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Foreword

This is a snapshot of the results of my family history research. Organizationally it is based on my website at <https://281connections.us> as it exists at revision 36. As explained there, it starts with eight pairs of great grandparents for my wife and myself and works backward in time. There are seven volumes, which are listed below. The most up to date version of the material will always be the website.

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In many ways this is a record of one of the ways in which I have spent 9+ years of my retirement. I certainly owe thanks to many people, most of whom are mentioned in the volumes that follow. Any mistakes are mine, and I hope to be corrected.

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Memorials

The purpose of this series of pages is to offer some remembrances of relatives, who have lived more recently than the great grandparents that are the focus of the site. Because the people mentioned here have lived more recently, some of the memories are fresher and possibly more sentimental than the information inferred about relatives that were not personally known. It is also not my objective to refer to source information to justify any statements in this section.

So, here goes for memories of some of the children and grand children of my great grandparents. -

Link to children. Memorials for only a few of the children have been created. If you would like to contribute a memorial, please send it to me. The full list of children includes twenty-seven possibilities . . .

Anna, Tena, Mathilda, and Oscar Thompson and

Lulu, Johann, Andreas, Caroline, Nicholas, Peter, Elizabeth, Joseph, and Kathryn Rombs and

Harry, May, Frank, John, Elizabeth, Susan, and Grace Bates and

Ruth, Guy, Marian, Arlo, Ralph, Howard, and William Loy.

Link to grandchildren. Once again, only a few of the many possible memorials have been created. The full list would include people with the following surnames: Scoular, Loy , Bates, Lund, House, Austin, Rombs, Thornburg/Cranage, Vinton, Rhombs, and Thompson. That would be over fifty people by my count. In many cases, I know nothing

more than statistics of birth, marriage, and death for these individuals, so if you would like to contribute stories/memorials, please contact me.

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Children

Following are short memorial stories about some of the children of the people that are the focus of this site. So the people mentioned here are actually grandparents, granduncles, and grandaunts, etc. to me.

Tena Thompson



I feel lucky to have known Tena. Starting in the 1950s, my family would visit South Dakota during many summers. I would stay at her farmhouse, which until some time in the 1960s had what we would say today were primitive plumbing facilities. I also spent one summer on the farm in the early 1970s. I painted the house (with the help of my

friend Tony), learned about the harvest by driving grain trucks and operating augers, and listened to the Watergate proceedings on the radio. Many evenings we would visit her daughter, Anna, whose farm was about ten miles west of us. We drove an old Chevy that had belonged to my Uncle Vern. It liked to go fast, but, once stopped, did not want to restart until it had cooled. So, our visits had to last long enough for the car to be willing to restart. Probably most importantly, I shared time with Tena, who was supportive and concerned about my safety when operating tractors, augers, trucks, etc. This was a memorable summer.

Tena was relatively tall and thin. Pictures reveal that she was an attractive young woman. She was born at her parents' farm in Arena Township west of Hoven, SD. She was the second in a family of four children (Anna, Tena, Mathilda, and Oscar).

In the winter of 1910 she married Joe Rhombs in her parents' house. Joe was a hired-hand for Tena's father, Ole, so I presume that is how they first met. I believe that Joe was introduced to the Thompson family while visiting (or living with) his older sister, Carrie, who had a farm with her husband Bert Austin just a mile or so to the north of the Thompson farm. I suspect that Joe came to the area around 1905, so he and Tena had probably known each other for 5-6 years prior to their marriage.

Their wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. A. Collins (a sometimes Methodist minister, school teacher, and farmer). Their witnesses were James W. House (a cousin of Joe's) and Mathilda Thompson (Tena's sister). Guests were Mr. & Mrs. Pete Schwarz (neighbors - wife's name was Elsie) and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Erickson (local friends - wife's name was Emma).

Joe and Tena stayed near Tena's family until 1920, when they moved to their own farm in Roy Township south of Lebanon, SD. (Prior to the move, the 1920 Federal Census shows them renting a farm in Lincoln Township, one township west of the Thompson farm.) Their children (Anna, Vern, and Robert) were born in the years before the move. (I believe that there was one child born at the new farm later who was still-born or died very shortly after birth.) Tena stayed at the Lebanon farm until a few years prior to her death. After leaving the farm, she had an apartment in Gettysburg and then stayed with her daughter, Anna, until her death.

The depression years were difficult, and unfortunately Tena endured the death of Joe in 1940, just as the depression was ending. After Joe's death, Tena stayed on the farm with her son Vern, who died in 1970.

Tena gardened. and cooked. I remember a large garden south of the house, not too far from the well. She also was a skilled cook. I will always remember the smell of her dinner rolls, which I have never been able to recreate. (I know that she used a starter dough, and I suspect that was the secret ingredient.) Dinners (the noon meals) were always a welcome, crowded event when she cooked for the people working on the farm.

I remember Tena as a thin, kind, smiling woman who could bake dynamite rolls and who had feral cats that loved her and hated me.

Joe Rombs



Everything that I know about my grandfather Joe comes from the few extant public records and stories told to me by my father.

Joe was the first child born to Johannes and Barbara Rombs after immigration to the USA in November, 1884, from Russia. He was born almost exactly one year after arrival in the USA. His birth (11/3/1885) and baptism (3/27/1886) were recorded at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Ipswich, SD, but he may have been born at the homestead about 10 miles south, just inside Faulk County, SD. Present at his baptism were Joseph Weisbeck and Elizabeth Usselmann. It is likely that Elizabeth Usselmann was a relative of Johannes on his maternal side. Joseph Weisbeck is likely another immigrant from the same town as Johannes and Barbara in South Russia.

Joe was raised on the family homestead in Freedom Township in the north part of Faulk County. He experienced his mother's death when he was not quite eleven, and he was certainly present when his father married another woman two years after his mother's death. This second marriage was tumultuous due to the violent nature of the stepmother as documented in divorce papers. The point is that his formative years must have been uncomfortable at times.

I suspect that he had a close attachment to his older sister, Carrie, who was also present in the house. Carrie was about ten years older than Joe. Carrie married Bert Austin in 1899 and they lived at the Rombs farm for a while before moving to a farm just west of Hoven in Potter County, SD. Census information shows that Joe was present at Bert and Carrie's farm for a while. It was as a result of this move that Joe picked up work on the nearby farm of Ole and Caroline (Olsen) Thompson. Through this work arrangement he met the daughters of Ole and Caroline, and he eventually married one (Tena).

An aside. - In the early 1900s Joe's last name became Rhombs, not Rombs, in public records. Whether this was intentional or not is a mystery. The change has stuck, and research into his ancestors shows that there is actually precedent for various forms of his surname: Rombs, Rhombs, von Rombs, von Rhombs.

Joe and Tena were married in December, 1910, at Tena's residence (Ole & Caroline's farm). I believe that at some point after the marriage Joe and Tena rented a farm in Potter County, just west of Ole's. In the decade after their marriage Joe and Tena had three children - Anna (1911), Vern (1917), and Robert (1920). In the spring of 1920, after Robert's birth, the family moved to a newly purchased farm due south of

Lebanon, SD. Joe, along with his brother Nick, had built a house for them there. This must have been his chance to be totally independent.

According to Joe's 1918 draft registration form, he was tall and stout, with brown eyes and dark hair. (Joe nearly died in the flu epidemic in 1918.) The draft form description fits with my father's recollection that he was tall and strong. There were times when he served as the bouncer at dances in Lebanon.

Dad has told me that Joe loved the horses that he used on the farm, and they liked him. They were Percherons, the same breed that his father (Johannes) had used in Faulk County. Joe was heartbroken when many died of accidental poisoning from oats treated to kill rodents. Dad said that he saw one of the dying horses put its head on Joe's shoulder for comfort after the poisoning. The deaths had a lasting effect on Joe.

The depression was hard on the Rombs family (just like many others). In some years, buckwheat was planted just to have some crop after the original crop of wheat failed. Typical Christmas gifts for the children consisted of an orange and a piece of candy. Animals were taken to Sioux Falls for sale. At one point my father was sent off to a CCC camp near Pierre. This gave him work and the family a little extra money. I think that the difficulty of the times and my father's youth at the time may account for the fact that I have few stories from the 20s and 30s.

In the late 1930s, Joe developed cancer and died in a hospital in Pierre, SD, in November, 1940. He is another person that I am truly sorry that I never met.

Here are a few pictures showing Joe.



Marian Loy



Marian was born in May of 1900 - the third child born to Sam Loy and Anna Allen in Campbell County, SD. Sam had a homestead not too far from the Allen farm, just south of Mound City, SD.

I only rarely spent time with Marian as I was growing up. I do, however, know that she was very studious, loved gardening, and felt strongly that her daughters should receive education beyond the high school level. She taught school at various times in her life. Later in life (the 1960s) she took a bus tour of the United States and visited my family in Georgia. She did this alone, which is evidence that she was a pretty strong-natured individual.

Marian's early years were spent on the farm in rural Campbell County. However, some time before 1920 the family moved to Spring Butte Township in Adams County, ND. In the 1920 federal census she appears twice - once in Adams County where her family was and once in Castle Butte Township in Perkins County, SD, as a lodger. In both cases her occupation is shown to be a public/rural school teacher. My guess then is that at age 20 she was teaching school in the Castle Butte area.

At the same time, residing in the same township, was the family of Harry Bates. Harry was living with his sister, Sue, and mother, Agnes, in the home of Agnes' second husband, Alvin Randall. Sue was about the same age as Marian, but Harry was much older - about 33 years old. This is and was a pretty remote area. The 1920 federal census only consists of 4 pages. So, I think that it is reasonable to imagine that Marian became acquainted with Harry and his family as a result of teaching school in SD. Harry and Marian were married in April of 1921, probably in Lemmon, SD. Hettinger, ND, would have been closer, but I'm sure that Lemmon was more accessible to Marian's family, who were living north of Lemmon.

In 1914 and again in 1919, Harry had taken out land patents on land in Castle Butte Township (section 33). However, their first child, Velma was, born in ND. I believe that Harry was somewhat itinerant, finding work where he could. Eventually, however, the family settled in at the Castle Butte homestead, where they are enumerated in the 1930 federal census. By 1930, the family included two daughters - Velma and Shirley (born in SD). In the 1935 SD census, Marian is listed as a housewife in Perkins Co., SD. The same is true in the 1940 federal census, except that an infant son (Dennis, b. 1938) has been added.

In the early 1940s, the family relocated to Gettysburg in Potter County, SD. At that

point, they were operating a Texaco gas station and adjoining tourist cabins. Marian had a job as a clerk in the local Red Owl grocery store. Unfortunately, Harry died in 1945.

Not long after that, Marian must have taken up teaching again. The picture above is from a school photo taken in 1954. At some point around this time she also attended Black Hills College in Spearfish, SD.

In 1956 she married Christ Snorteland, who was a well-to-do rancher with land south of Hettinger, ND, and a house in Hettinger, ND. After Christ died in 1972, Marian eventually moved back to the Mound City area, where she stayed until her death in October, 1995.

Harry Bates



Harry is known to me only through a small number of conversations about him with my mother and what records are left that trace his activities.

Harry was born to Agnes Moodie and Charles J. Bates (a.k.a. Clarence Tupper). Their marriage was hastened by Agnes' brother, William, who brought legal action against Charles/Clarence since Agnes was only 15 and pregnant. Harry's birth took place in rural southern Wisconsin (probably the city of Brodhead) in August of 1887.

Harry was eventually accompanied by siblings - May (1888), Frank (1891), John (1893), Elizabeth (1895), Susan (1898), and Grace (1901). The family lived in or near the town of Spring Valley, Rock Co., WI, where father Charles is listed as a farmer. So, it is reasonable to assume that Harry experienced a rural upbringing in his early years.

