

MEET YOUR COUSINS

The SAMUEL McNEESE Family 1759 to 1980

The first records of SAMUEL McNEES(E) and related families are found in early Caroline County, Maryland records. His father has yet to be determined. However the early records of Pennsylvania do yield a few clues. (1) His ability to manufacture bricks, later passed on to his son SAMUEL Jr. in Tennessee. (2) His living near Philadelphia, Pa where two McNeese brothers were in the business of making clay pipe and bricks. (3) The Baptism records of ISAAC and JAMES McNEES in 1737 and 1744, sons of JAMES McNEES. (4) The 1737 Baptism record of JOHN son of JOHN McNESH. (5) His sister's marriage to ABRAHAM HOOPES, 6 June 1782 at Marcus Hook, Pa. ABRAHAM HOOPES is listed on the same militia rosters as SAMUEL.

It is very possible that he is descendant of ISAIAH McNEICE-McNEICE, the Quaker from Cootahill, Ireland. To date we have never ascertained who Isaiah's children were or where they migrated to. The process of elimination will eventually give us their names. It is interesting to note the similarity of names in the Greene County, Tn records.

From the Maryland records and the 1790 Pennsylvania Census records Samuel's birthdate was between 1755 and 1759. His brother BENJAMIN was born in 1757. An other brother could have been a casualty of the Revolutionary War. The 1790 Census of Caroline County, Maryland lists a PARTHA McKNEES and children with no husband shown.

SAMUEL first married ANN WAR (WARE) 2 Sept, 1779 at Prince George County, Maryland. He and his new bride moved on to Edgmont Township, of Chester County, Pennsylvania as shown in the 1790 Census and listed as SAMUEL McNEESH. His 1780 and 1781 Revolutionary War record shown on the next pages substantiates his whereabouts. It was here that SAMUEL became acquainted with the FRAZER, FRAZIER families some of whom had already moved to North Carolina and then migrated to Greene County, Tennessee before 1795.

Sometime between the years of 1790 and 1794 Samuel moved with part of his family to Greene Co, Tn. His wife and some of his children are not listed in the 1800 census of Greene Co, Tn. It is possible that they were victims of the yellow fever epidemic that swept the Philadelphia area in the late 1780s.

He was a man of some wealth as he purchased nearly 400 acres of land in 1795. Some of his later purchases were from SAMUEL and his son ARNER FRAZIER whose forefathers came from Chester Co, Pa. It is possible that his wealth was derived from the sale of sugar from Barbados, West Indies or the sale of clay products.

SAMUEL FRAZIER BOUGHT A SUGAR HOUSE FROM
JENNY HUNT (of Sullivan County) on Oct 6, 1790.
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TENNESSEE

The large collection of records of Samuel in Greene Co, Tn has made it possible to assemble his activities. Many of these records can be found in the Will, Land, Church and etc pages in the back of this book.

On the 31 Oct 1801 he requested to be recieved in membership at the Quaker Newhope Monthly Meeting. Samuel requested membership for his sons GRAVENER, MARMADUKE, SAMUEL and a brother 23 May 1807. He was made minister of Newhope 18 June 1808.

Title to Newhope Meeting House ground vested in DAVID STANFIELD, SAMUEL McNEES and SOLOMON BEALS, as trustees, 22 June 1822. On the 12th Aug of the same year, he with JOHN MARSHALL and DAVID STANFIELD attended the eighth annual convention in Jefferson Co, Tn.

This county was a melting pot of the McNeeses as they migrated west. During this same period of time a very large group of McNeeses were in the area of Nashville and it seems they were from the Carolinas. By 1850 over one half the counties in Tennessee contained one or more McNeese families.

The 1790 census of Pa lists the following childrens ages but no names. A daughter born about 1781. Two sons born 1783 and 1787, LEDDRA M. and JAMES. A daughter whose name is unknown born about 1789. All are assumed to have been born in Pa.

About 1793 SAMUEL married LYDIA MARSH, a daughter of GRAVENER and LYDIA MARSH. This marriage could have taken place in North Carolina. LYDIA was born about 1775 in NC. The Marsh family were Quakers.

Samuel and his second wife Lydia had the following children all of whom were born in Greene County: (1) A daughter born about 1794 whose name is unknown (2) GRAVENER born 1796 (3) MARMADUKE born 1798 (4) Elizabeth born 1799 (5) JANE born 1803 (6) SAMUEL born 1804 (7) ISAIAH born 1808 (8) MARTHA born 1809 (9) RACHEL J. born 1817.

Both SAMUEL and LYDIA are buried in the Newhope Cemetery without markers as was their custom. Samuels grave is at the entrance to the present church, he died 6 May 1838, LYDIA died 12 Oct 1845.

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Color Photo of Newhope Church by Chas. Woody ?
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NEW HOPE MEETING HOUSE OF FRIENDS
 Established 28 Feb 1795

Newhope is located less than a mile from Rheatown, Tn and is known locally as Quaker Knobs. The first church was a log cabin located on 100 acres of land on Sinking Creek. The land had been purchased by SAMUEL FRAZIER for 50 shillings. The land grant was made 27 Nov 1792 by the Governor of North Carolina, ALEXANDER MARTIN. Rk3 p9328 Greene Co. In 1795 SAMUEL FRAZIER deeded 3 acres and 16 poles of land to WILDIAM REESE, GEORGE HAWORTH and ELLIS ELLIS, the commissioners of Newhope, for 3 pounds 2 shillings.

The log cabin was replaced by a large two room brick building. It was used until 1868 at which time the roof caved in from the weight of the snow. It was torn down and the bricks sold. I wonder who the brick masons were ?? The school building was used thereafter.

In 1867 JOHN HOOVER, a Quaker from Iowa, began classes again after the Civil War. JOHN MINTON and his wife also from Iowa and uncle of President HOOVER also taught there before 1880.

The Quakers philosophy is nearly identical to the old Selesian German Mennonite religion which began in the early 1500s. George Fox, an Englishman adopted these principals

about 1647 after he visited Holland.

Contrary to many opinions they did not quake at their meetings. It was usually spent in meditation. The quaking was started from a trial held in 202521.

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MEET YOUR COUSINS TENNESSEE RECORDS

MARRIAGE RECORDS, Greene Co. Tn.
By Woodrow & Marguerite McNeese of Ottawa, Ill.
(Some dates are license to marry. All McNeese & McNeese)

SUSANNA	MATHIAS	BURKET	16 Jan 1805	1800.207
ISAIAS	ESTHER	HAWKINS	30 Jun 1807	1800.197
SAMUEL	JINNY	KINNSEY	22 May 1809	2100...?
JOSEPH	BETSY	ROBERTS	18 Dec 1809	2100.19.
DEBORAH	FREDRICK	WHITE	25 Jul 1810	275.207
EVAN	BETSY	DUNKIN	23 Feb 1813	1775.181
WILLIAM *	SALLY	BROYLES	8 Nov 1814	25.197
GRAVENER	MARY	BEALS	14 Mar 1816	9.181
ELIZABETH *	JAMES	COTTER	13 Aug 1817	1.202
ISAIAS *	POLLY	KELLER	13 Mar 1826	20.181
MARTHA	JACOB	STARNES	31 Dec 1827	1.19.
JONAS	RUTH	BABB	23 Mar 1830	1800.181
JANE	ABRAHAM	CRUMLEY	19 Aug 1830	1.203
SALLY *	JOHN	DAVIS	2 Jul 1831x...
JAMES	ELIZABETH 2	JOHNSON	23 May 1835	40.197
SUSANNA	ADAM <i>PECK</i>	CAMPBELL	6 Feb 1834x...
VALENTINE	REBECCA	MALTSBERGER	17 May 1837	1775.181
LYDIA A.	JOHN	BARNES	18 Aug 1837	35.181
MARY	HARDEN	BALL	21 Dec 1837	1800.18.
ELIHU *	REBECCA	MCNEES	10 Sep 1840	35.171
EDIN *	ELIZABETH	MENEES	10 May 1840	37.171
ELIZABETH	WILLIAM	STANFIELD	22 Oct 1840	258.18.
SAMUEL *	POLLY 39	YOUNG	7 Sep 1843	1.18.
JACOB	ELIZABETH H	BAILES	14 Sep 1848	1782.171
JOHN	REBECCA	JUSTICE	4 Nov 1849	1805.171
ABNER	REBECCA	RANKIN	29 Nov 1849	10.171
WILLIAM	ELIZABETH	GRUBBS	6 Nov 1851	1782.171
JAMES B.	HANNAH E.	WHITE	12 Sep 1852	11.171
JACOB	MARY ANN	FRAKER	9 Sep 1855	3.175
HENRY	MARY E.	FRAZIER	7 Sep 1856	1.171
ELIHU	AIRY E.	HAYS	5 Aug 1857	3.171
JOHN C.	DIANNAH C.	MURPHY	25 Jul 1861	1775.171
JAMES	SARAH E.	ELLIS	31 Dec 1864	2250.162
JOHN A.	MARGARET	JONES	21 Nov 1869	2252.161
ALMIRA	WILLIAM	JENKINS	21 Nov 1869x...
CHARLES	SARAH 2	MCNEESE	10 May 1872	9.171
SAMUEL W.	FANNIE	McKAY	13 Nov 1879	3.161
JOHN C.	FANNIE E.	EARLY	13 Jul 1879	4.151
GEORGE W.	MALINDA J.	McLAIN	15 Apr 1880	29.162
JOSEPH **	NANCY	BROWN	18 Jan 1880	650.162
MARY	SCOTT	SMITH	11 Nov 1882	1805.15.
JOSEPH H.	NANCY JANE	PICKERING	31 Dec 1882	3.163
F.(FRANCIS)M	F.(FRANCES)	BRUNER	7 Mar 1887	1810.161
S.(SAMUEL)W.	A.(ADDA) J.	DAVIS	17 May 1888	1821.161
JACOB	CATHERINE 2	MITCHELL	29 Jul 1888	3.175

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ISAIAH nmn McNEESE 1808 1856

Isaiah was the son of Samuel and Lydia. He was born near Rheatown, Tn 11 Feb 1808.

He married Mary ? KELLER in Greene Co, Tn 13 Nov 1826. She was born 17 May 1808 in Greene Co, Tn and was the daughter of ? ? and ? ? ?
KELLER of ? , ?

Their children were (1) ELIZABETH L. born a1826 (2) JOSEPH ?. born a1829 (3) LOUISA (Lucy?) born a1831 (4) ORLEANS O. born a1832 (5) JANE ?. born a1834 (6) RACHEL ?. born a1836 (7) LUCINDA ?. (Lucy?) born a1838 (8) JAMES K. born a1840 (9) GEORGE W. born 1845 (10) ALABAMA ?. born 1849 and died 7 July 1852; she is buried in ? Cemetery at ? , Il.

* Who is SARAH McNEESE born 1822 in Il and married JOHN B. SINCLAIR; he was born in Tn 1817. They moved to DeSoto Parish, La 1840?

Evidently Isaiah was of the Quaker faith as he was dis-owned by the Church 19 April 1828 for marrying contrary to discipline.

In 1838 his father Samuel had willed his home and 177 acres of land to Isaiah on the condition that he would come on the Plantation and take care of his mother Lydia.

Isaiah sold this property to ABRAHAM CRUMLEY for \$300 on 21 March 1839 stipulating that Abraham had to take care of his mother as he was supposed to have done.

On the 11 May 1859 Abraham Crumley deeds the property to Gravner and Rachel J. McNeese for \$350 on the condition that they provide firewood, care for and maintain Gravners mother Lydia as per Samuel's will.

Isaiah died 16 Oct 1856 and Mary 8 Aug 1869; they are buried a short distance apart in the Spain Cemetery located in Shelby Co, Il. Of interest is that his headstone reads McNeese while hers is McNeese.

Stories ? Photo of headstones ?

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James was the son of Isaiah and Mary. He was born in Greene Co,Tn 20 May 1842.

He married JANE ? BALES (Bails) in Shelby Co?,Il? 186?. She was born a1843 and was the daughter of LEVI ? and SUSAN ? KELLER BALES of Greene Co,Tn?

Their children are SUSAN ? born 1869. More ?

All so far but he is alone and living with his brother Geo. W. in the 1900 census.

SUSAN ?

McNEESE

DAVIS

Susan was the only? child of James K. and Jane ?. She was born in Shelby Co,Il 1869.

She married GEORGE WOODROW DAVIS in Shelby Co,Il? 18... He was born ? ,?? 186. in Shelby Co,Il? and is the son of ? ? and ?

? ? DAVIS of ? ,Tn?

Their children were ? ? ?

? ? ?

George was better known as Woody.

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McNEES FAMILY

The geneological research of the McNeese family, a family among the oldest families in America, has been underway for many, many years by a number of different family members. One of our older geneological records was supplied by SAMUEL McNEESE in the early 1870's. This record is in the book "History of Beaver County Pennsylvania" from which the following paragraph is taken.

"The name McNeese, originally spelled McNees, is not one of frequent occurrence in this country. The family had its origin in Holland, from whence they went to Ireland in 1608, and in 1668 earliest member of this family to make her home in this country arrived in America. This was Cornelia VanSant (Covert) McNees who took up land along the Harlem River, now part of the New York Central Railroad."

The spelling McNees must be a typographical error; it should be Nees, Neese or Ness. The addition of Mc or Mac, prefixes meaning the son of, stem from Ireland and Scotland.

No record of the McNees spelling has been found in early Ireland or Scotland records at this writing. The McNeece, McNeice, McNess have been recorded. Neese and McNeese have been found only in Irish records.

The records that we have compiled seem to confirm the statements above. The name Naes, Neas, Nees and Neese have been found in early colonial records and in the first census of the United States taken in 1790.

Because the name is unusual, it has been spelled and pronounced many, many ways. It is not uncommon to find the name spelled different ways on the same document. In one cemetery the name on the husband's tombstone is McNees and his wife's next to his is McNeese. Different spellings often occur in the US Census records in which the census takers took great liberties with the last name. German and Dutch census takers often omitted the prefixes Mc and Mac. The differences in spelling have made it difficult to find our forefathers in many census records. The spelling McNeese predominates by far, so we have assumed it was the accepted spelling for at least the past two hundred and fifty years.

Those people interested in the Nees and Neese names can find them in the Berlin, Germany, phone directory. Neese is German means "big nose." People named Nees and Neese, according to German researchers, are descendants of Nese of Amaland whose records are traceable to 947 A.D.

The Neses of this early period were true nomads under the rule of the German King, Otto I, The Great. Their genetic background seems to have contributed to their nomadic lifestyle. Perhaps this explains the frequent moving of the families that is evident even today.

The following variants of Nese were: Nase, Neis, Neese, Niese, Nies and Nice which were undoubtedly of Slavic origin as they are found primarily in Southeast Germany. Swerg Nase is mentioned in 1386. Neisse, the name of a town and river near the Czechoslovakia border has been changed to Nysa. The town is located on the river 40 miles southeast of Wroclaw, Poland.

The migration of the nomads to the west, the date unknown, finally ended in Holland. Undoubtedly it was here in the early 1500's that the religious philosophy of the Selesian German Mennonites was embraced. Because of the Mennonite religion, thousands were persecuted to death, particularly in Holland. The religious principles of the Mennonites were later adopted by George Fox, the founder of the Society of Friends, commonly known as Quakers. The name Quaker was given to the Friends when Fox told the prosecuting and persecuting Judge, Servas Bennet, he should quake at the name of the Lord. Many Neeses, approving the teachings of the new religion, became Quakers.

From Holland the Neeses migrated to Ireland, reportedly in 1608. We can assume that the migration was the result of religious persecution and wars which seem to have played a big part in the divisions of the families and of the changing of the spelling of the names. This division of families is well illustrated by the diverse spelling found in our Revolutionary and Civil War records. It was during the settlement in Ireland that the prefixes Mac and Mc were added to the name.

The move into Ireland was not an auspicious one because of the embroilment of the Irish in civil and religious wars in the worst of which Oliver Cromwell and his army tried to exterminate the Irish and any other people not professing to the Puritan Religion. The attack on the Quakers was more violent and in excess of that on any other church particularly when Charles II became King...because of their opposition to the established church, their refusal to conform to social customs such as removing their hats to a political officer, because they addressed everyone with thee and thou, because they refused to take an oath. In spite of the tenet not to fight, some Quakers joined the army and navy in which they were missionaries as well as fighters. To escape from fighting and persecution, many decided to migrate to the New World.

Some of the Quaker McNeeses were already established on the Island of Barbados before 1650, only three years after the Quaker movement started. The 1650 wills and records of the Island are the oldest documents proving the Mackernes migration to America. In the year 1658 to 1659 the exodus to America

was precipitated by a fine of 11,000 levied against them. In 1684 Edward Mackerness, a 23 year old and bonded servant for four years, was sent to Virginia. His brother, William, followed five years later, to where is uncertain, possibly Massachusetts, as there were kin there and William is listed as a ferryman, 1731.

Migration into the New World was increased by William Penn, the Quaker founder of Pennsylvania. His liberal government and energy in promoting the sale of land induced a flood of emigrants to settle in Pennsylvania and the eastern seaboard in 1682. To date the above mentioned Edward was among the first.

The migration did not end the persecution of the Quakers. They were driven out of Puritan settlements, to return meant death. Ears were cropped, holes burned in tongues and other atrocities were committed in spite of which the Quakers continued to flourish, the McNeeses among them. There are a few Quaker family members even today.

At what time period some of the families embraced the Catholic religion is still unclear. It seems that some joined the Presbyterian Church before 1720. Only research will give the answer.

The research has found and authenticated over seventy different spellings of the family name. All have to be compiled and then through a process of elimination confirmed. Our minimum requirements for proving data to be accurate must contain two verifiable records. All other data are treated as clues or classified as hearsay. The assumption that the McNees, McNeese, McNeice and etc. names found in the United States are all of the same family is a false assumption, particularly the commingling of the first name.

Since the amount of data is so very large, it will be quite some time before any publications will be available. To be organized and included are pictures and stories contributed by family members. Any omission of information about a family is not due to intention, but to the lack of the information which might have been supplied by the family.

All material that we have collected and published will be sent to the McNeese University in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where it will be available in the McNeese room in the Frazer Library located on campus.

