

MOMENCE OF THE OLD FRONTIER

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A PLAGUE OF FROGS

Who is there who has lived in Momence or nearby, who does not recall as having known at some time in his life big, fat, easygoing Ralph Day and his estimable spouse, Susie? Not a one, we dare say. One couldn't help but know Ralph Day, and knowing him, one couldn't help but like him. And Susie? She was a hustling, bustling, ministering spirit of goodness and self-sacrifice among the inhabitants of the old river town of Momence for years, a never-failing angel of mercy and helpfulness at such times when help was most needed. They were a rare couple were Ralph Day and Susie, whose little eccentricities of thought and speech and action endeared them all the more to people of the little river settlement on the Kankakee. While this story concerns more particularly Ralph Day himself, any mention of him which failed to include the sharer of his joys and sorrows, would be regarded as an unpardonable omission.

Ralph day was a large, fleshy man who weighed, according to best reports, near to three hundred pounds. he was a jovial, good-natured man, thus again sustaining the tradition of geniality ascribed to men of avoirdupois generally. He lived on the corner directly opposite the Charles Astle home, west. He used to attend to the work about the Central House bar and, during the extreme hot weather of late June, July, and August, he would walk down to the river at such times when the north branch was not too high, and wade in to where the water came to about his waist, then topple over on his back and float--yes, float like a cork on the surface of the stream. Thus borne by the current he would float down opposite his home several blocks away, regain his footing and walk out. He always deplored the fact that there was no way of floating upstream successfully, and the patrons of the Central House bar used to "rag" him considerably about it.

there was one year when the frogs appeared in such numbers along the Kankakee as to set the "old-timers" all agog. None of them could recall a similar phenomeon in all the river's history. These frogs were so numerous in places that it was possible to literally shovel them. Ralph, one day, burst into the bar-room breathless with excitement and exclaimed: "There's ten million frogs on the river between my house and the head of the island!" You oughta hear'em--its a regular frog cam-meeting'." Charley Brassard, he who was familiarly known as "Bluch," was sitting in an arm-chair with his feet comfortably disposed on the sill of one of the front windows. He looked up as Day

made the statement and remarked: "Say, Ralph, old kid, you're crazy. There ain't that many frogs in the world, pos-i-tively."

"Yes they is, Bluch," persisted Ralph, "and I ain't crazy, neither!"

"Yes you are," insisted Bluch, "you're crazier'n a bat. You talk like a child. There ain't a million frogs on the whole river and I got twenty dollars that says so."

"Well, anyhow, I may be crazy, but I ain't no damn fool; and I'll jes' go you twenty that I kin get ten thousand of them by tomorrer mornin'," replied Ralph defiantly.

"I gotya," said Bluch; "put up and get out and hustle them frogs. And don't forget, I'll be lookin' for you!"

Fred Knighthart was appealed to by Ralph to put up the money and, as he handed it over, the act was accompanied by a little advice on the side, gratis, as follows: "Ralph, you'd better apologize to Bluch and ask his pardon, and save the twenty." But Day had his fighting blood aroused. "What! Me 'pologize to him? I will like 'el! Lissen to me--Gettin' them ten thousand frogs is jest as easy as stealin' corn from a blind sow! I know what I'm doin'," said he ominously, whereat everybody roared.

This novel bet was the talk of the place for the remainder of the day and a good bit of the night, and many of Ralph's friends who had laughed at the incident, secretly resolved to be on hand on the morrow and witness the outcome. The following morning Bluch Brassard, calm and perturbable, occupied his accustomed place by the window, He, of all the assembled throng, seemed least interested in the affair as he sat there gazing through the narrow slit in the wall that looked out upon Range street, now the "Dixie." And the crowd waited in pleasurable anticipation of "a scene," at such a time as Ralph did appear. There was going to be some fun, frogs or no frogs.

It was nearing ten o'clock that morning when Ralph Day appeared. He drove a horse hitched to the shafts of a light wagon. There was a barrel in the wagon with a gunny-sack spread over its top, which hardly sufficed to muffle the mighty anvil chorus chant of its occupants. There was a disquieting gritting of "frog's teeth" that made the cold chills gallop up and down Bluch Brassard's back. Ralph Day's rotund face shone like a full harvest moon. There was victory written all over it. He had hardly stopped in front of the hotel when he roared: "Here's yer swamp canaries, Bluch, ol'man; come and get 'em!" But Bluch never moved. "How do I know you've got ten thousand of 'em there?" he said at last.

"Count em, count'em,--you kin count can't yuh?"

And then for a moment Ralph Day, in answer to numerous inquiries from those gathered about the wagon, explained radiantly that "there was just oodles upon oodles of frogs on the river--more'n ten hundred million of 'em--shoveled 'em up in the early mornin'-could have got a million as easy as ten thousand, barrin' the shovelin'." During this animated recital Bluch Brassard never batted an eye. "Want me to set'em, in yer lap so's you kin count 'em handy? interrogated Ralph.

"Take 'em away," said Bluch curtly; "you win!"

"Ain't yuh going t' look at 'em, Bluch," persisted Ralph, "after I've gone to all this trouble? Tbe bar'l is mor'n half full! Lord Amighty, they's never been a bunch of frogs like this in town before--not since them sawmill frogs used to come from up-river and take over the town! Goin' to take the word of a crazy man that they's ten thousand of 'em, eh?"

