

**This is the 4th generation, the 3rd after Amos London Bills  
This study documents the descendants of John Amos Bills.**

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**John's first child was his son William Alexander Bills (1863-1942) and his wife  
Annie Coleman Long (1871-1959) and they had two children. These are John's grandchildren.**

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118. William Eric Bills 21 JUL 1895 • Lewisburg, TN - 26 MAR 1965 • Lewisburg, Marshall, TN  
Mary E Green Endsley 1903 • TN - Unknown  
Virginia Phenton Moyers 16 MAR 1911 • Fayetteville, Lincoln, TN - 24 FEB 1965 • Lewisburg,  
Marshall, TN



Eric was born in 1895 in the vicinity of Farmington TN. By the time of the 1900 Census, his younger brother Harold had also arrived, and the family was living on a farm with a 12-year-old black boarder who was described as a nurse. In 1910, 14-year-old Eric and 11-year-old Harold were still on a farm located at Farmington and Rich Creek Road near Farmington. The census indicated that their mother had two children and two were surviving. His father's age appears to be messed up. It showed him to be 52, when he should have been 45. Probably just an error by the enumerator. Eric registered for the draft for WW1 in 1917. On that

registration he stated that he was a clerk in a funeral home. He claimed an exemption for stomach problems. He was tall with a medium build. He had blue eyes, blonde hair, and was not bald.

Father William must have grown tired of farming as the 1920 Census showed that the family had moved into town and were living at 267 Morrisville Ave in Lewisburg, and they owned the home. William was working as a retail merchant in the furniture business and his two sons aged 23 and 20 were still living at home. They had no occupation listed, but my suspicion is that they were working at their father's store. Surprisingly in 1930, Eric was 34 and still living at home. As we had discovered in his father's biography, William had started a Funeral Home in about 1916 and his occupation was listed as mortician. Again, Eric had no occupation shown, but based on later records I'm pretty sure that he was working at the funeral home. They now lived at 206 Commerce Street in Lewisburg. Lewisburg is a larger town just SW of Farmington.

In 1931, Eric married Mary Green Endsley. I haven't found a lot of information about her, but the best that I can tell is that she was previously married to Robert Endsley and had a son James in 1927. I don't know if Robert died, or they divorced, but in 1931 she and Eric got married. The union did not last, as the 1940 Census lists Eric as divorced. It showed Mary living in a boarding house in Lewisburg working as a retail saleslady and her son was staying at her parent's farm in rural Marshall County. Eric had moved back to his parent's home on Commerce. They were 76 and 69 by this time and Eric was finally shown as working at the funeral home. It also showed that he was a high school graduate.

Eric's father died in 1942 and the following year, he married Virginia Moyers. She was quite a bit younger than Eric, having been born in 1911. Immediately before their wedding, she was living with her sister and brother-in-law in Lewisburg and the two sisters were working in a show factory. Probably due to his age, he did not register for the WW2 draft. The 1930 Census showed that he had not served in WW1. The 1950 Census found 54-year-old Eric and 39-year-old Virginia living back home with his 78-year-old mother and next door to his brother on W. Church Street. He still worked at the funeral home. Eric's mother died in 1959 and his wife died in 1965 from cardiac problems. It indicated that Virginia had been a machine operator at a pencil factory. Her followed by his death a month later of a heart attack. They did not have any children.

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119. Harold Long Bills 1 APR 1899 • Marshall, TN - 15 Oct 1988 Lewisburg, TN  
Emalene Edith Warwick 6 Mar 1898 • Corryton, Knox, TN - 6 JULY 1990 Lewisburg, TN



Harold was born in 1899, just in time for the 1900 Census. They were living on a farm with a 12-year-old black boarder who was described as a nurse. In 1910, 11-year-old Harold and 14-year-old Eric were still on a farm

located at Farmington and Rich Creek Road near Farmington. The census indicated that their mother had two children and two were surviving. His father's age appears to be messed up. It showed him to be 52, when he should have been 45. Probably just an error by the enumerator.