Only facts and truth make a family record believable and reliable.

By: John C. McNeese
Long Beach, California 1981

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[DANIEL MONROE and unknown McNEES, son of Samuel, were both from Franklin, Missouri. The creek is now known as Currampaw Creek and located in Union Co., NM, constituting the upper waters of Beaver Creek, which is an affluent of the North Fork of the Canadian River. The site of the murder is a short distance from Ratan Pass, New Mexico. Ponci & jcm]

20 May 1815

"An eye witness, who arrived upon the scene about ten o'clock, describes it as most heart rendering. The children were lying upon the floor, two of them in the agonies of death, and every time they struggled for breath the blood and brains oozed out at the wounds made by the murderous tomahawks. Mrs. Ramsey was in an adjoining room, but her groans of agony could be plainly heard. Her husband was lying upon the bed in the front room, and Boone was engaged in extracting the bullet, which had passed through the groin and lodged near the surface on the back of the hip. The old pioneer was quiet and unexcited, as usual, but his lips were compressed and a fire gleamed from his eyes that indicated danger to any savage that might come within his reach at that time. Strong men, looking upon those murdered children, wept and silently vowed vengeance against the foe.

Thirty experienced scouts were on the trail of the Sioux Indians and their escape seemed almost impossible. After going a short distance, they separated into three parties, two in each party, and then soon divided again, and each pursued his course alone. This rendered it difficult to follow the various trails, and necessitated a division of the pursuers also. At night the Indians came together again at a designed point where they received reinforcements, and on the following day a fight occurred between them and a party of rangers from near Howards Fort. Captain Craig and a few men were in the fort, and Captain Musick and a small party were camped two miles distance on Cuivre River. During the day the men at the latter place heard what they supposed to be wild turkeys "calling" on the other side of the river, and Lt. McNeice, a Mr. Weber, Mr. Burnes and one or two others got into a bark canoe that lay at the camp and crossed over to see if they could find the turkeys. They proceeded along the stream some distance before crossing and had not reached the other shore when they were fired upon by the Indians who were concealed in the woods and had been imitating the "call" of wild turkeys in order to decoy them. McNeice and several of the men were instantly killed.

(Bryan & Rose, Pioneer Families of Missouri, 1876)

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Civil War 1861-1866

No other event in the histories of the families was more devastating to parents and their children than the Civil War. So bitter was the issue, some members never spoke to their closest kin again, others moved away to start another life. Some changed their names completely, never to be heard from again. Oddly, most northern sympathizers used the name McNees, evidently to designate which side of the fence they were on and later reverted back to the original spelling.

[Since a small boy I have often heard the expression "the south is still fighting the Civil War"-after a few years of family research, I find it applies to both sides. I was brought up in the north and now know that my school history books were far from being accurate and truthful. The following few notes will, I hope, help all of us to understand. jcm]

The slave issue was propaganda. Virginia passed a law in 1670 making it illegal for blacks to own white slaves. Not all were impoverished slaves. Some were free and wealthy. They owned slaves imported by them from Africa while others imported whites from England as indentured servants. Many blacks were freed by their owners for faithful service. The Quakers freed their negroes for religious reasons. Among the earliest Quakers, John Mackernesse whose will was written in 1659, freed some of his servants and wills to all his family, slaves and servants an equal division of his wealth.

There were a few black McNees and McNeeses who were freeborn about the time of the Revolutionary War. Part of this family migrated to Mississippi long before the Civil War and some of them lived to be over 100 years old.

I have yet to find a negro regiment used by the South. There were many used by the North.

Only Union servicemen were allowed to be buried in National Cemeteries except for special disposition. Union headstones are rounder at the top of the stone than confederate headstones.

Those confederate soldiers buried in the National Cemeteries were put into large unmarked mass graves and/or trenches with no record of whom they were. These mass burial areas were unmarked until the early 1900's. They are now marked by cannon balls outlining the site. Some places you have to ask the park attendant where the sites are located as many are not easily accessible.

One such trench located at Shiloh National in Tennessee contains about 721 bodies, stacked seven deep. It is said that

General Grant ordered all dead soldiers be buried at once in trenches due to warm weather. The Union soldiers were exhumed four years later and buried with markers and the Confederates were left in the trenches.

The Confederates that died in Federal Hospitals or prisons were also buried in unmarked graves and areas ploughed under.

All Confederate men in service at the time of surrender were given paroles and after signing an oath were sent home. Any viololation of this oath, unless duly exchanged by the proper authorities, was subject to immediate hanging.

Pensions based on miliary service for the Confederates were authorized by some southern states but not by the Federal Government until 1959. Union servicement were granted pensions.

[The only known book of Confederate soldiers who died during the war is located in a desk drawer in a wooden box at the Carter House, Franklin, Indiana. I had the honor of looking through the book for family members. There were none. There is one copy that was made and it is at Duke University.]

John C. McNeese

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He was assigned as private Co F 21 Regt Missouri Infantry and sent to Eastport, Ms 11 Jan 1865. Here he became ill and was in the hospital in June. On 7 Aug 1865 he reported sick at the Marine USA Post Hospital in Mobile, Al. He died the same day of Nephritis. He is buried at Soldiers Rest National Cemetery in Mobile, Al. He had no effects but was charged with the loss of a half-shelter tent.

During the war the family was terrorized by the soldiers and later the carpetbaggers. The children used to hide under the bed. Mary, his wife was pensioned for \$12 per month.

Both Mary and her daughter smoked a corncob pipe and occasionally dipped snuff. Supposedly the tobacco was recommended by her doctor to cure her cough or bad cold or perhaps to help cure her tuberculosis. Her grandchildren tell of her reaching up and pulling a leaf of tobacco down, crunching it up and smoking it. The tobacco leaves were hung thruout the house. Mary lived with her son Robert before her death in Buffalo, Wy. She died in his home 17 Dec 1909. Her body was taken by wagon to the nearest rail depot located at Clearmont, Wy, 27 miles away, by MILES McNEESE, a distant cousin and THOMAS PETER WATT, a small boy only ten years old. Mary was buried in Prairie Chapel Cemetery near Denver, Mo.

Marys brother ABNER JULIAN FRAZIER born 1840 was the Sheriff of Greene County, In for many years and is part of the history of that area. He visited the McNeeses in Buffalo, Wy and was well remembered for his horsemanship.

Photo b/w Abner & sister Frazier n9 ---

ABNER JULIAN FRAZIER and VIRGINIA ANN FRAZIER CAMPBELL

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a band of sheep and a few cattle remarked "Sheep were more important in Oregon than soldiers."

While herding sheep at Ft Steele Samuel was chopping sage brush for a fire when a piece flew into one of his eyes. Being unable to remove the bit from his eye, he went to the Fort to see the Army doctor who removed the object. The doctor was so rough that he thought he was losing his eye. Many years later in Buffalo, WY he met the same doctor. He was Dr WARREN LOTT who became a well known doctor in the area.

Fort Fred Steele located in Carbon County, WY was established 30 June 1868 to guard the UP railroad men and the bridge across the Platte River as well as travelers on the Overland Trail from Indians. It was an important trade and shipping post until 1886. A sketch of the Fort as it once was by GIRARD is in the book "Ghost Trails of WY". The Fort is now being restored.

Nora Lee remembers an incident when PATRICK HEALEY was visiting them at their home on Sunset Blvd when JOHN ESPONDA, from Buffalo, WY, also dropped in. Esponda, after considerable conversation, said "Pat I didn't know you and Mac were old time friends." "Oh, yes," responded Pat, "Mac and I have been stealing sheep from each other for years".

JEAN ESPONDA came to Buffalo, WY in 1902. He worked for Healey and Patterson and part of his wages were paid by receiving sheep. He was the forerunner of the Basque sheepmen. In late 1902 Jean sent for his brother JOHN ESPONDA and two cousins from France.

From the Buffalo newspaper 20 July 1899. JOHN C. McNEESE sheared his sheep at Trabing and headed for the mountains. I believe this was JOHN J. CRITTENDEN McNEESE, the son of ELIHU McNEESE. Evidently he continued north to Carstairs, Canada.

Buffalo newspaper 26 Aug 1897. R. C. FRAZIER of St Joseph, Mo advertised he had \$25000 worth the 1st National Bank, of Buffalo, WY for sale.

Buffalo newspaper 28 Sep 1899. ROBERT McNEESE left for a visit to Missouri.

Buffalo newspaper 27 April 1899. Sewing circle was held at the home of Mrs S. J. McNeese

Ellenorah, Mo
December 28 1884

Envelope: Ft Steele, WY 1885

Dear brother I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that we are all well as common, and I hope this will find you well. I sent you tobacco on Christmas Day. There was thirty lbs and it cost \$3.25 to send it and the tobacco cost \$7.50. I would have sent it sooner but I wanted it to dry well. Write soon and let me know whether you received it or not. There has been great rejoicing here over the election, and there has been several old hats burnt. I only lost one vote this election. There has been several married this winter. JOHN WISE and one of HENRY SOWERDS daughters is married. LOUIS HULET and EMMA RICHARD is married. BEN McCRERY and HOWARD DAVIDSONS widow is married. ESTY CAMPBELL and SALLY HILL and there is good prospects for more. GEORGE HILL died about three weeks ago he had typhoid fever. MISSOURI RHUDAY is dead had the heart disease.

Old Mr HILL is very sick and is not expected to live. JOHN HILL and JASPER WILSON have got home from the mountains they say time are dull wher they have been. Gentry County is going to have a fine court house when it is compleated. It will cost about \$30,000. The Methodists are going to build a fine Church house in the spring

Times are very hard here now
corn is worth 20 cts wheat 70cts and apples 50cts per bu
hogs are worth 3 1/2 cts per lb

JOHN and JEFF McNEESE are in Nebraska they can not come back here without being arrested

Well I believe I have nothing more to write and I will bring my letter a close by asking you to write soon

This from your brother

Charles M.
McNeese

Samuel J. returned to Missouri and purchased a farm before he married MARTHA ALICE (Mattie) SMITH, the daughter of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN and ELIZABETH ANN DAWSON SMITH, the 13 Dec 1888 in Denver, Mo. Benjamin Smith was a direct descendant of Col MERIWETHER and ALICE LEE CLARKE SMITH of the Revolutionary War.

It was here that their children RUBY MAY 12 Oct 1889, NORA LEE 4 Sep 1891, HENRY FRANKLIN 3 Oct 1893 and CLARA ELIZABETH 10 April 1895 were born. Henry Franklin died 25 April 1895 and was buried in a cemetery in Albany, Mo. He was later reburied in Forest Lawn, Glendale, Ca.

Because it was hard times and farming was not the most lucrative field, Samuel vowed to go into a protected (by tariff) industry if the Republicans came into power, which they did in 1896. In late 1895 Samuel took his family to Wyoming anticipating a Republican victory. He purchased 160

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acres on Prairie Dog Creek, about 8 miles from Sheridan, WY and started raising sheep.

The family lived in a one room frame house, with the nearest water being a small creek, until a well was drilled. Here he raised enough hay and grain to feed 3 horses 2 cows and some chickens. His sheep grazed on the open range. Robert L. McNeese was hired by Sam to irrigate and help with the farm chores.

In late 1897 or early 1898 they moved to Buffalo, WY and purchased some property across from CANTERBURY on which to pasture their horses. By this time his herd of sheep had grown considerably. He hired some of the local Basque as herders, some of whom are well known sheepmen in Johnson County, WY today. In the local newspaper dated 16 Mar 1899 it was written that S. J. McNeese lost 400 head of sheep because of the bad winter. A news item dated 27 May 1899 states Samuel saved one of two sheep wagons. The other with all contents going to wreckage floats on the Missouri River. Actually the river was Crazy Women a tributary of Powder River which flows into the Missouri River.

On the 1 Oct 1899 their son SAMUEL SMITH was born in Buffalo, WY. The following year, 18 March, Samuel J. and Mattie A. sold their interest in his fathers property in Missouri to his brother Charles for \$150.

In 1912 Samuel and family moved to California and purchased a home and some property on what is now the corner of Sunset and Vine Streets in Hollywood. The home is still standing today. There they lived for some time. The area at the time was planted in beans and goat herds roamed the pastures. He bought a apartment in downtown Los Angeles because the area they were living in would never amount to anything !! This apartment became a victim of the freeway system later on. He also sold the home on Sunset Blvd and bought a home on Helitrope Dr in Hollywood where they lived for many years. Across the street from their home on Sunset Blvd was a large red barn which became the first movie studio.

In 1929 (Mattie and family) started a search for the parents of Henry Franklin McNeese. It continued for many years, whenever time permitted, with trips to Tennessee but they could find no trace of his family. All members of the family then living were spelling their last name McNeese also almost all had migrated to other parts of the USA by that time.

Samuel Julian McNeese died at his home in Hollywood, Ca the 23 Sep 1933 and is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery along with his wife Martha Alice who passed on 26 May 1958.

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ELIHU McNEES(E) 1828 1900

Elihu, the son of Samuel and Mary E. was born 21 Dec 1828 in Rheatown, Tn. Quaker faith ? He grew to manhood on the farm willed to him by his father.

On the 5 Aug 1851 he married ARY EMELINE HAYS (Hayes?) in Greene Co, Tn. She was the daughter of JOSEPH L. ? and MARY ? HAYES. Ary was born 10 Jan 1830 in Greene Co, Tn. Their children were Mary Jane born 1852, Martha ? born 1854, Samuel H. born 1856, Joseph H. born 1858, John J. C. born 1861 and Emeline, who evidently was still born, born and died 10 April 1863.

Elihu's friends and neighbors were going to hang him because he was sympathetic to the Union cause. He escaped and joined Company M of the First Tennessee Cavalry as a Pvt and saddler on the 25 Nov 1862. He enlisted at Chimney Top, Tn. The battles he was in during the war has not yet been completed. He was at Vicksburg, Ms and a few others. It was at this period of time that the e at the end of the name disappeared and he became McNees. He signed his name McNees. It would be 125 years before his family could be identified with the rest of the McNeese families.

There has been some confusion with his war records as Marmaduke McNeese also had a son named Elihu who was born 1819 and also served as a Pvt in M Co 1 Tn Cavalry. In typical government fashion their records were intermingled with Eli McNeese and Elisha McNeese and under various last names and are as follows: Elihu McNees Jr, Elihu McNeer, McNeer crossed out and McNees inserted, Eli Hugh Menices, Menices crossed out and McNiece inserted, Elisha Minecee, Minecee crossed out and McNeice inserted, Eli McNease, Elihue McNeice Sr, Elihu McNeese Sr, Elihue McNeese, Elyhue McNeece Senior, Elihu McNew, Elihu McNies and Elihu McNeis.

Three separate requests for the two Elihu's military and pension records were ordered from the US Archives. Most of their military records are incomplete. The first group of records contained 7 pages, the second 14 pages and the third 9 pages. US Archives researchers are not always reliable. As these records cost \$3 to \$9 per record it will be quite expensive to purchase all of the above mentioned records.

The so called "bibles", containing 91 volumes, "The War of the Rebellion" and published in 1880 were written with many of their records taken from the Archives. These books are used by historians and researchers for their publications. These books authenticity are questioned by the errors shown in the above mentioned paragraph and leave

one to wonder how many other family records are as flagrantly abused. The problem is how to correct the mistakes.

Of interest is the large publication by the Civil War Centennial Commission published in 1965 "Tennesseans in the Civil War". These books compounded the errors in the spellings making it even more difficult to obtain civil war records. The records from other states also contain similar errors.

Professional genealogist and historians state that if you have a unique last name it makes research much easier. This statement could only be made by someone who has not been in the business for any length of time.

The above 4 paragraphs will be inserted in the portion of the book entitled "Honor Roll" which contains the McNees(e) men's names who have lost their lives in the different wars. To date, as an example, there were 9 Williams who died in the Civil War.

Elihu was wounded by a musket or mini ball at the battle of Mossey Creek, Tn on the 29 Dec 1863 less than half an hour after the battle began. "The ball entered in the rear of and immediately below the right shoulder. Said ball penetrated through the chest and lodging in front of breast where it remained until removed by surgical operation." He was treated at the Asylum US Hospital in Knoxville, Tn.

According to the war record dated 21 March 1865 Elihu was 5 feet 4 1/2 inches high, gray eyes, fair complexion and dark hair. Born in Green Co, Tn. Age 35 years.

On 2 Nov he was transferred to the V.R.C. at Clifftown Barracks in Washington, DC because of chronic hepatitis. He was charged \$6 for the loss of his Enfield rifle musket with accuator and 20 cents for 1 wiper that he lost when he was wounded!! While here he was a guest or guard at the time of President Lincoln's assassination. He was discharged the 22 July 1865 Washington, DC.

He applied for a pension 23 March 1867 and stated the wound had given him great inconvenience and disabled him totally from performing any kind of manual labor. He received a pension of \$12 per month.

On the 10 April 1863 Ary, his wife, died while giving birth to their daughter Emeline and was buried in New Hope Cemetery. Aunt Sarah came to the house to take care of Elihu's crying children and John J. C., although only three or four years old, remembered her shaking her fist at the soldiers as they led the last milk cow away to butcher. This left her without any milk and butter for the children.

Of interest is the rail fence pictured in the old home photograph. During the war the soldiers were entitled to take the top rail of the fence to use for firewood. The fence was replaced two times as the armies moved back and forth over the country side.

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The family said sadly that Henry, Elihu's brother, never came home from the war. Henry and wife had gone to Gentry Co, Mo prior to the war and from the will of the father it appears that there was little if any family relationship. Oddly even after the McNeese's moved to Missouri and Iowa they never contacted any of Henry's family even though they were living within a few miles of each other.