But Bluch only murmured: "Take 'em away! Take 'em away!" Then, turning his head in the direction of the bar, he met the questioning gaze of the bar-tender squarely and, by an almost imperceptible nod, flashed a message which, liberally interpreted, read; "Give Day the money and give the boys whatever they like, as often as they like, and put the whole thing on one check."

MAFFETT TELLS A "TALL ONE"

Imagination, cleverness and ready wit are qualities that have inured to the more fortunate of mankind in all walks of life, ever since the world began. These qualities are variously employed according to the inclination and temperament of the individual. To illustrate--Charles Maffett, an early-day resident of Kankakee County living between Kankakee and Momence, was widely recognized as a teller of stories which were interesting, clever, amusing, "gripping," in addition to being well told. Maffett could tell a "tall one" in a most convincing way. They were lies--but harmless lies--in the main. Maffett's stories always "went over big," and many a bucolic youth, after having heard him tell one, charged his memory with the subject matter and later sought the glory of the limelight by repeating it as a product of his own. Charles Maffett was a large man weighing right around two hundred and seventy-five pounds. He had a pink and white complexion and was rotund to the point of obesity. He was a slow, deliberate speaker, and rarely ever forgot himself so far as to laugh at one of his own stories, which in evidence indisputable of the finished artist.

The story which he sprung on "Uncle Bill" Parish, of Momence, is still designated among the old-timers as a "Maffett Masterpiece." They met one day on the road to Momence, exchanged greetings as they passed when all at once, "Uncle Bill" pulled up his horses and called out: "Say, Maffett--tell me the biggest lie you ever heard tell of!"

Maffett thus appealed to, stopped his team and replied somewhat hurriedly: "You'll have to excuse me this mornin', Bill. Really I'm in an awful hurry. You know, old Elias Garrett dropped dead last night and I've been up all night helpin' around, and I'm on my way to Deerson's now to get a coffin for him. Good Mornin'--giddap," and he clucked to his team. He kept on his way deaf to all importunities of "Uncle Bill" who sought to gain full particulars concerning the demise of his neighbor, Garrett. "Uncle Bill" was shocked, taken off his feet

completely by the startling news; he hurried home and told his wife who hurriedly patted her hair, slipped on her bonnet, and together the two set out for the Garrett home, sad of heart, appalled at the suddenness with which death strikes. As they approached the Garrett residence they looked for some outward sign of the visitation of the dread reaper. There was none. Judged from outside appearances it was a perfectly normal country household. There was no one moving about--inside or out--no teams hitched to the hitching posts, not a single saddle horse visible, at which they marveled somewhat. Quietly they drove into the yard; slowly, and with as little show of unbecoming haste as possible, they alighted from the vehicle and made their way slowly towards the house when, suddenly, from the direction of the barnyard, they were accosted by a hearty, cheerful "Halloo there, folks--good, mornin' to you!"

It was the corpse himself, hale, hearty and sniling who strode up to them and extended his hand in a greeting which would have shamed the most able-bodied ghost that ever was. Ma Parish was speechless, dumbfounded, utterly undone. "Uncle Bill" was nervous, squeamish, decidedly upset at this unexpected denouement. Like a flash it came to him how he had been victimized by the wiley Maffett who, at his earnest soliciation, had obligingly responded with the "biggest lie" that anybody ever heard tell of.

Mrs. Parish looked at Elias Garrett and then at her husband with questioning eyes, and he, like a good sport, who finds it necessary at times to lay his cards face-up on the table, told the story of his meeting with Maffett, and that he had been the innocent dupe of his craftiness. There was a bid laugh all around and, apparently, "the, corpse" enjoyed the situation much more than did "Uncle Bill" judging from the noise he made. As they were about to leave, Mr. Garrett remarked; "Now, look here, Bill, when I do kick off for sure, I'm going to have word of it carried to you by somebody else 'sides Maffett, for I am fearful you would not believe him under any circumstances now." And at that Mrs. Parish looked upon her husband pityingly and, was moved to say: "William, I sometimes doubt the wisdom of my letting you go all alone out on the road and over to Momence among those awful men. You are so simple, so trusting, so gullible--there's no telling where we may be trapseing to next!"

THE ELDER'S CLUB

A good many years back in the history of Momence, there was a select and distinguished coterie made up of the older men of the little community who, in order to relieve the tedium of hours not too fully occupied with the weighty affairs of life, organized a Club where they gathered daily and smoked, and spun yarns, and enjoyed themselves and each other generally. Here all weighty questions of public or personal portent were discussed and threshed out and finally disposed of.

Here, too, it often happened that they wooed the Goddess of chance and fortune, that particular deity which is said to preside over the destinies of the game known as "Poker." The way these old boys camped on the trail of this particular Goddess was something little short of scandalous. If ever there was an overworked Goddess, this titular deity of fortune that hung about the outskirts of the Club was it. You would be shocked if we were to spill the names of these old-time boys! It would make the goose-flesh stand out all over you! In order to avoid an epidemic of "goose-flesh," however, we have, on seconded thought, decided not to tell. We merely allude to them as "the Elders," hence, you may speculate to your heart's content.

