary.

Thank you for the Grace Gilmore story of Uncle Robert. Those stories certainly give a "flavor" of those early days.

I look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely,

Sam Lowrey Harris

Jun 1993

FAMILY GROUP SHEET

Prepared by:
Lyn L. Honig
3612 Sherwood Place
Lynchburg, VA 24503

Phone: (804) 384-7628

Husband: Robert Henry Lowrey

Born: 9 Jan 1842	Place: Stewart Co. GA	Event 3: 1869 TX COUNTY- Live Oak
Married: 9 Jan 1866	Place: Preston, Webster Co, GA	Event 4: 1882 " " - McCulloch
Died: 22 May 1922	Place: Lubbock, TX	Event 5: 1907 " " - Lubbock
Event 1: 17 Aug 1861	Place: Civil War Co. A, 17th GA Bennings Brigade	Event 6:
Event 2: Dec 1868	Place: Train to Columbus, TX	
Father: Andrew Pryor Lowrey		
Mother: Margaret C. Beaty		
Other Wives:		

Wife: Sarah "Elizabeth" Harrell

Born: 12 Jan 1844	Place: GA	Event 3:
Died: 18 Feb 1914	Place: Lubbock, TX	Event 4:
Event 1:	Place:	Event 5:
Event 2:	Place:	
Father: ? Harrell		
Mother:		
Other Husbands:		

Sex Children List each child (living or dead)
M/F in order of birth

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Name: Margaret Lowrey | Spouse: | |
| — Born: ABOUT 1867 | Place: GA | Event 3: |
| F Married: | Place: | Event 4: |
| Died: ABOUT 1870 | Place: TX | Event 5: |
| 2. Name: Robert Lee Lowrey | Spouse: Elizabeth "Lizzy" Mitchell | |
| — Born: 29 May 1868 | Place: Preston, GA | Event 3: 1893 RANCH - X.I.T. |
| M Married: 15 Sep 1903 | Place: Cayuga, Ontario, Canada | Event 4: 1901 <i>Circle</i> RANCH - Cross S |
| Died: 1 Mar 1954 | Place: Glendive, MT | Event 5: 1906 SON Alcious S |
| 3. Name: John David Lowrey | Spouse: Martha "Ellen" Awalt | |
| — Born: 22 Jul 1869 | Place: Colorado Co. TX | Event 3: 1898 SON Grady |
| M Married: 6 Jan 1897 | Place: Mason Co. TX | Event 4: 1899 DAUGHTER Marie |
| Died: 22 Mar 1962 | Place: Senora, TX | Event 5: 1904 DAUGHTER Guila |
| 4. Name: Henry Jackson Lowrey | Spouse: Viola Jane Baze | |
| — Born: 30 Mar 1871 | Place: Columbus, TX | Event 3: |
| M Married: 7 Jul 1897 | Place: Brady, TX | Event 4: |
| Died: Feb 1961 | Place: Menard, TX buried Lubbock, TX | Event 5: |
| 5. Name: Mary Lowrey | Spouse: Dr. Roy Wood | |
| — Born: ABOUT 1872 | Place: Colorado Co., TX | Event 3: |
| F Married: | Place: | Event 4: |
| Died: ABOUT 1891 | Place: | Event 5: |
| 6. Name: William Edward Lowrey | Spouse: Mattie Fleming | |
| — Born: 9 Sep 1874 | Place: Colorado Co., TX | Event 3: |
| M Married: | Place: Camp San Saba, TX | Event 4: |
| Died: BEFORE 1961 | Place: Camp San Saba, TX | Event 5: |
| 7. Name: | Spouse: | |
| — Born: | Place: | Event 3: |
| Married: | Place: | Event 4: |
| Died: | Place: | Event 5: |

SCHOOL CENSUS 1909

DAWSON COUNTY, MONTANA DISTRICT No. 14

Reporter J. Arthur Scott

BERRY, Guy & Emma Clinton, 11, Aug 5, 1898 M Owen B., 9, Mar 2, 1898M Dale, 5, Sep 7, 1904 M Beatrice 2, Oct 16, 1907 F	P. O. Java Post office, Java, Mt Java	HYENGA, D. Johnson & Gustiana Hagen, 19, Dec 2, 1890 M Katie, 17, May 5, 1892 F	Java
BERRY, James A. & Mahala Graydon F., 6, Sep 8, 1903 M Talbert A. 1, Dec 29, 1907 M	"	JACKAON, Fleetwood B. & Roseline Charley O., 1, July 6, 1908 M	"
BELL, Alphonse & Pearl Henry W. 7, July 18, 1902 M Eleanor E, 6, Sept 16, 1903 F	"	JEVNAGER, Anton & Ada Roy G., 11, June 14, 1898 M Dorothy W., 4, Mar 9, 1905 F	"
BEAUDIN, Desang Clara, 20, pr 26, 1889 F	"	JOHNSON, Ralph & Mrs. Randy, 2, July 15, 1907 M	"
BEVARD, Peter & Delenar Oscar A. 17, July 17, 1892 M Claire B, 11, Mar 5, 1898 F Edward F., 6, Sep 16, 1903 M	"	JOHNSON, William E.. & Annie S. Earl J., 3, Apr 2, 1906 M Adeline w. 1, Nov 12, 1907 F	"
CARLSON, Amanda Olsen Iver O. 12, Nov 11, 1894 M	"	LABONTE, Charley H. & Agnes M. Alvina, 3, Mar 8, 1906 F Iola, 10mo., Nov 23, 1908 F	"
COSTELLO, Anna James, 7, Feb 21, 1902 M Myrtle ., 10, Sep 15, 1899 F Robert B., 15, Aug 15, 1894 M George W. 17, Oct 30, 1891 M	"	LICHTNER, Blanche Delos F. 1, Mar 28, 1908 M	"
DAHL, Nickoli & Anna Nellie, 12, July 4, 1897 F	"	MICHAELSON Gertie Thorval C. 9, Apr 15, 1900 M Melvin, 11, July 22, 1898 M Margaret M. 13, Nov 26, 1896 F Josephine O., 14, Apr 26, 1895 F Gertie I., 1, Aug 13, 1908 F Otto A., 4, July 5, 1905 M	"
ERICKSON, Gust A. & Gena A. Gladys R., 9, Oct 12, 1900 F	"	MATHES. Charley & Malissy E. Silas 19, June 6, 1890 M May, 17, Oct 14, 1892 F Edna, 16, Aug 8, 1893 F Ada, 16, 14, Jan 1, 1895 F Velma, 21, Feb 3, 1897 F	"
ERICKSON, Andrew & deceased Alma C., 5, Oct 18, 1904	"	McGRATH, John & rhebe Hannah, 14, Mar 11, 1895 F Thomas, 20, Dec 26, 1889 M	"
GAUMT. John A. & Leota E. Ray F., 20, Dec 30, 1889 M Wanda, 16, Sep 16, 1892 F	"	Mortenson H. & Emma J. Eddie M., 12, Feb 10, 1897 M	"
GOLPHENEE, Jesse & Pearl Gertie F., 1, Mar 2 1908 F	"	REEVES Blanche Lightner George W., 6, Sep 3, 1903 M	"
HAUGEN, John & Charlot Dagmar C. 10, June 1, 1899 M Selmer E., 7, Sep 2, 1902 M Christian A., 5, Aug 25, 1904 M Jennie C., 3, May 28, 1906 F Easter C., 4mo., May 7, 1909	"	RIDDLE, Nean & May Imogene, 15, Sep 25, 1894 F Jessie, 18, Feb 25, 1891 M C. Oscar, 20, Mar 10, 1889 M	"
HOWARD, Simon & Nora Della, 18, Oct 4, 1891 F Hobart, 13, Aug 7, 1896 M Gladys, 10, Mar 28, 1899 F John, 6, Oct 17, 1903 M Ray, 4, Aug 30 1905 M	"	ROSS, William & Stella Lavada S., 6, Apr 1, 1903 F Estlè, 4, Apr 6, 1905 M Fay E., July 30, 1908 F	"

