

Descendants of Isaac VanMeter
&
Rebecca Cunningham©

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Generation No. 1

1. Isaac⁶ VanMeter (Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born September 24, 1794 in Hardy County, VA [WV], and died October 08, 1854 in Clark County, Kentucky. He married **Rebecca Cunningham** June 17, 1817 in Clark County, Kentucky, daughter of Isaac Cunningham and Sarah Harness. She was born October 14, 1800 in Hardy County, VA [WV], and died February 20, 1864 in Clark County, Kentucky.

Notes for Isaac VanMeter:

Dates of birth, marriage and death, and names of children, as listed in VanMeter Family Bible. Family bible in possession of Betsy Woodford Lankford, Paris, Kentucky.

Native of Hardy County, VA, moved to Clark County, KY as a young man, where he engaged in farming and stock breeding, and was among the first to introduce shorthorn cattle to the State; for many years a deacon in the Presbyterian Church; an old line Whig. W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle and G. C. Kniffin, *Kentucky A History of the State*, 4th ed., p. 1029 (F. A. Batley and Co., Louisville & Chicago 1887)(reprinted Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC 1979, 1992).

"Isaac, the father of the writer of this, was the third child and eldest son of Colonel Jacob and his wife, Tabitha, and was born in old Fort Pleasant, Hardy County, in what is now West Virginia, September 24, 1794. He received a good English education from the best teachers that could be obtained in that country at that time, and received a thorough training from his father in the best mode of farming and the care and attention of live stock.

"Even at this early day this valley was producing the finest beef and pork, which supplied the Philadelphia and Baltimore markets. This fertile valley produced enormous crops of corn and wheat, and the very finest of clover and bluegrass pasture, nearly all of which grain and grass was consumed by the best of live stock that could be had at that time, and they were driven to one or the other of these markets and yielded very remunerative profits.

"My father was very early initiated into the Philadelphia and Baltimore markets with fat cattle and hogs of such stock as commanded the top of the market.

"But when about twenty-three years of age he came to Kentucky, married Rebecca, the only daughter of Captain Isaac Cunningham, of Clark County, took up his abode with him on his farm about four miles northwest of Winchester, and in this county he spent the remainder of his life.

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"Isaac Van Meter brought with him to Kentucky about seven thousand dollars' worth of property, consisting chiefly of negro slaves, horse stock, and money. He and Captain Isaac Cunningham were for many years equal partners in their business affairs. They were very successful in business, and accumulated a very large and valuable estate, consisting principally of land and slaves. When they finally dissolved partnership and divided their lands, each owned more than one thousand acres of as valuable lands as were in Clark County. They resided on adjoining farms, with their residences less than one mile apart. Captain Cunningham having only one child (my mother), the grandparents bestowed full as much parental care on the grandchildren as did the father and mother, and it was seldom that all of the children were at one time at either one of the residences."

Benjamin F. VanMeter, *Genealogies and Biographical Sketches*, pp. 64-65 (Louisville, 1901).

Buried VanMeter-Cunningham Family cemetery, Clark County, Kentucky.

More About Isaac VanMeter:

Burial: VanMeter-Cunningham Cemetery, Clark County, Kentucky

Notes for Rebecca Cunningham:

"Rebecca, daughter of Captain Isaac Cunningham and his wife, Sarah, was born in Hardy County, Virginia, October 14, 1800, and removed with her parents to Clark County, Kentucky, in 1802, where she was reared to the age of seventeen years, when she was married to Isaac Van Meter, of Hardy County, Virginia, by the Rev. William W. Martin, on June 17, 1817." Benjamin F. VanMeter, Genealogies and Biographical Sketches, p. 65 (Louisville, 1901).

Dates of birth, marriage, and death, and names and dates of birth of children from VanMeter Family Bible. Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible gives year of death as 1865.

More About Rebecca Cunningham:

Burial: VanMeter-Cunningham Cemetery, Clark County, Kentucky

More About Isaac VanMeter and Rebecca Cunningham:

Marriage: June 17, 1817, Clark County, Kentucky

Children of Isaac VanMeter and Rebecca Cunningham are:

- + 2 i. Solomon⁷ VanMeter, born July 10, 1818 in Clark County, Kentucky; died September 14, 1859 in Fayette County, Kentucky.
- + 3 ii. Isaac Cunningham VanMeter, born October 08, 1820 in Clark County, Kentucky; died April 14, 1898 in Fayette County, KY.
- 4 iii. Jacob VanMeter, born February 10, 1822 in Clark County, Kentucky; died October 19, 1849 in Clark County, Kentucky. He married Florida E. Miles October 20, 1846.

Notes for Jacob VanMeter:

Died without issue. G&BS, p. 84. Buried VanMeter Cemetery, VanMeter Road, Clark County, Kentucky.

More About Jacob VanMeter:

Burial: VanMeter-Cunningham Cemetery, Clark County, Kentucky

More About Jacob VanMeter and Florida Miles:

Marriage: October 20, 1846

- 5 iv. D1 VanMeter, born October 23, 1823; died October 28, 1823.

Notes for D1 VanMeter:

As listed in Rebecca Cunningham VanMeter Family Bible. No name given, listed only as "The 4th a daughter born the 23rd day of Octr 1823 and died the 28th Octr 1823."

- 6 v. Sarah Ann VanMeter, born October 26, 1825 in Clark County, Kentucky; died June 21, 1844 in Fayette County, KY. She married Dr. John R. Hall July 25, 1843 in Clark County, Kentucky.

Notes for Sarah Ann VanMeter:

Dates of birth, marriage, and death from Rebecca Cunningham VanMeter Family Bible, and "Genealogies and Biographical Sketches, p. 83." Died without issue. Buried VanMeter Cemetery, VanMeter Road, Clark County, Kentucky.

More About Sarah Ann VanMeter:

Obituary: June 29, 1844, Lexington Observer & Reporter

More About John Hall and Sarah VanMeter:

Marriage: July 25, 1843, Clark County, Kentucky

- 7 vi. Susan Tabitha VanMeter, born August 01, 1827 in Clark County, Kentucky; died March 07, 1907 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married Dr. Algernon Sidney Allan April 15, 1846 in Clark County, Kentucky; born March 12, 1823 in Clark County, Kentucky; died August 20, 1894 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Notes for Susan Tabitha VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 6, Friday, March 8, 1907: "<Mrs. Susan T. Allen Is Dead of Grippe Attack; Aged Woman Was Noted For Her Charity And Many Eccentricities> Mrs. Susan T. Allen, aged 79 years, widow of the late Dr. A. S. Allen of this city, died last night at 9 o'clock at her residence on West Second Street after an illness of three weeks brought on by an attack of the grippe. The funeral services will be held at the Second Presbyterian

Church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, and the interment will take place in the Lexington cemetery.

"Mrs. Allen was one of the most widely known women in this city, primarily because of her charity, and because of her eccentricities. She had been in ill health for a number of years, and conceived the idea that riding on the street cars would be beneficial to her. It was learned from one of her most intimate friends last night that during the last fifteen years, she had ridden on the street cars in this city an average of ten miles each day, and during that time had probably traveled 60,000 miles.

"She leaves an estate variously estimated at from \$40,000 to \$60,000, which will be divided among her relatives as she leaves no will. She was the daughter of the late Benjamin [sic] Van Meter, who was one of the pioneers of Clark county, and was one of the most prominent men of his day. He was the original importer of Shorthorn cattle into Kentucky.

"Mrs. Allen is survived by her brothers, B. F. Van Meter of this county; L. M. Van Meter of Shelbyville, J. M. Van Meter of Danville, and Abraham Van Meter of Gainesville, Tex. There are a number of her nieces and nephews who live here, among them being Hon. Sol. Van Meter, Dr. Benjamin Van Meter, William Nicholas and others."

No children. "Genealogies and Biographical Sketches, p. 83."

Dates of birth and death from tombstone. Also VanMeter Family Bible.

As it turns out, Aunt Sue did leave a will and her relatives did not divide her estate. Lexington Herald, p. 1, Saturday, November 28, 1908: "<Counsel Outlines Testimony in the Allen [sic] Will Case><Ten Days Are Set Apart for the Trial Brought by the Kindred of the Testator [sic]><Undue Influence, Incapacity Alleged><Bulk of Estate Left to Mr. Loughridge and Kin Cut Off.>" Aunt Sue wrote a will dated November 16, 1874, witnessed November 20, 1876, and added a codicil in 1896. In the original will, she gave her entire estate to her husband, Dr. A. S. Allan, for his lifetime and then at his death, directed it pass to W. J. Loughridge. After the death of Dr. Allan in 1894, Aunt Sue wrote the codicil, which confirmed the original will, with the exception of bequests totalling \$2,500 to her niece, Elizabeth VanMeter Nicholas, and two nephews.

As told by the Herald [LBV--spelling of the name "Allan" has been corrected from the original in the newspaper, which tended to alternate between "Allan" and "Allen" from story to story], the attorney for Mr. Loughridge, Colonel John R. Allen, "related the story of the affection that had existed for many years between the testatrix and Mr. Loughridge. In 1869 he came from Mississippi and entered college at Transylvania University. He was one of several young men who boarded with Dr. and Mrs. Allan. Because of his thoughtfulness and kindness to her, she took a special interest in him and assumed the attitude of a mother to the lad of seventeen. Throughout his course of study, covering a period of five years, he boarded at the Allan home, and the affection he had for Dr. and Mrs. Allan and they for him grew stronger.

"<Did Not Know of Will> Colonel Allan anticipated that the plaintiffs would allege testamentary incapacity and undue influence. As to the latter he said that Mr. Loughridge did not know until some years after the will was written that he was named as the ultimate beneficiary. After the will was signed it was given to Mr. Sidney Scott for safe keeping and he held it until his death. In 1896 Mrs. Allan added the codicil, the form of which Colonel Allan outlined at her direction, and after that until her death two years ago, he was custodian of it. As to capacity, he said that Mrs. Allan was a woman of unusual attainments and strength of mind and remarked for her positive likes and dislikes.

"<Estrangement from Kindred>From a time before the will was made until her death Colonel Allen said that Mr. Loughridge was nearer to Mrs. Allan than her brothers and sisters, who were not affectionately regarded by her because she considered that she had been unjustly treated in the division of her father's estate. [Note: Aunt Sue's last surviving sister had died in 1847. See also Allan v VanMeter's Devisees, 58 Ky. 264 (1858)(Isaac VanMeter in his will treated his sons better than he treated his daughter, and the Court of Appeals held that a number of devises created under the will of Isaac Cunningham did not pass under the terms of that will to the other grandchildren equally, but instead passed through Isaac VanMeter's will such that Aunt Sue did not share)]. He said that this antagonism was especially marked between her and Mr. B. F. VanMeter, whose name leads in the roll of plaintiffs. He said that she received no kindness or attention from her relatives for many years before her death, and there was no exchange of visits. Under the law he said that a person had the right to will property to whom she chose. In the prime of life she wrote the will giving her estate to Mr. Loughridge and ratified that choice twenty years later. . . .

"<Sensational Allegations> The statement of what those who attack the will shall undertake to prove embodied sensational allegations. Colonel Bronston said that duty to his clients imposed a disagreeable duty. Instead of the

case being as Colonel Allen had outlined, he said that he hoped the jury would never again have to hear a story such as the one of which this document is an incident. He spoke of the early affectionate relations of Mrs. Allan to her family, of her advantages and her marriage to Dr. Allan. In the settlement of her father's estate he said that if there was any inequality in shares it was in her favor, she receiving a splendid tract of land on the Lexington and Winchester pike.

"<Alleges Defect of Mind> Although Mrs. Allan was a woman of mental strength he said that she was not without a marked eccentricity that was manifest before she knew Mr. Loughridge. With utter innocence of wrong he said she was susceptible to unreasoning affection. Before Mr. Loughridge came to Lexington he said that she had this affection for a young man from Clark County, whom she treated like a son, and offered to give him and a niece her entire estate if they were married. Colonel Bronston said that this and the subsequent will devising the estate to Mr. Loughridge established that she did not appreciate the value of her estate and did not appreciate her obligations to her blood kin, which constitute testamentary incapacity.

"<As to Influence> 'That will is no more the will of Mrs. Allan than it is my will,' said Colonel Bronston. 'She merely wrote the copy after another had carefully drawn it. After copying it she waited and resisted an influence two years before she would sign it.'

"Colonel Bronston said that it would be proved that Mr. Loughridge had exercised a controlling influence over Mrs. Allan almost from the time he entered the household, and that this was possible from the alleged mental defect of Mrs. Allan. The codicil, he said, was all that kept the will being void, and that an astute lawyer detected and furnished the remedy for this flaw.

"<Last Years in Privation> Mrs. Allan's last years [were] spent in privation, said Colonel Bronston. She lived in want in the back room of her residence on High Street without the comforts of good food, clothing or fuel. He said that she employed no cook, did not spend over \$100 a year, bought coal in drib lots and believed she was not only poor, but a beneficiary of Mr. Loughridge. Eccentricities were manifested in bathing her body with codliver oil and riding all day on street cars. He said she would imagine that the car belonged to her, would give orders and sometimes strike those who . . . [transposed line omitted]. As to her income, he said that for 33 years she received a rental of \$1,000 per year for her farm in Clark County; \$5,000 damages from the L. & E. Railway Company for crossing her land, and sold her residence on High Street for \$12,000.

"<Did Not Enjoy Benefits> He said the testimony would show that she did not receive or enjoy the benefits of this money, and that when she got money from the bank she gave notes for the sums drawn. The proof would further show, he said, that she believed that she was indebted to Mr. Loughridge to the sum of \$10,000 and that he had made the statement to one of her relatives that she owed him several thousand dollars. As to the kindness of Mr. Loughridge to her, Colonel Bronston said that it would be shown that she was treated as a supernumerary and a nuisance and had not been inside of his home for years or recipient of attention from his family.

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"<Large Sum Involved> Between thirty and sixty thousand dollars is involved in the contest. The plaintiffs, who were not beneficiaries, alleged undue influence and incapacity.

"Mrs. Allan died about two years ago, and her will leaves all of her estate, except \$2,500 in three legacies, to W. J. Loughridge. Mr. Tanner is a party defendant because executor of the estate. This is the first trial of the case."

Lexington Herald, p. 3, Thursday, December 3, 1908: "<Mr. Van Meter on Stand through Day><Cross-Examination Will Be Resumed in Will Case This Morning><The End Next Week> Cross-examination of Mr. B. F. VanMeter occupied the entire day in Circuit Court in the trial of the Allan will case yesterday. He reiterated his belief that Mrs. Susan T. Allan, his sister, did not have testamentary capacity when her will was made in 1874-76 and not later in her life. He said that impairment of mind was manifested as early as 1866, and as evidence of the alleged peculiarity of mind spoke of what he said was the unreasoning motherly affection of Mrs. Allan for certain young men, whom he said she setted [?] and tried to arrange marriages for. It is the effort of the contestants to establish incapacity, and the cross-examination was directed to weakening alleged evidence of this.

"At the present rate of progress the trial will continue next week. As a legal battle it will rank with noted cases in this court. Mr. VanMeter has been examined at great length concerning the holdings of his father and grandfather and the distribution of their estates under will."

Lexington Herald, p. 8, Sunday, March 6, 1910; "<Jury Sustains Will of Mrs. Susan Allan><Ten of the Eleven Find the Documents Probated Her Last Testament><Mr. Loughridge Wins><Attorney for Contestants saves Exceptions to the Court's Actions>After about 35 minutes deliberations ten of the eleven jurors returned a verdict

in the Fayette Circuit Court yesterday afternoon at 12:45 o'clock sustaining the will of Mrs. Susan T. Allan. . . ."

[Note: William J. Loughridge, age 72, buried June 24, 1928, Lexington Cemetery, Lot D, Section 109].

More About Susan Tabitha VanMeter:

Burial: March 09, 1907, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 47

Notes for Dr. Algernon Sidney Allan:

Dates of birth and death from tombstone. Lexington Cemetery, Lot 47, Section 9.

G&BS, p. 83-88: "Susan Tabitha, second daughter of Isaac and Rebecca, was born August 1, 1827; married Dr. A. S. Allan, a son of Hon. Chilton Allan, of Winchester, Kentucky, April 15, 1846. They lived in Clark County until about 1866, when they removed to Lexington, Kentucky, where they resided since until the death of Dr. Allan, and where his widow still resides. Dr. Allan was for many years quite prominent and popular as a skillful physician, and was quite eminent in his profession. They had no children. The following will give a correct estimate of him and his family, and was written at the time of his death by the author of this:

"IN MEMORABILIA.

"Dr. Algernon Sidney Allan was born in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky, March 12, 1823, and graduated at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, in 1842, and at Transylvania University's Medical College in 1846, and a few weeks after he finished his medical course he married Susan T. Van Meter, second daughter of Isaac Van Meter and his wife, Rebecca Cunningham, of Clark County, Kentucky, April 15, 1846.

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"Immediately after his marriage he commenced the practice of medicine in Clark County, residing in Winchester and forming a partnership with Drs. John and Augustus Mills, who were at that time the most prominent and extensive practitioners in the county, and perhaps none more prominent in Central Kentucky.

"He was a constant, untiring student with a strong analytical turn of mind, and with refined, gentle, attractive manners, he very soon obtained prominence in his profession and a very extensive practice, which continued to increase until it became more burdensome than he could longer endure, so that he removed in 1866 to the City of Lexington, where he could dispense, in some measure, with the more severe drudgery of country practice, which up to that time had been a great deal on horseback, through gateways and over unpleasant country roads; but notwithstanding his removal to such a distance from his sphere of practice, whenever a desperate case of sickness occurred in Clark County, where he had been the family physician, as a last resort Dr. Allan must be brought at all hazards, and some of his most severe trials were when he was brought to the bedside of some dying sufferer barely in time to be recognized before the expiring breath; but then again, not unfrequently, by his tender care and great skill the patient who had been well nigh given up in despair has been restored to health and hundreds of these are now living who grieve for the loss of their great benefactor.

"He was throughout his entire life a constant reader, and not only read all of the standard books as well as papers and pamphlets of interest on medical science, but many of the best books of fiction and scientific works, taking a great and constant interest in the development of electricity, and just a short time before he was taken sick he attended a course of lectures in New York City on electricity and its application to medical science.

"The anxious watchers at the bedside of very ill patients have frequently been much perplexed, if not annoyed, when after much delay and persevering effort they finally succeeded in securing his presence, to have him put question after question to the patient as well as to the attendants, and then after merely arranging as best he could for the temporary comfort of the sufferer, quietly inform the lady of the house or some appropriate person present that he wished to lie down and rest a while, and thus leave the patient and the anxious household to tax their patience and exercise their faith in his consummate skill and judgment for more than an hour before he would return to the room, and then perhaps only to put more questions and make a few comfortable remarks, while he still delayed, sometimes for several hours, before he would come in a very attractive, winning way to the sufferer and assure him that he would try to help him out of his trouble, and proceed finally to give very explicit directions, as well as prescription, while the patient and perhaps no one present could account for the delay; but that time was well spent in making a careful diagnosis of the case, and most frequently resulted in success, which fully compensated. And he preferred, when at all convenient, to remain with the patient in critical cases for hours, or perhaps for days, until he saw the result of his treatment.

"His reputation for extraordinary skill as an obstetrician extended far beyond the circle of his regular practice,

and his great success in this especial branch of medical science would compare favorably with that of any man that ever practiced this profession in Kentucky.

"Dr. Allan's father had been a life-long Whig, and received all of his political honors and emoluments through that party, and he had been brought up in that school of politics, and in his early manhood voted with that party.

"When the war between the North and the South came on he was a strong Union man, and his loyalty to the Northern side was never doubted, although he was ever ready to bestow his medical and surgical skill upon the sick or wounded of either army alike when in reach of him, as was strikingly manifested immediately after the battle of Richmond, Kentucky, when General Kirby Smith made his memorable raid into Kentucky. But his wife had two brothers and a large number of other relations in the Southern army, and all her sympathy and sentiment were for the South and its people, and he could but turn his 'blind side and deaf ear' to what she was doing for Southern soldiers in prison or anywhere in distress.

"Although he had very little political aspiration, he was very readily elected to the legislature to represent Clark County without opposition during the war while Federal bayonets were quite a potent factor in politics, and the most intense Southern sympathizer was glad to accept him as the best that could be had for the county, placing a high and well-merited estimate upon the sense of justice and equity and conservative moderation by which he could be controlled in those exciting and very trying times.

"From his boyhood until quite late in life he was passionately fond of shooting birds on the wing, and was quite an expert shot. On one occasion the writer and he were sitting on the bank of the creek while several of the servants were seining for fish in the early spring, he having his gun lying on the grass within reach of him, when a snipe came flying by, and, just as it was in the act of lighting some forty-five or fifty yards distant, he fired and killed it, when he was immediately accused of taking unfair advantage of the bird; but he contended that he did not, and after quite a heated controversy no agreement was reached, although he finally admitted that the bird's toes may have been on the ground, but, if so, its wings were certainly not closed.

"He was also very fond of the game of chess, and would play for many hours at a time, or derive the greatest pleasure from looking on at a game between two expert players, and during the latter years of his life most of his recreation was obtained in the Chess Club rooms of the city of Lexington, and many times, in these later years, after he had spent the day from early morning until late afternoon in his office hearing the complaints and woes of a dozen or more afflicted persons and administering to each, he would finally slip away from his office and go to the Chess Club room to escape from this arduous labor, but perhaps to be very soon brought back by urgent request to his office or taken to the bedside of some very sick person.

"The greatest source of comfort and consolation to Dr. Allan's many friends and to those who loved him most was the unmistakable evidence that he gave of his preparation for death, and the bright and confident hope which he cherished as he approached daily nearer the great eternity.

"He had made a confession of religion in his early manhood, soon after his marriage, and became a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was a communicant for more than thirty years, and these years had been spent in ceaseless efforts to alleviate suffering, to heal the sick, and in whatever way he could benefit and bless his fellow-man. His liberality kept him comparatively poor through life, with an income which would have made many a man a millionaire, and this without profligacy, but because he had no love for money, and only estimated it for its use in open-handed generosity.

"No one realized more fully than he did that the days of his life were drawing very near to a close, and several months before his death he had occasion to talk with his wife about something which he thought should be done in the autumn, when he remarked, 'I will not be here then,' but she could attend to it, and to which his devoted wife with tearful eyes chidingly replied, when he assured her with perfect calmness that he would be in a far better country than this, and reminded her that when she learned it was God's will that she should remain here a while longer, then she should submit without murmuring and with resignation to His will. Truly 'his last days were his best days,' when with full knowledge of his physical condition he approached with steady and unfaltering step the brink of the 'dark waters,' because he knew in Whom he trusted, and with the eye of faith could plainly see that on the other shore 'the lower lights were burning,' and when the last trying hour came he lay down upon his couch as if to rest in quiet slumber, with his soul entranced in that 'peace which passeth understanding,' because it was fixed on Him who has promised 'when thou passeth through the deep waters they shall not overflow thee,' and thus he quietly slept to awake with Jesus upon the other shore--'the golden shores of the New Jerusalem.'

"'Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power.... And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things have passed away.'

"From Lexington Transcript:

"DR. ALGERNON SIDNEY ALLAN, WHO DIED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1894, IN HIS SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR.

"Seldom, if ever, has a death occurred in our midst which has caused more universal sorrow. The high estimation in which Dr. Allan was held by the community was strikingly evidenced by the concourse which attended the last sad rites, and many bitter tears were shed when the mortal remains of this good man were laid to rest. In a very wide circle he was known and loved; not only as the wise physician, where skill brought joy and comfort to many homes, but as the true and tried friend and companion is his loss irreparable. Into the gloom of the sick-room his bright cheerfulness brought sunshine, and his well-modulated, sympathetic voice and gentle, magnetic touch always left the sufferer better for having seen him. In all ranks of life was his influence felt; in homes of the lowly, as well as those of the rich and prosperous, he was equally loved and revered, and none can ever fill the place made vacant by his death.

"Of such a man no more fitting epitaph could be written than 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the glory of the Lord.'"

More About Dr. Algernon Sidney Allan:
Burial: Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 47

Marriage Notes for Susan VanMeter and Algernon Allan:
Date of marriage from Family Bible and from "Genealogies and Biographical Sketches."

More About Algernon Allan and Susan VanMeter:
Marriage: April 15, 1846, Clark County, Kentucky

- 8 vii. Rebecca Hannah VanMeter, born January 27, 1829 in Clark County, Kentucky; died February 05, 1847 in Clark County, Kentucky.

Notes for Rebecca Hannah VanMeter:
Dates of birth and death as listed in Rebecca Cunningham VanMeter Family Bible.

- 9 viii. Amanda Ellis VanMeter, born October 25, 1830 in Clark County, Kentucky; died August 26, 1831 in Clark County, Kentucky.

Notes for Amanda Ellis VanMeter:
Dates of birth and death as listed in Rebecca Cunningham VanMeter Family Bible. "[O]nly sick 3 days, A trial indeed."

- 10 ix. William Cunningham VanMeter, born June 16, 1832 in Clark County, Kentucky; died July 04, 1844 in Clark County, Kentucky.

Notes for William Cunningham VanMeter:
Dates of birth and death as listed in Rebecca Cunningham VanMeter Family Bible.

- + 11 x. Benjamin Franklin VanMeter, born January 30, 1834 in Clark County, Kentucky; died October 01, 1927 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

- + 12 xi. Thomas Cunningham VanMeter, born October 29, 1835 in Clark County, Kentucky; died June 15, 1904 in Eminence, Henry County, Kentucky.

- 13 xii. Eliza Caroline VanMeter, born September 15, 1837 in Clark County, Kentucky; died October 25, 1841 in Clark County, Kentucky.

Notes for Eliza Caroline VanMeter:

Dates of birth and death from VanMeter Family Bible and Genealogies and Biographical Sketches, p. 111. Cause of death was scarlet fever. G&BS, p. 111.

- + 14 xiii. Abraham VanMeter, born May 20, 1839 in Clark County, Kentucky; died November 12, 1911 in Lordsburg, Hidalgo County, New Mexico.

- + 15 xiv. Louis Marshall VanMeter, born February 08, 1841 in Clark County, Kentucky; died September 27, 1924 in Dade City, Pasco County, Florida.

- + 16 xv. John Milton VanMeter, born June 21, 1842 in Clark County, Kentucky; died February 08, 1925 in Danville, Boyle

County, Kentucky.

Generation No. 2

2. Solomon⁷ VanMeter (Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born July 10, 1818 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died September 14, 1859 in Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **(1) Elizabeth Mason Stonestreet** Abt. 1842, daughter of James Stonestreet and Lucy Fishback. She was born Abt. 1820 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died Abt. 1848. He married **(2) Lucy M. Hockaday** September 20, 1848, daughter of Irvine Hockaday and Emily Mills. She was born February 14, 1823, and died November 25, 1849 in Fayette County, KY. He married **(3) Martha Coleman Prewitt** March 01, 1854 in Montgomery County, Kentucky, daughter of Nelson Prewitt and Mary Coleman. She was born July 06, 1830 in Montgomery County, Kentucky, and died May 21, 1894 in Fayette County, KY.

Notes for Solomon VanMeter:

Relationship to Isaac VanMeter and Rebecca Cunningham as shown in VanMeter Family Bible. Date of birth from VanMeter Family Bible. Date of death from tombstone, Lexington [KY] Cemetery.

Names of wives and children from G & BS, pp. 65-66, see also Deed of Partition and Division, Deed Book 104, Page 346, Fayette County [KY] Clerk's office: Solomon VanMeter died intestate in Fayette County, Kentucky on September 14, 1859, children and heirs: John S. VanMeter (and his wife, Lizzie M. VanMeter) of Ray County, Missouri; Lizzie M. Nicholas (widow of Capt. W. D. Nicholas) of Fayette County, Kentucky; Lucy H. V. Kerr (widow of Dr. E. M. Kerr) of Callaway County, Missouri; Isaac C. VanMeter, Jr. (widower) of Clark County, Kentucky; Nelson P. VanMeter (and his wife, Lizzie C. VanMeter) of Clark County, Kentucky; and Solomon L. VanMeter (and his wife, Evie T. VanMeter) of Fayette County, Kentucky; widow of Solomon VanMeter, Martha C. subsequently married William R. Estill and died May 21, 1894.

He lived most of his life in Fayette County, Kentucky, three miles north of Lexington on a farm called Duncastle. He was a prominent and successful farmer, and for many years was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. He died September, 1859. He was chosen as the agent from Clark County (where he was residing at the time and where he was born and reared) to go to England, along with Nelson Dudley, of Fayette County, and Charles T. Garrard, of Bourbon County, to select and import shorthorn cattle and other blooded stock for the Northern Kentucky Importing Company, and they made an importation which paid more than 100 per cent net profit. He was a fine judge of cattle; a very enterprising and intelligent man; highly esteemed by all of his acquaintances. G&BS, p. 66.

More About Solomon VanMeter:

Burial: September 15, 1859, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 63, part W

Notes for Elizabeth Mason Stonestreet:

Date of death assumed from date of birth of daughter, January 23, 1848 (see death certificate for Elizabeth Mason Nicholas). Date of death in G&BS is stated as March, 1847.

More About Solomon VanMeter and Elizabeth Stonestreet:

Marriage: Abt. 1842

Notes for Lucy M. Hockaday:

Dates of birth and death from tombstone in VanMeter-Cunningham Cemetery, Clark County, Kentucky--tombstone of "Lucy M. VanMeter."

More About Lucy M. Hockaday:

Burial: VanMeter-Cunningham Cemetery, Clark County, Kentucky

More About Solomon VanMeter and Lucy Hockaday:

Marriage: September 20, 1848

More About Martha Coleman Prewitt:

Burial: May 23, 1894, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 63, part W

More About Solomon VanMeter and Martha Prewitt:
Marriage: March 01, 1854, Montgomery County, Kentucky

Children of Solomon VanMeter and Elizabeth Stonestreet are:

- + 17 i. John Stonestreet⁸ VanMeter, born September 13, 1845 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died March 08, 1904 in New York, New York.
- + 18 ii. Elizabeth Mason VanMeter, born January 23, 1848; died March 11, 1912 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

Child of Solomon VanMeter and Lucy Hockaday is:

- + 19 i. Lucy Hockaday⁸ VanMeter, born July 28, 1849 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died February 24, 1937 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri.

Children of Solomon VanMeter and Martha Prewitt are:

- + 20 i. Isaac Cunningham⁸ VanMeter, born December 11, 1854 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died September 21, 1906 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- + 21 ii. Nelson Prewitt VanMeter, born April 26, 1857; died March 23, 1942 in Clark County, Kentucky.
- + 22 iii. Solomon Lee VanMeter, born May 11, 1859 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died December 11, 1928 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

3. Isaac Cunningham⁷ VanMeter (Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born October 08, 1820 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died April 14, 1898 in Fayette County, KY. He married **Frances H. Hull** 1842, daughter of Henry Hull and Hannah Harness. She was born December 01, 1821 in Franklin County, Virginia, and died May 08, 1903 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Isaac Cunningham VanMeter:

Dates of birth and death from VanMeter Family Bible and tombstone. Names of children from B. F. VanMeter, G&BS, p. 81.

Second child of Isaac VanMeter and Rebecca Cunningham, lived from a child with his maternal grandfather; in 1842, married Frances H. Hull (born in Franklin County, VA, daughter of Col. Henry Hull and Hannah Harness, her parents died in Virginia and she came to Kentucky in 1833); in 1843, moved to Fayette County and purchased land in the Sandersville precinct, where he has since remained; on farm of 800 acres, 5½ miles from Lexington, near the Versailles Pike, breeds short horn cattle and trotting horses, and of the latter, especially Hambletonians; a practical, business-like stock-raiser; member, Presbyterian church; nine children, daughter, Sarah, married to John W. Steenbergen, lives in West Virginia, son, Charles is a farmer in Clark County, KY, two other sons, W. Scott and Ben W. are farming in Bates County, MO, other children still live at home: Edwin, J. Brown, Lewis M., Jesse, and Fannie M. Robert Peter, History of Fayette County, p. 866 (O. H. Baskin Co., Chicago 1882).

Obituary, Lexington Daily Leader, p. 7, Friday, April 15, 1898: "Isaac VanMeter, A Well Known Fayette County Farmer Dies Last Night. Mr. Isaac C. VanMeter, a prominent Fayette County farmer, died at his home on the Redd turnpike road Thursday night at 9 o'clock. On Wednesday he had a paralytic stroke and grew rapidly worse until death came. He leaves a wife and several children. The funeral will take place at the First Presbyterian Church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Bartlett. The burial will follow in the Lexington Cemetery."

More About Isaac Cunningham VanMeter:

Burial: April 16, 1898, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 74

Fact 1: April 14, 1898, Date of death per Genealogies and Biographical Sketches

Fact 2: April 16, 1898, Date of death per Lexington Cemetery records

Notes for Frances H. Hull:

Place and year of birth from Robert Peter, History of Fayette County, p. 866 (O. L. Baskin Co., Chicago 1882)(biographic sketch of Isaac C. VanMeter). Date of death from Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible.

More About Frances H. Hull:

Burial: May 10, 1903, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 74

More About Isaac VanMeter and Frances Hull:

Marriage: 1842

Children of Isaac VanMeter and Frances Hull are:

- + 23 i. Charles Letcher⁸ VanMeter, born August 20, 1844; died January 21, 1913 in Fayette County, Kentucky.
- + 24 ii. Sarah C. VanMeter, died October 01, 1898 in Mason County, West Virginia.
- + 25 iii. Edwin H. VanMeter, born July 23, 1847 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died September 23, 1895 in Fayette County, Kentucky.
- + 26 iv. William Scott VanMeter, born May 02, 1849; died January 14, 1907 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- 27 v. John Brown VanMeter, born February 22, 1850 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died September 16, 1925 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for John Brown VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, Thursday, September 17, 1925: Born on farm on which he died, VanMeter Pike, Fayette County, KY; relatives surviving, include uncle B. F. VanMeter, cousin, Dr. B.F. VanMeter, Jr., and Dr. J. Farra VanMeter; immediate family, survived by one sister, Mrs. Fannie Savage, of Fayette County, and Benjamin Wallace VanMeter, also of Fayette County.

More About John Brown VanMeter:

Burial: Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 74

- 28 vi. Benjamin Wallace VanMeter, born 1852; died March 11, 1936.
- 29 vii. Ann Rebecca VanMeter, born February 07, 1858; died February 09, 1860.

Notes for Ann Rebecca VanMeter:

Died in infancy. G&BS, p. 81

- 30 viii. Louis Marshall VanMeter, born January 29, 1860; died February 06, 1923 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Louis Marshall VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. ____, February 7, 1923: age 63, long illness, son of late Isaac and Fannie Hull VanMeter, died at home on VanMeter Pike, Fayette County, KY, well known as breeder of short horn cattle, invalid for more than a year; survivors, Mrs. Fannie Savage, three brothers, Benjamin W., Brown, and Jesse VanMeter

Will Book 13, page 169, Fayette County Clerk's office, dated 30 Dec. 1921, probated 20 Feb. 1923: sister, Mrs. F. M. B. Savage, brother, Jesse VanMeter.

- 31 ix. Jessie VanMeter, born December 28, 1862 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died June 01, 1924 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

More About Jessie VanMeter:

Burial: June 16, 1924, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 74

- + 32 x. Frances M. VanMeter, born 1864; died December 28, 1933 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

11. Benjamin Franklin⁷ VanMeter (Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born January 30, 1834 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died October 01, 1927 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **Amelia Clay Lewis** November 30, 1854 in Clark County, Kentucky, daughter of Thornton Lewis and Emma Wright. She was born May 26, 1836 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died July 24, 1921 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Benjamin Franklin VanMeter:

Educated at Centre College; at age of nineteen accompanied brother, Solomon, to England, who had been appointed to a commission to import shorthorn cattle to Kentucky; extensive farm of 2,000 acres, noted for its fine stock, and its system of cultivation and improvement; for many years one of the most prominent Kentuckian engaged in the breeding of

shorthorn stock; selected by the Saddle and Sirloin Club of Chicago as one of four Americans who had done the most to improve the breed of beef cattle in this country; lived for many years in Lexington, and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Charles Kerr, 3 History of Kentucky, p. 391 (American Historical Society, Chicago & New York 1922).

Author: Diary, A Voyage to Europe (1853); Genealogies and Biographical Sketches (of Some Old Families Who Have Taken Prominent Part in the Development of Virginia and Kentucky Especially, And Later of Many Other States Of This Union (John P. Morton & Co., Louisville 1901); A Dead Issue and the Live One (The Bradley & Gilbert Co., Louisville 1914).

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 1, Sunday, October 2, 1927: Died at 4:00 a.m. at residence, 225 Ashland Avenue, Lexington, after an illness of a few days; native of Clark County, son of Isaac VanMeter and Rebecca Cunningham; lived in Fayette County for many years; engaged in stock farming and cattle dealing, specializing in the raising of Shorthorn cattle; alumnus of Centre College; elder and charter member of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church; Children listed in obituary are "three daughters, Emma VanMeter Hamilton, of Lexington, who is now in California; Mrs. Annette VanMeter Pettit and Miss Mabelle VanMeter, both of Lexington; and four sons, Everett L. VanMeter, of Ogden, Utah; T.W.L. VanMeter and Joseph Clay VanMeter, of Lexington, and Dr. B.F. VanMeter, Jr., of Lexington, who is now at Asheville, N.C. Senator Arch L. Hamilton is a grandson of Mr. VanMeter." Pallbearers were Arch Hamilton, Benjamin VanMeter, Prewitt VanMeter, William Pettit, Emanuel VanMeter and Field VanMeter.

More About Benjamin Franklin VanMeter:

Burial: October 03, 1927, Winchester [KY] Cemetery

Fact 1: Buried Winchester Cemetery, 2 Ky. Cemetery Records (Ky. Soc. DAR 1968)

Notes for Amelia Clay Lewis:

KY death certificate vol. 30, cert. 14529.

More About Amelia Clay Lewis:

Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

More About Benjamin VanMeter and Amelia Lewis:

Marriage: November 30, 1854, Clark County, Kentucky

Children of Benjamin VanMeter and Amelia Lewis are:

- 33 i. ???⁸ VanMeter, born November 25, 1855 in Clark County, Kentucky; died November 25, 1855 in Clark County, Kentucky.

Notes for ??? VanMeter:

Buried in Winchester, KY, Cemetery in lot of Benjamin F. VanMeter; tombstone lists only as "Infant, son of B.F. & A.C. VanMeter."

- + 34 ii. Emma VanMeter, born January 15, 1857 in Clark County, Kentucky; died January 18, 1942 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- 35 iii. Everette Lewis VanMeter, born February 04, 1860 in Clark County, Kentucky; died November 28, 1928 in Ogden, Utah. He married Jessie Florence Bigelow February 28, 1899; born August 21, 1871 in Buda, Illinois.

Notes for Everette Lewis VanMeter:

In 1901, resided in Chicago, Illinois; member of Drum Flato Livestock Company, head cattle salesman at Union Stockyard, Chicago, IL. G&BS, pp. 92-93; Dates of birth and marriage, and spouse's name from G&BS; From father's obituary, was living in Ogden, Utah in October, 1927; year of death from tombstone.

Obituary, Lexington Leader, p. 2, Thursday, November 29, 1928: "<Everett L. VanMeter>Everett L. Van Meter, aged 68 years, and a native of Winchester, died at his apartment, Hotel Bigelow, Ogden, Utah, Wednesday morning after a brief illness. His sister, Miss Mabelle Van Meter, was with her brother when he passed away having been called to Ogden upon his serious illness. He was the son of Benjamin F. and Amelia C. Lewis Van Meter, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Bigelow Van Meter; three brothers, T. W. Van Meter, Joe C. Van Meter and Dr. B. F. Van Meter; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Hamilton, Mrs. William Pettit and Miss Mabelle Van Meter, all of Lexington. The body of Mr. Van Meter accompanied by members of the family will arrive here Sunday night on the 9:10 o'clock Carolina Special and be taken to the home of his sister, Miss Mabelle Van Meter,

225 South Ashland Avenue. Funeral services having been held at Ogden, committal services will take place at the grave in the family lot in the cemetery at Winchester Monday. Notice of time will be announced later."

1920 U. S. Census for Utah: VanMeter, Everett L., Age: 56, Birthplace: Kentucky; Race: White; County: Weber, Township: Ogden City; occupation cashier of a bank; wife listed as "Jessie L." age 53, born in New York, in next household to Henry Bigelow, age 76. Year 1920, Roll T625_1869, Page 13B, ED: 166, Image 1006

More About Everette Lewis VanMeter:

Burial: December 03, 1928, Winchester [KY] Cemetery

Notes for Jessie Florence Bigelow:

Parents' names from familysearch.com. In 1920 U.S. Census for Utah, Weber County, Ogden Twnshp, place of birth stated to be New York.

Listed in 1930 U.S. Census for Utah, Weber County, Ogden Twnshp, place of birth stated to be Illinois, age 58, marital status, widowed; parents born in New York; occupation: teacher.

More About Everette VanMeter and Jessie Bigelow:

Marriage: February 28, 1899

- + 36 iv. Annette VanMeter, born January 31, 1862 in Clark County, Kentucky; died March 07, 1953 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- + 37 v. Thomas Wright Lewis VanMeter, born July 26, 1863 in Clark County, Kentucky; died December 04, 1938 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- 38 vi. Frank B. VanMeter, born August 01, 1865 in Clark County, Kentucky; died May 13, 1912 in Bernalillo County, New Mexico. He married Lora Banta; born Abt. 1870; died July 19, 1966.

Notes for Frank B. VanMeter:

Owner of HIS EMINENCE, winner 1901 Kentucky Derby.

More About Frank B. VanMeter:

Burial: May 18, 1912, Lexington [KY] Cemetery

- 39 vii. Mary Belle VanMeter, born August 02, 1868 in Clark County, Kentucky; died August 20, 1967 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Mary Belle VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 2, Monday August 21, 1967: Miss Mabelle VanMeter, age 99, resided 823 E. Main St., Lexington, died at 4:00 p.m. yesterday [August 20, 1967]; native of Clark County, daughter of the late Benjamin Franklin VanMeter and Amelia Clay Lewis VanMeter; graduate of Sayre Institute in Lexington, and of Bellevue Hospital School for Nurses in New York; worked as a nurse until 1914, when she retired and returned to Lexington; survivors include five nieces, Mrs. Stanley Leland, Napa CA, Mrs. John F. Day, Bradenton, FL, Miss Martha P. VanMeter, Mrs. Lloyd Averett, and Mrs. Amelia V. Rogers, all of Lexington, two nephews, Benjamin F. VanMeter, III, Pasadena, CA, and Harold G. Pettit, Melbourne Beach, FL, nine-great-nieces, and five great-nephews. Body to be cremated, graveside services 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at Winchester Cemetery.