There were times when these old boys would sit all day and until far into the night around the big table, when the game ran strong and the spirit of man waxed stubborn and unyielding and he sought the out of doors only after he had "been mopped up clean." Among the company of elders was a suave, mild-mannered type of man, of whom it is said that often he would run amuck with nothing more than a pair of deuces. After throwing a scare into the company, he would quietly gather in his cards and slip them into the deck and when importuned to tell just what he held, replied invariably in a voice that was melody itself, "no man knoweth unto this day!"

There is a tradition that once, from the neighboring city of Kankakee, there came a trio of artists with "the spots," who sought the seclusion of this very club and did then and there stake their worldly goods against those of the elders of Momenca. It was some tussle! For five days and nights they "sat," this youthful trio from Kankakee and the elders of Momenca. Meals were brought in, drinks and smokes likewise, and the unceasing battle of the wits and the cards went on. Youth is buoyed up with confidence, exotic, luxuriant; old age fortifies itself with caution and experience! In the end caution and experience prevailed. The elders of Momenca praised the work of the youthful trio from Kankakee, bought them tickets via the railroad and sent them home to their folks with the parting assurance that they would be glad to see them any time when they happened to be "in that neck o' the woods."

We have been told on the "quiet" that Hoag was sent for with his dray to move the coin from the Club over to the bank, so great was the haul of treasure. In the interim, while the elders were recovering from the effects of this protracted session, it happened that, one day, one of them drew from his pocket, a handful of loaf sugar squares which he distributed to those who sat about the big circular table. He then propounded this novel scheme:

"Every fellow chips a quarter of a dollar into the "pot." Place your cube of sugar on the table before you and watch it closely! The fellow on whose square of sugar a fly lights first takes the "pot!" The new idea was a "hit" right from the start, and the lowly, pestiferous fly, heretofore banned and shunned by mankind generally was

acclaimed with joyous shouts in this stronghold of the elders. No where else in the world would this pastime of the "sugar and the fly" been thought of and adopted so spontaneously.

Some years ago Momence had a rather nifty base ball club whose work was the pride of the town. Mmany and many a time they broght home the bacon after a hard, and gruelling struggle. The elders were "for 'them" and risked their piasters or them and increased their store thereby many fold. On one accasion when the club went to Watseka, Illinois, for a game, several of the elders went with them. They took the members of the Club to the Iroquois house for dinner. When the elders elected to do anything, they did it right. The day was exceedingly hot and the elders, with their coats off, led the way to the dining room. Greatly to teir suprise they were confronted by the head waiter, who informed them that they could not he permitted to sit doun at the tables unless they put on their coats. The boys put theirs on but the elders were obdurate-they'd be eternally damned if they would. The situation was embarrassing. The waiter was obliging and offered to rustle a linen duster or two, as a means of getting around the difficulty. But already the spirit of American independence had boiled over and the hat was in the fire.

"Come on, boys," said one, "we'll go over to Uncle Bill William's tavern, by gad."

And at that, the contingent, twelve to fifteen strong, headed out of the Iroquois House onto the T.P. & W. track and hoofed it two full blocks away to the Williams House. The old Williams house had a reputation second to none in its day, and Uncle Bill, as a Boniface, was never surpassed for genuine quality in old days or new. He was a pioneer of pioneers who ranged his own dining room in shirt sleeves and with his trousers stuffed into the tops of his cowhide boots. The only concession he ever made to fastidious public sentiment was when on passing through the room where his guests were seated at their meal he seized the top of his hat with a firm grip and slid it over to an angle of about thirty-two degrees, as it to say "this much I do and no more!" Here our friends were genuinely welcomed and were permitted to appear in hot weather negligee, and no questions asked. And as the elders dallied with their meal, between bites they chuckled raucously and delightedly at the discomfiture of the head waiter at the Iroquois, who was so insistent on clothes at a time when clothes were a positive burden.

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PERDUE, Add (Illie STREAN) Ch Helen; Hoopeston R4 Lovejoy Sec33 Farm Hind Wm. WOOLEMS (1913)

PERKINS, M. L. (Mary CRITES) Ch Flora, Jessie, Evelyn; Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec26 R10E T330a T. J. FRUIN (1914)

PERKINS, T. A. (Vallie HAHN) Ch Willard, Lena; Danforth R1 Danforth Sec5@ T320a N. B. CLAWDEN Est. (1913)

PERKINSON, H. P. Ch Robert, Benjamin, Kenneth; Onarga R2 Ridgeland Sec3E T200a B. F. LINDSEY (1885)

PERKINSON, Milton (Pearly WYKOFF) Ch Mary and Allen McFARLAND, Niece and Nephew; Buckley R3 Artesia Sec3 T120a R. S. PERKINSON (1883)

PERKINSON, P. A. (Olga PATZMANN) Ch Alice, Vivian, Charles; Buckley R3 Artesia Sec8 T160a R. S. PERKINSON (1894)

PERREAULT, Emile (Clara WOLFE) Ch Dolly, Isadore, Yvonne McSWEENEY, Stepchild; St. Anne R2 Papineau Sec24 T80a Emile PERREAULT (1878)

PERRIGO, E. G. (Carolyne CROCKET) Donovan R1 Beaver Sec1-6 0280a (1866)

PERRY, Charles G. (Pearl NOONAN) Ch Edward; Watseka R2 Middleport T60a P. NOONAN

PERRY, J. Andrew (Eunice DOWNES) Ch Orvis, Thomas, William, Julia, Ruth Charles, Rachel, Alfred; Watseka R2 Middleport Sec29 0215a (1868)

