

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

**Mary's first child was her son Robert Pollock Stegall (1861-1919) and his wife
Eliza Moore Davis (1869-1958) and they had three children. These are Mary's grandchildren.**

128. Unknown Bills 1888 - 1888 • Lewisburg

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130. Robert Pollock Stegall Jr 5 Jan 1910 • Columbia, TN - 18 Nov 1982 • Pinellas, Florida

Virginia Madelyn Wagner 5 Jan 1913 • St Petersburg, Pinellas, FL - 29 May 2011 • Greenville, TN



After two unsuccessful attempts at having children, Robert and Eliza were finally blessed with the live birth of Robert Jr in 1910 in Columbia TN. I have not been successful in finding any photos of either Robert or his wife Virginia, apart from grave markers. I have not found the 1920 Census, but his father died right before the census so Eliza may have returned to her parent's home while planning her future with 10-year-old son, Robert, but in looking at their 1920 Census, she was not there yet. Eliza and Robert did move to Florida in 1927.

The 1930 Census found Robert at age 20 living with his 61-year-old widowed mother at 142 7th Ave North in St Petersburg FL. Eliza was working as a dressmaker and Robert was a clerk at a grocery store. In 1935, Robert married Virginia Wagner. They were living in a rented house paying \$25/month.

The 1940 Census, Robert, Virginia, and baby Janice were living at 1120 Newton Ave South in St Petersburg, FL. Robert was working as a grocery salesman. They owned their home and it was worth \$2100 and they had moved there before 1935. Both Robert and Virginia were high school graduates. Robert registered for the draft which yielded the following information. He worked at Iler's Retail Market at 101 9th St South. He was 6'-0" – 138 lbs with blue eyes, brown hair and a light complexion. He had a scar on the left side of his upper lip. In 1942, daughter Barbara was born, and in 1944, they bought a new home at Pallanza Park Bungalows located at 2432 11th St South. He was still working for Iler's. According to death records, he served in the US Navy during WW2 from 28 May 1945 to 4 Mar 1946.

The 1950 Census found Robert, Virginia, Janice and Barbara in their new home. It indicated that



he was a grocery store owner at this point and it appeared to be the Gulfshore Market based on a 1950 City Directory. In 1957, their oldest daughter Janice got married. The following year, his mother Eliza died. Daughter Barbara married in 1960, but divorced in 1976 before Robert's death. Janice appeared to have had a couple of children. I have not found any record of Barbara's 2nd marriage, but she seemed to have had two sons with her first husband. Robert died in 1982 in St Petersburg and

was buried there. Virginia moved to Tennessee to be closer to family, and died there in 2011 at the age of 98. She was buried back in St Petersburg with Robert.

Children of Robert and Virginia:

- 301. Sylvia Janice Stegall 1937–2018
- 302. Barbara Lynn Stegall 1942–Living

Mary's second child was her son John Alexander Stegall (1864-1944) and his wives Susan Emaline Swiney (1870–Unknown) and Nancy Evaline Stallings (1872-1959). He had one child with Susan and three children with Nancy.

- 131. Leila Stegall 27 AUG 1891 • Tennessee - 22 JUL 1918 • Farmington, Marshall, TN
Marshall Allison Stallings 25 Jan 1868 • Marshall, TN - 19 Mar 1956 • Lewisburg, Marshall, TN



Leila was born to John and Susan in 1891. She first appeared in the 1900 Census on her father and stepmother's farm in Marshall TN. Either Susan Swiney died or she and John divorced. I'm inclined to think that she perhaps died during Leila's birth, but I have not found any evidence. In the 1900 Census, John is married to Nancy, and they have recently had their first son, Charlie.

She next appeared in the 1910 Census living on the family farm at Belfast and Farmington Road near Farmington TN. At this time, she had two additional younger stepbrothers. She was 18 at the time of the census. In Nov 1916, she married M. A. Stallings. A marriage bond of \$1250 had to be posted. I'm not sure how those work, but that seems like quite a sum for the time. I don't know if I'm reading the death certificate correctly, but it appears that she may have died either in childbirth or as a result of a miscarriage at age 26 in 1918.

Leila's husband Marshall seems to have remarried two or three times and may have had other children, but I have not tracked them down definitively. His death certificate listed his wife as Samantha Gold, but I haven't found marriage records. It also appears that he may have married a widow Hannah Coffee who had a couple of children before he married Leila in 1916. Hannah died in 1915.

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- 132. Charlie Douglas Stegall 10 Feb 1899 • Marshall, TN - 14 Jan 1977 • Lewisburg, Marshall, TN
Mary Brisby 1905 • Lewisburg, TN - 30 Jan 1991 • Lewisburg, TN



Charlie was John's first child with his 2nd wife, Nancy. I haven't found a picture except of his gravestone, and nothing for Mary. He was born in 1899 and appeared in the 1900 Census living with his parents and step-sister in Marshall County, TN probably near Farmington.

He next appeared in the 1910 Census living on the family farm at Belfast and Farmington Road near Farmington TN. At this time, he had his older step sister, two additional younger brothers.

In the 1920 Census, they were living in a rented house on Bills Road near Lewisburg. Charlie was 20 at this time and was employed as a driver of some sort. His older sister had married and died in the intervening years, and his grandmother had also died, so his 80-year-old grandfather was living with them along with his parents and two younger brothers. He had registered for the WW1 draft in 1918 and that card indicated that he was a freight operator for the L&N Railroad in Woodman Kentucky. He was medium height, slender, with brown hair and dark hair. As late as he registered, it is unlikely that he served and the 1930 Census should confirm this.

The 1930 Census found Charlie embarked on an adventure working as a tractor mechanic and living in a boarding house at 543 42nd Ave in Oakland CA. He was now 32 years old and had not yet married.

Sometime around 1932, Charlie married Mary Brisby. I haven't found marriage records, but based on the age of their son (7), that would be my guess. Mary appeared to be the younger of two daughters of

Bozzie and Gertie Brisby of Marshall County. The 1940 Census found him back in Lewisburg with his wife and two sons ages 7 and 9 months. The census indicated that both he and Mary had completed their junior year in high school and their oldest son Charles had finished first grade. He registered for the “Old Man’s Draft” at the age of 43 in 1942 where it showed him farming in Lewisburg 2 ½ miles SW of Farmington. He was 5’-10” – 148 lbs – with gray eyes, brown hair, and a light complexion. His father died in 1944, and a daughter was born in 1947 about 9 years after her next older brother. This seems to be a bit of a pattern in much of my family!

The 1950 Census found the family living on a farm on Old Belfast Road. All of the children are still at home ranging in age from 17 to 4. Charlie was the only one with an occupation listed, but I’m sure the boys were helping out on the farm. Son James appeared on a sample line and it indicated that he had completed 5th grade. His mother died in 1959.

Daughter Judith married in 1970 to a Dentist serving in the Air Force. He had a couple of boys from an earlier marriage and they had at least one daughter. Son Jimmie married a divorced lady in 1980 who had 3 kids from a previous marriage, and it looks like they had at least one daughter. I haven’t found any evidence of the oldest son Charlie ever having married. Charlie died in 1977 and died in 1991.

Children of Charlie and Mary:

303. Charles Brisby Stegall 1933–2003

304. James Stegall 1939–2015

305. Judith Ann Stegall 1947–Living

133. William Howard Stegall 7 Jan 1902 • Farmington, Marshall, TN - 8 Sep 1986 • Ashtabula, Ohio
Gertrude D. McRae 8 Sep 1903 • New York - 31 Mar 1992 • Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio



William was the 2nd son of John and Nancy. The photo of the gravestone is all I have been able to find. He was born in 1902 in Farmington and first appeared in the 1910 Census. As stated above, they lived on a farm on Belfast and Farmington Road with his older step sister and brother and one younger brother.

In the 1920 Census, they were living in a rented house on Bills Road near Lewisburg. Howard was 18 at this time and was most likely in school. His older sister had married and died in the intervening years, and his grandmother had also died, so his 80-year-old grandfather was living with them along with his parents and an older and younger brother. I have been unable to locate Howard in the 1930 Census, but he seemed to have migrated to Ohio where he met and married Gertrude McRae in 1934. Gertrude was living with her widowed mother in Ashtabula in 1930, but they returned to New York for their wedding.

The next census in 1940 found William and his family living at 417 Thayer Ave in Ashtabula OH. They had a 2-year-old son William Jr and Gertrude’s 76-year-old mother was living with them. The census seemed to indicate that he was a water tender at a private electric company, but I suspect it may be meter tender. The census indicated that William had completed 2 years of high school, while Gertrude had gone to college for 2 years. *A bit of an aside here that I ran across – Gertrude’s mother was married twice, and her oldest stepsister, Georgia Rattray, married a gentleman named Frank Benford. Frank was a scientist at General Electric and whose research resulted in a number theory called Benford’s Law. Too much to explain here, but you can look it up.* Anyway, back to William. In 1942, he registered for the draft. It showed him living at 849 Lake Ave in Ashtabula which is a small town east of Cleveland on Lake Erie. He was working for the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company which is a power generation company supplying electricity to norther Ohio. Bill was 6’-1” – 160 lbs with two abdominal scars. He had gray eyes, black hair, and a light complexion.

Gertrude's mother died in 1942 and Bill's father died in 1944. Bill seemed to have done well at Cleveland Illuminating. In 1955 the City Directory lists him as Assistant Engineer, and in 1958, He had been promoted to Engineer. His mother died in 1959. I haven't found school records, but their son William Jr entered the Methodist Ministry and in 1963, he was appointed to Stockton California and did very well in his service there so much so that he was named "Outstanding Man of the Year" by the Stockton Jaycees in 1967. The following year, he was moved to a new church in Oakland CA. From an article about his wife, he was posted to Fresno CA in 1974 and it was there that he met and married his wife who was a divorced Mary Leas Banuelos. They married in 1984 and moved to Reno in 1986 which is the year that his father died in Ohio. Gertrude died in 1992.

William Jr went on to a distinguished career in the Methodist Church before his death in 2022, and his wife Mary was equally active in bettering their communities wherever they lived. She went on to be very active in Redding CA local politics to include a stint as mayor.

Child of William and Gertrude:

306. William Howard Stegall Jr 1937-2022

134. Clarence Edgar Stegall 17 Jan 1906 • Marshall, TN - 21 Jun 1991 • Lewisburg, TN
Sammie Sophronia Hardison 25 Jun 1910 • Lewisburg, Marshall, TN - 3 DEC 2001 •
Lewisburg, TN



Edgar was the 3rd son of John and Nancy. The photo of the gravestone is all I have been able to find. He was born in 1906 in Farmington and first appeared in the 1910 Census. As stated above, they lived on a farm on Belfast and Farmington Road with his older step sister and two older brothers.