More About Mary Belle VanMeter:

Burial: August 22, 1967, Winchester [KY] Cemetery

- + 40 viii. Joseph Clay VanMeter, born September 01, 1870 in Clark County, Kentucky; died February 21, 1930 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- + 41 ix. Dr. Benjamin Franklin VanMeter, Jr, born June 19, 1873 in Clark County, Kentucky; died March 08, 1934 in Rancho Santa Fe, San Diego County, California.
- 42 x. Willis VanMeter, born September 05, 1876 in Clark County, Kentucky; died December 16, 1876 in Clark County, Kentucky.
- 43 xi. Amelia Ellen VanMeter, born June 1880; died March 09, 1893.

12. Thomas Cunningham⁷ VanMeter (Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born October 29, 1835 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died June 15, 1904 in Eminence, Henry County, Kentucky. He married **Orpah Campbell** March 13, 1855 in Garrard County, Kentucky¹, daughter of Whitaker Campbell

and Parmelia Perkins. She was born December 25, 1837 in Mercer County, Kentucky, and died January 12, 1916 in Henry County, Kentucky.

Notes for Thomas Cunningham VanMeter:

Date of birth from VanMeter Family Bible. Names of wife and child from G&BS, p. 111.

1860 U. S. Census, District 2, Clark County, Kentucky: age 24, occupation farmer, value of real estate \$13,300, personal estate, \$15,000, born Kentucky; included in household: Orpah P. age 21, born Kentucky.

1870 U. S. Census, Winchester Precinct, Clark County, Kentucky (Roll 456, Book 1, page 111): age 35, occupation farmer, value of real estate \$81,400, personal estate, \$10,700; included in household: Orpha P., age 32, keeping house, and Lena K., age 5.

1880 U. S. Census, Pleasureville, Henry County, Kentucky: age 44, occupation farmer, born in Kentucky; included in household: Orpah P., age 42, keeping house, and Lena K., age 15.

Appears in 1900 U.S. Census for Eminence, Henry County, Kentucky, p. 261.

Date of death from C. Price Meek, Henry County, Kentucky Cemeteries (Henry County Historical Society, Eminence, KY 1995); Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible states date of death as June 14, 1904.

More About Thomas Cunningham VanMeter:

Burial: Eminence [KY] Cemetery

Notes for Orpah Campbell:

Kentucky Death Record: VanMeter, Orpah, age 78, place of death, Henry, date of death 01-12-1916, vol. 004 certif. 01527, year 1916.

Date of death from C. Price Meek, Henry County, Kentucky Cemeteries (Henry County Historical Society, Eminence, KY 1995); gives name as "Orpah"

More About Orpah Campbell:

Burial: Eminence [KY] Cemetery

Marriage Notes for Thomas VanMeter and Orpah Campbell:

Year of marriage estimated from 1900 U.S. Census.

More About Thomas VanMeter and Orpah Campbell:

Marriage: March 13, 1855, Garrard County, Kentucky¹

Child of Thomas VanMeter and Orpah Campbell is:

+ 44 i. Lena Katherine⁸ VanMeter, born July 1864 in Kentucky; died August 09, 1935 in Eminence, Henry County, Kentucky.

14. Abraham⁷ VanMeter (Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born May 20, 1839 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died November 12, 1911 in Lordsburg, Hidalgo County, New Mexico. He married **Anna Elizabeth Kleiser** October 26, 1859 in Bourbon County, Kentucky, daughter of Jonas Kleiser and Malita Stapp. She was born September 13, 1839 in Bourbon County, Kentucky, and died September 11, 1924 in Lordsburg, Hidalgo County, New Mexico.

Notes for Abraham VanMeter:

Name in VanMeter Family Bible is given as "Abraham." Name in G&BS is given as "Abram." B.F. VanMeter provides names and dates of birth of children. G&BS, p. 113.

In 1870 U.S. Census for Clark County, Kentucky, listed as living with wife, Annie E., age 31, daughter, "Nettie," age 10, and three sons, "J. K.," age 8, "W. M.," age 5, and Isaac, age 2; occupation given as "farmer;" value of real estate, \$60,000, value of personal estate, \$13,200.

Stationary: "Abram VanMeter, 4 miles west of Winchester, on the Lexington Pike, has for sale pure-bred short-horns, Berkshire, Chester, and Yorkshire hogs from imported stock."

Moved to Cooke County, Texas in 1876. Obituary, Annie E. VanMeter.

In 1880 U.S. Census for Cooke County (6th Precinct), Texas, listed as living with wife, Ann, age 36, daughter, Leta, age 18, son, Jonah, age 17, son, Walter, age 15, son, Isaac, age 13, daughter, Lizzie, age 11, daughter, Ann B., age 9; occupation given as "farmer;" daughters all listed as "at home," and occupation of sons given as "farmer."

In 1900 U.S. Census for Cooke County (6th Precinct), Texas, listed as living with wife, Anna E., and two sons, Walter M., age 35, and Thomas M., age 17; occupation given as "farmer;" lists Anna E. as being mother of eight (8) children, five (5) of whom are then living.

Moved to Lordsburg, Hidalgo County, New Mexico in 1908. Obituary, Annie E. VanMeter

Date of death from Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible; date and place of death from Cemetery Record, Cooke County, Texas, p. 401.

More About Abraham VanMeter:

Burial: Spring Creek Cemetery, Cooke County, Texas

Notes for Anna Elizabeth Kleiser:

1920 U.S. Census for Hidalgo County, New Mexico, Precinct No. 1, Lordsburg, p. 15B, dtd 2-3 Feb 1920; age 80, widowed; living in household of son, Isaac VanMeter.

Obituary, Gainesville Texas, September, 1924: wife of Abraham VanMeter, former pioneer citizen of the Spring Creek community, 10 miles southwest of Gainesville, died Thursday, September 11, 1924 in Lordsburg, New Mexico, funeral held Sunday, September 14, 1924 at 3:00 p.m. in the Spring Creek church, Rev. E. V. Cole, pastor of the Denton Street Methodist Church officiating; born in Kentucky, September 13, 1839; moved in 1876 to Cooke County, Texas, settling near Era; in spring, 1908, moved to New Mexico; "While a resident of this county, Mrs. VanMeter lived a useful and sacrificial life and the community in which she lived was greatly blessed by her presence. She is survived by four children." See also Cemetery Record, Cooke County, Texas, p. 401.

More About Anna Elizabeth Kleiser:

Burial: Spring Creek Cemetery, Cooke County, Texas

More About Abraham VanMeter and Anna Kleiser:

Marriage: October 26, 1859, Bourbon County, Kentucky

Children of Abraham VanMeter and Anna Kleiser are:

- 45 i. Leta Mary⁸ VanMeter, born October 08, 1860 in Bourbon County, Kentucky; died in Cook County, Texas. She married Thomas Brown in Cook County, Texas; born in Texas.

More About Thomas Brown and Leta VanMeter:

Marriage: Cook County, Texas

- 46 ii. Jonas Kleiser VanMeter, born September 17, 1862 in Clark County, Kentucky.
- 47 iii. Walter Marshall VanMeter, born May 17, 1865 in Clark County, Kentucky; died August 01, 1953 in Lordsburg, Hidalgo County, New Mexico.

Notes for Walter Marshall VanMeter:

1920 U.S. Census for Hidalgo County, New Mexico, Precinct No. 1, Lordsburg, p. 15B, dtd 2-3 Feb 1920; age

53, single, occupation stockman, ranch; living in household of brother, Isaac VanMeter.

Date and place of death from Mountain View Cemetery records, City of Lordsburg, 206 Main St, Lordsburg, NM 88045, (505) 542 3421: Van Meter, Walter Marshall 5/17/1865 8/1/53 (www.rootsweb.com/~nmhidalg/mtviewcem.html).

More About Walter Marshall VanMeter:

Burial: Mountain View Cemetery, Lordsburg, New Mexico

- 48 iv. Isaac VanMeter, born October 05, 1867 in Clark County, Kentucky; died October 16, 1949 in Lordsburg, Hidalgo County, New Mexico. He married Johnnie ???.

Notes for Isaac VanMeter:

1920 U.S. Census for Hidalgo County, New Mexico, Precinct No. 1, Lordsburg, p. 15B, dtd 2-3 Feb 1920; listed as head of household; age 52, single, occupation stockman, ranch.

Date and place of death from Mountain View Cemetery records, City of Lordsburg, 206 Main St, Lordsburg, NM 88045, (505) 542 3421: Van Meter, Isaac 10/5/1867 10/16/49 (www.rootsweb.com/~nmhidalg/mtviewcem.html).

Obituary, The Lordsburg [NM] Liberal, friday, October 21, 1949: "Isaac vanMeter, pioneer rancher and cattleman, passed away at his home Sunday afternoon, October 16. He had been in ill health for the past two years.

"Mr. VanMeter was born in Winchester, KY, October 5, 1867, the son of Abram and Elizabeth Kleiser VanMeter. At the age of nine years, he moved with his parents to Sherman, Texas. In 1903 he came to Gage, NM, where he lived for several years, and where he ranched and drilled wells. Later he and his brother, Walter, established the VanMeter ranch north of Lordsburg, which they have owned and operated for the past 35 years.

"He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Johnnie vanMeter, two brothers, Walter VanMeter of Lordsburg, and J. K. VanMeter of Conway Springs, Kansas; six nephews and two nieces; also one step-daughter and five step-sons by two previous marriages.

"He was a member of the First Methodist church of this city, and an honorary member of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association.

"Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Miller H. Stroup officiating, assisted by rev. David E. Moore, pastor of the baptist church.

...

"The pall bearers were Rex Kipp, Kelly Phillips, Harry Day, George Cureton, Sherwood Culberson, and Raymond Fuller.

"Honorary pall bearers were Freeman Mcwhorter, Ned Cureton, Charles C. Martin, John Coleman, George Godfrey, and Shelby Phillips.

"Burial was made in the Mountain View cemetery with Heather Mortuary in charge."

More About Isaac VanMeter:

Burial: October 19, 1949, Mountain View Cemetery, Lordsburg, New Mexico

- 49 v. Elizabeth K. VanMeter, born September 17, 1870 in Clark County, Kentucky; died March 12, 1884 in Cooke County, Texas.

Notes for Elizabeth K. VanMeter:

Date and place of death from Cemetery Record, Cooke County, Texas, p. 401.

More About Elizabeth K. VanMeter:

Burial: Spring Creek Cemetery, Cooke County, Texas

- 50 vi. Anna Rebecca VanMeter, born January 17, 1873 in Clark County, Kentucky; died November 01, 1892 in Era, Cooke County, Texas.

Notes for Anna Rebecca VanMeter:

Date and place of death from Cemetery Record, Cooke County, Texas, p. 401; also in 1892, notice in "Hesperian" [a newspaper in Cooke County, Texas (?)], Nov. 2, 1892, Miss VanMeter, dau. of A. VanMeter, died at Era.

More About Anna Rebecca VanMeter:
Burial: Spring Creek Cemetery, Cooke County, Texas

- 51 vii. Thomas Milton VanMeter, born June 04, 1882 in Cooke County, Texas; died March 31, 1904 in Cooke County, Texas.

Notes for Thomas Milton VanMeter:

Date and place of death, and middle name from Cemetery Record, Cooke County, Texas, p. 401.

More About Thomas Milton VanMeter:
Burial: Spring Creek Cemetery, Cooke County, Texas

15. Louis Marshall⁷ VanMeter (Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born February 08, 1841 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died September 27, 1924 in Dade City, Pasco County, Florida. He married **Anna Evelyn Moore** September 28, 1865 in Clark County, Kentucky, daughter of Thomas Moore and Mariah Bright. She was born August 23, 1844 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died April 02, 1911 in Dade City, Pasco County, Florida.

Notes for Louis Marshall VanMeter:

Date of birth from VanMeter Family Bible and G&BS, p. 113; date of marriage, and dates of birth for spouse and children from Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible.

Educated at Transylvania University; served three years in Southern Army, initially serving as First Lieutenant in W.C.P. Breckenridge's company. G&BS, pp. 113-14. Joined Morgan's command, Ninth Kentucky Cavalry, after Battle of Cynthiana [July 1862 (?)]; served at Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, and also fought during Sherman's march through Georgia. G&BS, pp. 117-21. Tombstone states military service as "2d LT, Co. E, 9 KY CAV CSA."

Names of wife and children from G&BS, p. 114. Sold farm in Clark County, Kentucky, bought farm in Shelby County, Kentucky in May, 1889. Farm sold in 1900's; in deed dated October, 1907, L. M. VanMeter, wife Nannie E. VanMeter, son, Ben S. VanMeter, daughter-in-law, Bessie H. VanMeter, and daughter, Nannie M. VanMeter, are stated to be living in Shelby County, Kentucky.

Listed in 1900 U.S. Census for Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky; gives names and months of birth of wife and children: wife, Nannie E.; children, Mariah B., John D., Lewis M., Jr., Nancy M., and Ben S. L. M. VanMeter signed the marriage bond for son, Ben Stonesteet VanMeter's, marriage license in 1905. By 1910, deed of release states Nannie E. VanMeter and L.M. VanMeter are living in Dade City, Pasco County, Florida. Deed Book I-4, page 110, Shelby County Clerk's office. In 1917 deed, L.M. VanMeter is described as widower living in Dade City, Pasco County, Florida. Deed Book P-4, page 138, Shelby County Clerk's office.

Date and place of death, date of interment from records of Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky.

More About Louis Marshall VanMeter:
Burial: October 01, 1924, Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Section K, lot 37

Notes for Anna Evelyn Moore:

Born at Welcome Hall, VanMeter Road, Clark County, Kentucky. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002).

Date and place of death from records of Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky. First name from tombstone. Full name from obituary of daughter, Mae B. VanMeter Packer. The Winchester Sun, p. 1, Saturday, December 13, 1930.

Obituary, The Shelby Record, p. 6, Friday, April 7, 1911: "The death of Mrs. Nannie Lee [sic] VanMeter, formerly of this county, occurred last Sunday afternoon at Dade City, Fla., where she and her husband had been living during the past five years. Her death was due to heart trouble, of which she had been afflicted for several years.

"Deceased was born in Clark county, this State, and she was 65 years of age. Besides her husband, Mr. L. M. VanMeter, she is survived by six [sic] children: Mrs Mary Packer of Greely, Colo., Dr. Marshall VanMeter of Denver, Col., Mrs. F. S. Thomas of Brownsville, Tenn., Matt VanMeter of Weldon, Colo., Miss Nancy VanMeter, of Dade City, Fla., Mrs. Alexander Bruce and Ben S. VanMeter, of this county.

"The body was brought to this place and the funeral services were held at the chapel in Grove Hill cemetery yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The interment followed in Grove Hill."

More About Anna Evelyn Moore:

Burial: April 06, 1911, Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Section K, lot 37

More About Louis VanMeter and Anna Moore:

Marriage: September 28, 1865, Clark County, Kentucky

Children of Louis VanMeter and Anna Moore are:

- 52 i. Mariah Bright⁸ VanMeter, born December 05, 1866 in Clark County, Kentucky; died December 12, 1930 in Clark County, Kentucky. She married Winfred R. Packer March 26, 1908.

Notes for Mariah Bright VanMeter:

Date of marriage and name of spouse from Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible.

Obituary, Lexington Herald, §1, p. 8, Saturday, December 13, 1930: "Mrs. Mae VanMeter Packer, 64 years old, of Winchester, died at the home of A. H. Hampton, of Boonesboro road, last night at 10 o'clock. She is survived by her husband, W. R. Packer, and several brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock."

Obituary, The Winchester Sun, p. 1, Saturday, December 13, 1930: "Mrs. Mae B. VanMeter Packer, wife of Winfred R. Packer, of Las Vegas, NV, died at the home of her cousins A. B. Hampton, Jr., and the Misses Hampton on the Boonesboro Road, on Friday evening, December 12, at 10 o'clock.

"Mrs. Packer was born in Clark County on December 5, 1866, and was the oldest daughter of Lewis Marshall VanMeter and Anna Evelyn Moore VanMeter, and is survived by her husband and three brothers and three sisters, T. M. VanMeter, of Weldon, CO, Dr. L. Marshall VanMeter of Denver, CO, Ben S. VanMeter of Shelbyville, KY, Mrs. Stratton Thomas of Brownsville, TN, Mrs. J. K. Davis of Dade City, FL, and Mrs. Alexander Bruce, of Shelbyville, KY.

"Funeral services will be held at the home of A. H. Hampton, Jr., at 2:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon by Dr. S. B. Lander. Burial in the Winchester cemetery.

"Pallbearers will be N. P. VanMeter, Jesse Yates, Marshall VanMeter, John M. Wheeler, Ben S. VanMeter, Jr., V. W. Bush, Field VanMeter, and Hamilton Marshall."

KY Death Record: Mae B. Packer; age 64, county of death: Clark, date of birth: 12/5/1866; date of death: 12/12/30; vol. 60, certif. no. 29548, year, 1930.

More About Mariah Bright VanMeter:

Burial: December 14, 1930, Winchester [KY] Cemetery

More About Winfred Packer and Mariah VanMeter:

Marriage: March 26, 1908

- 53 ii. John Douglas VanMeter, born October 30, 1868 in Clark County, Kentucky; died April 04, 1909 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Notes for John Douglas VanMeter:

Listed in 1900 U.S. Census for Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky in house of parents; gives name and month of birth. In 1907 deed, marital status is listed as single and place of residence is stated as Memphis, TN, but notary certificate gives place of signing of deed as State of Alabama, County of Morgan, City of Memphis(?). Deed Book G-4, page 136, Shelby County Clerk's office.

Obituary, The Shelby Record, p. 3, Friday, April 9, 1909: "Mr. John D. VanMeter, formerly of this county, died very suddenly last Saturday night [April 3] or early Sunday morning [April 4] of heart failure. He was in a state room on a steamboat and going from Fairview, Miss. to his home in Memphis, Tenn., when his death occurred. He was found dead in his bed Sunday morning.

"Mr. VanMeter was a civil engineer, with headquarters at Memphis, and was 42 years of age. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. VanMeter, formerly of this county, now of Dade City, Fla. He was never married. Besides his parents, he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. S. S. Thomas, of Brownsville, Tenn., Mrs. Winston Packer, of Evanston, Wyoming, Mrs. Alexander Bruce, and Miss Nancy VanMeter, of Dade City, Fla., and three brothers, Dr. L. M. VanMeter, of Denver, Col., Mr. T. M. VanMeter, of Duel, Col., and Ben S. VanMeter, of this county.

"The remains were brought here Monday evening and taken to the residence of Prof. W. M. Wilson, pending the arrival of the relatives. Wednesday morning after funeral services at the cemetery chapel, by the Revs. Rockwell Smith and A. H. Doak, they were interred in Grove Hill Cemetery."

Date of interment from records of Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky; died unmarried and without issue.

More About John Douglas VanMeter:

Burial: April 09, 1909, Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Section K, lot 37

- 54 iii. Lewis Marshall VanMeter, born June 22, 1870 in Clark County, Kentucky; died Bet. December 1930 - November 1934 in Colorado. He married Frances D. Hill February 25, 1916 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Notes for Lewis Marshall VanMeter:

Spelling of first name from father's family bible. Date and place of marriage and name of spouse from Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible.

Medical doctor; captain in Army during WWI; moved to Colorado; died in Colorado when had heart attack and car he was driving ran off the road. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002).

Range for date of death assumed from obituary of sister, Mae B. VanMeter Packer, who died in December, 1930 (L. Marshall VanMeter is listed as a survivor, living in Denver, CO) and obituary of sister, Evaline VanMeter Thomas, who died in November, 1934 (L. Marshall VanMeter is not included among survivors). In Elizabeth Barbour Bruce Roberts' family bible, she states that Louis Marshall VanMeter, Jr. died May 22, 1941 in Denver, CO, and his body was cremated.

More About Lewis VanMeter and Frances Hill:

Marriage: February 25, 1916, Colorado Springs, Colorado

- + 55 iv. Evaline Moore VanMeter, born December 27, 1871 in Clark County, Kentucky; died November 13, 1934 in Ripley, Lauderdale County, Tennessee.
- + 56 v. Thomas Matthew VanMeter, born November 13, 1873 in Clark County, Kentucky; died December 12, 1951 in Tehama County, California.
- 57 vi. Nannie M. VanMeter, born November 04, 1875 in Clark County, Kentucky; died September 19, 1961 in Dade City, Pasco County, Florida. She married Joseph Kemp Davis October 19, 1913 in Dade City, Pasco County, Florida; born 1875; died January 30, 1940 in Dade City, Pasco County, Florida.

Notes for Nannie M. VanMeter:

Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible gives name as "Nannie M." and provides date of birth and of death; had gone to Florida to take care of parents; no children. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002).

FL Death Record: Name: Nannie Vanmeter Davis; Vol. 2285, Certif. 36312; Place: Pasco Race: W Gender: F
Death Date: Sep 1961.

More About Joseph Davis and Nannie VanMeter:
Marriage: October 19, 1913, Dade City, Pasco County, Florida

- + 58 vii. Benjamin Stonestreet VanMeter, born June 25, 1877 in Clark County, Kentucky; died November 09, 1948 in Shelby County, Kentucky.
- + 59 viii. Sallie Moore VanMeter, born February 08, 1880 in Clark County, Kentucky; died December 23, 1956 in Russell, Greenup County, Kentucky.
- 60 ix. Rebecca VanMeter, born January 22, 1884; died January 22, 1884.

Notes for Rebecca VanMeter:

Birth and death from Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible.

16. John Milton⁷ VanMeter (Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born June 21, 1842 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died February 08, 1925 in Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky. He married **Mary Alice Yerkes** March 29, 1866 in Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky, daughter of Stephen Yerkes and Amanda Lovell. She was born August 19, 1843 in Baltimore, Maryland, and died Abt. February 07, 1913 in Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky.

Notes for John Milton VanMeter:

"John Milton, ninth son and youngest child of Isaac Van Meter and his wife, Rebecca, was born June 21, 1842; graduated at Center College, Danville, Kentucky; enlisted in the Southern Army in 1862, and served to the close of the war in Captain Nicholas' company of Colonel Cluke's regiment of General Morgan's command; was surrendered by Morgan and Cluke, and taken prisoner on the famous Ohio raid, and remained in prison eighteen months.

"After the close of the war he married Alice Yerkes, of Danville, Kentucky, in March, 1866, and has four daughters, viz: Amanda Yerkes, Susan Allan, Elizabeth S., and Alice.

"After the war he also graduated in law, and practiced for a few years in Lexington, Kentucky, but soon returned to his farm and followed that occupation since. For more than ten years he lived on a fine farm in Woodford County, Kentucky, but has since and to the present time resided on a farm three miles from Danville, in Boyle County, Kentucky. Is a prominent farmer and a useful and efficient elder of the Presbyterian Church.

"John M. Van Meter enlisted in the Confederate Army when Generals Bragg and Kirby Smith invaded Kentucky in 1862, in Company E, Eighth Kentucky Cavalry. His first service was in Eastern Kentucky with General John H. Morgan, trying to prevent the escape of Federal General George Morgan from Cumberland Gap to Ohio, hoping to co-operate with General John S. Williams' command in its advance from West Virginia for the same purpose, but General George Morgan eluded both armies through the mountains and made his escape to Ohio. General John Morgan's command then returned to Central Kentucky, and a day or two after the Perryville battle it skirmished with the advance guard of General Buell on the Clark farm, near Danville, Kentucky, but finally after maneuvering on the flank and rear of the Federal Army, Morgan's command fell back through Cumberland Gap into East Tennessee; thence through Kingston and over the mountains to Murfreesboro into Middle Tennessee, and made a brilliant fight at Hartsville, where Morgan with 1,100 men surprised and captured 2,400 Federals.

"The next important move was the Christmas raid of General Morgan on the Louisville & Nashville Railway into Kentucky, when the road was torn up as far as to Elizabethtown. Then after falling back into Tennessee, John M. Van Meter went with his regiment, detached and under command of Colonel R. S. Cluke, and made a raid into Central and Eastern Kentucky, thus returning for the first time to his home and native county and giving a great surprise to friend and foe. Colonel Cluke made a very successful raid, taking many more Federal prisoners than he commanded of Confederates, with immense quantity of army stores, wagons, mules, etc. He could only parole the soldiers, burn the stores and wagons, and take the drove of mules and horses out with him. This was in the months of January and February, 1863, and he finally

fell back to Monticello with very few casualties, but with very hard, laborious marching, and plenty of excitement to prevent any despondency or lack of courage.

"The next movement of importance was the Ohio raid in July, 1863, and that was almost a continuous daily skirmish from the time he crossed the Tennessee line into Kentucky until General Morgan surrendered in Ohio, up near the Pennsylvania line. John M. Van Meter surrendered on the last day of that raid with Colonel Cluke and General Morgan; was kept in prisons Camp Chase and Camp Douglas until 1865, more than eighteen months, when finally he was paroled, sent around for exchange to Richmond, Virginia; was never exchanged, but was near Appomattox when General Lee surrendered. They were to have been declared exchanged at a certain time, and had promised to not take up arms until they were exchanged, but before the time arrived General Lee surrendered.

"J. M. Van Meter relates thus: During this interval our command, just from prison, was sent up on the railroad between Lynchburg and Abingdon to be fed wherever we could get persons to keep us. We remained for a few weeks at Salem, Virginia, but after the surrender at Appomattox I left with five or six others to go toward the Mississippi River, and on this trip we spent the night near Dublin Station, in Pulaski County, Virginia, at the home of Mr. Alexander Mathews, who was away from home with his only son. During the conversation with the family, Mrs. Mathews learned that I was a son of Rebecca Cunningham, who had been a special friend and perhaps a schoolmate in former years. So, when we left next morning she called me back, after the others had gotten beyond ear-shot, and gave me \$11.00 in silver and gold.

"Elias Campbell, Jessie Spencer, John "Street" Van Meter, a young Smith, and a young Veal, and perhaps a few others, whose names I do not recall, were in our party. We came to Knoxville, Tennessee, where we were arrested and required to take the oath of allegiance to the Federal Government. We were kept in camp there for a few days, and during that time I determined to see if I could not get some money from home through the banks. I saw the cashier of a national bank there, and he agreed to cash my check for \$1,000.00, with \$25.00 discount, if I would have \$1,000.00 put to my credit in the bank of D. A. Sayre & Co., in Lexington, Kentucky, by wire. I. C. Van Meter put the money there with very little delay, and I gave the national bank in Knoxville my check for \$1,000.00, and he paid me \$975.00 in greenbacks. I reserved enough to get me home comfortably, and divided the balance among the boys, giving each one only what was really needed to get him home. In a short time all that I had distributed was paid back to me, and a large interest was paid in gratitude. When we arrived at Nashville we got good clothes, bathed and barbered, rode on freight cars to Louisville, and thence to Lexington. When we got to Knoxville we had much trouble in getting entertainment, even of the poorest kind; but finally were allowed to sleep on some man's kitchen floor, and while we were there the family learned that one of the men who were sleeping on the floor had cashed a check on a Lexington bank for \$1,000.00, and then the family sent a basket of good things to us to atone for their treatment. There was much persecution of Southern sympathizers then at Knoxville by the Federal authorities. So that I did not blame the people for the treatment we received.

"Soon after my return home I sent a shorthorn calf to Mrs. A. Mathews, of Pulaski County, Virginia, who had so generously given me the \$11.00 in specie, and named the calf Token. I could think of nothing that would be of more real benefit to that naturally great cattle country, to rebuild the interest there, than a pure bred shorthorn bull, and years afterward I heard with great satisfaction of the benefit he had been to Mr. Mathews and that country in the improvement of cattle stock."
G&BS p. 133-35.

Married Alice Yerkes, born August 19, 1843 in Maryland, the daughter of Rev. Stephen Yerkes and Amanda Lovell; children, Ama Y., Susan A., Adie L. (deceased), John M. (deceased), Lizzie S., and Alice Y.; graduated from Centre College in 1862, and from the Law Department of the Kentucky [Transylvania] University at Lexington, practiced law two years in partnership with Judge Morton of Lexington; in 1870, located on a farm in Woodford County, where he remained until 1883, when he sold the farm for \$120 per acre and purchased a farm of 437 acres in Boyle County, three miles south of Danville; farm is in good condition, well improved, and in a fine state of cultivation, nice herd of short horn cattle, considerable space has been devoted to fruit culture, and has one of the most extensive and thrifty vineyards in the vicinity; Elder in the Southern Presbyterian Church; in politics, a Democrat. W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle and G. C. Kniffin, Kentucky A History of the State, 4th ed., p. 1029 (F. A. Batley and Co., Louisville & Chicago 1887)(reprinted Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC 1979, 1992).

Date of birth from VanMeter Family Bible

KY Death Record: VanMeter, John M., age 82, place of death: Boyle, date of death: 02-08-1925 vol. 006, certif.

no. 02879, year 1925.

More About John Milton VanMeter:

Burial: February 10, 1925, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 5

Notes for Mary Alice Yerkes:

Obituary gives date of birth and lists place of birth as Fayette County, Kentucky. In Genealogies and Biographical Sketches, her father, Stephen Yerkes is described as teaching in Baltimore, Maryland from approximately 1837 to 1851, which indicates Alice Yerkes probably was born in Baltimore. 1860 Census gives place of birth as Maryland.

1860 Census and marriage record in Boyle County Clerk's Office give first name as "Mary." Genealogies and Biographical Sketches, Lexington Cemetery records and gravestone list name as "Alice."

More About Mary Alice Yerkes:

Burial: February 08, 1913, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 5

More About John VanMeter and Mary Yerkes:

Marriage: March 29, 1866, Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky

Children of John VanMeter and Mary Yerkes are:

- 61 i. Amanda Yerkes⁸ VanMeter, born December 31, 1866; died November 19, 1938 in Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky.

Notes for Amanda Yerkes VanMeter:

Buried Lexington Cemetery, next to father, John Milton VanMeter (lot 5, Section D). Apparently died unmarried and without issue.

KY Death Records: VanMeter Ama Y. age 71 BOURBON PARIS dod: 11-19-1938; vol. 053 certif. no. 26293 year 1938 .

More About Amanda Yerkes VanMeter:

Burial: November 21, 1938, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 5

- 62 ii. Susan Allan VanMeter, born April 11, 1868; died January 20, 1955 in Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky.

Notes for Susan Allan VanMeter:

Apparently died unmarried and without issue.

More About Susan Allan VanMeter:

Burial: January 21, 1955, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 5

- 63 iii. Adeline Lovell VanMeter, born April 12, 1870; died January 19, 1871.

Notes for Adeline Lovell VanMeter:

Not included in Genealogies and Biographical Sketches as child of John Milton VanMeter (p. 133), but relationship is listed in W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle and G. C. Kniffin, Kentucky A History of the State, 4th ed., p. 1029 (F. A. Batley and Co., Louisville & Chicago 1887)(reprinted Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC 1979, 1992).

Dates of birth and death are taken from gravestone.

More About Adeline Lovell VanMeter:

Burial: Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 5

- 64 iv. John Milton VanMeter, Jr., born July 08, 1873; died July 23, 1873.

Notes for John Milton VanMeter, Jr.:

Not included in Genealogies and Biographical Sketches as child of John Milton VanMeter (p. 133), but relationship is listed in W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle and G. C. Kniffin, Kentucky A History of the State, 4th ed., p.

1029 (F. A. Batley and Co., Louisville & Chicago 1887)(reprinted Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC 1979, 1992).

Dates of birth and death are taken from gravestone.

More About John Milton VanMeter, Jr.:

Burial: Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 5

- + 65 v. Elizabeth Stonestreet VanMeter, born October 22, 1875; died March 31, 1940 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.
- 66 vi. Alice Yerkes VanMeter, born January 12, 1881; died Abt. October 09, 1902 in Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky.

Notes for Alice Yerkes VanMeter:

Buried Lexington Cemetary, next to father, John Milton VanMeter (lot 5, Section D). Apparently died unmarried and without issue.

More About Alice Yerkes VanMeter:

Burial: October 10, 1902, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 5

Generation No. 3

17. John Stonestreet⁸ VanMeter (Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born September 13, 1845 in Fayette County, Kentucky, and died March 08, 1904 in New York, New York. He married **Elizabeth Morrison Yerkes** August 27, 1872 in Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky, daughter of Stephen Yerkes and Amanda Lovell. She was born April 15, 1851 in Baltimore, Maryland, and died September 22, 1933 in Los Angeles, California.

Notes for John Stonestreet VanMeter:

Daily Lexington Press, p. 2, Saturday, April 18, 1874: J. S. VanMeter listed on Democratic ticket as candidate for County Attorney.

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 1, Wednesday, March 9, 1904, also Lexington Leader, p. 8 (same date): died on March 8, 1904 of heart trouble at 23 W. 93d St., New York, NY, wife and son at bedside, funeral services at First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, on Friday at 11:00 a.m.; heart trouble resulted from a prolonged illness which originated while serving in pastorate at Second Church, Paris Kentucky in summer, 1903; while in Paris, taken ill of inflamitry rheumatism, which disease he had contracted in the Confederate army, and had suffered from intermittently since; had been taken to Good Samaritan Hospital, remained a month and developed the heart trouble; was born in September 1846 in Fayette County on the Bryan Station pike, the son of Solomon and Elizabeth Stonestreet VanMeter; at the age of sixteen, entered the Confederate army, serving through the war as a member of Company E, Eighth Kentucky Cavalry; at the end of the war, enrolled in and graduated from Washington & Lee University; read law with his cousin, John I. VanMeter at Chillicothe, Ohio; married Miss Lizzie Yerkes, daughter of Dr. Stephen Yerkes of Danville, KY, only son, John [sic] Yerkes VanMeter; elected Fayette County Attorney; while holding office decided to study for the Presbyterian ministry, gave up office and practice, attended the Theological Seminary at Danville, and later graduated from the Theological Seminary at Princeton, NJ; first charge was Cynthiana for three years, then Hot Springs, AR, seven years, then Richmond and Clinton, MO for several years, Los Angeles, CA for one year (where he went on account of his wife's health), for past two years had been living in New York, NY where son was attending Bellevue College of Medicine; was one of seven surviving Fayette County Attorneys, while in Lexington last year, the seven had their picture taken in a group which was published in the Morning Herald, with sketches of each (Col. W. C. P. Breckenridge, Judge J. Soule Smith, Steven G. Sharpe, John R. Allen, John Stonestreet VanMeter, and Hon W. P. Kimball); other survivors, sister, Mrs. W. D. Nicholas of 440 W. Fourth [sic] St., Lexington, three half-brothers, Messrs. Solomon, Ike, and Prewitt VanMeter, and half-sister, Mrs. Lucy H. Kerr, Fulton. MO; was a Knight Templar, and the funeral will be held with Masonic honors.

Editorial, Lexington Herald, p. 2, Wednesday, March 9, 1904: "Death has been gentle and very kind to the Confederates, but as they grow old, with this kindness, death removes them from this world of work where old age is at a disadvantage, and crowns them with the eternal crown of immortality, and their ranks become thinner every day. On yesterday two Kentucky Confederates, who had worthily won success in eminent professions, laid down the burdens of this life-- one a successful physician in Sherman, Texas; the other a beloved Presbyterian preacher in the city of New York. Each had been a resident of Fayette, each belonged to large and widely scattered Kentucky families and each was

born in this favored Blue Grass country. On yesterday Mrs. W. C. P. Breckinridge received a dispatch that her brother, Dr. John Orlando Scott, had died that morning in Sherman, the city of his residence for over a quarter of a century, from an operation performed the day before; yesterday afternoon Mrs. William D. Nicholas received a dispatch that her brother, Rev. John Stonestreet VanMeter, had died in New York of disease of the heart.

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"When a lad of about sixteen, Stonestreet VanMeter-- as he was then called-- enlisted in the Confederate service in our command; after the organization of the regiment of Col. Roy Cluke, he asked to be transferred to that regiment, and to a company made up of his friends and neighbors. After the war he studied law, and settled in this city, and was elected County Attorney. He had married the youngest daughter of Rev. Dr. Yerkes, who had been one of the Professors of Transylvania when the writer was a student there. Joining the Presbyterian Church, he was convinced that it was his duty to preach, and with the same devotion to what he believed was his duty that he exhibited when he entered the Confederate army, he gave up his chosen profession, resigned his office as County Attorney and faithfully devoted himself to the laborious task of fitting himself for the ministry in accordance with the custom and demand of the Presbyterian Church. He preached with marked success and acceptability in Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri and New York. We were taught to honor, preserve and reverence hereditary ties; to remember with affectionate cordiality those whom our forebears had been on terms of friendship. Among the beloved and honored guests at the house of our father was Mr. Stonestreet, the venerable grandfather of Mr. VanMeter-- an elegant, cultured and pious Presbyterian elder, an old-fashioned, scholarly country gentleman. In our childhood, there were many of these typical country gentlemen; farmers and slaveholders, independent in fortune, and scholarly in taste; dignified, influential and yet simple in manner and severe in life. We recall as we write a number of these who were often guests at Cabell's Dale or Breadalbane; or at whose house we had the delight to be guest-- sometimes taken when a lad to their homes by our father, and afterwards invited there by the friends of our family. We recall Mr. Stonestreet in his old age and are glad to have this opportunity to put on record this tribute to his memory. Street VanMeter had also served under us in his boyhood; he was a gallant, cheery, stout, healthy soldier; always well, gay eager for duty and ready for battle or scout; and our terms of cordial friendship were never weakened.

"New York is remote from Texas, and Kentucky distant from each; yet these Confederates died at home, in the sweet, lasting sense of that word; each had in good faith done his duty as his heart and brain dictated; each had risked his life for that which he was convinced was the command of honor and patriotism; and when his cause was defeated, each had devoted his life, his energies, his labors to build up this country and make it a free, prosperous and Christian republic; each loved his fellow-man, and gave his life for their upbuilding. They were Kentuckians of old and excellent stock; their ancestors migrated to this exquisite Blue Grass section before Kentucky was admitted as a State; they had in their veins the blood of revolutionary soldiers; and among their kin there were no better men or braver soldiers either in the battles of war or the contests of peace."

Funeral, Lexington Leader, p. 5, Friday, March 11, 1904: "Solemn Services Held At First Presbyterian Church. Funeral services over the body of the Rev. John Stonestreet VanMeter were held at 11 o'clock Friday morning at the First Presbyterian Church.

"Mr. VanMeter, who at one time was County Attorney of Fayette county died in New York Tuesday and his body was brought to Lexington Thursday afternoon at 5:10 and was taken to the residence of his sister, Mrs. W. D. Nicholas at 440 West Third street.

"Dr. Edwin Muller officiated at the services, assisted by the Rev. E. H. Rutherford of Paris. Dr. R. O. Kirkwood was to have assisted but was called away from the city.

"As the body was being brought into the church a quartette consisting of Misses Eugenia Dunlap and Amanda Maul and Messrs Garland Barr and Howard Curry, sang "Abide With Me." Dr. Rutherford then read the twenty-third psalm and offered prayer. The quartette then sang "I Need Thee Every Hour." Dr. Muller read the funeral service and offered a beautiful prayer.

"As the body was being borne from the church the quartette sang "Nearer My God to Thee."

"About thirty Confederate soldiers, comrades in arms of Mr. VanMeter, were present in a body and accompanied the

body to the cemetery. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent, among them being a handsome Masonic design of the compass and square in white and red flowers and banked with ferns. Mr. VanMeter was a Knight Templar.

"At the grave the committal service was said. The pallbearers were: I. C. VanMeter, S. L. VanMeter, W. D. Nicholas, John W. Yerkes, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, N. P. VanMeter, James C. VanMeter, John Woodford and Lovell Yerkes. Mr. Yerkes came from Washington to attend the funeral of his relative, Mr. VanMeter having been a cousin [sic] of Mr. Yerkes. [Note: Mr. Yerkes and the decedent were brothers-in-law-- LBV]."

In Genealogies and Biographical Sketches, John Stonestreet VanMeter, is listed as being a Presbyterian minister in Clinton, Missouri (pp. 66, 36). Buried Lot 20, Section D (lot of Stephen Yerkes, D.D.), Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, KY.

More About John Stonestreet VanMeter:

Burial: March 11, 1904, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 20

More About John VanMeter and Elizabeth Yerkes:

Marriage: August 27, 1872, Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky

Marriage Fact: Marriage Book 6, Page 278, Boyle County Clerk's Office

Child of John VanMeter and Elizabeth Yerkes is:

- + 67 i. Stephen Yerkes⁹ VanMeter, born July 10, 1876 in Lexington, Kentucky; died July 10, 1940 in Los Angeles, California.

18. Elizabeth Mason⁸ VanMeter (Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born January 23, 1848, and died March 11, 1912 in Fayette County, Kentucky. She married **William Douglas Nicholas** December 14, 1865 in Fayette County, Kentucky, son of Robert Nicholas and Fannie Massie. He was born February 02, 1836 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died March 11, 1892 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Notes for Elizabeth Mason VanMeter:

1911 Lexington City Directory: resides at 440 W. Third St., with Evelyn V., James S., John B. (farmer), and Wm. D. (lawyer).

Date of birth and death, and names of parents from KY death certificate, vol. 17, certif. 6603. Death certificate gives date of death as 3/11/1912, and a age of death as 64 y, 1 m, 17 d, and birth date of Jan 23, 184? (looks like 1849, but age at death would indicate 1848). G&BS, pp. 65, 67.

No issue mentioned in G&BS. Buried in Lexington Cemetery. Children inferred from persons buried in same lot of Lexington Cemetery, Section D, Lot 6, Part S½: William D., Elizabeth M., Evelyn, Fanny C., unnamed infant, James, and John VanMeter Nicholas. [Assume the reason Uncle Ben left out the children was because of the hooting of Owen Bradley by William D. Nicholas, Jr. on April 19, 1901. Uncle Ben published his genealogy in 1901, but he had to have known of the altercation because he included the Kentucky Derby win of His Eminence which occurred on April 29, 1901.]

Obituary, Lexington Leader, p. 7, Monday, March 11, 1912: Elizabeth Mason Nicholas, widow of Captain W. D. Nicholas; survivors--four children, three sons, attorney William D. Nicholas, J. V. Nicholas, and J. S. Nicholas; and one daughter, Miss Evelyne [sic] Nicholas, all of Lexington.

More About Elizabeth Mason VanMeter:

Burial: March 12, 1912, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 6, part S½

Notes for William Douglas Nicholas:

Confederate Army, captain in Col. Roy S. Cluke's regiment, Gen. John Hunt Morgan's brigade. Cashier of Second National Bank from organization, 1883, to his date of death. Names of parents. G&BS pp. 68-69.

Dates of birth and death from tombstone. Lexington [KY] Cemetery; see also G&BS pp. 67-69.

More About William Douglas Nicholas:

Burial: March 13, 1892, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 6, part S½

Marriage Notes for Elizabeth VanMeter and William Nicholas:

Date and place of marriage from Marriage Book 4, page 118, Fayette County Clerk's Office; at the home of Isaac VanMeter in Fayette County. Officiant: S.W. Cheney, Minister of Presbyterian Church, Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky.