SCHOOL CENSUS, DISTRICT 14
DAWSON COUNTY MONTANA 1909

Reporter J. Arthur Scott Java, MT
RUSH, Harley & May "
Thelma, 13, Mar 3, 1896 F
Wilma, 11, Jan 23, 1898 F
Max, 7, Feb 1, 1902 M
Olive, 3mo., July, 1909

SALSBURY, Johnson & Margaret "
Earl E., 20, Aug 18, 1889 M
Sam S. 18, June 2, 1890 M
Vivian, 8, Nov 20, 1901 F
Jane, 19, June 2, 1890 F

STORVIK, Anton J. & Matelda "
Carl J., 6, Mar 15, 1903 M
Ida, 5, Jan 1904 F
Marie, 3, Sept 1906 F
Jennie, 2, Oct 1907 F
Edwin, 3mo., July 1909 M

UNFRED, James J. & Louise "
John R., 9, Oct 7, 1900 M
Virginia C., Jun 29, 1902 F
Violet D., 5, Aug 9, 1904 F
Secciel M., 2, Sept 18, 1907 M

YADON, Thomas & Sarah "
Bessie M. Mar 30, 1893 F
Ora, 9, July 26, 1900 M
James S., 12, Dec 17, 1897 M

YADON, Elmer S. & Lem S. "
James O., 4, Aug 2, 1909 M
William L., 2, Apr 5, 1907 M
Elvin E. 1, Apr 6, 1908 M
Daughter, lmo., Aug 24, 1907 F

Our Readers Write
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Mark Doebereiner

2140 Swan Blvd.
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226
27 June 1993

I am interested in finding out information on the Nicholas and Kathryn Hill family that
farmed in Dawson county. The last information I have on the family is from the 1920 census.

At that time the family was as follows:

Father: Nicholas Hill age 68 born Trier, Germany

Mother: Kathryn Hill age 61 born in Wisconsin

Son: William Hill age 28 born in Minnesota

Son: Paul Hill age 28 born in Minnesota

Son: Christ Hill age 23 born in Minnesota

I do not know if there were more children. The family was Catholic. Is there anyone from your
society that could research this family for me, such as checking Dawson County History books
or cemetery records? I am primarily interested in the mother, Kathryn since she was my great-
great grandmother's sister. I believe she died before 1936. I would be very interested in an
obituary of hers. Please let me know your research fees. Thank you.
Sincerely,

Mark Doebereiner

SCHOOL CENSUS, DISTRICT 15, POPLAR
DAWSON COUNTY, MONTANA, 1909

Reporter: Thomas E. Bawden Poplar
BAWDEN, Bert & Emma "
Victor, 6, Jan 6, 1903 M

BAWDEN, John H. Nickwall
John H., 17, Jun 16, 1892 M
William H., 15, Oct 27, 1893 M
Irvin H., 8, May 31, 1901 M
James M., 1, Nov 18, 1907 M

BAWDEN, Thomas E. & Jennie Poplar
Thomas E., 12, Dec 14, 1896 M
John D., 11, Feb 14, 1898 M

BAWDEN, William & Laura Poplar
William R., 14, May 27, 1895 M
Lillian I., 11, Apr 20, 1899 F
James E., 3, Sept 20, 1906 M

HURT, Florence B. Poplar
Clarence R., 10, Oct 9, 1899 M
Eddie 15, Oct 1, 1899

HARKNESS, John B. & Viola Nickwall
Ellen M., 6, Apr 28, 1903
Iva D., 1, Nov 22 1908 F

KALBOW, Charles F. & Orphy D. Poplar
Charles N., 15, Dec 29, 1894 M
Frederick J., 10, Oct 20, 1899 M
Edward J., 9, Jan 12, 1900 M
Lizzie M., 5, Aug 27, 1904 F
Lucy S., 2, Apr 11, 1907 F

MARTIN, Elmer W. & Hatty E. Nickwall
Doyle D., 12, Jan 24, 1898 M
Madge A., 8, July 19, 1901 F
Gladys W., 3, July 18, 1906 F

RAMLEY, William F. & Della R. Nickwall
William K. Aug 12, 1909 M

THOMAS, Ross C. & Olive Nickeall
Marjorie N. Mar 26, 1909 F

STEELE, Frank & Lotty E. Nickwall
Elston, 18, June 22, 1891 M
Louie, 16, Mar 31, 1893 M
Florence 14, Oct 14, 1895 F
Zell, 10, Oct 20, 1899 F

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If children don't listen, or if
they don't want to hear, then something
is lost; but somewhere it lingers on;
somewhere there has been a record left.
There are some things that cannot
be lost as long as one man or woman
exists and that's the memories of
earlier times

--Louis L'Armour

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- MONTANA -

Submitted by Mrs. Juanita Heller
Winifred, Montana
(Continued from Vol 4 #4)

Although the first homesteads were filed in 1882, there was not much activity in this field until about 1910. The greatest influx of settlers was from this time until 1920. It may seem strange to some who live where the country has been settled for a great number of years, but some of these early settlers are still living here and are my friends and neighbors. There were many who came expecting to make a living on 160 acres and that, for the most part, cannot be done in Montana. Some of these people did prove up on their homesteads and later sold them to their neighbors. Some just went back home, leaving their land to be sold for taxes. As late as 1917 there were families on nearly every site available for homestead. We will deal with those in Fergus County first, since that is the area in which I live and can research most easily. At the time that my grandfather came to Woodhawk Valley, in the northeastern section of the county, they had neighbors on every side -- twenty nine families. This was in 1916. By the time I was born in 1925 there were five families living there. Now the whole valley is owned by two people and neither of them live there. Woodhawk Valley was named this because when the steamboats came down the Missouri River and were in need of fuel (which was wood), enterprising settlers chopped and piled great stacks of pine and cottonwood for their boilers, thus giving the valley its name. We have a small acreage on the Missouri River just below this place, and there, carved on a sandstone cliff is the name L. HUMPHRIES, 1866. I have never been able to trace this name, but it certainly intrigues me.