On the 30 Sept 1867 Elihu, was made guardian to NANCY H. HAYS, MARY E. HAYS, RUTH A. HAYS, by MARY HAYS widow of A. E. HAYS. Also ABIGAIL HAYS. (See land record)

The following is a part of Emaline McNeese et al minors document Bk? pg 563 Greene Co, Tn 20 Jan 1871. Report of settlement made with Elihu McNeese, guardian of Emaline McNeese, Mary J. McNeese, Martha McNeese, Samuel McNeese, Joseph H. McNeese, John J. C. McNeese minors, for 4 years ending the 2 Sept 1870. For amount recieved from the estate of JOSEPH L. HAYS 2 Sept 1865 \$13.10. Completed instructions 2 Sept 1870 \$39.35. (see wills)

On 26 May 1871 Samuel sold Elihu 50 acres of land for \$500 which was located on Sinking Creek. (See land record)

Evidently when Elihu married CATHERINE nmn YOUNG on the 21 Nov 1876 the family began to drift apart. She was the widow of CROCKETT YOUNG of Greene Co, Tn. They were married 27 June 1844 and had some children before he died 30 Dec 1865 and was buried in New Hope Cemetery. Her maiden name was CATHERINE PETERS. She applied for a pension 13 Oct 1900 and recieved \$8 per month until her death.

Catherine McNeese, wife of Elihu, 8 3/4 acres to JACOB H. YOUNG on 11 March 1881. (See land record)

On the 10 Feb 1882 Elihu McNeese purchased 164 Acres from his brother Jacob and wife Polly Ann. This was the remainder of the property willed to Jacob by his father Samuel. (See land record)

Elihu McNeese purchased 63 1/2 acres from JOHN N. PETERS 8 June 1882. (See land record)

Catherine McNeese to Jacob H. Young 44 acres 22 March 1883. (See land record)

On the 9 Feb 1887 Elihu and Catherine McNeese deeded the following properties: 79 acres to Samuel H. McNeese. 63 1/2 acres went to GEORGE H. MATHES. To John C. McNeese 83 3/10 acres. (see land record)

After Elihu's children migrated to Missouri in 1884 he had planned to move to Iowa but a wagon load of lumber he was hauling overturned on him killing him. He died 2 Oct 1900 at his home in State Mount, Tn. He is buried in New Hope Cemetery next to his father Samuel. His second wife Catherine died ?? Sept 1905 and is buried in New Hope also.

On 11 Oct 1900 Catherine McNeese deeded Samuel H. McNeese, John C. McNeese, Joseph H. McNeese and MARY J. MATHES 75 acres of land.

Catherine McNeese to grand-daughter LAURA L. McKAY and husband JAMES S. McKAY 25 1/2 acres 7 Aug 1901.

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Samuel H. was the son of Elihu and Ary. He was born in State Mount, Tn 12 Feb 1856.

Samuel was brought up on his fathers farm in Tennessee. He married ELIZA FRANCES McKAY (Fanny) 13 Nov 1879 in Greene Co, Tn. She was the daughter of ? and ? McKay and born in Greene Co, Tn ?? Jan 1959. They had no children.

From Elihu and Catherine to Samuel H. 79 acres of land in district 20, 9 Feb 1887.

From J.J and Ada Skinnell to Samuel H., district 20, 4 4/5 acres of land 18 March 1889.

The following affidavit written by Samuel H. as witness to his step mother's eligibility for pension. It was filed by his attorney J.M. Bails of Rheatown, Tn the 20 Oct 1900.

In the pension claim of Catherine Mcnees widow of Elihu Mcnees, deceased, formally of Co M, 1 Tennessee Vol, Cavalry, war of 1861-5. Personally comes before me a notary public within and for the afforsaid County and State, S. H. Mcnees aged 44 years residing at State Mount Greene County Tenn and whose post office is State Mount Greene Co Tenn and being duly sworn decairs in relation to the aforesaid case as follows. I will say that Elihu Mcnees, deceased, the above mentioned soldier was my father and that my mothers maiden or first name was Ary E. Hays unto whom my father was married. I am not prepared to give the date of their marriage as there is no family reckord to her found to that effect. My mother died in year 1863-4, but cannot be exact as to dates. As I am without any reckord as regards the date of his death. She died whilst my father was in the war and I will also state the afforesaid claimant on or about November the 15th 1876 and that they lived together as man and wife from the above mentioned date up to the date of his death which occured on the 2nd day of October 1900. And furthermore I will say that I and my brother J.C. Mcnees have bought all the right title or claim that the aforesaid Catherine Mcnees was leagelly posest of one with to our fathers. The aforesaid Elihu Mcnees's esstate in any way whatever giving her for the afforesaid interest in said esstate six hundred dollars in cash and 125 bushels of corn 20 bushels wheat one hog one cow and all the household and kitchen furnature that the law of this state allows her. This is to knowledgeel? all the property that the afforesaid claimant, Catherine Mcnees is pocessed of in any way. She having made mee and my brother J.C. Mcnees a deed to all the interest that she held in our fathers real esstate, but I will say that the deed has not yet been recorded. And I shall further state that the claimant had bin previously married to a man by the name of Crocket

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Young before she married my father and that Mr Young is dead and was at the time her and my father were married. signed S.H. Mcneese.

On 17 June 1984, Samuel H. Mcneese, 122 address in district 15, to S. H. Mcneese, born 1910.

After the death of their mother, Clarinda? Mcneese, Samuel died 26 Feb 1929, and died 22 Feb 1938.

Both are buried in Old Memory Cemetery in New York.

Samuel told about a neighbor that in his parents' attic for a year or so to escape the war. On one occasion he dressed up in a uniform and his friends came to see him. At the end of the war he went off to join his comrades in arms and his friends and parents bade him farewell and God Speed. He returned to the attic that same night.

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Joseph H. was the son of Elihu and Ary. He was born 5 Oct 1858 in State Mount, Tn. His middle name is Hays?.

Joseph grew up on his fathers farm and he his brother Samuel used to explore the country side during the war.

One day, about a quarter of a mile from home, they discovered a cave in the side of a hill. While standing looking at it they were suddenly surrounded by a group of shabby looking men. The boys were frightened by the sudden appearance of the men and when the men began threatening to dispose of them they became terrified.

After much crying and pleading by the boys, the ruffians let them go, on the condition that they never divulge what they had seen or heard. They were informed that if they told anyone about the cave and men they would find and kill them. The boys "ran for dear life" to their home and never ventured near the place again until after the war had ended.

A year or two after the war the boys visited the cave. The entrance was hidden by a large old cypress tree that had fallen over with its roots exposed. Within they found large piles of partially buried chicken bones. On one side of the cave they found a trench that had been dug and covered over with dirt and brush. The trench ran to the top of the hill and was used to let the smoke from the inhabitants campfire escape. Whether this was a hideout for deserters or part of the negro "underground railroad" has never been determined.

On the 31 Dec 1882 Joseph married NANCY JANE PICKERING in Greene Co, Tn. She was the daughter of GEORGE nmn and CATHERINE CLEMMONS HAYS PICKERING of Greene Co, Tn.

* * Have lineage and etc of Pickering family back to 1200.

Their children were as follows: Ary F. born 1883, George P. born 1885, John F. born 1887, Lucina M. born 1889, Olive M. born 1891 and Goldie G. born 1898.

Theodore E. and an other boy were twins. They were born 20 Dec 1901 in New Market, Ia one, who was unnamed, died the following day. An other unnamed son was born 26 Sept 1903 and also died the following day. They are buried in Old Memory at New Market, Ia.

In 1884 Joseph and Nancy and their small daughter Ary took the train to Watson Co, Mo where his mothers folks had moved, Uncle TAD? HAYS was his name.

In 1890 Joseph and family then moved to Taylor Co, Ia. They bought a farm there after a friend of his father asked Joseph to come and see them. He added to his properties and at one time owned 480 acres. The primary crop being ? . It is said he retired before he was fifty years old.

John died 24 May 1927 and his wife Nancy died the following year on the 9 March. Both are buried in the Old Memory Cemetery at New Market, Ia.

George, the son of Joseph H. and Nancy J., was born 11 Aug 1885 in Watson Co, Mo.

He married MARY MAUDE FAST 24 Dec 1906 in Clarinda, Ia and she was born 17 Sept 1885 in ? , Ia. She was the daughter of Orlando Phillie and ? ? ? ? ? FAST of ? , Ia.

Their children were: George E. born 1907; John H. (Jack) born 1910; Walter C. (Bus) born 1912; Dorothy J. born 1915 and Frances I. ~~1920~~

George and Maude lived on their farm ? Have nothing about him.

Maude died 27 June 1953 and George died 8 July 1973. They are buried in the Washington Cemetery in Gravity, Ia.

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GEORGE ELDON McNEES 1907 1980

George the son of George P. and Mary M. was born in Taylor Co, Ia on 29 Dec 1907.

He married ETHEL MAE KEIM 27 Oct 1931 in Tekamah, Ne.
She was the daughter of ? and ?
? KEIM of ? , Ia?

Their children were Lois Marie born 1932, George F. born 1933, Russell E. born 1935, Sandra M. born 1939 and Barbara K. born 1944.

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ARY FRANCES McNEES CUMMINGS 1883 1952

Ary was the first child of Joseph H. and Nancy J. and was born 19 Oct 1883 in Greeneville, Tn.

Ary married NEWTON HARRISON CUMMINGS 17 Nov 1914 in Albany, Or. He was born 3 Oct 1868 in ? , ? .? Why is she in Oregon ? He was the son of ? and ? CUMMINGS.

They had two daughters who were born in Halsey, Or.
PEARL ? CUMMINGS born 31 May 1916 and OLIVE ? CUMMINGS born 10 Feb 1918.

Olive never married ?

Pearl married WILLIS ZUMWALT ?? ??? 19?? in ? ,??

Ary died in Halsey, Or 7 April 1952, Newton died 18 Jan the following year in Halsey, Or and both are buried ? Cemetery in Halsey, Or.

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GEORGE BENJAMIN McNEESE 1885 1968

George was the son of John C. and Tabitha and was born 19 Oct 1885 in Albany, Mo.

He married MAYME ? MIZE 26 July 1906 in Gentry Co, Mo. She was born ?? ??? 1888 in Worth Co, Mo and was the daughter of ? ? and NANCY ? ? MIZE of Worth Co, Mo.

Their children are (1) JULIE ? born 1907 (2) Willard H. born 1910 (3) ALLENE ? born 1914 (4) CHARLES D. born 1915 (5) Paul G. born 1917 (6) FLOYD ? born 19??.

George left home when his father beat him with a harness tug. He never returned to see the family but once and that was during WW2 which was some time after his father's death.

He migrated to the State of Washington about 1909 and was a gold miner. He had a couple of mines in the state?

No more data.

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LILLIAN ?

McNEESE

MALBY

a1894

Lillian was the daughter of John C. and Tabitha J.
was born ?? ??? a1894 in Gentry Co, Mo.

She married ? ? MALBY ? ? ?
in ? , ?? ?? ??? 19??

Their children are (1) ? ? ?

Have nothing else.

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HENRY GLEN McNEESE 1898 1976

Henry G. was the son of John C. and Tabitha J. He was born in Oregon, Mo 18 May 1898.

He married DELLA RACHEL RUSCO in Bedford, Ia ?? June 1920. She was born in ? , Mo ?? ??? 1897 and is the daughter of Alfred ? and ? ? ? RUSCO of ? , Ia? Alfred was a veterinarian.

Their children are (1) LEROY H. born 1926 (2) Leonard R. born 1930 (3) JOHN nm born 1929 (4) GERALDINE ? born 1930 (5) GOLDIE M. born 1931 (6) WALTER, an infant, born and died ?? ??? 1933 in Bedford, Ia ?? ??? 1933 and is buried in Fairview Cemetery at Bedford, Ia (7) BESSIE born 1935.

Henry had a large salvage and junk yard on the outskirts of Bedford, Ia.

Della died ?? ??? 1973 and Henry died 25 Feb 1976. Both are buried in the Fairview Cemetery at Bedford, Ia.

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Jessie was the son of John and Tabitha and born 7 Dec 1881 in Gentry Co, Mo.

He never married?

Was he in WW2?

Jessie died 12 Dec 1939 and is buried in the Fairview Cemetery at Bedford, Ia.

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Opal is the daughter of John C. and Tabitha J. She was
 born in Gentry Co, Mo ?? ??? 189?
 She married ? ? HINTON ?? ??? 19?? in ?
 , Ia? He was born ?? ??? 189? in ? , Mo? and was the
 son of ? ? and ? ?
 of ? , Mo?
 Their children are ? ?
 ? ?
 Stories?

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MARY ?

McNEESE

SLEEP

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Mary is the daughter of John C./H.? and Tabiatha J.
 She was born in Gentry Co, Mo ?? ??? 189?

She married ? ? SLEEP ?? ??? 19?? in
 Bedford, Ia? He was born ?? ??? 189? in ? , Mo? and
 was the son of ? ? and ? ? ?

SLEEP of ? , Mo?

Their children are ?

?

?

Stories ?

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Clifford was the son of John C. and Tabitha J. He was born 25 Sept 1903 in Gentry Co, Mo?

He was single ??

He died of ? 1 April 1967 and is buried in the Fairview Cemetery at Bedford, Ia.

Story ?

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SUSAN JANE McNEESE PARMAN ROBINSON 1856

Susan was the daughter of Abner and Rebecca. She was born in Greeneville, Tn 25 Oct 1856.

She first married HENRY ? PARMAN in Gentry Co, Mo
27 Aug 1891. He was born ?? ??? 18?? in ? , Mo? He
was the son of ? ? and ? ? ?
? PARMAN of ? , Tn?

Children ?

Stories?

She next married BUCK ? ROBINSON in ? , Mo
?? ??? 19?? Children ? ?

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Hanna was the daughter of Abner and Rebecca. She was born in Greeneville, Tn 30 May 1861.

She married ODIE ? WILLIAMS in ? , Mo?

?? ??? 18??. He was born ?? ??? 18?? in , Mo?
and was the son of ? ? and ? ?

? WILLIAMS of Greene Co, Tn?

Their children were ? ?

Stories ?

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VERLIN JOHN McNEESE 1949

Verlin is the son of John and Elaine E. and was born in Iowa City, Ia 12 March 1949.

He married WANDA FAYE STOCKSTILL in Davenport, Ia 31 Oct 1970. She is the daughter of James ? and Pearl ?
? Stockstill of Davenport, Ia?

Their children are (1) CAROL ANN who was born in Davenport, Ia ?? ??? 1971 and died ?? ??? 1971 and is buried in the ? Cemetery at Davenport, Ia.
(2) ? (the door slammed) born in Corning, Ia 10 Oct 1972.
(3) JASON LEE born in Clarinda, Ia 1 Oct 1973.

Verlin is the owner of the McNeese Body Shop in Bedford, Ia, an auto body repair shop. His motto is "Bumper to Bumper Repair".

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FRANCES COLLEEN McNEESE PRICE

Frances is the daughter of John and Elaine E. and was born in Clarinda, Ia ?? ??? 19??.

She married CRAIG ? PRICE in Gravity, Ia ?? ??? 1970. He is the son of ? ? and ? ?
? PRICE. He was born ?? ??? 19?? in Gravity, Ia?

Their children are (1) ? ? ?
? ?

Stories?

VIRGINIA EILEEN McNEESE SPRAIGS

Virginia is the daughter of John and Elaine E. and was born in Clarinda, Ia? ?? ??? 19??

She married KENNETH ? SPRAIGS in ? , Ia
?? ??? 19?? He was born ?? ??? 19?? in ? , Ia?
and is the son of ? ? and ? ?
? SPRAIGS of ? , Ia?

Their children are (1) ? ? ?
? ?

Any stories?

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VICKIE MARIE McNEESE ? 19??

Vickie is the daughter of John and Elaine E. and was born ?? ??? 19?? in Maryville, Mo.
Is she married ?

TAMMIE SUE McNEESE ? 1963

Tammie is the daughter of John and Elaine E. She was born 5 Dec 1963 in Maryville, Mo.
Married ?

MICHAEL TODD McNEESE 1960

Michael is the son of John and Elaine E. and was born in Clarinda, Ia ?? ??? 1960.
Married ?

BARNEY JOE McNEESE 1961

Barney is the son of John and Elaine E. He was born in Clarinda, Ia ?? ??? 1961.
Married ?

Photo ? b/w neg

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SARAH JANE McNEES the daughter of SAMUEL and MARY E. McNEES was born 25 Dec 1833 in Greene Co, Tn. She never married.

DONNA KATHERYN McNEESE DEGRAW 1939

Donna is the daughter of Donald C. and Edna K. She was born in Laramie, WY 21 Feb 1939.

She married ROBERT ? DEGRAW in Seattle, Wa ??
???19???. He was born ?? ??? 19?? in Seattle, Wa? and is the
son of ? ? and ? ? DEGRAW
of Seattle, Wa.

Their children are ?

?

?

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ELIZA JANE McNEES HOL AND 1830 1900

Photo ? b/w neg -- --

ELIZA JANE McNEES daughter of SAMUEL Jr and MARY E. LINERAUGH was born 18 April 1830 in Greene Co,Tn. She married WILLIAM HOLLAND ?- --- ---- in ? -----,Tn.

Their children were: (1)MARGARET JANE b.1864 in Tn d.1921 in Ia. Married George White b.1862 d.1939 in Ia.

(2)MARY L. b.1863 in Tn d.1916 in Ia. Married JOHN HULSE b.1862 d.1927 in Ia.

(3)ELITHU b.1872 in Tn d.1920 in Ia. Married FENNIE CAROLYN HUNT b.1874 in Tn d.1924 in Ia.

(4)JACOB b.1874 in Tn d.1943 in Ia. Married MEADE? RAYNOR b.1881 d.1961 in Ia.

(5)NANCY M. b. & stayed in Tn. Married SAM MATHEWS.

(6)WILL b. & stayed in Tn. No records.

Two more children died while quite young.

Eliza died 23 Nov 1900 while visiting some of her children who lived in Iowa. She is buried in Old Memory Cemetery in Page Co,Ia.

Ref:Samuel will;Nearly complete lineage of her descendants from Stroupe.

NANCY ANN McNEESE THOMPSON-FOX 1840 1912

Photo col ne930.10 of Nancy from Stroupe.

Nancy Ann was "bonded out" by Samuel when Samuel and Malinda parted about 1847. She worked for someone until she became of age and her father received her wages.

Nancy Ann first married ALEXANDER THOMPSON. He was born in Greene Co.Tn 24 Jan 1837-39 and died 18 Feb 1878. They were married 25 Nov 1860 in Greene Co.Tn at which time Alexander and his heirs were bonded to the "State of Tennessee for \$1250. lawful money of the State of Tn, but to be void on condition that there was no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage".