In the 1920 Census, they were living in a rented house on Bills Road near Lewisburg. Edgar was 14 at this time and was most likely in school. His older sister had married and died in the intervening years, and his grandmother had also died, so his 80-year-old grandfather was living with them along with his parents and two older brothers.

In 1927, Clarence married Sammie Hardison. She was the daughter of a neighboring farmer and was 17 when they married. The 1930 Census found Edgar and Sammie living in his parent's home on Mayes and McCullough Road in Marshall County with their first son Howard who was almost one. Clarence was helping out his father on the farm.

The 1940 Census found that they had bought their own home in the area that was worth \$1000. A daughter had been added to the family in 1930, and the two children had completed 4th and 5th grade respectively. It also showed that Edgar was a high school graduate and Sammie had only gone one year. Edgar registered for the draft in 1940 and this showed him living at RFD#4 in the Lewisburg area. He was 34 years old, 5'-7" – 153 lbs with gray eyes, brown hair, and a light complexion.

For some reason, the late birth patterned continued, and 13 years after their previous child, a new son, Eddie, was born in 1943 followed by another son, J. Thomas, in 1945. His father died in 1944. The 1950 Census found them living at 162 Horton Highway where he was planting corn. Daughter Nancy had married in 1948 so she was no longer at home, but oldest son Howard was still living on the farm. Their first grandchild arrived in 1952. His mother died in 1959. I guess being a farmer in Lewisburg TN did not warrant anything newsworthy as I have been unable to find any articles about Edgar or Sammie. His older brothers died in 1977 and 1986 and Edgar died in 1991. Sammie lived on to 2001.

Children of Edgar and Sammie:

307. Howard Douglas Stegall 1929–2011

308. Nancy Elizabeth Stegall 1930–2020

309. Eddie Stegall 1943–2001

310. J Thomas Stegall 1945–Living?

Mary's third child was her daughter Lela Janette Stegall (1866-1940) and her husband Robert Petway Haggard (1851-1928). They had nine children.

135. Robert Edwin Haggard 18 Dec 1888 • Larissa, Cherokee, TX - 26 Jul 1958 • Alameda, CA
Amelia Louise Bowen 28 Feb 1891 • California - 12 Jan 1985 • Alameda, CA



I believe that this is Robert from his time at the University of California.

Robert was the first of many children from Lela and Robert. Enroute to California, the family passed through Larissa TX where Robert was born in 1888, Due to the missing 1890 Census, he doesn't appear until the 1900 Census where the family had arrived in Fresno California with 5 of their future eight children. Additionally, it appears that they may have returned to Tennessee for a while since several of Robert's younger siblings were born in Tennessee. The 1900 Census appeared to be in error, in that it said Robert was born in Tennessee, whereas later records confirm his birth in Texas. Additionally, it listed his father as having been a dentist, but I think that this is unlikely since he is a farmer in all subsequent censuses. They owned their home, but no address was given. Robert was attending school. He had 2 younger brothers and 2 younger sisters, and another sibling had died probably around 1898 based on age differences of the other children.

In the 1910 Census, they lived in the Fresno area and Robert's father was a farmer. They were probably at the same place and still owned the property. His mother had lost another child apparently named Mildred May Haggard in 1904. His youngest brother was born a month before the 1910 Census, but for some reason was not included. In 1910, while a sophomore at Laton High School, Robert received a California State Scholarship from his District. He must have been a good student, because in 1913 he received a military commission as a 1st LT from UC Berkley in the ROTC. There is a little confusion because I read in a different article that he graduated in 1913 and there are records of a Robert Stegall at Berkley in 1914 and 1915. In 1917, he registered for the draft while still living in Berkley, but working for the State Industrial Accident Commission as a ratings expert. The City Directory showed that he had a room at the YMCA. This form confirmed his birth in Texas. He was short, with a medium build, brown eyes and brown hair. He ended up getting drafted into the Quartermaster Corp and spent from May 1917 to Feb 1919



at Camp Eagle Pass on the Texas Mexican border during the Pancho Villa era. Here's a picture of a typical encampment of the time. He was appointed as a Corporal in Oct 1918. I have not found him in the 1920 Census yet, but perhaps he was off celebrating his completion of his military duty.

The 1930 Census found him living in a rental apartment at 359 Hyde Street in San Francisco paying \$45/month rent. He did not own a radio. He was single and 41 years old and still working for the State Industrial Accident Commission as an adjuster. His father had died in 1928 and his mother died in 1940.

The 1940 Census found him still living and working in San Francisco. He was at 835 O'Farrell Street in what was probably an apartment or rooming house with a very diverse group of occupants from many states and countries. This was located in downtown San Francisco just blocks from City Hall. He was still working as an insurance agent for the State as a rater. He was 51, and still single. In 1942 at the age of

53, he registered for the WW2 draft. At that time, his address was the same as in the Census. He was 5'-4 1/2", 150 lbs with brown hair and eyes and a light complexion.

The 1950 Census showed him still living on O'Farrell Street, probably at the same address and still working at the State. By this time, he was 61 and had been promoted to a supervisor's position at work. He was still single. Remarkably in 1954, he finally married Amelia Bowen. She was originally from Santa Cruz California and had lived in Berkley in the late 19's and early 20's. Perhaps they had met there, but that's a stretch. She ended up in San Francisco working as a stenographer at the State Commission where Robert worked. He was 65 and she was 63. Unfortunately, he died 4 years later in 1958, and Amelia died in 1962. Obviously, they had no children and this was a first marriage for both.

136. Anna Mabelle Haggard 12 Mar 1890 • Farmington, TN - 2 May 1963 • San Joaquin County, California
Robert Shortridge Eller 23 Sep 1884 • Missouri - 17 Aug 1950 • Kings County, California



These are the only photos I have found of Mabelle from a newspaper in 1913 when she was about 23. I haven't found any photos for Robert.

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In the 1910 Census, they lived in the Fresno area and Mabelle's father was a farmer. They were probably at the same place and still owned the property. Her mother had lost another child apparently named Mildred May Haggard in 1904. Her youngest brother was born a month before the 1910 Census, but for some reason was not included. Mabelle appeared to have been a good student as was artistically inclined. She was elected president of her high school class in 1910, and performed in a theatrical production at graduation in 1911. I believe that she headed off to college as a later census indicated that she attended for two years, but I have been unable to find her in a yearbook. The photo I found above indicated that this was a photo from Fresno State Normal College in 1913. In 1914, she married Robert Eller. Robert was a Postal Clerk and worked on a train so he frequently was not home during censuses. He was originally from Missouri, but had also lived in Idaho. He registered for the WW1 draft in 1917. This showed that they lived at El Portal CA. He was medium height and build with gray eyes and brown hair. He was not called to service. In 1919, a son Edmund was born.

The 1920 Census found Mabelle living at her parent's farm in Fresno and working as a school teacher. She had a 9-month-old son. Robert was in Merced CA that year at a boarding house while working as a postal clerk on the railroad. She continued teaching school through the 20's. A daughter was Betty was born in 1925. Her father died in 1928.

The 1930 Census found Robert finally at home, but still working as a postal clerk on the railroad. They lived in a \$5000 home that they owned in Merced CA at 36 Twenty First St. She must have continued her artistic pursuits, as there is an article in 1933 about her singing at a friend's wedding. I'm not sure what prompted the involvement, but in 1937 she was elected as an officer in the local Grange organization. The Order of Patrons of Husbandry, is a social organization in the United States that encourages families to

band together to promote the economic and political well-being of the community and agriculture. In 1939, she completed a First Aid Course that was presented to the local teachers. Her mother died in 1940.

The 1940 Census found them living at 36 Avenue H in Merced. I wonder if the Street had been renamed since the street number is the same as in 1930. In addition to the 4 family members, they had a lodger named Frank Liner staying with them. The census noted that Robert had completed 8th grade, Mabelle had two years of college as had son Edmund. Daughter Betty had finished her freshman year in high school. Robert was still working for the Postal Service. Mabelle was still teaching, and Edmund was a waiter. Twenty-one-year-old Edmund registered for the draft in 1940. This showed his address as 36 21st Street, which conflicts with the census. He was 5'-11" – 158 lbs – blue eyes, brown hair, and a light complexion. He was drafted and served from 1941 to 1947 and achieved the rank of First LT. In 1949 he got married and had a daughter in 1950 shortly before Robert's death that year. Daughter Betty married in 1946 and had two sons in 1948 and 1949 before her father's death.

The 1950 Census found Robert and Mabelle living at 94 Flint Ave in Hanford CA which was a farm. Robert had apparently retired for the Postal Service and was raising chickens. Mabelle was still teaching school at the age of 60. Additionally, Robert's 90-year-old widowed father lived with them. Robert died about 3 months after the census. Mabelle lived until 1963.

Children of Mabelle and Robert:

311. Edmund Ronald Eller 1919–2006

312. Betty Eileen Eller 1925–Living?

137. Clarence Douglas Haggard 19 Apr 1892 • Oklahoma City, Canadian, OK - 28 Jul 1974 • Fresno, CA
Mildred Lucy Fleming 6 Aug 1904 • California - 3 May 1999 • Fresno County, California



Clarence was born in 1892 in Oklahoma City per his WW2 draft registration despite several censuses saying he was born in Tennessee. He showed up in Fresno in the 1900 Census as previously discussed above with his siblings and parents. Again, in 1910 he was back in Fresno at the age of 18. In 1913, Clarence enlisted in the California National Guard and served until 1921. I cannot determine if this was active service, but the 1920 Census showed him serving as a soldier in the Omaha, Nebraska area. I haven't been able to determine what base might have been there in 1920, but it was probably Fort Crook which later became Ouffutt AFB. From Wikipedia - *In 1918, the 61st Balloon Company of the Army Air Corps was assigned to Fort Crook at the close of World War I, which performed combat reconnaissance training. In the spring of 1921, the plowing, leveling, and seeding of 260 acres of land at Fort Crook created an airfield suitable for frequent takeoffs and landings and as a refueling stop for mail and transcontinental flights.*

After leaving the service in 1921, Clarence returned to California and went to work for Standard Oil in the production department. He married Mildred Fleming in 1924 in Coalinga California. They moved into company housing in the oilfields. They went on to have 8 children between 1925 and 1938. Mildred came from a large family in the Fresno area and her father worked in the oil field and she was the oldest child. I have not found them in the 1930 Census, but being in the oilfield might indicate that they were moving around a bit. His father died in 1928. He was in Fresno in 1930 according to voter registration and moved to Coalinga before 1935 per the 1940 census.

In the 1940 Census, Clarence was living in a boarding house in Coalinga working in the oilfield, while Mildred was living in an owned home worth \$2100 on Magnolia Ave in Fresno County with her 7 children ranging in age from 1 to 14. She had her hands full I'd say. The census notes that Clarence only completed 8th grade and Mildred had graduated from high school. The three older kids had finished 6th, 4th, and 2nd by 1940. His mother died in 1940.