Unfortunately, his father was terminally ill with brain cancer in 1900, and he died a few months after the 1900 federal census was conducted in their part of the state. This left Harry as the eldest male in the family at the age of about 13. Whether he finished school is unknown to me, but I do know that in 1905 he appears in the WI census as a boarder in a nearby town of Orfordville. Following is a picture that I believe was taken when he was 18 (i.e., in 1905). It shows him at the creamery, which is likely the Roach Seeber Creamery in Footville, WI, just east of Orfordville. So, my guess is that he moved into Orfordville to more easily get to and from the creamery. His mother, a brother, and a sister appear in Brodhead at this time. I am not sure of the locations of

the rest of the family members.



Subsequent events were not good for the family. Harry's sister, Grace, was adopted by another family and died. His brother, John, became ill and died. Then (in 1910?), a disaster occurred either at the creamery or on a farm that resulted in Harry's loss of his right arm. There is some evidence that he received some retraining at a business school in Janesville, WI. So, it may not be surprising that the family (less May, who had married in 1908, and Frank, who joined the Navy) moved west to South Dakota after Agnes married a man with the surname Randall.

I wish that I could say that things were more settled for Harry at that point, but in the next decade he seems quite itinerant. Here is a reconstructed timeline.

- late July, 1910: residing with sisters Libby and Sue next to mother Agnes and her new husband in Perkins Co. SD
- 1914: opens a homestead claim in section 33 of twp 23N rng 13E of the Black Hills meridian (Castle Butte Township)
- 1915: the SD census shows him in Perkins Co., SD, but with a Haynes, ND, post office.
- June, 1917: registers for the draft in Isabell, SD
- 1919: opens another homestead claim in the same section mentioned above
- 1920: the Federal census shows him back with his two sisters, living next to mother and her new husband in Castle Butte Township.
- 1921: in April, 1921 Harry marries Marian Loy in Lemmon, SD. Their first daughter (Velma) was born in late December.

Why, with roots in South Dakota, his first daughter was born in ND is not clear to me. However, from things that my mother has told me, Harry may have been doing mechanic work there. How this was possible with only one arm is also not clear to me. In any event, the family is back farming in Perkins Co., SD, in the 1925 SD census. The same is true in 1930. The Federal census then also shows that a second daughter (Shirley) has been born. The family continued there through April, 1940, when the Federal census was performed in Castle Butte Township. (Son Dennis was born during this time - 1938.) The family thus spent the worst years of the depression farming in Perkins Co., SD. It could not have been easy.

Some time in the early 1940s Harry and family relocated to Gettysburg, SD, where they operated so-called camping cabins and a Texaco gas station. The family all appears in the 1945 SD census at this location. This situation did not last long, however, as Harry developed pneumonia and died in 1946.

So, I hope you understand why I believe that Harry had a rather difficult life. Perhaps this explains why he sometimes would over-react with anger at my mother and hit her.

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Grandchildren

Following are short memorial stories about some of the grandchildren of the people that are the focus of this site. So the people mentioned here are actually parents, uncles, aunts, etc. to me.

Velma Bates



Velma was born in late 1921 in a small town in southwestern North Dakota. She was the first child born to Harry Bates and Marian Loy. Subsequent children were Shirley and Dennis. Harry had come to the region with his mother and some sisters in about

1905 from Brodhead, Wisconsin. Marian lived in the vicinity of Lemmon (SD), having moved there with her family from a farm near Mound City (SD). How Marian and Harry met is unknown to me.

The Bates family moved to various locations near Hettinger (ND) and Lemmon (SD) as Harry found work. Eventually, they settled on a farm near the north fork of the Grand River in South Dakota. Velma remembered this part of her life right up until her death. Memories included going to a one-room school (the Green Cabin School), neighbors, a dugout that they had prepared in the event of tornadoes, taking care of her sister, Shirley, her dog (Jack), visiting maternal and paternal grandmothers, etc. I have to mention that her maternal grandmother (Anna Loy) was revered for her kindness. Some pictures from this era survive.

In truth, this was not very good farm land, and it must have been hard for Harry, who had lost his right arm in about 1900 in an accident in Wisconsin. In the midst of the depression, the family moved from their homestead in Perkins County (SD) to Gettysburg (SD), where they operated so-called camping cabins and a Texaco gas station.

At the insistence of her mother, Velma attended what was then known as Northern State Teacher's College. Because of finances, she was only able to attend for two years, but she was able to return to Gettysburg, where she taught in one-room schools. She taught at one school south of Gettysburg. It was in Gettysburg that she met Robert Rhombs, who she eventually married in 1945 (shortly after he returned from WWII).

After marrying Robert, they moved to Aberdeen (SD) where Robert attended school on the GI Bill and managed a dorm for veterans. After graduation, work took Robert and Velma to Iowa, where they lived in Ft. Dodge and Des Moines. Their first child, Craig, was born there.

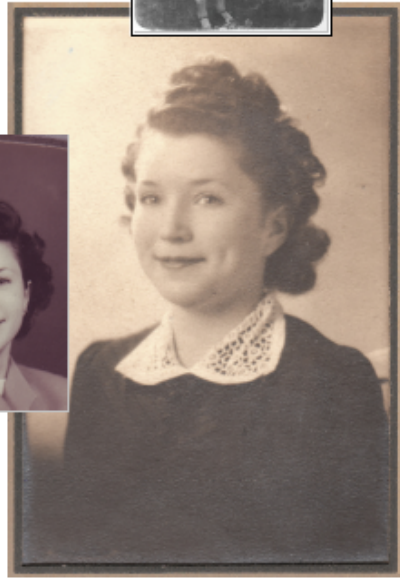
To pursue advancement, they moved to Minneapolis, where their second child, Pamela, was born. They lived there for about six years, and work then took the family to Ft. Lauderdale (FL), where they developed good friends and memories. It was a sign of the times that people moved for advancement, and so the family then moved to Atlanta (GA). Velma never felt fully at home in "the South", but she did an exceptional job of creating a warm home and made sure that her children were provided with nice clothing.

The years in Atlanta were marked by an assortment of life-changing events. Both children went off to college, Robert had a heart attack, etc. They left this location and period of their lives behind and moved to Sarasota (FL), where Velma maintained an attractive/comfortable house and supported Robert through a series of health problems that ended in his death.

Unfortunately, as time passed, it became necessary for Velma to move to an assisted living facility, near Pam in Punta Gorda (FL). She lived there with her wonderful cat (Booger) until her death in 2019.

It does not come out in this narrative, but Velma (like her favorite grandmother, Anna Allen) was a sweet and kind soul, who will be missed and remembered fondly.

Following is a collage of pictures that show Velma at various stages of her life.



Robert Rhombs



Robert was born in 1920 in rural Potter County, South Dakota, to Tena (Thompson) and Joseph Rhombs. He was the youngest of three children, the others being Anna and Vern. He was born at the farm of Ole and Caroline Thompson, his maternal grandparents that lived just west of Hoven. In the spring after his birth the family

moved to their own farm south of Lebanon, where his father (Joe) and his uncle (Nick) had built a house that is still occupied today.

His education began at Roy School, south of Lebanon. He attended High School in Lebanon, where he did well academically and enjoyed baseball and basketball. On the farm, he was especially fond of the animals, with his favorite probably being a horse named Dotty. Because of the depression and drought, he was for a while "enlisted" in the CCC camp near Pierre to help bring in some additional income. After high school, he attended Northern State College in Aberdeen long enough to be able to teach at rural schools (e.g., the Sanner School just west of Gettysburg). However, he was drafted into the Army at the end of World War II, where he served in the European Theater of Operations as a first sergeant in the Army's 95th Infantry Division. He was awarded a number of medals in spite of the fact that he loathed military discipline.

After the war he married Velma Bates. They moved to Aberdeen, where he finished a Bachelor's degree at Northern State while managing Quonset housing for vets. Once finished there, he and Velma moved to Ft. Dodge, IA, and then Des Moines as he began a career in sales. His career with subsidiaries of Alcoa lasted for over 40 years and took him and his family to Minneapolis, Ft. Lauderdale, and Atlanta. At the time of his retirement, he was the Southeast Regional Sales Manager for WearEver. He was a member of the Masons.

After retirement he pursued travel as a part-time business, and he led trips to Europe for veterans to revisit locations like Metz that they had seen during combat. He had also enjoyed raising Gelbvieh cattle in Georgia. As reported above, he and Velma retired to Sarasota, FL, where he died.

So, what was he like? - Robert approached many of life's experiences as struggles, and indeed most were - growing up poor, WWII, career, & various health problems that eventually brought him down. These are common struggles. The special things that he brought to these were fearlessness and courage.

Friendship was of extreme importance to Robert. I think that he desperately sought friendship. Even in his business dealings I know that he preferred a verbal agreement and a handshake to written agreements. He wanted customers and business colleagues to be friends too. He had many long friendships, not the least of which is the special one with my Velma which lasted more than 60 years.

I offer some stories told by others. These may help describe the personality of Robert (and to a lesser extent his wife, Velma). -

Boxer Shorts (from Dale Barnes)

"From time to time, your Dad and I would travel out of town together and in doing so we would be back and forth in each other's room. I remember the first time I saw you Dad's freshly ironed boxes in his suit case, and then one day he answered the door in his perfectly ironed boxers. In each case I really had to laugh. Of course I had to make a request back at home for similar service, but it fell on deaf ears. I wonder what ever happened to that special heated roller style ironing contraptions that your Mom used. There has to be very special relation between a man and a woman when she irons his shorts. I have never known of another case like this. All these years later this still makes me smile."

Missing Suit Coat (from Dale Barnes)

"There was a trade show that your Dad and I attended down town at a local hotel. As I recall it was a distributor of ours that was having a local shown and we Wear Ever guys were showing our wares. We had people in and out of our room all day long and back then a lot of people smoked. As I recall, at the end of the day we all retired to the hotel bar for a few drinks and there was more smoke in the air. I am not sure of the time that we finally headed home; but I do recall that I was driving and dropped him off at his house. Early the next morning, and I do mean early, as your Dad never slept in late, my phone rang and he was in a panic wanting to know if he had left his suit coat in my car. After a quick check of my car, I had to report that it was not there. By this time, he was in a true panic and I was not aware that this was a brand new suite that he had just purchased the same week of the show. He was trying not to let your Mom know that it was missing and panic was setting in since he knew she would be furious if he had lost the coat. The only option seemed to be that he had left it at the hotel bar so we quickly developed a plan for me to pick him up and to head back to the hotel in an attempt to recover the suit coat. And, then just before I was to walk out the door to leave to pick him up he called back. At the very last moment, your Mom spoke up.....she had let him squirm knowing all along that she had hung the coat was out on the porch since the coat smelled of smoke she did not want it in the house until it aired out. I am can only assume that she must have enjoyed watching him sweat and squirm. Looking back on this I have laughed many, many times."

The One that Got Away (from Gus Heffner)

"One story that I might add would be the time your Dad along with myself and two others went Marlin fishing in Florida. Your Dad finally caught a Marlin which he had wanted to do for many years. The fish came out of the of the water and "danced" a couple of times, you have seen pictures such as this. Well the boat captain goofed bad and instead of cutting back on the throttle to slow the boat, he pushed forward and increased the speed. Before he could correct his mistake, the increased pressure on the fishing line caused the line to be pulled out of the Marlin's mouth and it escaped. Your Dad was so mad at the Captain that he wanted to knock him overboard. I got between them and the Captain went back fast to his seat and stayed away from Bob the rest of the trip. Bob was very unhappy not to land the Marlin and the rest of us felt sorry for him too. I have never forgotten this fishing trip. He and I discussed it several times over the years."

Card Tricks (from Robert Comeau)

"In August of 1991, we celebrated my mother's 80th birthday at our lake home. We called it "Annie Days" and all the Comeau's, the Rogers' and the Rhombs' traveled to Park Rapids, MN to help celebrate. We all had a wonderful time together.

On one of the days, Bob Rhombs and our son, Brent, who was 11 at the time made a makeshift card table in the breezeway out of Coleman coolers. Bob proceeded to show Brent how to do card tricks. Brent was fascinated.