PERZEE, George (Effie DEXTER) Ch Irene, Cornelia, Catherine, Russell, Ralph; Danforth R1 Danforth Sec12 R10E 1150a PERZEE Est (1881)

PERZEE, Sam (Emma ZEEDYK) Ch Helen, Delmer; Danforth R2 Danforth Sec12 R10E T150a Mrs. Eliza EDEN (1892)

PETERS, A. H. (Dora JENSON) Ch Henry, Annie, John, Jacob, Carl, Bauno, Jens, William; Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec29 T212a Frank HENRY (1913)

PETERS, Christ (Lizzie LUTZ) Ch Ernest, Elmer; Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec33 R10E T160a NEELAN Est. (1910)

PETERS, C. F. (Retta C. HILLANY) Ch Lyle, Elsie, Charles; Loda R2 Loda Sec 14 T320a J. W. GARBEE (1898)

PETERS, Frank (Alvina IMHAUSER) Ch Mabel, Carrie, Clarence; Chebanse R3 Chebanse Sec14 R14W 0305a (1914)

PETERS, Fred (Anna FATKA) Ch Minnie, Mary, Fred, Elsie, Albert; Gilman R2 Douglas Sec6 R10E 080a (1908)

PETERS, Fred. O. Jr. (Elizabeth MEDISH) Ch Donald; Watseka R2 Middleport Sec27 0200a (1897)

PETERS, George W. (Delpha T. PETERS) Ch Edna, Ernest, Dorothy; Watseka R4 Iroquois Sec2 T320a T. O. REAM (1906)

PETERS, Henry (Doris BENJENS) Ch Martha, Albert; Cissna Park R1 Artesia Sec22E T200a Mrs. Herman BRUNES (1910)

PETERS, Ira M. (Eliza FRAZER) Ch Ona, Charlie, Lionel, Lottie, Venice; Watseka R6 Iroquois Sec10 Farm Hand Charles Martin (1913)

PETERS, Peter (Minnie BENS) Ch Margaret, Annie, Gertie; Ashkum, R3 Ashkum Sec14 R10E T169a Eliz REYBURN (1873)

PETERS, Sabe (Rose DIETER) Ch Bernard Beatrice; Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec24 R10E T160a C. H. COMSTOCK (1888)

PETERS, William (Cora ZIEHR) Ch Raymond; Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec32 R10E Farm Hand A. J. BENKMAN (1913)

PETERS, William (Minnie HAFSTROM) Ch Leslie, Bessie, Dolores; Donovan R1 Beaver Sec15 T320a W. S. BEARD (1874)

PETERSEN, Elmer (Lena LEMENAGER) Ch Harold, Vernon; "Petersen Stock Farm" Ashkum R2 Ashkum Sec20 R10E 0160a (1885)

PETERSON, Charles (Anna CARLSON) Donovan R2 Concord Sec3 T80a (1870)

PETERSON, John (Etta ANDERSON) Ch Raymond, Edmund, Mabel, Walter; Donovan R3 Concord Sec4 T155a C.H. BENNETT (1872)

PETERSON, K. P. (Clara JENSON) Ch Cora, Meta, Lillian, Harold; Clifton R2 Chebanse Sec28 W T200a HICKEY Bros. (1892)

PETIT, Alexander (Josephine LEMANAGER) Danforth R2 Danforth Sec1 R14W T8a Mrs. Adolph PETIT (1868)

PETIT, J. A. (Blanche MENARD) Ch Geneva, Menard; Ashkum R1 Ashkum Sec36 R14W T200a Mrs. A. PETIT Est. (1892)

PETIT, Octave (Jennie LENOUE) Ch Lucian, Dorena, Adolph; Ashkum R1 Ashkum Sec19 R13W 0120a (1867)

PEW, Bert J. (Nellie TRACEY) Ch Lester, Pauline; Watseka R3 Belmont Sec 20 T120a J. WILLIAMS (1910)

PEW, Mrs. Julia Ch Mary, Bertie, Enna, Ray, Roy, Lottie, William, Effie; Watseka R2 Middleport Sec11 T80a Henry MILLER (1909)

PEW, Ray (Myrtle KINCADE) Watseka R4 Beaver Sec31 T60a N. S. PEARCE (1908)

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF
MILDRED MARIE BOWMAN MINNICH LABEAU

I was born on Flag day, June 14, 1915, to Homer S. Bowman and Blanche May Keller Bowman, second child and first daughter, at Deer's Mill in Indiana (technically Waveland, Indiana). It was a house in a beautiful valley near Sugar Creek and within sight of an old covered bridge. The Dowden side of our family had settled in this valley as well as the Kellers. In fact many family members were born in this same house. My dad was busy picking cherries at a neighbor's place and Mom sent for him. When Dr. Capallinger arrived I was born however, my mother nearly gave her life for me at that time.

In 1918 when I was three my mother visited her parents in Oak Glen, Illinois, and that terrible flue struck the whole family while we were there. Only one member of the family was able to drag around and care for the other members of the family and she was sick also. We eleven all survived, however.

My father was a farm boy and became a brick leader and he followed the opening and closings of the brickyards. When the brickyards were opened we lived in Illinois and when there was no work we moved back to Indiana and his Dad's farm. This made for a lot of changing schools for two of us children, along with shyness and trouble keeping up with classes when using so many different books and having different teachers.