Following are the names of the people who took up homesteads in Woodhawk Valley. The asterisk indicates the forty who proved up and obtained a patent.

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| * ALLISON, Arthur | * LITTLE, Helen J. |
| * ALLISON, Glenn | * LITTLE, John W. |
| * BELISLE, Henry O. | * MATEJECK, Frank |
| * BENJAMIN, Ernest H. | * MIDDLETON, George |
| * BERTELSON, Alford H. | MILO, Hardy |
| * BIEBEL, Theresa | * MOSELY, John |
| * BOTAFOND, Archibald | * MOSELY, Laurence |
| * BROWN, Eugene L. | PECK, Maud |
| * BROWN, James F. | * PLUMB, Robert |
| * COOK, Edward | SAMUELS, Arthur G. |
| DUKE, Robert R. | * SETH, Myrtle M. |
| * FLAHERTY, John | * SMITH, Arthur |
| * FORD, Oliver E. | * SMITH, Ethel M. |
| * GRIFFITH, Fred M. | * SMITH, William Louis |
| * HARNER, Sarah | * SPERRY, Elvin T. |
| * HART, Jerry K. | SPERRY, Harrison M. |
| HELDT, Walter | * THOMPSON, Swen |
| JOHNSON, Paul H. | * TURNER, Herbert |
| KENNEY, Patrick Leo | * WARNER, Sarah I. |
| * KIRKENDALL, Clyde C. | * WELLES, Hallie |

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- MONTANA HOMESTEADERS -

Submitted by:
Mrs. Juanita Heller,
Winifred, Montana
(Continued from Vol 5 #1)

Names of those who patented their claims marked:
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McDONALD, Harry J.
DAY, Frank L.
JOHNSON, L. B.
LANE, Goerge G.
LANGFORD, Cecil
SHARF, Hattie M.
LEMAY, Adelarde A.
GIBBONS, James
MINER, Jordan J.
PRANERMAN, Joe H.
ALLEN, Robert
CAMPBELL, William C.
BULLINGTON, William L.
KING, Thomas
MONROE, Mildred
KENNEDY, Minnie L.
MONROE, Roland J.
FINNIGAN, Amma
MILSAP, Thomas R.
MILSAP, John
DUFFY, Peter
FULLER, Isaac S.
LAIRD, Jetty H.
PRICE, John W.
STULC, Frank W.
STULC, Vincent
MYERS, Albert
CHRISTENSON, John M.
BRICE, Minnie
SZARZEC, Paul
WHITE, Orville B.
SUMMERS, Squire T.
MacKORMACK, Archibald
GIBBONS, Dominic
GIBBONS, Margaret
ELLIS, Laurence G.
MASON, Michael M.
GREEN, James
JENKINS, James H.
DOWNS, Elizabeth
CRANSTON, Emma O.
THORNTON, Charles S.
YEWELL, Robert
MINTYALA, Hubert
ORSBORN, Harry K.
TROTTER, Elliot
TROTTER, James H.

STEVENS, Charles A.
KNUDSON, Carl E.
DOYLE, S. J.
SHARF, Hattie L.
SHARF, George
SUMNER(?), Alphonse
TROTTER, James H.

R. 18

GALLERWOOD, Ernest
SMITH, Emma
MITCHELL, Roy
BROWER, Wilder P.
OSBORNE, David E.
TAYLER, Judson
LAIRD, Jettie H.
ANDERSON, Nels
KINDER, Roy W.
MANN, Ray
BAKER, Chauncey
NOEL, Harry F.
SCHULTZ, Paul
MULLER, Hazel E.

R. 18 cont'd

BART, Carl F.
 CRAWFORD, Ira S.
 SCHULTZ, Paul
 WADE, Leigh
 TOBIN, Mary L.
 TOBIN, Owen
 HALL, R. A.
 INGABERG, J. E.
 PACKARD, Allen R.
 HAMILTON, G. R.
 ROBINSON, Barry C.
 HARDIN, Harry A.
 NORHIEM, Swen
 BLADE(BLAKE?), William A.
 ROBINSON, John M.
 ROBINSON, Jennette
 ROBINSON, Perin M.
 CHIDDISTER, William H.
 CHORCHRANE, Olve E.
 STONE, Charles G.
 ADAMS, Levi A.
 ADAMS, Finnis
 LEACH, Lloyd C.
 MARV, Charlie H.
 CROW, Kitty
 SITZ, Otto
 NUGGET, Cordeiro
 THOMPSON, Jessie I.

R. 19

LARSEN, Oscar F.
 MOEN, Simon
 INESDAL, Bertha
 HARRIS, Harriet S.
 REEVES, Allen G.
 BROWN, Joseph F.
 MEES, George W.
 OLSON, Edward I.
 MOEN, Henry
 MEES, Thoedore
 MEES, John
 OLSON, Sam
 MOEN, Gere H.
 MOEN, John B.
 NIGREN, Arthur W.
 THESDAL, Sarah
 ANDERSON, Samuel B.
 NOEL, Harry
 FINE(?), Horace H.
 COVINGTON, Mary
 WOODY, Paul O.
 BOYD, Clem
 CHRISTIAN, Wallace
 FISKE, Nesl O.
 HAGEN, Gilbert
 SAMUELS, George W.
 NORRIS, Edward C.
 SCHIEFFLER, William

WOODY, Elia
 GARR, Parris
 HUNT, Laura M.
 MCGARVEY, Arthur
 DAVIS, William R.
 MAULAND, Swen
 KJORLIEN, Thomas
 KJORLIEN, Bertha
 RISER, Thomas
 HEGGEN, Rasmus
 PARKS, Lula
 MAYBEE, Fred
 NICKROY, Jake E.
 BASS, Shelby L.
 FREEMAN, Elmore R.
 SHERRARD, Wayne F.
 SHERRARD, Wilbur
 LINTEN, S. C.
 TRIPKE, George
 CARSON, Mary
 ZEINSKY, Joe
 REPPE, Bernard S.
 BETHKE, Otto
 HARRIE, Archie W.
 PALCHESKY, Chris
 HOLMES, Rita M.
 SVOVERLAND, Charle
 SVOVERLAND, Doris
 LECHNER, Claude
 BROWN, Charles H.

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Have you thought to check the following sources when ancestor hunting?

Every state at one time had a law pertaining to Dower rights.