Years later after Brent graduated from college, he became a high school band director. Sometimes on band trips he would walk to the back of the bus and spot some kids playing cards. He would say "give me those cards". He would then take the deck of cards and shuffle them and say, "pick a card, any card". Kids would be amazed when Brent picked the right card every time. "

Outwitting a Supervisor (from Robert Comeau)

"Many years ago, when I was still in college, I was visiting Phyllis and Dale in Lemmon S.D. and we attended a dance at the local Legion Club. During the course of the

evening Phyllis introduced me to a gentleman and told me "this man knows our Uncle Bob". The man laughed and said, "the next time you see Bob Rhombs, ask him why he made \$5 a month more than I did while we were teaching school together in Potter County". So, I did, and this is how the story unfolded.

Like most people of the time Bob Rhombs was struggling financially while he was attending Northern Normal (now Northern State University) in Aberdeen. Annie would send him money from time to time from her high paying teaching job (\$30 a month), but by the end of his Junior year he was unable to put enough money together to return. Determined to finish college, Bob devised a plan.

In those days you could teach in a one room school like my mother did with only one year of college, so he was actually overqualified to teach. So, he contacted the Potter County School Superintendent. It was late in the summer and Bob knew that there was one school job that was vacant in southern Potter County. And it was vacant for a reason.

At that time education was not a priority to farmers and farm work came first. As a consequence, several of the boys attending this school were past their teens and not the "brightest bulbs on the Christmas tree". It was no wonder the position was still open with school about to start.

When Bob met with the superintendent, he told him he would take the job on two conditions: He would be paid \$5 a month more than the other teachers in the county and the superintendent was not to make his school visit until after Christmas. The superintendent agreed and Bob accepted the job.

On the first day of school Bob asked the students "how many of you like to play baseball". Bob loved baseball and there were really not many options for entertainment for the kids back in those days. Of course, everyone's hand flew up and he told them if they would get to school on time every morning and get their work done by noon, they would choose up teams and play baseball for the rest of the day. The kids thought that would be great, so they did and by the time the holidays arrived he had won them over.

Just before Christmas he informed the students the County Superintendent would be making his visit in the near future and he gave them careful instructions. He told them that he would be teaching a specific chapter from their textbooks. When he finished, he would be asking questions. If they knew the correct answer, they were to raise their right hand. And if they didn't know the answer, they were to raise their left hand and he wouldn't call on them.

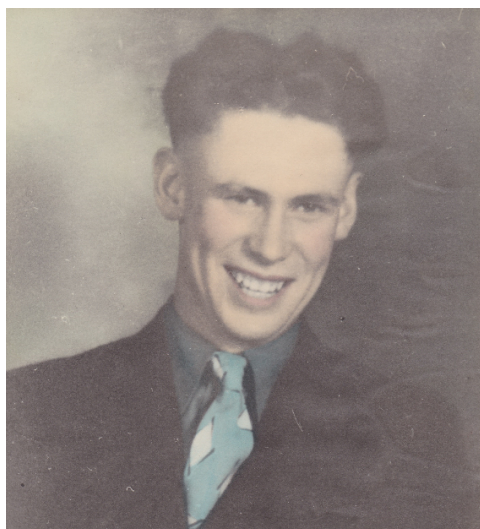
Sure enough, the day of the superintendent's visit arrived and the plan worked perfectly. When Bob asked a question every hand in the room shot up (and some were right hands). The superintendent was duly impressed and commended Bob for being such an excellent teacher! "

The Trickster (from Joan Comeau)

"Time has a way of turning memories into little snippets that float through my mind. Here is one that always makes me chuckle. From the time I joined the Comeau family, I have memories of loving how Uncle Bob liked to tease me to see if he could get a reaction out of me. Aunt Velma would watch these events out of the corner of her eye with her sweet grin, knowing full well what he was up to! Most of the time he could

get me pretty good, but one time he REALLY got me. He told me about how when she was quite little, he would take Ashley to the playground near Stone Mountain. As the story went on, he told me that he would sit on a bench reading his paper while Ashley hopped on a little train to ride all the way around the mountain. At that point, I said something like, "You did NOT!" but he insisted, sure, she loved to talk to the other people... as my blood pressure rose, his grin got bigger and bigger. "

Vern Rhombs



Vern is the middle child of Tena (Thompson) and Joe Rhombs. Like his siblings, he was born on the Thompson farm - just west of Hoven, SD. He died very early in life (nearly 53 years old). He moved with the Rhombs family to their farm south of Lebanon, SD, in 1920. This must have been a significant change for the whole family, including Vern, who was a toddler at the time. I'm sure that he was not much help, especially to his mother who was also dealing with his infant brother (Robert). Their sister, Annie, who was somewhat older must have been charged with helping to watch over Vern during the move.

I knew Vern through occasional summer visits to the farm in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. Since the death of his father in 1940, Vern had been responsible for operation of the family farm, where he lived with his mother. What I remember from these visits can be boiled down to the following.

Vern was good with machinery, which had become essential for farming as Vern grew up. According my father, Vern preferred machines to animals (which were my father's preference). Having said this, Vern did keep animals for diversification - cattle (Angus), sheep, chickens, etc. His mother (Tena) kept a significant garden. Vern seems to have foreseen the trend away from small farms to much larger ones.

Vern loved to drive fast! His favorite vehicles were by Chevrolet and GMC. In fact, after Vern's death, I became the keeper of a 1954 Chevy that Vern had bought in Faulkton, SD.

Vern was gregarious. He was well-known at local dances and at roller skating events. People that were children at the time remember dancing/skating with Vern.

Vern was a collector! He would attend farm sales and buy LOTS of things, which were

stored in out-buildings and across a field just east of the farmhouse. After his death, we had a multiple-day sale/auction to liquidate much of this, and, after Tena's death, we had another sale that included many items that had not been sold in the previous sale.

Cataracts were a serious problem for Vern. They started to affect him rather early in life. In spite of this, he was a great shot and enjoyed firearms. I still do not understand how he was able to shoot as well as he did. I am pleased to be the owner of one of his rifles and a handgun. It is a shame that Vern did not have access to medical techniques available now.

Here is a tractor story involving Vern by my cousin. - ". . . my most intriguing Farmall story is how my uncle came to purchase his first Farmall M. During WWII it was nearly impossible to buy a new tractor. You could get your name on a waiting list and wait for months or even years to get one. My uncle, Vern, saw a sale bill for a farm estate in a neighboring town that included an M that was only one year old. A gentleman had waited for a year on the waiting list and shortly after he got the tractor, he unfortunately died of a heart attack. Uncle Vern went to the sale and when they got to the M, the bidding was fast and furious. Government price controls were on and when it got to the price limit of a new tractor, the auctioneer stopped the sale. The auctioneer asked how many bidders would pay the price of a new tractor (which I believe was \$1,000) and a total of 10 bidders raised their hands. At that point they asked each of the bidders to write their name on a slip of paper, which they placed in a hat. It was Uncle Vern's lucky day and his name was drawn. He was, however, followed part way home by another bidder offering him a drink of whiskey and any price he wanted for the tractor (black market). Vern kept the tractor until he passed in the 70s and it was sold at his farm auction, like thousands of others just as they are today."

Anna Rhombs



If you are lucky, you will encounter someone who offers you unconditional support. Anna Rhombs Comeau (Annie) was such a person in my life. She offered the same to my wife and son, and as a result we had some thoroughly enjoyable summer visits to her home in Gettysburg. We shared simple things - fireworks at the Missouri River, fireworks displays by my son in her driveway, drives through the local area, a trip to Pierre, the COLD Gettysburg pool, visits with her neighbors, etc.

On the trip to Pierre, I was driving about 5 mph above the posted speed limit and I was stopped by a trooper. He just gave me a verbal warning, but Annie was mad at him.

This was an example of the her support.

When I was much younger, I also visited her farm - sometimes alone, sometimes with my family. It was always a great experience and a chance to learn a little about farm life. She and her husband Leo Comeau and their son Bob were super hosts. I had sometimes had access to a horse (e.g., borrowed from the Nagel farm). There were lots of farm animals - sheep, pigs, chickens, dogs, cats, etc. As I got older there were also rifles and pistols, and forays into the pastures and stands of trees in search of gophers and rabbits. Only once was my mother upset with me after one of my solo visits. She was upset because I returned home heavier than when I had left and my clothes no longer fit well. She had to buy bigger clothes for me for that school year.

There are many other stories about butchering chickens, taking ticks off dogs, castrating pigs, etc. Not normal fare for a kid from the city!

Annie was the first child of Joe and Tena (Thompson) Rhombs. She was born 1911 at a farm a few miles west of Hoven, SD. She was the big sister to my father, who was born about nine years later. I think that she played a big supporting role in my father's life. I know that there were times when dad did not manage his money well at college and Annie provided loans/gifts to him.

After marrying Leo Comeau, they moved onto the farm that I mention above. It was just north of Gettysburg, SD. The attached [document](#) from their son Robert describes life on the farm in better detail than I ever could.

Shirley Bates



When I think of Shirley, I think of liveliness, fast motion, fun, smiles, attentiveness, and kindness. We did not visit her often, but when we did I was treated to her friendliness. I always enjoyed her company. Here is an obituary, published shortly after her death.

Obituary:

Shirley Mae Bates was born Oct. 6, 1928, to Harry G. and Marian (Loy) Bates on the family farm in Perkins County, S.D. She attended country schools and graduated from Gettysburg High School. Shirley moved to Aberdeen, where she attended three years of nursing school and became a registered nurse. Shirley married Rex Nelson June 6, 1953, in Rapid City, S.D. They made Aberdeen their home, where she was employed

with St. Luke's Hospital for 28 years and then as the state health nurse for 15 years before retiring. Shirley was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She loved to play bridge and enjoyed meeting her nursing classmates for lunch several times every year. Her parents preceded her in death. Grateful for having shared her life is her husband, Rex of Aberdeen; her daughter, Kristie (Wayne) Frederick of Red Wing, Minn.; three grandchildren, Shawn, Shannon and Ashley Frederick; one sister, Velma (Bob) Rombs of Sarasota, Fla.; and one brother, Dennis (Darlene) Bates of Herreid, S.D. All of Shirley's co-workers from Avera St. Luke's Hospital will be considered honorary pallbearers. Following the memorial service, everyone is welcome to join the family for lunch, served by the United Methodist Women at the church.

Shirley's daughter, Kristie, has also provided the following, which is inspired by the "boxer shorts ironing" story above. -

My mother also ironed everything: sheets, underwear and my dad's work clothes. But they came by ironing honestly - you see grandma (Marian Loy) also ironed everything. As a gift from her second husband, Christ Snortland, she got a commercial ironing machine. You could lay your whole sheet in it. She loved it!

The words I would use to describe my mother are kind, loving, hard worker, funny, caring, smart. She was loved by many, and she never complained even when her health went bad. I admired her.

Dennis Bates



Of all of my uncles and aunts, I know the least about Dennis. I do remember that he visited my family in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, after having broken a leg while parachuting. The following obituary describes some parts of his life.

Obituary:

Dennis A. Bates (known simply as "Bates") was born May 22, 1938, to Harry and Marion Bates. The youngest of three children, Shirley Nelson (Aberdeen, SD -Deceased).

He married Darlene F. Berndt on Oct. 12, 1962, at the Herreid Baptist Church and they recently celebrated 52 years of marriage.

Bates enlisted in the U.S. Army and will be remembered as a Green Beret with the Special Forces. He was stationed in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina and served his country

with pride. He was honorably discharged and returned home to Herreid in 1961. Bates' strong working career included employment with Perman Elevator, Herreid Concrete, Herreid Equity, and 17 years with the DOT for the State of SD. Retiring to the Missouri River, he also was a fishing guide for the Point of View.

Bates was very active in the Herreid Community for 53 years.