The 1950 Census found the family living at 259 Fourth Street in Coalinga. Clarence was home for this census, Their oldest daughter Effie had moved out by this time, though she never married. She was working in Fresno as a stenographer in an insurance office. Daughter Clara was working as a babysitter, and son Paul was working as a farm hand.

Despite all of their children, Clarence and Mildred seemed to have remarkably free of grandchildren. Neither of the two oldest daughters ever married. Son Paul married in 1954, but I have not found any children. Son Robert married in 1958 and had a daughter in 1960. Daughter Gladys married in 1955 but again, no children have been found. Son Phillip didn't get married until he was 41, and again no kids have been found. Finally, the youngest Eva died at age 31 before ever marrying. Clarence died in 1974 while Mildred lived until 1991 when she was 94. No survivors are mentioned in her obituary.

Children of Clarence and Mildred:

- 313. Effie Dorothy Haggard 1925–2004
- 314. Clara Ellen Haggard 1929–1991
- 315. Paul Douglas Haggard 1930–Living?
- 316. Robert Matthew Haggard 1933–2014
- 317. Gladys Elizabeth Haggard 1935–1979
- 318. Philip Judson Haggard 1936–Living?
- 319. Eva May Haggard 1938–1971

138. Unknown Haggard – between 1893 and 1895 • California, Texas or Tennessee - DEATH Unknown

The only evidence of this birth is based on the 1900 and the 1910 Censuses. In 1900, Lela has had 6 children with 5 surviving and there is a 5-year gap between 1892 and 1897. In 1910, she has had 8 children with 6 surviving. We know that Margaret was born and died in 1904, so this accounts for the 8/6 count in 1910.

139. Cheslie Stegall Haggard 30 Jul 1896 • Lott, Falls, TX - 16 Apr 1985 • Tulare, California
Vivian Marie Higdon Dec 1896 • Arkansas - 13 Nov 1982 • Tulare, California



Cheslie was born in Lott, TX according to his WW2 draft registration which is different from censuses that say Tennessee. He appeared in the 1900 Census as a three-year-old as the second youngest of 5 children. The dates indicate that the sibling immediately before him lived a short life if any at all, but no birth or death records have been located. The same group also appeared in the 1910 Census living on the family farm near Fresno. Records indicated that a daughter had been born and died in 1904 after the birth of Margaret, but before James. I ran across a couple of news articles talking about Cheslie appearing in theatrical productions in high school. Cheslie seemed to have joined the service in Mar 1918 and served until Dec 1918. On FamilySearch, there are multiple muster sheets of his time in the service. It looks like he entered service at Ft. McDowell in California and was sent to Camp Lewis Washington. He was in the Quartermaster Corp as a Private and he was a chauffeur. In Nov 1918, he was transferred back to Ft Mason CA and discharged.

I have not located the family in the 1920 Census, but I did find him and his wife registered to vote in 1924. He had married Marie Higdon in 1921. She was the youngest daughter of another

Fresno area farmer. They started having children in 1922 and had 4 by 1928 to include 3 sons and one daughter.

In the 1930 Census, Cheslie was farming on his own property with his four children ranging in age from one to seven. His father died in 1928 right before the birth of his third son. A similar pattern occurred when a final son was born in 1936, eight years after his previous child. His mother died in 1940.

In 1942, he registered for the WW2 draft at the age of 45. His address was given as Ivanhoe, CA. He was 5'-7" – 200 lbs - brown eyes, black hair, and a ruddy complexion. All of his sons except for the youngest registered for the draft at various times. In the 1940 Census everyone was living on the family farm. The census showed that Cheslie was a high school graduate, but that Marie had only completed 8th grade. Marvin, the oldest son had graduated high school and Annette had completed her sophomore year. The next two sons Elmo and Charles were in 8th and 6th grade. Alfred was only 4. He owned a \$4000 farm. In 1942, son Marvin left to go with a group of boys to Bishop to learn how to fly.

In the 1950 Census, Chelsie and Marie lived on the third road east of railroad going north from Ivanhoe. Elmo and Alfred were the only kids still at home, and they were helping on the farm. Alfred was still in school. A few tidbits that I have run across in the intervening years. Marvin married in 1948 and had several children beginning in 1949. His only daughter Annette married in 1951 and had 5 children between 1951 and 1962. Son Elmo married in 1956 and had a couple of children. Son Charles married in 1951 and I have not discovered children at this point. Youngest son Alfred married in 1957 and I have not yet found any children. It looks like he was a Naval Officer during the Vietnam Era. His wife Marie died in 1982, and Chelsie outlived all of his siblings dying in 1985.

Children of Chelsie and Marie:

- 320. Marvin Furness Haggard 1922–2006
- 321. Annetta Haggard 1924–1985
- 322. Elmo Petway Haggard 1926–2020
- 323. Charles Edwin Haggard 1928–1997
- 324. Alfred Duane Haggard 1936–2018

140. Margaret Vertna Haggard Aug 1899 • Merced, California - 29 Mar 1976 • Fresno, California
Emil Schmulen 19 Nov 1886 - 18 May 1920 • Merced, California
Joe E Spears May 1899 • Texas – Unknown
Glenn Saylor Dunsworth 8 Dec 1903 • Covington, Garfield, OK - 1984 • Sanger, Fresno, CA



Vertna has been a bit difficult to research, but here is what I have found. She was born in 1899 in California so she appeared in the 1900 Census as the youngest child of Robert and Nettie. She had three older brothers and one older sister. They lived on a farm near Fresno. She next appeared as a 10-year-old in 1910 on the Fresno farm. As previously noted, she had a younger brother at this time, but for some reason he wasn't on the 1910 Census. She then doesn't show up in another census until 1940, but she didn't totally disappear.

In 1918, she married Emil Schmulen who was a railroad postal clerk in El Portal California and in Mar 1918,

was appointed as the Postmaster for El Portal. Emil registered for the WW1 draft in 1918 at the age of 32. On that he listed his wife as Vertna M. Schmulen and that he was short, slender, gray eyes, and dark brown hair. Two years later in 1920, he died after a brief illness. His obituary mentions a widow and daughter plus a sister in California and his father and 5 sisters in Kentucky. I have been unable to locate any birth records for their child. He appeared to have had a twin brother who had died in 1905.

Following Emil's death, Vertna married a Joe E. Spears. Joe was originally from Texas and on the marriage application he listed his job as a clerk. His father was from Portugal and his mother from California. They were married in San Joaquin and then all traces of Joe disappear except for the following. Her father died in 1928. At the time of his death in 1928, Vertna was listed as Mrs. J. E. Spears so they were still married. Sometime after her marriage to Joe, he either died or they divorced because various City Directories and voter lists starting in 1932 show Vertna as the wife of Glenn Dunsworth. I have not found their marriage record and still no record of her daughter. I haven't found her in the 1930 Census.

The 1940 Census found Margaret and Glenn living in Fresno California. The ages on the census are a bit unclear, but show Gaylor as a 38-year-old and Margaret as either 28 or 38. Neither of these ages match our Margaret's expected age of 41 or 42 so perhaps we have some record problems. It troubles me that the child is still missing without any birth or death record. I'm also concerned about being able to find marriage and divorce records. Her mother's obituary in 1940 confirm her name as Mr. Glenn Dunsworth, so there is at least some confirmation. Glenn's draft registration in 1942 showed him living in Balch Camp California and working for Pacific Gas and Electric. He was 5'6" – 145 lbs – with blue eyes, brown hair, and a light complexion. There a several interesting articles about his adventures in measuring the depth of snowfall in the mountains by using a helicopter.

Margaret and Glenn seemed to live comfortably in Fresno County until her death in 1976. In 1980, the widowed Glenn married Dessie Hall also a widow. He would have been about 77 or so at this time. He passed away in 1985 at the age of 81. Dessie apparently had some children from a previous marriage that were mentioned in the obituary. There are no children from any of these marriages that I have been able to document except for the mention in Emil's obituary.

141. Mildred May Haggard BIRTH 1904 • California - DEATH 1904 • Laytonville, Mendocino, CA

Mildred is a bit of a mystery person with no birth or death records that I have found except for some records on Ancestry called Family Data Collection, but it does not show any copies of records. We do know that the 1910 Census showed that Lela had lost a child between 1900 and 1910 so I suppose that Mildred mus be that child.

142. James Burnette Haggard 18 Apr 1910 • Fresno County, CA - 7 MAY 1980 • Los Angeles Co., CA
Charlotte McRae Weir 3 AUG 1909 • Bellingham, WA - 29 MAY 1946 • San Francisco, California

James has been another challenging search. His birthday is variously listed as 1910, 1908, and 1911. I'm inclined to suggest that 1911 is more likely as he does not appear in the 1910 Census as he should have. He first appeared in the 1920 Census where is age is reported as 9 years. However, that census was taken in January, so that would support a 1910 birth. At that time, he was living at his parent's farm along with his older sister Mabelle and her son, his nephew.



He next appeared in the 1930 Census in Apr 1931 showing him to be 21. His birthday was the month of the census so he should have been 19 if he was born in 1910 or 20 if he was born in 1909. Since he was at the Camp Ingram which was the San Diego Naval Training Station, I'm wondering if there may have been some fudging on his birthdate when he enlisted in the Navy. None of his military records so a definitive term of service, but James, or Burney as he seems to have been called, made the Navy a career. During WW2, he served aboard the USS Vulcan

in 1941, and the USS Prince Georges in 1943. A news article talked about him having been in Iceland in 1942 and coming home on furlough. The 1942 article indicated that he was married at this time. Again, I have been unable to find marriage records for him, but other records show that he was married to Charlotte Weir.



After the war, James found himself stationed in San Francisco when the following tragedy concerning his wife Charlotte happened.

HISTORY OF CASE (supposed facts to be proven at inquest):

Deceased resided with her husband at 883 - 35th Avenue, and had supposedly suffered from valvular heart trouble, but had no recent medical attention other than an examination one year ago. On 5-28 and 5-29-46, she had been drinking and about 7:45 PM 5-29-46 James Haggard, husband, found her collapsed on the bedroom floor, death was pronounced on arrival of Std. Dooley at 8:05 PM 5-29-46. From information received from James Haggard, husband, on 6/4/46, about ten days prior to death, the deceased supposedly suffered a spontaneous abortion at the above address at which time she is supposed to have expelled a fetus of about six months gestation and that the deceased had suffered about three previous spontaneous abortions as she was unable to go full term. Also he stated that the deceased had been taking phenobarbital derivatives in order to sleep since an auto accident about two years ago.

The 1950 Census found Burney still in the Navy stationed in Los Angeles. He was serving aboard the USS Manatee.