Pension files (over 25 million veterans today):

- Affidavits & Attestations
- Depositions
- Letters
- Claims
- Miscellaneous

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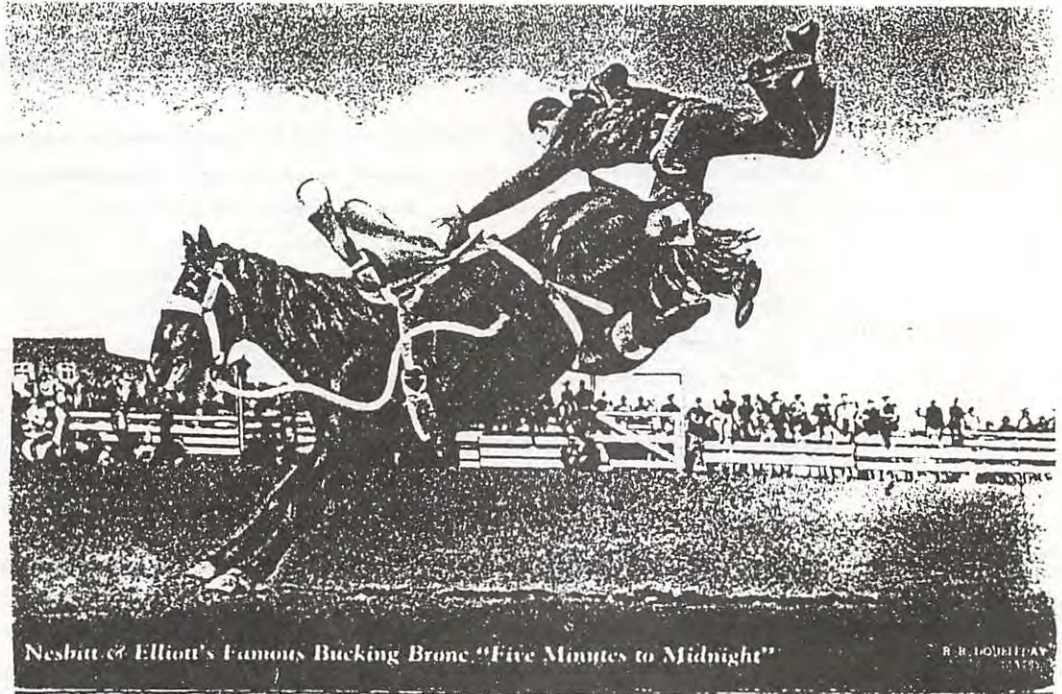
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I was hangin' 'round town just
 spending my time,
 Out of a job, not makin' a dime,
 When a stranger steps up, says he,
 "I suppose That you're a bronc
 fighter by the looks of your
 clothes."
 "Well, you guesses me
 right, I'm a good one," I
 claim....
 He offers me ten. Says I,
 "I'm your man,
 For the bronc never lived or ever drew breath
 That I couldn't ride till he starved plumb to earth"....
 He was the worst bronco I've seen on the range,
 He could turn on a nickel and leave you some change.
 While he was buckin' he squalled like a shoat,
 I tell you that outlaw, he sure got my goat....
 With a phenomenal jump he made a high dive
 And set me a-winding up there through the sky
 I turned forty flips and came down to the earth
 And sat there a-cussing the day of his birth.
 I know there's some ponies that I cannot ride,
 Some of them living, they haven't all died--
 But I bet all my money there's no man alive
 That can ride Old Strawberry when he makes that high dive.

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Donald Nesbitt
 ALL AROUND WORLD CHAMPION
 COWBOY

His riding gear has a
 booth in the COWBOY HALL
 OF FAME, in Oklahoma City.
 His ancestry:
 William Nesbitt & Lucy Howell
 James Howell & Eleanor Smith
 George Howell & Joanna Sherman
 Ucal Howell & Elsebeth Skinner
 (see Vol. III, no. 2)



Nesbitt & Elliott's Famous Bucking Bronc "Five Minutes to Midnight"

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Territory of Montana, } ss. COUNTY OF DAWSON.

DISTRICT COURT, Seventh Judicial District, Dawson County.

These Presents Are to authorize any Judge of a Court of Record, any Justice of the Peace within the said County, elected or appointed by the Governor of Montana therefor; any regularly ordained Minister, who is in good standing in the religious denomination to which he belongs, or any Religious Society, according to the usages of such Society, to solemnize, within said County, the marriage of

Christ B. Marum a white man aged 40 years, born at Norway in the Kingdom of Norway and now residing at Stevedon Twp in the County of Dawson State of Montana and son of Krist B. Marum and Katern Kalamik with Jessie Davidson a white woman aged 30 years, born at Scotland in the County of Stevedon Twp and now residing at Stevedon Twp in the County of Dawson and STATE of Montana, and daughter of Alexander Davidson and Katherine Chisholm

Neither party previously married - said parties being of sufficient age to be capable of contracting marriage, and there being no legal impediment thereto.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the District Court, this 3d day of April A. D. 1895. Chas. A. Bean Clerk Probate Judge.

STATE:

Territory of Montana, } ss. COUNTY OF DAWSON.

CERTIFICATE.

I Hereby Certify, That I believe that the facts stated in the foregoing License are true, and that, upon due inquiry, there appears to be no legal impediment to the marriage of said Christ B. Marum and Jessie Davidson that said parties were joined in marriage by me on the 3rd day of April A. D. 1895 at Stevedon in the said County and State; that John Martin a resident of Stevedon Twp of the County of Dawson State of Mont and Bella Martin a resident of Stevedon Twp of the County of Dawson and State of Mont were present as witnesses of said marriage ceremony; that said Christ B. Marum and Jessie Davidson solemnly declared, in my presence, and the presence of said named witnesses, that they took each other as husband and wife.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of April A. D. 1895

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

John Martin } L. H. Mickel } Witnesses. Minister of the Gospel Bella Martin }

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE Territory of Montana, } ss. COUNTY OF DAWSON.

DISTRICT COURT, Seventh Judicial District, Dawson County.

These Presents Are to authorize any Judge of a Court of Record, any Justice of the Peace within the said County, elected or appointed by the Governor of Montana therefor; any regularly ordained Minister, who is in good standing in the religious denomination to which he belongs, or any Religious Society, according to the usages of said Society to solemnize, within said County, the marriage of

23 years, born at Albert Ward in the County of Park and now residing at Blundie in the County of Dawson and son of Asa Ward and Helen Dills with Helena Brown a white woman aged 18 years, born at Promerch in the County of Park and now residing at Blundie in the County of Dawson and daughter of Nathaniel R. Brown and Mary Dixon

Neither of above Contracting parties previously married said parties being of sufficient age to be capable of contracting marriage, and there being no legal impediment thereto.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the District Court, this 10th day of November A. D. 1896. C. S. Pearson Clerk Probate Judge.

STATE Territory of Montana, } ss. COUNTY OF DAWSON.

CERTIFICATE.