I have one brother, Russell Cleon Bowman, who was born in Grant Park, Illinois on June 23, 1911 and one sister Vera Blanche Bowman Renchen, born June 24, 1920 at Wallace, Indiana. Both live with their families at Manteno, Illinois.

When I was 8 my parents moved to Manteno and stayed. We three children were educated in Manteno. We all got grade and high school although when I got to be 16 my mother told me I could quit school as dad did not think I needed more education as he knew I would just get married anyway. These were depression years. Mom said she would work taking in washings to send me through those last two years of high school if I would pay her back, which I did. It took me a year to pay her as I made \$2 per week doing domestic chores. I never knew how much it cost. I just paid and when she said it was all paid I could then use my money as I wished.

We children had the usual childhood diseases, whooping cough, measles, chickenpox, mumps, flu and my brother opined that I always brought them home to him and everyone else.

Our many homes included Wallace, Sterling, Veedersburg, Indiana (where many of our Bowman and Wilkinson relatives still live) as well as Manteno, Grant Park, Chicago Heights in Illinois. We also rented many different houses in the town of Manteno. I can think of at least

seven houses. It was always fun choosing our room and placing the furniture where we wished. Many of Mom's people also came to Illinois but only a few of Dad's people followed to live in Illinois. We were very close with Mom's oldest brother and family, he had married one of dad's sisters. We six children were proud of the fact that we all had the same grandparents, cousins, Uncles, and Aunts (double relations).

My interest in church and genealogy both came in my thirteenth year. I joined the Manteno Methodist Episcopal Church by immersion in a creek west of Manteno in 1928 when my mother and several other relatives joined the church. I taught various classes and was a member in several groups and committees. In genealogy I began to ask questions of the older members of the family in every direction from myself as I could thus beginning to diagram a tree with the various branches of Bowman, Keller, Dowden, Wilkinson, Hardy and in later years branched out into Minnich for the benefit of my own children.

Our childhood was fun in spite of the fact that we lived in those depression years. Our uncles would come for us and we would all cousins go swimming together many times. There were also games to play together outdoors and in the homes. We had very little money and wore many hand me downs for which we were very thankful. The year I graduated from grade school my Uncle Lon even bought the shoes I wore as we did not have the money although my mother had managed a pretty dress. Along about then we got interested in photography and have continued it ever since having a large collection of pictures, mostly of family and trips.

All through my high school years I had one boyfriend whom I married one year after graduation. He was Harry Clayton Minnich, Jr., the son of Harry Clayton Minnich, Sr. and Jessie Bertha Elben Minnich. He was born on a farm a mile west of Manteno on October 28, 1914. We had season tickets to the basketball games and went to movies in Joliet, Kankakee and Chicago. We even attended the Worlds Fair in Chicago in 1934. We became engaged May 27, 1933. I graduated high school in June 1933. Bought my first glasses in 1933. Harry and I were married on June 6, 1934 at the Manteno Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. George L. Smith officiating. Our maid of honor was Vera Bowman and the best man was Anthony Jarvis. My wedding dress was a pretty light blue silk with matching white accessories (there just was not money enough for a veil, etc.)

During our 19 years of life together Harry worked for his family in Minnich's Dairy, driving trucks and delivering milk in Manteno, Kankakee and suburbs of Chicago until later he worked for Armstrong Cork Company in Bradley. He worked hard and long hours, was ever cheerful and good to get along with.

We had seven children whom we have loved dearly and delight in their accomplishments and in the family of grandchildren they have given me.

They are:

John Clayton Minnich b. October 28, 1935 m. Mary Dandurand

Children: Barbara and Barry

Marie Ann Minnich Shipley Silger b. October 28, 1937 m. James Irvin Shipley (divorced) m. David Norman Silger (divorced)

Children: James Michael Shipley b. January 14, 1957 d. January 20, 1957

Marilyn Marie Shipley (Silger adopted later) b. January 29, 1958

Judith Ann Silger b. November 27, 1961

Nancy Elizabeth Minnich Pease b. August 6, 1939 m. Lowell Louis Pease

Children: Lowell Douglas Pease b. August 10, 1958

Barbara Jean Pease b. August 12, 1960

Bonita Jo Pease b. July 19, 1962

Donna Arlene Pease b. January 12, 1965

Harry Homer Minnich b. Mary 30, 1941 m. Ginger Ann Young b. April 8, 1941 m. June 16, 1962

Children: Vickie Marie Minnich b. January 1, 1966

Triples: Luke, Paul and Ruth b. October 13, 1966
died at birth

Deanna Louise Minnich b. June 24, 1968

Nancy Jean Minnich b. October 14, 1970

Russell Robert Minnich b. December 19, 1943 m. Brenda Jackson Felber on September 29, 1963 (divorced) m. Lois Evenson on February 14, 1976

Children: Russell Robert Minnich Jr. b. December 24, 1964

Charles Ray M[innich b. March 28, 1966

Jeannie Kay Minnich b. March 25, 1968

Virgie Jo Minnich b. November 19, 1970

Barbara Katherine Minnich b. May 9, 1949 at Kankakee, Illinois. Contacted pyelonephritis and died May 12, 1958 at Chicago, Illinois at Illinois Research Hospital

Martha Jean Minnich O'Connor b. July 17, 1951 at Kankakee, Illinois

m. David Maurice O'Connor on September 22, 1973 at Momence, Illinois

Children: Jennifer Ann O'Connor b. October 8, 1974

David's Children and Martha's stepchildren:

David O'Connor

Douglas O'Connor

Danielle O'Connor

We had lived in various Manteno houses with our family until in 1950 we contracted to have our house at 376 South Oak Street built. We occupied in 1951. We took part in most church functions and in various things in the schools for our children's benefit such as Cub Scouts for all three boys, girl scouts, parents and teachers as well as band boosters. Sometimes I wonder now how we managed.