I'm not sure when Burney completed his Naval Service. All I can find is that he lived out his life in California outliving all of his older brothers and sisters. I have not found an obituary. On FamilySearch, I found records on James marrying a Dorothy Ross on 17 Sep 1946. This would have been 4 months after the death of Charlotte. I have not found any other records on

her. Burney died in Los Angeles in 1980.

Mary's fourth child was her daughter Anna Capitola Stegall (1868-1937) and her husband Francis M McLean (1859-1916). They had eight children.

143. Joe Douglas McLean 17 Sep 1891- 24 Sep 1891 – Farmington, TN

144. Paul DeWitt McLean 20 May 1893 - 2 Oct 1894 – Farmington, TN



Anna and Francis got off to a rough start with their family as their first two children were born and died very suddenly. Joe only lasted a week and Paul lasted a little over a year.

145. Sallie Grace McLean 28 Apr 1895 • Tennessee - 3 Dec 1992 • Fairlawn, Summit, Ohio

Herschel Goodnight Young 15 JAN 1889 • Russellville, Kentucky - 22 MAY 1952 • Akron, Summit, Ohio



After losing her two younger brothers, Sallie was born in 1895 and appeared in the 1900 Census on the family farm in Woodbury Kentucky. By the time of the census, Francis and Cappie were making up for lost time and Sallie had a younger sister and brother. By 1910, they had added three more sons and were still living on the family farm in Russellville Kentucky. Sallie was 14 and at school.

On FamilySearch, I found a wedding certificate for Grace and Herschel in Robertson County, TN in May 1910 which was right after the census and Grace had just turned 15. Herschel would have been 21. Their first son was born in 1915. He was from Kentucky and worked on his father's farm. It's interesting that on the 1910 Census, he was identified as a farm laborer rather than a son. Maybe he was working for an uncle. A daughter followed in 1916. Grace's father died in 1916 also. In 1917, Herschel registered for the WW1 draft while still living in Kentucky. He noted that he was married with two children and that he was tall, slender, with brown eyes and light brown hair, and that he was not bald. He claimed exemption due to his dependents, but per the 1930 Census he was called to service nonetheless. There are a lot of Herschel Youngs listed, but I haven't been able to definitively link an address to our Herschel, so I'm not sure where he served.

Big changes were underway for the Walkers in the upcoming years. The 1920 Census found them living in Akron where Herschel had taken a job as an inspector in a tire factory. Of course, Akron was the home of both Goodyear and Firestone so I don't know which company he worked for. They lived in a rented house at 967 Ridgeway Drive in Akron. In addition to their son and

daughter, they had a roomer named Isaac Perry who worked at the factory, as well as Grace's brother Cecil and sister Mary. Cecil worked as a laborer and Mary as a stenographer at the tire factory. Grace was tending to the two children who were almost 5 and 3.

The 1930 Census found that they had purchased a home at 1095 LaCroix Ave in Akron worth \$4800 and they had a radio. Fifteen-year-old Frank and thirteen-year-old Louise were in school. Grace's widowed mother Cappie lived with them as well as Grace's sister Mary. Herschel was still an inspector and Mary was a file clerk. Grace's mother Cappie died in 1937. A news article told the story of their having had an car accident on the way back to Akron from her funeral in which injuries to Herschel, Grace, son Frank, and Grace's sister and brother. Their son Frank married in Pennsylvania in 1938. He gave his and his parent's address as 736 May Street in Akron.

The 1940 Census found that the Youngs had moved to 166 West Crosier Street in Akron which was a house worth \$3000. Their son Frank had married and he and his wife Geraldine lived with them. Frank was a tire builder and his wife was a stenographer at the factory. Daughter Louise was still at home and working as a music teacher. Herschel had become a tube machine operator. Herschel and Grace had only completed 6th and 8th grade, while all of the kids were high school graduates. In 1942, Herschel registered for the draft which showed that they had moved to 200 Watson Street in Akron and that he worked for Firestone Tire and Rubber. *Side Note: I worked for a company based in Akron for many years and we went to Akron for company Christmas Parties a couple of times. During our visit, we went to see the Firestone Mansion which is a very interesting exhibit.* Herschel was 5'-11" with brown eyes and hair, and a light complexion.

The 1950 Census showed that the Youngs had moved yet again. They lived at 979 South Ave in Akron, and 61-year-old Herschel still worked at Firestone as did their daughter Louise who was still at home at age 33 and a clerk at the factory. Son Frank had moved out and was working as a policeman at an aircraft factory in Akron. He was married with two kids. Herschel died at the age of 63 in Akron in 1952. Daughter Louise finally married in 1961 to a divorcée with two daughters. Her son died in 1971. Grace outlived all of her siblings except one and died at the age of 94 in Akron in 1992. She had been a widow for 40 years. Her children had both moved to California.

Children of Herschel and Grace:

325. Frank Marshall Young 1915–1971

326. Cecile Louise Young 1916–2001

146. Mary Lucille McLean 25 AUG 1897 • Kentucky - 12 FEB 1985 • Marion, Grant, Indiana

Mary was the next daughter of Francis and Cappie. She was born in Kentucky in 1897 and appeared in the 1900 Census with her family which included an older sister and younger brother. She remained on the farm in 1910 with three new younger brothers having been added to the flock. She was 12 and I suspect had a lot of babysitting opportunities with those 4 younger boys.

In 1920, she had moved to Akron to work at Firestone as a clerk. She lived with her older sister Grace and her family and had brought along one of her younger brothers Cecil. Her father had died in 1916, so maybe Cappie was trying to lighten the load back at home as a widow with three other sons. She remained living with her sister in the 1930 Census, but the house was getting a little more crowded as her nephew had married and moved his wife into the family home. Her mother died in 1937. As you recall, she was living with them in Akron.

Mary finally moved out prior to the 1940 Census. This census showed that she lived on Beck Ave in a boarding house. The Akron City Directory from 1941 confirmed her residence as



216 Beck Avenue. She was still working as a clerk at Firestone. Here is a present day shot of the home. The census showed that Mary had completed two years of college.

The 1950 Census found her sharing a home nearby her Beck Home at 136 Grand Ave with a 57-year-old widow, Marie Miller. She was 52 and still working at Firestone. It was a cute looking house as seen here.

I've found little more about Mary apart from her obituary in 1985 which tells of her 43 years as a secretary in charge of the international files at Firestone. She never married. She was living in Indiana when she died. He brother Cecil died the same year.



147. Frank Leslie McLean 24 Jan 1900 • Butler, Kentucky - 10 Mar 1973 • McCracken, Kentucky
Mary Roxanna Wilkinson 15 AUG 1905 • Springfield, Robertson, TN - 16 MAY 1967 •
Logan County, Kentucky



Frank was the first son of Cappie and Francis that survived more than a year. Born in Jan of 1900, he just made the 1900 census in his parent's home in Kentucky. There is a bit of confusion on my part because the 1900 Census showed that the son born in 1900 was listed as William S McLean, but then the 1910 Census showed a 10-year-old Frances L and a four-year-old William S. I wonder if they decided to change names some time after

his birth? It's puzzling.

In the 1920 Census, 19-year-old Frank was living in Kentucky with his widowed father and two of his younger brothers. His older sisters and one younger brother had moved to Akron to go to work for Firestone. Frank was working as a brakeman on the railroad. He registered for the WW1 draft in 1918 which showed that he was short with a medium build, blue eyes, and light hair. In 1923, Frank married Roxie Wilkinson. She was the daughter of a fellow railroad employee from Russellville where he also lived. Their daughter was born in 1927.

In 1930, the census found Frank, Roxie, daughter Carolyn, and Roxie's widowed mother living 205 Breathett Street in Russellville. He owned his home and it was worth \$1800. He was working as a brakeman on a steam railroad. He was not a WW1 veteran. Frank's mother died in 1937.

The 1940 Census showed them living at 519 Fifth Summer Street in Russellville and Frank was still working on the steam railroad. The home was owned and worth \$3000. Roxie was now

working as a telephone operator and her mother was still living with them. The census showed that Frank had quit school after the 6th grade, Roxie had made it through her junior year, and Carolyn at this time had finished 8th grade. In 1942, he registered for the WW2 draft. This showed that he was now on the L&N Railroad that ran out of Russellville. He was 5'-8" – 145 lbs with blue eyes, black hair, and a ruddy complexion. He now lived on North Main. Between 1942 and 1950, Frank and Roxie divorced.

The 1950 Census found Frank living with a man named Paul Beauchamp who worked at a local drugstore. He was still a conductor for the railroad. Roxie had married a man named Otis Travis who was on Vocational Agriculture Instructor at the County High School. Roxie was still working as a telephone operator, and 23-year-old Carolyn lived with them. She worked as a bookkeeper for the bus company. Otis had been previously married and had at least one son. Daughter Carolyn married in 1950 and had at least two children in 1957 and 1961.

Frank died in 1973 at the age of 73. He was the 2nd of his siblings to die (not including the two initial infant births). Roxie had died in 1967 after retiring from the telephone company. Her husband died in 1968. An interesting history of the L&N Railroad (Louisville to Nashville) can be found here. [History \(Inrr.org\)](http://History.Inrr.org)

Child of Frank and Roxie:

327. Mary Carolyn McLean 1927–1997

148. Royal Cecil McLean Dr 4 MAR 1902 • Morgantown, KY - 7 JAN 1985 • Creve Coeur Township, St Louis, Missouri

Marguerite H. Holdsworth 25 FEB 1903 • Missouri - 16 JUNE 1992 • St Louis, St. Louis City, Missouri



Royal was the next son after Frank born into the family in 1902 and first appearing in the 1910 Census along with his older brother, two older sisters, and by 1910, two younger brothers. Following the death of his father in 1916, the family seemed to split up into the Kentucky faction that stayed with their mother and the Akron faction that went with older sister and husband to seek their fame and fortune in the rubber capital of the world in Akron. In 1920, Royal was 17 and working as a laborer at Firestone.

I haven't found him in the 1930 Census, but based on news articles, I believe that he finished high school in Akron and then moved to St Louis where he continued his college and medical education. In 1932, his mother attended his graduation from medical school at St Louis University. In his 1936 wedding announcement, it noted that he attended Akron University before going to St Louis for med school. In June 1936, he and Marguerite Holdsworth were married in St Louis. She appeared to be the only child of William and Henrietta Holdsworth. Her father was born in St Louis, but moved back to England where he was raised before returning to the US. At the time of their marriage, she was working on the staff of Stowe Teacher's College in St Louis. His mother died in 1937 and his daughter was born in 1938.