I Hereby Certify, That I believe that the facts stated in the foregoing License are true, and that upon due inquiry, there appears to be no legal impediment to the marriage of said Albert Ward and Helena Brown that said parties were joined in marriage by me on the 10th day of November A. D. 1896 at Blundie in the said County and State of Montana; that Helen Almy a resident of Blundie of the County of Dawson and State of Montana and Elmer H. Mickel a resident of Blundie of the County of Dawson and State of Montana were present as witnesses of said marriage ceremony; that said Albert Ward and Helena Brown solemnly declared, in my presence, and the presence of said named witnesses, that they took each other as husband and wife.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of November A. D. 1896.

IN THE PRESENCE OF: Elmer H. Mickel and Florence H. Mickel Witnesses. Minister of the Gospel.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-81

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HUSBAND Peter Paul RUSSELL-268 Yr of Birth 1837
 WIFE Catherine BARNES-272 Yr of Birth 1844

HUSBAND Alexander (Alec) David David RUSSELL-273 Yr of Birth 1864
 WIFE Mary Theresa LADURON/LADREAU-593 Yr of Birth 1865

CHILDREN

CHILDREN (continued)

1. NAME: Alexander (Alec) David David RUSSELL-273
 ---- BORN: 18 Jun 1864 PLACE:
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 23 Apr 1913 PLACE:
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Mary Theresa LADURON/LADREAU-593
 MARR: 27 Jan 1890 PLACE:

5. NAME: Peter John RUSSELL-598
 ---- BORN: 1897 PLACE:
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: PLACE: Milwaukee
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: PLACE:
 MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME: Peter Charles RUSSELL-274
 ---- BORN: 18 Sep 1865 PLACE:
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 12 Feb 1869 PLACE: Oconto,Oconto,Wisconsin
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: PLACE:
 MARR: PLACE:

6. NAME: Gerard Jack RUSSELL-599
 ---- BORN: 15 Apr 1900 PLACE: Oconto,Oconto,WI
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 1918 PLACE: France
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: PLACE:
 MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME: ANN Ellen RUSSELL-360
 ---- BORN: 13 Apr 1867 PLACE: Oconto,Oconto,WI
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 2 Oct 1927 PLACE: Milwaukee,Milwaukee,WI
 BUR.: PLACE: Milwaukee,,WI
 SPOUSE: Francis (Frank) Patrick WREN-359
 MARR: 19 Jun 1887 PLACE: Oconto,Oconto,WI

7. NAME: Matilda Catherine RUSSELL-600
 ---- BORN: 1902 PLACE: Oconto
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: PLACE:
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Neil O'SHEA-671
 MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME: Margaret Edna RUSSELL-275
 ---- BORN: 4 Sep 1869 PLACE: Oconto,Oconto,WI
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 19 Jan 1946 PLACE: Sheboygan,,WI
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Franz Joseph BERGMAN-702
 MARR: 28 Nov 1894 PLACE: Green Bay,Brown,WI

8. NAME: Edna Minerva RUSSELL-601
 ---- BORN: 5 Feb 1906 PLACE: Oconto,Oconto,WI
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: PLACE:
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Elroy BACKUS-650
 MARR: 4 Nov 1925 PLACE:

5. NAME: Gertrude Minerva RUSSELL-276
 ---- BORN: 10 Aug 1871 PLACE: Oconto,Oconto,Wisconsin
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: PLACE:
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: PLACE:
 MARR: PLACE:

9. NAME: Marie Margaret Mary RUSSELL-602
 ---- BORN: 1904 PLACE:
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: PLACE:
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: PLACE:
 MARR: PLACE:

6. NAME: Bridget Rosetta (Sr.Austin,OSF) RUSSELL-1169
 ---- BORN: 6 Oct 1874 PLACE: Oconto,Oconto,WI
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 7 Feb 1960 PLACE: Manitowoc,WI,WI
 BUR.: PLACE: Manitowoc,Manitowoc,WI
 SPOUSE: PLACE:
 MARR: PLACE:

10. NAME: Marie Rosetta RUSSELL-1053
 ---- BORN: Apr 1906 PLACE: Oconto,Oconto,WI
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: PLACE:
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: PLACE:
 MARR: PLACE:

7. NAME: Mary Agnes (Sr.Inez,OP) RUSSELL-278
 ---- BORN: 19 Jul 1878 PLACE: Oconto,Oconto,WI
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 1 Dec 1954 PLACE: San Rafael,,CA
 BUR.: PLACE: San Rafael,,CA
 SPOUSE: PLACE:
 MARR: PLACE:

8. NAME: Eva Teressa RUSSELL-279
 ---- BORN: 20 Aug 1882 PLACE: Oconto,Oconto,WI
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 27 Nov 1893 PLACE: Oconto,Oconto,WI
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: PLACE:
 MARR: PLACE:

6016 34th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98115
March 26, 1995

Dear Sylvia,

A couple of weeks ago, I dropped you a note saying I planned to be in Glendive this past week. Unfortunately, I had to postpone my plans until a later date. At this time I don't know when that will be. But when I do get to Glendive, I do hope we can meet.

On Thursday of this week, I will start my third and final quarter of my class in Genealogy and Family History at the University of Washington. It has been much more work than I expected, but so very rewarding! Choosing a topic for my final project was difficult because I couldn't decide between my maternal grandmother, Bertha Hasbrouck Sundling or my paternal grandfather, Anton Messmer. Both of them lived in Dawson County, so my research on the locality will serve for both. But since I know so little about Anton Messmer, I chose to write about him for my project. My goal in making the trip to Glendive was to research Dawson County from about 1903 to 1920.

I do have a copy of OUR TIMES, OUR LIVES and also GLENDIVE, THE HISTORY OF A MONTANA TOWN by Marie McDonald. But I had hoped to research the old newspapers. I know that Anton Messmer came to Glendive in 1903, a German from Russia. As a young man, he worked as a bellhop at the Jordan Hotel. And he had a brother, Ralph, who immigrated in 1913, settling in Glendive.

I have enclosed a copy of my pedigree chart and also an early picture of Anton Messmer. He is the one standing in the middle. I have been unable to identify the other two men. The picture was taken, according to the writing on the back, in 1904 - either Jan or Jun 27. I don't know by what studio it was taken.

I certainly enjoy reading THE LAST LEAF. It is always so full of interesting information. When I finish my paper on my grandfather, I will send you a copy. Also, I do intend to write about Bertha Sundling. If any of your readers have any information or anecdotes on either of my grandparents or family, I would very much appreciate hearing from them.

Thanks, Sylvia, for your dedication to preserving the history of Dawson county.