Harold apparently finished high school and went off to college at Maryville College. It is located just outside Knoxville in the eastern part of the state. While at Maryville in 1918, he registered for the WW1 draft. In that registration, he identified himself as a student of short height, medium build, with blue eyes and brown hair. While at Maryville, he met his future wife, Emma. Shortly after registering, he was called to active service in October of 1918. It appeared that he was assigned to a training unit right there at the college. I did not find any evidence of his deployment, and in 1920 I found him back in his parents' home in Lewisburg. While I believe his father still owned the funeral home, he must have branched out into furniture as that is what he listed as his occupation in 1920. I am of the opinion that the two sons were both working at Bills and McGaugh Funeral Home. They lived at 267 Morrisville Ave in Lewisburg.

In 1923, Harold married Emma in Corryton TN where she was from. It is a small town on the other side of Knoxville from Maryville. Emma's father died in 1921 right before her wedding. Daughter Annette was born in 1924, and daughter Edith was born in 1929 both in Lewisburg. The 1930 Census found Harold, Emma, and the two girls living at 206 Mooresville Ave in Lewisburg. They owned the home and it was worth \$3000. Harold was working as a mortician.

The 1940 Census showed that they had moved to West Commerce Street which was next door to his father. They also owned this house, and it was also worth \$3000. They had moved there prior to 1935. Despite being 42 years old and a veteran, Harold had to register for the WW2 draft in 1942. He had apparently grown since his earlier registration as he was 6'-1" and 195 lbs. His eyes were still blue and his hair brown and he had a ruddy complexion. He was still working at Bills and McGaugh.

His father died in 1942. The 1950 Census found him still at West Commerce next door to his widowed mother. His older brother had now married and was living with his mother. His occupation was as an embalmer at a funeral establishment. His oldest daughter Annette was teaching music in the local public school. Both he and his brother claimed that they were putting in 60 hours/week at the funeral home. Daughter Annette married in 1950 and had their first grandchild in 1952. She had at least two more sons, but I've not found details on them yet. Daughter Edith married around 1957 and had her first son in 1958. She had two more daughters which I have not found details on yet. Brother William died in 1965. Harold died in 1988 and Emma died in 1990. I have not determined if either of their sons-in-law took over the Funeral Business.

Children of Harold and Emma:

282. Annette B Bills 1924–Living?

283. Edith June Bills 1929–2020

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**John's 2nd child was his daughter Mary Jane "Jennie" Bills (1867-1955) She never married, and she had no children.**

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**John's 3rd child was his son Robert Lee Bills (1869–1870) He died young and never had children.**

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**John's 4th child was his son Edgar Wade Bills (1873–1924) and his wife Lillie Dale Long (1876–1953) They had one child.**

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120. Newton Hunter Bills 3 Aug 1901 • Lewisburg, Marshall, TN - May 1966 • Lewisburg, Marshall, TN  
Ruby Lee Crutcher 12 Dec 1903 • Lewisburg, Marshall, TN - 4 Dec 2003 • Coffee County, TN



Hunter was the first child of Wade and Lillie. Born in 1901, he did not show up until the 1910 Census where Wade, Lillie, and Hunter were living on a farm on Lewisburg & Kochville Pike outside of Lewisburg. By 1920, they had moved to

Chapel Hill Road. It looked like they were living next door to Lillie's widowed mother Sallie Long. By this time, Hunter had graduated from high school and was off at college at Maryville College where several cousins were in attendance. He must have been too young for the WWI draft as there does not seem to be any record of his registration.

Hunter's father died in 1924, and the following year he married Ruby Crutcher. She was the youngest daughter of Sam and Mary Crutcher who were also farmers in the area. The 1930 Census showed them to be living at 204 Forest Ave in Lewisburg. They owned their home which was worth \$5500. Hunter owned and operated a garage. They held off on children for a few years, but in 1931, son Donald was born, and in 1934 daughter Sara was born. Finally, right before the 1940 Census, son Sam was born. It looks like he was named after his maternal grandfather.