The 1940 Census showed the McLean family living in St Louis at 109 Taylor Ave. They owned the home that was worth \$2500. Dr McLean was practicing medicine in a private practice. Their first daughter had been born shortly before the census and they had a 17 year old nannie living with them named Leeann Schefer. Royal registered for the draft in 1942 at the age of 39. He was 5'-9" – 165 lbs – blue eyes, brown

hair and a light complexion. It looks like he was young enough to avoid having to register for the WW1 draft.

The 1950 Census found the family living at 526 W. Jewell in the Kirkwood area of St Louis. Royal was putting in 70 hours per week at his own office. The girls were 11 and 6 and most likely in school. Daughter Marilyn spent her junior year of high school in Long Beach California before returning to graduate in St Louis. I believe that this was when her father was doing some graduate studies at USC. She then attended TCU in Ft Worth and received a BS and MS in Psychology before moving to Seattle to work for the Seattle School District. Daughter Shirley also headed to California in 1963 to attend Loma Linda University to study physical therapy and graduated in 1965. Marilyn married in 1967 and had two sons and Shirley married in 1973 and had one son.

In his obituary, it noted that Royal had retired in 1960 due to poor health and he died of a heart attack in 1985. Marguerite died in 1992.

Children of Royal and Marguerite:

328. Marilyn Lois McLean 1938–2020

329. Shirley Ruth Meredith McLean 1943–2021

149. Rev William Stegall McLean 20 DEC 1905 • Morgantown, WV - 30 MAY 1957 -
Pembroke, Giles, Virginia

Fern Bernice Hodson 22 SEP 1912 • Anderson, IN - 5 DEC 2015 • Indianapolis, Marion, IN



William is the son who apparently started out in the 1900 Census as his brother Francis. Since he was not born until 1905, the 1900 Census listing him is obviously in error. That given, he finally shows up correctly in the 1910 Census with his family and

multiple brothers and sisters. His father then died in 1916 resulting in the family splitting up between Akron and Kentucky. Frank, William, and Sam stayed in Kentucky with their widowed mother while the others moved to Akron with the oldest sister and her husband. Unfortunately I haven't found him in the 1930 Census, but in 1935 he was living in Pennsylvania per the 1940 Census. In 1937, his mother died, and later that year he married Fern Hodson. She was from Anderson Indiana, which at the time was an bit of a manufacturing center for electrical items. Her father and brother worked in the electrical assembly business. Fern attended the church where William's brother, Sam was the minister. William was also called to the ministry and they seemed to move around quite a bit. *From Fern's obituary: Their married life moved them to ministries in the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in Pittsburgh, Pa., Thorntown, In. where their first son, James was born; Elsberry, Mo. where their second son Douglas was born; Dawson Springs, Ky.; Bakersfield, Ca.; Delphi, In.; Dunnsville, Va.; Pembroke, Va.*

The 1940 Census showed William and Fern living in Pittsburgh where he was a pastor. They lived in a rented home at 330 Bigelow Street and paid \$30 rent. The census showed that William had three years of college and Fern had two. William registered for the draft in 1940 when living in Pittsburgh, but it appears that year he was transferred to Thornton IN as he scratched out his address and wrote in the Christian Church Parsonage in Thornton. He was 5'-10" – 177 lbs with blue eyes, brown hair, and a light complexion. It was in Thornton in 1944 I think that their first son James was born. I'm struggling a bit finding birth certificates for the boys, but I found one for James and one for Doug in 1946 in Missouri.

Again, I have been unsuccessful in finding the family in the 1950 Census. They could have been in Kentucky, California, Indiana, or Virginia. I've looked unsuccessfully in all of these places. We do know

that William died suddenly of “natural causes” while working in Pembroke Virginia in 1957. After William’s death, Fern moved to Indianapolis to be near her sons and grandchildren. She worked at a church and stayed active in the community. I’ve struggled finding marriage and birth records, but in her obituary, it is noted that: *Fern is the grandmother to Michael McLean, to Kim Johnson, Sheila Hall, Andrew McLean. She is the great grandmother to Maggie Cron, James Cron, Kirsten Hall, Tucker Hall, Tate McLean, Drew McLean, Reed McLean, step grandmother to Baker and Coffman Johnson.* I am unable to tell which of the sons were parents and grand parents of all of these youngsters. Fern died in 2015 in Indianapolis.

Children of William and Fern:

330. James Marion McLean 1944–Living

331. Douglas William McLean 1946–Living

150. Rev Samuel David McLean 27 Feb 1908 • Little Muddy, KY - 8 Jun 1998 • Fort Collins, Larimer, CO
Mary Jane Greene 27 JUL 1918 • Pittsburgh, Allegheny, PA - 27 NOV 2008 • Fort Collins, CO



Sam was the last of the McLean children. He was born in 1908 in time to appear in the 1910 Census, but his father died when he was only 8. He stayed with his widowed mother in Kentucky along with two older brothers while the rest of the family moved to Akron. As such, he appeared in the 1920 Census in Russellville.

Once again, the 1930 Census has not been found, but I did run across several news articles about Sam. The first in 1932 described a visit by his mother to his older brother’s graduation for Medical School in St Louis followed by a visit to Sam as he studied at Butler University in Indianapolis. The next then

described his visit home for Christmas. Finally, a lengthy article from 1935 chronicles his graduation from Divinity School, his ordination as a Disciples of Christ Minister at his home church in Russellville, and his assignment to the church in Wilkerson Indiana. That year, he elected to attend the World Convention of Christian Churches in Leicester England. As a prelude to the convention, he sailed from NY in June to visit Cherbourg and Paris France, Brussels Belgium, a cruise down the Rhine to see Switzerland, Italy, Berlin, Vienna, and Budapest. That was quite a trip and historically was at the time the Nazis in Germany were coming to power. I wonder if he witnessed any of this?

In 1937, his mother died and he attended the funeral in Kentucky with several of his family members and was injured in a car accident on their way back to Akron after the funeral. The 1940 Census found him living in Pittsburgh PA serving as a minister. He was living with the Marshall family. Mr. Marshall was a salesman in the electrical manufacturing industry. On his 1940 draft registration, he listed his address as 2701 Broadway in Dormant, PA where he was the pastor of the Beechview Christian Church in nearby Beechview. His sister Grace in Akron was listed as his next of kin. He was 5’-7” – 150 lbs with blue eyes and brown hair and a ruddy complexion. In 1942 in Russellville KY, he married Mary Greene. Mary was a Pennsylvania girl who had been working in Pittsburgh at the time of their wedding. Her obituary indicated that she studied banking and commercial law at the University of Pittsburgh and for a couple of different Savings and Banking institutions. I haven’t found any records of Sam having served in WW2. In 1947, their son David was born in Santa Barbara, CA.

The 1950 Census found the family living at 114 W. Mission in Santa Barbara, CA. Other records indicate that they were in that City until at least 1955. Mary’s obituary shared that they served churches in Pittsburgh, Pampa TX, Santa Barbara, Hollywood, and Burbank CA. She worked for the Burbank School District and later as the administrative assistant to the Dean of Research Development at UC Santa Barbara.

In 1979, they retired to Fort Collins Colorado where Sam kept his hand in the ministry serving various northern Colorado churches as an interim pastor. He passed away in 1998, and Mary died in 2008. I have been unable to accurately identify any additional information about their son David so I don't know if they had grandchildren. None were mentioned in their obituaries.

Child of Sam and Mary:

332. David Bruce Mclean 1947–Living?

Mary's fifth child was her son Samuel Dewitt Stegall (1870-1939) and his wife Emma Rebecca Guinn (1875-1949). They had five children.

151. Mary Eugenia Stegall 24 SEP 1898 • Emmett, Navarro, TX - 24 FEB 1991 • Levelland, Hockley, TX

Marvin Allen McCleskey 13 APR 1900 • Irene, Hill, TX - 6 JUL 1972 • Graham, Young, TX



Mary Stegall was born in 1898 and appeared in the 1900 Census with her mom and dad on the family farm near Emmett, TX. Her father was the only one of Mary's children that followed his cousins to Texas. When the 1910 Census appeared, the family had moved from Emmet to Graham TX in Young County. Per the census, her mother had lost a child between 1900 and 1910. Based upon the gap between Mary and her brother Glenn, that child had likely been born and died in the 1901-1902 timeframe, but I have not found records to confirm this. She had a younger brother and sister, and they were renting a room to a local school teacher named George Jackson.

In the 1920 Census, they were still farming in Young County. Two more children another son and another daughter had joined the family. Additionally, they were hosting Otha Cook who was 18 years old. Mary had graduated from Texas Normal School at this time and was working as a school teacher. Ironically, Otha was my future grand uncle, the older brother of my dad's mother Clemmie Agnes Cook. In 1924, Mary and Marvin got married in Loving. Marvin was originally from Navarro, so the families probably knew each other before moving to Loving. He registered for the WW1 draft when living in Hill County and said he was medium height, medium build, and had brown eyes and red hair. In the 1920 Census, he was listed as being a boarding school student, but I have not tracked down his school. He must have graduated and moved to Loving. A later census showed that he did attend college for one year. His father died in 1923 which may have prompted his move. In 1926, their first daughter Wanda was born and then a son, Allen was born in 1927. This was the same period that my father was born in Loving, so they were probably classmates at Graham HS.

In 1930 Census, Marvin had quit farming and they had moved into Graham at 1000 East Fourth Street. Marvin was working as a bookkeeper at a local garage. Mary with two small children was not teaching during this period. They owned their home which was worth \$800 and they had a radio. The census showed that he had not been called to service during WW1. Her father died in 1939.

The 1940 Census showed that Marvin now owned the Service Station in Graham and that they had moved to 505 Virginia Street. The children were 13 and 12 and had completed eighth and fifth grade. They owned their home and it was worth \$1750. Mary was not yet back to teaching. Marvin registered for the

draft in 1942. His address on the registration contradicts the census as it shows the same address as 1930 on E 4th rather than the Virginia Street address. As the country had gone to war, Marvin had gone to work for the Red River Ordinance in Texarkana which is now the Red River Army Depot. The history of it is here and it is a very interesting story. *The depot with a thousand missions | Article | The United States Army* Marvin was 5'-8" – 150 lbs with brown eyes, red hair and a light complexion. I suspect that his involvement with this project kept him out of the Army during the war. Their daughter Wanda got married in 1947, and had children in 1948, 1950, 1952 and 1955. Mary's mother died in 1949. I haven't researched all of the children completely, but it seems like they all married and at least two became doctors. The son Allen moved to California where he taught school for many years before returning to Graham and restoring his grandparents old abandoned home.

I have not found the McCleskeys in the 1950 Census nor many news articles. Marvin died in 1972 and Mary died in Levelland in 1991. I believe several of her children and grandchildren lived there and were associated with college located in that City.