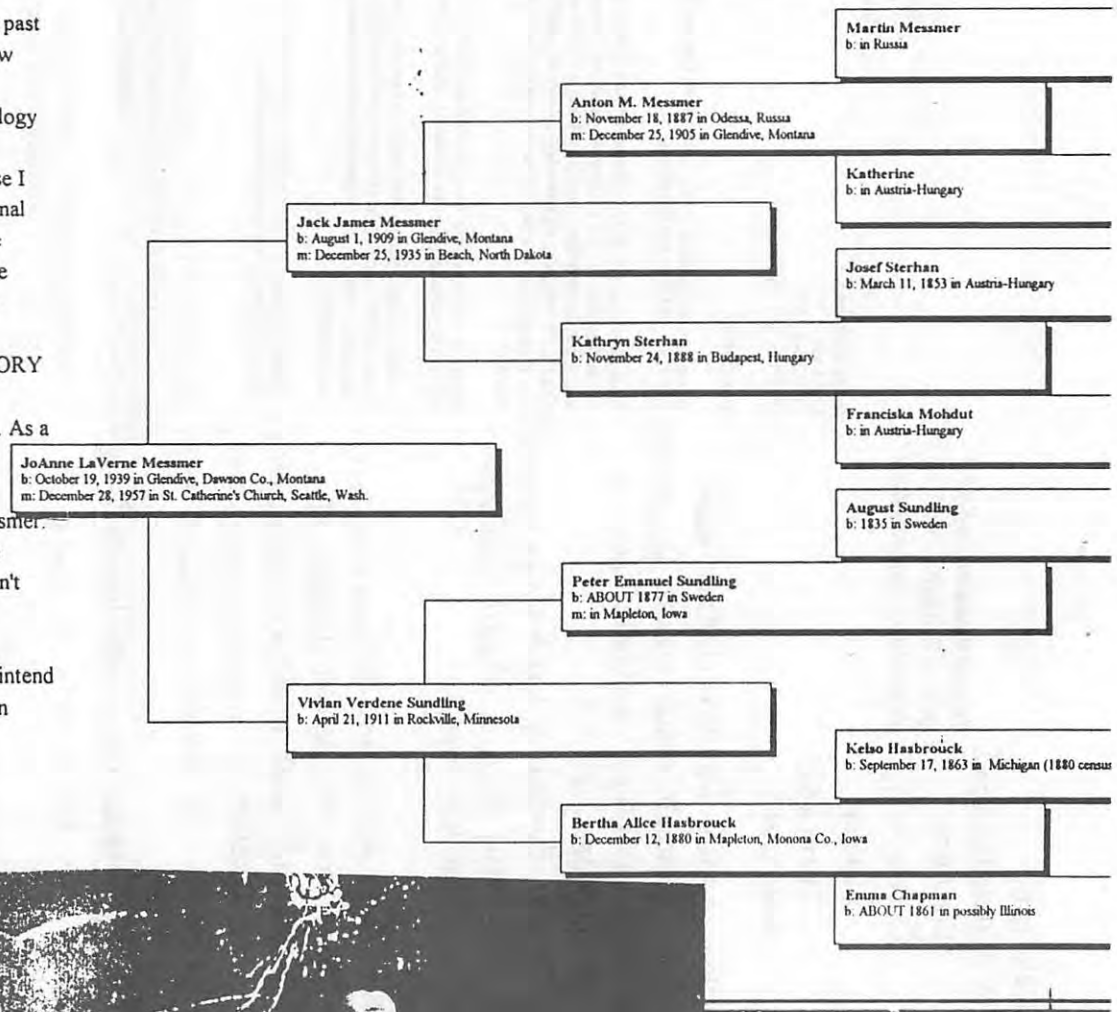
Sincerely,

JoAnne King

one in middle
Anton Messmer
1904



Ancestors of JoAnne LaVerne Messmer



Pinehurst,
112, Mytchett Road,
Mytchett,
Camberley,
Surrey,
GU16 6ET
ENGLAND.

OUR READERS WRITE
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0-156 Street,
Edmonton, Alberta
T5R 1X3 Canada
May 14, 1995

Sylvia Mickelson,
Last Leaf,
1477 Hwy 200S,
Glendive, MT 59330-9402

Dear Sylvia,

Thank you again for your letter and 'the last leaf'. I have enclosed some money for postage etc. Thank you also for printing my letter etc. - Perhaps it will bring a response.

I wrote to the Bureau of Land Management and on May 17 I had a reply from a David Swigger the area manager. This is his reply:-

Dear Mrs Roberts:

This letter is to inform you that an inquiry was made on your behalf to a Mr. Daniel Meckel of Jordan, Montana. Mr Meckel affirmed knowing Frederick Meckel and expressed great interest in answering your letter. The letter was forwarded to Mr. Meckel on May 12 1994.

Unfortunately I still have not heard from Dan Meckel perhaps he will see a copy of your newsletter.

I also wrote again to the Gallatin Gen. Society, but I haven't had a reply from them either. I am very anxious to hear about their Cowdery file.

I am sorry to hear that you haven't been too well. Although we moan and complain about the British 'National Health Service' - we are indeed very lucky. Although we still have long waiting lists to get into hospital for treatment sometimes and we have to pay quite a lot now to get medicinal medicines etc. - the hospitals and doctors are still free.

Summer has at last arrived in England! we have had at least two days of sunshine without any rain. The English do like complaining about the weather so we will soon decide it is too hot and wish for the rain Jack.

I will let you know if I ever hear from Gallatin or Dad Meckel.

With best wishes

Jean Roberts.

Dear Sylvia;

A word of appreciation for the information that you have researched on Claude and Dorothy Hancock.

Now I have another query - Dorothy was a trained school teacher out of Chicago, was there a country school in the Orwego area? They were married in October 1901 and Gerald was not born until May 1905, he just had his 90th birthday on Saturday, so was she teaching during that time? Are there school records that can be accessed so that I could discover the answer?

I wish to welcome your daughter, Margaret, as Editor. I am enclosing \$10.00 to continue my subscription for another year.

I, with a group from the Edmonton Genealogical Association are going to week to Salt Lake City in October so this is spurring me on to getting organized. I have a lot of genealogical information but it is too scattered access quickly.

Thank you again for your assistance. Enjoy the upcoming summer - a bit that is so short in the land of snow and blow.

DESCENDANTS OF 1. WILLIAM HANCOCK
born 1630 High Sherrif of Westmeath, Armiger
(intitled to heraldic arms)

2. Mathew, Reverend b-1658 co Meath;
Archdeacon of Kilmore, co Cavan
3. Elias, Reverend b-1712
4. William, Gentleman b-e1760
(3w-22ch-Cladine's line wife m2)
5. John Stratford Barrister/Attorney b-1804
Gerald Carille b-1858 Brit. Army Officer
Cecil Henry Kent Stratford b-1859
Sailor, Rancher, Teacher
Herbert Fenton Stratford b-1860 d-1865
Evelyn Anne Henry Stratford b-1862
married-Moore
Mabel Percival Alice Stratford b-1864
Rancher
Lionel Bertie Stratford b-1866
Rancher
6. Claude Henry William George Stratford
b-1869 co Galway
Came to Wyoming - 1891?, cowpuncher
m-1901 Dorothea Vernona Gastfield in
Chicago, Illinois
moved to Glasgow, Montana
7. Alan Gerald William Stratford
b-1905 Glasgow, Montana
moved to British Columbia in 1906
Marion Pearl Stratford Hancock b-1935
Kathleen Anne Marie (McQueen) b-1936
8. Claudine Brenda (Nelson) b-7Sep1940

Frank Dickson
P.O. Box 957
Napavine, WA 98565

OUR READERS WRITE
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Thank you for the copy of The Last Leaf which I received today. Please find enclosed a small donation for your efforts and a family group sheet and pedigree chart. But first let me give a bit of background.