The 1950 Census found that Hunter had decided to go into farming. They were renting a farm with a home valued at \$1500. For some reason, Sam did not appear in the Census. Records show that he was born in Jan and the census was not until May. It also showed that Hunter had completed 1 year of college, and Ruby had completed 2. Mother Lillie was still living with them. Hunter registered for the draft in 1942. That form showed that they lived 6 miles north of Lewisburg and that Hunter was 6'-0" – 275 lbs. – with blue eyes, black hair, and a light complexion.

In 1951, their oldest son Donald married Lou Ellen Ledford. I haven't dug deep enough to determine if she is related to some of the other Ledford's in our family tree. Daughter Patricia and son Sam married in 1959. Again, I haven't dug deep enough into the grandchildren, but at least one was born in 1955. His obituary in 1966 indicated that he had 7 grandchildren. Hunter's mother died in 1953. Ruby died in 2003 just 8 days short of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Children of Hunter and Ruby:

- 284. Donald Hunter Bills 1931–2015
- 285. Sara Patricia Bills 1934–Living
- 286. Sam Crutcher Bills 1940–Living

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**John's 5th child was his daughter Carrie B. Bills (1875–1904) and her husband George B. Walker (1875–1902) They had one child.**

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121. Jennie Maude Walker 23 Mar 1896 • Hickman, TN-3 Jan 1959 • Lewisburg, Marshall, TN

Ed Baxter Bryant 25 Oct 1893 • Tennessee - 5 Jan 1959 • Lewisburg, Marshall, TN



Jennie was the first and only child of Carrie and George. She was born in 1896 probably in Hickman TN which is a small town east of Nashville. In the 1900 Census, they lived in Hickman and her father was a grocery salesman. Her father died in 1902 and her mother in 1904 so she was effectively orphaned at the age of 8. Jennie was taken in by her grandparents John and Harriett Bills back in Lewisburg. Also living with them on the family farm was her aunt Jennie. It's likely that she had been

named after her aunt. At the age of 17 in 1913, she married Edd Bryant. Ed was a 19-year-old son of a farmer from Marshall County. In 1917, 23-year-old Edd registered for the WW1 draft. He listed his profession as a salesman and was tall and slender with light hair and brown eyes. Per the 1930 Census, he was not called to service.

The 1920 Census found the young couple rooming in the house of W. W. Walker who was a lawyer in Lewisburg, but lived on a farm on Belfast Ave. He was a 78-year-old widower. He may have been Jennie's uncle since her maiden name was Walker. I have not confirmed the connection. Edd was working as a grocery salesman like his father before him. They seemed to wait to get their feet on the ground before starting their family, but in 1921 daughter Billye Marie was born and a couple of years later, Ed Baxter Jr arrived.

In 1930, Ed had moved on from groceries and was now selling automobiles. They were living in their \$5000 home at 201 4<sup>th</sup> Ave in Lewisburg. The kids were 9 and 7 and both were in school. In 1939, daughter Billye married Oscar McConnell.

Edd's father died in 1940. The 1940 Census found them still in the same home on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and Edd was still selling cars. Daughter Billye was not at home as she had married. The Census confirmed that both Edd and Jennie had completed high school and by 1940, Ed Jr had finished his sophomore year. For some reason I have not found a draft registration for the WW2 draft for Edd. I'm not sure what the age cutoff for the Old Man's Draft was but perhaps he passed that age.

Jennie died of a heart attack on 3 Jan 1959 and tragically two days later as he was preparing to go to his wife's funeral, Edd also succumbed to a heart attack.