He was volunteer for the Herreid Volunteer Fire Department (Fire Chief for multiple terms), the Campbell County Ambulance (the 54th certified EMT in the State), the Herreid Economic Development, the Boosters Club, the Campbell County Wildlife, and the Jaycees. He as also proud member of the Jacob A. Henrich American Legion Post 170.

Fishing was his passion.

His handle was "Jayhawker", and it is legend to believe that the Corp of Engineers re-plated the Missouri River after Bates 're-named' many fishing spots he favored. New sites like "double-tree, single tree, thin ice, and many more. His endless humor was shared with everyone.

He is survived by his fishing and card-playing buddies, his EMS and firefighter partners, his community of friends and a loving family.

Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery in Herreid under the direction of Kesling Funeral Home of Mobridge, SD.

Funeral services for Dennis Bates age 76 of Herreid, SD will be Saturday at 2:00 PM at the Herreid Baptist Church. Pastor Don Hill officiating.

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Mysteries

Here is a list of mysteries associated with our ancestors. I'm pretty sure that answers exist. Maybe you know a solution to one of the mysteries.

1. **Josef Kessler** was a cousin to Barbara (Kessler) Rombs. He lived with his family in Ipswich, SD. I have some notes that indicate that the Rombs and Kessler families visited each other. Unfortunately, I do not know what happened to Josef. His wife's (Anna Saenger's) obit indicates that he died in 1893, but I have never been able to determine exactly when he died, where he died, or where he is buried. Read more about the family in [this document](#).
2. Agnes Moodie's mother was **Jemima (Nicol) Moodie**. She may have traveled to the USA in the 1880s. I have never found a record of her death, and I wonder if she died in or en route to WI, near her son and daughters.
3. **Jerome B. Tupper** was Harry Bates' grandfather. Wisconsin records indicate that he died in Grant Co., WI, but I have not found where he was buried.
4. There are a few mysteries associated with **Sam Loy** and his ancestors. -
 - a. It certainly appears that he was married twice - the first wife being Margaret Rower. They had a son named **William Loy**, who was at least partly raised by his maternal grandparents in OH. He eventually moved to Auburn, IN, married and had three children. Since this part of his past was not handed down to me by immediate relatives, it would be worthwhile to confirm that William and his offspring are descendants of Sam. This might be done based on similar visual appearance or DNA evidence. Can you find a picture? Has a descendant done DNA testing? [Here](#) is some information about him.
 - b. Sam's mother, **Susannah**, was born in PA. I have started to trace her family back from Marion Co., OH, to PA, but lots is unknown. I have added a [section](#)

devoted solely to this investigation.

- c. Sam's father, **John Loy**, moved from Baden to Marion Co., OH, then west to the Delphos, OH, area. Along the way he may have married a lady named Catherine Klinger. Many details of his life need to be confirmed by discovery of additional evidence. Read more about proposed events in John's life in [this document](#).
5. **John Bates**, brother of Harry was born in WI in 1893 and died in 1908. Where was he buried?
6. While in South Dakota recently, I obtained a few **photos** of people that my aunt, Anna Comeau, had accumulated in Gettysburg, South Dakota. Unfortunately there are some people in the photos that I do not recognize. Here is a link to the "unknowns." <https://photos.app.goo.gl/dbrxP49w6M8dzFec7> Perhaps you recognize someone! If so, please contact me.
7. My genetic testing has revealed about a dozen other testers with virtually identical **mitochondrial DNA**. This means that we share a common maternal ancestor somewhere in the distant (not too distant?) past. Since my maternal line can be traced nearly 400 hundred years back to colonial Connecticut, I have done an [analysis](#) that might help to identify a common ancestor, assuming that she existed within the last 400 years.
8. My maternal Allen line traces pretty clearly back to Fabius, NY, in the era from the very end of the 18th century to the first thirty years of the 19th century. From there back in time there are only a few hints about family ancestors. I have written a [summary](#) of what hints have been found about the ancestors of **Peter and Roena (Pierce/Pearce) Allen** prior to 1800. This summary suggests ways to resolve the uncertainties.

There are some mysteries that have actually been solved! Descriptions follow.

- The grave site of **Satina Bates Tupper**, Harry Bates' grandmother and wife of Jerome Tupper, has been found in Bethel Cemetery, near Ellis, SD. The cemetery has suffered from neglect and has recently been cleaned up, but there is no marker for Satina (or most others buried there). Were it not for the WPA graves registration project during the Depression, the grave would likely have been lost. A description of its location in the cemetery is [here](#).
- **Libby Bates** was Harry Bates' sister, and for many years I had no information about her life. A little bit of luck, however, allowed me to trace her from WI to SD to ND to WA and back to WI, where her remains were buried near her sister May. I have summarized what I found in a short [manuscript](#). And, with the help of recently discovered cousin, I have acquired photos that show Libby. Here's one.



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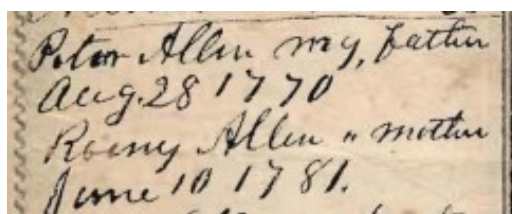
Introduction

Here are some thoughts that I want to record/share regarding Peter Allen and Roena Pierce.

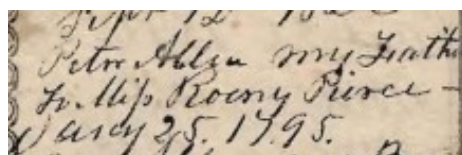
According to a bible left by their son Marvin, Peter was born on 8/28/1770 and Roena was born on 6/10/1781. This means that their very early years must have been influenced by the Revolutionary War. Peter and Roena appear to have come to Fabius, NY, just a few years after it was founded in the last few years of the 18th century. They were certainly there in 1803 based on Baptist Church records that survive. By the end of 1836, both had died.

Here are images from Marvin Allen's Bible. They record birth, marriage, and death for his parents.

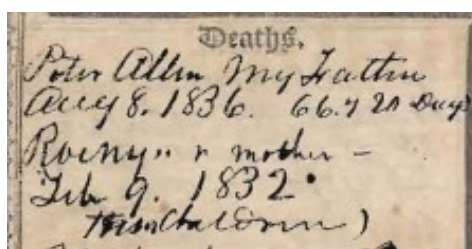
Birth:



Marriage:



Death:



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Here are images from the church records mentioned above. See www.familyserach.org.

FABIUS, N. Y. CHURCH RECORDS

First Baptist Church
Methodist Episcopal Church

Copied from the original records
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the Daughters of the American
Revolution

1931

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FABIUS, ONONDAGA COUNTY, N.Y.

Organized - 1803

Original members - Aug. 24, 1803

Samuel Webster	died Dec. 1834
Thomas Keeney	" May 1, 1837
John Phelps	
Abiram Stebbins	
Peter Allen	" Aug. 1836
Elijah Keeney	" Dec. 4, 1819
Thomas Keeney, Jr.	" Feb. 6, 1814
Margaret Webster	" May 1837
Jemima Wallace	" Oct. 30, 1814
Anne Phelps	" Fe. 18, 1832
Roana Allen	" Feb. 9, 1832
Mercy Keeney	" May 1, 1837

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The research problems that have not been solved include those bits of information about their years prior to those in Fabius. These things would include birth locations, identities of parents and other relatives, location of marriage on 1/25/1795, etc.

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Here is a family group form for the Allen/Pierce family.

Family Group Report		
Husband: Allen, Peter		
Birth	1770-08-28	Connecticut
Death	1836-08-08	Michigan
Father		
Mother		
Wife: Pierce, Roena		
Birth	1781-06-10	
Death	1832-02-09	
Father		
Mother		
Children		
1M	Allen, Peter	
	Birth	1796-07-06 Fabius, Onondaga, New York
	Death	1829-12-30 Cattaraugus Co., NY, New York
2M	Allen, Luther	
	Birth	1798-10-10 Fabius, Onondaga, New York
	Death	1847-02-20 Gowanda, Cattaraugus, New York
	Spouse	Benedict, Huldah
3M	Allen, Marvin	
	Birth	1800-11-04 Farmington, Ontario Co., New York
	Death	1861 Farmington, Ontario Co., New York
	Spouse	Gardner, Mary
	Marriage	about 1837 Farmington, New York
4M	Allen, Asahel	
	Birth	1802-11-05 Fabius, Onondaga, New York
	Death	1858-01-21 Cattaraugus, New York
	Spouse	Benedict, Sally Ann
	Spouse	Shaw, Julia Ann
5M	Allen, Elisha	
	Birth	1805-04-21 Fabius, Onondaga, New York
	Death	1832-11-19 Cortland, New York
	Spouse	Benedict, Electa Mercy
	Marriage	1831-02-22
6M	Allen, Norman	
	Birth	1807-03-16
	Death	
7M	Allen, James P.	
	Birth	1810-10-21 Fabius, Onondaga, New York
	Death	1840-09-13 Burr Oak, Michigan
	Spouse	Macy, Maria C.
8M	Allen, Mason	
	Birth	1813-06-17
	Death	1833-12-07
9F	Allen, Lucy Maria	
	Birth	1816-07-23
	Death	1832-02-12
10M	Allen, Daniel R.	
	Birth	1819-10-22
	Death	1843

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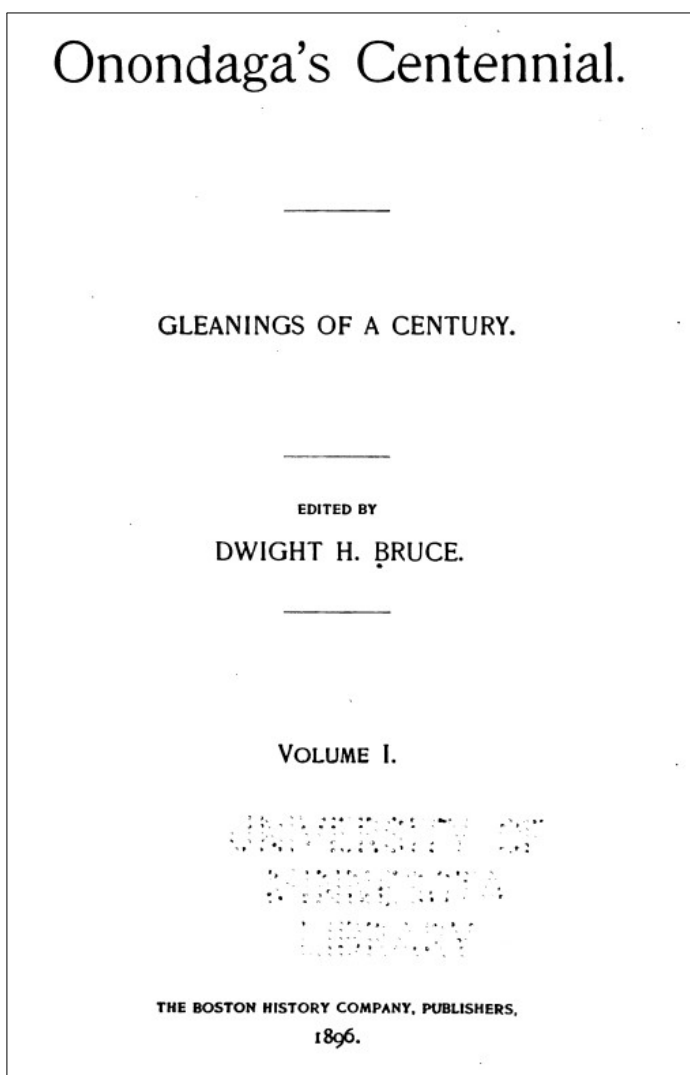
Fabius Records Impasse

I have found this information in a two-volume Centennial publication for Onondaga County, published in 1896.