Over a year ago several events came together to enable me and to cause me to set out to research my family history. Part of that involved, as it turned out, Dawson Co. MT. But to come to that conclusion has taken the longest amount of time and was the most frustration part of my research to date. It is for that reason that I'm sending the enclosed information. Please be advised that there is a great deal of additional information available and I'm continuing to work and add even more. I'm most willing to share the information with anyone who expresses an interest. Back to the difficulty of location my line in Montana.

The only thing that I had that referenced the burial places of my Great Great Grandparents William Henry Davis and Sarah (Higgs) Davis was a letter written by my Grandmother Nellie (Davis/Dickson) Wray written in 1973, and an entry in the family Bible which my Aunt has, both stating that William and Sarah both died and were buried in Montana in 1912. Numerous letters to various State agencies, historical societies and genealogical societies all came back as negative - no information found. As a last straw there was a mention of a Cousin of Grandmother living in Lambert in 1973. Suspecting that the Cousin, like my Grandmother, had passed on I wrote a letter to the Postmaster in Lambert. Lo and behold I started getting information, pictures and the name and address of a Cousin, Jennie Lee Johnson, P.O. Box 893, Sidney, MT 59270. From there everything started to fall into place and a history is developing. Before getting to that history let me take a side note.

Not only was it determined that William and Sarah Davis were buried in Nohly Cemetery near Fairview, but also their daughter Elnora who died in 1952 and whose husband was Simon Howard but also their son Henry who died in 1917. Another son Andrew died 11 Apr 1957 is also buried in Dawson Co. And my Great-grandfather John is buried in Carter Co. MT. There are many descendants of William and Sarah still living in Montana and of course scattered elsewhere.

Now to the history of this family as nearly as I have been able to reconstruct it to date. All indications that I have are that all lines leading up to William and Sarah were in the USA prior to the Revolutionary War. It appears that they were first documented in Virginia. They then migrated to South Carolina, mainly the Abbeyville area, then Indiana thru Kentucky. They were among the first settlers of Indiana (1810-1830 timeframe) settling mainly in the Caroline Settlement area of Franklin Co. Then in the late 1860 William, his brothers Henry and Jonathan, and their Uncle Lewis all migrated to Putman Co. MO. There were others but not 100% certain as to their identity and relationship. Then in 1910 William and Sarah followed several of their children to Montana. The long hard trip was too much for Sarah and she died a few days after arriving. William died later that year. One account being that he had an accident with a horse and died as a result of injuries sustained.

This is thumbnail sketch of the information that I have and it is hoped that your organization can keep it on file. There are bound to be other, like myself, searching for this line and as far as William and Sarah are concerned the State agencies do not have anything on file that I was able to find.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me or to give my name and address out to anyone seeking information on this line. I suggest that you contact Jennie Johnson if you want more information on the members of this line who are current residents of Dawson Co.

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Travis Davis b-1780 m-

Thornton Davis b-1810, IN

d-9May1861 Franklin, IN

m-22Sep1833 Franklin IN

Sarah Wakefield b-1811 f-m-W. & Polly Shirley Wakefield

d-22Nov1863 Franklin IN

had-William Henry Davis b-29Jun1834 Brookville Twsp, Franklin, IN

d-1Nov1910 Dawson, MT

m-Sara Higgs b-13Aug1839 IN d-Mar1910 Dawson MT

f-m-Truman & Deborah Sullivan Higgs

had-John Linsey Davis b-8Feb1859 Brookville Twsp, Franklin, IN

d-8Mar1918 Boys, Carter, MT

m-8Nov1891 Lucinda 'Lucy' Jump

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DAWSON COUNTY, MT SCHOOL CENSUS 1910
DISTRICT #38

Reporter: M.J. Rooney

		P.O.
BOUCHARD, Paul B. & Celestine D.		Sears
Joseph W., 20, May 14, 1889	M	
Arthur A., 19, Dec 14, 1891	M	
Adeland M., 13, Mar 15, 1893	M	
Cordelia A., 13, Jul 14, 1896	F	
Nigel F., 11, Oct 14, 1898	M	
Mani A., 7, Sep 7, 1902	F	

CHANDLER, dead, Dolly B.	Sears
Burton H., 12, Jun 4, 1897	M
Elgy L., 10, Sep 14, 1899	M

GODETTE, Ernest & Rose	Sears
William, 3, Dec 19, 1906	M
Lena, 13, Dec 26, 1896	M
Arthur, 12, Aug 17, 1897	M
Arnest, 10, Jul 17, 1899	M
Ernest, 10, Jul 17, 1899	M
Joseph, 8, Jul 7, 1901	M

JEASEN, Olaf & Serena	Sears
John, 6, Oct 27, 1903	M
Elizabeth, 5, Dec 25, 1904	F
Olaf, 2, Sep 18, 1907	M
Clara, 9 mo., Dec 6, 1908	F

LIVESTAD, Iver & Gertrude	Sears
Camie, 10, Feb 16, 1899	F
Gunheld, 9, Apr 21, 1900	F
Leonard, 4, Jul 5, 1905	M
Nels, 4 mo., May 19, 1909	M

MILLER, Geroge G. & Lillian M.	Sears
Raymond G., 7, Sep 19, 1907	M
Arthur S., 3, Oct 22, 1906	M

STEWART, David & Sarah	Sears
David F., 6, May 27, 1903	M
Malcom, 4, Sep 22, 1900	M

TRIBE, Harry & Louise	Sears
Joseph, 13, Dec 6, 1896	M
Kenneth, 11, Sep 6, 2898	M

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DAWSON COUNTY, MT SCHOOL CENSUS 1910
DISTRICT #39

Reporter: Albert Gerlinger

		P.O.
BOISE, Gerald & Ida		Bloomfield
Lillie, 6, Mar 12, 1904	F	
Alfred G. 4, Apr 6, 1906	M	
Ollie G., 1, Mar 18, 1909	M	

BULLER, Abraham & Eva	Bloomfield
Jessie A., 7, Jan 16, 1903	M
Earnest J., 3, May 20, 1907	M

DECKERT, Fred & Anna	Bloomfield
Edward F., 5, Apr 14, 1905	M
Martha F., 2, Jan 25, 1908	F