Children of Jennie and Edd:

- 287. Billye Marie Bryant 1921–2011
- 288. Edd Baxter Bryant Jr 1923–1980

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**John's 6th child was his son John Claude Bills (1878–1932) and his wife Daisy P. Boren (1876–1901) They had one child. He married Lurah Orr (1875-1946) after Daisy's death, but I don't believe that they had any children.**

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122. Helen Bills 13 MAY 1900 • Marshall County, TN - 18 MAY 1907 • Nashville, Davidson, TN

Helen was born just in time for the 1900 Census. There seems to be some confusion about her birthdate. The 1900 Census said she was born in May 1900 and was 9/12 years old, but the census was taken in June so she would have only been a month old. Unfortunately, in 1907, little Helen contracted pneumonia and died in Nashville. Obviously, she had no children. There is not a photo of her gravestone.

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**John's 7th child was his daughter Maude Bills (1878–1932) and her husband Marvin Tribble Regen (1877-1954), They had 5 children. Maude and John were twins. Sadly, Maude died shortly after the birth of her last son.**

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123. Dr Eugene Marshall Regen 3 Apr 1900 • Lynnville, Giles, TN - 9 Jun 1983 • Nashville, Davidson, TN  
Anna Laverne Cummins 20 Jun 1904 • Haskell, TX - 20 May 1990 • Nashville, Davidson, TN



Eugene was the first son of Maude and Marvin. He was born in 1904 and was quickly followed by brothers Clair, Edwin, Marvin, and John. They lived at Franklin and Nashville Road in Nashville and father Marvin was in the Funeral business. In June of 1912, Maud died leaving Marvin a widower with 5 sons. He married Carrie Hill in 1916, but I suspect that he had had a busy 4 years with 5 boys aged 2 to 12 to look after. In 1918, Eugene

registered for the WW1 draft. He was a student at the time. He was tall, slender, with blue eyes and brown hair.

The 1920 Census found the family with new mother Carrie living on Nashville Pike in a home that was owned and said to be a farm. The boys were all still at home and ranged in age from 9 to 19. They were all in school. Eugene attended college at Davidson University followed by Medical School at Vanderbilt in 1927. In that same year, he married Anna Cummings in her hometown of Haskell, TX. Anna had graduated from The University of Texas in Austin. Her father was a surgeon. After the wedding, they returned to Nashville for Eugene to continue his studies. He graduated in 1928, and the 1930 Census found him working as a Physician at Vanderbilt University Hospital. Anna had a son in April 1930, but I don't know where they were for the census. She also had sons in 1934 and 1936. A lot of boys in this family!

In 1940, the family was living in their \$9000 house at 2503 24<sup>th</sup> Ave S in Nashville. The oldest son, Eugene Jr had finished 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and David and Barney had not started school. Eugene was in private practice as a physician. The census showed that Eugene had 6 years of college and Laverne had 4 years. He registered for the WW2 draft. It showed his correct address as 2503 Fairfax Ave. He was 41yrs old. He worked at Vanderbilt Hospital which was attached to Vanderbilt Medical School. He was 6'-3" – 225 lbs. – with blue eyes, brown hair, and a light complexion.

The 1950 Census found the Regens living at the same house on Fairfax. All three sons were at home. Eugene claimed to be working 70 hours/week as a surgeon. In 1953 their oldest, Eugene Jr got married in Virginia. He was in medical school following in his father's footsteps. He ended up in the Navy at some point. In 1958, son David got married while also attending med school at Vanderbilt. Youngest son Barney married in 1959. At some time, Barney was in the National guard and had attained the rank of Captain. His father died in 1954. His brother Kelsey died in 1965. His widow Anna died in 1990.

Children of Eugene and Anna:

- 289. Dr Eugene Marshall Regen Jr 1930–Living?
- 290. Dr David M Regen 1934–Living
- 291. Barney Brooks Regen 1936–Living

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124. Clair Dysart Regen 11 Sep 1902 • Lynnville, Giles, TN - 24 Sep 1992 • Franklin, Williamson, TN  
Martha Elizabeth Faw 4 Sep 1902 • Franklin, Williamson, TN - 18 Apr 1991 • Franklin, Williamson



Here's a photo of Clair and Elizabeth in their later years. The yearbooks for their school years don't seem to be in the system.