More About William Nicholas and Elizabeth VanMeter:

Marriage: December 14, 1865, Fayette County, Kentucky

Children of Elizabeth VanMeter and William Nicholas are:

- 68 i. William Douglas⁹ Nicholas, Jr., born Abt. 1868; died Abt. November 30, 1922.

Notes for William Douglas Nicholas, Jr.:

1911 Lexington City Directory lists as "Wm D." residing at 440 W. Third St. (residence of mother), and gives occupation as lawyer.

Records of Lexington Cemetery give date of interment and age at death, 54 years old. Date and place of death unknown, no indexed Kentucky death certificate; unable to locate obituary. Buried in Lexington Cemetery.

Assume died unmarried and without issue.

More About William Douglas Nicholas, Jr.:

Burial: December 01, 1922, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 6, part S½

- 69 ii. John VanMeter Nicholas, born May 28, 1871 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died February 25, 1916 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for John VanMeter Nicholas:

Date of birth (May 1871) from 1900 U.S. Census, Fayette County, KY, listed as unmarried, profession: "trader"; From 1900 U.S. Census, lived in: 7 District, Fayette County, Kentucky (Series: T623 Microfilm: 519, Book: 2, Page: 124). 1911 Lexington City Directory lists as "John B." residing at 440 W. Third St. (residence of mother), and gives occupation as farmer. Death certificate gives occupation as retired farmer.

Dates of birth and death and names of parents from KY death certificate, vol. 9, certif. 4466. Buried in Lexington Cemetery. Date of interment from records of Lexington [KY] Cemetery.

Assume died unmarried and without issue. Death certificate gives marital status as single.

Obituary, Lexington Leader, p. 3, Saturday, February 26, 1916: "John VanMeter Nicholas, 44 years old, died of peritonitis yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's Hospital at 3:15 o'clock. Mr. Nicholas was the son of the late Captain W. D. Nicholas, a former sheriff of Fayette County. He attended State University and graduated from the Virginia Military Institute.

"He engaged in the real estate business in Lexington and late owned a ranch near Galveston, Tex. For a time he was captain of a local militia company. He farmed near Lexington recently until his health forced him to retire. He is survived by two brothers, William D. Nicholas, Jr., and James S. Nicholas, of Lexington, and a sister, Miss Evelyn Nicholas. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. Edwin Muller officiating. The pallbearers will be Joseph C. VanMeter, M. Don Forman, J. H. Sawyer, William M. Blount, S. Higgins Lewis, and C. K. Oldham."

More About John VanMeter Nicholas:

Burial: February 27, 1916, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 6, part S½

- 70 iii. Fanny C. Nicholas, died Abt. August 12, 1874 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

More About Fanny C. Nicholas:

Burial: August 13, 1874, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 6, part S½

- 71 iv. Elizabeth Mason Nicholas, born Abt. 1875 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died Abt. April 12, 1876 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Elizabeth Mason Nicholas:

Birth date assumed from records of Lexington Cemetery. Middle name assumed from middle names of mother and grandmother. Buried in lot owned by W.D. Nicholas.

More About Elizabeth Mason Nicholas:

Burial: April 13, 1876, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 6, part S½

- 72 v. James Stonestreet Nicholas, born Abt. 1881 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died November 12, 1968 in Madison County, Kentucky.

Notes for James Stonestreet Nicholas:

Names of parents from obituary. Obituary recites native of Fayette County, residing in Madison County, Kentucky in a nursing home; "[s]urvivors include nine cousins" [identities not listed]; gives middle initial as "V." Year of birth assumed from records of Lexington Cemetery, which gives date of interment and age at death, 87 years old. Assume unmarried and no issue. Kentucky Death Certificate 68-30505; SSN 400-72-1471; never married; informant: Eastern State Hospital.

In 1911 Lexington City Directory, listed as "James S. bds 440 W. 3d St. [residence of mother, Elizabeth M. Nicholas]." No occupation listed. Middle name from obituary of sister, Evelyn, Lexington Herald, p. 3, 11/26/1918.

More About James Stonestreet Nicholas:

Burial: November 15, 1968, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 6, part S½

- 73 vi. ??? Nicholas, born Abt. 1884 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died Abt. December 10, 1884 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for ??? Nicholas:

Birth and death dates assumed from records of Lexington Cemetery. Tombstone illegible. Buried in lot owned by W.D. Nicholas.

More About ??? Nicholas:

Burial: December 11, 1884, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 6, part S½

- 74 vii. Evelyn Nicholas, born Abt. 1886; died November 24, 1918 in Washington, D.C..

Notes for Evelyn Nicholas:

Year of birth assumed from records of Lexington Cemetery, which gives date of interment and age at death, 32 years old.

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 3, Tuesday, November 26, 1918: "Miss Evelyn Nicholas of this city [Lexington], died Sunday [November 24, 1918] in Washington, after an illness of influenza followed by pneumonia. Her brother, W. D. Nicholas, who arrived in Washington just in time to be with her when the end came, is now enroute to Lexington where he is bringing the body for burial in the family lot in the Lexington cemetery. The body will arrive in Lexington Wednesday morning at 8:55 o'clock and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

"Miss Nicholas, who was an expert stenographer, enlisted in the government service soon after the declaration of war and was sent to a cantonment in Tampa, Florida. From there she was recently transferred to Washington, D.C., where she had a fine position with the general staff office force. Her father was Captain W. D. Nicholas, a prominent business man and politician for a quarter century, cashier of the Second National Bank, and once Sheriff. He was a captain in the Confederate army under Colonel Cluke. Her mother was Elizabeth VanMeter Nicholas, half sister of S. L. VanMeter.

"Miss Nicholas is survived by two brothers, W. D. Nicholas and James Stonestreet Nicholas."

More About Evelyn Nicholas:

Burial: November 27, 1918, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 6, part S½

19. Lucy Hockaday⁸ VanMeter (Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born July 28, 1849 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died February 24, 1937 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri. She married **Edwin Monroe Kerr** October 18, 1871, son of William Kerr and Susan Buckles. He was born June 30, 1841 in Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky, and died April 22, 1883 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri.

Notes for Lucy Hockaday VanMeter:

Names of children and spouse from G&BS, p. 74. 1900 U.S. Census for Fulton Township, Callaway County, Missouri, gives month and year of birth as July, 1847; states mother of six children, four now living; lists occupation as "Capitalist;" lists mother's place of birth as Missouri; lists four daughters living in household: Susan, Eliz. H., L. Van., M. Belle [Census Microfilm Records: Missouri, 1900 Lived in: Fulton Township, Callaway County, Missouri, Series: T623, Microfilm: 844, Book: 2, Page: 149].

Listed in The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Volume 74, page 270: Mrs. Lucy Van Meter Kerr. DAR ID Number: 73744: Born in Lexington, Ky. Wife of Dr. Edward M. Kerr. Descendant of Col. Garrett Van Meter. Daughter of Solomon Van Meter (1818-59) and Lucy Hockaday (1823-49), his 2nd wife, m. 1848.

Dates and places of birth and death from obituary. Missouri Telegraph, Fulton, MO, Febraury 25, 1937.

Notes for Edwin Monroe Kerr:

Dates and places of birth and death from obituary. Fulton, Missouri, Telegraph, April 27, 1883.

More About Edwin Monroe Kerr:

Burial: April 24, 1883

More About Edwin Kerr and Lucy VanMeter:

Marriage: October 18, 1871

Children of Lucy VanMeter and Edwin Kerr are:

- 75 i. Susan Buckles⁹ Kerr, born August 1872 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri; died April 02, 1935 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri.

Notes for Susan Buckles Kerr:

Date of birth from 1900 U.S. Census for Fulton Township, Callaway County, Missouri, then listed as single, living in mother's household; no occupation listed.

Obituary, Fulton (MO) Daily Gazette, April 3, 1935: Date and place of death from obituary; had been teacher at Missouri School of Deaf.

More About Susan Buckles Kerr:

Burial: April 04, 1935, Hillcrest Cemetery, Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri

- 76 ii. Irvin Kerr, born 1874 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri; died 1874 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri.
77 iii. Elizabeth Hockaday Kerr, born August 1876 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri; died February 14, 1971 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri.

Notes for Elizabeth Hockaday Kerr:

Date and place of birth from 1900 U.S. Census for Fulton Township, Callaway County, Missouri, then listed as single, living in mother's household; occupation listed as "Teacher of Deaf."

More About Elizabeth Hockaday Kerr:

Burial: Hillcrest Cemetery, Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri

- 78 iv. Lucy VanMeter Kerr, born September 19, 1878 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri; died March 28, 1901 in

Fulton, Missouri.

Notes for Lucy VanMeter Kerr:

Date and place of birth from 1900 U.S. Census for Fulton Township, Callaway County, Missouri, then listed as single, living in mother's household; no occupation listed. Date of death G&BS, p. 74.

- 79 v. Mary Belle Kerr, born September 1880 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri; died June 25, 1958 in Washington, D.C..

Notes for Mary Belle Kerr:

Date and place of birth from 1900 U.S. Census for Fulton Township, Callaway County, Missouri, then listed as single, living in mother's household; occupation listed as "at college."

Place and date of death from Obituary, Fulton (MO) Sun Gazette, June 26, 1958. Served as Receptionist at U.S. State Department, approximately 1944-56; headmistress at Gunston Hall School for girls, Washington, D.C.

Listed in The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Volume 109, page 22: Miss Mary B. Kerr.

DAR ID Number: 108074; born in Fulton, Missouri; descendant of Col. Garrett Van Meter, as follows: 1. Edwin Monroe Kerr (1841-83) m. 1871 Lucy Van Meter (b. 1849). 2. Solomon Van Meter (1818-59) m. 2nd 1848 Lucy Hockaday (1823-49). 3. Isaac Van Meter (b. 1794) m. 1817 Rebecca Cunningham (1800-64). 4. Jacob Van Meter (b. 1764) m. Tabitha Inskeep. 5. Garrett Van Meter m. 1756 Anne (Markell) Sibley. Garrett Van Meter (1732-88) served in the Virginia militia. He was born in New York; removed to Point Pleasant, W. Va., where he died.

More About Mary Belle Kerr:

Burial: Hillcrest Cemetery, Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri

- 80 vi. Edwin Monroe Kerr, Jr., born October 23, 1882 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri; died October 12, 1884 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri.

20. Isaac Cunningham⁸ VanMeter (Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born December 11, 1854 in Fayette County, Kentucky, and died September 21, 1906 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **(1) Pattie Hockaday Field** May 04, 1892 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky, daughter of Thomas Field and Amanda Ellis. She was born April 12, 1865 in Denver, Colorado, and died February 24, 1893 in Clark County, Kentucky. He married **(2) Frances McChesney** December 1903. She died Abt. November 1949 in Staunton, Virginia.

Notes for Isaac Cunningham VanMeter:

Dates of birth and death from tombstone. Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, Lot 9. Attended Bethany College, Bethany, WV; occupation farmer, name of first wife and only child from G&BS, pp76-78. See also obituary Pattie Field. Second wife was Frances McChesney; only child and heir was Thomas Field VanMeter. Affidavit of Descent of I. C. VanMeter, deceased. Deed Book 325, Page 244, Fayette County (KY) Clerk's Office.

Herald Obituary: "Isaac R. [sic] Van Meter, one of Fayette's best known and most prominent citizens died late yesterday afternoon at the residence of his family 540 East Main Street, aged fifty-one years.

"Mr. Van Meter was one of the largest land owners in Fayette county and is well known throughout the county. He had been ill for some time, although up to yesterday his condition was not thought to be serious.

"Mr. Van Meter is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Fannie McChesney, of Staunton, Va., and one son Field whom is fourteen years of age. Also by two brothers, S. L. and N. P. Van Meter." Lexington Herald, September 22, 1906.

Leader Obituary: "Mr. Isaac C. Van Meter died late Friday afternoon at his residence at 540 East Main street at the age of 51 years, after a prolonged illness, and while confined to his bed for only a short time his death was not unexpected.

"Mr. Van Meter lived in Clark county for the greater part of his life, removing to this city only a few years ago. He was well known throughout the State as a cattle raiser and farmer, possessing about 1,000 acres of the best land in Clark county and 600 acres in Fayette county, six miles from town, on the Versailles pike.

"He was genial and kind of disposition and greatly beloved by his family and friends.

"Mr. Van Meter is survived by his wife, who was before her marriage Miss Fannie McChesney, of Stanton, Va., and by his son, Thomas Field, 14 years old.

"He also leaves two brothers, S. L. Van Meter and N. P. Van Meter, and two half sisters, Mrs. Lucy Carr [sic], of Fulton, Mo., and Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholas, of this city.

"The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his late residence on East Main street, conducted by Rev. C. H. H. Branch, of the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Van Meter was a consistent member, after which the body will be laid to rest in the family lot in the Lexington cemetery. . . ." Lexington Leader, Saturday, September 22, 1906, p. 1.

More About Isaac Cunningham VanMeter:

Burial: September 23, 1906, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 9

Notes for Pattie Hockaday Field:

1890 Denver City Directory: Miss Pattie H. Field, r. 265 Broadway Denver CO.

Obituary, The Winchester Democrat, Wednesday, March 1, 1893: "One of the saddest deaths that it has been our lot to record for a long time was that of Mrs. Pattie Vanmeter, wife of I. C. Vanmeter, Jr., which occurred Friday. In the prime of her beautiful womanhood, with a beautiful home, a loving husband, popular, talented and accomplished, she had so much for which to live and life promised so much to her, but it is finished. Less than a year ago she left her home in far-off Colorado to come to our bluegrass land a happy bride. Now, all that is mortal has been consigned to the tomb, and where a short time ago all was happiness, now has the shadow of the angel of death brought sorrow and gloom. She was a lady of noble, christian character, a devoted member of the Baptist church, and none knew her but to esteem her. Rev. J. N. Prestridge preached the funeral at her late residence Monday morning and the remains were carried to Lexington for interment."

Obituary, The Rocky Mountain News, p. 3, Saturday, February 25, 1893: "<Mrs. Van Meter's Death.><Demise of a Former Belle of Denver in Kentucky>

"Pattie Hockaday Field Van Meter, wife of Isaac C. Van Meter, died at her home, near Lexington, Kentucky, on yesterday morning at 1 o'clock. Her mother, Mrs. T. M. Field, was with her during her last illness. Her father left Denver upon the receipt of a telegram informing him of his daughter's dangerous condition and Miss Lizzie Field was summoned from her studies in New York and will reach the Kentucky home at the earliest possible moment.

"Only a few months ago the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Van Meter was celebrated amid the most brilliant festivities. A long and happy married life seemed before them. Her bright vivacious manner upon that occasion gave token of the buoyant, charming nature which had won her a favored spot in home and social circles. She was an honored graduate of the East Denver High School, and foremost in all social and charitable enterprises among the young people. Those who have lived in Denver for any length of time remember that no entertainment, concert or musicale was ever considered complete unless Pattie Field was on the programme. In the halcyon days of the Glenarm Reading club, when local talent was good enough for Denver, she was an invaluable acquisition.

"In the wide social circle which owned her as a member, her influence was felt even more. Her bright, vivacious ways and sunny temperament chased away all thoughts of care and wherever she happened to be there was the center of activity and enjoyment. Her rare personal and mental qualifications are pleasant and lasting memories cherished by the hosts of friends."

Obituary, _____, "Less than a year ago, Mrs. I. C. VanMeter, Jr., nee Miss Pattie field, of Denver, Colorado, was a happy young bride in the full bloom of beauty and health. To-day she is a corpse, and the elegant home over which she was a beloved and an honored queen, is shrouded in deepest gloom. One of her little twin boys died on Wednesday last, the day after its birth, and at 1 o'clock yesterday morning the spirit of the fond mother passed away. These are among the saddest of deaths in the history of mortality. Mrs. VanMeter was a lady of noble, christian character, beloved and highly esteemed, and the news of her death was received with feelings of keenest sorrow by an unlimited circle of relatives and friends. The hearts of all go out in deepest sympathy to the grief-stricken husband in his great bereavement. Mrs. Field, mother of the deceased, besides other relatives and the best physicians to be had were with the unfortunately lady during her brief illness, and no effort to preserve her life was spared. Her father was summoned by telegram Thursday evening and is expected to arrive to-morrow. the funeral will take place from the late residence of the

deceased at 10 o'clock next Monday morning. The remains will be interred in the Lexington cemetery. The surviving child is doing well."

More About Pattie Hockaday Field:

Burial: February 27, 1893, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 9

More About Isaac VanMeter and Pattie Field:

Marriage: May 04, 1892, Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky

Notes for Frances McChesney:

Will Book 27, page 115, Fayette County Clerk's office: sisters, Margaret McChesney, Mrs. F. Walter (Lina H.) Cone, Mary Yarbrough, niece Daisy Yarbrough Ranson, nephew, McChesney Yarbrough, brother, J. W. McChesney; "I do not want any of the VanMeters to have one thing I have-- I have worked hard for everything I own, and know where I want it to go."

Marriage Notes for Isaac VanMeter and Frances McChesney:

Date of marriage from Richard A. Prewitt, "Michael Prewitt, Sr. and His Descendants, " p. 615.

More About Isaac VanMeter and Frances McChesney:

Marriage: December 1903

Children of Isaac VanMeter and Pattie Field are:

- + 81 i. Thomas Field⁹ VanMeter, born February 21, 1893 in Clark County, Kentucky; died March 24, 1978 in Cynthiana, Harrison County, Kentucky.
- 82 ii. S2 VanMeter, born February 21, 1893 in Clark County, Kentucky; died February 23, 1893 in Clark County, Kentucky.

More About S2 VanMeter:

Burial: February 27, 1893, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 9

21. Nelson Prewitt⁸ VanMeter (Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born April 26, 1857, and died March 23, 1942 in Clark County, Kentucky. He married **Elizabeth Chatham Willis** October 16, 1889. She was born July 11, 1867, and died March 23, 1959 in Clark County, Kentucky.

Notes for Nelson Prewitt VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 2, Tuesday, March 24, 1942: N. P. VanMeter Dies Suddenly, Clark Landowner is Stricken Fatally. One of Clark County's wealthiest landowners, age 84, died suddenly of heart attack while on the farm of son Samuel Willis VanMeter; "driving over the farm, inspecting some cattle, and was accompanied by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. N.P. VanMeter, Jr., and great-niece, Mrs. Isaac VanMeter, and his granddaughter, Lee VanMeter. The car stuck in a mudhole and the occupants got out and Mr. VanMeter collapsed. He was removed to the home of his son on the farm and was pronounced dead when a physician arrived." Born in Fayette County, April 26, 1857, the son of Solomon and Martha Chandler Prewitt VanMeter, came to Clark County while in his youth.

Graduate of Bethany College, Bethany, W.Va., and was an elder in the First Christian Church for thirty years, trustee of the Kentucky Female Orphan School at Midway and was a former curator of Transylvania College.

Survivors: wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Willis VanMeter, two sons, Nelson Prewitt VanMeter, Jr., Winchester, Samuel Willis VanMeter, Clark County, three daughters, Mrs. Pemberton Hutchinson, Philadelphia, PA; Mrs. W. S. Duty, Winchester, and Mrs. Gay Prewitt, Clark County, and ten grandchildren.

More About Nelson VanMeter and Elizabeth Willis:

Marriage: October 16, 1889

Children of Nelson VanMeter and Elizabeth Willis are:

- + 83 i. Anna Coleman⁹ VanMeter, born August 19, 1890; died February 01, 1990 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

- + 84 ii. Martha Chandler VanMeter, born October 31, 1891; died May 26, 1991 in Woodford County, Kentucky.
- + 85 iii. Nelson Prewitt VanMeter, Jr., born July 02, 1894; died May 02, 1983 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky.
- + 86 iv. Samuel Willis VanMeter, born September 22, 1896; died June 29, 1984 in Woodford County, Kentucky.
- + 87 v. Elizabeth Adelaide VanMeter, born January 05, 1903 in Clark County, Kentucky.

22. Solomon Lee⁸ VanMeter (Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born May 11, 1859 in Fayette County, Kentucky, and died December 11, 1928 in Fayette County, Kentucky. He married (1) **Evaline Trent Swoope**, daughter of George Swoope and Margaret Baylor. She was born December 18, 1864, and died October 1899. He married (2) **Pauline Helm Hardin**, daughter of Mordecai Robert Hardin. She was born Abt. 1874, and died February 06, 1936 in Frankfort, Franklin County, Kentucky.

Notes for Solomon Lee VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Leader, p. 1, Tuesday, December 11, 1928: S. L. VanMeter Sinks to Rest, Former Member of Kentucky Legislature Famed as Stock Raiser and Citizen. age 69, former member of Kentucky legislature, widely known Fayette County farmer and lawnowner, died at his home "Fairlawn" on N. Broadway this morning at 12:15 o'clock, following an illness of several weeks.

Mr. VanMeter was one of the outstanding citizens of Fayette County; and in addition to representing this county in the state legislature about 25 years ago, was prominent in civic, agricultural and stock-raising activities. For a number of years he owned and operated a large farm on the Bryan station pike, near Lexington, which was noted throughout Kentucky as a nursery of fine beef cattle and pure bred sheep and wher he and his wife dispensed a princely hospitality.

Mr. VanMeter, who was the son of Solomon and Martha Chandler Prewitt VanMeter, was a deacon in the Central Christian Church and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and business associates, who will regret to learn of his passing.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Pauline Hardin VanMeter, he is survived by three sons and three daughters, S. L. VanMeter, Jr., Washington, D.C., J. Baylor VanMeter, Lexington, Robert Hardin VanMeter, Lexington, Mrs. Ellison H. Capers, Calgary, Canada, Mrs. Brownell Berryman, Lexington, and Miss Rebecca VanMeter, Lexington; and one brother, N. P. VanMeter, Winchester.

Honorary pallbearers: Judge Matthew Walton, G. Allison Holland, Judge Charles A. Hardin, Joe VanMeter, J. T. McGarvey, John D. Marshall, H. V. McChesney, W.L. VanMeter, George Mastin, Nelson Gay, R. C. Estill, and T. H. Kinnaird; active pallbearers: Daniel Estill, Field VanMeter, William Pettit, J. Gay Hanna, C.M. Marshall, Nelson VanMeter, J.D. Gay, and Gay Prewitt.

More About Solomon Lee VanMeter:

Burial: December 12, 1928, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 63, part W

More About Evaline Trent Swoope:

Burial: October 09, 1899, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 63, part W

More About Pauline Helm Hardin:

Burial: February 07, 1936, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 63, part W

Children of Solomon VanMeter and Evaline Swoope are:

- 88 i. George Prewitt⁹ VanMeter, died Abt. January 28, 1885 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

More About George Prewitt VanMeter:

Burial: January 29, 1885, Lexington [KY] Cemetery

- + 89 ii. Solomon Lee VanMeter, Jr., born April 08, 1888 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died November 03, 1937 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- + 90 iii. Jacob Baylor VanMeter, born Abt. 1890 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died June 06, 1945 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- + 91 iv. Margaret Baylor VanMeter, born May 19, 1894 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died December 10, 1994 in Molalla, Clackamas County, Oregon.
- + 92 v. Evelyn Trent VanMeter, born Abt. 1898 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died May 17, 1964 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Children of Solomon VanMeter and Pauline Hardin are:

- + 93 i. Robert Hardin⁹ VanMeter, born July 26, 1905 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died April 07, 1979 in Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky.
- 94 ii. Rebecca Cunningham VanMeter, born Abt. 1911.

23. Charles Letcher⁸ VanMeter (Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born August 20, 1844, and died January 21, 1913 in Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **(1) Amanda Barrow**. He married **(2) Bettie Redmond**. She died September 19, 1923 in Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **(3) Millie Hurst** November 17, 1868 in Woodford County, Kentucky, daughter of Alfred Hurst.

Notes for Charles Letcher VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, 2d §, p. 1, Wednesday, January 22, 1913: Died at home on College View Avenue Tuesday morning; was apparently in normal health when awoke around 6:30 and remained in bed while his wife prepared breakfast. When the meal was ready, Mrs. VanMeter called, and upon receiving no answer went to the bedroom and found him dead. Coroner's investigation showed that the cause of death was a heart attack. Survivors: wife [unnamed], four brothers, Brown, Lewis, Jesse, and Benjamin Van Meter, and one sister, Mrs. Alford [sic] Savage, all of Fayette County. Funeral services at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church; pallbearers: Dr. Wallis Pinnell, Joseph VanMeter, J. R. Bush, Henry Redman, Charles Steinberger [sic], Samuel B. Prewitt, and S. L. VanMeter; burial in the family plot in the Lexington Cemetery.

KY Death Record: VanMeter, Chas. L., age 68, place of death, Fayette, date of death, 01-21-1913, vol. 003, certif. no. 01028, year 1913

More About Charles Letcher VanMeter:

Burial: January 22, 1913, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 74

Notes for Bettie Redmond:

Kentucky Deth Certif., vol 47, certif. 23217.

Marriage Notes for Charles VanMeter and Millie Hurst:

The True Kentuckian, Paris, KY, Wednesday, 2 Dec. 1868 (Nagle, p. 257).

More About Charles VanMeter and Millie Hurst:

Marriage: November 17, 1868, Woodford County, Kentucky

Child of Charles VanMeter and Millie Hurst is:

- 95 i. Allie⁹ VanMeter.

Notes for Allie VanMeter:

Died unmarried and without children. G&BS, p. 81.

24. Sarah C.⁸ VanMeter (Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) died October 01, 1898 in Mason County, West Virginia. She married **John William Steenbergen** September 18, 1872 in Fayette County, Kentucky, son of Peter Steenbergen and Maria Jordan. He was born 1831, and died April 08, 1916 in Mason County, West Virginia.

Notes for Sarah C. VanMeter:

Names of husband and children from G&BS, p. 81. Date of death from G&BS.

Notes for John William Steenbergen:

Born in Mason county, West Virginia, and was united in marriage with Sarah E. VanMeter, in Fayette County, Kentucky. She was born in that state and county, a daughter of Isaac C. and Frances (Hull) VanMeter; five children, William, Peter H., Frances, Isaac V., and Charles; son of Peter H. Steenbergen; residing on farm of parents; engaged as farmer and stock-raiser in Clendenin district, Mason County, West Virginia; held several responsible public offices,

"whose duties he has discharged to the satisfaction of his townspeople;" post office address is Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio, West Virginia box. 5 The West Virginia Heritage Encyclopedia Suppl. p. 83 (Jim Comstock ed., Richwood, WV 1974).

Graduated from Virginia Military Institute; married Sarah Eliza VanMeter of Kentucky: sons, William, married Charlotte McCulloch; Peter H., married Sallie McCulloch; Isaac, married Willa Mae Denny; Charles, married Ellen Dennis; John, married Jessie Fitch; daughter, Frances, married Rev. Clyde Johnson. History of Mason County, West Virginia, p. 339 (Mason County Public Library, Point Pleasant, WV).

Names of parents from familysearch.com; Order Book 4, page 401, Mason County Clerk's office: died intestate April 8, 1916, William Steenbergen appointed Administrator, J. S. Spencer, surety, bond \$500, appraisers: J. S. Spencer, Peter H. Steenbergen, T. Stribling.

Marriage Notes for Sarah VanMeter and John Steenbergen:

Date and place of marriage from Marriage Book 5, page 108, Fayette County Clerk's Office; at the home of Isaac VanMeter in Fayette County. Officiant: Wm. Dinwiddie, Minister of First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Kentucky.

More About John Steenbergen and Sarah VanMeter:

Marriage: September 18, 1872, Fayette County, Kentucky

Children of Sarah VanMeter and John Steenbergen are:

- + 96 i. William⁹ Steenbergen, born June 11, 1873 in Mason County, West Virginia; died July 07, 1957 in Mason County, West Virginia.
- + 97 ii. Peter Higgins Steenbergen, born 1875 in Mason County, West Virginia; died March 09, 1955 in Mason County, West Virginia.
- 98 iii. Frances Steenbergen. She married Clyde Johnson April 16, 1906 in Mason County, West Virginia.

Notes for Frances Steenbergen:

Name of spouse and marriage location and date from "Genealogical Records: Early West Virginia Settlers, 1600s-1900s," Mason County, West Virginia Marriages, p.86.

More About Clyde Johnson and Frances Steenbergen:

Marriage: April 16, 1906, Mason County, West Virginia

- + 99 iv. Isaac VanMeter Steenbergen, born August 15, 1877 in Mason County, West Virginia; died July 1964 in Ventura County, California.
- + 100 v. Charles Letcher Steenbergen, born August 06, 1879 in Mason County, West Virginia; died November 02, 1962 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- 101 vi. John Steenbergen. He married Jessie Fitch.

25. Edwin H.⁸ VanMeter (Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born July 23, 1847 in Fayette County, Kentucky, and died September 23, 1895 in Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **Eleanor Moore Beale** December 10, 1885, daughter of Charles Beale and Rebecca Harness. She was born May 30, 1850 in Mason County, Virginia [WV], and died March 10, 1925.

Notes for Edwin H. VanMeter:

Names of wife and children from Rambling Renicks, p. 1223 (Omaha, NE 1998) by Mary J. Justin; see also B. F. VanMeter, G&BS, p. _____.

More About Edwin H. VanMeter:

Burial: Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 74

Notes for Eleanor Moore Beale:

Dates of birth and death, information about parents and children from Rambling Renicks, p. 1223 (Omaha, NE 1998) by Mary J. Justin; see also Family History: Kristodell Maundee VanMeter Jones.

Listed in 1920 U.S. Census for Clendenin Dist, Mason County, West Virginia, age 69, widowed, born in West

Virginia, father born in Virginia, mother born in Ohio; also living in household: daughters, Frances, age 24, Lillian Rebeel, age 25, and granddaughter, Elmira (?) Rebeel, age 1½,

More About Edwin VanMeter and Eleanor Beale:

Marriage: December 10, 1885

Children of Edwin VanMeter and Eleanor Beale are:

- + 102 i. Rebecca Beale⁹ VanMeter, born January 24, 1888 in Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky; died February 11, 1962 in Mason County, West Virginia.
- 103 ii. Frances Harness VanMeter, born June 18, 1892; died November 25, 1937. She married Raymond Lee Moss June 05, 1925.

Notes for Frances Harness VanMeter:

No children. Family History: Kristodell Maundee VanMeter Jones.

More About Raymond Moss and Frances VanMeter:

Marriage: June 05, 1925

- + 104 iii. Lillian Vause VanMeter, born February 28, 1894; died December 11, 1970.
- + 105 iv. Charles Tavener VanMeter, born November 13, 1885 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died April 30, 1921 in Pennsylvania.

26. William Scott⁸ VanMeter (Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born May 02, 1849, and died January 14, 1907 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **Anna Rebekah Farra**, daughter of James Farra and Margaret Lewis. She was born Abt. 1860 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died November 30, 1943 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for William Scott VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 8, Tuesday, January 15, 1907: age 57, died January 14 at noon after a protracted illness; funeral at his late residence, 209 East High Street, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock; members of the family will act as pallbearers.

More About William Scott VanMeter:

Burial: January 15, 1907, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 74

Notes for Anna Rebekah Farra:

In 1911 living at 336 Harrison Avenue, Lexington, with daughters Anna F., Margaret L., Sarah S., Virginia G., and son, Jesse O. 1911 Lexington City Directory.

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 1, Wednesday, December 1, 1943: age 83, widow of William Scott VanMeter, died at home, 115 Woodland Avenue, Lexington; native of Lexington, daughter of the late James A. and Margaret Lewis Farra, lifelong resident of Lexington and Fayette County; received early education in private schools and attended Sayre College of which she was one of the oldest living graduates; member, Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church; survivors, five daughters, Miss Gladys P. VanMeter, Mrs. J. R. Alford, and Mrs. W. R. Brown, Lexington, Mrs. F. F. Hall, Berea, and Mrs. F. L. Draughon, Lake Forest, IL, two sons, Dr. J. Farra VanMeter, Lexington, and Rev. J. O. VanMeter, Jackson, two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Garrett, Woodford County, and Mrs. W. D. Gay, Tyler, Texas; six grandchildren, and one great grandson.

KY Death Certificate, date of death 11-30-1943, vol. 049, certif. no. 24120, year 1943.

More About Anna Rebekah Farra:

Burial: December 02, 1943, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 17, lot 24, part N

Children of William VanMeter and Anna Farra are:

- + 106 i. Jesse Oliver⁹ VanMeter, born June 27, 1883 in Independence, Missouri; died February 19, 1954 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- 107 ii. Margaret Lewis VanMeter, born Abt. 1886; died Abt. December 1935 in Pasadena, California.

More About Margaret Lewis VanMeter:

Burial: December 17, 1935, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 17, lot 24, part N

- + 108 iii. Sarah S. VanMeter, born October 21, 1887; died July 18, 1970 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- 109 iv. Anna Farra VanMeter, born Abt. 1890 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died Bef. 1954. She married Frederick F. Hall January 02, 1932 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; born Abt. 1873 in Kane County, Illinois.

Notes for Anna Farra VanMeter:

Assume died prior to 1954, because not listed as survivors in obituaries of brother, Jesse O. VanMeter, or sister, Virginia VanMeter, both of whom died in 1954.

Marriage Notes for Anna VanMeter and Frederick Hall:

Marriage Book 30, page 288, Fayette County Clerk's Office.

More About Frederick Hall and Anna VanMeter:

Marriage: January 02, 1932, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

- + 110 v. Virginia VanMeter, born Abt. 1892 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died October 09, 1954 in Lake Forest, Lake County, Illinois.
- 111 vi. Gladys Pryor VanMeter, born Abt. 1894 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died January 20, 1970 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Gladys Pryor VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 2, Wednesday, January 21, 1970: died at home, 115 Woodland Avenue, Lexington; director of physical education at the YWCAs in East Pittsburgh, PA, Pasadena, CA, Honolulu, HI, at Lexington branch since 1940; director of Camp Otonka for many years; native of Lexington, daughter of late William Scott and Anna Farra VanMeter; educated in Fayette public schools and the New Haven School of Physical Education, New Haven, CT; lifelong member of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church; survivors: sisters, Mrs. John R. Alford, Mrs. Mary V. Brown, and Dr. J. Farra VanMeter, all of Lexington; burial in Lexington Cemetery.

KY death record: age 75, residence and place of death: Fayette, date of death: 01-20-1970, vol. 002, certif. no. 00577, year 1970.

More About Gladys Pryor VanMeter:

Burial: January 22, 1970, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 17, lot 24, part N

- 112 vii. Mary Scott VanMeter, born Abt. 1897 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died March 05, 1971 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married (1) George Holding Platt December 25, 1930 in Pisgah Church, Woodford County, Kentucky; born Abt. 1893 in Sacramento, California; died Abt. 1935. She married (2) William Robert Brown Abt. 1938; born 1865 in Hamilton, North Carolina; died November 15, 1946 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Mary Scott VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, pp. 6, 14, Saturday, March 6, 1971: age 74, resided 650 Montclair Dr., Lexington, former teacher in the Fayette County Public School system; widow of late William R. Brown, daughter of the late William and Anna Farra Scott [sic]; member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church; survivors: brother, Dr. J. Farra VanMeter; burial Lexington Cemetery.

KY death record: age 74; residence and place of death: Fayette, date of death: 03-05-1971, vol. 12, certif. no. 05501, year 1971.

More About Mary Scott VanMeter:

Burial: March 08, 1971, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 17, lot 24, part N

Marriage Notes for Mary VanMeter and George Platt:

Marriage Book 29, page 193, Fayette County Clerk's Office.

More About George Platt and Mary VanMeter:

Marriage: December 25, 1930, Pisgah Church, Woodford County, Kentucky

Notes for William Robert Brown:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 1, Saturday, November 16, 1946: age 81, retired wholesale grocer of the firm, Brown, Bell and Cowgill, died at 4:40 p.m., November 15, 1946, at his home 145 Woodland Av., Lexington after an illness of several months; son of late Hezekiah and Elizabeth Hooker Brown, born in Hamilton, NC, resident of Lexington since 1882; received primary education in Hamilton public schools and attended Transylvania Univ.; member, Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church; entered wholesale grocery business as traveling representative of Curry, Tunis and Norwood; entered business for himself in the firm of Curry, Brown and Snyder, and later with Brown, Bell and Cowgill; retired in 1938; survivors, wife, Mary VanMeter Brown; daughters, Mrs. R. L. Watkins, Denver, Col. and Mrs. Henry C. Thompson, Lafayette, Ind., five sisters, Miss Hennie Brown, Lexington, Mrs. D. D. Taylor and Miss Nettie Brown, Tarboro, NC, Mrs. W. R. Mann, Mrs. Z. G. Mann, Whitakers, NC, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Jack Rinker, Lafayette, Ind.

Assume daughters of W. R. Brown are not the daughters of Mary VanMeter Brown, since her obituary, lists no issue as survivors.

More About William Robert Brown:

Burial: November 18, 1946, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 8, lot 62, part C

More About William Brown and Mary VanMeter:

Marriage: Abt. 1938

- + 113 viii. James Farra VanMeter, born 1899 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died December 05, 1978 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

32. Frances M.⁸ VanMeter (Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born 1864, and died December 28, 1933 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married **Alfred Savage**. He was born in Ashland, Kentucky.

Notes for Frances M. VanMeter:

1930 U. S. Census for Fayette County, Kentucky includes daughter, Mary Moore Savage McQueen, and grandchildren, Elmer, age 7, Clarence, age 4, and Mary E., age 1.

Funeral notice, Lexington Leader, p. 17, Friday, December 29, 1933: widow of Alfred Savage, services Saturday, December 30, 1933 at 2:00 p.m. at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church. No mention of any issue.

KY Death Certificate, vol. 58, certif. 28540.

More About Frances M. VanMeter:

Burial: December 30, 1933, Lexington [KY] Cemetery

Child of Frances VanMeter and Alfred Savage is:

- + 114 i. Mary Moore⁹ Savage, born 1901; died April 15, 1941 in Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky.

34. Emma⁸ VanMeter (Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born January 15, 1857 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died January 18, 1942 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married **Archibald Logan Hamilton** May 02, 1877. He was born March 22, 1849 in Bath County, Kentucky, and died October 19, 1889 in Bath County, Kentucky.

Notes for Emma VanMeter:

G&BS, pp. 91-92. Stated to live on homestead, Kirklevington, Fayette County, KY.

Date of birth and death from tombstone. Lexington Cemetery.

KY Death Record: Hamilton, Emma, age 87, place of residence and of death: Fayette, date of death: 01-20-1942, vol. 002, certif. 00709, year 1942.

More About Emma VanMeter:

Burial: January 22, 1942, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section H-1, lot 6

Notes for Archibald Logan Hamilton:

G&BS, p. 91.

More About Archibald Logan Hamilton:

Burial: Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section H-1, lot 1

More About Archibald Hamilton and Emma VanMeter:

Marriage: May 02, 1877

Children of Emma VanMeter and Archibald Hamilton are:

115 i. Amelia Mae⁹ Hamilton, born February 04, 1878; died July 22, 1955 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Amelia Mae Hamilton:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 8, July 23, 1955: 231 Sycamore Road, Lexington, KY; sister of late Sen. Arch Logan Hamilton; native of Clark County, daughter of late Archibald L. and Emma VanMeter Hamilton; received education at Sayre College and Gunniston College in Washington, D.C.; member of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church; survivors: aunt, Miss Mabelle VanMeter, Lexington, nieces, Mrs. Boyd L. Bailey, Bath, ME, and Mrs. Charles R. Lowery, Brunswick, ME, and a cousin, Miss Mary McKee Simmons, Danville, KY.

More About Amelia Mae Hamilton:

Burial: July 25, 1955, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section H-1, lot 6

+ 116 ii. Arch Logan Hamilton, born April 07, 1881; died June 16, 1946 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

36. Annette⁸ VanMeter (Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born January 31, 1862 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died March 07, 1953 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married **William Pettit** October 02, 1895, son of Harry Pettit and Juliet Atchison. He was born August 12, 1834 in Fayette County, Kentucky, and died July 22, 1914 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Annette VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. 1, March 8, 1953: age 91, widow of William Pettit, died at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, March 7, 1953 at residence, 225 S. Ashland Av., Lexington, after a brief illness; daughter of late Benjamin F. and Amelia Lewis VanMeter, born January 31, 1862 in Clark County; educated by private tutors and attended Sayre Female Institute; charter member, Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, devoted much of her time and means in promoting interest in the mission field; survivors, sons, William Pettit, Harold Pettit, both of Lexington, sister, Mabelle VanMeter, Lexington, four grandchildren, Mrs. W. O. Shropshire, William Pettit, III, Miss Dunster Pettit, Lexington, Harrison Foster Pettit, U.S. Air Force, and two great-grandchildren; burial in Lexington Cemetery.

KY death Record: vol. 010, certif. no. 04920, year 1953.

More About Annette VanMeter:

Burial: March 10, 1953, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 4, lot 6, 83

Notes for William Pettit:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 6, Thursday, July 23, 1914: home 801 E. Main Street, Lexington; survivors, wife Annette VanMeter, sons, William Pettit, Jr. and Harold Pettit, and two sisters, Mrs. George Headley and Mrs. James Scott, both of Lexington; member of Central Christian Church; "owned and conducted an extensive estate on the Richmond pike, where his success as a farmer has created an extensive interest throughout the Blue Grass."

Will Book 11, page 400, Fayette County Clerk's Office, probated 5 August 1914: wife, Annette.

More About William Pettit:

Burial: July 24, 1914, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 4, lot 6, 83

More About William Pettit and Annette VanMeter:

Marriage: October 02, 1895

Children of Annette VanMeter and William Pettit are:

- + 117 i. William⁹ Pettit, Jr., born December 13, 1897 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died June 16, 1962 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.
- + 118 ii. Harold Grenville Pettit, born August 27, 1901 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died December 27, 1972 in Melbourne Beach, Brevard County, Florida.

37. Thomas Wright Lewis⁸ VanMeter (Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born July 26, 1863 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died December 04, 1938 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **Mary Holloway**, daughter of James Holloway and Mollie Williams. She was born 1865 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died February 24, 1945 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Thomas Wright Lewis VanMeter:

Obituary: was farmer; resided at 304 Ridgeway Road, Lexington, KY at time of death; born in Winchester, son of Amelia Lewis and Benjamin F. VanMeter, but had lived in Lexington for 15 years; early education in Winchester, attended Central University in Richmond; member of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church; wife: Holloway VanMeter, daughters, Mrs. John F. Day of Maysville and Mrs. Amelia V. Rogers of Lexington, one son T.E. VanMeter; three sisters, Mrs. William Pettit, Mrs. Emma V. Hamilton, and Miss Mabelle VanMeter, and five grandchildren. Pallbearers: Dr. Farra VanMeter, Field VanMeter, Nelson VanMeter, Willis VanMeter, William Pettit, and Harold G. Pettit. Lexington Herald, Monday, December 5, 1938, p. 1.