DIVER, in household of Richert & Nancy Lease	Bloomfield
George E., 10, Nov 11, 1899	M

GERLINGER, John & Frances	Blfd
Lawrence, C., 14, Jun 1, 1896	M
George A., 18, Sep 22, 1891	M
Sadie H., 17, Jun 1, 1893	F

SCHMIDT, Cornelius & Anna	Blfd
Pard J., 20, Jul 22, 1890	M
Henry D., 18, Sep 7, 1892	M
Alexander A., 14, Sep 15, 1895	M
John J., 12, May 29, 1898	M
Cornelius D., 4, Apr 7, 1906	M

SULLIVAN, John & Ida M.	Blfd
Mary M., 9, Mar 24, 1901	F
Kathryn L., 6, Jun 11, 1904	F
James H., 5, May 29, 1898	M

WALLACE, Burt & Minnie	Blfd
Gladys O., 11, Sep 29, 1898	F
Lyle T., 4, Aug 14, 1906	M

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SCHOOL CENSUS, DAWSON CO., MT 1910
DISTRICT #40

Reporter: Burton Welch

		P.O.
BREITENFELDT, Wm, F, & Augusta C.		Wibaux
Willie A., 19, Aug 13, 1891	M	
Arthur G. 16, Sep 19, 1894	M	
Reinhard A., 13, Apr 13, 1897	M	
Irving G., 11, Apr 13, 1897	M	
Clarnece E., 7 Oct 9, 1903	M	

DARTON, Frank & Lulu E.	Wibaux
Lyell A., 4, Jul 5, 1906	

DECKER, Matthias & Mary C.	Beach, ND
William P., 5, Mar 1, 1905	M
Mathilda L., 3, Jul 20, 1907	F
Gregor A., 8 mo, Jan 23, 1910	M

DUNN, (Guardian) Wm. Henry Murphy	Beach, ND
Francis, 2, Nov 16, 1907	M

SCHOOL CENSUS, DISTRICT #40, 1910 cont

HASKINS, Carl T. & Neenah Wibaux
 Ollene H., 1, Oct 31, 1909 F
 Baby, 3wks, Sep 9, 1910 M

HELM, Andrew & Lydia M. Beach, ND
 Marie L., 5, Oct 29, 1904 F
 Henry O., 1, Oct 13, 1909 M

MARTIN, Otto A. & Emma P. Wibaux
 Agnes E., 4, Oct 12, 1906 F
 Delia M., 8, Apr 21, 1902 F

MURPHY, Wm. Henry & Katie Beach, ND
 Chauncey F., 12, Nov 21, 1897 M
 Filmore L., 10, Jan 30, 1900 M

NOLLIE, Earnest J. & Mary J. Wibaux
 Vera, 2, 5 mo., Apr 16, 1910 F

SAUGEN, Joseph M. & Helen A. Wibaux
 Arthur W., 3, May 29, 1907 M
 Elma U., 1, Apr 11, 1909 F

SUMMERS, Otto E. (Guardian) Wibaux
 Cora J., 15, June 26, 1895 F
 Clarence S., 15, June 26, 1895 M

WELSH, Albert Beach, ND
 Ruth H., 19, Aug 31, 1891 F

WELSH, Albion E. & Ida M. Beach, ND
 Eugene L., 3, Dec 16, 1907 M
 Earl M., 1, Apr 13, 1909 M

WELSH, Burton U. & Mamie C. Beach, ND
 Dorothy J., 6, Apr 1, 1904 F
 Russell W., 3, Mar 21, 1907 M

WELSH, Fred J. & Grace A. Beach, ND
 Sam H., 7, Feb 15, 1903 M
 Zeette L., 6, May 30, 1904 F
 Geneva E., 2, Oct , 1908 F

ZABLE, William C. & Gertrude A. Beach, ND
 Leslie W., 2, Jul 20, 1908 M

ZINSLI, Gallus J. & Annie M. Beach, ND
 Joe M., 16, Jan 5, 1894 M
 Anton R., 13, Nov 13, 1897 M
 Egon R., 10, Mar 11, 1900 M
 Mary R., 6, May 10, 1902 F
 Peter P., 6, May 10, 1904 M
 Edmund P., 4, Mar 28, 1906 M
 Willie F., 2, Jan 1908 M
 Annabella M., 4 mo, May 19, 1910 F

DAWSON COUNTY SCHOOL CENSUS 1910
 ADDITIONAL DISTRICT # 8

Reporter: Christine Anderson
 REESE, James & Minnie Wibaux
 Luella M., 11, Dec 21. 1898 F
 Alma A., 8, May 17, 1902 F
 Harold W., 6, Dec 29, 1907 M
 Sylvia V., 5, Jun 1905 F

 ##### Ann Ellen Barr
 Our Readers Write 151 Willow Parkway
 ##### Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
 Ph:(708) 913-1844

I belong to the Wisconsin Genealogical Society and in their recent newsletter, they indicated they had received copies of your newsletter. I have not had an opportunity to visit The Historical Society in Madison, WI but plan to do so next month.

However, I am seeking information about Catherine BARNES, B. 1844, d/o David A. BARNES of Ottawa, Can., who m. Peter Paul RUSSELL in 863 at Wausaukee, Marinette City, WI. Catherine BARNES d. 1889 in Oconto, WI.

Catherine Barnes was my great-grandmother and since the Oconto area in 1863 was extremely rural, I have not been able to locate further information about: her mother _____ her father _____.

Why am I writing to your group? Because her oldest son, Granville Alexander RUSSELL m. Cordelia A. Bouchard 13 May 1918 in Sidney, MT and died in 1966 in Glendive, MT.

I can't help but wonder whether any of Granville RUSSELL'S descendants may have information concerning our grandmother or her father or mother.

I would be grateful if you could put this inquiry into your newsletter on my behalf.

I have enclosed some background material that you are welcome to share should any of the Granville Russell descendants be interested.

Thank you, Ann Ellen Barr

I will be happy to reimburse postage for any valid information.

David A. Barnes b-Ottawa, Ont, Can. m- _____
 Peter Paul Russell b-1Jan1837 Ottawa City, Ont
 d-12Jan1912 Wausaukee WI
 m-31May1863 Wausaukee WI Catherine
Barnes b-19Dec1844 Can d-4Apr1889 Oconto, WI
 had-Ann Ellen Russell b-13Apr1867 Oconto, WI
 d-2Oct1927
 m-19Jun1887Francis Oconto
 WI(Frank)Patrick Wren b-6Feb1857 Albany NY
 d-14Mar1934 Milwaukee WI
 his f-Patrick(Wrin)Wren
 his m-Catherine Redmond d-c14Mar1864
 Waskington Cnty, WI
 had Genevieve Mary Wren b-25Mar1907 Oconto WI
 d-12Dec1991 Park Ridge, Cook, IL
 (Ann's mother)