We needed more money so I began to take in children to care for them while their parents worked. We have had a procession of preschool and even some school children to care for in our home. We even had twins Martha's age when she was 9 months old and later a 4 months baby Sandra whom we kept like our own for 1 1/2 years. When her mother took her away it was like losing one of our own.

Cancer began to strike our family and took Harry's mother and later his maternal grandmother, then it struck Harry the year Barbara was born. He had entrances and stays in various hospitals for the next four years, undergoing operations to try to save his life but it was all in vain as he expired at home March 22, 1953 after doctors had given up hope for him.

This was a very traumatic time for us as I was left with 7 children aged one to 17. I had never worked out of the home other than some domestic type work before I was married - like cleaning people's homes and offices of doctors. I surely did not know what talent I had to sell to anyone to make money. Thank God and my mother for those last two years of high school when I had learned typing and shorthand. I tried sewing for people and caring for children at home but even with Social Security there was never enough. I started work at Manteno State Hospital on June 1, 1954 as an attendant. It did not take long to learn I did not like this kind of work but I had asked for office work. Within six weeks they needed me in X-Ray Department to type.

I shall forever be grateful that I drew a kind helpful supervisor who taught me what to do and had patience with me until I learned to do it. He told me when he hired me that they usually did not hire anyone so old as me--I was 38! Within a month he assigned me to be secretary to the Tuberculosis Control Physicians who were all foreigners but courteous and patient with me in learning what the three of them required. I kept practicing on my shorthand and typing and finally became certified as a stenographer I. I kept wanting to move up as each step up brought more money and I think I resented the fact that I had to leave my home and my babies for others to raise and felt that if they bought my time it had to be for as much money as I could possibly make. I took some classes to help me advance. On March 1, 1963, I transferred to Kankakee State Hospital where I could get my Stenograph II and later III rating. I worked for the Clinical Director who was a psychiatrist so I had a whole new language to learn here. I stayed until my retirement on June 15, 1975 at the age of 66 years.

However, during my working years we had another tragedy as my daughter Barbara contacted pyleonephritis and after several months of hospitalizations and research doctors could not cure her and she died right after her ninth birthday on May 12, 1958. Within a month's time three members of the family had left the home as one son John married and Harry left for the Navy. Two of the girls had married- Nancy in July 20, 1957 and Marie January 11, 1956. However, Marie had been deserted by her husband James shortly before the birth of

her second child Marilyn. So she had returned to us. She was most helpful during our seige of illness. The older children had always been most helpful during our bad times in doing their own chores and helping with caring for the younger children.

The town of Manteno turned all out to help us, showing their sympathy for us in many kindnesses and baskets of food on holidays, hand me down clothing and even collections of money. They even sponsored a dance which raised money. This kindness knew no denominational boundaries as the churches in Manteno and even folks from Grant Park and Kankakee did nice things for us. Manteno is a great town to live in and raise a family in. There was also a collection taken where Harry had worked but the designated person who was to bring the \$300 to us stole it instead.

Around 1959 I began going out with a man who dropped me in about 1 1/2 years but I went with his co-worker Merle Duane LaBeau, a laboratory technician, at Manteno State Hospital for a couple months and we were married June 18, 1960 at Manteno Methodist Church with our families present and with several of the children taking part in the ceremony. I do not know what I ever did to deserve two good men. Merle was always kind, loving and generous to me also.

We managed to get by on the Social Security and my wages until most of the children graduated from high school but there was no money for college and some of them really wanted further education which they have since worked hard enough to get. John had graduated from high school the year his Dad died 1953; Mary 1955; Nancy 1957; Harry got his G.E.D. after the Navy and Russell 1962, March 1969.

John got his B.S. at Normal 1965, Maxie is working on her B.S.; Nancy is graduating in Traffic Control 1976; Harris is still taking college classes, has his pilot's license and is working on commercial travel license; Russell is college enrolled; Martha took 3 months each summer in the Broadway Beauty School and graduated September 1969.

Occupations of the children include: John - school teacher at Momence Grade School; Maxie - Caseworker at Joliet Welfare Department; Nancy - wife and mother - was an office worker in various industrial situations, the latest in traffic control at C.B.I.; Harry - Warehouseman of 6 California stores of P.G.E. and foreman of his office; Russell - carpenter's helper in Wisconsin in a federally funded program; Martha - wife and mother - was a saleslady at K Mart in Kankakee before her marriage.

Merle had tragedy strike him and because of a fall he had a detached retina in his only good eye. He went through an operation to reattach the retina with the laser beam and worked a while afterward, however he has blurred vision and scar tissue which caused enough loss sight that he gave up his driver's license and his job in 1973 and is on disability pension from the State. He is interested, in many things and spends much time in reading his talking books as well as ceramics and likes to fix things, travel when time and money permits.