More About Thomas Wright Lewis VanMeter:

Burial: December 05, 1938, Winchester [KY] Cemetery

Notes for Mary Holloway:

1945 KY Death Certificate vol. 7 certif. 3038.

More About Mary Holloway:

Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

Children of Thomas VanMeter and Mary Holloway are:

- + 119 i. Mary Elizabeth⁹ VanMeter, born May 15, 1891 in Clark County, Kentucky; died May 12, 1979 in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida.
- + 120 ii. Amelia Clay Lewis VanMeter, born May 23, 1894 in Clark County, Kentucky; died September 30, 1972 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- 121 iii. Harrison Cunningham VanMeter, born 1896; died 1901.
- 122 iv. Thomas Wright Lewis VanMeter, Jr., born 1900; died 1902.
- + 123 v. Thomas Emanuel VanMeter, born October 15, 1903; died April 09, 1955 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

40. Joseph Clay⁸ VanMeter (Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born September 01, 1870 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died February 21, 1930 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **(1) Martha Pettit** June 01, 1899 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, daughter of Benjamin Pettit and Clara Barbee. She was born Abt. 1870 in Fayette County, Kentucky, and died April 03, 1900 in Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **(2) Emma B. Snow** May 10, 1902 in Fayette County, Kentucky, daughter of Henry Snow and Belle ????. She was born March 08, 1857 in Kentucky, and died November 21, 1916 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Joseph Clay VanMeter:

G&BS, pp. 98-99. Ran for Kentucky State Treasurer, 1911.

Obituary, Lexington Herald, Section 2, p. 8, Sunday, February 23, 1930, gives residence at time of death as 225 South Ashland Avenue; pallbearers were John Woodford, B.F. VanMeter, Jr., Field VanMeter, William Pettit, Dr. J. Farra VanMeter, and O. Crutcher. KY death certificate vol. 7, cert. 3395.

More About Joseph Clay VanMeter:
Burial: February 23, 1930, Winchester [KY] Cemetery

Notes for Martha Pettit:
B&GS, pp. 98-99.

More About Martha Pettit:
Burial: April 07, 1900, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section I-1, lot 9

Marriage Notes for Joseph VanMeter and Martha Pettit:
Marriage Book 7-A, page 160, Fayette County Clerk's Office.

More About Joseph VanMeter and Martha Pettit:
Marriage: June 01, 1899, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

Notes for Emma B. Snow:
Will Book 12, page 63, Fayette County Clerk's Office, dated 2 December 1914; probated ___ December 1916; husband, Joseph Clay VanMeter, daughter, Edna Gilbert Hamilton.

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 1, Tuesday, November 21, 1916: wife of Joe C. VanMeter, first husband was J. C. Gilbert; was head of Bradley & Gilbert Company, a Louisville publishing company; survivors, husband, daughter, Mrs. Arch L. Hamilton, and brother, N. B. Snow, Louisville.

More About Emma B. Snow:
Burial: November 22, 1916, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section H-1, lot 4

Marriage Notes for Joseph VanMeter and Emma Snow:
Marriage Record Book 8A, page 22, Fayette County Clerk's Office; listed witnesses: B.F. VanMeter, Frank VanMeter, Thomas VanMeter.

More About Joseph VanMeter and Emma Snow:
Marriage: May 10, 1902, Fayette County, Kentucky

Child of Joseph VanMeter and Martha Pettit is:
124 i. Martha Pettit⁹ VanMeter, born March 30, 1900 in Fayette County, Kentucky; died March 24, 1970 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Martha Pettit VanMeter:
Date of birth and parents from G&BS, pp. 98-99. Death, Kentucky Death certificate, vol. 12, certif. 5872.

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 2, Wednesday, March 25, 1970: resided 236 Sycamore Rd, Lexington; died Tuesday, March 24, 1970; daughter of the late Joseph C. and Martha Pettit VanMeter; graduate of Columbia Univ, and received a master's degree in Public Health from the Univ. of Michigan, had been employed by Gary, IN, Indianapolis, IN, and Lexington, KY in public health service; survivors-- an aunt, Mrs. W. O. Bullock, cousins, Mrs. Mary V. Brown, Mrs. Lloyd Averett, Mrs. Sarah V. Alford, Dr. J. Farra VanMeter, all of Lexington, body to be cremated, committal services at Lexington Cemetery.

More About Martha Pettit VanMeter:
Burial: March 26, 1970, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section I-1, lot 9

41. Dr. Benjamin Franklin⁸ VanMeter, Jr (Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born June 19, 1873 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died March 08, 1934 in Rancho Santa Fe, San Diego County, California. He married **May Hubbard Wetherill** June 19, 1900 in Jamestown, Rhode Island, daughter of Alexander Wetherill and May Hubbard. She was born January 13, 1875 in Fort Buford, North Dakota, and died November 11, 1966 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Dr. Benjamin Franklin VanMeter, Jr:

Born in Clark County, Kentucky on June 19, 1873, post medical degree course at Mothers' and Babies Hospital in New York and Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled in New York (June 1898); August 23, 1898, contracted with U.S. Government to serve as assistant acting surgeon in the army at Fort Thomas, KY, November 16, 1898, was assigned to the Sixth Infantry and ordered to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, May, 1899, sent to San Francisco with Sixth Infantry for embarkation to Manila, arrived Manila Bay, June 13, 1899, as surgeon of the First Battalion, campaigned over islands for several months, until latter part of November when he was assigned to surgical ward of Hospital No. 3, Manila, in June, 1900 sailed for United States; From beginning 1901, returned to Lexington, practicing specialty of surgery; met May H. Wetherill while on duty at Fort Sam Houston, married after his return from the Phillipines. Charles Kerr, 3 History of Kentucky, p. 391 (American Historical Society, Chicago & New York 1922).

Obituary, Lexington Leader, p. 1, Thursday, March 8, 1934: age 60, prominent physician and surgeon, formerly of Lexington, died March 8, 1934 at 7:30 a.m. at home in Rancho Santa Fe, California after a long illness; moved to California about 1931; had served as army surgeon during Spanish- American War and World War I; rank of major during WWI; native of Clark County, Kentucky, son of Benjamin F. and Amelia Lewis VanMeter; received early education at private school in Winchester and at Kentucky State College, graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York in 1897, post graduate work at other New York hospitals; returned to Lexington to live and practice after the Spanish-American War; in 1917, was made Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; served as president of the Fayette County Medical Society, attending surgeon at both local hospitals, chief surgeon of the Kentucky National Guard; survivors: wife, May Hubbard Wetherill VanMeter, son, Benjamin F. VanMeter, III, Rancho Santa Fe, CA, daughters, Mrs. Lloyd Averitt, Lexington, KY, Mrs. Stanley Leland, New York City, sisters, Miss Mabelle VanMeter and Mrs. Emma V. Hamilton, both of Lexington, and brother, Thomas VanMeter, Lexington, KY.

Will Book 16, page 308, Fayette County Clerk's office, dated 28 May 1930, probated 9 April 1934; wife May W. VanMeter, children, Margaret V. Averett, Isabella V. Leland, Benjamin F. VanMeter, Jr.

More About Dr. Benjamin Franklin VanMeter, Jr:

Burial: April 06, 1934, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 17, lot 152

Notes for May Hubbard Wetherill:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. 12, Saturday, November 12, 1966: age 91, 832 E. Main St., Lexington, KY; widow of Dr. Benjamin Franklin VanMeter; native of Philadelphia, PA; daughter of Major Alexander Macomb Wetherill and May Hubbard Wetherill; member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Lexington Women's Club; survivors: daughters, Mrs. Lloyd B. Averett, Lexington, Mrs. Stanley J. Leland, Centro, CA, son, Benjamin Franklin VanMeter, Jr., Pasadena, CA, and three grandchildren.

Will Book 51, page 273, Fayette County Clerk's office, dated 12 February 1962, probated 15 November 1966: son, Benjamin F. VanMeter, Jr., daughter, Isabella VanMeter Leland, daughter, Margaret VanMeter Averett, son-in-law, Lloyd Averett, son-in-law, Dr. Stanley Leland, grandson, Peter Wetherill VanMeter, granddaughter, Margaret Lloyd Averett, granddaughter, Mary Ellis VanMeter; mentions brother Samuel Wetherill.

KY Death Certif. vol. 52, certif. no. 25710, year 1966.

More About May Hubbard Wetherill:

Burial: November 18, 1966, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 17, lot 27. NW ½

More About Benjamin VanMeter and May Wetherill:

Marriage: June 19, 1900, Jamestown, Rhode Island

Children of Benjamin VanMeter and May Wetherill are:

- + 125 i. Margaret Wetherill⁹ VanMeter, born January 23, 1902 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died March 24, 1984 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- 126 ii. Isabella Macomb VanMeter, born July 05, 1904; died December 21, 1989 in Orange County, California. She married Stanley Johnson Leland; born September 18, 1901 in Indiana; died January 17, 1985 in Orange County, California.

Notes for Isabella Macomb VanMeter:

Middle name from marriage license of sister, Margaret W. VanMeter, Marriage Book 24, page 466, Fayette County Clerk's Office.

- + 127 iii. Benjamin Franklin VanMeter III, born June 30, 1908; died August 14, 1989 in San Diego County, California.

44. Lena Katherine⁸ VanMeter (Thomas Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born July 1864 in Kentucky, and died August 09, 1935 in Eminence, Henry County, Kentucky. She married **John A. Crabb** Abt. 1887. He was born September 12, 1861 in Kentucky, and died December 15, 1948 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky.

Notes for Lena Katherine VanMeter:

Relation to Thomas C. VanMeter and name of husband from Genealogies and Biographical Sketches, p. 111. See U.S. Census for Henry County, Kentucky. Names of husband and children. Both 1870 and 1880 U.S. Census give name as "Lena K."

Obituary, Henry County Local, p. 1, Friday, August 16, 1935: age 69, wife of John A. Crabb (president of Farmers Deposit Bank, Eminence), died early Friday, August 9, at her home in Eminence; had suffered from diabetes; charter member of the Woman's Literary Club, the Bland Ballard Chapter of the D.A.R., and the Eminence Women's Club; funeral services Saturday, August 10, at 4:00 p.m. with burial in the Eminence Cemetery; survivors, husband, daughters, Mrs. Jess LaMaster, Simpsonville, Mrs. Stiner [sic] Smith, Shelbyville, son, Rev. Cecil VanMeter Crabb.

KY Death Record: Katherine Crabb, age 69, county of death and of residence: Henry, date of death 8/9/1935, vol. 045, certif. no. 22130, year 1935.

More About Lena Katherine VanMeter:

Burial: August 10, 1935, Eminence [KY] Cemetery

Notes for John A. Crabb:

Obituary, Henry County Local, p. 1, Friday, December 17, 1948: age 87, president of Farmers Deposit Bank, Eminence, for the last eighteen (18) years, died early Wednesday morning, December 15, 1948 at the Shelbyville Hospital where he had been a patient for the last three weeks; had been ill for the last four years, having never recovered from a fall in which he had a broken leg; prior to being president of the Farmers Deposit Bank, had been the cashier of the Farmers and Drovers Bank in Eminence, became president when the Farmers and Drovers Bank, and the Deposit Bank consolidated in 1930; had been ruling elder of the Eminence Presbyterian Church for fifty (50) years; services on Friday, December 17, 1948 with burial in the Eminence Cemetery; survivors, daughters, Mrs. Jesse LaMaster and Mrs. Steiner Smith, both of Louisville, and son, Rev. Cecil VanMeter Crabb, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, TN.

KY Death Record: age 87, county of death: Shelby, county of residence: Henry, date of death 12/15/1948, vol. 054, certif. no. 26802, year 1948. Date of birth from C. Price Meek, Henry County, Kentucky Cemeteries (Henry County Historical Society, Eminence, KY 1995).

More About John Crabb and Lena VanMeter:

Marriage: Abt. 1887

Children of Lena VanMeter and John Crabb are:

- + 128 i. Cecil VanMeter⁹ Crabb, born July 26, 1889 in Eminence, Henry County, Kentucky; died April 1972 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.
- + 129 ii. Mary Orpah Crabb, born December 1892 in Eminence, Henry County, Kentucky; died March 09, 1981 in Shelby County, Kentucky.
- + 130 iii. Betsy G. Crabb, born March 22, 1897 in Eminence, Henry County, Kentucky; died May 1976 in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio.

55. Evaline Moore⁸ VanMeter (Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born December 27, 1871 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died November 13, 1934 in Ripley,

Lauderdale County, Tennessee. She married **(1) John S. Hanna** October 21, 1896 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky, son of William Hanna and Agnes Morian. He was born April 25, 1847 in Cropper, Shelby County, Kentucky, and died September 14, 1902 in Cropper, Shelby County, Kentucky. She married **(2) Straton S. Thomas** May 24, 1908.

Notes for Evaline Moore VanMeter:

Names of parents and spouse from G&BS, pp. 114, 132. B.F. VanMeter gives middle initial as "B.", but niece, Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002), says middle name was "Hockaday." Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible gives name as "Evaline Moore." Name and date of birth of child of child from 1900 U.S. Census for Shelby County, Kentucky, p 9a. Dates of birth and death from tombstone. Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky.

Obituary, The Shelby News, p. 1, Thursday, November 15, 1934: "Funeral services for Mrs. Eva VanMeter Thomas, who died Tuesday in Ripley, Tenn., will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of her step daughter, Mrs. Ralph Guthrie, of Magnolia Ave. Rev. Agnus Gordon will officiate and burial will be made in Grove Hill.

"The deceased was formerly Mrs. John S. Hanna and was well known here. She also is survived by a brother, Ben S. VanMeter, two sisters, Mrs. Alexander Bruce, Shelbyville, and Mrs. Joe Davis of Florida, and a daughter, Mrs. LeGrand Harvey, Brownsville, Tenn."

Obituary from The Shelby Sentinel, p. 8, Friday, November 16, 1934, adds additional facts that deceased was "wife of Mr. S. S. Thomas," "died at home in Ripley," survivors: husband, daughter, step-daughters, Mrs. Ralph Guthrie, Shelbyville, Miss Louise Hanna, Panama Canal Zone, Mrs. Paul Prewitt, Lexington, and step-son, Mr. Gay Hanna, Lexington.

More About Evaline Moore VanMeter:

Burial: November 15, 1934, Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Section K, lot 37

Notes for John S. Hanna:

Year of birth, names of wives and children from G&BS, p. 132. See also 1900 U.S. Census for Shelby County, Kentucky, p. 9a.

Dates of birth and death from tombstone. Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky.

More About John S. Hanna:

Burial: September 15, 1902, Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Section K, lot 37

More About John Hanna and Evaline VanMeter:

Marriage: October 21, 1896, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

More About Straton Thomas and Evaline VanMeter:

Marriage: May 24, 1908

Children of Evaline VanMeter and John Hanna are:

- 131 i. Anna Douglas⁹ Hanna, born August 23, 1898 in Shelby County, Kentucky; died July 22, 1900 in Shelby County, Kentucky.

Notes for Anna Douglas Hanna:

Dates of birth and death from Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible.

More About Anna Douglas Hanna:

Burial: Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Section K, lot 37

- 132 ii. Evaline Douglas Hanna, born August 22, 1902. She married LeGrand Harvey.

Notes for Evaline Douglas Hanna:

Date of birth from Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible. Name of spouse from mother's obituary. The Shelby News, p. 1, November 15, 1934. No children, given name and relation to father, John Hanna, from Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002).

56. Thomas Matthew⁸ VanMeter (Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born November 13, 1873 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died December 12, 1951 in Tehama County, California. He married **Clifford Louise West** September 19, 1899 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, daughter of James West and Isabella Atchison. She was born March 30, 1874 in Fayette County, Kentucky, and died August 24, 1948 in Alameda County, California.

Notes for Thomas Matthew VanMeter:

Names of parents, wife, date and place of marriage from G&BS, pp. 131-32. Living in Oklahoma in 1901. G&BS, p. 132. Owned farm on the Platte River in Colorado. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002); names and dates of birth for children from Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible.

1920 U.S. Census for Colorado, Precinct No. 10, Weldona, Morgan County: lists Thomas M. VanMeter, head of household, owns home, free (not mortgaged), age 46, born KY, father and mother both born KY, occupation farmer; wife Clifford W., age 38(?), daughter, Mary E., age 18, daughter, Isabelle W., age 17, son, Lewis M., age 11, nephew, Hamilton Marshall, age 19.

Places and dates of birth and death from California death records. VanMeter, Thomas Matthew, date of birth: 11/13/1873; mother's name: Bright; father's name: VanMeter; place of birth Kentucky; county of death, Tehama; date of death: 12/12/1951, age 78 yrs.

Notes for Clifford Louise West:

Date and place of death from California death records.

Marriage Notes for Thomas VanMeter and Clifford West:

Marriage Record Book 7A, page 188, Fayette County Clerk's Office. Listed witnesses, Dr. H. A. West, J. C. Libbetts, /s/ W.F.V. Bartlett.

More About Thomas VanMeter and Clifford West:

Marriage: September 19, 1899, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

Children of Thomas VanMeter and Clifford West are:

- + 133 i. Mary Evelyn⁹ VanMeter, born May 21, 1901 in Kentucky; died July 01, 1975 in Contra Costa County, California.
- 134 ii. Isabella West VanMeter, born November 01, 1902.

Notes for Isabella West VanMeter:

Listed in 1920 U.S. Census for Colorado, Precinct No. 10, Weldona, Morgan County, place of birth: OK, age 17, living in household of father, Thomas M. VanMeter.

Relation to parents from Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002).

- 135 iii. Louis M. VanMeter, born May 08, 1908 in Colorado; died October 10, 1966 in Contra Costa County, California.

Notes for Louis M. VanMeter:

Listed in 1920 U.S. Census for Colorado, Precinct No. 10, Weldona, Morgan County, place of birth: CO, age 11, living in household of father, Thomas M. VanMeter.

Dates and places of birth and death from California death records. Relationship to parents confirmed by name (same as grandfather), maiden name of mother, and year of birth: VanMeter, Louis M., date of birth: 05/08/1908; mother's maiden name: West; place of birth Colorado; county of death: Contra Costa; date of death: 10/10/1966; SSN: 546-05-3966; age 58 yrs.

58. Benjamin Stonestreet⁸ VanMeter (Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born June 25, 1877 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died November 09, 1948 in Shelby County, Kentucky. He married **Elizabeth Logan Hickman** February 14, 1905 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky. She was born Abt. 1879 in Shelby County, Kentucky, and died October 06, 1967 in Lexington, Fayette County,

Kentucky.

Notes for Benjamin Stonestreet VanMeter:

Date of birth from 1900 U.S. Census, Shelby County, Kentucky, also listed in 1900 U.S. Census, Madison County, Kentucky as university student; place of birth from marriage license, Shelby County Clerk's Office, Book ____, Page 190-91. Date and place of death, Kentucky death certificate, vol. 49, certif. 24068.

Obituary, Shelby Sentinel, p. ____, Friday, November 12, 1948: age 71, prominent farmer of Shelby County, died at home on U.S. 60, three miles east of Shelbyville, after an illness of more than a year; native of Winchester, son of the late Lewis Marshall and Ann Moore VanMeter; family moved to the Mulberry neighborhood and owned the farm now belonging to Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Taylor; had lived for past forty years on the farm where he died; graduate of the old Central University, Danville [sic], member of Presbyterian Church; survivors: wife, Elizabeth Hickman VanMeter, daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, Los Angeles, CA, Mrs. Frank B. Nelson, Pittsburgh, PA, Mrs. Ann Tilson, Lexington, sons, Ben VanMeter, Jr., Albion, PA, Marshall VanMeter, Paris, two sisters, Mrs. Sallie V. Bruce, Anderson, SC, Mrs. Joe K. Davis, Dade City, FL, brother, Matt VanMeter, Orchard, CO.

More About Benjamin Stonestreet VanMeter:

Burial: November 11, 1948, Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Section E, lot 185, N ½

Notes for Elizabeth Logan Hickman:

Obituary, The Shelby Sentinel, p. 8, Thursday, October 12, 1967: "Mrs. Ben S. VanMeter, Sr., 89, a former resident of Shelbyville, died last Friday in Lexington where she had made her home for sometime.

"Mrs. VanMeter was possibly the oldest living alumnus of Science Hill School. She was a member of a prominent family and will be remembered by a host of friends throughout the county.

"Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Howard Tilson, Lexington, Route 7; Dr. Elizabeth V. Wright, Brea, Calif., and Mrs. Frank B. Nelson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and two sons, F. Marshall VanMeter, Lexington, and Ben S. VanMeter, Jr., Springfield, Pa.

"Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday from Milward Broadway Mortuary, Lexington. Burial followed at 3:15 p.m. in Grove Hill Cemetery."

More About Elizabeth Logan Hickman:

Burial: October 09, 1967, Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Section E, lot 185, N ½

More About Benjamin VanMeter and Elizabeth Hickman:

Marriage: February 14, 1905, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

Children of Benjamin VanMeter and Elizabeth Hickman are:

- + 136 i. Elizabeth⁹ VanMeter, born February 18, 1906 in Shelby County, Kentucky; died December 24, 1992 in Orange County, California.
- + 137 ii. Francis Marshall VanMeter, born January 10, 1909 in Shelby County, Kentucky; died February 15, 1976 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- + 138 iii. Benjamin Stonestreet VanMeter, Jr., born December 13, 1910; died February 1975 in West Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania.
- + 139 iv. Logan VanMeter, born October 24, 1912 in Shelby County, Kentucky; died May 25, 1997 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.
- + 140 v. Anna Moore VanMeter, born October 21, 1923 in Shelby County, Kentucky.

59. Sallie Moore⁸ VanMeter (Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born February 08, 1880 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died December 23, 1956 in Russell, Greenup County, Kentucky. She married **V. Alexander Bruce** June 08, 1898 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky, son of Horatio Bruce and Elizabeth Helm. He was born 1875 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, and died July 05, 1942 in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Notes for Sallie Moore VanMeter:

Place of birth inferred from G&BS, p. 114. Name of spouse from G&BS, p. 123. Place of death provided by grandson, Helm Roberts.

Obituary, The Shelby Sentinel, p. 1, Thursday, December 27, 1956: "Mrs. Sallie VanMeter Bruce, 76, died 3 a.m. Sunday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Henry Roberts, at Russellville [sic].

"Mrs. Bruce was born in Clark County and was a daughter of the late Lewis and Anna Moore VanMeter. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Bruce was kind and understanding, a loving mother and loyal friend. Her many acquaintances here were saddened by the death of this fine Christian lady.

"Surviving in another daughter, Mrs. Hamilton Marshall, Shelby County, a son, Marshall B. [sic] Bruce, Anderson, S.C., eleven grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

"Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday afternoon from Shannon Funeral Home by Dr. Glover Daniel. Interment followed in the Grove Hill Cemetery. . . ."

Obituary from The Shelby News, p. 1, Thursday, December 27, 1956, states that death occurred "at the home of daughter, Mrs. Henry F. Robertson, Sr. at Russell, KY" and include in survivors, "a sister, Mrs. J. K. Davis, Dade City, FL."

More About Sallie Moore VanMeter:

Burial: December 26, 1956, Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Section K, lot 37

Notes for V. Alexander Bruce:

Parents name from information provided by Helm Roberts (August, 2002); see also B.F. VanMeter, G&BS, p. 123.

Obituary, The Shelby Sentinel, p. 1, Friday, July 10, 1942: "Alexander Bruce, 67, died Sunday morning at 9:50 o'clock after a long illness. Mr. Bruce was a native of Louisville.

"He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sallie VanMeter Bruce, two daughters, Mrs. Hamilton Marshall, Shelbyville, and Mrs. H. F. Roberts, Russell, Kentucky, and a son, Marshall V. Bruce, Anderson, S.C.

"Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Shannon's Funeral Home by the Rev. G. A. Daniel, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Interment followed in the Grove Hill Cemetery. . . ."

More About V. Alexander Bruce:

Burial: July 07, 1942, Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Section K, lot 37

More About V. Bruce and Sallie VanMeter:

Marriage: June 08, 1898, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

Children of Sallie VanMeter and V. Bruce are:

- + 141 i. Marshall VanMeter⁹ Bruce, born November 07, 1899 in Shelby County, Kentucky; died August 1986 in Anderson, Anderson County, South Carolina.
- + 142 ii. Elizabeth Barbour Bruce, born June 21, 1901 in Christiansburg, Shelby County, Kentucky; died September 06, 1987 in Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky.
- + 143 iii. Mary Bruce, born July 07, 1904 in Shelby County, Kentucky; died October 27, 2000 in Earlysville, Albemarle County, Virginia.

65. Elizabeth Stonestreet⁸ VanMeter (John Milton⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born October 22, 1875, and died March 31, 1940 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. She married **John Woodford** October 24, 1900 in Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky. He was born Abt. 1872 in Bourbon County, Kentucky, and died December 09, 1942 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

Notes for Elizabeth Stonestreet VanMeter:

KY Death Record: age 64, place of residence and death, Bourbon, date of death, 3-31-1940, vol. 012, certif. no. 05984, year 1940.

Buried Paris Cemetery, Paris, Kentucky. Jack Woodford.

More About Elizabeth Stonestreet VanMeter:

Burial: Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky

Notes for John Woodford:

KY Death Record: Woodford, John, age 70, place of residence and death, Bourbon, date of death, 12-09-1942, vol. 052, certif. no. 25705, year 1942.

More About John Woodford:

Burial: Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky

Marriage Notes for Elizabeth VanMeter and John Woodford:

WEDDING OF MISS ELIZABETH VAN METER AND MR. JOHN WOODFORD.

[Taken from the Danville Advocate.]

Mr. John Woodford, of Bourbon County, and Miss Elizabeth Van Meter were married this afternoon at one o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church (October 24, 1900). It was a white and green wedding, and one of the prettiest of the year. The pulpit, banked with palms and ferns and studded with a huge cluster of immense white chrysanthemums, made a beautiful background for the wedding tableau.

At one o'clock the bridal party entered the crowded church, while Mr. Zeigler played Mendelssohn's march. The ushers came first, two by two, through the front doors, crossed and took opposite positions on either side of the pulpit. The four bridesmaids followed, in like order, and stood just in front of the ushers. The bride and groom came in together from the right door, and were met at the pulpit by the ministers.

The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. J. S. Van Meter, an uncle of the bride, from Clinton, Missouri, assisted by Dr. E. M. Green. During the ceremony, which was impressively worded, the organist rendered the beautiful "Call Me Thine Own."

No prettier bride was ever wedded in this old church. She was handsomely gowned in white mousseline de soie over white taffeta, trimmed in orange blossoms. Her veil was caught up with orange blossoms and held in place by a pearl pin which was worn at her mother's wedding. She carried a larger shower bouquet of white rosebuds and lilies of the valley.

The bridesmaids--Misses Martha Clay and Elizabeth Woodford, of Paris, Alice Van Meter and Amelia Yerkes--were attired in white organdie and carried white chrysanthemums. The ushers were Messrs. Samuel Woodford, Brooks Clay, Ford Brent, and Duncan Bell, all of Paris.

After the ceremony the bridal party went to the home of Hon. John W. Yerkes, an uncle of the bride, where an elegant luncheon was spread, and at four o'clock this afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Woodford left for a bridal trip East. On their return they will be at home on the groom's farm, near Paris.

Mr. Woodford is the son of Mr. Buckner Woodford, cashier of the Bourbon Bank, at Paris, and is one of the most popular and successful young men of his county. His bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Van Meter, of this county. She has been a general favorite in Danville society, not only because of her brightness of mind and her amiability, but also on account of her goodness of heart and depth of character. Mr. Woodford is indeed to be congratulated.

More About John Woodford and Elizabeth VanMeter:

Marriage: October 24, 1900, Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky

Child of Elizabeth VanMeter and John Woodford is:

- + 144 i. John VanMeter⁹ Woodford, born June 05, 1906; died December 08, 1966 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

Generation No. 4

67. Stephen Yerkes⁹ VanMeter (John Stonestreet⁸, Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born July 10, 1876 in Lexington, Kentucky, and died July 10, 1940 in Los Angeles, California. He married **Lilian M. Merrill** May 20, 1909 in Los Angeles, California. She was born Abt. 1885 in Texas, and died Aft. 1940 in Unk.

Notes for Stephen Yerkes VanMeter:

Date of birth source: "Chronicle of the Yerkes Family . . .", p. 68. Josiah G. Leach (J.B.Lippencott Co., Philadelphia, 1904)(reprinted GenealogyLibrary.com (1998).

Attended Belleview College of Medicine, New York, NY. Obituary of father, John Stonestreet VanMeter, Lexington Leader, p. 8, Wednesday, March 9, 1904.

Names of children from 1920 U.S. Census, Los Angeles, CA, ED 115, p 1.

Resided at 2410 Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale, CA at time of death. Cause of death coronary artery thrombosis.

Death Certificate from Los Angeles County Registrar, CA; lists dates of birth and death, spouse, fact of cremation and location of remains. Informant was Lovell V. Ackland. Obituary July 12, 1940, Los Angeles Times lists wife, Lillian M. VanMeter, and children John Merrill VanMeter and Mrs. Lovell Ackland. Buried Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, CA. Telephone no. (323) 254-7251.

Marriage Notes for Stephen VanMeter and Lilian Merrill:

Fact of marriage recorded in Marriage Record Book 113, Page 123, no. 1636, Los Angeles County, CA.

More About Stephen VanMeter and Lilian Merrill:

Marriage: May 20, 1909, Los Angeles, California

Children of Stephen VanMeter and Lilian Merrill are:

- 145 i. John Merrill¹⁰ VanMeter, born February 19, 1910 in Los Angeles, California; died December 01, 1974 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York. He married Mildred Dorcas Hough October 25, 1936 in Los Angeles, California; born September 29, 1911 in Selma, California; died August 09, 1992 in Contra Costa County, California.

Notes for John Merrill VanMeter:

Place of birth taken from marriage certificate. Application for SSN dated December 16, 1937: name, John Merrill VanMeter, address, 140 So. Ave 53, Los Angeles, CA; employer, The National Supply Company, Drawer 28, Torrance, CA; age 27; birth date 2/19/1910; place of birth Los Angeles, CA; father, Dr. Stephen Yerkes VanMeter; mother, Lillian Merrill; SSN: 547-12-7911.

Marriage certificate gives occupation in 1936 as insurance underwriting.

U.S. Social Security Death Index: Date of birth: 19 Feb 1910; date of death: Dec 1974, locality of death: Rochester, Monroe County, New York 14611; SSN: 547-12-7911 (Issued California);

Death notice, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle: John VanMeter, of 31 Wellington Ave. December 1, 1974. Friends may call at Corbett Funeral Home, Inc. 109 West Ave., Tuesday 2-4 only. Services Wednesday at 10 a. m. Interment, Mt Hope Cemetery.

Notes for Mildred Dorcas Hough:

Occupation in 1936 was secretary in a linen supply company, as listed in marriage certificate. Parents names and places of birth are as listed in marriage certificate.

Date of birth, place of death from death certificate. Last name at time of death was "Hudson."

Marriage Notes for John VanMeter and Mildred Hough:

Marriage certificate recorded in Los Angeles County Registrar, California. Confirms names of John Merrill VanMeter's parents, and gives age as 26 on date of marriage in 1936.

More About John VanMeter and Mildred Hough:
Marriage: October 25, 1936, Los Angeles, California

- 146 ii. Elizabeth Lovell VanMeter, born 1915 in Los Angeles, California. She married Charles B. Ackland June 09, 1936 in Los Angeles, California; born June 09, 1911 in Morenci, Michigan; died January 14, 1947 in Orange County, California.

Notes for Elizabeth Lovell VanMeter:

Information about date and place of birth and parents confirmed by marriage certificate.
Occupation in 1936 was art in motion picture industry. Resided in 1936 at 140 S. 53rd Ave., Los Angeles, CA.

Notes for Charles B. Ackland:

Information about date and place of birth, parents, and occupation taken from marriage certificate.
Occupation in 1936 was insurance adjuster. Resided in 1936 at 1601 Campus Road, Los Angeles, CA.
Date of death from California death records. SSN: 561-14-8732.

Marriage Notes for Elizabeth VanMeter and Charles Ackland:

Date and place of marriage from marriage certificate, Los Angeles County Registrar's Office.

More About Charles Ackland and Elizabeth VanMeter:

Marriage: June 09, 1936, Los Angeles, California

81. Thomas Field⁹ VanMeter (Isaac Cunningham⁸, Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born February 21, 1893 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died March 24, 1978 in Cynthiana, Harrison County, Kentucky. He married **Florence Minister** July 30, 1914 in Columbus, Ohio, daughter of George Minister and Jessie Rand. She was born June 06, 1892 in Madison Township, Vinton County, Ohio, and died November 10, 1948 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky.

Notes for Thomas Field VanMeter:

Dates of birth and death from tombstone, Lexington [KY] Cemetery. Names of children from personal knowledge. LBV. Attended Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts; Chester School, Chester, NH; Ohio State University, member Sigma Chi fraternity, Class of '16, left in 1914, after marriage. Fact of marriage from wedding invitation and personal knowledge. Occupation was farmer.

Winchester Democrat, p.1, Friday, July 10, 1908: "<Miraculous><Was the Escape of Prominent Clark County Lady in Terrible Western Railroad Disaster.> The first of last week Miss Annie Bright Croxton, accompanied by Master Field Vanmeter, left for Denver to attend the Democratic convention. Out of St. Louis they took the fast California Limited train, which makes the fastest time between that city and Denver. Near Knobnoster, Mo., a delayed local passenger train was endeavouring to make up time and reach a station in time for the passage of the fast train. Through a mistake in orders both trains met in a head-on collision near the above city, completely wrecking the engines of bith trains and telescoping several passenger coaches.

"Six passengers were instantly killed, one of them being Mr. Storey, of Franklin, Ky., and thirty-six were seriously injured, several of the injured having since died. Miss Croxton and young Vanmeter were the only persons in their coach that escaped an injury of any kind, and although they were severely shaken up, did not receive a bruise. The cries of the injured were harrowing in the extreme, and many of those who were pinned in the wreckage begged to be shot to end their suffering. Willing hands quickly rendered aid, and fortunately Miss Croxton had in her possession a small Bible which afforded consolation to the dying. Miss Croxton attributes her own miraculous escape from serious injury to the fact that she carried her Bible with her.

"A communication to her family yesterday stated that she had completely recovered from the shock of the collision, which is gratifying news to her many friends here."

More About Thomas Field VanMeter:

Burial: Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 9

Notes for Florence Minister:

Birth recorded Book 2, p. 100, #205. Probate Court, Vinton County, Ohio. Birth certificate lists date of birth as June

5, 1892. Date of death from death certificate and tombstone in Lexington [KY] Cemetery. Death certificate lists date of birth as June 6, 1892.

Obituary, Lexington Leader, p. 13, Thursday, November 11, 1948 [also Lexington Herald, p. 7]: age 56, wife of Field VanMeter, Clark County farmer, died Wednesday [November 10] at 5:15 p.m. at the Clark County hospital of complications resulting from a cerebral hemorrhage suffered Tuesday night at her home; never regained consciousness after being stricken at about 8:00 p.m.; native of Columbus, OH [sic], daughter of Jessie Rand Minister, Columbus, and the late George Minister; graduate, Ohio State Univ., member, Kappa Alpha Theta; resided in Clark County and in Winchester since marriage; member [?], First Christian Church, church, civic and social groups; survivors, husband, two sons, Isaac O. [sic], and George Minister VanMeter, both of Winchester, two daughters, Mrs. Orié LeBus, II, Cynthiana, and Mrs. Robert Houlihan, Lexington, a brother, Harry T. Minister, Columbus, and five grandchildren; funeral services Friday, 10:00 a.m., at Edgington Funeral Home by Dr. Hugh McLellan, pastor of First Christian Church, burial in the Lexington Cemetery.

Date of marriage from wedding invitation.

More About Florence Minister:

Burial: November 12, 1948, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 9

Marriage Notes for Thomas VanMeter and Florence Minister:

Date of marriage from wedding invitation.

More About Thomas VanMeter and Florence Minister:

Marriage: July 30, 1914, Columbus, Ohio

Children of Thomas VanMeter and Florence Minister are:

- 147 i. Isaac Cunningham¹⁰ VanMeter, born May 23, 1915 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died September 28, 1997 in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky. He married Laura Thomas Browning December 29, 1948 in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky; born March 21, 1924 in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky; died November 18, 1994 in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky.

Notes for Isaac Cunningham VanMeter:

Obituary, The Ledger-Independent [Maysville, KY], p. 1, Monday, September 29, 1997: "<Community leader, philanthropist Isaac C. VanMeter dies at age 82> Isaac Cunningham VanMeter, a farmer and community leader, died Sunday morning at his home on Edgemont Road.

"VanMeter, 82, was the husband of the late Laura Browning VanMeter, and the two were well known for their philanthropy and community involvement. . Mrs. VanMeter died in 1994. VanMeter was a former director of the Bank of Maysville and served for many years as president of the Tom Browning Boys and Girls Club.

"VanMeter was born May 23, 1915, a son of the late Thomas Field VanMeter and Florence VanMeter. Survivors include two sons, Isaac VanMeter, Jr. of Lexington and John VanMeter of Maysville; a daughter Florence Barnhart of Eugene, Ore., and seven grandchildren. Also surviving are a brother-in-law, Robert Houlihan of Lexington, and a sister-in-law, Carlisle Browning VanMeter of Winchester. Arrangements are incomplete at the Brell & Son Funeral Home In Maysville."

Date and place of birth per Kentucky Birth Certificate, vol. 54, certif. 26527, year 1915.

More About Isaac Cunningham VanMeter:

Burial: October 01, 1997, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 9

More About Laura Thomas Browning:

Burial: November 21, 1994, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 9

More About Isaac VanMeter and Laura Browning:

Marriage: December 29, 1948, Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky

- 148 ii. Jessie Minister VanMeter, born October 12, 1916 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died October 24, 1994 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married Orié LeBus II 1935; born October 21, 1915; died May 04,

1983 in Cynthiana, Harrison County, Kentucky.

More About Jessie Minister VanMeter:

Burial: October 26, 1994, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 9

More About Orie LeBus II:

Burial: Battle Grove Cemetery, Cynthiana, Kentucky

Education: 1933, The Lawrenceville [NJ] School

More About Orie LeBus and Jessie VanMeter:

Divorce: Abt. 1980, Cyntiana, KY

Marriage: 1935

- 149 iii. Pattie Field VanMeter, born November 30, 1917 in Clark County, Kentucky; died July 10, 1992 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married Robert Francis Houlihan August 07, 1945 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky; born October 04, 1918 in Lexington, KY; died December 21, 1999 in Lexington, KY.

Notes for Pattie Field VanMeter:

KY Birth Record, vol. 110, certif. no. 54611, year 1917.

KY Death Record: Houlihan, Pattie F., age 74, place of residence and death, Fayette, date of death, 07-10-1992, vol. 035, certif. no. 17244, year 1992

Lexington Herald-Leader (KY), July 11, 1992, Section: OBITUARIES, Edition: FINAL, Page: C14

PATTIE FIELD VAN METER HOULIHAN, ACTIVE IN CHURCH, CIVIC AFFAIRS, DIES

Herald-Leader staff report

Pattie Field Van Meter Houlihan, who was active in church and community affairs, died yesterday at her home at 326 Holiday Road. She was 74. She had been a member of the Chrysalis House board and a deacon at First Presbyterian Church. She also had been a member of the Lexington Junior League, Needlework Guild and Idle Hour Country Club. Mrs. Houlihan, a Winchester native, was a 1939 graduate of the University of Kentucky, where she also was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority.

Survivors include her husband, Robert F. Houlihan; two daughters, Frances Field Houlihan of Lexington and Mae Mae Gabbert of Louisville; a son, Robert F. Houlihan Jr. of Lexington; a sister; a brother; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at W.R. Milward Mortuary -- Broadway. Contributions are suggested to Chrysalis House.

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More About Pattie Field VanMeter:

Burial: July 13, 1992, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 9

Notes for Robert Francis Houlihan:

Lexington Herald-Leader (KY), December 22, 1999, Section: City & Region, Edition: Final, Page: B1

ROBERT HOULIHAN, LAWYER, DIES AT 81

Jennifer Hewlett, Herald-Leader Staff Writer

Respected attorney was civic activist, led unit behind lines during World War II

Robert F. Houlihan, a lawyer widely known for his expertise in management-labor law, a war hero and a preservationist, died of a heart attack early yesterday at Central Baptist Hospital. He was 81. Mr. Houlihan, a senior partner in the Lexington law firm Stoll, Keenon & Park, was recently inducted into the University of Kentucky College of Law Hall of Fame and received many other honors for his work in the legal profession, including the Fayette County Bar Association's Henry T. Duncan Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996 and the Kentucky Bar Association's Service Award in 1998. He was a fellow in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and had also been a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

"Bob Houlihan was one of the greatest human beings I ever met in my entire life. He was a war hero. He was a great lawyer, but his greatest gift was the hundreds, maybe thousands, of people he helped through problems of all

sorts. He was able to do that because he had worked through problems in his own life, and his life really stood as an inspiration to everybody around him," said Stoll Keenon & Park managing partner Bill Lear. Mr. Houlihan, Lear said, "rubbed elbows with people in very high places and in very low places," and had the kind of touch that everybody responded to. "He was a labor lawyer. He was recognized as one of the very best, not just in Kentucky, but in the United States."

One of Mr. Houlihan's biggest civic endeavors was his involvement in the restoration of Shakertown at Pleasant Hill. He was a member of a small group of Central Kentuckians who formed and funded the non-profit corporation that oversees the old Shaker village and restored dozens of old structures on the property. Mr. Houlihan also was a former director of the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation, and had served as president of the UK Library Associates and as president of the Cathedral of Christ the King council. Robert F. Houlihan was often honored for his work.

Mr. Houlihan was born in Lexington Oct. 4, 1918. Almost immediately after receiving his law degree from UK in 1941, he entered the Army. He first served as a lieutenant in the 26th Infantry Division. He then switched to command an all-Greek unit attached to the Office of Strategic Services (forerunner of the CIA) which had been formed at the request of the Greek government in exile. The unit saw service behind Nazi lines in Yugoslavia, Greece and Italy. In Greece alone, Mr. Houlihan's unit was responsible for blowing up 13 bridges, two power plants, hundreds of boxcars and telegraph poles, and disabling thousands of miles of railroad tracks. "He had an illustrious career in World War II. He was in charge of intelligence in southern Europe and he wound up in Greece," said Lexington businessman W.T. Young, a friend of Mr. Houlihan since the two were boys in knee pants. "He always claimed that he was selected to this special unit that was sent to Southern Europe because his (school) record showed he had some Greek," Young said. But, he said, Mr. Houlihan didn't know "beans" in Greek. Each year the veterans of the group met somewhere in the United States, Young said. Several years ago they met in Lexington, and Young entertained them on his farm.

"I loved Bob, and I think he loved me and we became closer as we got older," Young said. Mr. Houlihan was at a luncheon Young had for more than 100 of his friends on Monday at Idle Hour Country Club. Monday night, Mr. Houlihan called Young to thank him. "No matter what you ever did for Bobby, he always thanked you two or three times," Young said.