Their children were all born in Greene Co., Ind.

(1) SAMUEL ALPHEUS b. 1861 (2) JOHN HENRY b. 1865 (3) MARY JANE b. 1867 (4) JACOB FRANKLIN b. 1868 (5) JACKSON b. 1869 (6) WILLIAM ALEXANDER b. 1871 (6) CATHARINE b. 1875. TENNESSEE b. 1880 Hawkins Co, Tn and MARTHA MAE b. 1882 Hawkins Co, Tn were born after the death of ALEXANDER.

Alexander and Nancy moved to Hawkins Co.In in 1875 where he died .? .? . .? . He is buried Union Temple Cemetery in Greene Co.In.

Nancy Ann next married HENRY FOX 1 Jan 1886 in Hawkins Co,Tn. Nancy Ann lived with her children after the death of Henry until her death 14 Nov 1912 and is buried in Goshen Cemetery in Hawkins Co,Tn as NANCY THOMPSON.

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HENRY FRANKLIN McNEIL

Photo color his stone ng - - - - Mary h/w ng - - - -
by Chas - - - - Martha (Mattie

Franklin was born in Greenville, TN. He is the son of Samuel Jr. and Mary McNeese. He married ELIZABETH FRAZIER 7 Sep 1854 in Greene Co. TN. She was daughter of ARNER JULIAN and JANE DINWIDDIE FRAZIER was born near Reebtown, TN. Sept 1833.

After the birth of their first son, JULIAN, in 1957 they acquired a 1958 Buick and headed for Gentry Co. Missouri where many members were then living. The group was "Whiskey and Brandy".

They were about 20 years old, 12 months or so before arriving in the "old Uncle Charles". Charles was actually the son of John (FNU) McNeese.

On the 9 April 1859 Henry and Mary purchased 10 acres
of land for \$250 which was situated atop one of the hills
overlooking the rolling country below. The land had belonged
to JAMES HAH TROTTER who sold it to them on 5 May
1856 for \$250. In 1857 JOHN STINE and JOHN DOCK, Of _____
the same county's _____ and Mary _____
contained _____ 1/2 acres to _____ Abner J. Frazier of
Knox Co. On 9 March 1860 _____ Henry _____
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Henry built a very small log cabin on top of the hill prior to the births of CHARLES MILTON 27 Jan 1860; MARTHA JANE 28 Jul 1863 and ROBERT LEE 3 Jul 1874. Possibly there was one other child by the name of Rebecca born 1870s but no one seems to know about her. Both Robert and Rebecca were born long after Henry's death in 1865.

Evidently there was no suitable clay to make bricks for their home, as Henry had been trained to make bricks by his father. There was a small coal deposit south and at the bottom of the hill which was used by many of the local people.

Photo house h/w by Virginia Hunsucker.

The log home is visible to the left and rear of the home and was near the town of Ellenorah, Mo. Charles Milton added the front portion. In the foreground is the daughter of Martha Jane McNeese Farris, Virginia Farris Hunsucker. She took this picture 1955. The log cabin had disappeared by 1976.

Henry enlisted the 25 Jan 1862 at Springfield, Mo as a private with Company B 3rd Missouri Infantry CSA for one year and paid a bounty of \$39. He was in the battles of Blue Wells, Lexington in Missouri, Elkhorn, Farmington and Iuka. At Iuka he was listed as a deserter the 20 Sept 1862. He had been left as a nurse three days before but was captured and later paroled and sent home.

The next record dated 22 Nov 1864 shows Henry McNease as being drafted and mustered in at St Joseph, Mo. He was listed as follows: Born: Green Co, Ia Age: 31 Occupation: Farmer Eyes: Grey Hair: Black Complexion: Fair Height: 5 ft 3 in and came from 7 Civ Dist Howard t's Gentry Co, Mo.

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He was assigned as private Co F 21 Regt Missouri Infantry and sent to Eastport, Ms 11 Jan 1865. Here he became ill and was in the hospital in June. On 7 Aug 1865 he reported sick at the Marine USA Post Hospital in Mobile, Al. He died the same day of Nephritis. He is buried at Soldiers Rest National Cemetery in Mobile, Al. He had no effects but was charged with the loss of a half-shelter tent.

During the war the family was terrorized by the soldiers and later the carpetbaggers. The children used to hide under the bed. Marys his wife was pensioned for \$12 per month.

Both Mary and her daughter smoked a corncob pipe and occasionally dipped snuff. Supposedly the tobacco was recommended by her doctor to cure her cough or bad cold or perhaps to help cure her tuberculosis. Her grandchildren tell of her reaching up and pulling a leaf of tobacco down, crunching it up and smoking it. The tobacco leaves were hung thruout the house. Mary lived with her son Robert before her death in Buffalo, Wy. She died in his home 17 Dec 1909. Her body was taken by wagon to the nearest rail depot located at Clearmont, Wy, 27 miles away, by MILES McNEESE, a distant cousin and THOMAS PETER WATT, a small boy only ten years old. Mary was buried in Prairie Chapel Cemetery near Denver, Mo.

Marys brother ABNER JULIAN FRAZIER born 1840 was the Sheriff of Greene County, In for many years and is part of the history of that area. He visited the McNeeses in Buffalo, Wy and was well remembered for his horsemanship.

Photo b/w Abner & sister Frazier n9 --,--

ABNER JULIAN FRAZIER and VIRGINIA ANN FRAZIER CAMPBELL

Photo b/w 1904 worlds fair n9--.-- from Helena Mc

1904 Worlds Fair St Louis, Mo

Back row l-r:

Henry Marion (Lee)

Ruby May

Nora Lee

Mid row:

Cinderella Larilla, Chas. Milton, Samuel Julian, Martha Alice
Violet Catherine

Front row:

Charles Alexander

Samuel Smith

Clara Elizabeth

Violet the daughter of Charles M. would not sit with her family. Samuel Buster Julian son of Charles M. is not in the picture as he was born in 1907.

Samuel Julian was born in Greenville, Tn 7 Aug 1857 the son of Henry F. and Mary E. McNeese. Little is known of his first years spent in Missouri *but were extremely poor because of*

Sometime before 1884 he moved to Fort Fred Steele in *loss of* southern Wyoming and was herding sheep there for one of the *father* few sheepman of that area and time period. It is possible *in Civil War.* it was D. A. KINGSBURY as he brought his sheep from the Larimie Plains in 1883 to Johnson County.

The first sheep ever to be recorded in Wyoming belonged to Rev Whitman. In 1836 on his way to Oregon with

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a band of sheep and a few cattle remarked "Sheep were more important in Oregon than soldiers."

While herding sheep at Ft Steele Samuel was chopping sage brush for a fire when a piece flew into one of his eyes. Being unable to remove the bit from his eye, he went to the Fort to see the Army doctor who removed the object. The doctor was so rough that he thought he was losing his eye. Many years later in Buffalo,Wy he met the same doctor. He was Dr. WARREN LOTT who became a well known doctor in the area.

Fort Fred Steele located in Carbon County,Wy was established 30 June 1868 to guard the UP railroad men and the bridge across the Platte River as well as travelers on the Overland Trail from Indians. It was an important trade and shipping post until 1884. A sketch of the Fort as it once was by GIRARD is in the book "Ghost Trails of Wy". The Fort is now being restored.

Nora Lee remembers an incident when PATRICK HEALEY was visiting them at their home on Sunset Blvd when JOHN ESPONDA, from Buffalo,Wy, also dropped in. Esponda,after considerable conversation, said "Pat I didn't know you and Mac were old time friends." "Oh, yes," responded Pat, "Mac and I have been stealing sheep from each other for years".

JEAN ESPONDA came to Buffalo,Wy in 1902. He worked for Healey and Patterson and part of his wages were paid by recieving sheep. He was the forerunner of the Basque sheepmen. In late 1902 Jean sent for his brother JOHN ESPONDA and two cousins from France.

From the Buffalo newspaper 20 July 1899. JOHN C. McNEESE sheared his sheep at Trabin9 and headed for the mountains. I believe this was JOHN J. CRITTENDEN McNEESE, the son of FLTHU McNEESE. Evidently he continued north to Carstairs, Canada.

Buffalo newspaper 26 Aug 1897. R. C. FRAZIER of St Joseph, Mo advertised he had \$2500 worth the 1st National Bank of Buffalo,Wy for sale.

Buffalo newspaper 28 Sep 1899. ROBERT McNEESE left for a visit to Missouri.

Buffalo newspaper 27 April 1899. Sewing circle was held at the home of Mrs S. J. McNeese

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acres on Prairie Dog Creek, about 8 miles from Sheridan, WY and started raising sheep.

The family lived in a one room frame house, with the nearest water being a small creek, until a well was drilled. Here he raised enough hay and grain to feed 3 horses 2 cows and some chickens. His sheep grazed on the open range. Robert L. McNeese was hired by Sam to irrigate and help with the farm chores.

In late 1897 or early 1898 they moved to Buffalo, WY and purchased some property across from CANTERBURYS on which to pasture their horses. By this time his herd of sheep had grown considerably. He hired some of the local Basque as herders, some of whom are well known sheepmen in Johnson County, WY today. In the local newspaper dated 16 Mar 1899 it was written that S. J. McNeese lost 400 head of sheep because of the bad winter. A news item dated 27 May 1899 states Samuel saved one of two sheep wagons. The other with all contents going to wreckage floats on the Missouri River. Actually the river was Crazy Women a tributary of Powder River which flows into the Missouri River.

On the 1 Oct 1899 their son SAMUEL SMITH was born in Buffalo, WY. The following year, 18 March, Samuel J. and Mattie A. sold their interest in his fathers property in Missouri to his brother Charles for \$150.

In 1912 Samuel and family moved to California and purchased a home and some property on what is now the corner of Sunset and Vine Streets in Hollywood. The home is still standing today. There they lived for some time. The area at the time was planted in beans and goat herds roamed the pastures. He bought a apartment in downtown Los Angeles because the area they were living in would never amount to anything!! This apartment became a victim of the freeway system later on. He also sold the home on Sunset Blvd and bought a home on Helitrope Dr in Hollywood where they lived for many years. Across the street from their home on Sunset Blvd was a large red barn which became the first movie studio.

In 1929 (Mattie and family) started a search for the parents of Henry Franklin McNeese. It continued for many years, whenever time permitted, with trips to Tennessee but they could find no trace of his family. All members of the family then living were spelling their last name McNees also almost all had migrated to other parts of the USA by that time.

Samuel Julian McNeese died at his home in Hollywood, Ca the 23 Sep 1933 and is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery along with his wife Martha Alice who passed on 26 May 1958.

Ellenora, Mo
December 28 1884

Envelope: Ft Steele, WY 1885

Dear brother I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that we are all well as common, and I hope this will find you well. I sent you tobacco on Christmas Day. There was thirty lbs and it cost \$3.25 to send it and the tobacco cost \$7.50. I would have sent it sooner but I wanted it to dry well. Write soon and let me know whether you received it or not. There has been great rejoicing here over the election, and there has been several old hats burnt. I only lost one vote this election. There has been several married this winter. JOHN WISE and one of HENRY SOWERDS daughters is married. LOUIS HULET and EMMA RICHARD is married. BEN McCRERY and HOWARD DAVIDSONs widow is married. ESTY CAMPBELL and SALLY HILL and there is good prospects for more. GEORGE HILL died about three weeks ago he had typhoid fever. MISSOURI RHUDAY is dead had the heart disease.

Old Mr HILL is very sick and is not expected to live. JOHN HILL and JASPER WILSON have got home from the mountains they say time are dull when they have been. Gentry County is going to have a fine court house when it is completed. It will cost about \$30,000. The Methodists are going to build a fine Church house in the spring.

Times are very hard here now
corn is worth 20 cts wheat 70cts and apples 50cts per bu
hogs are worth 3 1/2 cts per lb

JOHN and JEFF McNEESE are in Nebraska they can not come back here without being arrested

Well I believe I have nothing more to write and I will bring my letter a close by asking you to write soon

This from your brother

Charles M.
McNeese

Samuel J. returned to Missouri and purchased a farm before he married MARTHA ALICE (Mattie) SMITH, the daughter of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN and ELIZABETH ANN DAWSON SMITH, the 13 Dec 1888 in Denver, Mo. Benjamin Smith was a direct descendant of Col MERIWETHER and ALICE LEE CLARKE SMITH of the Revolutionary War.

It was here that their children RUBY MAY 12 Oct 1889, NORA LEE 4 Sep 1891, HENRY FRANKLIN 3 Oct 1893 and CLARA ELIZABETH 10 April 1895 were born. Henry Franklin died 25 April 1895 and was buried in a cemetery in Albany, Mo. He was later reburied in Forest Lawn, Glendale, Ca.

Because it was hard times and farming was not the most lucrative field, Samuel vowed to go into a protected (by tariff) industry if the Republicans came into power, which they did in 1896. In late 1895 Samuel took his family to Wyoming anticipating a Republican victory. He purchased 160

RUBY MAY McNEESE 1889 1940

Photo b/w ne9--.-- from Nor

Ruby May was born in Ellensburg, Mo 12 Oct 1889. The Buffalo newspaper 1 Nov 1906 states she left to attend Lincoln College View School.

She married JUBAL EARLY WFRB the 2 Feb 1908. Her grandmother McNeese attended the wedding. They were divorced at some unknown time.

After moving to California she married ARTHUR LENK. Where and when is unknown.

She was a very vivacious person and was known by many of the Hollywood dignitaries.

Need lots of help on this one.

I have no photo of just the three of you

Clara Elizabeth the daughter of Samuel J. and Martha E. was born in Ellenorah, Mo. 10 April 1895.

Lest I be salivated, a expression used by Chas. M., I will not touch this family with a 10 foot fishing pole.

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Photo Clara b/w n9--.-- Photo Ralph b/w n9--
 Photo from Clara & Ralph

The picture to the left is Clara with her catch. The Marlin Swordfish caught near Catalina Island, Ca 4 Sept 1931. It took her one hour and fifteen minuets to land it. The fish weighed 135 lbs, about the same weight as Clara. The tip of the sword was broken off when it rammed their boat. The man was Captain Carson the skipper of the boat.

Ralph, on the right side of the picture caught his Marlin 29 Sept 1931 near Catalina Island. It weighed 106 lbs and required 26 minuets to bring it in. To compensate for his smaller catch he and the boats Captin, H. Stanford, stood some distance behind the fish to make the fish look larger. He never surpassed his wifes record and was kidded by their friends asking Ralph if he were "catching bait for his wife".

Photo of display in the Casino on Catalina ???
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ALICE LEE HEYWOOD CLARK 1920

color Geo Clark & fam n9--- from Alice Lee
NEED more good stuff on GEORGE

Honolulu, HI 1971

1 to n: John Lester Holmes, George Victor Clark, Harold
Hauff, Alice Lee Heywood Clark, Judith Piilani Clark Hauff,
Alice Leilani Lee Clark, John Ralph Kukeakalani Clark,
Clara Elizabeth McNeese Heywood

Alice Lee, the daughter of Ralph McCabe and Clara
Elizabeth McNeese Heywood was born in Burbank, Ca 11 April
1920 (there were no doctors or hospitals at the time on the
island). She was a native of Avalon, Catalina Island, Ca and
the only child. All of her schooling including high school
was obtained in Avalon. After graduating from Whittier
College in 1942 with a degree in pre-school education, she
taught kindergarten in Escondido, Ca.

In 1943 she enlisted in the US Navy as a WAVE. She
became a ship to shore radio operator and sent to Wahiawa,
Oahu, HI in 1945. Here she met George Victor Clark, a native
Hawaiian, and were married 25 Nov 1945 shortly after her
discharge from the navy. George is a civil engineer and has
worked on many projects in Hawaii.

Their children are: John Ralph Kukeakalani born 13
Sept 1946, he married Camille Smiley and have a son Jason
Keliiaumoana born 31 Jan 1974. John is the author of "The
REACHES of O'AHU" and I understand he will soon have an
other book published. His research on the leper island
should be extremely interesting.

Alice Leilani born 6 Mar 1948 who is single and taught
school for three years in India.

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Patricia Maili born 13 Sep 1949 and is married to John Lester Holmes.

Judith Piilani born 12 Sep 1950 and married Harold Hauff. They have two children: Kirsten Nohea and Erin Alika.

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CHARLES MILTON McNEESE 1860 1950

Photo b/w neg --.-- from Helena

Buffalo Wyoming 1940

1 to r: James Russell, Charles Milton, Violet Catherine, Samuel Ruster Julian, Charles Alexander, Henry Marion (Lee), Cinderella Lucilla

Charles Milton was the son of Henry F. and Mary E. McNeese he was born in Ellenorah, Mo 27 Jan 1860. Left an orphan at the age of five, because of the loss of his father during the Civil War, he grew up in Gentry County among the very poor. It was extremely difficult time for the mother with the small children and living on the farm. The children worked the farm as soon as they were able.

Charles once walked nearly 10 miles to help split logs for 6 cents a day, he was eleven years old at the time. He clerked in a general store for 25 cents a week and later doubled his wages by carrying mail between Albany, Mo and Lynn, Ia for 50 cents per week.

He purchased his sisters share of their home property from Martha J. and Frank Farris on 12 Sept 1883 for \$200 who were living in Worth Co, Mo at the time.

On the 20 Aug 1887 Charles recieved his teachers certificate to teach 3rd grade in Gentry Co, Mo. He was a teacher from 1881 to 1898.

Photo Calvin school b/w n9--.--
from Hunsucker

Colvin School House
Ellenora, Mo 1955
Many of the family
members attended this
school after the war.
Charles M. taught
here. In the front is
Virginia Hunsucker a
daut of Martha Jane

Copy of Teacher Certificate

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Charles Milton McNeese 1860-1950

On the 4 May 1890 he married CINDERELLA LARILLA MAGILL at her home and birthplace in Lonestar, Mo. She was the daughter of FRANCIS M. and CATHERINE DAVIS MAGILL and was born 26 July 1872. Francis M. has been reported to have been the first white child born in what is now the State of Kansas. His father was in the employ of the Gov't at old Ft Leavenworth. Cinderella used to laugh about her father saying he had Indian blood in him. His mother nearly died when he was born and an old Indian squaw came and nursed him to keep him alive.