Since my retirement in 1975 I have been enjoying my time, home, husband, children, grandchildren, other family, trips, fairs, crafts and church work - now I even have time to pursue genealogy and I have joined the Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society. I try many crafts, however I like most what I do best and that is needlework such as crocheting and hooking-rugs.

VITAL RECORDS ACT--ACCESS
PUBLIC ACT 78-633
SENATE BILL 317

An Act to amend Section 24 of the "Vital Records Act", approved August 8, 1961, as amended.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 1. Section 24 of the "Vital Records Act", approved August 8, 1961, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Section 24. (S.H.A. ch. 111 1/2 S 73-24)

(1) To protect the integrity of vital records, to insure their proper use, and to insure the efficient and proper administration of the vital records system, access to vital records, and indexes thereof, including vital records in the custody of local registrars and county clerks originating prior to January 1, 1916, is limited to the custodian and his employees, and then only for administrative purposes, except that the indexes of those records in the custody of local registrars and county clerks, originating prior to January 1, 1916, shall be made available to members of Illinois genealogical societies. It is unlawful for any custodian to permit inspection of, or to disclose information contained in, vital records, or to copy or permit to be copied, all or part of any such record except as authorized by this Act or regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

(2) The State Registrar of Vital Records, or his agent, and any municipal, county, multi-county, public health district or regional health officer recognized by the Department may examine vital records for the purpose only of carrying out the public health programs and responsibilities under his jurisdiction.

(3) The State Registrar of Vital Records, may disclose, or authorize the disclosure of, data contained in the vital records when deemed essential for bonafide research purposes which are not for private gain.

This amendatory Act of 1973 does not apply to any home rule unit.
Approved September 10, 1973.
Effective October 1, 1973.

PEDIGREE CHARTS

Mr. Leo Williamson
Route #3 - Box 225
Kankakee, Ill. 60901

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| <p>1. Leo LeRoy WILLIAMSON
b. 23 October 1927
Aroma Twp, Kankakee, Ill
m. 11 September 1948</p> <p>2. Charles Jacob WILLIAMSON
b. 17 October 1893
m. February 1919</p> <p>3. Elsie Belle SMITH
b. 20 February 1901</p> <p>4. Charles Adams WILLIAMSON
b. 24 February 1850
Mackinaw, Tazewell, Ill.
m. 26 September 1880
d. 10 October 1916</p> <p>5. Lillian Louisa SIEBERT
b. 25 September 1858
d. 29 September 1939</p> <p>6. Gustave SMITH</p> <p>7. Jemima LOVE</p> <p>10. John Jacob R. SIEBERT
b. 13 March 1834
m. 21 July 1857
d. 1922</p> <p>11. Emielia Maria RUMP
b. 26 June 1839
d. 1923</p> <p>Mrs. Wuanita Williamson
Route #3 - Box 225
Kankakee, Ill. 60901</p> <p>1. Waunita Marie BARRIE
b. 24 April 1930
Slayton, Murray, Minn
m. 11 September 1948</p> | <p>2. Edward George BARRIE
b. 11 August 1887
Arton, So. Dak.
m. 24 June 1911
d. 8 March 1960
Kankakee, Ill.</p> <p>3. Addrien Pauline BARRIE
b. 31 January 1892
St. George, Ill.</p> <p>4. George BARRIE
b. 20 August 1858
Bourbonnais, Ill
m. 18 May 1885
d. 1 January 1942
Currie, Minn</p> <p>5. Esilda Mary DESLAURIERS
b. 18 March 1864
Montreal, Canada
d. 27 November 1943
Slayton, Minn</p> <p>6. Joseph Isaie BARRIE
b. 13 December 1863
DeSelm, Ill.
d. 31 January 1950
Kankakee, Ill.</p> <p>7. Marie Eva PONTON
b. 25 October 1873
Sumner, Ill.
d. 1904
Sumner, Ill.</p> <p>8. Norbert BARRIE
b. 1825
DeSelm, Ill.
d. 27 October 1890
St. George, Ill.</p> <p>9. Adelaide BRULE
b. 1828
St. Cuthbert, Canada
d. 10 November 1897
DeSelm, Ill.</p> |
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10. Edward DESLAURIERS
b. 1822
Canada
d. Sumner, Ill.
11. Sophia _____
b. 1825 - Canada
d. Sumner, Ill.
12. Norbert BARRIE
b. 1825
DeSelm, Ill.
d. 27 October 1890
St. George, Ill.
13. Adelaide BRULE
b. 1828
St. Cuthbert, Canada
d. 10 November 1897
DeSelm, Ill.
14. Francois Xavier PONTON
b. 29 July 1843
Montreal, Canada
m. 29 October 1866
d. 18 February 1931
Sumner, Ill.
15. Pauline Marie LIBERT
b. 3 September 1843
Belgium
d. 5 September 1931
Sumner, Ill
16. Jean Baptiste BARRIE
17. Genevieve BRULE
18. Joseph BRULE
19. Marie Anne BELGARDE
24. Jean Baptiste BARRIE
25. Genevieve BRULE
26. Joseph BRULE
27. Marie Anne BELGARDE
28. Francois PONTON
d. 15 August 1852
29. Julia MASSEY
b. 1817
d. 8 April 1882
30. Charles LIBERT
d. 28 February 1889
31. Marie LEMERE
d. 11 March 1900
- Mr. Robert D. Hall
801 Pacific Ave.
Manhattan Beach, Cal 90266
1. Robert Dale HALL
b. 7 December 1925
Watseka, Ill.
m. 7 June 1968
2. Burt Horace HALL
b. 1? March 1898
Momence, Ill.
M. 1919
d. 8 September 1968
Potomac, Ill.
3. Lillian Bell VAN CAMP
b. 13 June 1900
Prairie Green, Ill.
d. 13 January 1944
Potomac, Ill.
4. George Edward HALL
b. 1 June 1865
Momence, Ill.
m. 25 September 1889
d. 1929
Watseka, Ill.
5. Flora Persis SHERWOOD
b. 1872
Ill.
d. Ill.
6. John Wesley VAN CAMP
b. 5 March 1867
Deer Creek, Ill
m. 17 September 1896
d. 20 August 1920
Lafayette, Ind.