Children of Mary and Marvin:

333. Wanda Jean McCleskey 1926–2018

334. Allen Dee McCleskey 1927–Living?

152. Unknown Stegall ABT. 1901 • Navarro, TX - ABT. 1901 • Navarro, Texas, USA

The only clue to this person is the 1910 Census which indicated that Mary had lost a child between 1900 and 1910 and the most logical date is between Mary's birth in 1898, and Glenn's birth in 1904.

153. Glynn D Stegall 4 MAR 1904 • Navarro, TX - 10 AUG 1963 • Washington, District of Columbia

Mildred Forbes 11 JUNE 1908 • Stranger, Falls, TX - 16 MAY 2014 • Fort Worth, Tarrant



Glynn was the first son of Sam and Emma. He was born in Navarro County a couple of years before the family uprooted and moved to Yong County. By the time he showed up in the 1910 Census, he had an older and younger sister, and his mother had lost another child sometime between his birth and his older sister.

In the 1920 Census, they had moved into the town of Graham and 15-year-old Glynn had another two siblings, another younger brother and sister. He would likely be getting ready to

start high school in 1921. They lived at 207 First Street. His father was still farming and his older sister was teaching. His obituary indicated that in 1925 he went to work for the First National Bank in Graham.

In the 1930 Census, Glynn was still living at home at 409 Fourth Street. He was working as a stenographer at the Land Office. His older sister had married and moved out and sister Jessie was off teaching school in Olney they had a 18 year old boarder staying with them named Ruth Barnett. Neither Glynn nor his father were war veterans. His two younger siblings and the boarder were attending school. In 1933 he married Mildred in Marlin TX. She was originally from Falls TX which is just SE of Waco, but in 1930 she was teaching school in Eliasville, a small community near Graham. About this time, Glynn started working for the local US Representative W. D. McFarlane and they moved to Washington D. C. W. D. was the father of "Bud" McFarlane went on to some fame as the National Security Advisor to President Ronald Reagan in the 80's. When W. D. lost reelection in 1938, Glynn went to work for his successor

Morris Shepherd. Morris died in office in 1941 and was succeeded by Lyndon Johnson and Glynn stated on the congressional staff for LBJ. His father died in 1939.

The 1940 Census found both Glynn and Mildred working in D. C. on Representative Johnson's staff. They lived at 215 13th Street. Glynn was shown as a high school graduate and Mildred was a college graduate. In 1942, Glynn registered for the draft which showed him living at the same address. He noted that he was employed by the Department of Agriculture. He was 5'-7 1/2" - 165 LBS - Brown hair, brown eyes, and a light complexion. It appears that Johnson was called to active duty during the war, but continued to hold his seat in the House. The later part of the 40's must have been an interesting time for the Stegall's, as Representative Johnson decided to run for the Senate in 1948 and was successful in his run earning the nickname of "Landslide Lyndon" due to some questionable ballot counting in Texas. Glynn's mother died shortly after the election in 1949. He must have been home for the funeral as there was a news article about Glynn and Mildred visiting his sister in Olney in 1949.

The 1950 Census found Glynn and Mildred living at the Congressional Apartments in D. C.. Glynn was working for Senator Johnson and Mildred worked for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation under Senator Stuart Symington. She was listed in the supplemental questions and was earning \$4200 salary. At this time now Senator Johnson had taken the Senate by storm as a freshman senator and was appointed head of the Senate Armed Services Committee. When the Democrats lost the majority, in 1952, he was elected the youngest Senate Minority leader. He was tapped in 1960 to be John Kennedy's VP Candidate and they were successfully elected leading Glynn and Mildred to jobs in the Executive Branch. Sadly and suddenly in 1963, Glynn became ill while golfing and it turned out to have been a heart attack. He passed away only six weeks before the Kennedy assassination. In what must have been an exciting day for Graham TX, VP Johnson as a whole bunch of Washington dignitaries descend on Graham for Glynn's funeral.

As alluded to above, six weeks later, Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. Mildred had continued working for LBJ at this time and in one document I found, LBJ was scheduled to host Jack and Jackie Kennedy at the LBJ ranch the day after his visit to Dallas and Mildred was in the group that was to have attended. She served him loyally throughout his presidency through his sudden retirement in 1972. Following his retirement, she continued working with him and Lady Bird until his death of a heart attack in 1973. She tells the story about being called into his office and being given the task of keeping his White House tapes hidden for at least fifty years after his death. She apparently did so. After his death, she continued working with Lady Bird and others in helping to collect and organize items for the LBJ Library in Austin. Mildred lived to a month of her 105th birthday in 2014. Glynn and Mildred never had any children.

154. Jessie B Stegall 19 SEP 1906 • Irene, Navarro, TX - 26 JUN 1996 • Fort Worth, Tarrant, TX
Troy Lewis Ikard 6 OCT 1905 • Archer City, TX - 24 JUL 1986 • Haltom City, TX



Jessie was the last of the Stegall children to have been born in Navarro County before their move to Young County right after she was born. In the 1910 Census, she is the youngest of four children living on the family farm with a local school teacher boarding with them. They moved into town before 1920 and she had a new little brother and little sister. They lived at 207 First Street.

In the 1930 Census, Jessie had completed school. I haven't found her in a yearbook yet, but she probably went to the State Normal School in Denton as she was teaching school in Olney TX which is not too far from Graham. She was boarding with the J. T. Wilson family. He was also a teacher and there was a Viola Robinson staying with them who was a teacher too. Following the 1931 school year, she married Try Ikard in Archer City TX. His father was a cattle rancher there and Troy worked on the ranch. Archer City is just north of Olney and is most famous as being the home of Larry McMurtry and the movie/book "The Last Picture Show". His parents both died shortly after their wedding. In 1935, Troy was appointed as the Postmaster of Archer City.

The 1940 Census showed Troy and Jessie living in a home they owned in Archer City worth \$1800 and they had been in that house since 1935. They lived on Cotton Wood Street and had two young daughters. With the two small kids, Jessie was not teaching. The census showed that Troy had two years of college and that Jessie had three. In his 1940 draft registration, Troy indicated that he worked for B. P. Clark. I don't know if the postmaster was a parttime job and he supplemented it by working elsewhere. He was 5'-11" – 150 lbs with brown eyes, black hair, and a ruddy complexion. His obituary indicated that he moved to Ft Worth in 1941 to become a meat inspector for the US Department of Agriculture where he worked for 20 years until retiring. Jessie's mother died in 1949.

The 1950 Census showed them living in Ft Worth at 2015 Prairie Street and that Troy was indeed inspecting meat. The girls were 12 and 13 and going to school. Their oldest daughter Carol married in 1958. They seemed to wait awhile before having a daughter in 1970. Her husband Gerald was on the faculty at North Richland High School. Daughter Betty married in 1959 and they had a son in 1971. At some point after Troy's retirement, they moved to Haltom City which is just NW of Ft Worth. They lived there until Troy's death in 1986. Jessie died in Ft Worth in 1996.

Children of Troy and Jessie:

335. Carol Dell Ikard 1936–Living

336. Betty Lou Ikard 1937–Living

155. Emma Ruth Stegall 13 OCT 1910 • Graham, Young, TX - 2 OCT 1987 • Graham, Young TX
Reginald Charles Martin 1 FEB 1902 • Lawton, Comanche, OK - 29 SEP 1965 • Dallas, TX



Emma was the last daughter and probably the first of the children born in Young County. She showed up as a 9-year-old in the 1920 Census having been born just after the 1910 Census living on the family farm. At this time, all of the children were still at home. Older sister Mary was a school teacher at this point and must have been an inspiration to Emma as she too went on to be a teacher. She was attending Graham High School in 1927. She was still at home in 1930 at which time Mary and Jessie had moved on, but Glynn and Frank were still at home. I found her in a yearbook from The University of North Texas at Denton in 1930 which was another name for North Texas Teacher's College. In 1939, her father died while she was serving as the principal of a school called Shearer. One of the other teachers there was Faydell Burdick who was probably related to my father's oldest sisters' first husband, Floyd Burdick.

The 1940 Census showed Ruth living back in Young County with her widowed mother at the family farm north of Graham near Loving. I haven't found Shearer School but perhaps it was in Loving or Eliasville. Her mother owned the home that was worth \$1500. Ruth worked 36 months per year, 48 hours per day as a teacher for \$900. The census showed that she had 4 years of college. This was the period when her older brother was making a name for himself as a political aide and Glynn and Ruth visited another sister in Olney after the death of her mother in 1949.

The 1950 Census found Ruth sharing a home in Graham with Ida Senkel and working as a grade school teacher. Her finances had improved significantly as she now was making \$2800. Her name fell on the sample line so we got a little more information about her. A newspaper article indicated that later in 1950, she was hired as a primary school teacher in Abilene. Also, in the Abilene paper it detailed Ruth's experience. She graduated from North Texas Teacher's college in 1937 with a BA and did some graduate work. She had 19 years of teaching experience in Flint Creek, Shearer, Bryson, Diamond Hill in Ft Worth,

and Shawnee Elementary in Graham (which was where my grandmother Della Butler taught for years after her husband died in 1946. They may have been fellow faculty members in 1950).

In 1953 or 1954, Ruth married Reginald Martin. I haven't found their marriage record but did find a news announcement about a post nuptial tea being held for her which was hosted by my Aunt Mary Bills in Loving in April 1954. He was an eye doctor who had gone to school at TCU and Optometry School in Southern California. He practiced in Graham, Brownfield, and Dallas and had been the editor of a newspaper in Fort Worth. He installed radar on ships for the Navy in WW2 and built a hi-fi set to enjoy his music which was ultimately donated to the Fort Worth Library. Her brother Glynn died in 1963 and her husband died in 1965. In 1977, she and her brother worked together to rebuild the old family farm home in Loving. She retired in 1981 and there is an extensive article about her 40-year teaching career in the Wichita Falls Newspaper. It bears posting here. She died in 1987. She never had any children.

She made career of rural schools

By NITA McAFEE
Correspondent

GRAHAM, Texas (Special) — When Ruth Stegall Martin was 20 years old, she got her first teaching job at Flint Creek school. That was in 1931 and she had just completed two years of college.

"I walked through the pasture to school," she recalls, adding that since she was the only teacher it was her job to build a fire each morning."

Mrs. Martin, who taught for 40 years in rural schools, retired in 1971. She comes from a family of teachers, and among her mementoes is a teacher's certificate dated 1893 that belonged to her mother, Emma Guinn Stegall. Her salary was \$35 and "ended when funds were exhausted."

Mrs. Martin began teaching when a degree wasn't required "but you had to be working toward one," says the native of Young County who eventually earned a B.S. and masters degrees from North Texas State University.

After her year at Flint Creek, Mrs. Martin taught at Monument, a three-teacher school. She was there from 1932 until 1937.

When the school con-

solidated with Graham, she was unable to transfer because there was a ruling that no person who had attended local schools could teach.