All of their children were born in Albany, Mo except SAMUEL RUSTER JULIAN who was born 9 Aug 1907 in Buffalo, Wyoming. HENRY MARTON (Lee) born 1891, JAMES RUSSELL born 1893, GRACE OPAL born 4 Aug 1896 died 4 Aug 1897, CHARLES ALEXANDER born 1899, VIOLET CATHERINE born 1901. *and Chas. Hard.*

He was elected to the office of County Clerk for Gentry Co., Mo in 1898 and served for two terms before his wife became ill with TB forcing them to relocate. While serving as clerk, he corresponded with THOMAS BENTON GENTRY, the son of General RICHARD GENTRY, for whom the county was named. The following letters are of interest and of historical value. They concern the oil painting of General Gentry that hangs in the court room of Albany, Mo today.

Columbia, Mo July 13 1905

Mr C. M. McNeese,

Clk. Co. Court of Gentry Co. Mo.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 10th inst. was forwarded, and reached me at Columbia, Mo, my old home, where I am spending the summer. I had a conversation in the month of May this year, at Excelsior Springs with Mr WHITTON of your county, in regard to my father.

He remembers when Gentry Co. was organized and named by the Missouri Legislature. He also remembers a number of persons who volunteered and went to the Florida war, in my Father's regiment in 1837.

I am the son, and only living child of RICHARD GENTRY; for whom your County was named.

I was born and raised in Columbia, Mo. and am now in the 75th year of my age. My present home is in Kansas City, Mo. where I have resided for the last 9 years.

I have in my possession in Kansas City an oil painting; a most excellent likeness of my father painted from life by GEORGE C. BINGHAM, Missouri's most celebrated artist, in 1837.

Upon my return to Kansas City in Sept. I will make it my business to look up the best portrait painter that can be found there, and have a copy made of the old portrait, and if I can obtain a good likeness, I will have it handsomely framed, and express it to you, to be presented to the County Court of Gentry County.

This is about what I promised Mr. Whitton in the conversation above mentioned.

Very Respectfully,
Yr. Obedt. Servant
Thomas Benton Gentry

2904 Prospect Ave
Kansas City, Mo.
Oct. 9th 1905

Hon. County Court of
Gentry County, Mo

Gentlemen: I have had prepared a very fine likeness of my father, Gen'l. Richard Gentry, for whom your County was named. It is an oil painting, handsomely framed, suitable for placing upon the walls of your Court house.

If you will accept it, and set a day, some time next week perhaps, I will go to Albany, and publicly present it to the Citizens and people of the County.

Respectfully,
Yr. Obedt. Servant
Thomas Benton Gentry

2904 Prospect Av
K. C. Oct. 22nd 05

Mr. C. M. McNeese,

Dear Sir,

I am anxious about the safe arrival of the box containing the portrait. I shipped it on Friday evening Oct 20th from Findley's Art Store by Adams Express, charges paid. I expected it to reach Albany Saturday Oct 21st if not delayed on the way.

Please wire me when it reaches you. If it does not reach you by Monday morning I ought to know it, so I can assist in hunting it up.

Please see your Express Agent in regard to it, and get him to look it up if necessary. I hope to be in Albany Tuesday evening at 5 O'Clock on the arrival of the Train. Excuse for saying I hope I will have a warm room and plenty of blankets.

Very Truly Yours
T. B. Gentry

The first page of this letter is missing.

Now a word about myself. At present I am in good voice, and in a fair state of health; and I wish to get back home in as good condition as I leave it. I take cold remarkably easy, especially if the weather should be a little damp or chilly. So I will ask you, as a great favor, to secure for me, a warm room at the hotel, with open fireplace, or coal grate, or a good stove; with plenty of

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blankets to wrap up in the two nights I am to be there.
I will be glad to meet the people of Gentry County.

Very Truly Yours,
Thomas Benton Gentry

Photo of painting color n9--.-- Chas

Photo Albany Court House color? n9--.--

Clerk of County Court
Albany, Gentry Co., Mo

Oct 1905

Sir: I see an account in the papers of one T.B. Gentry visiting your County and presenting to your County Court a picture of his father for whom he says your county was named. Telling all of his wonderful achievements and making a great blow about the matter, but he no doubt forgot to tell you people that his father was a murderer, and that the Gentry family is of very little importance in and around Columbia where they are best known, and also that his son TODD tried to get the nomination for Congress from his district at the last election and that a protest was sent up by his own party from Boone Co against his nomination.

One that knows

Charles purchased a home and 20 acres, less the right-of-way of the CB & O Rail Way on 30 Dec 1902 in Albany, Mo for \$2250 with a deed of trust he assumed of \$1760 to JOHN W. PIERCE. The property belonged to THOMAS T. and EMILY M. ROBERTS, of Granada, Prowers Co. Colorado.

In 1903 Charles M. was a delegate to the National Good Roads convention held in St Louis, Mo.

In July of 1906 they moved to Buffalo, WY where his brothers Samuel and Robert were living. He was soon in the farming and sheep business.

The following items are from his account book of April and May 1907. Fixing Violets shoes \$.20: Shoes for Lee \$3: beef .45: Shoes for Jim \$2: Overalls Jim & Ches .85: meat: cheese & crackers .35: beef .25: bread .05: butter .10: shreaded wheat .15: suit for C.M. \$17: washing Mrs Sampson \$1: ironing Mrs Bremer .75: salt .05: sugar .25: baking powder .25: drawers for C.M & Jim \$1.05: beef .40.

On the 18 April 1908 Charles M. bought from widow LARAH C SAGE her 411.96 acre ranch, located on French Creek, for \$10,000. The ranch was 3 1/2 miles NW of Buffalo. This ranch became the headquarters of the family for some time.

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Photo of house b/w n9--.-- chas

Charles M. McNeese Ranch on French Creek 1927

In 1910 the Federal Gov't sold more than 16,000 acres of land which was part of Fort McKinney and located next to Buffalo. It was sold for \$1.25 to \$25 per acre. Charles M. purchased over 1500 acres.

By this time Charles had a fairly large sheep business of about 5000 head and before the depression had nearly 20 sections of land, owned or under lease.

He purchased the Healey Bros sheep shearing pens located on Dry Creek about 12 miles east of Buffalo in 1912 for \$7777777. At the time it was one of the largest of its kind but has long since disappeared with the advent of modern machines and know how. Over 100,000 sheep were sheared here one year. These sheep belonged to the many sheepmen in the area who would trail their sheep from great distances to have them sheared. At dusk in every direction, you could see small clouds of dust raised by the different bands of sheep as the herders brought them in or were taking them away. Some of the clouds were miles and miles away.

Photo of shearing pens b/w n9--.-- chas-sam

McNEESE SHEARING PENS Dry Creek near Buffalo, WY

As much of the sheep business as it used to be is now nearly lost to time the following is from part of history.

During shearing time, the young lambs who were then too young to produce wool, would have their tails bobbed with a knife. The males not suitable for breeding purposes were castrated by knife. The testicales were pulled out, by the most efficient operators, with his teeth and spat into gallon cans or tubs. This delicate morsel is better known as "Rocky Mountain Oysters". They were then branded with paints of various colors, with the owners brand.

In the mean time the older wool producing sheep were herded into the holding shed, the building in left background. It held 1000 sheep and they were kept packed together at all times. The body heat and building heat thinned the lanolin oil making it much easier for the shearer. Needless to say after a few days of hot weather, hundreds of gallons of urine and tons of sheep droppings what the interior of the shed was like. One whiff would clear your sinuses.

The sheep were next driven onto the shearing floor. Here the fleece was removed by machine driven shears. The shearing building, the large building on the left foreground, contained a mass of belts, wheels, pulleys and etc on the ceiling. A huge one cylinder gas engine drove all the shearing tools. The plant ran from early morning till dusk 7 days a week until all the sheep had been processed.

There were ten shearing stalls to each side. The average shearer would produce about 200 head per day. One shearer by the name of ?????????????????? averaged 340 per day. A single fleece could weigh up to 20 pounds.

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The fleece was tied in a bundle and taken to the wool tromper. This man packed the fleece into a very large gunny sack which was in the vertical position. This was possibly the worst job of all. He would be packing the wool with his feet with very little air to breathe. The smell of sheep urine, lanoline, and etc would at times be overwhelming. The wool always contained ticks and other vermin. This man usually had a quart of whiskey at his disposal which he continually nipped.

The sacks were then loaded 3 sacks per team and wagon and taken to Buffalo for rail shipment.

Martha, the wife of Samuel J. and Larilla were driving old, gentle Bolivar on the main street of Buffalo when Bolivar heard a sound that terrified him. It was his first sound of an automobile. The car was an old Ford driven by ART STEVENS.

With a large escape of wind, Bolivar took off across a vacant lot to escape the danger. The lot ended in a steep drop.

Martha jumped from the brand new buggy and broke her ankle. Rill, as she was better known as, was thrown out and several ribs were broken. Mattie, as she was called, was taken to DICK BROWNS where a Doctor set the ankle. Having no modern equipment to hold the bone in place, the Doctor filled a ten pound pail with stones and fastened it to the foot and let the bucket of stones hang over the foot of the bed. The recovery was perfect.

Rill was in pain from the broken ribs but she was hurt worse by embarrassment. She was wearing her husbands old heavy woolen undershirt. She never again went out without a complete change of cloths.

The buggy was in shambles.

Bolivar was found a few blocks away with a small part of the buggy still attached.

Charles M. was elected to the Wyoming State Legislature in 1925 where he served for one term and that is another story. He was on the school board of trustees for years. He had a fantastic memory until his death.

He died the 3 Oct 1950 and Larilla died 25 May 1952. They are both buried in the Willow Grove Cemetery in Buffalo, WY.

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CHARLES ALEXANDER McNEESE 1899

Photo color ng--.--Vern?

? Covina, Ca 1980

Donald Lee

John Charles, Helena Belle, Charles Alexander, Vern Eugene

Charles Alexander the son of Charles M. and Cinderella was born 2 June 1899 in Albany, Mo. When he was born he had no hair on his head and his older brothers didn't like him. They said "he looks like a billard ball", which he did.

When his father was County Clerk he would bring the large ledgers home and his wife would help make the entrees. To keep Charles from running away his mother would tether him to the dining room table leg.

One day Charles A. and a neighbor boy were playing on the kitchen floor when his mother stepped on the house cat's tail. Both emitted a ear piercing scream. "I wish that cat was dead" yelled his mother. About fifteen minutes later the neighbor boy entered dragging the dead cat by the tail. "Here's your cat Missus Maneese" he said with great pride. He had used his baseball bat on the poor cat.

After moving to the Wyoming ranch he attended school in Buffalo which was three and a half miles away.

In 1911 or 1912 he became a member of the Boy Scouts of America which was then in its infancy. Charles, his boyhood friend VERN VANETTA and a dog attended a scout trip to French Creek Canyon at this time. Vern spotted a small black cub bear on a large stone a short distance away.

Turning to Charles he said "lets catch it". Upon reaching the stone the mother bear reared up from behind it and uttered a large growl. The boys were afraid the bear would follow the dog and the dog would follow them. The boys outran the dog.

During his last month in high school he answered the nations call for men and enlisted in the U.S. Student Army Training Corps. The war ended three months after he was sent to the University of Wyoming for military training.

In 1919 he attended the Nebraska School of Business located in Lincoln, Ne.

He joined the Masonic Lodge in early 1920 and served as Master in 1939. His soon to be wife, Helena, had joined the Eastern Star the previous year and would have been Worthy Matron in 1940 but they moved to California that year.

On a crisp 14 degrees below zero 29 Dec 1920, Charles A. married HELENA BELLE CASH. She was the daughter of JOHN JOAB and MARY EMMA TAYLOR CASH. The ceremony was performed at the Cash ranch fifty miles south of Buffalo located on the north fork of Powder River and the southern tip of the Big Horn Mountains.

*HELENA BELLE (CASH) McNERSE DIED IN THE MORNING OF Dec. 23, 1984
BURIED 1:30 PM, Dec 29, 1984. ORDER OF EASTERN STAR SERVICES
WERE PERFORMED. INTERMENT FOREST LAWN CYPRESS CEMETERY.*

Photo color Cash Family Buffalo n9--.-- Helen

*CHARLES ALEXANDER McNERSE DIED ON SUN, FEB. 17, 1985.
BURIED W. FEB. 20, 1985. MASONIC SERVICES WERE
PERFORMED. INTERMENT FOREST LAWN CYPRESS CEMETERY.*

JOHN JOAB CASH Family

Buffalo, WY 50th Wedding Anniversary 1946

top row l-r:

John Harold, Harriett Irene, Eugen Duval, Thos Winfield

mid row:

Thelma Imogene, Helena Belle, Karleen nmns, Erma Frances,
Bette Lucille

front: Mary Ellen, John Joab, Mary Emma, Horace Virgil

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JOHN JOAB CASH 1869 1951

JOHN JOAB CASH was born 15 Nov 1869 in Knobnoster, Mo. He was the son of THOMAS DUVAL and MARY ELIZA COX CASH. A descendant of WARREN and SUSANNAH BASKETT CASH of Hardin Co, Ky. Warren's real last name was ----- he took his mother's maiden name of Cash when he left home prior to the Revolutionary War.

John J. married MARY EMMA TAYLOR 5 April 1896 in Buffalo, WY. She was the daughter of WINFIELD SCOTT and MARIAL IMOGENE SPANG TAYLOR. She was born 29 Sept 1878 in ?Wi, Mo, Ia?.

Their children are as follows:

HORACE VIRGIL	b. 10 May 1897	Buffalo, WY m.	MARY CONNOLLY
MARY ELLEN	5 Nov 1898	" "	THOS P. WATT
HELENA BELLE	11 Jul 1900	" "	CHAS A. McNEESE
ERMA FRANCES	29 Nov 1902	" "	ARTHUR D. CARR
HARRIETT IRENE	25 Apr 1905	" "	ROBERT DALZELL
JOHN HAROLD	8 Nov 1907	" "	LOIS HENDRICKS
THELMA IMOGENE	29 Sep 1908	Mayworth, WY	JOHN CONNOLLY
EUGENE DUVAL	2 May 1911	" "	ESTELLA POTTS
THOMAS WINFIELD	16 Feb 1913	" "	ERMA HENDRICKS
ERNESTINE	12 May 1915	" "	Lived 6 weeks
KARLEEN nm	16 Jul 1916	" "	CLYDE SIMMONS
BETTE LUCILLE	15 Jul 1918	" "	EMIL O. HECHT
ROBERT	3 Feb 1921	" "	d. infant

John J. died 12 Feb 1951 and Mary E. 9 Sep 1974 both are buried in the Willow Grove Cemetery, Buffalo, WY.

Photo b/w Cash ranch n9--- Eugene

Cash Ranch on Powder River 19??

The newly weds wishing to go to Casper, WY, a distance of 125 miles, had to travel by buggy to Buffalo, WY and then by train via Crawford, NE to Casper, WY. Three days and about 600 miles later they arrived at their destination. The road, which was nothing more than deep ruts and large snow drifts, made the road nearly impassable during the winter months. Charles and Helena luckily found a mansion. It was a one room lean-to built against a house. Inside was a three burner kerosene stove and a small washbowl in the corner. All of this for only \$65 a month. To reach the bathroom they had to enter the house.

This was during the oil boom in Wyoming and the area called, Salt Creek, is probably better known by most people as the "Teapot Dome Scandal".

In 1921 they returned to the Buffalo area to prove upon their 640 acre homestead located on Dry Creek. That winter he clerked at the Occidental Hotel in Buffalo, for \$75, a month and this was when their son JOHN CHARLES was born. Supposedly this is the hotel where the "Virginian got his man". It was also told that he was one of the rascals that switched all the babies around while their parents were attending a dance. It caused quite a "stir" in town.

The following year Charles and Helena returned to Salt Creek, WY where he worked as a carpenter and time keeper. Carpenters were in great demand then as all the oil rigs were made of wood. It was here DONALD LEE was born in 1923. In 1924 they bought a Chevrolet touring car, which later became the first rubber tired trailer and wagon in Buffalo.

They purchased 160 acres of land two years later from the State, 320 acres from the Oddfellows Lodge and leased 120 acres from the city of Buffalo. The land was located on Hiway 18 as it enters the Clear Creek Canyon at the foot of the Big Horn Mountains. They had the first ditch but lost water right on the stream.

The land located on Clear Creek was used by the Indians for untold centuries on their yearly migrations to the mountains. Their presence was not appreciated by Helena as John liked to visit them and play with the children. On the ridge overlooking the valley were hundreds of circles of rocks left by the Indians where their teepees had once been. From this vantage point they could see for hundreds of square miles to the south and east and were protected by the mountains to the west and north. The area abounded in all types of wild game and fish.

It was on this ridge that Charles and Helena built their two room home. Charles handled the scrapper and Helena drove the horses to excavate their basement. During this process they encountered a huge boulder which they left. After the house was built Charles's brother, Lee wanted to blast it apart so it could be removed, but his proposition was not accepted.

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Of interest is that WILBERT HAROLD Mc NEES from Imperial, Pennsylvania was in the area instructing the local people how to raise turkeys. He never contacted any of the McNeeses as they spelled their last name with an e at the end. We now know they are all related. Harold named one of his daughters after ELAINE (Ludie) Van DYKE of Buffalo. Charles and Helena used to pick turkeys to earn money for Christmas.

During the depression years they traded milk, cheese, eggs and etc with the townspeople. This led to their dairy business which prospered and Helena always helped milk. "Moo to You" was their motto. The milk sold for five cents a quart and the bottle was worth ten cents. During the winter it was difficult to combat the 30 degree, or more, below zero weather as the milk and cream would freeze pushing the contents straight up into the air. To remedy this, a blow torch was used to keep the interior of the car above freezing. The torch was also applied to the rear end, oil pan and transmission so that the car could be started. Sometimes a customer would set their hot clean bottles in the snow by their doorstep; they would freeze immediately to the cement and there they remained until it warmed up.