Mr. Houlihan, the widower of Pattie Field VanMeter Houlihan, is survived by a son, Robert F. Houlihan Jr.; two daughters, Frances Field Houlihan and Mary Houlihan Gabbert; a brother, Joseph Houlihan; and six grandchildren, all of Lexington.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. today at W.R. Milward Mortuary -- Broadway. Contributions are suggested to Shakertown, the Chrysalis House or the Cathedral of Christ the King.

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More About Robert Francis Houlihan:

Burial: December 23, 1999, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 9

More About Robert Houlihan and Pattie VanMeter:

Marriage: August 07, 1945, Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky

- 150 iv. George Minister VanMeter, born December 13, 1925 in Clark County, Kentucky; died May 31, 1991 in Clark County, Kentucky. He married Carlisle Chenault Browning June 26, 1954 in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky; born September 11, 1932 in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky.

Notes for George Minister VanMeter:

Enlisted in U.S. Army November 24, 1943. Assigned to 15th Air Force, 843rd Bomb Group, 816th Squadron. Sailed to Europe in October, 1944; stationed in Foggia, Italy. Flew 33 combat missions over Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia as ball turret gunner on B17G. Awarded European African Middle East Campaign Medal, with silver star (battles: Northern Apennines, Po Valley, Rhineland, Central Europe, Air Combat Balkans); Good Conduct Medal; Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters [air medal for fifteen missions, oak leaf cluster for each additional five missions]; World War II Victory Medal. Honorably discharged October 10, 1945. See WWII Honorable Discharge Book, page 230 in Clark County (KY) Clerk's office.

Graduated Winchester, KY, High School in 1946; attended University of Kentucky.

Occupation was farmer.

Names and dates of birth of children from personal knowledge. LBV.

More About George Minister VanMeter:
Burial: June 04, 1991, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 9

Marriage Notes for George VanMeter and Carlisle Browning:
Marriage Book 110, page 407, Mason County (KY) Clerk's Office.

More About George VanMeter and Carlisle Browning:
Marriage: June 26, 1954, Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky

83. Anna Coleman⁹ VanMeter (Nelson Prewitt⁸, Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born August 19, 1890, and died February 01, 1990 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married **James Dunlap Gay Prewitt** October 30, 1919, son of Stanley Prewitt and Henrietta Gay. He was born September 01, 1888, and died September 10, 1954 in Clark County, Kentucky.

More About Anna Coleman VanMeter:
Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

Notes for James Dunlap Gay Prewitt:
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More About James Prewitt and Anna VanMeter:
Marriage: October 30, 1919

Children of Anna VanMeter and James Prewitt are:

- 151 i. Nelson¹⁰ Prewitt, born February 03, 1922 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married Helen Warwick Richardson February 08, 1949; born January 24, 1926 in Frankfort, Franklin County, Kentucky; died February 02, 1997 in Versailles, Woodford County, Kentucky.

Notes for Nelson Prewitt:
KY Birth Record: 22-015-07007.

Notes for Helen Warwick Richardson:
Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. B2, Wednesday, February 5, 1997: name, Helen "Sug" Warwick Prewitt, age 71, 331 Winter St., Midway, KY; died Sunday February 2, 1997 at Woodford County Hospital; born Jan. 24, 1926 in Lexington, daughter of late Saxton and Helen Warwick Richardson; retired employee of the Kentucky Historical Society, worked for 22 years; member, Midway Women's Club, Board of Regents of the Midway Public Library, library worker in Winchester, Cythiana and Midway; vice regent of the Frankfort chapter of the D.A.R.; member, Midway Presbyterian Church; former member, Sunday school superintendent, and teacher of the Midway First Christian Church; survivors, husband, Nelson Prewitt, sons, David Hickman (Nancy) Prewitt of Versailles Lewis (Myra) Prewitt of Midway, and granddaughters, Ann Lewis Prewitt and Sarah Elizabeth Prewitt of Midway; services, Thursday, February 6, 1997 at 1:00 p.m., burial in the Midway Cemetery.

KY Death Record: age 71, county of death and of residence: Woodford, date of death, 02-02-1997, vol. 012, certif. no. 05789, year 1997.

More About Helen Warwick Richardson:
Burial: February 06, 1997, Midway [KY] Cemetery

More About Nelson Prewitt and Helen Richardson:
Marriage: February 08, 1949

- 152 ii. Stanley Tebbs Prewitt II, born December 04, 1928 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died October 27, 1959 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married Katherine Lewis Graddy September 16, 1949; born March 29, 1930 in Woodford County, Kentucky; died November 16, 1995 in Woodford County, Kentucky.

Notes for Stanley Tebbs Prewitt II:
KY Birth Record: 28-114-56954.

More About Stanley Tebbs Prewitt II:

Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

More About Stanley Prewitt and Katherine Graddy:

Marriage: September 16, 1949

84. Martha Chandler⁹ VanMeter (Nelson Prewitt⁸, Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born October 31, 1891, and died May 26, 1991 in Woodford County, Kentucky. She married **William Savage Duty** January 12, 1916. He was born January 22, 1878, and died July 16, 1952 in Clark County, Kentucky.

More About Martha Chandler VanMeter:

Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

More About William Duty and Martha VanMeter:

Marriage: January 12, 1916

Children of Martha VanMeter and William Duty are:

- 153 i. William Savage¹⁰ Duty, Jr., born January 16, 1918 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky. He married Phyllis Jean Morrison February 13, 1944; born April 01, 1922 in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

More About William Duty and Phyllis Morrison:

Marriage: February 13, 1944

- 154 ii. Elizabeth Chandler Duty, born December 23, 1926 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky. She married Woodford Roosevelt Snowden August 27, 1948 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky; born August 23, 1921 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky; died April 18, 1976 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Woodford Roosevelt Snowden:

WWII: served in U.S. Army, 78th Lightning Infantry Division; 310 Regiment, 9th Armored Division, one of first living Americans east of the Rhine River, crossed Rhine at Remagen, Germany; fought across northern Germany, served with occupation forces in Berlin.

More About Woodford Roosevelt Snowden:

Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

More About Woodford Snowden and Elizabeth Duty:

Marriage: August 27, 1948, Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky

85. Nelson Prewitt⁹ VanMeter, Jr. (Nelson Prewitt⁸, Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born July 02, 1894, and died May 02, 1983 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky. He married **Mary Lee Mahon** May 14, 1935. She was born October 28, 1911, and died October 14, 1994 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky.

More About Nelson Prewitt VanMeter, Jr.:

Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

More About Mary Lee Mahon:

Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

More About Nelson VanMeter and Mary Mahon:

Marriage: May 14, 1935

Children of Nelson VanMeter and Mary Mahon are:

- 155 i. Nelson Prewitt¹⁰ VanMeter III, born July 06, 1936. He married Mildred Holly Stevenson July 26, 1958; born March 16, 1938 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky.

More About Nelson VanMeter and Mildred Stevenson:

Marriage: July 26, 1958

- 156 ii. Lee VanMeter, born February 10, 1939 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky. She married William Lewis Quisenberry August 06, 1960; born April 07, 1938.

More About William Quisenberry and Lee VanMeter:
Marriage: August 06, 1960

86. Samuel Willis⁹ VanMeter (Nelson Prewitt⁸, Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born September 22, 1896, and died June 29, 1984 in Woodford County, Kentucky. He married **Eleanor Thomas Taylor** January 12, 1922, daughter of Robert Taylor and Carolyn Prewitt. She was born March 04, 1900, and died July 15, 1945.

More About Samuel Willis VanMeter:
Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

More About Samuel VanMeter and Eleanor Taylor:
Marriage: January 12, 1922

Child of Samuel VanMeter and Eleanor Taylor is:

- 157 i. Samuel Willis¹⁰ VanMeter, Jr., born September 20, 1925 in Clark County, Kentucky; died May 03, 1999 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky. He married Elizabeth Alden Talbert May 05, 1949 in Christ Church (Episcopal), Lexington, Fayette, County, Kentucky; born November 18, 1926 in Washington, D.C..

Notes for Samuel Willis VanMeter, Jr.:
Graduated St. Andrew's School, Middletown, DE; attended Princeton University "on the two year plan."
Occupation was farmer.

Marriage Notes for Samuel VanMeter and Elizabeth Talbert:
Marriage Book 65, page 10, Fayette County Clerk's Office.

More About Samuel VanMeter and Elizabeth Talbert:
Marriage: May 05, 1949, Christ Church (Episcopal), Lexington, Fayette, County, Kentucky

87. Elizabeth Adelaide⁹ VanMeter (Nelson Prewitt⁸, Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born January 05, 1903 in Clark County, Kentucky. She married **Sydney Pemberton Hutchinson** May 15, 1929 in Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky, son of Sydney Hutchinson and Amy Lewis. He was born September 07, 1900 in New York, New York, and died March 14, 1968 in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

More About Sydney Hutchinson and Elizabeth VanMeter:
Marriage: May 15, 1929, Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky

Children of Elizabeth VanMeter and Sydney Hutchinson are:

- 158 i. S.Pemberton¹⁰ Hutchinson, Jr., born March 30, 1931 in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He married Elizabeth Palmer Townsend May 11, 1957 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; born June 03, 1933; died June 01, 2001 in Glenside, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Notes for S.Pemberton Hutchinson, Jr.:
Graduated Univ. of Virginia.

2002: resides 614 E. Gravers Lane, Wyndmoor, PA 19038; (215) 233-5178.

Notes for Elizabeth Palmer Townsend:
U.S. Social Security Index: dob: 03 Jun 1933; dod: 01 Jun 2001; last residence 19038 Glenside, Montgomery, PA; SSN: 166-28-8809 (Issued Pennsylvania).

More About S.Pemberton Hutchinson and Elizabeth Townsend:
Marriage: May 11, 1957, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- 159 ii. Anne Coleman Hutchinson, born August 20, 1934 in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. She married John Langdon Elsbree March 16, 1957; born December 18, 1931.

Notes for Anne Coleman Hutchinson:

2002: resides 3936 Washington St., Kensington, MD 20895; (301) 949-7825.

More About John Elsbree and Anne Hutchinson:

Marriage: March 16, 1957

- 160 iii. James Emlen Hutchinson, born January 11, 1937 in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He married (1) Janet Rath May 11, 1963; born March 20, 1942. He married (2) Kathryn Ann Byerly August 12, 1981.

Notes for James Emlen Hutchinson:

2002: resides 1559 Francisco St., San Francisco, CA 94123.

More About James Emlen Hutchinson:

Education: University of Pennsylvania Medical College

More About James Hutchinson and Janet Rath:

Divorce: February 1975

Marriage: May 11, 1963

More About James Hutchinson and Kathryn Byerly:

Marriage: August 12, 1981

89. Solomon Lee⁹ VanMeter, Jr. (Solomon Lee⁸, Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born April 08, 1888 in Fayette County, Kentucky, and died November 03, 1937 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **Lois Chapin** June 02, 1924 in Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia, daughter of Paul Chapin and Martha Keys. She was born July 19, 1902 in Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia, and died August 22, 1963 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Solomon Lee VanMeter, Jr.:

Original name was Joseph Atkins VanMeter (Family lore: Joseph Atkins was a friend of Solomon Lee VanMeter, they had a falling out, and S. L. VanMeter changed his son's name); held 1916 patent on parachute.

More About Solomon Lee VanMeter, Jr.:

Burial: November 05, 1937, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 63, part W

More About Lois Chapin:

Burial: August 23, 1963, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 63, part W

More About Solomon VanMeter and Lois Chapin:

Marriage: June 02, 1924, Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia

Children of Solomon VanMeter and Lois Chapin are:

- 161 i. Solomon Lee¹⁰ VanMeter III, born December 05, 1925 in Mitchell Field, Long Island, New York; died July 09, 1953 in East Berlin Hill, 39th Parallel, Korea.

Notes for Solomon Lee VanMeter III:

Place of death from information supplied by Mary McD. VanMeter Boone.

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION (<http://www.abmc.gov>)

Solomon L. Van Meter, III; Lexington, Kentucky

Born December 5, 1925

Died July 9, 1953 in Korea

Second Lieutenant Van Meter was a member of 1st Marine Division. He was Killed in Action while fighting the enemy in Korea on July 9, 1953. Second Lieutenant Van Meter was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Service

Ribbon, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal.

THE LAST BATTLE: Korea 1953

Allan C Bevilacqua. Leatherneck. Quantico: Jul 2003. Vol. 86, Iss. 7; pg. 16

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"I've always felt the [communists] knew for some time they were going to sign the cease-fire. They were willing to lose thousands of more troops just to take all our high ground."

-Cpl George Broadhead "How" Co, 3d Bn, 1st Marines

In the predawn hours of 7 July 1953, after two months in I Corps reserve, the First Marine Division began moving back into its old positions on the Western Front's main line of resistance (MLR), relieving elements of the 25th Infantry Division. The months of May and June had been the first time since its return from the Chosin Reservoir campaign in December 1950 that the Division had been out of contact with the enemy. After a brief rest and an extended period of active training, it was time to go back to work.

That work was going to be hot and heavy, for while neither George Broadhead nor anyone else knew it, the Chinese were looking for a way out of the Korean War. But the Chinese did not want to simply walk away from Korea. They wanted out, but they wanted out in a way that would allow them to look like victors. A decisive tactical success along the traditional invasion route to Seoul, the route guarded by the 1stMarDiv, would let them realize that ambition.

Because of the high number of casualties during heavy fighting in the Berlin area, the battalion aid stations were fairly close to the front lines, and armored personnel carriers could get the wounded to a doctor in short order.

Even as the Marines were settling back into their old positions, the Chinese were winding up their best punch. As they had done so often in the past, they were preparing to "lose thousands of more troops," spending the lives of their soldiers in an effort to inundate the Marine lines in an ocean of bodies.

That effort wasn't long in coming. On 7 July, while Lieutenant Colonel Alexander D. Cereghino's 2d Battalion, Seventh Marine Regiment was still in the process of relieving elements of the 25th Infantry Division's Turkish Brigade in the division's right sector, heavy mortar and artillery fire began falling along the MLR and the pair of small outposts known as Berlin and East Berlin. The incoming fire, which began around 2130, quickly reached a crescendo that heralded an all-out attack by the 407th Rgt, 136th Div.

In a tactic that was by now all too familiar, Chinese infantry, advancing in waves through their own barrage, surged up the forward slopes of both outposts. Once again the Chinese were spending the lives of their soldiers to take ground. By 2345 the defenders of Berlin and East Berlin were locked in hand-to-hand combat with the attackers. At the same time, an intense artillery barrage saturated the MLR in order to isolate the two beleaguered outposts. From his heavy machine-gun squad's position on the MLR, Sergeant Roy Seabury of Weapons Company, 3/7 described it: "The shells were coming in so heavy it was impossible to move. The Chinese infantry attacked OP East Berlin while their artillery pounded us. They were all over the OP like ants."

Despite fierce resistance, East Berlin, hopelessly outnumbered, was overrun at 2355. Two counterattacks by elements of "Fox"/2/7 were thrown back, and further assaults were put on hold in favor of a thorough pounding by supporting arms.

Throughout the following day, 8 July, East Berlin and Chinese troops in supporting positions were pounded by every weapon in the Marines' arsenal. During the early morning hours of 8 July, the 1st 4.5-inch Rocket Battery blanketed Chinese support positions on nearby hills with 576 rounds of 43.5-pound, high-explosive rockets. Firing point-blank, two platoons from Baker Co, 1st Tank Bn sent some 800 rounds of 90 mm high-explosive shells ripping into the Chinese. Lending their voices to the onslaught of fire were all four artillery battalions of Colonel Manly L. Curry's 11th Marines, along with seven Army and Turkish artillery battalions that were still in position.

On Outpost Berlin a small force of 18 Marines, having beaten off determined Chinese attacks during the night, squinted warily along the ridge line that separated them from East Berlin, now held by the Chinese. They soon were joined by a reinforced squad from Fox/2/7, another 18 members in all. More reinforcements weren't feasible. Berlin was simply too small to hold a larger force.

At 1000 the Marines on Berlin looked on as East Berlin shuddered under the weight of 1,600 rounds of mixed mortar and artillery fire. Hard on the heels of this firestorm, a pair of reinforced platoons from George and How

companies, 3/7, from regimental reserve, jumped off in a savage counterattack against East Berlin. In minutes there was a violent hand-to-hand and grenade fight in East Berlin's main trench. Firing on call, Baker Co tankers blasted away at Chinese positions only a few short yards forward of the attacking infantry. Mortar fires pounded Chinese troops on the crest and forward slopes of the blasted hillside.

Leathernecks of 2d Bn, 1st Marines climbed aboard armored personnel carriers for transport to the MLR as the battalion began to relieve elements of 7th Marines during Berlin operations.

As Marines and Chinese soldiers battled back and forth over the crest of East Berlin, Fox Co squad leader Sgt David E. Smith realized that his squad had become isolated and surrounded. Faced with the necessity of withdrawing from an untenable position, Sgt Smith skillfully extricated his men from the encircling enemy, beating off repeated attempts to trap them, at one point calling friendly machine-gun fire on himself to prevent the Chinese from endangering his wounded.

Learning that one wounded Marine was unaccounted for, Sgt Smith directed his senior fire-team leader to continue moving the squad back to friendly lines and went back into the swarming Chinese. Fighting his way along the trench line, battling at muzzle blast range with the Chinese confronting him, Sgt David Smith fell in a hail of submachine-gun bullets, his last act that of trying to help a wounded comrade.

Inspired by Smith's selfless act, other Marines shot, blasted and slashed their way into the Chinese who were trying to hold onto the crest of the outpost. Those Chinese who weren't killed were flung down the forward slope of East Berlin. By 1233 the outpost was firmly in the grasp of 20 exhausted Marines. Sgt Smith never would know that his courageous actions had brought him a posthumous award of the Navy Cross.

Chinese attempts to reverse the situation came to grief in a deluge of bombs from Marine F9F Panther jets from Marine Fighter Squadron (VMF) 311. Led by squadron commander, LtCol Bernard McShane, a four-plane flight of Panthers whistled in through the rain and clouds to plaster Chinese reinforcements and command bunkers with five tons of high-explosive ordnance.

In the unrelenting rain that was turning the landscape into a waterlogged morass, the quiet that fell over Berlin and East Berlin was relative only in that it was broken by very few exchanges of small-arms fire. Artillery, friendly and enemy, more than made up for the absence of the sound of crackling rifles, the stuttering of machine guns and the crump of grenades. During the 7-8 July action on the Berlins, an estimated 19,000 rounds fired by some 17 Chinese artillery battalions fell on Marine positions. Marine, Army and Turkish gunners responded with nearly 21,000 rounds. No one rested much.

Marines who served on the Western Front in those middle weeks of July 1953 remember it as a time of torrential down-pours and constantly flaring gunfights that flashed and crackled all across the front. Nightly the patrols went out through the pelting rain, slogging their way through ankle-deep mud and water in darkness as black as the bottom of a coal chute. There were never-ending eruptions of gunfire lighting up the gloom with flickering orange flashes as Marine and Chinese patrols stumbled into one another as they felt their way along.

Through it all the rain fell in sheets. Everyone got soaking wet. Everyone got coated with mud. Everyone got heartily sick and tired of it all. And the rain kept falling. Spoonbill Bridge across the Imjin River disappeared under 11 feet of water as the Imjin overflowed its banks, then was washed away in a brown torrent.

As they readied for more action in the Berlin area. Marines of 3/7 cleaned the bore of an M1 carbine that had a rifle grenade launcher attached. A sandbagged steel culvert made a somewhat secure resting place for one Marine.

On 14-15 July the Imjin crested at 26 feet at Libby Bridge, leaving only Freedom Bridge available for the movement of supplies to the Division's forward supply point. Soaked to the hide, Marines of Col James A. Moreau's 1st Combat Service Group cursed their way through liquid mud to deliver much-needed ammunition, rations and all the 1,001 items of supply needed to keep the war going.

Along the MLR there was another problem: mines. A new type of Soviet-made antipersonnel mine, the POMZ-2, which featured both pull and tension-release fuzing, was encountered. Perhaps the mines had lain dormant through the winter months, then became active with the arrival of warmer weather. Perhaps they had been emplaced recently. For whatever reason, the mines became an additional hazard, claiming 12 Marines killed or wounded in one day alone.

The Chinese disappeared underground, more molelike than ever. In the 5th Marines sector on the Division's left, the voice of the female propagandist known as the "Dragon Lady" made up for the comparative lull in action. "Surrender now. What is your girl doing back home?" The response from the Marine lines ranged from laughter to

more pointed comments as to what the Dragon Lady could do. Rain, mud and the Dragon Lady aside, no one thought the Chinese had called it a day and gone home.

The Chinese hadn't gone home. Any thoughts along that line were laid to rest in a nasty series of patrol clashes on the night of 16-17 July. Private First Class Roy L. Stewart, a 5th Marines rifleman, earned the Navy Cross in one of those, when despite being seriously wounded he single-handedly repelled repeated Chinese attacks that had inflicted 50 percent casualties on his patrol. Firing into the ranks of Chinese with deadly effect, hurling enemy grenades back at the attackers, killing them as fast as they approached, Roy Stewart, the only man still physically able to fight, stood his ground, refusing to abandon eight seriously wounded comrades. He stood upright in the open, a fighting Marine who wouldn't budge an inch. And he was personally instrumental in saving the lives of eight wounded and helpless Marines.

When the rain finally let up in late July, the Chinese emerged from their underground burrows. They wasted no time in making their presence known. Once again, the focal point of their activity was the Berlin outposts. This time they got what they were after. Berlin and East Berlin, each manned by less than a platoon of Marines, were overrun by multi-battalion Chinese attacks on the night of 19-20 July despite fierce resistance by the Marine defenders who inflicted hideous casualties on the Chinese.

A planned counterattack was called off for the best of reasons. While the Berlin outposts could be retaken, it was evident that they could not be held if the Chinese were willing to pay the price in blood. The Chinese had taken some 500 casualties in wresting Berlin and East Berlin from their defenders. There were more where those came from. Berlin and East Berlin, too small to hold enough men to defend against a large-scale attack, were written off.

Encouraged by their success at the Berlins, the Chinese next turned their attention to Outposts Esther and Dagmar. Both hills came under heavy Chinese mortar and artillery fire on the night of 24-25 July, with Esther bearing the brunt of the assault. Intense fighting raged throughout the night, as the Marines of Second Lieutenant William H. Bates' How/3/5 platoon battled like wild men, hurling back attack after attack, bending but never breaking. A severely wounded William Bates would earn the Navy Cross there, refusing medical treatment and standing fast, always leading by example where the fighting was heaviest.

Liberal as always with their artillery as well as the lives of their men, the Chinese showered Esther with more than 4,000 mortar and artillery rounds, lighting the night sky with overlapping red flashes. Enough of the incoming fire hit PFC Donald E. Nelson to have him swathed in bandages and "looking like a mummy," according to his squad leader, Sgt Peter Martini. Hit time and again, Nelson kept going back for more. When morning came and it was finally over, Nelson turned to Martini and wryly remarked, "I hope today will be easier. I can't take too many days like yesterday."

Intense as the fighting at Esther was, it was only the prelude to the Chinese all-out push against Boulder City (Hill 119), the climactic engagement of the Korean War. There LtCol Roy D. Miller's 3d Bn, 1st Marines would be put to the test.

Boulder City lay to the rear of the lost Berlin Outposts and was one of the key positions in the 1stMarDiv's newly adopted system of defense in depth, a type of strong-point defense utilized so successfully by the 1stMarDiv's neighbor, the British Commonwealth Div. The linear defense that had been employed since the Division arrived on the Western Front the previous spring was abandoned. Now the line would be held by a series of mutually supporting strong points, with the intervening ground controlled by fire and aggressive patrolling.

North Korea's propaganda campaign used leaflets and frequent broadcasts by the Dragon Lady over a public address system. Leathernecks of Fox/2/5 reported, "She wasn't a bad-looking dish." (Leatherneck file illustration)

When the 1st Marines relieved the 7th Marines, the defense of Boulder City fell to First Lieutenant Oral R. Swigart's George/3/1. Swigart knew that Boulder City was the key to everything and the logical point for the main Chinese attack. Prior to moving into position, he told his company officers and key noncommissioned officers that Boulder City must be held at all costs.

Staff Sergeant Timothy A. Tobin remembered his words: "If worse comes to worse, and we cannot kill the enemy fast enough and if it appears that he will overrun us, we have a prearranged signal that will call in all the firepower we have in our area to blow up the hill. With Boulder City in the hands of the enemy, they would be in position to take Seoul without too much to stop them. Pass the word to your men to be ready to move out as soon as we get the word." Swigart's meaning was clear: Alive or dead, George Co was going up to Boulder City to stay. There would be no stepping back.

At 0900, 24 July, only hours after George Co finished relieving its opposite numbers of George/3/7, Chinese

mortar and artillery rounds began landing on Boulder City. An hour and a half later, the incoming fire had reached a rate of three to five rounds a minute. Soon 120 mm mortar rounds were chewing up the protective wire on the forward slope, and large numbers of Chinese infantry were seen moving forward into assault positions. The curtain was going up.

For the next 36 hours, two Chinese battalions clawed, blasted, shot and battered at Boulder City, desperately attempting to drive off the George Co defenders. A rain of shells, 60 mm, 82 mm and 120 mm mortar rounds liberally mixed with 76 mm and 122 mm artillery projectiles, tore and ripped the earth of Boulder City into a fine dust. George Co Marines fired into the ranks of charging Chinese at such close range as to set the uniforms of Chinese smoldering.

At one point an exploding mortar round knocked 1stLt Swigart senseless. Painfully wounded by fragments, he shrugged off treatment and went about the business of directing the fight, leading the charge to oust the Chinese from their foothold in the forward slope trenches.

It was a swirling, raging barroom fight, a deadly barroom fight, with Marines and Chinese all locked in a tangle, shooting, stabbing, clubbing and bludgeoning each other in darkness lit by muzzle flashes and the blasts of exploding grenades and mortar and artillery rounds. With George Co forced back to the reverse slope by massive pressure, Swigart, dripping blood, called in VT (variable time) fires from supporting artillery against the Chinese on the forward slope. Boulder City rocked with explosions as it roared with gunfire.

By midnight barely more than half of the George Co Marines were still on their feet and able to fight. More than a few of them also were wounded. But they were possessed of a fighting spirit that would not give in. And they were supported by Marine artillerymen, tankers and aviators who would not let them down. In three hours, from 2100 to 2400, the gunners of the 11th Marines fired 157 counterbattery missions, one of the regiment's most intense shoots on record. Marine tankers ripped into the Chinese with more than 500 rounds of 90 mm high-explosive and white phosphorus shells. With day-light the Panthers were on station to pound the Chinese with bombs and napalm.

With George Co reduced to 25 percent strength, welcome reinforcements arrived in the form of Captain Louis J. Sartor's Item/3/1. Together with what was left of George Co they lit into the Chinese, driving them down the front slope of Boulder City. The strong point that could not be lost had not been lost. The slopes of Boulder City were littered with the corpses of Chinese soldiers who had tried and failed to take it. It was a weary 1stLt Swigart who led what was left of his company away from Boulder City. In time he would receive the Navy Cross.

The Chinese, desperate for some success, would try again. They would fail again. During the night of 26-27 July, like a winded fighter, flailing wildly, they would lash out at the Marines of Capt John Zulkofski's How/3/1 holding Boulder City's near neighbor, Hill 111. Corporal George Broadhead was a company wireman that night. Shortly after mid-night, in the early minutes of 27 July, he set out from the company command post to repair a break in the telephone line.

Major Dermott H. MacDonnell (left), commander of the Division reconnaissance company, spoke with the 1stMarDiv commander, Major General Randolph McC. Pate (center), and the departing Division commander, MajGen Edwin A. Pollock, after the 15 June Division change-of-command ceremony.

Knocked sprawling and wounded by grenade fragments, Broadhead kept going until he found and repaired the break in the line. "Great job, Broadhead," he was told upon arriving at the CP, "but we lost it again." An incoming shell had cut the line once more.

"Skipper," he told Capt Zulkofski, "I'm going back. I'm going to fix that sonuvabitch or die trying." George Broadhead found the new break, repaired it and returned once again to the CP. For his actions in the early hours of 27 July 1953, Broadhead would receive the Silver Star, one of the last medals for heroism awarded in the Korean War.

The guns fell silent in Korea at 2200 on 27 July 1953. The war that had taken the lives of 4,262 Marines was over.

Korean War Campaign, Service and Award Streamers of the United States Marine Corps
During the Korean War, the following campaign, service or award streamers were added to The Battle Color of the Marine Corps as a result of the outstanding performance of Marines who fought in the war:

* Presidential Unit Citation Streamer (Navy-Marine Corps)

- * Presidential Unit Citation Streamer (Army)
- * Navy Unit Commendation Streamer
- * National Defense Service Streamer
- * Korean Service Streamer
- * Korean Presidential Unit Citation Streamer

Editor's note: The above is courtesy of the Marine coordinator; 50th Anniversary Korean War Commemoration.

A Fitting Epitaph

Sergeant Robert A. Gannon arrived at Inchon as a replacement on a cold, dreary, rainy day. As he waited in ranks while awaiting transportation forward, he noticed a large stack of seabags off to one side. He knew without being told that they were the seabags of Marines who had been killed "up north," Marines who would not be coming back. The vision of those seabags stacked in the misting rain never left Robert Gannon. Years later he wrote these words:

Seabags in the Rain
 When clouds are
 gray and lowering
 And fog obscures the plain,
 I sometimes think I
 catch a sight
 Of seabags in the rain.
 I know it is a vision
 Too ethereal to last,
 But it brings a wisp of sadness
 And a haunting from the past.
 We had come ashore at Inchon
 In Nineteen Fifty-Two
 An administrative landing,
 Just a unit passing through.
 We were mustered
 at the railhead,
 Lining up to board a train,
 When through the
 stormy darkness
 I saw seabags in the rain.
 There was no need to question
 Why they were lying there
 Looking lonely and abandoned
 In the damp Korean air.
 Their owners had gone
 northward
 And would not return again
 From where hills of bitter battle
 Took the lives of fighting men.
 Now when fog and
 darkness gather,
 I rarely can restrain
 My saddened thoughts
 of Inchon
 And seabags in the rain.
 "Seabags in the Rain," a fitting epitaph for "The Forgotten War." Forgotten except by those who fought it. For them it has never gone away.

[Author Affiliation]

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More About Solomon Lee VanMeter III:

Burial: September 26, 1953, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 63, part W

- 162 ii. Lois Lynn VanMeter, born January 03, 1928 in Washington, D.C.. She married James Leslie Parrish October 16, 1954 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; born May 17, 1922 in Bourbon County, Kentucky; died August 20, 1990 in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

More About Lois Lynn VanMeter:

Residence: 501 Bethlehem Pike, Paris, KY 40361-2410

More About James Parrish and Lois VanMeter:

Marriage: October 16, 1954, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

- 163 iii. Mary McDowell VanMeter, born March 16, 1931 in Washington, D.C.. She married Hilary Johnson Boone, Jr. February 28, 1953 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; born June 07, 1918 in Springfield, Washington County, Kentucky.

More About Hilary Boone and Mary VanMeter:

Divorce: June 1978, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

Marriage: February 28, 1953, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

- 164 iv. Virginia Paul Chapin VanMeter, born February 24, 1938 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married William Robinson Patterson, Jr. August 14, 1965 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

More About William Patterson and Virginia VanMeter:

Marriage: August 14, 1965, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

90. Jacob Baylor⁹ VanMeter (Solomon Lee⁸, Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born Abt. 1890 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died June 06, 1945 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **Edith Church Berryman** November 05, 1924 in Christ Church (Episcopal), Lexington, Fayette, County, Kentucky, daughter of Charles Berryman and Louise Brownell. She was born August 29, 1902 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died April 02, 1997 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Jacob Baylor VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 1, Thursday, June 7, 1945: age 53, owner of VanMeter-Terrell Feed Company, died June 6, 1945 at home on Deepwood Drive, Lexington, funeral service at Christ Church Episcopal at 3:30 p.m. today; burial in Lexington Cemetery; native of Lexington, son of late Solomon and Evelyn Swope VanMeter, attended private schools in Lexington, graduate of Kentucky Military Institute, attended Virginia Military Institute; member of the Christian Church; first lieutenant in World War I; member of the Thoroughbred Club of America; survivors, wife, Mrs. Edith Berryman VanMeter, daughter, Louise Brownell VanMeter, son, A/C J. Baylor VanMeter, Jr., San Marcos, TX; three sisters, Mrs. Ellison Capers, Poughkeepsie, NY, Mrs. Brownell VanMeter, Lexington, and Miss Rebecca VanMeter, of the Red Cross, overseas, brother, Robert H. VanMeter, Lexington.

KY Death Certificate vol. 25, certif. 12101.

More About Jacob Baylor VanMeter:

Burial: June 07, 1945, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section O, lot 114

Notes for Edith Church Berryman:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. C12, Thursday, April 3, 1997: age 94, residence 101 S. Hanover Av., Lexington, KY; Lexington native, daughter of late Charles Henry Berryman and Louise Brownell; educated at Miss Ella Williams School, Hamilton College, and Miss Wrights' Finishing School, Bryn Mawr, PA; member, Idle Hour Country Club, life member, Keeneland Club; survivors, son, Baylor VanMeter, Jr., Denver, CO, daughter, Mrs. Louise V. Widener, Whitefish, MT, grandchildren, P. A. B. Widener, Jr., Sheridan, WY, George D. Widener, II, Whitefish, MT, Mrs. Thomas P. (Alice) O'Rourke, Denver, CO, Mrs. T. L. (Louise) White, Covington, LA, and Mrs. Richard L.

(Margaret) Murray, and seven great-grandchildren; services 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, 1997, at Lexington Cemetery.

More About Edith Church Berryman:

Burial: April 04, 1997, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section O, lot 114

Marriage Notes for Jacob VanMeter and Edith Berryman:

Marriage Book 22, page 407, Fayette County Clerk's Office.

More About Jacob VanMeter and Edith Berryman:

Marriage: November 05, 1924, Christ Church (Episcopal), Lexington, Fayette, County, Kentucky

Children of Jacob VanMeter and Edith Berryman are:

- 165 i. Jacob Baylor¹⁰ VanMeter, Jr., born September 21, 1925 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married Margaret Burt McDowell April 23, 1949 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; born August 26, 1921 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Jacob Baylor VanMeter, Jr.:

Marriage license lists place of residence in 1949 as Kermit, Texas, and occupation as oil business. In 2002, resides in Englewood, CO.

Notes for Margaret Burt McDowell:

KY Birth Record: 21-082-40587.

Marriage Notes for Jacob VanMeter and Margaret McDowell:

Marriage Book 64, page 483, Fayette County Clerk's office.

More About Jacob VanMeter and Margaret McDowell:

Marriage: April 23, 1949, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

- 166 ii. Louise Brownell VanMeter, born November 17, 1928 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married Peter Arrell Brown Widener III October 24, 1947 in Christ Church (Episcopal), Lexington, Fayette, County, Kentucky; born August 12, 1925 in New York, New York; died September 03, 1999 in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Notes for Louise Brownell VanMeter:

2002: resides Wisconsin Ave, Whitefish, MT 59937; (406) 862-3710.

Notes for Peter Arrell Brown Widener III:

Lexington Herald-Leader, p. B2, Thursday, September 9, 1999: former owner and operator of Elmendorf Farm; former Kentucky State Police commissioner, and Fayette County Police Chief, died Friday, September 3, 1999 at Sheridan, WY, age 74, lived at Sheridan, WY; New York City native, son of P. A. B. Widener, II and Getrude Douglas Widener, inherited and ran his family's thoroughbred horse farm in Central Kentucky after the death of his father; while in Lexington, became interested in law enforcement, and became Fayette County police chief, and state police commissioner, and later Kentucky's first public safety commissioner; went on to become sheriff of palm Beach County, FL, and president of Palm Beach town council; owned and operated cattle and horse ranches in Montana, Florida and Wyoming, owned an oil and gas company; world traveler, whose favorite pastimes were hunting and fishing; philanthropist who helped the nature Conservancy and other organizations; survivors, three sons, Pete Widener, Jr., Sheridan, WY, George D. Widener, Montana, and Joseph C. Widener, Saratoga, WY, and five grandchildren; memorial service, September 8, 1999 in Sheridan. Entombment in the family mausoleum in Philadelphia. [Joseph C. Widener was the son of P.A.B. Widener's second wife (Mary McD. Boone (August, 2002)].

More About Peter Arrell Brown Widener III:

Burial: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Marriage Notes for Louise VanMeter and Peter Widener:

Marriage Book 60, page 488, Fayette County Clerk's Office.

More About Peter Widener and Louise VanMeter:

Divorce: Abt. 1958

Marriage: October 24, 1947, Christ Church (Episcopal), Lexington, Fayette, County, Kentucky

91. Margaret Baylor⁹ VanMeter (Solomon Lee⁸, Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born May 19, 1894 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died December 10, 1994 in Molalla, Clackamas County, Oregon. She married **Ellison Howe Capers** December 29, 1915 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, son of William Capers and Ruth Bryan. He was born June 01, 1892 in Alexandria, Virginia, and died May 26, 1975 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York.

Notes for Margaret Baylor VanMeter:

U.S. Social Security Death Index: Margaret CAPERS Birth Date: 19 May 1894 Death Date: 10 Dec 1994

Social Security Number: 066-52-3623 (Issued: New York)

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 97034

Localities: Lake Grove, Clackamas, Oregon

Lake Oswego, Clackamas, Oregon

Oswego, Clackamas, Oregon

More About Margaret Baylor VanMeter:

Burial: Poughkeepsie [NY] Rural Cemetery

Notes for Ellison Howe Capers:

After marriage, lived in Texas for about two years, worked as manager of The Ward Ranch; moved to Canada to manage ranch bought by father-in-law, S. L. VanMeter; lived in Canada until 1937. Moved to Poughkeepsie, NY, worked as personnel manager for a manufacturing company which merged with IBM; became administrator of Vassar Hospital. Margie Capers Proctor (15Oct02).

U.S. Social Security Death Index for Ellison CAPERS: Birth Date: 1 Jun 1892; Death Date: May 1975; Social Security Number: 118-09-6019; State Where Number Was Issued: New York; Death Residence Localities ZIP Code: 12601; Localities: Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York; South Road, Dutchess, New York

More About Ellison Howe Capers:

Burial: Poughkeepsie [NY] Rural Cemetery

Marriage Notes for Margaret VanMeter and Ellison Capers:

Marriage Book 13, page 1997, Fayette County Clerk's Office.

More About Ellison Capers and Margaret VanMeter:

Marriage: December 29, 1915, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

Children of Margaret VanMeter and Ellison Capers are:

- 167 i. Ellison Howe¹⁰ Capers, Jr., born March 30, 1919 in High River, Alberta, Canada; died July 22, 1993 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York. He married Rose Marie Dougherty August 18, 1946 in Leghorn, Italy; born June 22, 1925 in Long Island, New York; died October 30, 1997 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York.

Notes for Ellison Howe Capers, Jr.:

Graduate of Cornell University, undergraduate and medical; thorasic surgeon.

U.S. Social Security Death Index: Ellison Capers; dob: 30 Mar 1919; dod: 22 Jul 1993; SSN: 059-18-3763 (Issued: New York); Death Residence Localities ZIP Code: 12601 (Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York /South Road, Dutchess County, New York).

Notes for Rose Marie Dougherty:

U.S. Social Security Death Index: Rose Marie E. Capers; dob: 22 Jun 1925; dod: 30 Oct 1997; locality: 12601

(Poughkeepsie, Dutchess, NY); SSN: 084-18-2372 (issued New York).

More About Ellison Capers and Rose Dougherty:
Marriage: August 18, 1946, Leghorn, Italy

- 168 ii. Baylor VanMeter Capers, born June 07, 1921 in High River, Alberta, Canada. He married Eleanor Agnes Vail December 21, 1946 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York; born May 28, 1923 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York.

Notes for Baylor VanMeter Capers:

Attended University of Virginia, Class of 1944; entered U.S. Marine Corps in 1943, 1st Lieutenant, service in the Pacific, Iwo Jima, occupation forces in China; worked for DuPont, manager, sold textiles, moved often. Eleanor Vail Capers (16Oct02).

2002: resides 4855 Synder Lane, Rohnert Park, CA 94928; (707) 585-8786.

More About Eleanor Agnes Vail:
Education: Vassar College, Class of 1944-45

More About Baylor Capers and Eleanor Vail:
Marriage: December 21, 1946, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York

- 169 iii. Margaret Baylor VanMeter Capers, born May 31, 1928 in High River, Alberta, Canada. She married Joseph Rich Proctor, Jr. November 24, 1951 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York; born April 29, 1923 in West Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut.

Notes for Margaret Baylor VanMeter Capers:

Graduate, St. Catherine's School, Richmond, VA; attended Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY.

2002: resides 936 Evergreen St, Lake Oswego, OR 97034; (503) 635 - 2039.

More About Margaret Baylor VanMeter Capers:
Residence: 936 Evergreen Road, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Notes for Joseph Rich Proctor, Jr.:

Worked as engineer for Dravo Co., heavy construction; bought house in Lake Oswego, OR about 1970; lived in Algeria from 1971 to 1976, and in Saudi Arabia from 1978 to 1982.

More About Joseph Rich Proctor, Jr.:
Degree: 1948, B.S. Industrial Administration (Engineering)
Education: Yale University, New Haven, CT

More About Joseph Proctor and Margaret Capers:
Marriage: November 24, 1951, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York

92. Evelyn Trent⁹ VanMeter (Solomon Lee⁸, Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born Abt. 1898 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died May 17, 1964 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married **Brownell Berryman** December 17, 1919 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, son of Charles Berryman and Louise Brownell. He was born November 08, 1893 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died February 15, 1934 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Evelyn Trent VanMeter:

Obituary, The Lexington Herald, p. 12, Monday, May 18, 1964: widow of Brownell Berryman, died at 11:30 a.m. on May 17, 1964 at her home at 424 W. Sixth St., Lexington after a long illness; Lexington native, daughter of late Solomon Lee and Evelyn Swope VanMeter; member of Christ Church Episcopal and the Lexington Polo Club; survivors, daughters, Mrs. William H. Bronston, Lexington, Mrs. Carlisle Kirkpatrick, Jr., Hopkinsville, brother, Robert H. VanMeter, Paris, sisters, Mrs. Ellison H. Capers, Clinton Corners, NY, Miss Rebecca VanMeter, Lexington, grandchildren, Susan Taylor, Margaret Brownell, and William H. Bronston, III, Lexington, and Brownell and Carlisle Kirkpatrick, III, Hopkinsville.