Unfortunately the town records prior to 1854 were burned with Lewis Bramer's hardware store in Fabius village in December, 1882. This loss precludes the possibility of obtaining the names of others who are worthy of mention in local history, but tradition says that the entire population was in community of sentiment and action for the public

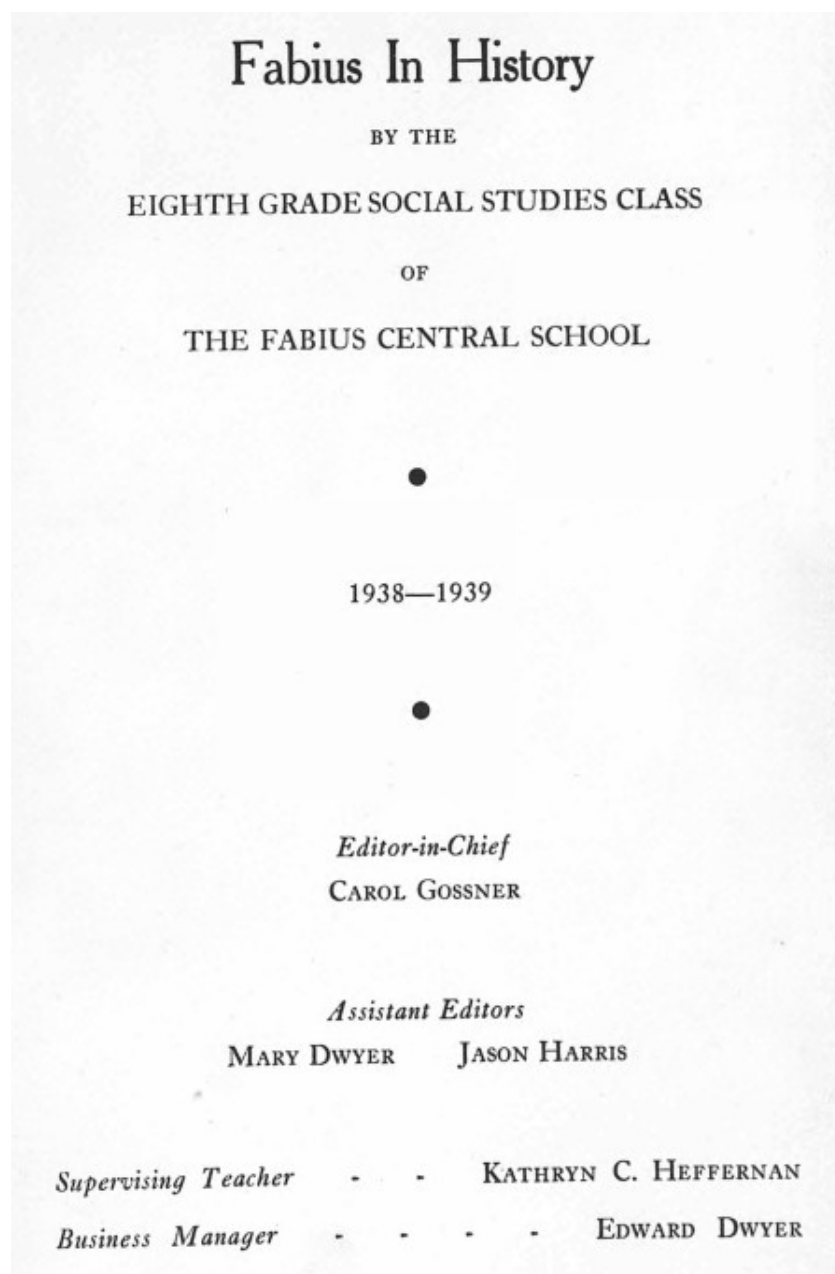
The book is available from Google Books (free). Here is its title page.

This information may help explain why information about the town and couple has eluded past researchers.



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Having noted this problem, however, there are some general sources that can help us understand the town of Fabius and its early years. Here is one example, available via Google Books. It has a special section on Fabius. <https://books.google.com/books?id=wcehDgAAQBAJ&pg=PA25&dq=fabius+in+history&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjvbkpamtqPhAhUMOawKHb-7BHkQ6AEIKjAA#v=onepage&q=fabius%20in%20history&f=false>



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Roena Pierce Speculation

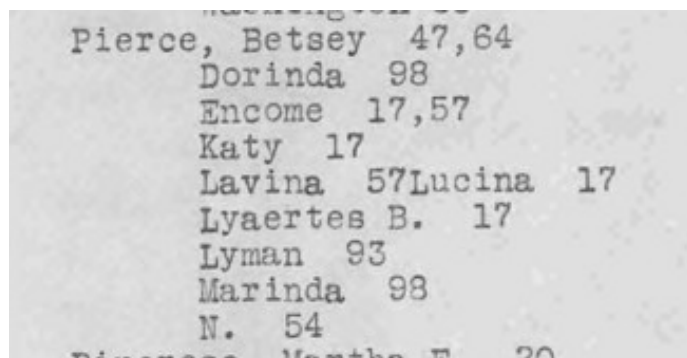
Above is mentioned a transcribed set of records from two churches in Fabius, NY, where Peter and Roena lived. You'll find many entries for Allens, and it confirms some of the dates in the Marvin Allen bible.

In this same document there is also a list of Pierce people in the church records. I am wondering if they may be related to Roena. To that end I investigated some of the names in the church records as well as other Pierces that show up in census records for Fabius. Some of the records for these folks led me back to Rhode Island. Since Roena was born 6/10/1781, it is tempting to imagine that her birth records may have been destroyed by the British if she was indeed born in RI. So, I offer this link to a tree for some RI people that may be of some interest.

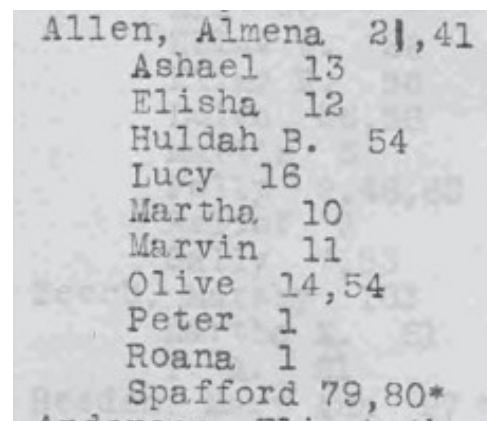
"Pedigree Resource File," database, FamilySearch
(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/2:2:3Q9Q-LZ4> : accessed 25 March 2019), entry for Ebenezer /Pearce/Pierce/, cites sources; "Jerl & Ara Weber" file (2:2:2:MMD8-NB2), submitted 8 April 2014 by EleanorMitchell [identity withheld for privacy].

Maybe she is descended somehow from Daniel Pierce (1662-1731). If so, I'm afraid that the only way to prove it will be through genetic testing.

Following are images from the index to the church records document that shows the named Pierce and Allen folks.



Pierce, Betsey 47,64
Dorinda 98
Encome 17,57
Katy 17
Lavina 57Lucina 17
Lyaertes B. 17
Lyman 93
Marinda 98
N. 54
Martha F. 20



Allen, Almna 21,41
Ashael 13
Elisha 12
Huldah B. 54
Lucy 16
Martha 10
Marvin 11
Olive 14,54
Peter 1
Roana 1
Spafford 79,80*

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Peter Allen Speculation

Some have said that Peter was from Connecticut. However, I have never been able to find concrete evidence supporting this. That is not to say that origins in CT do not make sense. They definitely do. The question is how to find evidence.

As explained earlier, local (town) records for Fabius burned in 1854. So, unless there are property or church records that I have not found so far, we are left with census records to provide hints. To that end, I have looked at the Federal census enumerations for 1800-1830 to see if there are any Allen males other than Peter that show up.

1800 Census Data

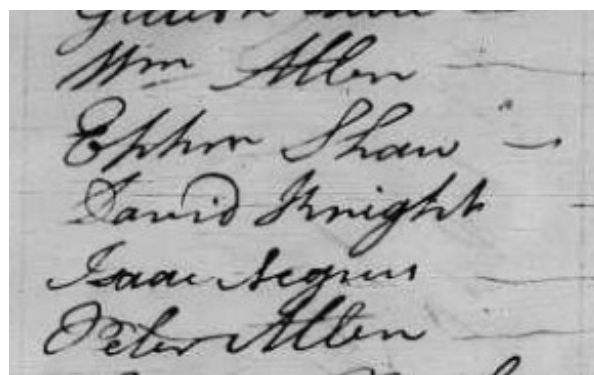
In the 1800 census, both Peter Allen and William Allen are listed. For example . . .

Name: Wm Allen
Event Type: Census
Event Date: 1800
Event Place: Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States
Note:
Page: 179,180
Affiliate Name: The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
Affiliate Publication Number: M32
Affiliate Film Number: 24
GS Film Number: 193712
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Their names are first and last in the accompanying image. It is tempting to think that William and Peter were related somehow. This is worth pursuing. Perhaps it would lead to discovery of their origins.



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1810 Census Data

In 1810, there are three Allen males in the Fabius census on pages 34 and 35 – William, Peter, and Jared. This provides another name (Jared) for research.

Here are the references.

"United States Census, 1810," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XH2Z-S8X> : accessed 27 March 2019), Jared Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 35, NARA microfilm publication M252 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 34; FHL microfilm 181,388.

"United States Census, 1810," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XH2Z-S4Q> : accessed 27 March 2019), Peter Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 34, NARA microfilm publication M252 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 34; FHL microfilm 181,388.

"United States Census, 1810," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XH2Z-SCR> : accessed 27 March 2019), Wm Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 35, NARA microfilm publication M252 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 34; FHL microfilm 181,388.

Here is the image that shows Jared. Note that it also shows Caleb, Ebenezer, and Daniel Pearce, who might be related to Roena.

Caleb Pearce	1	3	1	1	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	-
Eben. Pearce	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Dan. Pearce	2	2	1	1	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	-
Simcon Sprague	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Matthew Stuart	3	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
Thad. Beach	2	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	1	-	-	-
Elnathan Griffen	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cary R. Griffen	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sarah Peabody	2	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	-
Lewis Beebee	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Jared Allen	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

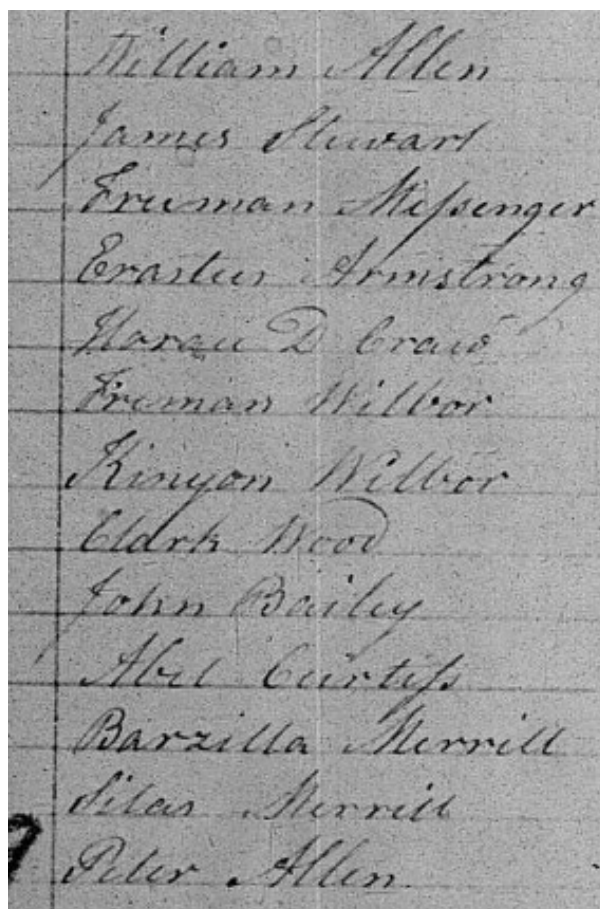
Finding the Ancestors of Peter Allen and Roena Pierce

1820 Census Data

In 1820, only William and Peter are present.

"United States Census, 1820," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHGW-8NW> : accessed 27 March 2019), Peter Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 159, NARA microfilm publication M33, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 67; FHL microfilm 193,722.