The extreme cold would at times split the teats of the milk cows. If not seen by the milker "all hell broke loose" when the milking machine was applied.

The family car doubled for a delivery truck, when all the seats were removed and placards were inserted in the back side windows. The ash tray served as a cash register and was always full of change. Occasionally an I.O.U., from a student who was "short" and had borrowed a little money, would be found stuffed into the ash tray.

Photo Big Horn mts b/w newspaper ?? n9--.--

After a visit to California during the Christmas Holidays Charles and Helena purchased a home in Long Beach where they have remained. They moved in on the Sunday before War 2 started. During the war Charles worked for Douglas Aircraft and then Western Pipe & Steel Shipyards. Their home became a meeting place for many of the young people in service and was affectionately known as the McNeese motel. After the war, Charles and his neighbor HORACE BEVIS, operated a Texaco Service Station for twenty years.

Photo color house ne9---.-- John

Long Beach, Ca 1980

Upon the death of Charles's brother Lee they became interested in the family genealogy and have been active in it ever since. In 1976 Charles and Helena toured a large portion of the USA for months, visiting different family members.

JOHN CHARLES McNEESE 1921

Photo b/w n9--.-- John

John Charles Charleen Katherine John Charles (Tad)

John Charles son of Charles A. and Helena B. was born 19 Dec 1921 in Buffalo, WY. Most of the first eighteen years was spent on the ranch and dairy near Buffalo, WY.

As a small boy of 5 I decided to visit my father who was at the time working for his father on French Creek. With our dog "Scotty" I took off over the mountain, a distance of 2 1/2 miles over very rough terrain. Mother became frantic trying to find us and alerted everyone she could think of. I was so small I could not open the gates and some of the fences were of woven wire which the dog could not go through. Because of the dog, our route was not the regularly traveled wagon trail. After many hours we found a hole in the fence and we strolled into the ranch to find everyone in a tither. I still do not understand all the concern, after all Scotty was with me !!

I remember taking a ride with a telephone worker to the "Red Hills". The area is just east of Buffalo and the hills have been smoldering for many years, because of an underground burning of coal. The area contained a higher than average number of rattlesnakes which at that time of the year were coiled in large balls inside the many small caves. The man said "lets have some fun". He took a long willow branch and tied a dynamite cap and about four feet of fuse to it. He then poked the branch into the snake ball and lite the fuse. The explosion was muffled by the snakes bodies. Bits and parts came flying out in every direction. My curiosity to get a closer look taught me a lesson I never forgot. Some of the heads could still snap shut as the man demonstrated by shoving a stick into their shattered mouths. A curious fact is that there were no rattlesnakes

John
Remained in Utah until 1984
H. E. of Hoo, C.A.

Unrecorded

along the foot of the mountains where we lived.

Part of property used to be the firing range for the soldiers stationed at Ft McKinney and the ground the pits was covered with thousands of lead bullets. One hot summer day my cousin ROBERT WATT and I decided to bring back to the house some of the bullets. The pits were quite some distance from the house. We easily filled our pockets with the missiles but could only take a couple of steps before our pants fell down. To remedy this we took our pants off and proceeded to drag them along on the ground. The sun was hot and our skins were white so it wasn't long until the sun's rays took its toll. We were still some distance from the house so we piled the bullets beside two large boulders and planned to return another day, which we never did. I have often wondered if anyone finding them surmised that a terrific battle must have happened at that spot !!

In the winter of 1936 the folks had saved enough dimes from the milk sales to visit California. After seeing the Rose Parade and Bowl Game on the first of January, I vowed to move to the area as soon as I finished high school. My cousins Nora and Ruby asked me what I thought of the ocean and I told them "it didn't look so big". I couldn't see anything past the horizon. My cousin John R., who was a couple of years older than I, took me and my brother on a few junkets in the evenings. The one place I will never forget was a food drive-in where the most fantastic people and cars congregated. I think he enjoyed watching us with our mouths wide open.

In the summer of 1939 I was a chainman for the Dept of Agriculture measuring fields shown on the photographs taken from the air. It was amusing at the number of unreported fields that the pictures revealed. It was a long summer as the milk still had to be delivered before I went to work.

Ten days after my eighteen birthday I was on my way to Curtiss Wright Tech in Glendale, Ca to become an aircraft worker. This was before the war had touched the Americans.

I boarded with a family that lived at the corner of Chevy Chase and Eagle Rock Blvd. A few blocks west was a drive-in that served great hamburgers and we used to go down and watch the cars line up for blocks to get in. The place was called BOB'S. They have grown since then. About ninety blocks to the east was a ice cream parlor that served eighty three kinds of ice cream. Wyoming was never like this.

The school was located next to the main line train tracks between Frisco and LA and we used to watch the streamlined steam engines come in. They always whistled as they approached our crossing and it would echo across the valley. Donald Douglas Jr was also a student here at the time. During the war I was sent here, across the landing strip, where a night club had been. They had just uncovered a tunnel that ran to the Los Angeles River and had also discovered that the stage rotated to reveal all kinds of

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gambling equipment. Evidently it had been in use for years.

The demand for aircraft mechanics began while I was in school and many of the students were hired before we could finish school. I went to work at the old Northrup building that was known as the El Segundo plant. Nearly all the aircraft parts were at that time hand made from a blueprint. When it rained very hard everyone on the first floor had to move to the second floor as the water would at times become quite deep.

My starting wage was 52 cents an hour, five cents of this was a bonus for working the graveyard shift. It sure beat a dollar a day in Wv. The plant celebrated for two days when they landed an order for 32 airplanes called SBD's. The next big order was a huge order for cowlings for the British Lancaster Bomber to be shipped to Africa. My roommate accompanied the shipment but it was sunk with all hands by a German bomber before they reached their destination. This was my first taste of what war was.

There were five of us living in a three room motel. Two worked the day shift, two worked the swing shift and I worked graveyard. Two of the fellows worked for North American Aircraft. My car would be brought back by those getting off work and taken back by those going to work. The two beds hardly had time to cool off. This arrangement lasted for nearly nine months but it put us all on our feet very rapidly.

It was during this period the North American workers went on strike and things became a little violent around the aircraft plants. At that time there was nothing around the LA Airport for miles and things got so bad the US Army moved in and set up housekeeping. One morning as I started home I saw a Jeep and soldiers chasing men out across the vacant fields. One of the men was bayoneted and things really warmed up so I took off for the motel.

Sometime the next year Douglas announced their plans to build a mass production plant on a large swampy plain NE of Long Beach. I was transferred to Bldg 1 which was still under construction. It was the biggest hay barn I had ever seen. The C-47 planes rolled out this building by the hundreds.

All the "old timers" were pushed up the ladder and by this time I had nearly two hundred people of all ages, colors and sexes to take care of. Probably the hardest thing to cope with was the females. They were untrained, ages 18 to 60, from all walks of life and from different parts of the country. It was a whole new ball game when they started working on the final assembly line. There were too many places to "nest" in the plane and out. In fact things were so bad I had to assign a different leadman every shift to

check the favorite haunts. This helped until they completed the bomb shelters outside and even the doors on them had to be covered to keep the couples out.

If one got a raise they all wanted one; if one was promoted they all wanted promotions; if one was not wearing a hair net the rest of them would take theirs off and so on. The hair net problem was remedied by one of the girls when she caught her long black hair in a 3/8 high speed drill. It took off part of her scalp and her screams could be heard half way down the building. Most of the crowd that converged on the spot were women and the results were well noted by all of them. Especially when they brought her out of the plane with all her hair cut off on one side of her head.

The most emotional experiences were when they would cry. To be a consoler, father, mother and arbitrator for the girls when they had just lost a family member in the war, female problems, boy friend problems and you name it problems. These problems had never been encountered with just men employees.

One day my old supervisor from the El Segundo plant walked by and asked if I would like to join him in his new department of setting up production lines which was a part of plant engineering. The War Department had just sent some mass production experts from the Ford Motor Co. to help speed up the operation. One aircraft man was assigned with one Ford man. Aircraft production was never the same after this. No longer was a man given a blue print and told "make it".

Mr MENG became my idol for over a year as we began to work up a complete production line of a very large troop and transport plane. Our model was the B19. A plane that had been put together at the Santa Monica facility some time before. It was so massive that it had sunk through the pavement in front of the hanger. The production line was to become the C74. I never got to see the results of our efforts as I had joined the Air Force.

By the time I had finished Cadet Training at Missouri State Teachers College in Springfield, Mo pilots were a dime a dozen. I was sent to Denver, Co for instructors training. Here a very small group of us were assigned to Mobile Training Units on the, then secret, jet designated the P80. We had to be able to teach any of the airplane except the electronics. Our training was all done at the manufactures site and we were treated extremely well. These classes were fast and long with seldom over four students in a class. As the mf9s were located all over the USA we were continually on the train, always first class. In one six month period I traveled across the USA twice and attended eleven speciality schools all alone.

In Jan 1945 I was assigned to a B32 training unit as a maintainece instructor and sent to San Diego for special Training. It was an electro-hydraulic nightmare and was

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doomed after a few crashes. The unit was disbanded in mid March much to my happiness. It was nothing more than an overgrown B26 and had the same qualities.

The unit before us got to London in time to get hit by a V2 rocket. I think one of them was buried there. One of the fellows brought back a part of the rocket which barely fit into his barracks bag. The ship with the PB0's was the only one bombed from the air as it sat in the harbor to be unloaded.

To keep us separated from the other students the six of us were billeted at the California Hotel. It was here I met my first wife COLEEN FRANCES WHITEHEAD, who was employed by Western Airlines. We were married the 14 Jul 1945 and I had it annulled on 11 Jul 1946 and this is another story.

Our unit was ready for the road and was comprised of one officer, who were continually coming and going, and one heavy equipment driver. The instructors besides myself were: HENRY HOFFMAN, an IRS officer from Ms; S/sgt CLARY, a career man; SOLON FOSTER, from Whitter, Ca with six years at Lockheed; "Crafty" JENSEN, from Or a junior at Univ of Or; JUNIOR FRANZUS, from Il a 2nd year student of MIT. We had a 8 passenger Packard, a Jeep and a 4x6 truck and a large semi truck and trailer. We all took turns driving from one location to another. We taught civilians as well as pilots and ground crews all over the western part of the USA and were seldom at a base over ten days.

On April 1 1945 we went overseas with a boat load of GI's headed for La Harve, France our destination was Bremmerhaven, Ger. On the way through the English Channel we shot at mines that were floating around. On the 2nd day we pulled two German escapees out of the smokestack they were a sad looking pair to say the least. As we were the only military aboard we ate with the ships crew. What a difference from what we had had coming over.

We helped assemble 30 PB0 planes and we were then joined by ? HARLOW, a Lockheed test pilot. We had to use the autobahn for a takeoff strip as the airfield was completely bombed away.

After a few days of teaching here we flew to Geibelstadt, a small village a short distance from Wurtzburg. Here we lived on a cellar full of pink champagne and one case of mushroom soup for a week until a group from the 4th Airforce moved in. It was here we all had a unique experience. Our rank was one rank above the highest ranking student. Our students that day were General Tooley Spatz, Major General EDWARDS and four one star Generals and their colonels. It seemed to be exceedingly warm in the class room that day !!! The same day they put on a big air show.

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Entered service 9 Dec 1943 and was sent to Sheppard Field in Wichita Falls, Tx for basic training. From there to Missouri for cadet training Aug 1943.

By the time I had finished Cadet training at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo pilots were a dime a dozen, much to everyones disappointment. Most of the class was sent to Gunnery school in Texas. I was sent to San Antonio, Tx in Feb 1943 and by mid March was in Amarillo, Tx for B17 and B29 mechanic training. Amarillo was the only place I ever saw brown snow. The wind was so bad they had to anchor the barracks down with "dead men" at all four corners. That wasn't enough as a few barracks were demolished one night in a wind storm. We got our first flights from here. Tried to get into the flight engineer school on the B29 but I did not have the required college training.

Aug 1944 Burbank, Ca for special factory training on the B17. In Sept San Diego for training on the B32.

15 Dec 1944 Denver, Co for instructor training and to be assigned to a mobile training unit. We had excellent instructors here teaching us how to teach. We spent hours and hours listening to and presenting our specialities.

The purpose of the training units was to bring the class room to the students where ever they might be. The instructors were continually sent to the manufactures for the latest changes, which was passed on in the class room. Thus the long, and some times fatal delay, of printed material was minimized. The mockups were actual workable systems and complete in every detail. This visual concept allowed the student to recognize the various component parts and become acquainted with how the systems worked.

The rule for order in the class room was that the instructor was always one rank above the highest rank in the room. This became quite unusual when the senators and Generals visited the class.

Of deep concern for the instructors, was the fact that your students were at times not acquainted with the new plane and its parts. Your teaching could have effects sometimes within hours after a class. If not taught correctly your teaching could have fatal results, a situation never encountered by a regular school teacher. The pilots were the most vulnerable and the flight line mechanics next. A demanding responsibility when these men attended your class and all of us watched for news of crashes and accidents. The question, was the cause the instructors fault.

Jan 7: Assigned to B32 unit as maintenance instructor to

be sent to the Pacific Theater.

Feb 9: San Diego for factory hydraulic and electric school and to pickup latest changes.

Mar 15: Back in Denver for more teacher instruction.

16: B32 unit has been cancelled. This made me very happy as it was an electro-hydraulic nightmare. They lost one of the first ones made in San Diego when it wiped out a marine barracks. It was an expanded B26 design with four engines and had the same flight characteristics.

28: Assigned to the second secret mobile training unit for the P80 jet airplane. The first unit left for England with 30 planes in the ships hold. The P80 would be tested under combat conditions. This group was there but a short time when it was hit by a V2 rocket. One of the men I believe was buried there. The ship carrying the planes was bombed by the Germans. It was the only ship in the harbor that they hit?? One of the instructors brought back a part of the V2 which barely fit in his barracks bay.

Apr 10 Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, Ca. We are housed in our own barracks and there are only fourteen of us. 8:00 to 11:00 instruction at the Lockheed plant, area is called skunk works. 11:00 to 1:00 lunch. 1:00 to 3:00 out on the flight line with the factory men. Introduced to Coleen Briner by the hydraulic man. This is more like it.

20: Saw first P80 flight, pretty hot ship.

27: First time to see P80 fire up and take off.

May 7: Lockheed hydraulics test laboratory for four days.

8: V. E. DAY.

11: P80 armament school at the factory. All new to us.

22: San Bernardino for two weeks on the I40 jet engine. All instructors are civilians from the Allison engine division and US Airforce maintenance group, five hours a day and they really test us. ETHAN HOFFGARD and I really gave the test engine a workout. Tossed a few things in the intake and the engine ate it up. The water we shot into it made the thing run even better.

Jun 1: Back to Burbank.

5: To the Glendale airport to see the B29 group heading for the Pacific. They will circle the globe before they get back to Denver.

10: Glendale airport to learn packing of parts for overseas shipments, also we are to mutilate all old equipment and parts and take them to the dump? This goes on for a week.

29: First furlough and it is for 21 days.

Jul 14: Married Coleen Frances Whitehead Briner in Glendale.

23: Worked at unit 58 for rest of week.

28: Hoffgard and I to school at Air Research in Inglewood for factory training on pressurization of the P80. Met one of the men who was my leadman at Douglas El Segundo. We really had a get-together that night.

Aug 3: Back to Burbank.

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6: Glendale for the latest changes on P80. Will be here cleaning the bldg out. The MTU equipment is nearly all gone.

Sep 9: Two days at Norton AFB for new changes.

Oct 16: Getting the men together to go on the road, finally. Capt ABERMAN, a Santa Barbara lawyer, will be our liason officer.

24: Arrived Santa Maria, Ca and set up for classes.

Nov 4: Talked to the Capt about the girl I had married and he met her.

6: Capt Aberman had a heart attack.

13: Arrived at Long Beach Airport to teach military and civilians.

15: Started classes and a letter came from Capt Aberman, it was written the day before his attack. Said see lawyer and he would send him the information he had found.

23: Lawyer served annulment papers on Colleen.

26: All married men eligible sent to Denver for discharge. Only 5 of the 14 left.

Telegram from MTU hdqts, requesting answer from Solon and I if we would waive discharges for six more months for ETO duty. Reply was yes.

Dec 6: March Field, classes start the 10th. There will be a large number of pilots and mechanics to teach.

11: Two combat Pilot instructors put on a mock dog fight with the P80. It was a real show with many officials there.

17: Class of eleven bird colonels, all ETO and PTO combat pilots. This group was a fun group as most of them had already checked out in the P80. They told of their experinces with the plane and its systems. I listened and learned during this class.

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Jan 2: Teaching ground crews at March Field.

6: Norton AFB teaching civilians.

18: Lost our Liason Officer Capt Holden, an ex Pan AM Pilot, as he was up for Courts Martial. He was one of the best officers we ever had. He was replaced by Capt Nelson.

19: Back to March Field about 20 miles away.

21: To Lockheed at Burbank for latest changes on P80. The unit is staying at the California Hotel in Glendale.

29: Left for Denver in the Packard war coach. Stayed all night in Prescott, Az.

30: Stayed all night Alberquerque, NM. Cold & snowing.

31: Stayed all night Colorado Springs, Co.

Feb 1: Denver, Buckley Field which is now our headquarters.

3: Last chance to reject waiver for 6 months more duty.

7: Wrote AWW//PAS turning down job offer.

15: Still waiting for overseas orders.