She began teaching at Shearer School, which was a three-teacher school. Attendance rose later to 28 pupils and Mrs. Young became principal. Her salary went from \$80 to \$120 per month. She taught there from 1937 until 1942.

"Shearer was the original and only rural school with a hot lunch program," she laughs, recalling that Mrs. Walter Howard, former Extension agent and wife of a school trustee, instigated the hot lunch program.

The extra room in the school building became the lunchroom. A wood range and two big wash tubs were purchased. The PTA helped head the program and the teachers bought the groceries at a discount from Sunshine Grocery in Olney.

"We had two long tables and every day someone volunteered to give thanks at the meal. Students were assigned certain duties, including one to build the fire. An assembly line was formed on the porch for the washing of hands. One squirted



Retirement pastime

Ruth Stegall Martin displays some of the carnival glass that she has acquired since her retirement from teaching school. (Special photo)

soap, the next poured water and the last one dried." She says first grade pupils learned arithmetic by counting prunes.

The lunch room program was so successful that they hired Mary Guinn to run it. However, the teachers continued to purchase groceries. Also the two other

teachers, Ruth and Fay Delle Burdick moved into the "lunch room" with living quarters in one corner "in order to save board and room."

This was during the days of rationing, so the teachers bought bicycles and rode all

over the countryside visiting pupils.

Mrs. Martin next taught in Bryson, and eventually in Graham from 1947 until 1950. In 1953 she married Dr. R. C. Martin. He died in 1965 and she moved to Graham in 1979.

156. James Frank Stegall 7 APR 1916 • Graham, TX - 21 FEB 1979 • Reno, Nevada
Wilda Myrtle Rowell 17 DEC 1916 • Marin, CA - 17 JUN 2006 • Skagit, Washington



Finally the youngest Stegall son was born in 1916 some six years after his next older sibling. He appeared initially in the 1920 Census and as earlier noted was living with other siblings on the family farm near Loving. Likewise, in 1930 he is still at home but living in Graham in with his parents, Glynn, and Ruth. He would have been working his way through school at this time. In 1937 he graduated from North Texas Teacher's College with a degree in Government and Economics. He may have pulled

some strings with his brother, but by 1939, he was living in Washington DC where he married Wilda Rowell. I'm not sure how or when they met, but she was a young lady from Marin County CA and her father was a piano tuner. His father died in 1939.

The 1940 Census showed Frank and Wilda living in a rented house on 34th Street in Washington DC where Frank was working as a clerk for the FBI. They were paying \$40 per month rent. He worked 52 weeks per year and made \$1500. His 1940 draft registration showed his address as 2605 34th St SE in DC. He was 5'- 9 ½" – 140 lbs – with brown hair and eyes and a light complexion. His obituary mentioned that he received his law degree from George Washington University while in DC, and served as a special agent for the FBI in DC, Buffalo, and Providence RI. I did not find any news articles about him in any of these locations. His son Peter was born in DC in 1940. Sometime before 1950, they moved to California. His mother died in 1949.

The 1950 Census found the Stegall's living in Eureka CA at 529 Brett Street. Frank was now working as a Trust Officer for a bank. His son Peter landed on the sampling line and that showed that they had previously lived in San Joaquin CA and that Peter had completed 4th grade. A daughter Wendy was born in 1957. His obituary mentioned that he worked in the wardrobe department for Harrah's for a brief time and finally retired from the United California Bank in Oakland in 1971 and moving to Oakland. His son Peter married in about 1964, but later divorced. Daughter Wendy does not seem to have married and was last seen living in Iowa. She posted the following on Findagrave in 2022 - *I am his daughter. I was 20 when he died. His illness during my childhood and young adult life were difficult for me to bear. But, we played guitar and sang country and folk songs from my 10th-13th year. I enjoyed Texas accents more than he did!*

Frank died in 1979 leaving Wilda a widow at age 63. She decided not to take this laying down, and in 1984 at the age of 67, she married a 50 year old Peter Purdham. I haven't researched him extensively, but he seemed to have been an electrical tech and had been previously married. In an online interview, her son Peter made the following comment:

What's your secret to reaching 80 and beyond? I drink a lot of water. I do believe that, but it's a genetic thing. My mom was extremely youthful. She remarried, after my dad died, to a man who was like 15 years younger than her. Yeah, it's weird. 80 just sounds so old.

Peter looks like he is a bit of a character, The article at this link is worth a read if you have the time.

<https://www.trailblazermag.com/blog/quarantine-q-a-cactus-pete-stegall>

Children of Frank and Wilda:

337. Peter Rowell Stegall 1940–Living

338. Wendy Stegall 1957–Living

Mary's sixth child was her son Tommy Stegall (1873-1876) who lived a brief life.



The only evidence that I have for Tommie is his gravestone in Tennessee showing that he lived less than three years from Sep 1873 to Feb 1876.

Mary's seventh child was her daughter Sally Bell Stegall (1875-1955) and her husband David Braxton Coleman (1858-1915). They had 5 children.

157. Lester Byrn Coleman 7 SEP 1898 • Dover, TN - 28 FEB 1983 • San Bernardino, CA
Mable Gertrude Watson 7 MAR 1902 • Darlington, SC - 4 OCT 1989 • Mecklenburg, NC
Kathryn Ann Hatcher 1 NOV 1923 • San Bernardino, CA - DEATH Unknown



Lester was the first child of Rev David and Sally Coleman. He was born in Tennessee in 1898. His father at 41 was 17 years older than his 24-year-old mother. Records suggest that he was born in

Dover TN which is a small-town NW of Nashville. David and Sally got busy over the next 10 years and had four more children before the 1910 Census where they now had two sons and three daughters ranging in age from 11 to 2. They lived near Nashville on Nashville and Chapple Hill Pike and father was still preaching. His father died in 1915 leaving Sally with five children ranging from 16 to 7. They lived at Dickinson TN at the time of his death. Lester served in the US Navy during WW1 from 13 Apr 1918 to 3 Sep 1919. I have not found his WW1 draft registration card. In 1920, Lester was living in a boarding house in Fulton Georgia. He had no occupation listed. His highest education level was high school so he was not away at college.

In 1922, Lester married Mable Watson in Darlington S.C. In the wedding announcement, Lester was described as a prominent young businessman from Kansas City. Mable was described as a very popular young lady whose friends were regretting that she would be moving away. The 1930 Census found the Coleman family living at 408 Main Street in Dickinson TN working as a laborer in a garage. This seems to contradict his wedding announcement about Kansas City, but the names of his wife and children all line up. They had a son Charles born in 1923, and a 2nd son Richard born in 1929. Charles had been born in Missouri and Richard in Georgia so the family seemed to have been pretty mobile. The Census showed that Lester was a WW1 veteran. At some point, they moved to Chicago which is where they were found in 1935.

The 1940 Census found the family living in an owned home at 2019 Lombardy Circle in Charlotte North Carolina. At this time, Lester was working as an auditor for Paramount Films. The boys were 16 and 10. Charles had completed his freshman year in school and Richard had completed 4th grade. Mabel had only one year of high school. Son Charles registered for the draft in the early 40's and indicated that he was waiting for a call from the Army Air Corp. He was in fact activated and trained to be a pilot in Georgia. While there in 1943, he got married and then tragically in May 1944, he was killed in a bombing mission over Germany. Their younger son Richard went to the Citadel for a year, and then to West Point in about 1948 and graduated in 1952. Lester registered for the draft in 1942 which showed that he was 5'-10" – 165 lbs with brown hair and eyes and a ruddy complexion. His boss was Fred Mohrhardt in the Paramount Building at 1501 Broadway in NYC. Lester and Mable divorced in 1945. Lester showed up next in Los

Angeles in 1947 where he married Kathryn Hatcher. She was the only daughter of a widowed mother and was born in California. Unfortunately, the trail gets kind of cold at this point. I have not found them in the 1950 census, nor have I found any obituaries except for Mable who seems to not have remarried. She died in North Carolina in 1989. Lester's last residence was in Ontario CA in 1983. His youngest son completed a career in the Army retiring as a LTC in 1973 after service in Korea and Vietnam. After retirement he lived in Springfield TN where he was involved as an educator. Both he and his brother were buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Children of Lester and Mable:

339. Charles Edward Coleman 1923–1944

340. Richard Carlton Coleman 1929–2001

I think these two men desire a picture for their service



158. Willard Stegall Coleman 12 NOV 1900 • Marshall, TN - 7 AUG 1975 • Dickson, TN
Lois Elora Sugg 31 MAR 1902 • Dickinson, TN - MAY 1980 • Dickson, Dickson, TN

I've not found any photos or gravesites for either Willard or Lois. Will keep looking.

Willard was the 2nd born of David and Sally. He was born after the 1900 Census so first appeared in 1910 at which time his parents had completed their family so Willard had 2 brother sand 2 sisters (the youngest son was incorrectly identified as a daughter) and Dad was preaching near Nashville. Dad died in 1916. They had moved to Dickson TN by this time, and the 1920 Census found Willard and his two sisters and younger brother living there with their widowed mother. He was 14 years old and working as a clerk at a local garage. Older brother Lester was off in Georgia at this time. I wonder if that somehow related to his service in the Navy during WW1.

In 1923, Willard married Lois Sugg. She was the oldest daughter of J. W. Sugg who was a farmer in Dickson. They had a daughter born in 1924 who died a week later of a brain hemorrhage. A 2nd daughter was born in 1928. In the 1930 Census, Willard, Lois, and Bobbie lived on Walke Road in Dickson in a home they owned that was worth \$2000. Willard was still working as a bookkeeper at the garage. Willard was not a WW1 veteran. In 1933, another daughter, Betty was born.

The 1940 Census found the Coleman's doing well. They had moved to 109 Poplar Street in Dickson, and in addition to the two daughters, they had a live-in maid named Tennie Schales who was 20. Their home was now worth \$2500 and Willard was a partner in a retail parts and

accessories business and Lois worked at a retail florist that she owned. Willard was a high school graduate and Lois had only finished 8th grade. In his WW2 draft registration in 1942, Willard noted that he was employed at Coleman Elliot Motor Company located at 203 N. Main St in Dickson. A news article I found showed that it was a Ford Dealership. His height and weight were not filled in but he had gray eyes, brown hair, and a light complexion. I have not found any evidence of his having served in WW2. In the news article mentioned above, it noted that in March 1949, Willard and his brother Dorsey sold the dealership. Around this time daughter Babbie had moved to Nashville and was working as a clerk in a publishing house and then in June of 1950, she got married.