More About Evelyn Trent VanMeter:

Burial: May 19, 1964, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section O, lot 114

Notes for Brownell Berryman:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, Lexington Leader, p. 1, Friday, February 16, 1934: Died same day as mother, Louise Brownell Berryman, both of pneumonia at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington, KY; died at 4:30 p.m. after illness of ten (10) days, prominent racing official and club man; had served as steward, patrol judge and in various other capacities on race tracks in Kentucky, Ohio, and Florida for a number of years, considered one of the most popular officials in the sport; born November 8, 1893, elementary education in public schools of Lexington, attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison; when U. S. entered WWI, attended officers training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in August, 1917, transferred to Camp Taylor near Louisville, then to 149th Brigade at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, MS, where he was detailed as an aide to Brig. Gen. Roger Williams, later was on the staff of Brig. Gen. William Harvey of the 75th Brigade, and on that of Brig. Gen. William Judson of the 76th Infantry Brigade; in February, 1918, received a commission as first lieutenant and in the summer, 1918, transferred to Company H, 149th Infantry Brigade, with which he embarked for overseas duty; landed at LeHavre, France in September, 1918, and was assigned to the 58th Infantry Regiment, and was stationed at Medun, Germany; in February, 1919, was transferred to the 26th Division and assigned to the 102nd Regiment, with which he remained until the following April, when he returned to the United States and received an honorable discharge at Camp Devans, MA; in December, 1919, married Miss Evelyn VanMeter; survivors, wife, two daughters.

KY Death Record: age 040, county of residence and of death: Fayette, date of death: 02-15-1934; vol. 007, certif. no. 03193, year 1934.

More About Brownell Berryman:

Burial: February 17, 1934, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section O, lot 114

Marriage Notes for Evelyn VanMeter and Brownell Berryman:

Marriage Book 17, page 180, Fayette County Clerk's Office.

More About Brownell Berryman and Evelyn VanMeter:

Marriage: December 17, 1919, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

Children of Evelyn VanMeter and Brownell Berryman are:

- 170 i. Evelyn Swoope¹⁰ Berryman, born June 18, 1921 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died May 17, 1983 in Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky. She married Carlisle Kirkpatrick II October 1941 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; born June 26, 1919; died December 30, 1995 in Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky.

Notes for Evelyn Swoope Berryman:
KY Death Certificate vol. 22, certif. 10501.

Notes for Carlisle Kirkpatrick II:
KY Birth Record: 19-058-28624.

KY Death Certificate vol. 71, certif. 35388.

More About Carlisle Kirkpatrick and Evelyn Berryman:
Marriage: October 1941, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

- 171 ii. Margaret Brownell Berryman, born October 13, 1927 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married William Hughes Bronston, Jr. December 19, 1947 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; born February 25, 1922 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died March 29, 1978 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Margaret Brownell Berryman:
KY Birth Record: 27-099-49151, date 10/13/1927, county, Fayette, mother, Evelyn VanMeter.

Notes for William Hughes Bronston, Jr.:
KY Death Record: age 55, county of residence and of death: Fayette; date of death: 03-29-1978, vol. 017, certif. no. 08320, year 1978.

Obituary, Lexington Herald, A-10, Thursday, March 30, 1978: president of Bronston, Inc., building contractor, died Wednesday, March 29, 1978, resided at 2068 Bridgeport Dr., Lexington, native of Lexington, son of Nadine Snyder Bronston and the late William H. Bronston, Sr.; graduate of Univ. of Kentucky; member, Lexington Homebuilders Ass'n; veteran, World War II; survivors, wife, Margaret Berryman Bronston, son, William H. "Mike" Bronston, III, daughters, Susan Taylor Kennedy, Margaret Brownell Bronston, sister, Betty Taylor Bronston; services, 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 31, 1978, cremation to follow.

More About William Hughes Bronston, Jr.:
Burial: Lexington [KY] Cemetery

More About William Bronston and Margaret Berryman:
Marriage: December 19, 1947, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

93. Robert Hardin⁹ VanMeter (Solomon Lee⁸, Solomon⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born July 26, 1905 in Fayette County, Kentucky, and died April 07, 1979 in Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky. He married **(1) Nancy Rubel Combs**, daughter of James Combs and Edna Rubel. She was born Abt. 1906, and died September 12, 1939 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **(2) Mary Miller Spears** November 03, 1950 in Little Washington, North Carolina, daughter of Woodford Spears and Elizabeth Stephens. She was born December 18, 1908 in Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky, and died January 29, 1983 in Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky.

Notes for Robert Hardin VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. B-8, Sunday, April 8, 1979: retired buyer for R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., died Saturday, April 7, 1978 at home on Stoner Avenue, Paris, KY after a long illness, age 73; native of Lexington, KY, son of late Solomon Lee and Pauline Hardin VanMeter; attended Massie School and the University of Virginia; member, Paris Rotary Club; survivors, wife, Mary Spears VanMeter, sons, Robert H. VanMeter, Jr., Saratoga Springs, NY, James C. VanMeter, Ashland, KY, Woodford Spears VanMeter, Paris, sisters, Margaret VanMeter Capers, Poughkeepsie, NY, Rebecca VanMeter, Lexington; five grandchildren.

KY Death Record: age 073; county of residence and of death: Bourbon; date of death: 04-07-1979; vol. 015, certif. no. 07256, year 1979.

More About Robert Hardin VanMeter:

Burial: April 09, 1979, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 126, part E½

Notes for Nancy Rubel Combs:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 5, Wednesday, September 13, 1939: age 33, wife of Robert H. VanMeter, residence Hanover Apts., Hampton Court, Lexington, died at 11:10 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 1939, after a long illness; daughter of James Horton Combs and Nancy Rubel Combs (reside at 418 W. Third St. Lexington, KY); member, Lexington Junior League, active in social affairs, member, First Presbyterian Church; survivors, husband, parents, sons, Robert H. VanMeter, Jr., James Combs VanMeter, sister, Mrs. William Marmaduke Brown, all of Lexington.

More About Nancy Rubel Combs:

Burial: September 14, 1939, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 63, part W

More About Mary Miller Spears:

Burial: January 31, 1983, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 126, part E½

More About Robert VanMeter and Mary Spears:

Marriage: November 03, 1950, Little Washington, North Carolina

Children of Robert VanMeter and Nancy Combs are:

- 172 i. Robert Hardin¹⁰ VanMeter, Jr., born April 15, 1932 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married Margie Helm; born in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.
- 173 ii. James Combs VanMeter, born April 15, 1938 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married Mary Bailey Fitts November 24, 1957; born October 18, 1937.

More About James VanMeter and Mary Fitts:
Marriage: November 24, 1957

Child of Robert VanMeter and Mary Spears is:

- 174 i. Woodford Spears¹⁰ VanMeter, born June 30, 1953 in Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky. He married Dorothy Hoyt Clark September 05, 1987 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; born November 06, 1953 in Clarksdale, Coahoma County, Mississippi.

Notes for Woodford Spears VanMeter:
Ophthalmologist, Lexington, Kentucky; 216 Barrow Road, Lexington, KY 40502; (859) 266-2222.

More About Woodford VanMeter and Dorothy Clark:
Marriage: September 05, 1987, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

96. William⁹ Steenbergen (Sarah C.⁸ VanMeter, Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born June 11, 1873 in Mason County, West Virginia, and died July 07, 1957 in Mason County, West Virginia. He married **Charlotte Byers McCulloch** December 29, 1904 in Mason County, West Virginia, daughter of John McCulloch and Cordelia Byers. She was born October 19, 1874 in Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia, and died May 23, 1967 in Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia.

Notes for William Steenbergen:

In 1900 U.S. Census for McDowell County, WV, listed as a civil and mining engineer. Gives location of birth as West Virginia (parents born in Virginia (father), and Kentucky (mother)), and date of birth, June, 1873. Name of spouse and marriage location and date from "Genalogical Records: Early West Virginia Settlers, 1600s-1900s," Mason County, West Virginia Marriages, p. 163. Son, John William Steenbergen of Columbia, TN.

Date of death from Mason County [WV] Clerk's office. Book 1953, page S4. Last Will and Testament, Will Book 8, page 162, Mason County [WV] Clerk's office, dated January 15, 1943, probated July 10, 1957: son, John William Steenbergen. Probate file: wife, Charlotte Steenbergen, Point Pleasant, WV; son John William Steenbergen, over 21 years old, resides 1210 Trotwood Avenue, Columbia, TN.

More About William Steenbergen:
Burial: Lone Oak Cemetery, Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia

Notes for Charlotte Byers McCulloch:

Date of death from Mason County [WV] Clerrk's office, Book 1953, page S14.

Last Will and Testament, Will Book 10, page 342, Mason County [WV] Clerk's office, dated June 22, 1960, probated June 5, 1967: son, John William Steenbergen, ex'x, Anna Lee Collins

More About William Steenbergen and Charlotte McCulloch:
Marriage: December 29, 1904, Mason County, West Virginia

Child of William Steenbergen and Charlotte McCulloch is:

- 175 i. John William¹⁰ Steenbergen II. He married Sally Lou Musgrave; born December 21, 1912; died June 11, 2001 in Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee.

Notes for John William Steenbergen II:
Married Sally Lou Musgrave, of Point Pleasant, WV in 1942; enlisted in U.S. Army Engineers during WWII, spent most of war service in Pacific area and India; lived in Columbia, TN; employed by Monsanto Co. as Supervisor of Mines and Washer Plant; one son, John William Steenbergen, III. History of Mason County, West Virginia, pp. 339-40 (Mason County Public Library, Point Pleasant, WV).

Notes for Sally Lou Musgrave:
Received B.S. from WVU in 1935, taught at Wahama High School, in 1938, transferred to Point Pleasant Junior High School; received Masters degree from Marshall Univ. in school administration and supervision; in 1943, married John William Steenbergen [II]; while husband served in military during WWII, returned to Point Pleasant, WV (from Columbia, TN), served as principal of Wahama High School, appointed assistant county

superintendent, and then as county superintendent, was the first woman to serve as county school superintendent; returned to Columbia, TN after WWII; daughter of C. G. P. Musgrave and Eva Yauger. History of Mason County, West Virginia, p. 340 (Mason County Public Library, Point Pleasant, WV).

U.S. Social Security Index: SALLY L STEENBERGEN dob: 21 Dec 1912; dod: 11 Jun 2001; 38401 (Columbia, Maury, TN)

97. Peter Higgins⁹ Steenbergen (Sarah C.⁸ VanMeter, Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born 1875 in Mason County, West Virginia, and died March 09, 1955 in Mason County, West Virginia. He married **Sallie Lewis McCulloch** June 25, 1902 in Mason County, West Virginia. She died November 30, 1956 in Mason County, West Virginia.

Notes for Peter Higgins Steenbergen:

Year of birth, 1875, from Familysearch.com. Name of spouse and marriage location and date from "Genological Records: Early West Virginia Settlers, 1600s-1900s," Mason County, West Virginia Marriages, p. 163.

Graduated from Central University in 1896, taught at a private school in Point Pleasant, WV, later taught in the public school system of Mason County, WV, served as teacher, principal, superintendent, and member of Board of Education; prior to marriage, served as Commandant of cadets at Speers-Lanford Military Institute, Searcy, Arkansas; married Sallie Lewis McCulloch in 1902; six children, John Daniel, Sarah Eliza, both died as young adults, Jean, married Hamilton Johnson of Point Pleasant, WV; Peter Higgins, Jr., married Mabel Best of Berea KY; Robert, married Hilda Aeiker of Henderson, WV; and Charles, married Betty Johnescu of Pittsburgh, PA. History of Mason County, West Virginia, p. 339 (Mason County Public Library, Point Pleasant, WV).

Date of death from Mason County [WV] Clerk's office, Book 1953, page S2. Died intestate on March 9, 1955; wife, Sallie L. Steenbergen, 903 Main St., Point Pleasant, WV, daughter, Jean S. Johnson, 915 Main St., Point Pleasant, WV, sons, Robert L Steenbergen, 420 N. Thomas St., Arlington, VA, Charles Steenbergen, 448 Winthrop Rd., Pittsburgh, PA, Peter H. Steenbergen, Jr., 2022 Jefferson Blvd., Point Pleasant, WV.

Notes for Sallie Lewis McCulloch:

Date of death from Mason County [WV] Clerk's office, Book 1953, page S4. Will Book 8, page 123, Mason County Clerk's office, dated March 31, 1955, probated December 3, 1956; children: Jean Steenbergen Johnson, Peter Higgins Stenbergen, Jr., Robert Lewis Steenbergen, Charles Steenbergen.

More About Peter Steenbergen and Sallie McCulloch:
Marriage: June 25, 1902, Mason County, West Virginia

Children of Peter Steenbergen and Sallie McCulloch are:

- 176 i. John Daniel¹⁰ Steenbergen, died March 28, 1934 in Mason County, West Virginia.

Notes for John Daniel Steenbergen:

Will Book 6, page 140, Mason County [WV] Clerk's office, dated February 28, 1931, probated March 31, 1934; mother, Sallie Lewis Steenbergen, father, Peter H. Stenbergen.

- 177 ii. Sarah Eliza Steenbergen, died January 28, 1936 in Mason County, West Virginia.
178 iii. Jean Steenbergen. She married Hamilton Johnson; born October 08, 1906; died February 04, 1981 in Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia.

Notes for Jean Steenbergen:

Graduated from National Park Seminary, Forest Glen, MD; resides in the family home at 903 Main St., Point Pleasant, WV; married Hamilton Johnson, who died February 4, 1981. History of Mason County, West Virginia, p. 340 (Mason County Public Library, Point Pleasant, WV).

Notes for Hamilton Johnson:

U.S. Social Security Death Index: Hamilton JOHNSON; Birth Date: 8 Oct 1906; Death Date: Feb 1981; SSN: 236-05-5061 (No. Issued: West Virginia); Death Residence Localities: ZIP Code: 25550; Localities: Point

Pleasant, Mason, West Virginia

- 179 iv. Peter Higgins Steenbergen, Jr., born August 21, 1910; died March 1976 in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia. He married Mabel Best; died January 1983 in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia.

Notes for Peter Higgins Steenbergen, Jr.:

Attended West Virginia University, and graduated from Univ. of Colorado with a degree in electrical engineering; worked for Marietta Manufacturing Co. and then for Appalachian Power Co. in Point Pleasant, WV and then in Charleston, where he retired because of ill health; died in March 1976. Wife, Mabel, died in January 1983.

U.S. Social Security Death Index: Peter STEENBERGEN; Birth Date: 21 Aug 1910; Death Date: Mar 1976; SSN: 233-20-5728 (No. Issued): West Virginia; Death Residence Localities: ZIP Code: 25304; Localities: Charleston, Kanawha, West Virginia

Notes for Mabel Best:

Mason County [WV] Clerk's office, probate filing: resided 312 Shawnee Cir., Charleston, WV, dod (?) January 1, 1983; trust u/w Peter H. Steenbergen, trustee, Charleston National Bank; beneficiaries: Charles Steenbergen, Robert Lewis Steenbergen, and Jean S. Johnson (all listed as having no relationship), sister, Ellen Best Evan, nephews, Charles Steenbergen, Jr., John A. Steenbergen, Peter Lewis Steenbergen, William Best Evan, Charles Chisman Evan, and niece, Rose Mary Evan.

- 180 v. Robert Lewis Steenbergen. He married Hilda Aeiker.

Notes for Robert Lewis Steenbergen:

Attended West Virginia University and the University of Colorado; worked briefly for Marietta Manufacturing Co., and then for thirty (30) years with the Public Roads in Arlington, VA; retired in 1970, wife, Hilda and he reside in Arlington, VA. History of Mason County, West Virginia, p. 340 (Mason County Public Library, Point Pleasant, WV).

- 181 vi. Charles Steenbergen, born May 31, 1915; died February 19, 1997 in Bulter, Bulter County, Pennsylvania. He married Betty Johnescu; died 1973.

Notes for Charles Steenbergen:

Graduated from Washington & Lee University with a B.S. in Chemistry, and a M.S. in Chemistry from WVU; Technical Representative for Pennsylvania Refining Co. of Butler, PA; wife Betty died in 1973; retired in May 1985, and resided in Butler, PA; father of three son, all in the medical profession: Charles, Jr., John Alan, and Peter Lewis.

U.S. Social Security Death Index: Charles STEENBERGEN; Birth Date: 31 May 1915, Death Date: 19 Feb 1997; SSN: 181-26-3178 (No. Issued: Pennsylvania); Death Residence Localities ZIP Code: 16001, Localities: Butler, Butler, Pennsylvania; Meridian, Butler, Pennsylvania; Point, Butler, Pennsylvania; Veterans Administration Hosp, Butler, Pennsylvania.

99. Isaac VanMeter⁹ Steenbergen (Sarah C.⁸ VanMeter, Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born August 15, 1877 in Mason County, West Virginia, and died July 1964 in Ventura County, California. He married **Willie Mae Denny** October 18, 1899, daughter of William Denny and Kate Smith. She was born January 14, 1878, and died June 22, 1959 in Los Angeles, California.

Notes for Isaac VanMeter Steenbergen:

Listed 1920 U.S. Census for Columbia, Boone County, Missouri: white, male, age 42, renting born in WV, father born WV, mother born KY, occupation farmer, dairy farm; wife Willie M., age 41, born KY, daughters, Sarah, age 18, born WV, Catherine, age 16, born WV, Mary G., age 13, born MO, son William, age 13, born MO; mother in law, Kate E. Denny, age 73, widowed, born KY.

Notes for Willie Mae Denny:

Date of birth, and names of parents, spouse, and children from E. Vann and M. Dixon, "Denny Genealogy, Second Book" (Tuttle Publ. Co., Rutland, VT 1947), p. 260, 285, 317. Date and place of death, California death certif.

More About Isaac Steenbergen and Willie Denny:

Marriage: October 18, 1899

Children of Isaac Steenbergen and Willie Denny are:

- 182 i. Sarah VanMeter¹⁰ Steenbergen, born April 28, 1901 in Mason County, West Virginia; died May 20, 1978 in Los Angeles, California. She married Stanhope Bryant January 23, 1923 in Roanoke, Virginia.

Notes for Sarah VanMeter Steenbergen:

Date and place of birth, names of parents, spouse, and names, dates and places of birth of children from E. Vann and M. Dixon, "Denny Genealogy, Second Book" (Tuttle Publ. Co., Rutland, VT 1947), pp. 285, 317. Date and place of death, and SSN (558-82-2084) from California death record index.

More About Stanhope Bryant and Sarah Steenbergen:

Marriage: January 23, 1923, Roanoke, Virginia

- 183 ii. Catherine Elizabeth Steenbergen, born November 03, 1903 in Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia; died October 29, 1981 in Piedmont, Wayne County, Missouri. She married Joseph Martin Pelikan June 18, 1928 in Kirkwood, Missouri; born November 11, 1899 in Aptos, Washington County, Missouri; died August 31, 1987 in Piedmont, Wayne County, Missouri.

Notes for Catherine Elizabeth Steenbergen:

Dates and places of birth, marriage and death, name of spouse, names, dates and places of birth of children and names of children's spouses from www.Pelikan.org - Pelikan Family Site. See also Social Security death index, familysearch.com.

More About Catherine Elizabeth Steenbergen:

Burial: Piedmont, Wayne County, Missouri

More About Joseph Martin Pelikan:

Burial: Piedmont, Wayne County, Missouri

More About Joseph Pelikan and Catherine Steenbergen:

Marriage: June 18, 1928, Kirkwood, Missouri

- 184 iii. William Denny Steenbergen, born February 11, 1905; died August 1982 in Fairfield, Solano County, California.

Notes for William Denny Steenbergen:

U.S. Social Security Death Index: William STEENBERGEN, Birth Date: 11 Feb 1905, Death Date: Aug 1982; Social Security Number: 489-03-3185 (Issued: Missouri); Death Residence Localities ZIP Code: 94533, Localities: Fairfield, Solano, California.

- 185 iv. Mary Gordon Steenbergen, born July 17, 1906 in Missouri; died December 18, 1983 in Fairfield, Solano County, California. She married ??? Corley.

Notes for Mary Gordon Steenbergen:

Date of birth, and names of parents, from E. Vann and M. Dixon, "Denny Genealogy, Second Book" (Tuttle Publ. Co., Rutland, VT 1947), pp. 285. Last name of spouse from California death records index. Date and place of death from California death records index.

100. Charles Letcher⁹ Steenbergen (Sarah C.⁸ VanMeter, Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born August 06, 1879 in Mason County, West Virginia, and died November 02, 1962 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **Nell Dennis**. She was born January 31, 1885 in Ohio, and died Abt. July 1977 in Massena, Saint Lawrence County, New York.

Notes for Charles Letcher Steenbergen:

In 1900 U.S. Census for Gallia County, OH, listed as a engineer, stationary. Gives location of birth as West Virginia (parents born in Virginia (father), and Kentucky (mother)), and date of birth, August, 1879.

In 1920 U.S. Census for Paris, Bourbon County, KY; employed as manager of electric light co., wife Nellie, age 34, daughter, Frances Ann, age 13.

Obituary, Lexington Leader, p. 16, Friday, November 2, 1962: age 83, 1310 Fincastle Road, Lexington, retired registered engineer; died today at 12:40 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital after an extended illness; employee of Kentucky Utilities Co. for 26 years, had been superintendent of KU Paris and Maysville District gas properties; born in Mason County, WV, son of late John William and Sallie VanMeter Steenbergen; early education by private tutors, graduated from Gallia Academy, Gallipolis, OH, attended college in Poughkeepsie, NY, some work at Univ. of Kentucky; member of Church of the Good Shepherd, Paris Rotary Club, resident of Lexington since 1931; survivors, wife, Nellie Dennis Steenbergen, daughter, Mrs. Charles Chase, Massena, NY, and brother, Isaac Steenbergen, Southern California. Buried Sect. 9. Lot 115 in Lexington Cemetery.

Dates and places of birth and of death, parents' names, from Kentucky Death Certificate (vol. 50, certif. 24657). Death certificate gives occupation as "retired engineer, Kentucky Utilities."

More About Charles Letcher Steenbergen:

Burial: November 03, 1962, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 115

Notes for Nell Dennis:

Assumed to be wife of Charles L. Steenbergen because of age and adjacent burial in Lexington Cemetery. Place of death assumed from records of Lexington Cemetery.

More About Nell Dennis:

Burial: July 27, 1977, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 9, lot 115

Child of Charles Steenbergen and Nell Dennis is:

- 186 i. Frances Ann¹⁰ Steenbergen, born Abt. 1907 in Kentucky. She married Charles Chase; born March 06, 1903; died November 1984 in Massena, Saint Lawrence County, New York.

Notes for Frances Ann Steenbergen:

Name and date and place of birth from 1920 U.S. Census for Bourbon County, Kentucky; listed in household of parents, Charles L. Steenbergen and Nellie Steenbergen.

102. Rebecca Beale⁹ VanMeter (Edwin H.⁸, Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born January 24, 1888 in Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky, and died February 11, 1962 in Mason County, West Virginia. She married **Ira Utley Blaine** February 17, 1911 in Mason County, West Virginia, son of W. Blaine and Ella Swisher. He was born January 06, 1887 in Mason County, West Virginia, and died February 13, 1959 in Mason County, West Virginia.

More About Ira Blaine and Rebecca VanMeter:

Marriage: February 17, 1911, Mason County, West Virginia

Children of Rebecca VanMeter and Ira Blaine are:

- 187 i. Eleanor VanMeter¹⁰ Blaine, born February 14, 1912 in Silver Bank, Beale, Mason County, West Virginia; died February 04, 1976 in Mason County, West Virginia. She married John Siles Gill; born October 06, 1904 in Mason County, West Virginia; died July 30, 1980 in Mason County, West Virginia.

Notes for Eleanor VanMeter Blaine:

Social Security Death Index: Eleanor Gill, date of birth: 14 Feb 1912; date of death: Feb 1976; 25515 (last residence: Gallipolis Ferry, Mason, WV); SSN: 233-74-3526 (issued West Virginia).

Notes for John Siles Gill:

Social Security Death Index: John Gill; date of birth: 06 Oct 1904, date of death: Jul 1980; last residence: 25515 (Gallipolis Ferry, Mason, WV) SSN: 236-09-7618 (issued: West Virginia).

- 188 ii. William Henry Blaine, born July 11, 1916; died October 04, 1970. He married (1) Beulah Wallace March 03, 1937. He married (2) Mary Jo Hogsett April 15, 1946 in Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia; died September 17, 1970.

More About William Blaine and Beulah Wallace:
Marriage: March 03, 1937

More About William Blaine and Mary Hogsett:
Marriage: April 15, 1946, Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia

- 189 iii. Betsy Ann Blaine, born September 14, 1924. She married (1) Leon Rigsby Abt. 1948. She married (2) Frank Edward Yester June 17, 1953; born April 17, 1925 in Gallipolis Ferry, Mason County, West Virginia.

More About Leon Rigsby and Betsy Blaine:
Marriage: Abt. 1948

More About Frank Yester and Betsy Blaine:
Marriage: June 17, 1953

104. Lillian Vause⁹ VanMeter (Edwin H.⁸, Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born February 28, 1894, and died December 11, 1970. She married **William Henry Reebel** September 06, 1916, son of John Reebel and Martha Boggess. He was born November 27, 1891, and died February 17, 1973 in Gallipolis Ferry, Mason County, West Virginia.

Notes for William Henry Reebel:

Social Security Death Index: William Reebel, date of birth: 27 Nov 1891; date of death: Feb 1973; last residence: 25515 (Gallipolis Ferry, Mason, WV); SSN: 232-07-8894 (issued West Virginia or North Carolina).

More About William Reebel and Lillian VanMeter:
Marriage: September 06, 1916

Children of Lillian VanMeter and William Reebel are:

- 190 i. Frances Elmine¹⁰ Reebel, born July 05, 1918 in Gallipolis Ferry, Mason County, West Virginia; died January 12, 1995 in Gallipolis Ferry, Mason County, West Virginia.

Notes for Frances Elmine Reebel:
Never married; no children. Family History: Kristodell Maundee VanMeter Jones.

Social Security Death Index: Frances E. Reebel; date of birth: 05 Jul 1918; date of death: 12 Jan 1995; last residence 25515 (Gallipolis Ferry, Mason, WV); SSN: 236-14-1071(issued: West Virginia).

- 191 ii. Madeline Reebel, born February 24, 1920 in Mason County, West Virginia; died February 24, 1920 in Mason County, West Virginia.
192 iii. William Robert Reebel, born April 25, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan; died December 02, 1974. He married Sarah Paine August 26, 1943; born September 17, 1923.

More About William Reebel and Sarah Paine:
Marriage: August 26, 1943

105. Charles Tavener⁹ VanMeter (Edwin H.⁸, Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born November 13, 1885 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died April 30, 1921 in Pennsylvania. He married **Mary Monzell Lorraine** December 10, 1912, daughter of Lew Lorraine. She was born July 25, 1892 in Kentucky, and died May 14, 1928 in Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio.

More About Charles Tavener VanMeter:

Burial: Beale Graveyard, Gallipolis Ferry, Mason County, West Virginia

More About Mary Monzell Lorraine:

Burial: Beale Graveyard, Gallipolis Ferry, Mason County, West Virginia

More About Charles VanMeter and Mary Lorraine:

Marriage: December 10, 1912

Children of Charles VanMeter and Mary Lorraine are:

- 193 i. Edwin Lorraine¹⁰ VanMeter, born November 24, 1913; died October 1939.

Notes for Edwin Lorraine VanMeter:
Unmarried, no children.

- 194 ii. Kathleen Monzell VanMeter, born October 14, 1915; died December 08, 1994 in Sacramento, California. She married John B. Cox.

Notes for Kathleen Monzell VanMeter:
No children.

- 195 iii. Sybil Ilene VanMeter, born October 09, 1917; died January 07, 1924.

Notes for Sybil Ilene VanMeter:
Died young.

- 196 iv. Kristodell Maundee VanMeter, born June 28, 1921 in Riverton, Kentucky. She married Wilson Harris Jones March 08, 1942 in Oakland, Maryland; born November 14, 1918 in Follansbee, Brooke County, West Virginia; died May 11, 1988 in Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia.

Notes for Wilson Harris Jones:
Social Security Death Index: Wilson H. Jones; date of birth: 14 Nov 1918; date of death: 11 May 1988; last benefit: 26070 (Wellsburg, Brooke, WV); SSN: 232-07-6998 (Issued: West Virginia or North Carolina).

More About Wilson Jones and Kristodell VanMeter:
Marriage: March 08, 1942, Oakland, Maryland

106. Jesse Oliver⁹ VanMeter (William Scott⁸, Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born June 27, 1883 in Independence, Missouri, and died February 19, 1954 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **Frances Gaitskill Willis**, daughter of Robert Willis and Leula Gaitskill. She was born July 21, 1889 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died April 06, 1948 in New York, New York.

Notes for Jesse Oliver VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 1, 8, Saturday, February 20, 1954: age 70, pastor of Wilmore Presbyterian Church, died at Good Samaritan Hospital where he had been admitted February 10; holder of a doctor of divinity degree; former president of Lees Junior College, Jackson, Kentucky; native of Independence, Missouri, son of late William Scott and Anna Rebekah Farra VanMeter, attended University of South Carolina and South Carolina Presbyterian Theological Seminary; physical director at Univ. of South Carolina and for a time directed the school's Department of Extension; former pastor of Eau Claire Presbyterian Church in Columbia, and was moderator of the Synod of Kentucky of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.; became president of Lees Junior College in 1928 (during his tenure, the Presbyterian supported school obtained new equipment, increased its endowment to more than \$100,000, increased its real property, and built an athletic field with federal aid); became president emeritus on December 31, 1948; wife, late Frances VanMeter, associated with him in his work and served the college in various capacities until her death in 1948; survivors: son, Lt. (jg) Jesse O. VanMeter, Jr., Medical Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve, now on active duty and stationed at Virginia Beach, VA, daughter, Anna Rebekah VanMeter, Lexington, brother, Dr. J. Farra VanMeter, Lexington, four sisters, Mrs. J. R. Alford, Miss Gladys VanMeter, Mrs. William Brown, and Mrs. F. L. Draughon, all of Lexington, and two grandchildren, William Scott and David Martin VanMeter.

Kentucky Death Record: VanMeter, Jesse O., age 70, place of death: Fayette, place of residence: Jessamine, date of death 02-19-1954, vol. 005, certif. no. 02203, year 1954.

Notes for Frances Gaitskill Willis:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 1, Wednesday, April 7, 1948: wife of Dr. J. O. VanMeter, president of Lees Junior College, Jackson, KY, died last night at Memorial Hospital, New York, NY after a long illness; sister-in-law of Dr. J. Farra VanMeter, Lexington; born in Lexington, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Robert Willis; graduated from Transylvania College and received masters degree from Univ. of Kentucky; had been staff member at Lees Junior College; survivors, husband, daughter Miss Rebecca VanMeter, Lexington; son, Dr. J. O. VanMeter, Jr., Norfolk, VA, brother, Robert Willis, Detroit, grandson, David Martin VanMeter, Norfolk; burial in Lexington Cemetery.

More About Frances Gaitskill Willis:

Burial: April 10, 1948, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section I-1, lot 20, part E½

Children of Jesse VanMeter and Frances Willis are:

- 197 i. Anna Rebekah¹⁰ VanMeter, born October 28, 1914 in Meridian, Mississippi.
- 198 ii. Jesse Oliver VanMeter, Jr., born August 27, 1920 in Columbia, South Carolina; died May 04, 1998 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married Margaret Louise Martin; born July 02, 1922 in Charleston, West Virginia; died April 17, 1992 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Jesse Oliver VanMeter, Jr.:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. B2, May 5, 1998: Dr. Jesse Oliver Van Meter Jr., a retired physician who specialized in internal medicine, died yesterday at his home at 262 South Ashland Avenue. He was 78. Dr. Van Meter retired in 1992 after practicing medicine about 40 years. He was a past president of the Good Samaritan Hospital medical staff, and had been a member of the Fayette County Medical Society and the American and Kentucky medical associations.

He was a Columbia, S.C., native and a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and the University of Virginia medical school. A former member of the Naval Reserve, he saw active duty during World War II and the Korean War.

Dr. Van Meter had been a member of the Civil War Round Table and Blue Grass Sportsman League, and formerly was a breeder and trainer of champion field trial English setters.

He was the widower of Louise Martin Van Meter. Surviving are two sons, D. Martin Van Meter of Georgetown and Dr. William Scott Van Meter of Lexington; a daughter, Frances Van Meter McIntyre of Lexington; a sister; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home. Contributions are suggested to Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital.

More About Jesse Oliver VanMeter, Jr.:

Burial: May 06, 1998, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section I-1, lot 111, part E2/3

Notes for Margaret Louise Martin:

Lexington Herald-Leader (KY), April 18, 1992, Section: OBITUARIES Edition: FINAL Page: A9

LOUISE MARTIN VAN METER OF LEXINGTON DIES AT AGE 69

Herald-Leader staff writer

Louise Martin Van Meter, a member of a well-known Lexington family, died yesterday at Lexington Country Place. She was 69 and a resident of 262 South Ashland Avenue. Mrs. Van Meter, the wife of Dr. Jesse O. Van Meter Jr., had been active in the Junior League of Lexington and the Fayette County Medical Society Auxiliary. She was born in Charleston, W. Va., and attended Ohio State University.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Frances V. McIntyre of Lexington; two sons, D. Martin Van Meter of Georgetown and Dr. William Scott Van Meter of Lexington; a stepbrother; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home. Contributions are suggested to Cardinal Hill Hospital.

KY Death Record: VanMeter, Margaret L., age 069, county of death and residence Fayette, date of death 04-17-1992, vol. 018, certif. no. 08841, year 1992.

More About Margaret Louise Martin:

Burial: April 20, 1992, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section I-1, lot 111, part E2/3

108. Sarah S.⁹ VanMeter (William Scott⁸, Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born October 21, 1887, and died July 18, 1970 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married **John McRae Alford** Abt. 1913 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He was born in Georgia, and died Abt. 1923 in Alford, Florida.

Notes for Sarah S. VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday, July 19, 1970: age 82, resided 210 Desha Road, Lexington; widow of John McRae Alford, died yesterday [July 18, 1970]; born in Fayette County, daughter of late William Scott and Anna Rebekah Farra VanMeter; attended Transylvania University, member of Chi Omega sorority; member, Presbyterian Church; survivors, daughter, Mrs. J. B. Hutchinson, Delray Beach, FL, son, W. VanMeter Alford, Lexington, sister, Mrs. May VanMeter Brown, brother, Dr. J. Farra VanMeter, both of Lexington, grandsons, J. Hord Armstrong, New York, NY, Ens. W. VanMeter Alford, Jr., USN, San Francisco, CA, Farra McRae Alford, Lexington.

More About Sarah S. VanMeter:

Burial: July 20, 1970, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 74

More About John McRae Alford:

Burial: Florida

More About John Alford and Sarah VanMeter:

Marriage: Abt. 1913, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

Children of Sarah VanMeter and John Alford are:

- 199 i. Martha¹⁰ Alford, born April 22, 1914 in Hartford, Geneva County, Alabama; died October 18, 1999 in Ocean Ridge, Palm Beach County, Florida. She married (1) John Hord Armstrong, Jr.; born October 06, 1907 in Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Kentucky; died August 09, 1942 in Solomon Is., Pacific Ocean, WWII. She married (2) Joseph B. Hutchinson; born September 14, 1891; died May 1969 in Palm Beach County, Florida. She married (3) George Herbert McCracken; born June 20, 1899; died March 11, 1995 in Boynton Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Notes for Martha Alford:

Dates of birth and death from familysearch.com, based on information provided by nephew, Farra M. Alford. SSN: 403-36-5998, number issued in Kentucky.

The Palm Beach Post, p. 4B Funeral Notices, Date: 10-19-1999: "<MARTHA ALFORD MCCRACKEN>Passed away at her home on Monday, October 18, 1999. She is survived by her son John Hord (Dorinda B.) Armstrong III of St. Louis, MO; Grandchildren, Hillary Armstrong Cooper of Charlotte, NC, Leslie Armstrong Culbertson of Charlotte, NC and Courtney Steele Armstrong of Chicago, IL.

"A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 21, 1999 at 3:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason Street, Delray Beach. Private burial services will be held. LORNE & SONS FUNERAL HOME, Delray Beach."

The Palm Beach Post, p. 4B, Area Deaths, Date: 10-20-1999: Palm Beach County McCracken, Martha, 85, of Ocean Ridge. Lorne and Sons Funeral Home, Delray Beach. Funeral Thursday.

Notes for John Hord Armstrong, Jr.:

Place of birth from U.S. Navy Memorial Fdn website; also states month of death as August, 1942.

United States Naval Academy, Class of 1930; USNA records provide date and place of birth and assignment at time of death; was appointed to USNA from Kentucky; in 1942, had rank of Lt. Cmdr, assigned to USS Jarvis, DD 393; USS Jarvis sunk on 8 Aug 42 off Tulagi I., one of the Solomon Islands, as part of the U.S. operations at Guadalcanal; all hands lost.

1930 USNA "Lucky Bag" biography: JOHN HORD ARMSTRONG, JR. "Hord" "Army" Flemingsburg, Kentucky

"The fast horses and lovely women that tradition has always assigned to Kentucky find their place in Hord's heart, for he is a true Kentuckian. To be sure, the Academy is not perhaps the most fertile stamping-ground of the horses--but Hord makes his appearance at every hop, though perhaps sighing inwardly for distant Kentucky belles.

"The Colonel's marked gift of eloquence makes him a ready and welcome member of the evening bull sessions. Flashes of wit intersperse themselves with more weighty discourse. In the academics little worry has been caused, though Hord freely admits no profs here have a true appreciation of his sterling ability.

"His athletic activities have been chiefly taken in the form of baseball. In him the class team has found a valuable third baseman. With blue baseball cap at a jaunty angle and a steady patter of encouragements or disparagements as the case might call for-- that would be Hord.

"His previous military training has left its mark, and of this he is very proud. But to us, the outstanding fact of him is not his wit nor his baseball, nor his military aspirations. To us, he means that to which he has constantly aspired--a true Kentucky gentleman, in every sense of the word."

Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
Naval History Division • Washington
USS Jarvis II (DD-393)

James C. Jarvis, born in 1787, was appointed midshipman from the state of New York in 1799. Midshipman Jarvis was killed at the age of 13 during the historic engagement between the famed frigate Constellation and the French frigate La Vengeance 2 February 1800. Sent aloft in command of the topmen to secure Constellation's unsupported mainmast, he refused to come down when warned that the mast might topple: "My post is here. I can't leave it until ordered." As the mast crashed, Jarvis was swept over the side with the falling rigging. Honoring Jarvis for his bravery and devotion to duty, the Sixth Congress by Joint Resolution 29 March 1800 deemed his conduct "deserving of the highest praise" and his loss "a subject of national regret."
(DD-393: dp. 1,850; l. 341'4"; b. 35'6"; dr. 10'4"; s. 35 k.; cpl. 158; a. 4 5", 4 .50 cal. mg., 16 21" tt., 2 dct.; cl. Gridley)

The second Jarvis (DD-393) was laid down by Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash., 21 August 1935; launched 6 May 1937; sponsored by Mrs. Thomas T. Craven, wife of Vice Admiral Craven; and commissioned 27 October 1937, Lt. Comdr. R. R. Ferguson in command.

Clearing Puget Sound 4 January 1938, Jarvis operated along the California coast and in the Caribbean until 1 April 1940 when she departed San Diego for fleet exercises off the Hawaiian Islands. She arrived Pearl Harbor 26 April, cruised the Pacific to Midway and Johnston Islands and steamed to San Francisco 8 February 1941 for overhaul. Returning to Pearl Harbor 17 April to commence more than seven months of intensive maneuvers, she put into Pearl Harbor 4 December following exercises off Maui Island.

Three days later the Japanese executed the carefully planned, devastating attack on Pearl Harbor. As the first wave of enemy bombers raked Battleship Row with torpedoes and bombs, Ens. W. F. Greene laconically appraised the situation with the following entry in Jarvis Deck Log: "0758 Hostilities with Japan commenced with air raid on Pearl Harbor. Went to General Quarters." Moored next to Mugford (DD-389) at the Navy Yard, Jarvis opened fire with 5-inch guns and machine guns and made preparations to get underway within minutes of the initial attack. Her 5-inch guns were among the first to challenge the enemy raiders, and her gunners proudly claimed four planes.

Emerging from the attack with no loss of crew and only superficial damage, Jarvis sortied that morning with several cruisers and destroyers to conduct surveillance and ASW patrols. On the 16th she cleared Pearl Harbor with Saratoga (CV-3) and joined Task Force 14, steaming to relieve the beleaguered defenders on Wake Atoll. Recalled to Pearl Harbor 23 December, after the rescue mission aborted, Jarvis returned the 29th to resume ASW patrols. While operating with Lexington (CV-2) and her screening cruisers, Jarvis rescued 182 survivors of the stricken fleet oiler Neches (AO-5) 6 hours after she was torpedoed during mid-watch 23 January 1942

Jarvis departed Pearl Harbor 5 February to escort a convoy to Brisbane, Australia. Following her return 27 March, she sailed 8 April for San Francisco to undergo alterations. She returned to Pearl 18 May escorting 13 ships and proceeded 5 days later via Fiji to Sidney Australia. Arriving 18 June, she commenced convoy escort and ASW patrols from Australia to New Caledonia, continuing this duty until called to participate in the invasion of Guadalcanal.

Steaming from Sidney 14 July, Jarvis arrived Wellington, New Zealand, the 19th to join Task Force 62, which sailed 22 July for the Solomons. After conducting rehearsal landings in the Fiji Islands 28-30 July, the invasion force of 84 ships and 20,000 marines steamed for Guadalcanal 31 July. Protected from Japanese search planes by rain and heavy mists, the force arrived off the landing beaches at dawn 7 August.

Following naval and air bombardment of enemy defenses, the first amphibious operation of the war commenced at 0650. Jarvis patrolled watchfully as part of the protective screen while Marines established a beachhead. As landing operations progressed, Americans expected the Japanese to strike vigorously at the transports with land-based planes. However, during two attacks which occurred that afternoon the Americans sustained only minor damage on Mugford (DD-389) while splashing 14 enemy planes.

Following night patrol off the southern end of Savo Island, Jarvis returned to Lunga Point to screen the unloading transports. Warning of an impending air attack suspended these operations; and the transports and their protective screen of destroyers and cruisers deployed in the body of water between Guadalcanal and Florida Island, soon to be called "Ironbottom Sound." When enemy torpedo bombers appeared about noon 8 August, they met a lethal stream of antiaircraft fire. Only 9 of the 26 planes breached the deadly defense of flaming lead but they set George F. Elliot (AP-13) ablaze and torpedoed Jarvis.

With 5-inch shells and machine gun fire pouring out at the attackers, Jarvis maneuvered between Vincennes (CA-64) and one of the planes during the thick of the fight. As antiaircraft fire consumed the plane, its torpedo exploded against Jarvis' starboard side near the forward fireroom, stopping her dead in the water. Her valiant crew jettisoned the port torpedoes and quickly brought under control the fires that followed the explosion. Dewey (DD-349) towed her to shallow anchorage off Lunga Point; and, after the attack, she crossed "Ironbottom Sound" to Tulagi, where she transferred her wounded and commenced emergency repairs.