7. Mary Bell SASSAMAN
 b. 23 January 1877
 Westpoint, Ind.
 d. 21 December 1972
 Watseka, Ill
8. James Madison HALL
 b. 18 February 1828
 Argyle, NY
 m. 4 April 1855
 d. 25 March 1891
 Ill.
9. Mary Florella OLDS
 b. 2 February 1832
 Washington Co., NY
 d. 2 February 1903
 Ill
10. Horace SHERWOOD
 b. 1827
 Canada
 m. 1871
 d. Ill.
11. Chellatte _____
 b. 1848 - New York
 d. Ill
12. John David VAN CAMP
 b. 20 September 1827
 Huntington, NJ
 m. 10 September 1853
 d. 29 October 1905
 Sheldon, Ill.
13. Elizabeth DUMONT
 b. New Jersey
 d. 4 July 1897
 Sheldon, Ill.
14. Samuel SASSAMAN
 b. 1836 - Penn
 m. 1868
 d. 1878 - Ind.
15. Mary Jane ROBINSON
 b. 7 February 1834
 Aughnacloy, Ireland
 d. 1895
 Westpoint, Ind.
16. Joe HALL
17. Nancy _____
 b. 1793 - NY
20. Martin SHERWOOD
 b. 1805 - Canada
21. Margaret FORCE
 b. 1811 - Canada
30. William ROBINSON
 b. Ireland
31. Mary
 b. Ireland
- Mrs. Paula Leister
 801 Pacific Ave.
 Manhattan Beach, Cal. 90266
1. Paula Jeannine LEISTER
 b. 7 October 1934
 McAlister, Okla
 m. 7 June 1968
2. Paul Byron LEISTER
 b. 21 September 1903
 Monroes Indian Territory
 m. 23 March 1925
 d. 8 July 1953
 McAlister, Okla
3. Dovie Dorothy WILSON
 b. 11 September 1902
 McAlister, Indian Territory
4. Edward Freeman LEISTER
 b. 28 February 1878
 Arkansas
 d. Okla
5. Esme Lavinia CHITWOOD
 b. 28 November 1880
 Arkansas
 d. Eldorado, Okla
6. Arasmus Jerome WILSON
 b. 12 February 1868
 Sedalia, Mo.
 m. 23 March 1898
 d. 29 April 1959
 Coalgate, Okla.

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| <p>7. Ellen Amelia LASSITER
 b. 2 February 1879
 Henderson, Tex
 d. 28 December 1970
 Coalgate, Okla.</p> <p>8. LeRoy LEISTER</p> <p>9. Sarah DOWDY</p> <p>12. James Riley WILSON
 b. 1825
 m. 1860
 d. 1888 Whitney, Tex.</p> <p>13. Rebecca Isobel SWIFT
 b. 1844 - Tenn
 d. 28 March 1919
 Coalgate, Okla.</p> <p>14. William Henry LASSITER
 m. 22 July 1869
 d. 15 November 1886
 Texas</p> | <p>15. Mary Martha HAYES
 b. 9 November 1845
 Pinctucky, Ala.
 d. 2 December 1931</p> <p>24. Sam WILSON
 d. During Civil War</p> <p>25. Cynthia GIBSON</p> <p>26. Benjamin SWIFT</p> <p>27. Lydia NORRIS</p> <p>30. Jesse HAYES
 b. 2 August 1913
 d. 25 November 1861</p> <p>31. Penelope EDMOND
 b. 28 March 1826
 d. 23 March 1856</p> |
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NAMING OF CHILDREN OFTEN FOLLOWS CUSTOM

Genealogists have noticed that in various cultures at various times, the naming of children with names from within the family frequently follows a set pattern.

The Santa Maria Valley, California, Genealogical Society reports this pattern of naming among the Scotch:

SONS

- Eldest named after paternal grandfather
- Second named after maternal grandfather
- Third after father

DAUGHTERS

- Eldest named after maternal grandmother
- Second after paternal grandmother
- Third named after mother

Knowing this may be a clue to the relationship of various members of a family.

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WEBLER Searching parents of Peter WEBLER. Death date of Peter
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LAGESSE being published and tentatively June is the availability
SURPRENANT date. This booklet covers history from first BARIL in
BRULE Canada 1646, to the present generations.

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JOBB Desire relationship of Minnie JOBB SCHATZ of Chebanse
SCHATZ to Mrs. Therese TIDLUND (TITTLELANT) of Chicago, who
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SCHMITT