"United States Census, 1820," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHGW-8N9> : accessed 27 March 2019), William Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 159, NARA microfilm publication M33, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 67; FHL microfilm 193,722.



Finding the Ancestors of Peter Allen and Roena Pierce

1830 Census Data

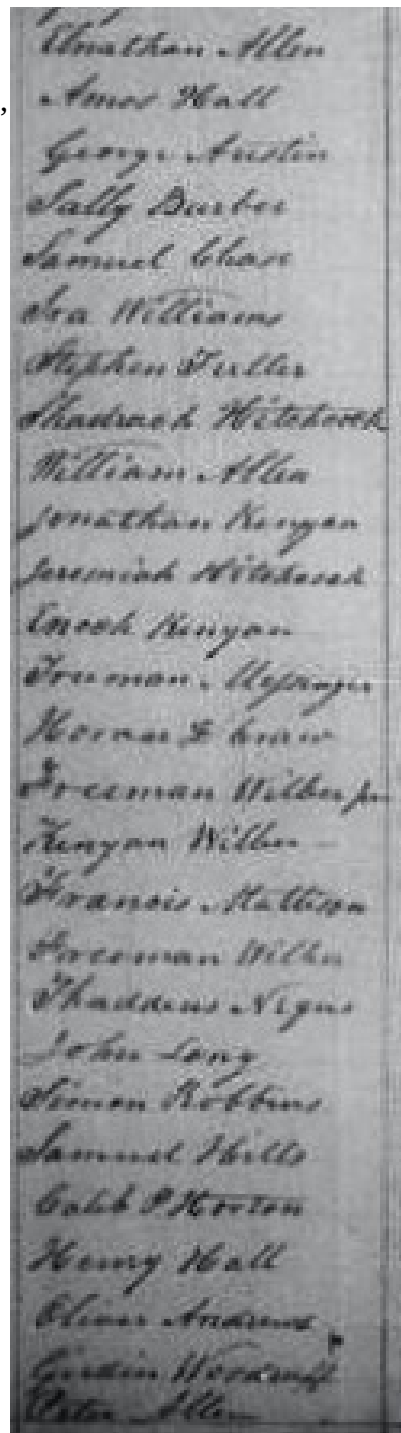
1830 adds another Allen – “Elnathan”. (It makes me wonder if the enumerator did not mean Ethan.)

"United States Census, 1830," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHPJ-7K3> : 22 August 2017), Elnathan Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing 249, NARA microfilm publication M19, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 100; FHL microfilm 17,160.

"United States Census, 1830," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHPJ-7K2> : 22 August 2017), Peter Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing 249, NARA microfilm publication M19, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 100; FHL microfilm 17,160.

"United States Census, 1830," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHPJ-7K4> : 22 August 2017), William Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing 249, NARA microfilm publication M19, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 100; FHL microfilm 17,160.

In summary, it seems reasonable to research all the Allen males that appear in 1800-1830 census enumerations: William, Jared, Peter, and Elnathan(?).



Finding the Ancestors of Peter Allen and Roena Pierce

1840 Census Data

In 1840, the four previously mentioned Allen males are gone. Instead there are two new ones – Jedediah and Spafford.

"United States Census, 1840," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHTW-KLJ> : 16 August 2017), Spafford Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 204, NARA microfilm publication M704, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 317; FHL microfilm 17,200.

"United States Census, 1840," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHTW-217> : 16 August 2017), Jedediah Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 199, NARA microfilm publication M704, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 317; FHL microfilm 17,200.

1850 Census Data

In 1850, there appear to be two Allen families in Fabius – one headed by Spafford b. 1811 and his wife Almena b. 1818 and two children; another headed by C. Henry (b. 1825) and Harriet (b. 1827) Allen. These might be children of the earlier Allen males mentioned in the 1800-1830 census enumerations.

"United States Census, 1850," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCB5-7SQ> : 12 April 2016), Harriet Allen in household of C Henry Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing family 382, NARA microfilm publication M432 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

"United States Census, 1850," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCB5-K3H> : 12 April 2016), Spafford Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing family 301, NARA microfilm publication M432 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

Finding the Ancestors of Peter Allen and Roena Pierce

Spafford Allen – Hints?

The Spafford Allen line is described on ancestry.com. See the following.

Jacob b.1755 d.1840 (in Chenango Co., NY). He was Spafford's father . . .

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/25098946/person/1604927191/facts>

William b.1774 d.?. He was Jacob's brother . . .

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/25098946/person/27342400574/facts>

James b.1734 d. 1764. He was Jacob's father . . .

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/25098946/person/27342400564/facts>

Erasmus Allen Jr. b. 1712 d.1787. He was James' father.

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/25098946/person/200126688751/facts>

This line might be a clue to the actual line of Peter Allen. To test this, we would need a direct male descendant of Peter and one of Stafford to do y-DNA testing. Do these people exist?

Bethel Cemetery Near Ellis, SD

Rhoda Satina Bates Tupper was buried here in 1890 in grave 1 of lot 26, block 2.

I believe that she is just south and slightly to the east of the graves of Margaret and Sylvester Clark, who are in graves 2 & 3 of lot 25, block 2.

There is a tree/bush very close to the location of Satina's grave.

Here are some pictures.

Looking SW from near the NE corner of the cemetery.



Looking ESE from just NE of the plaque.



Bethel Cemetery Near Ellis, SD

Looking ESE again from near the plaque. Wider view.



Bethel Cemetery Near Ellis, SD

WPA Graves Registration Project

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2 - WPA-GR

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WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION
GRAVES REGISTRATION PROJECT
CEMETERY RECORD OF ALL GRAVES

Cemetery Bethel Location N.E. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4, sec. 3 Twp. 101 R. 50.
City Ellis County Minnehaha

NAME OF DECEASED	GR. NO.	LOT NO.	BLK NO.	SEC NO.	DATE OF DEATH	AGE AT DEATH	SEX	VET.	NOM VET.
Alguire Daniel	3	17	1		1883	71	M		
Clark Margaret	3	25	2		1892	67	F		
Clark Sylvester	2	25	2		1885	80	M		
Foster Daniel	burial space unknown								
Foster John	4	29	2		1888	66	M		
Foster Chas. E.	3	27	2		1889	5	M		
Foster Helen					1905	20mo	F		
Foster Robert jr.	burial space unknown								
Foster Sarah					1873	12	F		
Foster Robert sr.					1886	67	M		
Kelsey Clayton	3-4	40	2			20mo	M		
Leao Child	2	40	2		1903	inf.	F		
Marshall Elwyn	4	7	1		1900	9mo	M		
Topper Mrs. R.S.	1	26	2		1890	63	F		

← *

Craig Rhombs

07/31/18

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Bethel Cemetery Near Ellis, SD

Google Maps view: <https://goo.gl/maps/Ge2H5ySWH7C2>



Satina's grave is near the small bush/tree pointed to here..



Craig Rhombs

07/31/18

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Bethel Cemetery Near Ellis, SD

Individual pictures of surviving headstones can be found here.
<https://southdakotagravestones.org/cemetery.php?cemID=172>

Wide View *BETHEL

Bethel Cemetery - Wayne Township
(Abandoned) Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

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Record #: 39360



Looking nearly S from near the NE corner of the cemetery. The Alguire are on the left. The marker on the right is for the Clarks. Satina is to the left of the bush.

Daniel B ALGUIRE

Bethel Cemetery - Wayne Township
(Abandoned) Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Born 1/20/1812 Died 3/31/1883

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Mary Jane ALGUIRE

Bethel Cemetery - Wayne Township
(Abandoned) Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Born 10/8/1816 Died 3/28/1903
Wife of Daniel B Alguire

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Bethel Cemetery Near Ellis, SD

Margaret CLARK

Bethel Cemetery - Wayne Township
(Abandoned) Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Sylvester Born June 24, 1804 Died Feb.
21, 1885

Margaret Born April 1, 1823 Died Jan.
13, 1892

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Bethel Cemetery Near Ellis, SD

I believe that this stone is now missing.

John FOSTER

Bethel Cemetery - Wayne Township
(Abandoned) Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

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Record #: 39363



These are the remains of markers just south of Satina's grave.

Robert FOSTER

Bethel Cemetery - Wayne Township
(Abandoned) Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Robert Jr aged 14 and Sarah aged 12
Caught in a blizzard away from home

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Bethel Cemetery Near Ellis, SD

Sarah FOSTER

Bethel Cemetery - Wayne Township
(Abandoned) Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Robert Jr aged 14 and Sarah aged 12
Caught in a blizzard away from home

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Bethel Cemetery Near Ellis, SD

Replica Memorial HOFFMAN

Bethel Cemetery - Wayne Township
(Abandoned) Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

A close up of the inscription is also listed

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Bethel Cemetery Near Ellis, SD

Replica Close Up HOFFMAN

Bethel Cemetery - Wayne Township
(Abandoned) Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Replica placed by descendants of Harry
M. Hoffman, Dorothy M. Hoffman-
Nehlsen, Clark R (or B) Hoffman. 1980

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Record #: 39365



This stone is still in the ground, just south of Satina's grave.

Avis LEAO

Bethel Cemetery - Wayne Township
(Abandoned) Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Daughter Of D H & M E Leao
Born aug. 9, 1898 Died Aug. 10, 1898

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Bethel Cemetery Near Ellis, SD

Elwin C MARSHALL

Bethel Cemetery - Wayne Township
(Abandoned) Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Born Apr. 13, 1899 Died Jan. 20, 1900
Gone To A Better Land

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Bethel Cemetery Near Ellis, SD

Harley D MARSHALL

Bethel Cemetery - Wayne Township
(Abandoned) Cemetery
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Born Sep. 28, 1897 Died May 27, 1898
Gone To Be An Angel

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Record #: 2946



Information about Josef Kessler

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Purpose

This is a summary of information that I have about the Kessler/Saenger family. I am hoping to some day determine where the father, Josef, died.

Information about Josef Kessler

1848 Birth in Russia (from 1852 Selz census)

Selz 1852 Census

HH#	#Males in Village	#Females in Village	Surname	Given (First) Name	Age of Male	Age of Female
		246		Barbara		38
	224			Valentin	5	
	225			Franz	1/2	
		247		Katharina		14
		248		Karolina		9
48	226		Thomas	Peter	26	
		249		Karolina		24
	227			Josef	6	
	228			Franz	2	
		250		Karolina		1/2
49	229		Kessler	Josef	73	
		251		Barbara		70
	230		Kessler	Anton	48	
		252		Elisabetha		30
	231			Franz	17	
	232			Georg	9	
		253		Gertruda		14
		254		Barbara		11
		255		Daria		3
	233		Kessler	Jakob	40	
		256		Elisabetha		31
	234			Ignatz	8	
	235		<i>Edwards Co. →</i>	Josef	4	
	236			Ludwig	2	
	237			Nikolaus	3/4	
		257		Genoveva		10
		258		Marianna		6
	238		Kessler	Johann	31	
		259		Elisabetha <i>Schmayer</i>		30
	239			Franz	5	
		260		Margareta		6
		261	<i>Faulk Co. →</i>	Barbara		4
		262		Katharina		1
50	240		Eisenzimmer	Johann	48	
		263		Maria Eva		39
	241			Valentin	1	
		264		Franziska		15
		265		Elisabetha		11
		266		Helena		9
		267		Margareta		6
	242		Philipps	Georg	39	
		268		Henrika		37

Information about Josef Kessler

1881 (?) Marriage in Russia to Anna Saenger (b.~1858)

1881: estimated from birth of first daughter, Edith, on 7/22/1882. The 1905 SD census indicates 1883, but I am inclined to think that Edith was legitimate.

Anna may have been from one of the Kutshurgan colonies in Russia. The last census that I have is for 1852, however.