Clair was the second son of Maude and Marvin. He was born in 1902 and was quickly followed by brothers Edwin, Marvin, and John. They lived at Franklin and Nashville Road in Nashville and father Marvin was in the Funeral business. In June of 1912, Maud died leaving Marvin a widower with 5 sons. The enumerator tried to make Claire a daughter which was my first thought when I saw his name. By the 1920 Census, their father had remarried and the boys were all getting older and getting a good education. Claire was 17 in this Census with the other brothers ranging in age from 19 to 9. He must have missed the cutoff for WW1 draft registration and the 1930 Census confirmed that he did not serve.

Clair attended Battle Ground Academy in Franklin and then went off to Davidson College in Davidson North Carolina. Battleground is an upscale private school in Franklin established in 1890. After graduation, he was back in his parent's home in Franklin working as an insurance agent. Per the 1930 Census, they lived on Nashville Road. Older brother Eugene had gotten married and left as had younger brother Kelsey. Younger brother Bill, was a teacher at a Prep School, and John was probably still in school.

In 1931, Clair married Elizabeth Faw, who was the fourth daughter of a local judge Walter Faw. Elizabeth had also attended Battle Ground before going to college at Randolph Macon University in Lynchburg VA. Judging from the newspaper accounts, the wedding was quite an elaborate affair that took place at Judge Faw's home with brother Kelsey serving as the minister and older brother Eugene was the best man. Daughter Betty was born in 1934 and Martha was born in 1937.

Clair registered for the draft in 1942 which showed his living on Nashville Road and working for himself at Farnsworth and Regen which I believe to be a Plumbing and Heating Company. It was located on Columbia Ave in Franklin. Clair was 6'-5 1/2" – with blue eyes, brown hair, and a light complexion. He was 39 years old and married to Elizabeth F. Regen. The 1940 Census found them living on Nashville Pike in a \$7000 home. He was part owner of a plumbing and heating company. Contrary to what I understood from the wedding announcement, both Clair and Elizabeth had only completed two years of college. I've run across several news articles about Elizabeth and the girls being involved with the Pony Club and competing in horse competitions. In 1980, she loaned pictures of her father's home for a historical display.

Claire's father died in 1954. His oldest daughter, Betty, was married in 1959 and the youngest, Martha, in 1962, but she divorced in 1965. She married again in 1974. Betty had a couple of children that I have found, but I have not found any children from Martha. He outlived all of his brothers who died in 1965 (Kelsey), 1983 (Eugene, Marvin), and 1988 (John). His wife Elizabeth died in 1990 followed by him in 1991 just short of his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Children of Clair and Elizabeth:

292. Betty Claire Regen 1934–2002

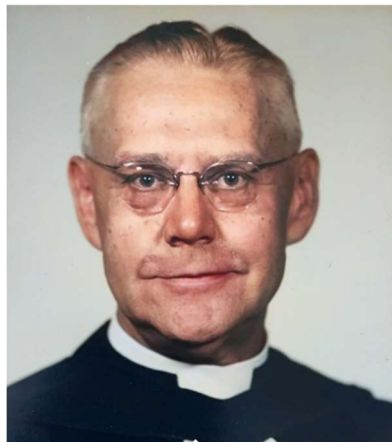
293. Martha Kernan Regen 1937–Living?