Despite a 50-foot gash in her side, she was considered seaworthy and ordered to proceed under cover of darkness to Efate, New Hebrides. Apparently unaware of the order, her capable skipper, Lt. Comdr. W. W. Graham decided to steam to Sidney, Australia, for immediate repairs from Dobbin (AD-3). Unnoticed by her own ships, Jarvis departed Tulagi at midnight 9 August and moved slowly westward through "Ironbottom Sound" and between Savo Island and Cape Esperance. At 0134 she passed 3,000 yards northward of Rear Admiral Mikawa's cruisers, steaming to meet the Americans at the costly Battle of Savo Island. Mistaking her for a cruiser of the New Zealand Achilles-class, they fired torpedoes, and destroyer Yunagi later engaged her briefly, all without effect.

The gallant destroyer, continuing to retire westward, had little speed, no radio communications, and few operative guns; but she refused aid from Blue (DD-378) upon being sighted at 0325. After daybreak, a Saratoga scout plane sighted her 40 miles off Guadalcanal, trailing fuel oil and down by the bow. That was the last time Americans saw her.

The Japanese, however, still mistaking Jarvis for an escaping cruiser, dispatched 31 planes from Rabaul to search out and destroy her. Once discovered, the determined, but badly damaged, destroyer was no match for bombers raking the ship with bullets and torpedoes. According to Japanese records, Jarvis "split and sank" at 1300 on 9 August.

Although she went down with all hands, her sacrifice served a noble purpose. Had not the enemy planes located her, no doubt they would have maintained course for Guadalcanal and pounded the battle-weary American ships as they prepared to depart for Noumea, New Caledonia.

Jarvis received three battle stars for World War II service.

More About John Hord Armstrong, Jr.:
Burial: At Sea/Body Not Recovered

Notes for Joseph B. Hutchinson:

Oil business; lived in Louisville and Delray Beach, FL.

Florida Death Index: Florida Death Index 1877-1998: Joseph B Hutchinson; vol. 3241, certif. 31344; place:

Palm Beach; race: W; gender: M; date of death: May 1969.

U.S. Social security Death Index:JOE HUTCHINSON; SSN: 350-09-6699 (issued IL); last residence: 33444 Delray Beach, Palm Beach, FL; born: 14 Sep 1891; died: May 1969

Notes for George Herbert McCracken:

Inducted in College Football Hall of Fame in 1973, played University of Pittsburgh, 1918-20, coached Lafayette College, Allegheny College, 1921-35, invented the huddle (CBS Sportsline), Lafayette 9-0 in 1926, National champions per Davis rating system (BamaFan.com); served on Board of University of Pittsburgh; founder Scholastic Press;

One of the winningest coaches (59-40-6) to ever head Lafayette football teams. His twelve seasons at Lafayette included an undefeated team (9-0) in 1926. McCracken came to campus after three years as head coach at Allegheny College. He had been a basketball and football star at the University of Pittsburgh. In the latter sport, the famous Pop Warner had called him "my greatest all-around athlete." In 1935, he left the coaching profession to devote time to his business interests; had helped found Scholastic Magazine in 1922, and was the publisher of Scholastic Coach, which he started in 1931; association with Lafayette continued as a member of the Board of Trustees (1963-71) and, in 1968, he received an honorary degree from Lafayette; received Danny Hutch award in 1971 for his services to Lafayette athletics; in 1972, received the National Football Foundation's Distinguished American Award; in 1974, was inducted into the NFF's Collegiate Hall of Fame. Lafayette athletic website: goleopards.ocsn.com/trads/

Creator Of Football's Huddle, Herb Mccracken, Dies At 95

BYLINE: Dan Graziano, Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

DATE: 03-18-1995

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Nowadays, some football teams use the no-huddle offense. But until Herb McCracken came along, there was no huddle - period. Mr. McCracken was coach of Lafayette University in 1924 when, before a game against Penn, he discovered Penn had memorized his team's offensive signals through scouting. He promptly instructed his team to assemble a few yards behind the line of scrimmage and discuss the play in secret, thus creating the first huddle.

Mr. McCracken, a Delray Beach resident, died of kidney failure March 11 at a nursing home in Boynton Beach. He was 95.

His file at The National Football Foundation, the 48-year-old college football organization based in Larchmont, N.Y., credits him with "being the first coach to make the full use of the huddle for signals."

Mr. McCracken coached college football for 15 years, first at Allegheny (Pa.) College, then at Lafayette in Easton, Pa. He also helped found Scholastic Magazines in 1922. When he retired from coaching in 1935, he ran the publishing company full time. He retired in 1970 and moved to Delray Beach with his wife, Martha. "He was always very interested in the schools he coached at," said his wife. "But his lifework was his publishing. He was always active on the board (of his publishing company in New York)." Mr. McCracken was born in Pittsburgh and played football at the University of Pittsburgh under legendary coach Pop Warner, who called him "my greatest all-around undergraduate player." He coached three seasons for Allegheny College before moving to Lafayette. His 1926 team finished 9-0 and was declared national champion. He compiled a 59-40-6 record at Lafayette before leaving coaching to run his publishing business.

Mr. McCracken once noted that football had undergone dramatic changes since his coaching days, but that some things remained the same. "There are still two fundamentals which have remained constant," he said. "A winning team must block and tackle, and no substitute has been able to replace them."

Mr. McCracken also was a friend and fraternity brother of baseball executive Branch Rickey. His wife said he was one of the friends Rickey consulted when deciding to bring Jackie Robinson into major league baseball as its first black player. Mr. McCracken was named to the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame in 1974. "He was an extraordinary man," said Ted Bush, senior pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Delray Beach, where funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. today. "He loved sports. He was an enthusiastic fan but participated in it, too. If everybody had the same spirit as he had, the world would be a better place."

Mr. McCracken is survived by his wife; a son, George Herbert McCracken Jr. of Dallas; and a daughter, Judith McCracken Clark of Old Saybrook, Conn.

- 200 ii. William VanMeter Alford, born January 27, 1916 in Hartford, Geneva County, Alabama; died August 01, 1981 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married Daisy Ruth Woltz in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina; born September 27, 1920 in Gastonia, Gaston County, North Carolina.

Notes for William VanMeter Alford:

Obituary, Lexington Leader, p. D-6, Monday, August 3, 1991: Lexington attorney and civic leader, died Saturday [August 1, 1981] at U.K. Medical Center after a long illness with cancer; age 65; residence, 4 Waters Edge Place; practiced law in Lexington since 1948, partner with Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald, prior to merger in 1978, had been McDonald, Alford & Roszell, specialty was real estate and estate law; civic and charitable activities: local Salvation Army, YMCA, Red Vross, Rotary Club, Appalachian School of Practical Nursing, Lexington Public Library, Florence Crittenden Home, local chairman of the Aid to Korea campaign, 1953, board of Univ. of Kentucky student publications organization, Lexington Speech Clinic; first president of each Blue Grass Regional Health Planning Council and the Central Kentucky Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board; former member and chairman of board of Lees Junior College; served on Fayette County Election Commission; member, American College of Mortgage Attorneys; member, Fayette County, Kentucky and American Bar Ass'ns; Sigma Chi fraternity; during World War II, served in the Navy as the commanding officer of Submarine Chaser 516, which was stationed off the coast of North Africa, served in the Navy for four years, was released from active duty in 1945 with the rank of lieutenant, member, Advisory Council on Naval Affairs, member, Fayette County draft board, 1948-51; native of Hartford, Alabama, educated at Palmer Academy in DeFuniak Springs, FL, Lees College, Jackson, KY, and Hampden-Sydney College, VA, 1936, law degree from University of Virginia, 1947; lived in Lexington since 1932; elder of First Presbyterian Church, moderator and trustee for the Guerrant-Transylvania Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.; survivors, wife, Ruth Woltz Alford, sons, William VanMeter Alford, Jr., and Farra McRae Alford, both of Lexington, sister, Martha Alford McCracken, Ocean Ridge, FL, two grandchildren, Katherine McRae and Elizabeth Samford Alford, nephew, J. Hord Armstrong, III of St. Louis, MO.

Ky Death Certificate, vol. 38, certificate no. 18821, year, 1981.

More About William VanMeter Alford:

Burial: August 04, 1981, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section D, lot 48,49

More About William Alford and Daisy Woltz:

Marriage: Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina

110. Virginia⁹ VanMeter (William Scott⁸, Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born Abt. 1892 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died October 09, 1954 in Lake Forest, Lake County, Illinois. She married **Fitzhugh Lee Draughon**. He was born Abt. 1891, and died January 09, 1957 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Virginia VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. 16, Sunday, October, 10, 1954: age 63, residence, 143 Woodland Ave., Lexington, KY; died at 1:00 a.m., yesterday, at Lake Forest Hospital, Lake Forest, Illinois where she had been under treatment for three weeks; native of Fayette County, Kentucky, daughter of the late William Scott and Anna Farra VanMeter; member of the Methodist Church; survivors, husband, Fitzhugh Draughon, daughter, Mrs. David Elmgren, Lake Forest, IL, sisters, Mrs. W. R. Brown, Mrs. J. R. Alford, and Miss Gladys VanMeter, all of Lexington, and a brother, Dr. J. Farra VanMeter; burial in Lexington Cemetery, bearers: John Farra, James Farra, Van Alford, Dr. Jesse VanMeter, William Henry Prewitt, and Donald Garrett.

More About Virginia VanMeter:

Burial: October 11, 1954, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section J, lot 78

Notes for Fitzhugh Lee Draughon:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. 12, Thursday, January 10, 1957: age 65, residence, 143 Woodland Ave., Lexington, KY; died at Good Samaritan Hospital after an illness of several months; a building contractor, had been a resident of Lexington for seven years; member of Methodist Church, Kentucky Mountain Club; graduate of Hindman

Settlement School, and attended Berea College; survivors: daughter, Mrs. David V. Elmgren, Lake Forest, IL, three brothers, Joe Draughon, Whitesburg, KY, John Draughon, Tulsa, OK, Will Pollard Draughon, Harveytown, four sisters, Mrs. Emma Goodpaster, Bradenton, FL, Mrs. J. W. Eades, Kayford, Mrs. Ida Bates, Jenkins, and Mrs. Ollie Hurt, Hazard; and three grandchildren; bearers: James A. Farra, James R. Hurt, Charles Ray Hurt, R. O. Fields, Dr. J. O. VanMeter, Jr., and Wilbur Abbott.

KY death record: age 65, residence and place of death: Fayette, date of death: 01-09-1957, vol. 001, certif. no. 00426, year 1957.

More About Fitzhugh Lee Draughon:

Burial: January 11, 1957, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section J, lot 78

Children of Virginia VanMeter and Fitzhugh Draughon are:

- 201 i. Elizabeth Selina¹⁰ Draughon, born March 09, 1918 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died March 26, 1918 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Elizabeth Selina Draughon:

KY death record: place of death: Fayette, date of death: 03-26-1918 vol. 014, certif. no. 06839, year 1918

More About Elizabeth Selina Draughon:

Burial: March 27, 1918, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section J, lot 78

- 202 ii. ??? Draughon. She married David V. Elmgren.

113. James Farra⁹ VanMeter (William Scott⁸, Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born 1899 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died December 05, 1978 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **Harriett A. Drury** 1931, daughter of Walter Drury and Belle Snyder. She was born December 27, 1910 in Fulton, Illinois, and died October 12, 1997 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for James Farra VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. D-1, Wednesday, December 6, 1978: retired general surgeon and member of first Urban-County Council, died Tuesday at Good Samaritan Hospital of a respiratory ailment, age 79; native of Lexington; served twenty years as director of the Cancer Clinic at Good Samaritan Hospital and was president of the staff; also served on the staffs of Central Baptist and St. Joseph hospitals during more than thirty years practice here; ran for Urban-County Council at age 72; "[h]e was more than a close friend. He was someone I admired greatly," said ex-Mayor Pettit. "Dr. VanMeter was one of the most outstanding members of this community ever. He spent his entire life serving Lexington in various ways. When he spoke, people listened. . . . His wisdom and stature carried many an issue, and no one ever questioned his integrity or sincerity." J. Scott Yellman, another member of the "clean government" ticket, said "I'm very sorry to hear of his death. He was a great person. He was somewhat older than the rest of us, and he used to call us his boys. He was always very enthusiastic about everything we tried to do. He took a great interest in everything, even issues that you would expect to be of more concern to some of us than to him;" served for 17 years as secretary of the staff at St. Joseph Hospital; received the distinguished service award of the Kentucky Medical Association in 1974, its highest honor; Special Achievement award for the Kentucky division of the American Cancer Society in 1957; Optimist Cup in 1958; served on the Lexington and state boards of health; two terms as chairman of the board of directors of the Southeast Regional YMCA, YMCA man of the year in 1961; a board chairman at Sayre School; political career was two years on the Lexington City Council, and four years as at-large member on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, merger commission that led to the Urban County Government; served as ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church, U.S., for thirty years, served on General Council, and was chairman of the General Council for three years; member Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church; Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind award; served as president of the Kentucky Conference of Christians and Jews; son of late William Scott and Anna Farra VanMeter, resident of 17 Mentelle Park; survivors, wife, Harriet D. VanMeter, daughter, Mrs. David Kasanof, son, James F. VanMeter, Jr.

Kentucky Death Record: VanMeter, J. Farra, age 79, place of residence and of death, Fayette, date of death: 12-05-1978; vol. 060 certif. 29509, year 1978

Notes for Harriett A. Drury:

HARRIET DRURY VAN METER

Jennifer Hewlett, Herald-Leader Staff Writer

Harriet Drury Van Meter, 86, who touched millions of lives around the world through the International Book Project, which she founded in 1966, died yesterday at home after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Van Meter, sometimes referred to as the "Book Lady", started the Lexington-based, non-profit International Book Project to help people in countries where books and journals were in short supply.

By 1984, about eight million people had access to book project books and journals. When Mrs. Van Meter stepped down as executive director of the organization on Jan. 1, 1986, the project had about 17,000 worldwide volunteers. Mrs. Van Meter's work in the book project brought her a nomination for the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize. She received the Kiwanis International World Service Medal, an award that also has been given to former First Lady Nancy Reagan and Church of England envoy Terry Waite .

"She and Jacques Cousteau were finalists for that award, and she was selected to receive that award," said Ted Osborn, former president of the book project board. "Millions of books, free of charge, were sent to Third World countries. Millions of books. That's just unbelievable," Osborn said. The University of Baguio and the Bicol Christian College of Medicine, both in the Philippines, named libraries for Mrs. Van Meter. She also was inducted into the Kentucky Women's Hall of Fame. "This has been by far the most rewarding experience of my life, something I'll always remember," she said of the book project in 1985. It started in Madras. The idea for an international book project first came to Mrs. Van Meter during her U.S. State Department-sponsored trip to India in 1965. "In Madras, the university had 70,000 students and only 4,500 books. None could be checked out. Students stood in line to read," she told the Courier-Journal in 1981. She'd already seen the need in other countries. In 1960, on a visit to Brazil she heard of the need for professional journals in medicine, dentistry and veterinary science . After she returned home, she collected journals and sent them to Brazil.

The International Book Project was Mrs. Van Meter's largest undertaking, but not her only one.

In 1940, she led a group of women to found the Manchester Center in Lexington to provide educational and social services to residents of Irishtown. She also taught at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church nursery school for many years and was volunteer director of Lexington's Sayre School from 1947 to 1949.

For years, Mrs. Van Meter and her husband Dr. James Farra Van Meter invited University of Kentucky foreign students and American students who wanted to meet them to their home for dinner. As many as 70 would show up. In 1960, UK presented Mrs. Van Meter with its Sullivan Medallion in recognition of her work with international students.

Mrs. Van Meter, was born Dec. 27, 1910, in Fulton, Ill., the daughter of Walter Carroll Drury, a candy manufacturer who was credited with inventing the lemon drop , and Belle Snyder Drury. Shortly after enrolling at UK, she became very ill with an intestinal obstruction. She fell in love with her doctor, James Farra Van Meter, who was more than 11 years her senior. The two married, she was 20 and he was 31, and they had three children. The oldest, Jimmy, was disabled by a birth injury. Son Richard died at age three of dysentery . Daughter Nancy Kasanof lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. James Farra Van Meter had served on the old Lexington City Commission and was a member of the first Urban County Council. He died in 1978. Mrs. Van Meter raised her children; graduated magna cum laude from UK in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in family studies ; and received a master's degree in sociology from UK in 1961.

In 1949, a group of nine German students arrived on the UK campus, followed the next year by 40 students from Japan. "There was a great deal of resistance to the idea of foreign students in those days," she said in a 1977 interview. "Many people wouldn't rent to them or even speak to them." Mrs. Van Meter helped many of those students and in 1965 her efforts attracted the attention of the State Department, which asked her to spend several weeks in India. The book shortage in India shocked her, and led to her organizing the International Book Project. All books and postage expenses were donated. The project's headquarters for many years was Mrs. Van Meter's basement at her Mentelle Park home. "Our whole basement was wall to wall books," daughter Nancy Kasanof said. The project was criticized for sending books out of the U.S. "Every state in this nation has a department of libraries with mobile units. Anyone in this country who wants to read a book can find a book," she told the Courier-Journal in 1981. In 1985, Mrs. Van Meter was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Former U.S. Rep. Larry Hopkins filed the papers with the Nobel Committee nominating her.

Private services. In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Van Meter is survived by her son James Farra Van Meter Jr. of Frankfort; two brothers; and two grandchildren. W.R. Milward Mortuary on North Broadway is in charge of funeral

arrangements, which are private. The family of Mrs. Van Meter invites those who knew or worked with her to an Oct. 28 memorial service at 2 p.m. at Pisgah Presbyterian Church. Donations can be made to the International Book Project Inc., 1440 Delaware Ave., Lexington, Ky. 40505.

Herald-Leader news researcher Linda Minch and staff writer Amy Baldwin contributed to this report.

Gary Landers/Associated Press

More About James VanMeter and Harriett Drury:
Marriage: 1931

Children of James VanMeter and Harriett Drury are:

- 203 i. James Farra¹⁰ VanMeter, Jr., born October 22, 1932 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- 204 ii. Nancy N. VanMeter, born April 10, 1934 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
- 205 iii. Richard Lindsey VanMeter, born June 11, 1935 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died August 26, 1938 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

More About Richard Lindsey VanMeter:

Burial: August 27, 1938, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 17, lot 24, part N

114. Mary Moore⁹ Savage (Frances M.⁸ VanMeter, Isaac Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born 1901, and died April 15, 1941 in Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky. She married **Clarence Albert Phillip McQueen**. He died March 25, 1958 in Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky.

Notes for Mary Moore Savage:

1930 U. S. Census for Fayette County, Kentucky: listed in household of mother, Frances Savage, along with children, Elmer, age 7, Clarence, age 4, and Mary E., age 1.

KY Death Record: McQueen, Mary M., age 40, county of death: Kenton, county of residence: Carroll, dod: 4/15/41, vol. 022, certif. 10588, year 1941.

Children of Mary Savage and Clarence McQueen are:

- 206 i. Lewis¹⁰ McQueen.
- 207 ii. Elmer McQueen, born Abt. 1923.
- 208 iii. Clarence McQueen, born Abt. 1926.
- 209 iv. Mary Elizabeth McQueen, born Abt. 1929.
- 210 v. Frances McQueen.
- 211 vi. Charles Virgil McQueen.
- 212 vii. Joseph Lester McQueen, born November 03, 1935.
- 213 viii. James Patrick McQueen, born April 12, 1938.
- 214 ix. David R. McQueen, born April 14, 1941.
- 215 x. Maria J. McQueen, born April 14, 1941.

116. Arch Logan⁹ Hamilton (Emma⁸ VanMeter, Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born April 07, 1881, and died June 16, 1946 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **Edna Gilbert**, daughter of J. Gilbert and Emma Snow. She died June 05, 1958 in Harpswell, Cumberland County, Maine.

Notes for Arch Logan Hamilton:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 1, Monday, June 17, 1946: state senator from 1923 to 1931, pioneer advocate of voting machines, supported primary election method of choosing party candidates, racing industry, regulating and limiting activities of loan firms; elected to state house in 1916; served as head of Bradley-Gilbert Company, a Louisville printing firm; owner of Kirklevington Stud on Tates Creek Pike; native of Clark County, son of late Archibald Logan and Emma VanMeter Hamilton, resident of Fayette County since a boy, attended University of Kentucky, graduated in law from Yale

University; 32nd degree Mason, member Good Shepherd Episcopal Church; survivors, wife, Edna Gilbert Hamilton, daughters, Mrs. Boyd Bailey, Bath, Maine, Mrs. Charles R. Lowery, Brunswick, Maine, sister, Miss Amelia M. Hamilton, Lexington, and grandchildren, Philip Gilbert Bailey and Anne Hamilton Bailey, Bath, Maine, and James George Lowery, Brunswick, Maine. [Pallbearers: Lloyd B. Averett, H.G. Pettit, Daniel P. Marshall, Field VanMeter, William Pettit, Greenberry Simmons, T. Emanuel VanMeter, and Dr. J. Farra VanMeter --Funeral notice, Lexington Herald, p. 2, Tuesday, June 18, 1946].

Date of death from KY death certificate, vol. 26, certif. no. 12836.

More About Arch Logan Hamilton:

Burial: June 18, 1946, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section H-1, lot 6

Notes for Edna Gilbert:

Will Book 37, page 455, Fayette County Clerk's Office, dated 9 March 1958, probated in Maine; daughters, Virginia Hamilton Bailey, 900 Washington St., Bath, ME, and Patricia Hamilton Lowery, 24 Pleasant St., Brunswick, ME; date of death: 5 June 1958.

More About Edna Gilbert:

Burial: July 09, 1958, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section H-1, lot 6

Children of Arch Hamilton and Edna Gilbert are:

- 216 i. Virginia Clay¹⁰ Hamilton, born August 24, 1902; died November 10, 1981 in South Harpswell, Cumberland County, Maine. She married Boyd L. Bailey; born June 18, 1902; died June 17, 1986 in South Harpswell, Cumberland County, Maine.

Notes for Virginia Clay Hamilton:

Maine Death Certificate: 8109613 BRUNSWICK 11-10-1981 79 Years.

- 217 ii. Patricia Hamilton. She married Charles R. Lowery; born Abt. 1905; died May 31, 1967 in Brunswick, Maine.

117. William⁹ Pettit, Jr. (Annette⁸ VanMeter, Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born December 13, 1897 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died June 16, 1962 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. He married **Dunster Foster** March 14, 1928. She was born April 28, 1905, and died July 28, 1998 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for William Pettit, Jr.:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. 14, Sunday, June 17, 1962: residence, 212 S. Ashland Av., Lexington; died at Veterans Admin. Hosp., Louisville; member, Lexington-Fayette County board of adjustment for 20 years, Lexington native, son of late William and Annette VanMeter Pettit, attended Univ. of Kentucky and Univ. of Virginia; in 1917, joined Cornell Unit of Army Ambulance Corps, served in France and Italy, through Meuse-Argonne and San Miguel offensives, and with Army of Occupation; member of First Presbyterian Church and IHCC; participated in Lexington's development planning; survivors: wife, Dunster Gibson Pettit, daughter, Miss Dunster Gibson Pettit, Washington, D.C., two sons, William Pettit, III, Columbia, SC, Harrison Foster Pettit, Louisville, KY, brother, Harold G. Pettit, Lexington; niece, Mrs. Haden Kirkpatrick, Lexington, and five grandchildren.

KY. Death Certificate, vol. 027, certif. 13244, year 1962.

More About William Pettit, Jr.:

Burial: June 18, 1962, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 4, lot 6, 83

More About Dunster Foster:

Burial: August 04, 1998, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 4, lot 6, 83

More About William Pettit and Dunster Foster:

Marriage: March 14, 1928

Children of William Pettit and Dunster Foster are:

- 218 i. Harrison Foster¹⁰ Pettit, born August 24, 1930 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married (1) Marion Gregory April 15, 1957; born March 22, 1931. He married (2) Carole Thomas January 31, 1981 in Lexington, Kentucky; born August 30, 1943; died October 11, 2002 in Scott County, Kentucky.

Notes for Harrison Foster Pettit:

University of Virginia, B.A. 1956, LL.B. 1958. Law Clerk to Hon. Shackelford Miller, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit, 1958-59. State Representative, 1964-70. Mayor, City of Lexington, 1972-1978. Secretary, Kentucky Public Protection and Regulation Cabinet, 1979-81.

More About Harrison Pettit and Marion Gregory:

Divorce: January 1981

Marriage: April 15, 1957

Notes for Carole Thomas:

Lexington Herald-Leader, p. B4, Sunday, October 13, 2002:

Carole Pettit dies in Scott Co., Former Lexington Mayor's Wife Was 59
HERALD-LEADER STAFF REPORT

Carole Pettit, the wife of former Lexington mayor Foster Pettit, died Friday in Georgetown. She was 59. Mrs. Pettit died while trying to retrieve a canoe out of flood waters on Elkhorn Creek, according to family members. Her body was taken to the medical examiner's office in Frankfort to determine a cause of death. The Scott County Sheriff's Office could not be reached for comment.

A Lexington native, Mrs. Pettit was a graduate of Georgetown College and Vanderbilt University. A former teacher, she owned a public-relations business in Lexington. She was also active in local causes, including preservation of the Old Episcopal Burying Ground at Third Street and Elm Tree Lane. The Very Rev. Morris Thompson, dean and rector of Christ Church Cathedral, said Mrs. Pettit provided the vision for the Old Episcopal Burying Ground and had hoped to turn it into a place where people could come and meditate.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Pettit is survived by her parents, H.H. and Caroline Thomas; and three sisters, Gloria Thomas, Susan Pittman, and Diana Piep. Arrangements were incomplete at W.R. Wilward Mortuary -- Broadway. Contributions are suggested to Christ Church Cathedral for the Old Episcopal Burying Ground Fund.

More About Harrison Pettit and Carole Thomas:

Marriage: January 31, 1981, Lexington, Kentucky

- 219 ii. Dunster Gibson Pettit, born August 08, 1935 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died Abt. September 1965.

Notes for Dunster Gibson Pettit:

Will Book 49, page 106, Fayette County Clerk's Office, dated 20 December 1962, probated 11 September 1965: mother, Dunster Foster Pettit, brother, H. Foster Pettit.

More About Dunster Gibson Pettit:

Burial: September 1965, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 4, lot 6, 83

- 220 iii. William Pettit III, born December 22, 1928 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died June 07, 1997 in Littleton, Arapahoe County, Colorado.

Notes for William Pettit III:

Obituary, Lexington Herald Leader, p. B2, Sunday, June 8, 1997: age 68, formerly of Lexington, died June 7, 1997 at home in Littleton, CO; born and reared in Lexington, KY, graduated from Kentucky Military Institute in 1947 (twice honored as best drilled cadet), attended University of Kentucky, graduated from University of Georgia, receiving a B.S. degree and Masters, with honors, in Agricultural Economics; served in Air Force from 1950 to 1954, worked from 1955 to 1985 with the bank for Cooperatives of the U.S. Farm Credit System in Columbia, SC, Washington, DC and Denver, CO; survivors: wife, JoJean Pettit, children, Stephen Davis Pettit, Addison Foster Pettit, William Downs Pettit, and Rossie Pettit Davan, stepson, Ryan Fowler, and six grandchildren, mother, Dunster Foster Pettit, and brother H. Foster Pettit.

118. Harold Grenville⁹ Pettit (Annette⁸ VanMeter, Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre,

Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born August 27, 1901 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died December 27, 1972 in Melbourne Beach, Brevard County, Florida. He married **Elizabeth Horton** October 12, 1920 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, daughter of Benjamin Horton and Frances Sullivan. She was born June 09, 1904, and died January 12, 1979 in Melbourne Beach, Brevard County, Florida.

Notes for Harold Grenville Pettit:

FL Death Record: Harold Grenville Pettit, Certificate: 77908, Place: Brevard, Race: W
Death Date: 27 Dec 1972 Birth Date: 26 Aug 1901.

More About Harold Grenville Pettit:

Burial: January 12, 1973, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 4, lot 6, 83

Notes for Elizabeth Horton:

FL Death Record: Name: Elizabeth Horton Pettit, Certificate: 323, Place: Brevard, Race: W,
Death Date: 12 Jan 1979 Birth Date: 09 Jun 1904

More About Elizabeth Horton:

Burial: January 15, 1979, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 4, lot 6, 83

More About Harold Pettit and Elizabeth Horton:

Marriage: October 12, 1920, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

Child of Harold Pettit and Elizabeth Horton is:

- 221 i. Elizabeth Anne¹⁰ Pettit, born December 08, 1922 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married (1) William Oscar Shropshire March 20, 1944 in Harvard Memorial Chapel, Cambridge, Massachusetts. She married (2) Haden Kirkpatrick December 02, 1961 in Falmouth, Pendleton County, Kentucky; born November 12, 1911; died March 26, 1988 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Elizabeth Anne Pettit:

KY Birth Record: Pettit, Elizabeth A.; 12/8/1922; Fayette; mother: Elizabeth Horton; 22-123-61494.

266-7058.

More About William Shropshire and Elizabeth Pettit:

Divorce: Abt. 1952

Marriage: March 20, 1944, Harvard Memorial Chapel, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Notes for Haden Kirkpatrick:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. A15, March 27, 1988

HADEN KIRKPATRICK DIES

Herald-Leader staff report

Haden Kirkpatrick, former publisher of The Thoroughbred Record and former co-owner of The Thoroughbred Press Inc., died yesterday at his home at 200 Barrow Road. He was 76. James E. Bassett III, chairman of Keeneland, called Kirkpatrick "one of the most kind and considerate and thoughtful members of the thoroughbred industry. He was respected by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him."

Kirkpatrick and the late Neville Dunn bought The Thoroughbred Record in 1941. It was sold in 1980. The Thoroughbred Record is the oldest magazine in existence devoted to thoroughbred racing and breeding. It was first published in 1875 under the name Kentucky Live Stock Record. It became The Thoroughbred Record in 1895. Thoroughbred Press, founded in 1946, printed Horseman & Fair World (a magazine for the standardbred industry), Keeneland racing programs and horse sales catalogs and literature. It was sold by Kirkpatrick and other stockholders, including his son, Arnold, to Host Communications Inc. in 1986. Both The Thoroughbred Record and Thoroughbred Press had offices at 904 North Broadway, a mansion acquired by the Press in 1949. The magazine moved to new quarters after the 1980 sale. Kirkpatrick said he sold the Thoroughbred Press because he planned to retire. The sale also was sparked by his son's decision to leave the company and move to Australia to launch a thoroughbred sales agency in Sydney. It wasn't easy to sell the company, Haden Kirkpatrick said, "but I'm getting pretty old and . . . we'll have nobody left to run it after Arnold leaves."

In addition to his son, Kirkpatrick is survived by his wife, Anne Kirkpatrick; two stepsons, David Shropshire of

Lexington and Walter Shropshire of Bourbon County, and three grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at W.R. Milward Mortuary -- Broadway.

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Lexington Herald-Leader, p. C1, March 28, 1988

HADEN KIRKPATRICK REMEMBERED AS A TRUE SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN

Jacqueline Duke Herald-Leader staff writer

Haden Kirkpatrick embodied all the traits of a true Southern gentleman, friends and former employees said yesterday. Kirkpatrick, former publisher of the Thoroughbred Record and former co-owner of The Thoroughbred Press Inc., died Saturday. He was 76. "He was the most beloved person I have ever known," said Martha Dalzell, who recently retired after 40 years with the Record. "Everyone just loved him. He was gracious to everyone."

Kirkpatrick was born in Greenville, Ky. His family had been in the coal business. A graduate of Tulane University, Kirkpatrick also went to Wake Forest Academy in Chicago. He worked for a time as a newspaper reporter in Lexington. In 1941, he and the late Neville Dunn bought The Thoroughbred Record.

"He was always, in every way, a first-class gentleman and a very gentle man," said Frank Jennings, who worked with Kirkpatrick for more than 30 years. Jennings, a former executive director of the Record and Thoroughbred Press, said Kirkpatrick was very knowledgeable about horses and pedigrees. He was also, Jennings said, a great fan of basketball, football and baseball. Kirkpatrick sold the Record in 1980. In 1986, he and other stockholders sold the Thoroughbred Press, which was founded in 1946 and printed Keeneland racing programs, sales catalogs and other literature. "I don't know what you say about a man like that. He was a wonderful man," said Hilary Boone Jr., owner of Wimbledon Farm in Lexington. Friends said Kirkpatrick was a great storyteller who had good sense of humor. "I've had an awful lot of fun with Haden Kirkpatrick," said James Allen, a member of the Iroquois Hunt Club, to which Kirkpatrick had belonged. Charlotte Pursley, another hunt member, described Kirkpatrick as a "good, old Southern-type gentleman who everyone liked." Kirkpatrick also had been a member of the Thoroughbred Club, Idle Hour Country Club and the Lexington Club.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Church of the Good Shepherd. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at W.R. Milward Mortuary -- Broadway. Contributions are suggested to one's favorite charity.

Illustration: HADEN KIRKPATRICK was former publisher of the Thoroughbred Record.

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More About Haden Kirkpatrick:

Burial: March 29, 1988, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section P, lot 25, part N

More About Haden Kirkpatrick and Elizabeth Pettit:

Marriage: December 02, 1961, Falmouth, Pendleton County, Kentucky

119. Mary Elizabeth⁹ VanMeter (Thomas Wright Lewis⁸, Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born May 15, 1891 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died May 12, 1979 in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida. She married **John Franklin Day** November 20, 1912. He was born October 13, 1891, and died February 13, 1971 in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida.

Notes for Mary Elizabeth VanMeter:

Attended Centre College, finished at University of Kentucky; teacher and principal in Aberdeen, Ohio public school system; resided in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky for many years prior to moving to Bradenton, Florida.

FL Death Record: Name: Elizabeth Vanmeter Day, Certificate: 40878, Place: Manatee, Race: W, Death Date: 12 May 1979, Birth Date: 15 May 1891

More About Mary Elizabeth VanMeter:

Burial: Oneco, Florida

Notes for John Franklin Day:

FL Death Record: Name: John Franklin Day; Certificate: 10967, Place: Manatee, Race: W,
Death Date: 13 Feb 1971; Birth Date: 13 Oct 1891

More About John Day and Mary VanMeter:

Marriage: November 20, 1912

Children of Mary VanMeter and John Day are:

- 222 i. John Franklin¹⁰ Day, Jr., born August 29, 1913 in Fleming County, Kentucky; died April 10, 1982 in Exmouth, Devonshire, England.

Notes for John Franklin Day, Jr.:

Married three times, no children. Barbara Betts Flores (2Sep2002).

"Born in Fleming County, Kentucky, on August 29, 1913. Journalist. University of Kentucky, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, 1935. Died April 10, 1982. One of the most distinguished reporters to have served on Lexington newspapers and the author of Bloody Ground, a noted book on Appalachia, he rose from being a \$10-a-week reporter to Vice-President of CBS News.

"His first editorial job was as student chief of the then weekly Kentucky Kernel. He moved on to The Lexington Herald-Leader and then went on to an Associated-Press assignment in West Virginia, a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard, and a tour of duty with the Office of War Information in New York. He continued his career in Cleveland and Dayton and then joined the Louisville Courier-Journal where he was managing editor from 1952 until 1955. From there he returned to New York as News Director and later Vice President of CBS News. Those years were marked by CBS receiving two Emmys - one for coverage of Fidel Castro's takeover in Cuba and another for a documentary, "Years of Crisis". He also won a George F. Peabody citation for excellence. During that time he hired a promising young reporter named Harry Reasoner. He left CBS in 1961 and became European correspondent for Time-Life Broadcasting, stationed in London, and in 1964 purchased half-ownership in the Exmouth Journal, a 10,000 circulation weekly in Devonshire County, England. Day said, "It was like getting off a merry-go-round and settling down in a small town. All the past superactive life was finis."

"John F. Day, Jr. was named to the Hall of Distinguished Alumni on April 11, 1980. "

[www.uky.edu/Alumni/awards/hoda/dayJF.htm]

- 223 ii. Mollie Williams Day, born February 01, 1916 in Clark County, Kentucky. She married Robert Knoble Betts December 24, 1939 in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky; born June 17, 1918 in Nicholasville, Jessamine County, Kentucky; died Abt. December 1984 in Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida.

Notes for Mollie Williams Day:

KY Birth Record: 16-015-07218.

2002: resides Denver, Colorado (Barbara Betts Flores (4Sep02)).

More About Robert Betts and Mollie Day:

Marriage: December 24, 1939, Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky

- 224 iii. Jane Saunders Day, born December 21, 1918 in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky; died 1984 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. She married Louis William Lundergan; born August 03, 1922; died June 18, 1994 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Notes for Jane Saunders Day:

KY Birth Record: 18-120-59740.

More About Jane Saunders Day:

Burial: Washington, Kentucky

More About Louis William Lundergan:

Burial: Washington, Kentucky

120. Amelia Clay Lewis⁹ VanMeter (Thomas Wright Lewis⁸, Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born May 23, 1894 in Clark County, Kentucky, and died September 30, 1972 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married **Frederick Jackson Rogers** November 11, 1919 in The Pines, Clark County, Kentucky. He was born March 19, 1885 in DeBerry, Texas, and died May 22, 1950 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Notes for Amelia Clay Lewis VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 2, Tuesday, October 3, 1972: retired school teacher, Lexington Public Schools; native of Clark County, KY, daughter of the late T.W.L. and Mary Holloway VanMeter; member of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, DAR, UDC, Colonial Dames, The Huguenot Society, and the Royal Order of the Crown; survivors, son, Frederick J. Rogers, New Orleans, granddaughter, Leslie Ann Rogers, sister, Mrs. John F. Day, Bradenton, FL.

KY Death Certificate, vol. 51, certif. 25008.

More About Amelia Clay Lewis VanMeter:

Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

More About Frederick Rogers and Amelia VanMeter:

Marriage: November 11, 1919, The Pines, Clark County, Kentucky

Child of Amelia VanMeter and Frederick Rogers is:

- 225 i. Frederick Jackson¹⁰ Rogers, Jr., born September 05, 1921 in Clark County, Kentucky; died February 25, 1978 in New Orleans, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. He married Virginia Keith Snyder February 11, 1950 in Dayton, Ohio; born July 26, 1927 in Marion County, Kentucky; died October 06, 1991 in New Orleans, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

More About Frederick Jackson Rogers, Jr.:

Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

More About Virginia Keith Snyder:

Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

More About Frederick Rogers and Virginia Snyder:

Marriage: February 11, 1950, Dayton, Ohio

123. Thomas Emanuel⁹ VanMeter (Thomas Wright Lewis⁸, Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born October 15, 1903, and died April 09, 1955 in Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **(1) Helen Cornell Sterling** December 30, 1929. She was born in Narbeth, Pennsylvania. He married **(2) Frances Marguerite Pettit** July 17, 1935, daughter of Thomas Covington Pettit. She was born 1910 in Bardwell, Carlisle County, Kentucky, and died 1994.

Notes for Thomas Emanuel VanMeter:

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. 1, Sunday, April 10, 1955: resided Parkers Mill Road, Lexington, KY; cause of death, heart attack; member State Park planning section of the Kentucky Department of Conservation; native of Winchester, KY, attended Millersburg Military Institute, University of Kentucky, B.S. in engineering, 1928, master's degree in mechanical engineering, 1931; football letterman; Kappa Sigma; Lexington Lodge No. 1 F and AM, Oleika Shrine Temple, Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church; survivors: wife, Frances Pettit VanMeter, Fayette County, daughter, Miss Claire Holloway VanMeter, Devon, PA, sisters, Mrs. John F. Day, Maysville, KY, and Mrs. Amelia VanMeter Rogers, Lexington.

KY Death Certif. 014, certif. no. 6896, year 1955.

More About Thomas Emanuel VanMeter:

Burial: April 12, 1955, Winchester [KY] Cemetery

Notes for Helen Cornell Sterling:

Fact of second marriage to John Stanley Thomas, Jr. from daughter, Claire's, wedding announcement in 1955.

More About Thomas VanMeter and Helen Sterling:

Divorce: 1934

Marriage: December 30, 1929

Notes for Frances Marguerite Pettit:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. B2, August 23, 1994: "FRANCES VAN METER, AGE 85, DIES IN ENGLAND (Herald-Leader Staff Report)

"Frances Van Meter, credited with helping to build Lexington's Manchester Center, died Thursday at a hospital in Exeter, England. She was 85.

"Mrs. Van Meter left Lexington 24 years ago to live in England. She made her home in Budleigh Salterton, Devon, at her death. Mrs. Van Meter was executive director of the Manchester Street Library, later named Manchester Center, from 1943 to 1966. The center was founded in 1940 by 20 women, including Mrs. Van Meter, to give Irishtown residents access to books when not in school. Later, Mrs. Van Meter worked at the Lexington Public Library.

"She was a native of Bardwell in Carlisle County.

"Palmers Funeral Service in Budleigh Salterton, Devon, England, is in charge of arrangements. "

Had moved to England because that is where nephew by marriage, John F. Day, Jr., was living.

More About Frances Marguerite Pettit:

Burial: Winchester [KY] Cemetery

More About Thomas VanMeter and Frances Pettit:

Marriage: July 17, 1935

Child of Thomas VanMeter and Helen Sterling is:

- 226 i. Claire Holloway¹⁰ VanMeter, born December 03, 1930 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; died May 04, 2001 in Littleton, Arapahoe County, Colorado. She married (1) Benjamin Allen Clark, Jr. July 08, 1955 in Devon, Pennsylvania. She married (2) Evans Archibald Gilmore Abt. 1956 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She married (3) William S. Latimer Aft. 1970.

Notes for Claire Holloway VanMeter:

Form SS-5, August 31, 1948: Claire Holloway VanMeter, 7 Cushman Road, Rosemont, PA, dob: Dec. 3, 1930; place of birth: Philadelphia, PA; confirms names of parents; employer: Strawbridge & Clothier, Ardmore, PA; SSN: 204-24-8353.

Place and date of death from U.S. Social Security Death Index.

More About Benjamin Clark and Claire VanMeter:

Divorce: Abt. October 1955

Marriage: July 08, 1955, Devon, Pennsylvania

More About Evans Gilmore and Claire VanMeter:

Marriage: Abt. 1956, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

More About William Latimer and Claire VanMeter:

Marriage: Aft. 1970

125. Margaret Wetherill⁹ VanMeter (Benjamin Franklin⁸, Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born January 23, 1902 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died March 24, 1984 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married **Lloyd Baker Averett** December 29, 1926 in Christ Church (Episcopal), Lexington, Fayette, County, Kentucky, son of Edmunds Averett and Rose Baker. He was born July 02, 1901 in Danville, Virginia, and died December 29, 1963 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Margaret Wetherill VanMeter:

Attended Margaret Hall, Versailles, KY; Henry Clay, Lexington, KY; A.B., University of Kentucky.