20: The fuel mockup is leaking. Solon and I fixed it.
21: Got our 4 shots in the arm.
25: A bunch of the instructors were discharged today. I hope Solon and I are doing the right thing.
26: Overseas processing started today.
Mar 8: Packing the mockups for overseas shipment. Solon and I bought a case of cigarettes and used them as packing.
12: Overseas orders arrived.
13: Records processed and we are now a unit of our own. We will be known as 281 MTU and not under any command in ETO. All orders will now come direct from Washington, DC.
23: Left by streamliner for New York, NY.
25: Arrived Ft Hamilton, NY to await ship.
27: All of us took off for New York City. Got tickets to a show from the USO on Times Square. The show was "Billion Dollar Baby" and out danced Shirley Van Benthuyzen; she was engaged to marry my brother Donald. What a surprise. The usher took my note back to her and it was like old home week. She took us on the Staten Island Ferry past the Statue of Liberty.
29: Tickets to see the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall. The people in the line in front of us were from Whittier, Ca and knew Solon's father. They took us to some night spots after the show.
Apr 1: Boarded the "Bardonia Victory" with 1400 troops who are going to Le Harve, France. We 7 are to continue on to Bremen, Germany. Our letters and pay (2 months) caught up with us today including the annulment papers.
2: Sea is rough and Jr is sick as a dog.
3: Solon and I stay out in the cold & rain; we can't stand the stench of the holds. Most of the GI's are sick and we still have 2600 miles to go.
8: 7th day out, 692 miles to go. Have averaged 16.7 knots all the way. The Army brass aboard ship asked us to give lectures about the plane and they had a write up about us in the ships paper. The Army can't understand how the seven of us are not under their control.
10: Arrived at La Harve at night. Can't dock until morning as the harbor is full of sunken ships. The troops get off and we move to the officers quarters. We all pull guard duty to keep the local Frenchmen from stealing everything on board ship. A German POW sneaked aboard and we gave him to the MP's.
11: We are in luck. The channel is smooth as glass and very clear. The Cliffs of Dover show up beautifully and the coast of France looks to be very close. Hard to understand why Hitler never made it across when you see it one day like this. Passed one mine and shot at six. Solon got one. Were buzzed by a Spitfire and a Sunderland. Passed a Liberty ship that had been bombed in half. During the night the crew found two German POWs in the smokestack. They were a sorry sight.
12: Pulled into Brementhaven a beautiful port but full of

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sunken ships. The grass grows down to the waterline and everything is paved with bricks. The town was 60 per cent destroyed by one AAF raid of 20 minutes.

13: Unloaded our equipment and headed for Bremen Airport. The Germans were busy trying to get the more than 40,000 bodies out before summer. Most of the workers are women. A very emotional sight.

14: Our quarters are pretty well beat up but they are better than what the people have. Most of the local people speak English. Their homes, such as they are, all have a few flowers and look very clean.

15: BUD THOMPSON joined us today. He is a civilian representative for Allison, the mfg of the P80 engine. He nearly died laughing when we opened our mockups and the packing fell out. It was our case of cigarettes. We only lost one carton from a fuel leak. I ran the forklift which was of German design and the hydraulic system was great.

16: Our Liason officer, a "90 day wonder" Lt Plummer finally showed up. He was supposed to have everything set up for us but had not done anything. The cigarettes are worth \$400 a carton here and are preferred over money.

17: Solon and I fixed up our so called apt with some curtains after we conducted three classes. We then headed for downtown on the streetcar. The streetcars are free to the soldiers. The German girls are very friendly for there are very few young German men. In fact during the whole tour we seldom saw a young man. The aftermath of war.

18: Three classes again today. They average about three hours in length, as each man wants to run the mockups. One class today had twenty two men; all were officers and up to a Col in rank. He was a very intelligent man and all of his men seemed to look up to him. I wish I had gotten his name.

21: Easter Day. Solon and I went to a soccer game with two of the German girls that were helping us with the paper work. After the game they invited us to meet their parents and to have supper with them. We left a carton of cigarettes and they were bowled over.

22: The Lt returned to day. He has been in Furstenfeldbruck all week??

23: Brought the first planes from the ship today.

25: Everyone is now busy stripping tape from the planes. The Lt was supposed to have arranged for the Germans to do this. The airmen here for school purposes have been ordered to help which doesn't make them very happy either.

26: Haven't found a single battery for the planes yet ? Where did they go ?

28: Finally got a Jeep which was supposed to have been here when we landed. It is for all of us to use.

29: Took the Jeep to the industrial area. Nothing is

standing for blocks and blocks.

May 2: Put the first engine in today.

3: Moved to Bremen Barracks an old German military base. It is shot up pretty bad. There is no cold water, it is all hot water. There are still many British and German markers, helmet and gun stuck in the ground, scattered about the area.

4: Foster and I invited to a party downtown. Some GI started shooting at the building we were in. The girl he was trying to shoot was known as the "Queen" of the black market and lived in the building. They took all of the people to jail for questioning.

5: My turn to be bartender at the NCO club.

7: Still no batteries for the planes. The Lt is gone as usual.

9: BOB HARLOW, the Lockheed test pilot, came in today he brought some batteries. He fired up #1 and ran a complete ground check. All ok except for a few minor things.

10: I fired up #2 as I drew the shortest match. We will all take our turns. The press was in today for pictures to be taken and sent to our home towns. I wonder if they will ever see them.

13: Harlow took #1 off the autobahn today. I got some great photos of it in color. First letter today from folks.

15: Flew our equipment and all to Giebelstadt. The flight is over British territory. The place is a mess, it was once the factory for the M262 rocket powered plane. A construction crew is finishing up the long runway. Everything is blown apart. We left equipment in care of MP's stationed there.

The C47 pilot flew low and we could see some of the towns. Kassel was the worst by far. It was a very large city but nothing was left standing. Everywhere you look you can see downed airplanes. The countryside is beautiful. There are no single farms. They all live in little villages so as not to waste the land to produce food.

23: Our equipment is in Giebelstadt and we are here?? We all drove to FARGE in the British sector to see where the AAF & RAF are testing bombs to penetrate the walls and roof of the sub pens. The walls were 15' thick, the roof 40' thick. Two British blockbusters had penetrated it when the concrete was still soft during the war. Nothing had touched it since.

28: Solon and I stayed behind to make sure everything has been shipped. The rest all left for Giebelstadt. First day it hasn't rained in 5 days. Took many photos.

31: Flew to Giebelstadt. Hoffman, Jensen and Jr had been sleeping in an attic. Where is the Lt? A cellar full of pink champagne and a case of mushroom soup will be our diet for the next few days until a Airforce Unit moves in.

Jun 1: Unpacked our equipment and set it up. It is good that we are self contained as there is no power or anything

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else available. German masons are working on the bldg. There are so many they get in each others road.

Jun 2: Went to Wurtzburg and saw the castle. It looked just like the pictures from the fairy tales. Got 2500' of 16mm film.

3: Beautiful school house, it sets in a forest of evergreens. We have separate rooms for our mockups. Must be a reason for all of this. Solon and I found a huge pile of German bombers that had been bulldozed off into the forest.

4: The fellows that we taught in Bremerhaven are really doing great. They sent us 3 P80's today with a message from the group. "Wish you were here. We found the batteries at the pier". The first one we tested was nearly perfect after its shakedown flight. Guess the teachers had taught or the students wouldn't have learned.

5: We will be here awhile as we have over 300 students and will be teaching 2 shifts. We will earn our pay now.

6: Holiday 2nd anniv. D day. Went to Bad Mergentheim about 25km. A small castle on the hill built 1755. The farmers are stacking their hay with small tripods.

7: Two letters from folks dated 20 March and Apr 16.

8: Went to Rothenburg, 38km away. This town set upon a high hill overlooking the farmland below. It was completely surrounded by a high wall. The AAF had worked on it but had done little damage. The castle set in the middle of the walled area and was surrounded with small houses. The clock in the square built in 1742 re-enacted a drinking scene. The large figures would appear at 11:00 and 12:00 drinking a toast to each other. It told the time, month and year.

9: Explored some German rocket planes that were bulldozed into very large piles will have to come back and check them out. After 2 days of no rain it is really dusty.

10: The mockups are really taking a beating now. The class time is now 3 hrs per class. Three classes per day. The flyboys love the plane and are evidently having a ball with the ones that don't. Great to hear some of the stories that come into the class rooms. Bet Lockheed gets an order out of this. Have been told to prepare for lots of brass the next 30 days. Oh, boy.

11: Rain & more rain.

12: Free day as they set up the next group. We all took off and drove to Frankfurt. First large town we have been able to see. Must have been a very pretty city as some of it has been untouched. Huge homes and gardens. Went to Gen McNarney's Hdqts for the E.T.O. in the Farbin Bldg. As large as the Pentagon in D.C. Cherry trees lined the roads all the way, they are just beginning to get ripe. The MP's were the sharpest looking group we had ever seen.

13: Classes start at 8:00 and end at 9:30 at night. Have

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had to shorten class time to 2 hrs. Five classes per day is rough. The students are not getting all the training they will need. An untrained mechanic on the flight line is dangerous.

15: Two crew chiefs came in to work out fuel and hydraulic problems. The brakes will be there next problem as they get a little time on the plane. None of them have ever seen disc brakes before.

16: Drove to Schweinfurt, once the ball bearing capitol of Germany. There was nothing left of the factory area. The countryside was littered with crashed bombers. What a price they must have paid for this target. The cherries are ripe and we have gorged ourselves. We just stop, reach up and grab a handful.

20: Long days. Gen FITZMIRE visited the school and looked us all over.

21: Something must be cooking. Four full bird Col's appeared at 7:30 this morning. We open at 8:00 and were having coffee. They waited 30 min for us. Very sharp boys and gave us all a real test. It was nice to have them ask above average questions. I would have loved to have crewed for any of them.

22: Checked out the file of rocket planes. They were M262's. One of waiters at the mess hall saw us and came over. He and one other waiter were test pilots here. We asked him what he thought of our plane, he just laughed. After about an hour we knew why he laughed. Boy are we behind times. We knew of the plane but were appalled by number of planes they had of this type. The only way our pilots could hit them was on takeoff and landings or out of fuel. We had some fascinating talks with these two pilots.

28: Its been a long week and it has stopped raining. The mud is 6-8 inches deep.

29: Went to Kitenzen just a short ways from here. Beautiful field and accomodations. Sure made our field look bad.

30: Drove to Wurtzburg and up the hill to the castle which was built in 1649. The beautiful little church was started in 1004. The well was 387' deep. We spent all day here and took many photos.

Jul 1: None of us will ever forget this day. It started with a very loud and authoritative "ATTENTION". It reverbrated throughout our little schoolhouse. This had never happened before and I froze, with a rag in my hand that I had just used to wipe up some hydraulic fluid. A second later in came a mass of nothing but brass led by Gen SPAATZ. To this day I do not know what I did with the rag.

Behind him was Major Gen EDWARDS and following were 4 one star Generals and behind that was nothing but Col's and so on down the line. Gen Spaatz asked a few questions and then he and his procession moved to the next class room.

For a few moments we outranked him. It did not dawn on us until the next day what an honor it really was. Then we

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JOHN CHARLES 1921

Jul 3: Four of us left for Nuernburg to see the war crimes trial. Set in the press box. All the men were there but HESS. GOREING was very arrogant. HITLER's chauffer was on the stand. It was quite a sight.

The next morning we drove down the autobaun to Bayreuth near the Czech. border. Went to the homes of LISTZ and WAGNER which were next to each other. We all played a few notes on Wagner's piano. A bomb had taken the side wall off of the home of Listz and you could see all the furnishings and interior of one side of his two story home.

The country was so pretty we took the autobaun east until we came to a river and decided to take a swim. We took a dirt road down to the river and across an old army bridge. We were met by the biggest tank and gun we had ever seen. We had entered the Russian Zone. After much sign language and four cartons of cigarettes we were escorted back to the autobaun and to the bridge with the tank right on our tail. When we stopped to let them open the barrier for us the tank commander came over laughing. He spoke perfect English and wanted us to come back if we had anymore cigarettes. He would buy them from us for \$1200 a carton !! He pulled out a large roll of script money and bought Clary's mickie mouse watch for \$900. The bridge and autobaun had huge warning signs on both sides of the road for miles, we just hadn't gone that far on the autobaun. We never ventured close to the border again.

5: This should be our last week of double sessions. Most of the classes will be teaching specialist and to do this you should have labratory equiement we don't have. Will dis-assemble and re-assemble all componet parts and do the best we can. How some of these men became specialist was a mystery to us.

9: Last class today and we are all very tired.

10: We were notified the Sect'y of War and a Group of Senators will be here 24 or 25 of this month and to have everything in working order. Must be a big order of Planes pending. Looks as if we will have nothing to do for at least a month or more.

12: Solon and I want to assemble a M262 rocket plane out of the piles of wreckage. We are the only ones in the group capable of doing it and with the help of the German test pilots it would have been easy. We were told to leave the wreckage alone. What a shame, as it will be at least 20 years before the US becomes involved with rocket powered planes. Anyway we had already assembled enough of the engine to have a fair idea of its configuration.

13: Will move the school to Kitzen 21 of August. We all start planning furloughs and cutting our own orders. Jensen goes to see his forefathers country in Denmark. Solon and I to Rome, Italy. Lt Plummer and Hank will go to Italy after we return. Jr is to be sent home for discharge. Clary will wait awhile for the ski areas to open.

14: Set up passes to fill in the vacant days. We will become tourist until the 19 of August, except for the 23 to 25 of July.

17: Three of us go to the "nest camp" located at Lake Tegern See. It had been one of Hitler's breeding areas to perpetuate the pure German race. It was supposed to have been an honor for the girls to be selected to give birth to as many children as possible. From the looks of things they never left and had continued with their function.

The area was very beautiful so we stopped to take some pictures. Clary took off his shoes and set them on the hood of the jeep to dry them off. We had not been gone 10 minutes but when we returned someone had stripped the jeep clean. We were later told it was the work of the "werewolves" as they called themselves. They were bands of children 5 to 14 years old that lived in the forest like animals. We were lucky we were on our way back to the base or we would of had no clean cloths and Clary would of had no shoes.

24: We are all standing by our mockups when the Sect'y of War and the Senators arrived. They went thru the school house like a herd of sheep. I doubt very much if any of them would have known what they were looking at anyway. We were supposed to have gotten a list of the Senators and dignitaries names from the Lt but he never gave it to us.

They had another big fly-by of P47's, P51's and P61's. Two of the P51's locked wings and they crashed a short distance away. No survivors.

26: Solon and I leave for Rome, Italy and this is another story.

Aug 9: Back from trip, Lt Plummer and Hank leave for Rome.

19: Picking apples by the schoolhouse. Days of rain.

22: Moved to Kitzen, a nice base. Teaching engine in morning and hydraulic specialist's in the afternoon. They have a real nice hydraulic lab here so we can really take the components apart completely. Five men to a class and no pilots.

Sept 2: Solon and I have completed our tour and the Gov't

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is supposed to have us discharged by the 1 Oct.

3: We left Kitzingen by train to Bremerhaven.

6: Our orders shove us through the lines. Boarded the Geo. Washington and just out of the harbor a boiler on the Alexandria blew up. Rescued a few women and hurt men. Only 3601 miles to NY.

7: Took the people off that were rescued. Made 65 miles is all today.

15: About 300 miles out we run into a gale. Boy was it rough. Pass a tanker that had broken in half.

16: New York to Camp Kilmer.

18: To MTU Hdqts at Chanute Field in a state room.

20: Chanute Field; a few of the regulars still around.

24: To Camp Beale, Ca.

26: Arrived and told we would be out the 14 Oct. We have been around. We buy the chief clerk a few drinks.

28: Start processing tonight.

Oct 2 : We are flying home. Three years and 2 mos. The Gov't said we would be made Tech Sgt's when we got out. Guess they forgot.

Went to work building roads in a place to be better known as Apple Valley, Ca. I could find no aircraft company, except Lockheed, wanting jet engine men. It will be nearly ten years before the airlines accept them.

Sold real estate in Apple Valley until first of 1949 and decided to go to school. After 3 semesters I had had enough it was too slow for me.

A fraternity brother of mine named Tex GLADSTONE was interested in building a rocket so we started a branch of the Pacific Rocket Society in Long Beach. We helped build a range out in the Mojave Desert near Mojave. There were many famous people that visited us there. The students from Cal Tech also used our facilities. One day they scored a near miss on a Marine and his plane. The Marines had a flight squadron in Mojave at that time. We sure had a lot of company for awhile !! After this we had to hang a red flag and notify the marine base if we were testing.

Tex and I built a wood and paper mock-up of a rocket. We set it in the lobby of the local theater when the movie "Destination Moon" came out and hoped we could muster up some recruits. Most of the people thought we were "nuts" and told us so. We had filmed many of our flights and in 1970 I gave the films to the local club but never heard from them again. Tex had died in 1962 so I had lost interest.

One of the longest flights was by a 14 year old who wrapped a Presto log with a stove pipe and added a oxygen nozzle to it. It sailed out through the Joshua trees like it had eyes. A 12 second burn was good. I doubt if it ever

attained a height of 40 feet, but it was beautiful to see.

On the 9 Jul 1950 married CHARLEEN KATHERNE HOLDREDGE in Las Vegas, NV and were divorced 14 Jul 1960. She was the daughter of ARTHUR EUGENE and VADA KATHERNE WARNER HOLDREDGE and was born 1 Apr 1927 in Sioux Falls, SD. The wedding ring diamond came from the German test pilot aforementioned. It was purchased for one carton of cigarettes. I had requested the ring be handed down and kept in the McNeese family name. Tad's wife is now wearing it.

Charleen has been in the banking business for 35 years and is now in real estate. She used to help me run the lathe and helped us when we went to shoot our rockets. In 1952 I recieved a notice from VA that I owed them allotment pay that was paid to my wife Colleen. It was a schock to me but a bigger one to Charleen. It seems she had collected from a number of other fellows during the war. Evidently it was known by my lawyer all along.

One son John Charles was born 1950.

Arthur was born 20 Aug 1901 in Ames, Ia and died 16 Aug 1968 in Los Angeles, Ca. He gave his body to the USC medical dept for research. No further data except his mother was supposedly married seven times.

Vada was the daughter of ROBERT JOHN and NANETTE mnm HOGAN WARNER. She was born 10 Jul 1900 in Rockford, IL and died 19 Dec 1972 in Sioux Falls, SD. She was a musician and her father a baseball manager. Robert died listening to a baseball game on the radio on 7 Oct 1931 in Sioux Falls. Nanette was born 6 Oct 1880 in Ireland and died in Sioux Falls 2 Jun 1950. The Hogan family migrated from Ire about 1882.

Went to work for Douglas in my old dept of Plant engineering and while here teamed up with an other dept man and we developed and produced aircraft pulleys. We were the only ones on the west coast. Sold the company and went to work as a salesman for an engineering company traveling the western states.