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**John's 8th child was his son Clyde Bills (1882–1882) and his 9th child was Infant son Bills (1888–1888). Both died very soon after birth and therefore had no children**

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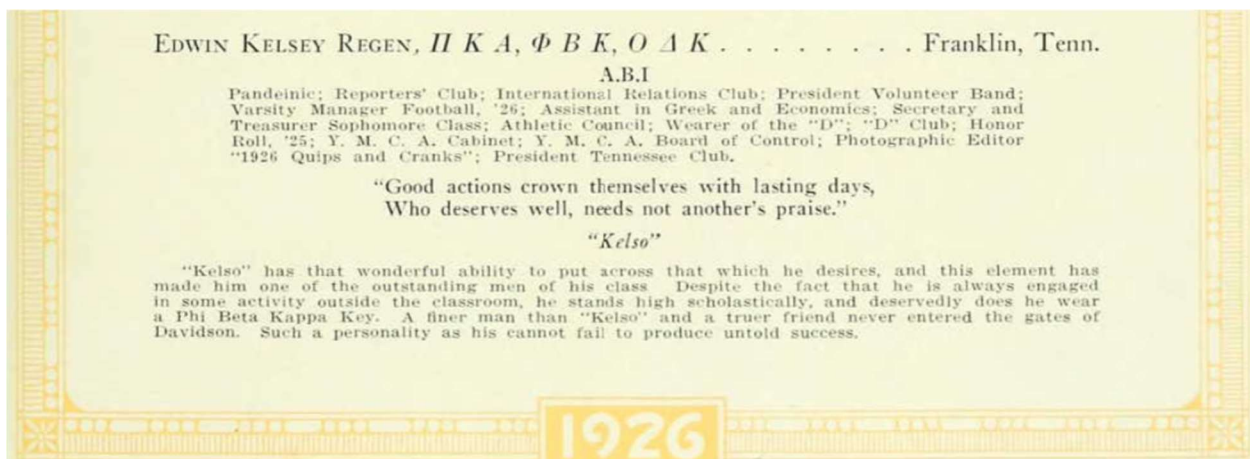
125. Rev Edwin Kelsey Regen 21 Oct 1904 • Lynnville, Giles, TN - 15 Apr 1965 • Richmond, Virginia  
 Jocelyn Watson 30 Jun 1906 • Barry, Pike, Illinois - 17 Mar 1989 • Mechanicsville, Hanover, VA



Some nice photos of Kelsey and Joyce.

Kelsey was the third son of Maud and Marvin following brother Clair in 1904. He was quickly followed by brothers Marvin, and John. They lived at Franklin and Nashville Road in Nashville and father Marvin was in the Funeral business. In June of 1912, Maud died leaving Marvin a widower with 5 sons. Kelsey was 15 and in school.

Probably at the Battle Ground Academy. He followed his older brothers to Davidson College in Davidson North Carolina. He graduated in 1926 with what appeared to be a stellar record as seen below.



In Feb 1930, Kelsey and Jocelyn married. She was originally from Illinois, but her family had moved to Memphis and her father was the manager of a steel production facility in that City. She had graduated from Sweet Briar College in Virginia with a degree in Sociology in 1928. Both were living with Jocelyn's parent at 2012 Cowden in Memphis in 1930. It appears that for their honeymoon they traveled to Europe and the Holy Land. Kelsey was serving as a minister in the Presbyterian Church. He must have gotten a call to serve in Covington Kentucky as the City Directory showed them living there in 1931 at 1218 Audubon Road. He was the minister at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. For some reason, they were in Cincinnati OH in 1934 where son John was born and baptized at the 7<sup>th</sup> Presbyterian Church. Daughter Margot was born in Cincinnati in 1937. Shortly thereafter, he was called to Middleton NY where he served as minister at the First Presbyterian Church. While in NY, Kelsey continued his studies at Union Theological Seminary. At some point, he also traveled extensively to Europe and Palestine.

The 1940 Census showed that they were living in a rented house at 42 Highland Ave in Middleton NY and they paid rent of \$60/mo. They also hosted a 48yr old lodger named Mary Reichard. She had no occupation listed. In 1940, he registered for the draft when he was 35 years old. The registration confirmed the address on Highland. It showed that he was 6'-2 1/2" – 198 lbs. – with gray eyes brown hair and a light complexion. In 1941, he was called to Durham North Carolina.