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, B8, Tuesday, March 27, 1984: widow of Lloyd B. Averett, 354 Garden Road, Lexington; school teacher, retired in 1973, taught 42 years; born in Lexington, daughter of Dr. Benjamin F. and May Hubbard Wetherill VanMeter; member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, National Society of Arts and Letters, Central Kentucky Women's Club, Sustaining Member of Junior League of Lexington; survivors: daughter, Mrs. John (Margaret) Halpin, Cincinnati; sister, Isabella VanMeter Leland, Laguna Hills, CA; brother, Benjamin F. VanMeter, Valley Center, CA; six grandchildren: John David Halpin, Benjamin VanMeter Halpin, Anne Farra Halpin, Christopher Lewis Halpin, Stephen Joseph Halpin, William Averett Halpin.

KY death certif., vol. 16, certif. no. 7803, year 1984.

Will Book 104, page 68, Fayette County Clerk's Office: daughter, Margaret Averett Halpin; son-in-law, John A. Halpin; granddaughter, Anne Farra Halpin.

More About Margaret Wetherill VanMeter:

Burial: March 27, 1984, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 17, lot 27, NW½

Notes for Lloyd Baker Averett:

Attended University of Richmond; M.A., University of Kentucky; insurance business, manager of the Hail Department of the Mississippi Valley Underwriter's Insurance Co., Louisville, KY.

Will Book 46, page 305, Fayette County Clerk's Office: wife, Margaret V. Averett, daughter, Margaret Lloyd Isabella VanMeter Averett.

More About Lloyd Baker Averett:

Burial: December 30, 1963, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 17, lot 27, NW ½

Marriage Notes for Margaret VanMeter and Lloyd Averett:

Marriage Book 24, page 466, Fayette County Clerk's Office.

More About Lloyd Averett and Margaret VanMeter:

Marriage: December 29, 1926, Christ Church (Episcopal), Lexington, Fayette, County, Kentucky

Children of Margaret VanMeter and Lloyd Averett are:

227 i. Benjamin VanMeter¹⁰ Averett, born June 03, 1948; died June 07, 1948 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Notes for Benjamin VanMeter Averett:

KY Death Record: date of death, June 7, 1948; age, under 1 year; county of death: Jefferson; county of residence: Fayette; vol. 025, certif. no. 12389, year 48.

More About Benjamin VanMeter Averett:

Burial: June 07, 1948, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 17, lot 27, NW ½

228 ii. Margaret Lloyd Averett, born June 05, 1948 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; Adopted child. She married John Albert Halpin June 15, 1968 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; born June 13, 1936 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Notes for Margaret Lloyd Averett:

KY Birth Record: 48-056-27884.

Marriage Notes for Margaret Averett and John Halpin:

Marriage Record Book 94, page 344, Fayette County Clerk's office.

Lexington Herald-Leader, p. 34, Sunday, June 16, 1968: "Averett-Halpin Vows Said At Christ The King Church" The marriage of Miss Margaret Lloyd Averett, daughter of Mrs. Lloyd Averett of Lexington and the late Mr.

Averett, and John Albert Halpin of Lexington, son of Mr. and Mrs. John William Halpin of Covington, was solemnized at noon Saturday at Christ the King Catholic Church.

"The Rev. Jerome Heist officiated at the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Clarke Bloomfield of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Music was presented by Charles Boulager, organist, and Mrs. Charles Ackerman, vocalist.

"The bride was given in marriage by her cousin, Dr. J. Farra VanMeter. She wore a gown of silk linen with elbow sleeves cuffed with Swiss lace roses. Her veil was attached to a Juliet cap of seed pearls and she carried a cascade of gardenias and ivy.

"Mrs. Charles Lee Wells, the matron of honor, wore a gown of mint green silk linen trimmed with embroidered velvet ribbon at the high waistline. She wore a crescent of daisies on her head and carried yellow daisies and ivy.

"The bridesmaid, Miss Margaret Lee Herbert, wore an identical gown of jonquil yellow with a daisy headpiece. She also carried yellow daisies. The flower girl, Jacqueline McClure of Carrollton, niece of the groom, wore ice green linen and carried daisies.

"Dennis Halpin served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Timothy Halpin and Michael Halpin, brothers of the groom.

"The reception was held at Spindletop Hall. Assisting were Miss Lucy Kittrell, Miss Caroline Stanfill, Miss Cheryl Medley, Lexington, and Miss Ida Shiow- Hwa Soo, Tapei, Taiwan and Pittsburgh, PA.

"After a wedding trip to New York City and New England, Mr. and Mrs. Halpin will live in Lexington. In February 1969, they will go to Kampala, Uganda, South Africa, where he will study at the Makerere College of Medicine.

"The bride, a graduate of Henry Clay High School, attended Vardell Hall, Red Springs, NC, and western Kentucky University.

"A graduate of Covington Catholic High School, Mr. Halpin received a B.S degree from the University of Kentucky and a master of business administration degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati. He is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma honor society. He is a senior at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine."

More About John Halpin and Margaret Averett:

Marriage: June 15, 1968, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

127. Benjamin Franklin⁹ VanMeter III (Benjamin Franklin⁸, Benjamin Franklin⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born June 30, 1908, and died August 14, 1989 in San Diego County, California.

Children of Benjamin Franklin VanMeter III are:

- 229 i. Peter Wetherill¹⁰ VanMeter.
- 230 ii. Mary Ellis VanMeter.

128. Cecil VanMeter⁹ Crabb (Lena Katherine⁸ VanMeter, Thomas Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born July 26, 1889 in Eminence, Henry County, Kentucky, and died April 1972 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. He married **Mary Elizabeth Forrest Dupree** Abt. 1923 in Brownsville, Haywood County, Tennessee, daughter of James Dupree and Susan Anderson. She was born in Brownsville, Haywood County, Tennessee, and died Abt. 1968 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Notes for Cecil VanMeter Crabb:

In 1948, was pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, TN. Obituary of father, John A. Crabb, Henry County Local, p. 1, Friday, December 17, 1948.

U.S. Social Security Death Index: Cecil Crabb, dob: 26 Jul 1889, dod Apr 1972; location 38104 (Memphis, Shelby, TN); SSN: 412-58-7531 (Issued: Tennessee).

More About Cecil Crabb and Mary Dupree:

Marriage: Abt. 1923, Brownsville, Haywood County, Tennessee

Children of Cecil Crabb and Mary Dupree are:

- 231 i. Dr. Cecil VanMeter¹⁰ Crabb, Jr., born July 18, 1924 in Clarksdale, Coahoma County, Mississippi. He married Harriett Clotilda Frierson June 28, 1947 in Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee; born August 02, 1924 in Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee.

Notes for Dr. Cecil VanMeter Crabb, Jr.:

Served in U.S. Army, WWII, field artillery; Battle of the Bulge.

B.A. (History), 1947, Centre College, Danville, KY; M.A. (Political Science), 1948, Vanderbilt Univ., Nashville, TN; Ph.D. (Political Science), 1951, Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, MD.

Prof Emeritus, Political Science, Campus: 229 Stubbs, Louisiana State Univ, Baton Rouge, LA 70803 (225)578-2619; the author of many books, including THE DOCTRINES OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY: THEIR MEANING, ROLE, AND FUTURE. He is also co-author of CONGRESS AND THE FOREIGN POLICY PROCESS: MODES OF LEGISLATIVE BEHAVIOR.

2002: resides 5295 Timber Cove St, Baton Rouge, LA 70808; (225) 766 - 3278; email: vancrabb4@cox.com.

More About Cecil Crabb and Harriett Frierson:

Marriage: June 28, 1947, Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee

- 232 ii. Susie Marie Crabb, born June 26, 1929 in Clarksdale, Coahoma County, Mississippi.

Notes for Susie Marie Crabb:

B.A. 1951 (English), Belle Haven College, Jackson, MS, M.Ed. 1952, Memphis State Univ.; retired school teacher, taught in Florida, Mississippi, Memphis City schools.

- 233 iii. John Dupree Crabb, born Abt. 1932 in Clarksdale, Coahoma County, Mississippi; died Abt. 1996 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. He married Virginia Liton 1962 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

More About John Crabb and Virginia Liton:

Divorce: Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee

Marriage: 1962, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee

129. Mary Orpah⁹ Crabb (Lena Katherine⁸ VanMeter, Thomas Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born December 1892 in Eminence, Henry County, Kentucky, and died March 09, 1981 in Shelby County, Kentucky. She married **Jess Snowden LaMaster**, son of Zachary LaMaster and Minerva Caplinger. He was born September 13, 1893 in Henry County, Kentucky, and died August 05, 1959 in Shelby County, Kentucky.

Notes for Mary Orpah Crabb:

Obituary, The Sentinel News, Shelbyville, KY, p. A-11, Thursday, March 12, 1981: age 88, died Monday March 9, at home, 800 Ashland Avenue, Shelbyville; widow of Jess LaMaster, member of First Presbyterian Church; survivors, daughters, Mrs. Herndon Ellis, Sr., Shelbyville, May Kay Hornback, Elizabethtown, PA; grandchildren, Herndon Ellis, Jr., Shelbyville, Jess LaMaster Ellis, Louisville, Kay Hornback, Elizabethtown, PA, Clifford Hornback, Seoul, Korea, and John Hornback, Lexington, and four great-grandchildren; funeral was Wednesday [March 11] at Grove Hill Cemetery.

KY Death Record: Lamaster, Orpah C., age 88, county of death and of residence, Shelby, date of death: 03-09-1981, vol. 016, certif. no. 07524, year 1981.

More About Mary Orpah Crabb:

Burial: March 11, 1981, Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

Notes for Jess Snowden LaMaster:

Obituary, The Shelby News, p. 1, Thursday, August 6, 1959; also The Shelby Sentinel, p. 1, Thursday, August 6, 1959: age 66, died suddenly of a heart attack at home on Ashland Av., Shelbyville; passing was a shock to the community; retired farmer and former district supervisor with the State Highway Department for 24 years; native of Henry County, son of Zach LaMaster and Minnie Caplinger; farmed in north Shelby, moving to Shelbyville, in recent years owned a farm near Smithville; elder in First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville; "[h]e was a man known for his gentle bearing and strict honesty and a most companionable person. He was devoted to his family and was a friend tried and true. No finer person

lived in the community . . . and in his passing we have lost a valued citizen." survivors, wife, Orpah Crabb LaMaster, daughters, Mrs. William Hornback, Indianapolis, Mrs. Herndon Ellis, Shelbyville, sisters, Mrs. Lucy Smith, former superintendent of State Parks, Frankfort, Mrs. Edna Hayden, Eminence, brothers, Arnett LaMaster, New Castle, and B. F. LaMaster, Louisville, five grandchildren; funeral, Thursday, March 6, 1959, burial in Grove Hill Cemetery

KY Death Record: Lamaster, Jess S., age 66, county of death and of residence, Shelby, date of death: 08-05-1959, vol. 037, certif. no. 18034, year 1959.

More About Jess Snowden LaMaster:

Burial: August 06, 1959, Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

Children of Mary Crabb and Jess LaMaster are:

- 234 i. Betsy C.¹⁰ LaMaster, born September 21, 1920 in Henry County, Kentucky; died June 05, 1981 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky. She married Herndon Ellis.

Notes for Betsy C. LaMaster:

KY Birth Record: 44-018-08759.

KY Death Record: Ellis, Betsy L., age 60, county of residence and of death: Shelby, date of death: 06-05-1981; vol. 031, certif. 15498, year 1981.

- 235 ii. Mary Kay LaMaster, born July 25, 1926 in Henry County, Kentucky; died Abt. 1981 in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She married William Burns Hornback, Jr. Abt. 1947; born July 07, 1924 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Notes for Mary Kay LaMaster:

KY Birth Record: 26-193-91805.

In 1959, living in Indianapolis, IN, per father's obituary; in 1981, living in Elizabethtown, Pa, per mother's obituary.

More About William Hornback and Mary LaMaster:

Divorce: Abt. 1977, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Marriage: Abt. 1947

130. Betsy G.⁹ Crabb (Lena Katherine⁸ VanMeter, Thomas Cunningham⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born March 22, 1897 in Eminence, Henry County, Kentucky, and died May 1976 in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. She married **Sidney Steiner Smith** Abt. 1918. He was born Abt. 1896, and died December 28, 1953 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky.

Notes for Betsy G. Crabb:

U.S. Social security Death Index: Betsye SMITH, Birth Date: 22 Mar 1897, Death Date: May 1976; SSN: 407-50-6577 (Issued: Kentucky); Death Residence Localities ZIP Code: 45406; Dayton, Montgomery, Ohio.

Notes for Sidney Steiner Smith:

KY Death Record: Smith, Sidney S., age 57, county of residence and of death: Shelby; date of death: Dec. 28, 1953; vol. 055, certif. 27087, year 1953.

More About Sidney Smith and Betsy Crabb:

Marriage: Abt. 1918

Children of Betsy Crabb and Sidney Smith are:

- 236 i. Katharine Grant¹⁰ Smith, born November 24, 1919 in Shelby County, Kentucky; died September 29, 1999 in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas. She married (1) William Beverly Caldwell III Abt. 1941 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky. She married (2) Malcolm Zaring Abt. 1950.

Notes for Katharine Grant Smith:

KY Birth Record: 19-108-53522.

Moved to El Paso, TX about 1955/56.

U.S. Social Security Death Index: Katherine S. Zaring, dob, 24 Nov 1919; dod 29 Sep 1999; place of death: 79922 (El Paso, El Paso, TX); SSN 402-32-5791 (Issued: Kentucky).

More About William Caldwell and Katharine Smith:
Marriage: Abt. 1941, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky
None-Ending: Abt. 1945, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

More About Malcolm Zaring and Katharine Smith:
Marriage: Abt. 1950

- 237 ii. Laura Jean Smith, born March 04, 1929 in Shelby County, Kentucky.

Notes for Laura Jean Smith:
KY Birth Record: 29-121-60334.

L. J. Smith 2722 Rugby Rd, Dayton, OH 45406 (937) 277 - 6361

133. Mary Evelyn⁹ VanMeter (Thomas Matthew⁸, Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born May 21, 1901 in Kentucky, and died July 01, 1975 in Contra Costa County, California. She married **Clinton Nathan Jetmore**. He was born June 11, 1900 in Colorado, and died January 01, 1979 in Marin County, California.

Notes for Mary Evelyn VanMeter:

Listed in 1920 U.S. Census for Colorado, Precinct No. 10, Weldona, Morgan County, place of birth: KY, age 18, living in household of father, Thomas M. VanMeter.

CA Death Record: Jetmore, Mary E., date of birth: 05/27/1901, place of birth: Kentucky, date of death: 07/01/1975, county of death: Contra Costa, SSN: 548-03-0780, age 74 yrs

Notes for Clinton Nathan Jetmore:

Listed in 1920 U. S. Census for California, Solano County, Vallejo Township, Marine Barracks at Mare Island, age 19, Private, U.S.M.C., place of birth, CO.

CA Death Record: Jetmore, Clinton Nathan, date of birth: 06/11/1901, place of birth: Colorado; date of death: 01/01/1979, county of death: Marin; SSN 548-03-0780; age 78 yrs.

Children of Mary VanMeter and Clinton Jetmore are:

- 238 i. Clinton Nathan¹⁰ Jetmore, Jr., born October 09, 1925 in Breckenridge, Summit County, Colorado; died December 12, 1999 in Rohnert Park, Sonoma County, California. He married Mary ???; born March 18, 1924; died January 11, 1999 in Rohnert Park, Sonoma County, California.

Notes for Clinton Nathan Jetmore, Jr.:

Served in WWII; attained rank of Lt. Col. in Army; after retirement, worked as controller (comptroller (?)) with Matic & _____ Co., San Francisco. Marilyn F. Jetmore (16Sep02).

Notes for Mary ???:

U.S. Social Security Death Index: MARY L JETMORE 18 Mar 1924 11 Jan 1999 (P) 94928 (Rohnert Park, Sonoma, CA) (none specified) 251-22-3995 South Carolina.

- 239 ii. Clifford Matthew Jetmore, born October 09, 1925 in Breckenridge, Summit County, Colorado; died August 31, 1996 in San Leandro, Alameda County, California. He married Marilyn Louise Frost June 15, 1952 in Reno, Nevada; born June 17, 1926 in Fresno, Fresno County, California.

Notes for Clifford Matthew Jetmore:

Was PFC in WWII, stationed in England; worked as stero typer for Oakland Tribune; member of Photo and Engravers Union. Marilyn F. Jetmore (16Sep02).

CA Death Record: Jetmore, Clifford Matthew, date of birth 10/09/1925, place of birth, Colorado, mother's maiden name: VanMeter; date of death 08/31/1996, county of death, Alameda; SSN 549-42-3342, age 70 yrs.

More About Clifford Matthew Jetmore:
Burial: At Sea

Notes for Marilyn Louise Frost:
2002: resides 3594 Carrillo Dr., San Leandro, CA 94578; (510) 351-1322.

More About Clifford Jetmore and Marilyn Frost:
Marriage: June 15, 1952, Reno, Nevada

- 240 iii. Mary Jetmore. She married Paul Danzig.

Notes for Mary Jetmore:
2002: resides 25 Castle Way, Oakland, CA 94611; (510) 531-1647.

136. Elizabeth⁹ VanMeter (Benjamin Stonestreet⁸, Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born February 18, 1906 in Shelby County, Kentucky, and died December 24, 1992 in Orange County, California. She married **Paul Allen Wright** in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Elizabeth VanMeter:

CA Death Record: name: Wright, Elizabeth V., dob: 02/18/1906, mother's maiden: Hickman, father's name: VanMeter, sex: F, place of birth: Kentucky, county of death: Orange; date of death: 12/24/1992, SSN: 555-66-9886, age 86 yrs.

Notes for Paul Allen Wright:

Medical doctor, met wife, Elizabeth VanMeter, while she was teaching chemistry at Transylvania University; attended U.K. Medical College, was intern at Good Samaritan Hospital, practiced medicine in Breathitt County, Kentucky; moved to and died in California.

More About Paul Wright and Elizabeth VanMeter:
Marriage: Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

Children of Elizabeth VanMeter and Paul Wright are:

- 241 i. William Walton¹⁰ Wright, born August 07, 1939 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for William Walton Wright:
Resides Brea, CA; PhD.; married, now divorced, no children. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002).

KY Birth Record: mother's name listed as Elizabeth "Mates."

- 242 ii. Elizabeth Ann Wright, born March 01, 1941 in Jackson, Breathitt County, Kentucky. She married William Linker.

Notes for Elizabeth Ann Wright:
KY Birth Record: 41-036-17877, place of birth: Wolfe County, Kentucky; mother's name listed as Elizabeth "Mater."

Resides in Stoney Point, NC; medical doctor/neurologist, practices Statesville, NC; attended Univ. of Kentucky Medical School; no children. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002).

- 243 iii. Edwin Allen Wright, born in Jackson, Breathitt County, Kentucky.

Notes for Edwin Allen Wright:
Resides south of Los Angeles, CA; married, no children; furniture manufacturing, Viet Nam veteran. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002).

137. Francis Marshall⁹ VanMeter (Benjamin Stonestreet⁸, Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³

VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born January 10, 1909 in Shelby County, Kentucky, and died February 15, 1976 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. He married **Alice Hart Sanders**. She was born November 28, 1911 in Perryville, Boyle County, Kentucky, and died February 02, 1992 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Francis Marshall VanMeter:

Date of birth from Louis Marshall VanMeter family bible.

Obituary, Lexington Herald, p. A-12, Tuesday, February, 17, 1976: age 67, retired division manager, Kentucky Utilities Co., died Sunday; joined KU in 1930 as meter reader at Shelbyville, served as chief clerk in Shelbyville, then at Elizabethtown, before being promoted in 1940 to local manager at Danville, moved to Paris as district manager in 1942, in 1959 became assistant division manager in Lexington; Shelby County native, studied engineering at Univ. of Kentucky, member of Sigma Nu, and served as president of Sigma Nu Alumni Ass'n; member, Rotary Club, Lexington and Kentucky Chambers of Commerce, served as utility group chairman and as director of the United Community Fund, member, Lexington Quarterback Club, Tates Creek Country Club, Spindletop Hall Club, UK Alumni Club; director, Red Cross, Central Kentucky Employers Council, and Julius Marks Home; director and treasurer of Greater Lexington YMCA; in Paris, had been chairman of school board for five years, and vice president of Bourbon Oil Co.; member and deacon of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church; survivors, wife Mrs. Alice Hart Sanders VanMeter, 310 Andover Road, sons, Dr. F. Marshall VanMeter, Jr., San Antonio, TX, Hart VanMeter, Portsmouth, NH; three sisters and two grandchildren.

More About Francis Marshall VanMeter:

Burial: February 18, 1976, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 45, Lot 953

Notes for Alice Hart Sanders:

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. B8, Tuesday, February, 4, 1992: age 80, 310 Andover Drive, Lexington, widow of F. Marshall VanMeter, former Bluegrass Division manager of Kentucky Utilities, died Sunday at her residence; born in Perryville, KY, daughter of the late Dr. Charles Armstrong and Mary Robinson Sanders; graduate of Centre College; member of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, Henry Clay Homemakers Club, and Spindletop Club; survivors, sons, Dr. F. Marshall VanMeter, Jr., Hopkinsville, KY, and Capt John Hart VanMeter, Milford, CT, a sister Mrs. Regina Lockwood, Lexington, and four grandchildren, Joann, Todd, Benjamin, and James; funeral service Wednesday with burial in the Lexington Cemetery.

More About Alice Hart Sanders:

Burial: February 05, 1992, Lexington [KY] Cemetery, Section 45, Lot 953

Children of Francis VanMeter and Alice Sanders are:

- 244 i. Dr. Francis Marshall¹⁰ VanMeter, Jr., born September 18, 1942 in Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky. He married (1) Mary Darlene Foster Abt. 1970. He married (2) Dr. Barbara Nowosielska Abt. 1985.

Notes for Dr. Francis Marshall VanMeter, Jr.:

KY Birth Record: place of birth: Boyle County, year 42, vol. 124, certif. 61908.

First marriage and names of children from Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002)(dates of first marriage and divorce plugged to show children from first spouse); surgeon; Information about children from World Family Tree, vol. 5, tree 1663, submitted by brother, John H. VanMeter, 31 Greenknoll Dr., Brookfield, CT 06804.

In 2002, resides in Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky; no children from second marriage. Office telephone: (270) 886-8291.

More About Francis VanMeter and Mary Foster:

Divorce: Abt. 1980

Marriage: Abt. 1970

More About Francis VanMeter and Barbara Nowosielska:

Marriage: Abt. 1985

- 245 ii. John Hart VanMeter, born October 28, 1946. He married (1) Noreen Frances Day. He married (2) Margaret Letitia Banker. He married (3) Gloria Esther Smith.

Notes for John Hart VanMeter:

KY Birth Record: place of birth: Bourbon County, year 46, vol. 104, certif. 51951. Information about spouses and children from World Family Tree, vol. 5, tree 1663, submitted by John H. VanMeter, 31 Greenknoll Dr., Brookfield, CT 06804.

Resides Keller, Texas; United Airlines pilot; Viet Nam veteran; Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002).

138. Benjamin Stonestreet⁹ VanMeter, Jr. (Benjamin Stonestreet⁸, Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born December 13, 1910, and died February 1975 in West Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania. He married **Mary Hack** in Colorado. She was born April 24, 1913, and died February 28, 1989 in Girard, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

Notes for Benjamin Stonestreet VanMeter, Jr.:

In 1920's moved to Colorado to work on farm of Uncle T. Matthew VanMeter, Greeley, CO; married Mary Heck in Colorado, two children born in CO; moved back to Kentucky to run father's farm; stayed about two years, moved to Gilead, Ohio, then to Pennsylvania where bought farm and stayed there the rest of his life. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug 2002).

U. S. Social Security Death Index: VanMeter, Ben, date of birth: 13 Dec 1910, date of death: Feb 1975, locality 16443 (West Springfield, Erie, PA); SSN 280-24-0146 (Issued) Ohio.

Notes for Mary Hack:

U. S. Social Security Death Index: VanMeter, Mary, date of birth: 24 Apr 1913, date of death: 28 Feb 1989; locality 16417 (Girard, Erie, PA), SSN: 276-32-4485 (Issued: Ohio).

More About Benjamin VanMeter and Mary Hack:

Marriage: Colorado

Children of Benjamin VanMeter and Mary Hack are:

246 i. Benjamin Stonestreet¹⁰ VanMeter III.

Notes for Benjamin Stonestreet VanMeter III:
Resides Phoenix, AZ. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002).

247 ii. Mary Elizabeth VanMeter.

Notes for Mary Elizabeth VanMeter:
Resides near Erie, PA; married, five children. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002).

248 iii. Frederick Wilhelm VanMeter, born May 19, 1940 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky.

Notes for Frederick Wilhelm VanMeter:
KY Birth Record: 40-066-32712; county of birth: Shelby; mother: Mary Hack.

Resides PA; married, one child. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug. 2002).

249 iv. Aleta Louise VanMeter.

250 v. Yvonne VanMeter.

251 vi. Peggy Jean VanMeter.

252 vii. Thelma VanMeter.

Notes for Thelma VanMeter:
Erie Times-News (PA)

OWNER FINED OVER DOG THAT ATTACKED DUCK October 30, 1998

Tag: 1998303065

BYLINE: JACK GRAZIER

An Springfield Township man was sentenced in Erie County Court Thursday for failing to restrain his dog, which went onto a neighbor's property and bit a duck. James Standley, 12000 block of West Lake Road, East

Springfield, was sentenced by Judge Stephanie Domitrovich to probation and fined for failing to keep his dog confined to his property. Standley pleaded guilty Thursday.

According to court records, on Dec. 28, 1997, the dog got onto a neighbor's property and injured the neighbor's domestic duck. The duck belonged to Thelma Vanmeter, also of the 12000 block of West Lake Road, court records state. Domitrovich sentenced Standley to a year of probation, ordered him to perform 25 hours of community service, and fined him \$300. Standley was charged by Ruth Brown, a Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Dog Law Enforcement officer.

Vanmeter and Standley couldn't be reached today for comment.

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139. Logan⁹ VanMeter (Benjamin Stonestreet⁸, Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born October 24, 1912 in Shelby County, Kentucky, and died May 25, 1997 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. She married **Frank B. Nelson**. He was born October 01, 1901, and died October 1983 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Notes for Logan VanMeter:

KY Birth Record: VanMeter, Logan; 10/24/1912; Shelby; mother: Bessie Hickman; 12-134-53395.

Obituary, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (PA), p. C-4, Wednesday, May 28, 1997:

LOGAN V. NELSON

On Sunday, May 25, 1997, Logan V. Nelson, 84; wife of the late Frank B. Nelson; mother of Anne Fitzgibbon of Los Angeles, CA, Elizabeth Kramer of Eugene, OR & Gordon Nelson of Pgh., PA; five grandchildren; also survived by a sister, Ann Tilson of Lexington, KY. A memorial service will be held Thursday in Southminster Presbyterian Church, 799 Washington Rd., Mt. Lebanon at 11:00 a.m. Visitation with the family will follow the service. Mrs. Nelson was a board member of the Federation of Girl School Societies, owner of Harmarville Rehabilitation Center for more than 40 yrs, including 2 terms as its President. Contributions may be made in her name to the Federation of Independent Schools Alumnae, Liberty Center, Pgh., PA 15222.

familysearch.com, social security index: Birth Date: 24 Oct 1912; Death Date: 25 May 1997; Social Security Number: 401-05-8831; State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Kentucky; Death Residence Localities: ZIP Code: 15241; Localities: Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania; South Hills Village, Allegheny, Pennsylvania; Upper Saint Clair, Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

Children of Logan VanMeter and Frank Nelson are:

253 i. Anne Buckner¹⁰ Nelson. She married ??? Fitzgibbon.

Notes for Anne Buckner Nelson:

Resides Los Angeles, CA, one child, divorced, sells real estate, (213)498-9870. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug 2000).

254 ii. Elizabeth Logan Nelson. She married ??? Kramer.

Notes for Elizabeth Logan Nelson:

Resides West Coast--Oregon/Washington, one daughter, divorced, sells real estate. Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug 2000).

255 iii. Gordon Nelson.

Notes for Gordon Nelson:

Resides 411 Stratton Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, three children (adopted). Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug 2000).

140. Anna Moore⁹ VanMeter (Benjamin Stonestreet⁸, Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born October 21, 1923 in Shelby County, Kentucky. She married **Howard**

Gilbert Tilson September 09, 1947 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky, son of S. Tilson and Florence Shearer. He was born January 10, 1909 in Adamsville, Jefferson County, Alabama, and died April 25, 1997 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Anna Moore VanMeter:

KY Birth Record: VanMeter, Anna M.; 10/21/1923; Shelby; mother: Bessie Hickman; 23-112-55952.

2002: resides at 4330 Athens-Boonesboro Rd, Lexington, KY 40509. (859) 527-3384.

Notes for Howard Gilbert Tilson:

Date of birth from Familysearch.com; ssn: 405-42-5229.

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, p. B2, Sunday, April 27, 1997: age 88, husband of Ann VanMeter Tilson, residence at 7560 Athens Boonesboro Road, died Friday [April 25, 1997] at Columbia Hospital; former Deputy State Entomologist; born in Adamsville, Alabama, son of the late S.C. and Florence Melissa Shearer Tilson; graduate of Berea College and University of Kentucky (masters); member, St. Hubert's Episcopal Church, the Iroquois Hunt Club, founding member, Iroquois Point to Point, High Hope Steeple Chase; had been leading rider in the Midwest Steeple Chase Ass'n; bred, trained, judged and raced horses; former master of the Fox Hunters Ass'n, past president of Kentucky Nurserymen's Ass'n; survivors, wife, daughters, Mrs. Malcolm (Melissa) Wood, Lexington, Patricia Tilson, Lexington, granddaughter, Amy Elizabeth Wood; three nephews and two nieces; burial at St. Hubert's Church Cemetery.

More About Howard Gilbert Tilson:

Burial: St. Hubert's Church Cemetery, Clark County, Kentucky

Marriage Notes for Anna VanMeter and Howard Tilson:

Marriage Book 60, page 209, Fayette County Clerk's Office; license obtained in Fayette County, marriage performed in Shelby County.

More About Howard Tilson and Anna VanMeter:

Marriage: September 09, 1947, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

Children of Anna VanMeter and Howard Tilson are:

- 256 i. Patricia¹⁰ Tilson, born March 30, 1953 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky; died July 05, 2002 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Patricia Tilson:

KY Birth Record: place of birth: Fayette County, year 53, vol. 031, certif. 15151.

Lexington Herald-Leader, p. B3, Tuesday, June 25, 2002:

TV STATION EMPLOYEES HELP SAVE TRAPPED DRIVER. Lexington. Firefighters and a local TV station's employees yesterday rescued a woman who was trapped in a burning car. Patricia Tilson, 49, was in fair condition at the University of Kentucky Medical Center after her 1999 Saturn struck a concrete abutment and flipped on Winchester Road near Interstate 75 about 1:15 p.m. The car caught fire and employees from the WKYT-27 TV station nearby rushed outside to extinguish the fire, said Lexington Fire Department Maj. Clayton Richards. They also righted the car and tried to remove Tilson, but she was trapped. Firefighters used the JAWS of Life to remove her, Richards said. "If the people from Channel 27 hadn't witnessed and extinguished the fire, it could have been a lot worse," Richards said.

Obituary, Lexington Herald-Leader, B4, Sunday, July 7, 2002: age 49, Bob Evans and Wendy's employee, farmer, daughter of Ann VanMeter Tilson, died Friday, July 5. Memorial services, 1 p.m. Friday, Saint Hubert's Episcopal Church, Clark County, Kentucky.

More About Patricia Tilson:

Burial: July 12, 2002, St. Hubert's Church Cemetery, Clark County, Kentucky

- 257 ii. Melissa Tilson, born March 30, 1953 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky. She married James Malcolm Wood May 29, 1993 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Melissa Tilson:

KY Birth Record: place of birth: Fayette County, year 53, vol. 031, certif. 15152.

More About James Wood and Melissa Tilson:

Marriage: May 29, 1993, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

141. Marshall VanMeter⁹ Bruce (Sallie Moore⁸ VanMeter, Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born November 07, 1899 in Shelby County, Kentucky, and died August 1986 in Anderson, Anderson County, South Carolina. He married **Fleming Lee Hall**.

Notes for Marshall VanMeter Bruce:

Dates of birth and death, and place of death from familysearch.com.

Child of Marshall Bruce and Fleming Hall is:

- 258 i. Ruth Alberta¹⁰ Bruce. She married Frank Woodson October 23, 1945 in Anderson, Anderson County, South Carolina.

More About Frank Woodson and Ruth Bruce:

Marriage: October 23, 1945, Anderson, Anderson County, South Carolina

142. Elizabeth Barbour⁹ Bruce (Sallie Moore⁸ VanMeter, Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born June 21, 1901 in Christiansburg, Shelby County, Kentucky, and died September 06, 1987 in Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky. She married **Henry Ford Roberts** June 08, 1921 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky, son of John Roberts and Nancy Ford. He was born June 29, 1896 in Bagdad, Shelby County, Kentucky, and died July 10, 1961 in Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia.

Notes for Elizabeth Barbour Bruce:

KY Death Record: Roberts, Barbour B., age 86, county of residence and of death: Boyd, date of death 09-06-1987, vol. 044, certif. no. 21506, year 1987. Relation to Sallie Moore VanMeter and Alexander Bruce per Ann V. Tilson (14 Aug 2002); also notes from Helm Roberts, son of Henry F. Roberts and Elizabeth Barbour Bruce.

Notes for Henry Ford Roberts:

KY Death Record: age 082, county of residence and death, Logan, date of death: 12-25-1997, vol. 071, certif. no. 35049, year 1997.

More About Henry Roberts and Elizabeth Bruce:

Marriage: June 08, 1921, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

Children of Elizabeth Bruce and Henry Roberts are:

- 259 i. Nancy Barbour¹⁰ Roberts, born April 24, 1922 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky. She married (1) James W. Wheatley April 14, 1944 in Russell, Greenup County, Kentucky. She married (2) Paul Lazear May 01, 1959 in Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky; born December 26, 1908 in Sistersville, Tyler County, West Virginia; died April 10, 1974 in Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky.

More About James Wheatley and Nancy Roberts:

Marriage: April 14, 1944, Russell, Greenup County, Kentucky

More About Paul Lazear and Nancy Roberts:

Marriage: May 01, 1959, Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky

- 260 ii. Sallie VanMeter Roberts, born February 20, 1924 in Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia. She married (1) Robert Taylor. She married (2) Richard Porter.
- 261 iii. James Beard Roberts, born August 22, 1929 in Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia. He married Sybil ???.
- 262 iv. Helm Bruce Roberts, born August 26, 1931 in Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia. He married Jaqueline June Warnick December 27, 1955 in Russell, Greenup County, Kentucky; born June 26, 1933 in Russell, Greenup County, Kentucky.

Notes for Helm Bruce Roberts:

B. Architecture 1954, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; M.City Design 1959, Miami Univ.; U.S. Military, June 1954- August 1957, Pensacola, FL, Jacksonville, FL; Architect/Planner, Lexington, KY, 1963; Nov. 11, 1988 dedication of Kentucky Viet Nam Veterans Memorial, Frankfort, KY.

2002: resides at 360 New Street, Lexington, KY 40507; (859) 389-8165, (859) 255-6544.

Notes for Jaqueline June Warnick:

B. Music 1955, Oberlin Conservatory, Oberlin, Ohio; M.Music 1960, Miami, University; major in voice, minor in piano; sung with the Roger Wagner Choral, best known for work with John Jacob Niles, American composer and balladeer.

More About Helm Roberts and Jaqueline Warnick:

Marriage: December 27, 1955, Russell, Greenup County, Kentucky

- 263 v. Henry Ford Roberts, Jr., born December 17, 1937 in Russell, Greenup County, Kentucky. He married Sola Helton.

143. Mary⁹ Bruce (Sallie Moore⁸ VanMeter, Louis Marshall⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born July 07, 1904 in Shelby County, Kentucky, and died October 27, 2000 in Earlysville, Albemarle County, Virginia. She married **Hamilton West Marshall**, son of Alfred Marshall and Sarah West. He was born September 14, 1900 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, and died April 29, 1975 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Notes for Mary Bruce:

Social Security Death Index: Mary B. Marshall, date of birth: 07 Jul 1904, date of death: 27 Oct 2000; place of death: Earlysville, Albemarle County, VA; SSN: 384-36-1058 (issued: Michigan)

Notes for Hamilton West Marshall:

Listed in 1920 U.S. Census for Colorado, Precinct No. 10, Weldona, Morgan County, place of birth: KY, age 19, living in household of uncle, Thomas M. VanMeter, and aunt, Clifford West VanMeter; occupation listed as farm laborer.

Obituary, The Shelby Sentinel-News, p. 10A, Thursday, May 1, 1975: age 74, resident of Southlawn Dr., Shelbyville, died at 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 29 at St. Joseph Infirmary, Louisville; member, First Presbyterian Church; retired laundry route man and farmer; survivors, wife, Mary Bruce Marshall, Shelbyville, daughters, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nixon, Wayne, NJ, Mrs. Sarah Marshall Gray, Mt. Eden, Shelby County, KY, sons, Hamilton W. Marshall, Jr., Redding, CT, Alexander B. Marshall, Atlanta, GA, Thomas M. Marshall, New York, NY, ten grandchildren, sisters, Mrs. T. J. Wertenbaker, Princeton, NJ, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Swan, Mansfield, PA; services, Friday, May 2, 1975 at 10:30 a.m., burial in Grove Hill Cemetery.

KY Death Record: age 074 county of death, Jefferson, county of residence Shelby, date of death 04-29-1975, vol. 024, certif. no. 11747, year 1975. Date of birth from familysearch.com/U. S. Social Security Index.

More About Hamilton West Marshall:

Burial: May 02, 1975, Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

Children of Mary Bruce and Hamilton Marshall are:

- 264 i. Hamilton West¹⁰ Marshall, Jr., born June 17, 1925 in Shelby County, Kentucky; died January 22, 2001 in Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico. He married (1) Mary Barno Abt. 1949 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He married (2) Bethany ??? Abt. 1977.

Notes for Hamilton West Marshall, Jr.:

KY Birth Record: 25-067-33063.

Taught Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH; Ph.D., Physics, Univ. of Michigan.

More About Hamilton Marshall and Mary Barno:

Marriage: Abt. 1949, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

More About Hamilton Marshall and Bethany ???:
Marriage: Abt. 1977

- 265 ii. Alexander Bruce Marshall, born March 30, 1927 in Shelby County, Kentucky; died May 30, 2002 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.

Notes for Alexander Bruce Marshall:
KY Birth Record: 27-032-15696.

Never married, no children, no will; attended University of Kentucky, graduated Cornell University, degree in dairy manufacturing; worked for Borden; worked for Center for Disease Control, and as draftsman with Southern Engineering in Atlanta, Georgia. Elizabeth Marshall Nixon (29 Aug 2002).

- 266 iii. Mary Elizabeth Marshall, born July 06, 1928 in Shelby County, Kentucky. She married Henry Maltby Nixon February 05, 1949 in Corning, Steuben County, New York; died Abt. 1995.

Notes for Mary Elizabeth Marshall:
KY Birth Record: 28-070-34777. Name of spouse, date and place of marriage, and date of divorce from Elizabeth Barbour Bruce Roberts family bible; had three children from marriage with Henry Nixon.

2002: resides 4415 Carriage Hill Dr., Earlysville, VA 22936-9584; (434) 973-1137; ladybuggma73@aol.com.

More About Henry Nixon and Mary Marshall:
Divorce: August 14, 1964
Marriage: February 05, 1949, Corning, Steuben County, New York

- 267 iv. Thomas Matthew Marshall, born August 13, 1929 in Shelby County, Kentucky. He married Jane McKenna Abt. 1950 in Little Falls, New Jersey.

Notes for Thomas Matthew Marshall:
KY Birth Record: 29-075-37377.

Lawyer, had practiced in New York City; 2002: resides Morris Plains, New Jersey.

More About Thomas Marshall and Jane McKenna:
Divorce: Abt. 1977
Marriage: Abt. 1950, Little Falls, New Jersey

- 268 v. Sarah West Marshall, born January 03, 1933 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky; died May 29, 2000 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. She married Ralph Edward Gray 1950 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky.

Notes for Sarah West Marshall:
KY Birth Record: Marshall, Sarah W.; 1/3/1933; Shelby; mother: Mary Bance [sic]; 33-009-04406.

Notes for Ralph Edward Gray:
2002: resides Mt. Eden Rd., Waddy, KY 40076; (502) 733-5296.

More About Ralph Gray and Sarah Marshall:
Marriage: 1950, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

144. John VanMeter⁹ Woodford (Elizabeth Stonestreet⁸ VanMeter, John Milton⁷, Isaac⁶, Jacob⁵, Garrett⁴, Isaac³ VanMetre, Joost Janse² van Meteren, Jan Joosten¹) was born June 05, 1906, and died December 08, 1966 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He married **Betsy B. Bennett** October 25, 1930. She died December 28, 1960.

Notes for John VanMeter Woodford:

KY Death Record: age 60, place of residence and death, Bourbon, date of death, 12-08-1966, vol. 056, certif. no. 27724, year 1966.

Buried in Paris Cemetary. Information provided by son, Jack Woodford.

Notes for Betsy B. Bennett:

KY Death Record: age 52, place of residence and death, Bourbon, date of death, 12-28-1960, vol. 057, certif. no. 28187, year 1960.

More About Betsy B. Bennett:

Burial: Paris Cemetery, Paris, Kentucky

More About John Woodford and Betsy Bennett:

Marriage: October 25, 1930

Children of John Woodford and Betsy Bennett are:

- 269 i. Waller Bennett¹⁰ Woodford, born October 04, 1931; died October 29, 1971 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He married Vannah Ellen Davis September 27, 1958 in Jackson, Kentucky; born 1932; died June 27, 1986 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Notes for Waller Bennett Woodford:

Information furnished by brother, Jack Woodford.

KY Death Record: age 40, place of residence and birth: Bourbon, date of death 10-29-1971, vol. 054, certif. no. 26750, year 1971.

More About Waller Bennett Woodford:

Burial: Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky

Notes for Vannah Ellen Davis:

KY Death Record: age 53, place of death: Fayette, residence: Bourbon, date of death: 06-27-1986, vol. 034, certif. no. 16998, year 1986.

More About Vannah Ellen Davis:

Burial: Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky

More About Waller Woodford and Vannah Davis:

Marriage: September 27, 1958, Jackson, Kentucky

- 270 ii. John V. Woodford, born June 07, 1940.

Notes for John V. Woodford:

Currently lives at 580 Winchester Road, Paris, Kentucky 40361. (606)987-2328. Unmarried, no children.

Endnotes

1. Garrard County, Kentucky Marriages, 1851-1875 (www.ancestry.com).