The 1950 Census found Willard, Lois, and Betty living at an unknown address in Dickson. Willard was working as a real estate agent and Lois was not work. Betty was 16 and probably in school. Lois was on the supplemental survey line and this census showed she had completed her freshman year of high school. Daughter Betty married in 1954 to Kenneth Herring and they had children in 1955, 1957, and 1959, plus one unknown. He was from Alabama and went to Austin Peavy College in Clarksville TN and later Auburn and was an educator in Florida for 40 years. They ended up with 13 grandchildren. Daughter Betty's husband was Charles Bowen. He served in the infantry in WW2 and they had children in 1956 and 1958 and ended up with 4 grandchildren and a couple of great grandchildren. Willard died in 1975 and Lois died in 1980, both in Dickson.

Children of Willard and Lois:

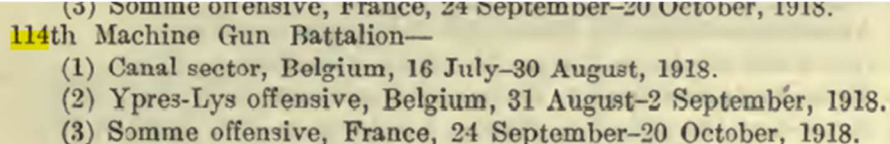
341. Billie Christine Coleman 1924–1924
342. Bobbie Natalie Coleman 1928–Living?
343. Betty Willard Coleman 1933–Living?

159. Anna Ethel Coleman 4 JAN 1903 • Cornersville, Marshall, TN - 3 JUL 1995 • Dickson, TN
Thomas Irvin Hickerson 23 JUL 1895 • Dickson, Dickson, TN - 27 JAN 1961 • Dickson, TN

Again – I have not found any pictures for Anna and Thomas.

Anna was the first daughter born into the Coleman family in 1903. They had moved up from Marshall County to the Nashville area by the 1910 Census. Her father died in 1916 when she was about 13 and as previously noted, she lived with her widowed mother and three other siblings in Dickson in 1920. She was 17.

In 1927, she married Thomas Hickerson in Dickson. He was about 8 years older than Anna and was the son of a farmer from Dickson. In 1920, he had left home and was a dry goods salesman in Dickson and living in a boarding house. In the 1930 Census, they were renting a room in a boarding house and Thomas was working as a clerk at a local hotel. They paid \$15 rent. The record indicated that Thomas was a WW1 Vet. In his WW1 registration, he was farming. He claimed an exemption for a broken leg, but it was getting better. He was short with a medium build, gray eyes, dark hair, and not bald. I found a report showing him in the 114th Machine Gun BN, of the 59th Brigade, of the 30th Division. Here is where they served with the war ending November 1918. A son was born in 1930 after the census.

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- (3) Somme offensive, France, 24 September–20 October, 1918.
114th Machine Gun Battalion—
(1) Canal sector, Belgium, 16 July–30 August, 1918.
(2) Ypres-Lys offensive, Belgium, 31 August–2 September, 1918.
(3) Somme offensive, France, 24 September–20 October, 1918.

The 1940 Census showed Anna, Thomas, and son Robert living in a rented home at 500 North Main in Dickson. Thomas was running a restaurant and Anna was a waitress at the same place. Nine year old Robert had completed 4th grade and Thomas's education ended after the 8th grade while Anna went through her sophomore year. They paid \$15 rent. Looking back at an old article from the newspaper, it looks like Willard's car dealership was on North Main as was the Graystone Hotel. In his 1940 draft registration

The 1950 Census showed Anna and Thomas living 101 Murrell Street in Dickson and Thomas was now working as a bookkeeper at a motor company. Maybe he had gone to work at his brother-in-law's Ford Dealership. Their son Robert had completed high school in Dickson and then gone to Tennessee Polytech Institute before serving in the Air Force. He then became the editor of the Shelbyville Times Gazette in Shelbyville TN. In 1956, he married Nancy Kerr who was an educator from Chattanooga TN. It looks like they had three sons. From my research on them, they all attended Baylor School in Chattanooga, TN and seemed to be smart young men.

Anna's mother died in 1955 and her husband died in 1961. All of her brothers and sisters died between 1975 and 1987, and her son died in 1983. She died in 1995 at the age of 92.

Child of Ethyl and Thomas:

344. Robert Irvin Hickerson 1930-1983

160. Mary Allene Coleman 5 MAY 1905 • Charlotte, Dickson, TN - 5 OCT 1987 • Dickson, TN
James Bernard White 22 AUG 1900 • Dickson, Dickson, TN - 27 APR 1968 • Dickson, TN



The early history of Allene tracks the rest of her family and is a little frustrating because by 1930, she is a school teacher, but I have been unable to find any records of her education other than a newspaper article mention her receiving a Bachelor Degree from Peabody College in Nashville in 1934. Since the 1930 Census showed her already teaching, this must have some continuing education. In 1930, she lived with her widowed mother and youngest brother at 405 College Street in Dickson and she was teaching. Her brother was selling produce. She was 24 at this time.

In 1934, Allene married J. B. White. He was a local man who seemed to be doing pretty well for himself as a local lawyer. In 1918 he registered for the WW1 draft when he was helping his father on the farm. He was 22 with medium height and build with blue eyes and dark hair. Per the 1930 Census, he did not serve. In 1930, he was sharing a house with a young couple named Dorsey and Mary Stuart. Dorsey was a clerk at the local court and J. B. was an independent lawyer. There are articles about his involvement in local politics. In their wedding announcement, it noted that Allene had graduated from Martin College and Peabody College for Teachers and that J. B. had graduated from Cumberland College. It appears that they may have had a child born and died in 1935. There is an article in the local paper from 1935 with a photo of J. B. when he won \$5 in a newspaper contest.

The 1940 Census found J. B. and Allene living in an owned home at 408 Murrell Street in Dickson. He was still an independent lawyer, and Allene was teaching in the public school. It's interesting that the census said that he had only completed one year of college and Allene had completed four. Their house was worth \$3500. Looking at it today on Google, it is a cute little house. He registered for the WW2 draft but it is not dated. It was probably 1942 since he was 41 at the time. There is also a news article indicating that he was appointed to the draft board for Dickson. The address was the same as the census. He was working as the Clerk and Master of the Dickson County Court. He was 5'-10 1/2" – 190 lbs with blue eyes, brown hair and a light complexion. My curiosity led me to this: *The Clerk and Master performs some of the same duties as the Clerk of a Circuit Court, but they do this for the Chancery Courts and their duties can also be very different as well.*

However, unlike the Clerk, who is always elected, some Clerk and Masters are elected, and some are appointed by the Chancellor(s). The Clerk and Master and his office is charged with keeping and executing dockets, filing and entering documents, pleadings, papers and exhibits, invest funds, attend court, legal custodian of court records, administer oaths, issue summons, writs, executions, subpoenas, prepare court records, and collect revenue.

The Clerk and Master not only has administrative duties, but also sits in a judge type role as the judicial officer for probate matters, and oversees the probate of wills and administration of estates. These duties can include appointing personal representatives, guardian ad-litem and conservators, and generally handling all matters related to estates.

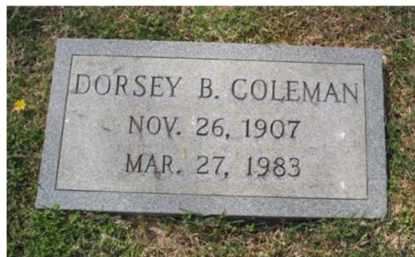
Significant estate decisions made by the Clerk and Master require the Chancellor to sign off on them. However, the Clerk and Master duties include quite a bit more than simply administering and manage the paperwork related to a government office.

It does not appear that they ever had any other children. J.B. died in 1968 at the age of 67. His obituary mentioned that he had become Clerk and Master in 1941 and that he had also been a director and VP at the First National Bank. Allene died in 1987. Her obituary indicated that her pallbearers were the members of her Sunday School Class at the local Methodist Church.

Child of Allene and J. B.:

345. Baby White 1935 - 1935

161. Dorsey Bratton Coleman 26 NOV 1907 • Viola, Warren, TN - 27 MAR 1983 • Dickson, TN
Sara Evelyn Heard 25 SEP 1910 • Dickson, TN - 10 MAY 2012 • Nashville, Davidson, TN



The final grandchild of Mary Susan Bills and Douglas Stegall Bills was Dorsey Coleman who was born in 1907 in Tennessee. That's technically incorrect in that honor goes to James Franklin Stegall who was born in 1916, but the genealogical numbering system ends up with Dorsey

being last on the list.

I'll forgo the deep dive into Dorsey's progression as it has been covered above through his siblings. Let's pick up with his marriage to Sarah Heard in 1930 after the 1930 Census which showed him to be a retail grocery supplier. Sarah was the daughter of a local farmer turned carpenter. The 1940 Census found Dorsey, Sarah, and young son Dan living in a rented place at 211a Church Street in Dickson where they paid \$12 rent. Dorsey was still in the grocery business. Both he and Sarah were shown to have been High School graduates. His WW2 registration card showed that he worked at Hubert Ray's Grocery and that he was 5'-11 1/2" - 145 lbs with blue eyes, brown hair, and a light complexion. I do not see evidence of Dorsey having served in WW2. In 1944, they had a daughter Nancy, and in 1949 another daughter Sarah was born. Also in 1949 in a complex transaction, Dorsey bought a grocery store and gas station from a Harry Potts who was leasing a new station under construction. Doris Harris, the previous owner of the station where the new one was being built took over Dorsey's old job as a grocery salesman and Dorsey became a grocer and service station owner.

The 1950 Census found the whole family living at an unnamed street in Dickson, and Dorsey was putting in 84 hours a week at his grocery store. His son married in 1959 and had a daughter in 1961. He became the editor of the Shelbyville Newspaper. He ultimately became the

Head of Public Affairs at UT Nashville. His first daughter married in 1967 and I do not find any children and there are indications that she had a 2nd marriage as her last name had changed in obituaries. The youngest daughter married at an unknown date and I have not found any children. Dorsey died in 1983. His obituary does not give much information except to ask for donations to the Methodist Church building fund. Sarah lived to the ripe old age of 101 passing away in 2012 with three surviving children, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Children of Dorsey and Sarah:

- 346. Dan Braxton Coleman 1937–Living
- 347. Nancy A Coleman 1944–Living
- 348. Sarah A Coleman 1949–Living

This finalizes the grandchildren on Mary Susan Bills. She has only slightly fewer descendants than her older brothers. With only 5 children compared to 18 for Robert and 12 for Gersham she ended up with and 34 grandchildren starting in 1899 with the last in 1916. From those grandchildren, I have located 48 great grandchildren with the first in 1915 and the last in 1957. As a comparison, Robert had 34 grandchildren and 57 grandchildren ranging from 1916 to 1971. Gersham had 36 grandchildren and 63 grandchildren ranging from 1921 to 1963. John had 10 grandchildren and 19 grandchildren ranging from 1921 to 1950. The grandchildren of these folks are of my generation so that means I have about 187 first and second cousins.

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