The 1950 Census found them living in Durham where he was the minister of the local Presbyterian Church and during the 50's he was very involved with the Presbyterian Synod, which I understand to be the governing body of the district in which the church was located. He was elected and served as the Moderator in 1959. In 1960, he was called to Richmond Virginia. He father died in 1954. His son got married in 1962 and he started having grandchildren in 1964. He ended up with three by his son. It does not appear that his daughter ever married. His son followed him into a career in the ministry. Kelsey seemed to have developed colon cancer which led to his death in 1965. Jocelyn returned to Durham and stayed active in her local church and as a community volunteer until her death in 1989.

Children of Kelsey and Jocelyn:

294. Jon Watson Regen 1934–Living

295. Margot Ann Regen 1937–Living

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126. William Marvin Regen Sr 9 Jul 1907 • Franklin, Williamson, TN - 28 Dec 1983 • Asheville, Buncombe, NC

Mallie Wilson White 4 Oct 1912 • Giles County, TN - 20 Feb 1969 • Birmingham, Jefferson, Alabama



William Marvin Regen  
Franklin, Tennessee

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Fresh Wrestling '26; Fresh Track '26;  
Fresh-soph Debate '26; Manager Fresh  
Wrestling '27; Track squad '27, '28, '29;  
Football squad '28; *Scabbard and Blade*;  
Captain Company D; "Iron Men."

Bill was the 4<sup>th</sup> son of Maud and Marvin following brother Kelsey in 1907. He was quickly followed by brother John. They lived at Franklin and Nashville Road in Nashville and father Marvin was in the Funeral business. In June of 1912, when Bill was only 5, Maud died leaving Marvin a widower with 5 sons. In the 1920 Census, they lived on Nashville Pike and Bill was 7 years old and at school. He probably attended

Battle Ground Academy like his brothers. In 1926, he was off to Davidson College and seemed to be pretty involved in sports while getting his degree in business. Upon graduation, he was back at home at 1001 Nashville Road and his older brother Claire was also at home selling insurance, while he was a teacher at Battle Ground Academy. Younger brother John was also at home

In 1934, Bill married Mallie White. Mallie was the granddaughter of Newton White who was the founder of National Life and Insurance Company, one of the top 10 insurance companies of the time. Her uncle was Newton Harris White Jr who was quite a famous Naval Officer to include being the first Commander of the USS Enterprise among other things. After teaching at Battle Ground, Bill

was hired to teach at Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon TN. It was a private military school that had started in 1902. *(A couple of personal notes. When I was growing up in Venezuela, most of the boys headed off to military academies in the states since our school only went thru the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. There were numerous ads for Castle Heights that stood out. I ended up at Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio, but many years later while doing some business in Tennessee, I visited the campus in Lebanon. It's a beautiful campus that has been taken over by the city for its municipal buildings when the school closed in 1986.)* Back to Bill – Their son Bill Jr was born in 1935, and their daughter Mary in 1939. Sometime after



the birth of Bill, they moved to Lebanon and the 1940 Census showed them living in a rented house there at 102 Caruthers while Bill was teaching. The census showed that he had 4 years of college Mallie had 3. He registered for the draft in 1940 which confirmed his address and employment from the census. Like his brothers, Bill was a big man at 6'-4" – 240 lbs. – Blue eyes – blonde hair and light complexion. Apparently, he did not get drafted or serve during WW2.

At some point in the 40's, Bill became the manager of a laundry. The 1950 Census found them living at 612 W. Spring Street in Lebanon. Later in 1950, their youngest daughter Courtney was born. In a news article from 1952, Bill was heading a fundraising drive for the Boy Scouts in Lebanon and Wilson Counties. He was the owner of Modern Dry Cleaners, and a member of the Lebanon Rotary Club. His father died in 1954. In 1960, his son who was on summer break from the University of Tennessee was working at a Presbyterian summer camp at Cumberland State Park. He apparently dove into the lake and stuck his head on the bottom and died from his injuries at the age of 24. Mallie inherited some money from her brother in 1963. His older brother Kelsey died in 1965. I haven't found the date, but daughter Mary got married in the 60's and later divorced. Daughter Courtney married in 1968.