1885 Immigration to the USA

From the manifest of the SS Elbe (Bremen to NY 10/31/1885)

636	476*	?	Kessler	31	m	farmer	Germany	1-5
637	477		Barbara Kessler	30	f	wife	Germany	1-
638	478		Maria Kessler	8	f	child	Germany	1-
639	479		Michael Kessler	2	m	child	Germany	1-
640	480		B. Dorsch	21	m	workman	Germany	3-1
641	481	?	Meldenbreyer	21	m	workman	Germany	3-2
642	482		Jos Kessler	30	m	farmer	Germany	1-5
643	483		Anna Kessler	28	f	wife	Germany	1-
644	484	?	Kessler	2	m	child	Germany	1-
645	485		Franziska Kessler	8m	f	child	Germany	1-
646	486	?	Meyer	26	m	farmer	Germany	3-1

See persons 482-485. Person 484 is probably Edith. Birth dates are slightly off from other sources.

Person 476 is probably Franz Kessler with wife and family. (Franz is a brother of my great grandmother, Barbara. Josef Kessler is a cousin to my great grandmother and her brother, Franz.)

Information about Josef Kessler

1893 Death

1893: The only reference comes from his wife's obit from 1930. (1930-37 = 1893) I can't find a burial location!

Funeral Services For Mrs. Kessler

Mrs. Anna Kessler was born November 29, 1858 in Russia and passed away November 19, 1930 at Ipswich, S. D.

In 1886, Mr. and Mrs. Kessler came to the United States, locating in Edmunds County. They lived in Bowdle a year and then moved to Ipswich. Mr. Kessler passed away thirty-seven years ago.

Mrs. Kessler has been ill the past six years, and has been confined to her bed since last April.

Those left to mourn are three daughters, Miss Edith Kessler, Mrs. Carl Blank and Mrs. L. L. Silvernail; one son, Joseph Kessler.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at nine o'clock at nine o'clock from Holy Cross Church, with Rev. F. Bormann officiating. Interment was made in the Ipswich cemetery.

The pall bearers were: Adam Siller, Peter Pietz, Frank Archer, Will Deminck, F. E. Lass and Peter Geditz.

Information about Josef Kessler

Family Events

Family of Joseph (and Anna) shown as descendants of Jakob Kessler.

Descendants of Kessler, Jakob

1. Kessler, Jakob (b. 1812, d. 1853 - Selz, Russia)
 - sp. Weber, Elisabetha (b. 1821)
 2. Kessler, Genoveva (b. 1842)
 2. Kessler, Marianna (b. 1846)
 2. Kessler, Josef (b. 1848, d. 1893)
 - sp. Saenger, Anna (b. 1858 - Russia, d. 1930 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
 3. Kessler, Edith (b. 1882-07-22 - Russia, d. 1974-04-00 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
 3. Kessler, Frances (b. 1884-12-00, d. 1963 - Aberdeen, US, South Dakota)
 - sp. Silbermagel, Leonard L. (b. 1884-12-20, d. 1953)
 4. Silbermagel, Marie (b. 1910-05-05 - Brown, South Dakota, US)
 4. Silbermagel, Monie
 4. Silbermagel, Joseph
 4. Silbermagel, Virgil
 4. Silbermagel, Lorraine (b. 1923, d. 2011)
 3. Kessler, Lizzie (b. 1887-02-17 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1901-12-17 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
 3. Kessler, Joseph (b. 1889-01-06 - Faulk, South Dakota, US, d. 1983-01-21 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
 3. Kessler, Anna (b. 1891-02-00 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1926)
 - sp. Blank, Martin L. (b. 1883-10-07, d. 1971-10-00)
 3. Kessler, Katie (b. 1894-05-00 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1960 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
 - sp. Blank, Carl R. (b. 1886, d. 1987 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA)
 4. Blank, Jerome (b. 1921)
 4. Blank, Angela (b. 1923-07-19 - Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, USA, d. 1993-10-26 - Colorado)
 4. Blank, Deloris (b. 1925)
 4. Blank, Carl Robert (b. 1926, d. 2010)
 4. Blank, Mary (b. 1930-09-05, d. 1984-03-21)
 - sp. Horst, Herbert Harold (b. 1931-10-19, d. 1957-12-02)
 2. Kessler, Ludwig (b. 1850)
 2. Kessler, Nicholas (b. 1851)
 - sp. Friedrich, Elisabetha (b. 1825, d. 1844)
 2. Kessler, Ignatz (b. 1844)

Information about Josef Kessler

Picture: The Family of Anna (Saenger) and Josef Kessler

I suspect that the picture was taken around 1900 in Ipswich.



Information about Josef Kessler

1889 Birth of Son Joseph in Faulk County

Why in Faulk Co.?? (This is where cousins Johannes and Barbara (Kessler) Rombs lived at the time.)

Name: Joseph Kessler

Event Type: Birth

Event Date: 06 Jan 1889

Event Place: Faulk, South Dakota, United States

Gender: Male

Father's Name: Joseph Kessler

Mother's Name: Anna Saenger

Digital Folder Number:

Citing this Record:

"South Dakota, Department of Health, Index to Births 1843-1914 and Marriages 1950-2016," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QKD8-D3BW> : 11 February 2018), Joseph Kessler, 06 Jan 1889; citing Birth, Faulk, South Dakota, United States, South Dakota Department of Health, Pierre.

Information about Josef Kessler

1905 SD census

Male	Name <i>Annie Kessler</i> Card No. <i>205</i>
Female	County..... P. O. <i>IPSWICH</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White	Township..... Sec..... T..... R.....
Black	Ward..... City <i>IPSWICH</i> No.....
Red	} St..... Av.....
Yellow	
Married	Hotel or Institution.....
Single	Age <i>47</i> Occupation.....
Widowed	Place of Birth <i>Russia</i>
Divorced	Years in South Dakota <i>18</i> Years in United States <i>18</i>
Can Read	Birthplace of Father <i>Russia</i>
Can't Read	Birthplace of Mother <i>Russia</i>
Can Write	Signed <i>Jas. A. Champlin</i> Enumerator
Can't Write	
Blind	
Deaf	
Idiotic	
Insane	

Citing this Record

"South Dakota State Census, 1905," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MM4Y-7VK> : 29 July 2017), Annie Kessler, South Dakota, United States; citing State Historical Society, Pierre; FHL microfilm 2,281,694.

Information about Josef Kessler

1910 fed census

STATE South Dakota COUNTY Edmunds TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY _____ NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Ipswich WARD OF CITY 3rd

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR - BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 - POPULATION

SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT No. _____ SHEET No. 8 B
ENUMERATION DISTRICT No. 174 1496

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 24th DAY OF April, 1910. ENUMERATOR _____

LOCATION	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	SEX	AGE	ETHNICITY	OTHER	OCCUPATION	EDUCATION	ORDER OF BIRTH
59										
60	138 176	Joseph Kessler	Head	M	52	W		English	High School	Mechanic
61		Anna Kessler	Wife	F	52	W		English	High School	Housewife
62		Joseph Kessler	Son	M	21	S		English	High School	Student - St. B.
63		Anna Kessler	Daughter	F	17	S		English	High School	Student - Holy Family
64	139 177	Katie Kessler	Daughter	F	16	S		English	High School	Student

Joseph, Anna, and Katie all present with mother Anna. In Ipswich.

Source Citation

Year: 1910; Census Place: Ipswich Ward 3, Edmunds, South Dakota; Roll: T624_1480; Page: 8B; Enumeration District: 0174; FHL microfilm: 1375493

Source Information

Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.

Information about Josef Kessler

1915 SD census

1915	Name <i>Anna Kessler</i>	Age <i>58</i>
Card No. <i>640</i>	County EDMUNDS	P. O. IPSWICH
Sex <i>F</i>	Town or Township IPSWICH	Ward <i>2</i>
Color <i>W</i>	Occupation <i>housekeeper</i>	Do you own your home or farm { Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Birthplace <i>Germany</i>	Ancestry <i>German</i>
Single	Father's birthplace <i>Germany</i>
Widowed	Mother's birthplace <i>Germany</i>
Divorced	Extent of Education <i>Common</i>	Graduate of
Read	Military Service: Civil War	Mexican
Write	State	Regiment
Blind ... Deaf ...	Maiden name of wife	Year married <i>1883</i>
Insane ... Idiot ...	Church affiliation <i>Catholic</i>
If Foreign Born are you Naturalized	Signed <i>A. B. Chubbuck</i> Assessor
Years in U. S. <i>30</i>	This card becomes a permanent record.	
Years in S. D. <i>30</i>		

Citing this Record

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(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MMH2-6WX> : 5 August 2017), Anna Kessler; citing State Historical Society, Pierre; FHL microfilm 2,283,794.

Information about Josef Kessler

1920 fed census

Anna with Edith and Josef in Ipswich.

STATE South Dakota COUNTY Edmunds TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY _____ NAME OF INSTITUTION _____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION 103

WARD OF CITY Ipswich ENUMERATOR Edmunds, S. D.

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 10 DAY OF _____ 1920.

8	X	Anna	Head	2	O	F	W	62	10	1876	Mar	1899	Odessa Rus	Russian
9		Edith	Daughter		F	W		38	5	7	Mar		Odessa Rus	Russian
10		Joseph	Son		M	W		31	5				South Dakota	Russian
11			Head	1	M	W		27	M	1910	Mar	1911	Russia	Russian

12		Anna	Wife										Odessa Rus	Russian
13		Edith	Daughter										Odessa Rus	Russian
14		Joseph	Son										Odessa Rus	Russian
15													Odessa Rus	Russian
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Daughter Edith is a dressmaker and son Joseph is a manager at a garage.

Citing this Record

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Information about Josef Kessler

1925 SD census

1925	Name	Anna Kessler	Age	48
Card No. <u>434</u>	County	Edmunds	P. O.	Howard
Sex	Town or Township	Howard	Ward	3
Color	Occupation	Home & Wife	Do you own your home or farm	{ Yes No
Married	Birthplace	Russia	Ancestry	Russian
Single	Father's birthplace	Russia		
Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mother's birthplace	Russia		
Divorced	Extent of Education		Graduate of	
Read <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military Service: Civil War		Spanish	World
Write <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State		Company	Regiment
Blind Deaf ...	Maiden name of wife		Year married	
Insane ... Idiot ...	Church affiliation	Catholic		
If foreign born, are you naturalized	Signed	Geo. J. J. J.	Assessor	
Years in U. S.	This card becomes a permanent record.			
Years in S. D.				

Citing this Record

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Information about Josef Kessler

1930 fed census

Form 1-28
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

State South Dakota Incorporated place City of Aberdeen Enumeration District No. 23-20 Sheet No. 9 A
County Edmunds Ward of city Block No. Supervisor's District No. 3
Township or other division of county Unincorporated place Institution Enumerated by me on April 10, 1930, Anna Kessler C. Jay, Enumerator. 249

Again with Edith and Joseph . . .

0				Rose	adopted daughter				v	F	W	18	S	no	yes	South Dakota	Odessa, Russia	Odessa, Russia		
10	x	208	208	Kessler	Annie	Head	71	0	1000	no	F	W	71	wd	22	no	no	Russia	Russia	Russia
11					Edith	daughter				v	F	W	47	S	no	yes		Russia	Russia	Russia
12					Joseph	son				v	M	W	40	S	no	yes		South Dakota	Russia	Russia
13		208	208			Head				no	M	W	35	M	19	no	no	South Dakota	Russia	Illinois

South Dakota	Odessa, Russia	Odessa, Russia		68	19	0		yes	none											9	
Russia	Russia	Russia	Berman	13	19	v	1886	al	no	none											10
Russia	Russia	Russia	Berman	13	19	v	1886	al	yes	seamstress	private home	8364	W	yes							11
South Dakota	Russia	Russia		68	19	0		yes	mechanic	garage	7673	W	yes	yes	low						12
South Dakota	Russia	Illinois		68	43	1		yes	salesman	hardware	4590	W	yes	no							13

Edith is a seamstress and Joseph is at a garage. Anna and Edith are listed as aliens, which I believe means that husband, Josef, never was naturalized.