Started my own light construction business and eventually lost my shirt. Went back to selling real estate in Washington and California and started working on McNeese genealogy in 1975.

JOHN CHARLES McNEESE (Tad) 1950

John C. was born in Long Beach, Ca 26 Dec 1950, the son of John C. and Charleen K. He attended school in Apple Valley and Beverly Hills. While in high school at Van Nuys he entered the army ?? ??? ?????. On the 22 Dec 1968 he was confined to the hospital in Bitburg, Germany for six weeks with a fractured jaw due to a racial uprising within the compound.

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He served in Germany until ?? ??? ????

On the 19 Feb 1972 he married LUCILLE ANN GLENNON at Granada Hills, Ca. She was the oldest child of JOHN JOSEPH and DOLORES TERESA CYRIER GLENNON and born 25 Dec 1952 in Lynwood, Ca. Their three children, all born in Simi, Ca, are DAWN ERIN born 3 Aug 1974, LEE ALEXANDER born 12 Dec 1975 and KATHERINE TERESE born 9 Nov 1978.

John C. has worked for XEON Corp since his discharge as a auto mechanic. He used to race his Porche and won 2nd Place ?? ??? ??? at Willow Springs, Ca.

On the 10 May 1978, while driving down a street, he heard a loud crash and upon investigation found a man unconscious in his submerged motor home which had run off the freeway into a swimming pool. He pulled the man out and kept trying to revive him until the fire dept arrived. For this performance Tad recieved a special commendation from the Los Angeles Fire Department.

John J. original name was HERBERT JOHN AMMAN. story

Okay John & Dolores your turn to rattle the bones in the closet !!!!!!!!!!!

Tad & Lucy div. 1989

DONALD LEE McNEESE 1923

Donald L. the son of Charles A. and Helena B. was born in Salt Creek, WY 9 Nov 1923. Most of his early life, through high school, was spent on the ranch and dairy in Buffalo, WY.

While a small boy, he and his brother dug a hole in the ground and covered it with boards and dirt. He kept his treasures there such as marbles, an old buffalo horn, a dead humming bird and other valuables. One day when he crawled into the cave he was met by a mother skunk who had decided to make it her home. The skunk's aim was accurate and Donald was the target. He ran crying to the front door step where he was met by his mother. There he was washed with soap and water. He never returned to the cave again.

His father built a cess pool to accommodate the sewage and covered it with poles and dirt. One day the mare called "Pet" fell into it and could not get out. Don stood at the edge holding his nose with one hand and throwing rocks at the horse with the other hand while uttering a few unprintable remarks.

The high school students used to pile into the milk delivery truck for a ride down the hill to their homes. One day Don had a load of girls and instead of stopping and letting them out he proceeded on to Sheridan, 35 miles from Buffalo. There they went through the local brewery and returned home. The parents were frantic as the girls had been missed at school. Don was awarded a few days of no school and the girls.

After moving to Long Beach with his parents Don worked at Douglas Aircraft a short while and then joined his aunt and uncle EMIL and BETTE HECHT in Oceanside, Ca. He worked with a construction company that was doing work on the Camp Pendleton Marine Base.

He joined the Army Air Corps on ?? Sep 1941 and sent to ???? , Ia for cadet training. ?

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Photo of house b/w n9--.-- chas

Charles M. McNeese Ranch on French Creek 1927

In 1910 the Federal Gov't sold more than 16,000 acres of land which was part of Fort McKinney and located next to Buffalo. It was sold for \$1.25 to \$25 per acre. Charles M. purchased over 1500 acres.

By this time Charles had a fairly large sheep business of about 5000 head and before the depression had nearly 20 sections of land, owned or under lease.

He purchased the Healey Bros sheep shearing pens located on Dry Creek about 12 miles east of Buffalo in 1912 for \$7777777. At the time it was one of the largest of its kind but has long since disappeared with the advent of modern machines and know how. Over 100,000 sheep were sheared here one year. These sheep belonged to the many sheepmen in the area who would trail their sheep from great distances to have them sheared. At dusk in every direction, you could see small clouds of dust raised by the different bands of sheep as the herders brought them in or were taking them away. Some of the clouds were miles and miles away.

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On 20 Dec 1946 Donald married SHIRLEY ALDORA Van BENTHUYSEN the only child of HARRY mn? and OPAL mn? RAFFERTY Van BENTHUYSEN.

Their children Van Scott born 1948; Dona Lee born 1952 and Tyler Charles born 1953.

Don and Shirley lived in Ramsey, NJ for a number of years. He was account executive for Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith for 22 years. They now reside in Marin Co, Ca after living in the Long Beach area for 47 years.

Shirley was born 12 Aug 1923 in Mitchell, SD. She attended school here until her parents moved to Los Angeles in ?? ?????. After graduating from Los Angeles High School in 1941 she ???????? (contract Warners?) and was an understudy lead in many San Francisco light operas.

During the second world war she was the leading lady in a Roxy Theater USO troupe which toured throughout the US. In 1947 she was on Broadway in New York City in the productions "Billion Dollar Baby" and "Barefoot Boy with Cheek". During this time period she appeared on the "Ed Sullivan" show and made many appearances at the Radio City Music Hall and the Paramount Theatre.

Harry mn? Van Benthuyesen was born ?? ??? ???? in ?
 ?,?? the son of ? and ?
 ? who migrated from ? ,? about ? to
 Mitchell, SD. He married Opal mn Rafferty, the daughter
 of ?? and ???? RAFFERTY
 on ?? ??? 192? who had migrated from County Tipperary, Ire
 in ????.

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VAN SCOTT McNEESE 1948 1974

Van Scott the son of Donald L. and Shirley A. was born in Los Angeles, Ca 6 Aug 1948. He attended school in New York and graduated from high school in New Jersey.

He attended Long Beach City College and graduated with a commercial Pilots rating.

On the 10 Oct 1970 Van married DEBORAH LYNN MEGIBOW the daughter of Dr ? and DOROTHY ? DEROWSKI MEGIBOW in Ramsey, NJ. have no info on the above

They had one son Justin Scott born 1974.

After moving to Tiburon he became acquainted with GERALD C. KIKUCHI of Los Gatos, Ca who owned a water bed frame mfg company and became its manager. Interestingly Van's father, Donald had gone to school with part of the family while living in Buffalo, Wy.

On the 11 Mar 1974 Van and his friends, Gerald Kikuchi and JOYCE E. GRANTHAM chartered a twin engine Cessna 414 to fly to Carson, Nv. Their pilot was President of Executive Air Lines, the owner of the plane and veteran pilot of War 2. His name was RICHARD W. LANE a one time resident of Los Angeles.

Upon their return to San Jose the plane clipped the top of Mt McClellan shortly after take off. Wind and snow hampered the ground crews trying to locate the downed plane. The crew picked up a weak signal and at first they thought the plane had gone through the ice at Hobart Reservoir which proved to be false.

The following day they found the bodies of three of them atop a ridge. Kikuchi the fourth passenger was found about a mile away in a canyon. He evidently had tried to walk to safety despite his injuries.

To compound this tragedy Don, Shirley, Dona and Tyler were somewhere in South America. They had purchased a motor home for a one year tour of Mexico, Central and South America. After two weeks of frantic phone calls they were located by border Army Guards at ? . Thanks to the US Embassy.

Van is buried at the Los Gatos Memorial Park in Los Gatos, Ca.

His wife Deborah remarried a lawyer in San Rafael, Ca by the name of JAN CHAMPION. He adopted Justin Scott a short time later.

Dona Lee the daughter of Donald L. and Shirley A. was born in Staten Island, NY 18 March 1952. She has continued in her mothers footsteps of singing and dancing since she was a small child.

She graduated from Redwood High School in Tiburon, Ca. She attended the University of the Pacific in Stockton and in her Junior year studied at the University of Vienna. While in France she attended lectures and programs.

She majored in Spanish and taught school in Mexico. She has continued her teaching career in the US since 1977 near Salinas, Ca.

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TYLER CHARLES McNEESE 1953

Tyler C., the son Donald L. and Shirley A. was born 8
1953 in Manhattan, NY.

How about some stories of your trip to SA from all of
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RONALD GALE McNEESE 1939

Ronald is the son of Leo G. and Odessa B. He was born in Denver, Mo 11 Feb 1939.

He married JUDITH ANN OSBORN in Grant City, Mo ?? ??? 19???. She was born ?? ??? 19?? in Kansas City, Mo and was the daughter of ? ? and ? ? ? ? ? OSBORN of Kansas City, Mo.

Their two children were born in Kansas City, Mo and are DONALD CRAIG born ?? ??? 1964 and ANGIE LYN born ?? ??? 1968.

Ronald is the owner of Western Auto in Grant City, Mo.
Military ? Stories ?

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Carolyn is the daughter of Leo G. and Odessa Bea. She was born 3 Nov 1946 in Denver, Mo.

She first married ? ? STEPHENS in ? ,?? on ?? ??? 19??. He was born ?? ??? 19?? in ? .Mo and was the son of ? ? and ? ? ? - STEPHENS.

They had one daughter, CARRIE GALE, who was born ?? ??? 1964 at Mt Ayr, Ia.

Was she adopted by the other husbands?

She has been a high school teacher in Grant City for since 19??.

She next married ? ? Findley, which ended in a divorce.? She is now married to JOHN PAUL JONES?

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EVA ELLEN McNEESE STABE 1896 \

Eva Ellen, the daughter of William and Bettie was born in Denver, Mo 15 July 1896.

She married GEORGE ? STABE in ? , Mo ??
??? 19???. He was born ?? ??? 189? in ? , Mo? and was
the son of ? ? and ? ?
STABE of ? , Mo?

Their children are ? ? born
? ?? ??? 19?

Stories ?

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Ruby is the daughter of William H. and Bettie and was born in Denver, Mo 22 April 1898.

She married CLAUDE M. ? SMITH 11 Feb 1921 in Denver, Mo. He was born ?? ??? 189? in Denver, Mo and was the son of ? ? and ? ? ? ? ? SMITH of Gentry Co, Mo.

How about a tape recording of your stories Claude & Ruby ? Am positive the families would enjoy them as we did when we visited you.

Children.

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ETHEL FINDLEY McNEESE ADAMS 1900

Ethel, better known as Lizzie, is the daughter of William H. and Bettie and was born ? Jan 1900 in Denver, Mo.

She married JIM ? ADAMS in ? , Mo? ?? ??? 19???. He was born ?? ??? 189? in Denver, Mo? and was the son of ? ? and ? ? ADAMS of Gentry Co, Mo.

Their children are ?

Stories ?

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ESSIE FERN McNEESE SMITH 1906

Essie is the daughter of William H. and Bettie. She was born in Denver, Mo 30 April 1906.

She married DALE ? SMITH in ? , Mo ?? ??? 19??. He was born ?? ??? 19?? in Denver, Mo and was the son of ? ? and ? ? ? SMITH.

Their children are ?

Stories ?

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ENID MATILDA McNEESE SMITH 1908

Enid is the daughter of William H. and Bettie. She was born in Denver, Mo ?? ??? 1908.

She married FRANCIS L. SMITH in Gentry Co, Mo ??
??? 192? He was born in Gentry Co, Mo? ?? ??? 19?? and was
the son of ? ? and ? ?
? Smith of Gentry Co, Mo?

What is the relationship of the 3 Smith men to each other?

Their children are ?
Stories ?

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LEO GALE McNEESE 1911 1975

Leo was the son of William H. and Bettie. He was born in Denver, Mo 7 Feb 1911.

He married ODESSA BEA BARBER in Albany, Mo 12 Dec 1934. She was born in Denver, Mo 20 May 1916 and was the daughter of ? ? and ? ? ? BARBER of ? , Mo.

Their farm was near Grant City, Mo.

They had the following children (1) JAMES LEO born ?? ??? 1935 and died ?? ??? that same year. He is buried in the Miller Cemetery near Denver, Mo. (2) RONALD G. born 1939 (3) CAROLYN S. born 1946 (4) BOBBY D. born 1956.

Leo died of cancer 6 July 1975 and is buried in the Miller Cemetery near Denver, Mo.

Stories ?

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JESSE G. McNEESE 1952?

Jesse is the son of Leroy H. and ? ? and was born
in Portland,Or where he is presently living?
He married ? Children ? ?

SUSIE ? McNEESE ? 1954?

Susie ? is the daughter of Leroy H. and ? and
was born in Portland,Or?
She married ? Children ? ?
She lives in Portland,Or?

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Katherine is the daughter of William H. and Bettie.
She was born in Denver, Mo ?? ??? 1913.

She married CLIFFORD DOUGLAS BARBER in Gentry Co, Mo 3
May 1934. He was born ?? ??? 19?? in Gentry Co, Mo? and was
the son of ? ? and ? ? ?
BARBER of Gentry Co.

Their children are ? ?

Stories ?

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JOHN ELMER McNEESE 1924

John E. is the son of Berten and Vera and was born in Denver, Mo 18 Sept 1924.

He married MILDRED ? HAMILTON 17 Dec 19?? in ?
Ks. She was born 27 Sept 1924 in Albany, Mo and
was the daughter of FRANK ? and ?
? HAMILTON of Albany, Mo?

John joined the US Navy ?? during the Korean
conflict. He retired in 19?? after 20 years of service.

Stories ?

He presently is engaged in stealing horses ??

Mildred has operated a beauty parlor in Stanberry, Mo
for ? years.

They have no children.

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Donald is the first child of Berten and Rebecca. He was born in Denver, Mo 3 June 1928.

He married BETTY JANE BIERWIRTH in Adell, Ia 17 July 1954. She was born 3 April 1924 in Des Moines, Ia and was the daughter of ? ? and ? ?

? -BIERWIRTH of Des Moines, Ia.

Donald joined the US Army ?? ??? 19?? during the Korean campaign. Stories, what outfit, overseas, etc

He is owner and operator of the McNeese Grinding Co. and specializes in percision grinding and the manufacturing of special ball bearings.

They have one son MARK LEON who was born 28 Sept 1959 in Lynwood, Ca.

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INNA RUTH McNEESE ROUSE 1930

Inna is the daughter of Berten and Rebecca. She
born in Denver, Mo 3 April 1930.

She married HAROLD ? ROUSE in Des Moines, Ia 3 Oct
1950. He was born ?? ??? 19?? in ? , Mo? and was
the son of ? ? and ? ? ?

ROUSE of ? , Mo?

Their children are ? born dd mm 19?? where

They now live ?

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Dudley is the son of Berten and Rebecca and was born in Albany, Mo 25 Dec 1931.

He joined the US Air Force ?? 19?? during the Korean conflict and served ? years. He was attached to the ?? and overseas? as ? ?.

On 20 -May 1964 he married MARTHA JEAN BLACKMON in Las Vegas, Nv. She was born 19 Oct 1938 in Crockett, Tx and is the daughter of BURL ? and ? ? ? BLACKMON of Crockett, Tx?

Dudley is a nuclear inspector for ? the past ? years.

They have two children. LYNN RAMONA born in Houston, Tx 23 Jan 1957 and STEVE D. nm born in Long Beach, Ca 12 Oct 1964.

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NINA ROSE McNEESE KINNEY 1935

Nina is the daughter of Berten and Rebecca and was born in Denver, Mo 11 Oct 1935.

She married Dr DANIEL ? KINNEY ?? ??? 19?? in San Diego, Ca. He was born ?? ??? 19?? in ? , Ca? and was the son of ? ? and ? ? ?

KINNEY of ? , Ca?. He died ?? ??? 19?? in San Diego, Ca? ?? ??? 19?? and is buried ? Cemetery in San Diego, Ca? Story?

They had two children DANNY ? born ?? ??? 19?? in San Diego, Ca? and Rebecca ? born in San Diego, Ca ?? ??? 19??.

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Mary is the daughter of Berten and Rebecca and was
born in Denver, Mo 11 June 1937.

She first married ? ? ?
? ? ?

Their one child TRENT ? ? was born ?? ??? 19?? in ?
, Ca?-

She married ? ? Fox in ? , ?? on
?? ??? 19??.

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BILLIE DEAN McNEESE 1948

Billie is the son of Leonard R. and Phyllis J. He was born in Leon, Ia 27 Dec 1948.

He married PATRICIA JO ROGERS in Albuquerque, NM 21 June 1969. She was born 27 July 1950 in ? , NM? and is the daughter of JACK ? and ELLANOR ? ? ROGERS of ? , NM?

Their two daughters were both born in Albuquerque, NM. STACEY JEAN born 26 Dec 1972 and ALISA ANN born 25 Nov 1973.

Billie was in the US Marines when to when?

He is an avid bow and arrow hunter and has been able to kill all game animals that live in the USA except ? ? . How about a story or two Billie?

He hunts near the area where the son of Samuel was killed by Indians in 1830. It was on the Santa Fe Trail. Any stories about your experiences would be most welcome. 427

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LINDA RAY McNEESE ? 19??

Linda is the daughter of Leonard R. and Phyllis J. She was born ?? ??? 19?? in ? , Ca.

She married ? ? ? in ? , ??
?? ??? 19??. He was born ?? ??? 19?? in ? , ??
and is the son of ? ? ? and ? ?
? ? of ? , ??

Their children are ? ? ?

BEVERLY JEAN McNEESE ? 19??

Beverly is the daughter of Leonard R. and Phyllis J. She was born in Clarinda, Ia ?? ??? 19??.

She married ?

Their children are ? ? ? 428

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MARTHA ? McNEESE ? a1867 1???

Martha was the daughter of James B. and Hannah E.
was born in Greene Co,Tn. She was known as Mattie.
This is all.

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ELIZABETH B. McNEESE ? a1861 1???

Elizabeth B. was born in Greene Co,Tn ?? ??? a1861
was the daughter of James B. and Hannah E.
No further data.

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CALADONIA ? McNEESE ? 1858 1???

Caladonia was the daughter of James B. and Hannah E.
and was born in Greene Co,Tn ?? May 1858.
This is all I have.

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JAMES M.

McNEESE a1859 1???

James M. was the son of James B. and Hannah E. and was
born in Greene Co,Tn ?? ??? a1859.
This is all todate.

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