In 1969, Mallie died. I haven't found a death certificate and her obituary doesn't shed any light on her cause of death, but she was only 56. The following year, Bill married Frances Mabry. The wedding announcement mentioned that Bill was in charge of public relations at Cumberland College and was also on the Board of Trustees. I haven't discovered a lot about Frances except that she appeared to be from Macon Georgia. It looks like after their wedding; they held an estate sale for Mallie's items that were at their home. Additionally, in the settling of her estate, she donated \$16K to Maryville College. In June of 1983 his oldest brother Eugene died, and later the same year in December, Bill died. It looks like he had colon cancer if I read his death certificate correctly. Frances lived until 2005.

#### Children of Mattie and Bill:

- 296. William Marvin Regen Jr 1935–1960
- 297. Mary Gardner Regen 1939–Living
- 298. Courtney White Regen 1950–Living

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127. John Bell Regen 2 Jan 1910 • Franklin, Tennessee - 30 Aug 1988 • Kingston, Roane, TN  
Marguerite Martha McAmis 8 Jun 1910 • Greeneville, Greene, TN - 30 Aug 2006 • Knoxville, TN



John was the final son of Marvin and Maude. He was born in Jan 1910, just in time to make the 1910 Census. Sadly, his mother died in 1902, so he never really knew her. He had 4 older brothers who I'm sure took great care of him until their father remarried 4 years later in 1916. In the 1920 Census, they were living on Nashville Pike and 9-year-old John was in school.

In the 1930 Census, he lived with his family as a 20-year-old with two older brothers still at home. His two brothers were working, but my assumption is that John was still in school. In 1932, he married Marguerite McAmis. She was living with her married brother in Kingston in 1930 working as a stenographer.

The 1940 Census found John, Marguerite, and Marguerite's 27-year-old nephew, Robert McAmis living in Sullivan County. They all were working in the furniture business. I'm not sure which sibling Robert came from, but based on his age, it was probably the son of her oldest brother Sam. They owned their house which was worth \$5000. The census showed that John had 2 years of college, Marguerite had

1, and Robert had 4. As with all the others, John registered for the draft in 1940 and like his brothers, he was a big man. He was 6'-2" and 202 lbs. with gray eyes, brown hair, and a light complexion. He was employed by Sterghi Brothers Stores in Kingsport. Daughter Ann was born in 1943 and John Jr was born in 1947. There are numerous ads in the papers in the mid 40's for John selling furniture at Comfort Furniture.

In the 1950 Census, they were living on Highway 23 outside of Kingsport and John was listed as a rug cleaner in the laundry business. Seven-year-old Ann and two-year-old John were at home, and Marguerite's widowed mother had moved in with them. His father died in 1954. His daughter married in 1964 and his son in 1969. His obituary in 1988 indicated that he had retired in 1975 with 37 years of service at Selig Chemical which sort of conflicts with other information from census and newspapers. His obituary indicated that he had 5 grandchildren. I have not identified all of them yet so I guess I need to do so more digging. His brother Clair was the only surviving brother when he died. Marguerite lived until 2006. I haven't found a lot of information about her after John's death, but she had 3 children and 5 grandchildren so I'm sure she was busy with family. Her obituary said that she was the only daughter, but she had six brothers.

Children of John and Marguerite:

299. Ann Hill Regen 1943–Living

300. John Bell Regen Jr 1947–2022

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**John's 8th child was his son Clyde Bills (1882–1882) and his 9th child was Infant son Bills (1888-1888). Both died very soon after birth and therefore had no children. This finalizes the grandchildren on John Amos Bills. He has significantly fewer descendants than his older brothers with only 10 children (several who died young) and 19 grandchildren starting in 1921 with the last in 1948.**

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