Anna says that she was 22 when married, so marriage would have taken place in about 1881, confirming the conjecture above.

Citing this Record

"United States Census, 1930," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XQV3-KYS> : accessed 29 July 2018), Annie Kessler, Ipswich, Edmunds, South Dakota, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 20, sheet 9A, line 10, family 208, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 2222; FHL microfilm 2,341,956.

Information about Josef Kessler

1930 Death of Anna (wife)

Death about 7 months after the federal census.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Kessler

Mrs. Anna Kessler was born November 29, 1858 in Russia and passed away November 19, 1930 at Ipswich, S. D.

In 1896, Mr. and Mrs. Kessler came to the United States, locating in Edmunds County. They lived in Bowdle a year and then moved to Ipswich. Mr. Kessler passed away thirty-seven years ago.

Mrs. Kessler has been ill the past six years, and has been confined to her bed since last April.

Those left to mourn are three daughters, Miss Edith Kessler, Mrs. Carl Blank and Mrs. L. L. Silvernail; one son, Joseph Kessler.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at nine o'clock at nine o'clock from Holy Cross Church, with Rev. F. Bormann officiating. Interment was made in the Ipswich cemetery.

The pall bearers were: Adam Siler, Peter Pletz, Frank Archer, Will Deminck, F. E. Lass and Peter Gediz.

The Life of Libby Bates (1895-1936)

Summary Narrative

Libby (Elizabeth/Libbie) was born to Agnes Moodie and Charles Bates in Green Co., Wisconsin, in 1895.

I believe that she moved with her mother sometime between 1905 and 1909 to South Dakota (Haynes, Perkins Co., SD), where she attended school. I have followed her up to 1915 in this vicinity. [Her father, Charles, died of a brain tumor in WI in 1900.]

My mother has said that she thought that Libby worked for a newspaper in ND, and now I can say that this indeed makes sense based on other things that I have found.

In 1919 Libby marries John L. Owens in Richland Co., MT. Tracing John's past reveals that he was born in La Porte City, IA, in 1875. His first wife was Bertha Sparrow, from MN. They appear to have had one son, named Cromwell Lewis, in Bowdle, SD, in about 1897. At some point Bertha disappears from the scene, however. I believe that this is due to the fact that she is committed to the SD state mental institution in Yankton. She appears there in the 1920 census. She is buried there as well (after death in Cook Co., IL, in 1925). [There is an inherited neurological disease involved since she, her son, and one of his offspring suffered from it (Huntingtons?).]

John took up newspaper editing and publishing in an assortment of small town/county papers, including ones in Bowdle, SD, McIntosh, SD, Hazen, ND, and elsewhere. I suspect that Libby met him as a part of the work that she must have done in a paper in the vicinity of Haynes, SD. (This would fit with my mother's recollection.) They appear in Sidney, MT, in the 1920 Federal census.

In the 1925 ND census, John appears in ND in two locations. Libby shares one of the locations (in Hazen, ND).

In 1930, John is still in ND and Libby is living not too far from her brother, Frank, in the city of Tacoma in Washington state. She is a Linotype operator. So, sometime between 1925 and 1930, Libby and John have divorced.

John dies in 1931 and is buried near Mandan, ND. The death certificate shows his marital status as "divorced."

Libby dies on 4/4/1936 of cancer in Tacoma. Her body was cremated there and her ashes were buried on 8/13/1936 in the Eastlawn Cemetery in Beloit, WI. Her remains are now in the same plot as those of her sister, May, and May's husband Olaf Lund.

All in all, this is a story with many twists and turns, some that have yet to be discovered.

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Eastlawn Cemetery (Beloit) documents describing the plot where Elizabeth's remains were buried.

Image of Libby's death certificate follows. (The informant named in the document might actually be W. A. Wilsie, a Lutheran minister.)

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1. PLACE OF DEATH **Washington State Board of Health** Record No. _____
 County of Pierce **BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS** Registered No. 495
 City or Town of Tacoma **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**
 Registration Dist. No. m-1 No. Tacoma General Hospital St. _____ Ward _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 9 yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
1a. PLACE OF RESIDENCE: State Washington County Pierce
(If not same as place of death)
 CITY OR TOWN Tacoma No. Cambridge Apartments Street _____
2. FULL NAME Elizabeth Owen 500

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS	MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
3. SEX <u>Female</u> 4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> 5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced <u>Widow</u> 5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of <u>John Owen</u> (or) WIFE of _____	21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>4--4--</u> , 19 <u>36</u> 22. I HEREBY CERTIFY , That I attended deceased from <u>Feb 27</u> to <u>April 4</u> , 19 <u>36</u> I last saw her alive on <u>4-3-36</u> death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>1:50 A. M.</u> <u>482</u> The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows: <u>Carcinoma of cervix</u> Date of onset <u>Feb 27/35</u>
6. DATE of BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>Mar. 10- 1896</u> 7. AGE Years <u>40</u> Months <u>0</u> Days <u>24</u> 11 LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.	Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause: _____
OCCUPATION 8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Linotype Operator</u> 9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. <u>Newspaper Publisher</u> 10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation. <u>20</u>	Name of operation _____ Date of _____ What test confirmed diagnosis <u>Biopsy</u> Was there an autopsy? <u>no</u> 23. If death was due to external cause (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____, 19____ Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and state) Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place. _____ Manner of injury _____ Nature of injury _____
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Unobtainable</u> (State or country) <u>Wis.</u>	24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? <u>no</u> If so, specify _____ (Signed) <u>William B. Wernery, D.</u> (Address) <u>Tacoma Wash</u>
FATHER 13. NAME <u>John Bates</u> 14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Unobtainable</u> (State or country) _____	17. INFORMANT <u>Mr. W. A. Wills, Jr.</u> (Address) <u>Tacoma, Wash</u>
MOTHER 15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Agnes</u> 16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) _____	18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>Mt. View Cremation</u> Date <u>April 5, 1936</u>
19. UNDERTAKER _____ (Address) _____ 20. FILED _____ (Address) _____ Registrar _____	

S. F. No. 825—1935. 5409.

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Two documents describing the Welsh ancestors of John Lewis Owens. Provided by John Owens, a descendant of John Lewis Owens.

URL: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/127238383/Owen-William-Owens>

Citation: Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 15 November 2017), memorial page for Owen William Owens (5 Apr 1843–Sep 1932), Find A Grave Memorial no. 127238383, citing Oak Hill Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, USA ; Maintained by Rachel Keller (contributor 46608704) .

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URL: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/22402771/bertha-owens>

Citation: Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 15 November 2017), memorial page for Bertha Owens (1 Mar 1876–1 Feb 1925), Find A Grave Memorial no. 22402771, citing State Hospital Cemetery, Yankton, Yankton County, South Dakota, USA ; Maintained by USA Grannie (contributor 27729480) .

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(Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1739; FHL microfilm 2,341,473.

URL: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/74140722>

Citation: Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 15 November 2017), memorial page for John Louis Owens (26 Jan 1875–3 Sep 1931), Find A Grave Memorial no. 74140722, citing Mandan Union Cemetery, Mandan, Morton County, North Dakota, USA ; Maintained by ProgBase (contributor 47278889) .

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(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VGY1-BMQ> : 26 November 2014), Cromwell Owens, 15 Dec 1946; Department of Public Health Services, Sacramento.

URL: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/180233778>

Citation: Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 15 November 2017), memorial page for Louis Cromwell Owens (10 Apr 1898–15 Dec 1946), Find A Grave Memorial no. 180233778, citing Stockton State Hospital Cemetery, Stockton, San Joaquin County, California, USA ; Maintained by John Owens (contributor 48276811) .

Image of Death Certificate for John L. Owens follows.

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North Dakota Department of Health

Bismarck, North Dakota

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA	
County of <u>Morton</u>		<u>2756</u>	Registered No. <u>29</u>
Township of _____			
Village of _____			
City of <u>Mandan</u>	No. <u>Mandan Hospital</u>		
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)			
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred... yrs... mos... ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? ... yrs... mos... ds.			
2. FULL NAME <u>John. Owens</u>			
(a) Residence: No. _____ St. _____		Ward _____	
(Usual place of abode)		(If nonresident give city or town and State)	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) <u>Divorced</u>	21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>Sept 3, 1931</u>
5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of _____			22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Aug 18, 1931</u> to <u>Sept 3, 1931</u>
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, year) <u>Jan 26, 1875</u>			I last saw h. <u>alive</u> on <u>Sept 3, 1931</u> , death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>10:40 a.m.</u>
7. AGE		Years <u>56</u>	Months <u>7</u>
		Days <u>7</u>	If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
OCCUPATION	8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Printer</u>		
	9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.		
	10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <u>June 1931</u>		11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <u>30</u>
	12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Saua</u>		
FATHER	13. NAME <u>W. W. Owens</u>		
	14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Wales</u>		
MOTHER	15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Eizabeth Not Known</u>		
	16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Wales</u>		
17. INFORMANT <u>Cronwell Owens</u>			
(Address) <u>Fargo, N-Dak</u>			
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL			
Place <u>Mandan</u>		Date <u>Sept 5, 1931</u>	
19. UNDERTAKER <u>T. G. L. Kermelley</u>			
(Address) <u>Mandan, N. Dak.</u>			
20. FILED <u>9/11/31</u> , 19 <u>31</u> Registrar.			
24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?			
If so, specify _____			
(Signed) <u>F. E. Quiring</u> , M. D.		(Address) <u>Mandan, N. D.</u>	

William H. Loy

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Purpose

Information gathered about William H. Loy is summarized here. I believe that William is the first son of Same Loy, a great grandfather of mine.

Birth

6/2/1883 in Putnam Co., OH. (Location based on marriage record. Sometimes this has been shown as Delphos, OH, however.)

June, 1883: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MM6P-WS2>

1884: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MKG8-G5S>

6/2/1883: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KZK2-L8Q>

1883: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MF7Q-8N8>

1884: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHMZ-N9X>

1883: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V1RJ-MYT>

6/2/1883: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X5K7-TP1>

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Marriage

11/17/1903: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XDDR-PGY>

Name: William H. Loy
Birthplace: Putnam Co., O.
Spouse's Name: Lillie M. Goll
Spouse's Birth Date: 1886
Spouse's Birthplace: Missouri
Spouse's Age: 17
Event Date: 17 Dec 1903
Event Place: Paulding, Ohio
Father's Name: Samuel Loy
Mother's Name: Maggie Rower
Spouse's Father's Name: Albert Goll
Spouse's Mother's Name: Ella Swope
Marital Status: Single
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William H. Loy

Death

1963: <https://www.findagrave.com> Find A Grave Memorial no. 141549326

April, 1963: according to SS death index



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William H Loy

BIRTH	1883
DEATH	1963 (aged 79–80)
BURIAL	Roselawn Cemetery Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana, USA
MEMORIAL ID	141549326 · View Source

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Census & Other Records

1900 fed census: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MM6P-WS2>

1910 fed census: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MKG8-G5S>

WW I draft: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KZK2-L8Q>

1920 fed census: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MF7Q-8N8>

1930 fed census: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHMZ-N9X>

1940 fed census: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V1RJ-MYT>

WW II draft: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X5K7-TP1>

William H. Loy

Family & Ancestors

Family: Loy, William H. and Goll, Lillie Mae - Gramps

Father/partner1 -

Name: Loy, William H. [10488]
 Birth: 1883-06-02
 Death: 1963-04-00

Mother/partner2 -

Name: Goll, Lillie Mae [10489]
 Birth: 1886
 Death: 1970

Relationship Information

ID: F0126 Type: Married

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#	ID	Name	Gender	Paternal	Maternal	Birth Date
1	I0490	Loy, Mildred F.	female	Birth	Birth	1911-02-06
2	I0491	Loy, Lola L.	female	Birth	Birth	1913-07-16

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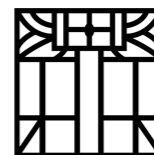
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