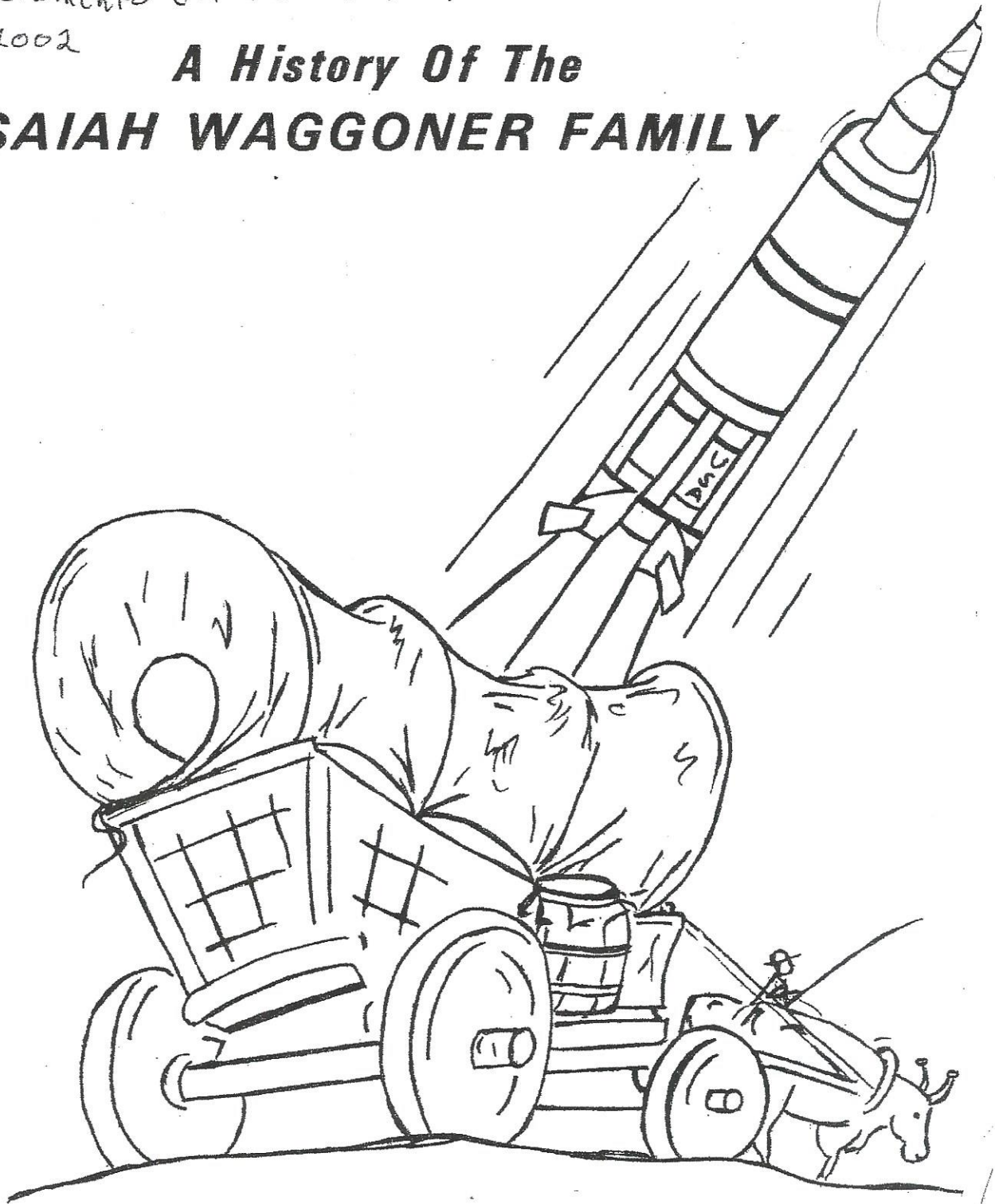


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# ***A History Of The ISAIAH WAGGONER FAMILY***



***From The Covered Wagon To The Space Age***

***1835 To 1978***

## FOREWARD

This is not a family history in the true sense of the word but rather a collection of family records. It all came about when one of Isaiah's descendants contacted another seeking information in order to complete a history of her grandfather's family. When it became apparent that a great deal of information had been collected on all of Isaiah's children, it was decided to combine it all in one book. Thus began a sincere effort to bring together as many family records as possible from the living descendants of Isaiah Waggoner.

It must be mentioned here that this history would not have been possible without the help of John Garland Waggoner of Gays, Illinois. He was the grandson of Isaiah's brother, Robert Waggoner, and he very unselfishly shared some of the records that he had collected over the years. We were deeply saddened to hear of his death on February 7, 1978 at age 72 and regret that he will not see the result of some of his research on the Waggoner family.

Some records are fairly complete and contain much information while others fall far short of the desired goal. Since some of those contacted did not respond to requests for information, the records are as true and complete as other family members could make them at the time. If some name spellings and dates are incorrect, it may be due to the difficulty that was encountered in attempting to decipher the longhand response of a family member who was willing to compile a family history. Several times additional contacts were made when there was a question concerning a date or the spelling of a name. Some respondents, probably due to modesty, did not indicate their outstanding achievements. Many have served in the military or the government, others have earned college degrees or have owned and operated their own business and practically all have been active in church, school and community affairs. Such information will be sorely missed in this history.

Many thanks to all those who did respond so willingly. Not once did we waver in our determination to complete this collection of family records and not disappoint all those who desired a copy of the completed book. Although the frustrations were many, we feel it was well worth the effort and sincerely hope that someone, someday will continue to add to this record.

Clizbe Bernice Lessard Weihermiller  
(Granddaughter of Simeon Waggoner)

Mabel Edna Waggoner Gunnerson  
(Daughter of Reason Waggoner)

Alice Eloise Gunnerson  
(Granddaughter of Reason Waggoner)

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THE ISALAH WAGGONER FAMILY HISTORY

1835 TO 1978



ISALAH AND PHOEBE.

Isaiah was the eighth child of George and Bethena Haney Waggoner. He was born on August 17, 1835 in Moultrie County, Illinois and died February 22, 1916 in Kearney, Nebraska. He is buried at the Polk Cemetery in Polk, Nebraska.

Isaiah married Pheobe Martin (date of birth unknown) in 1858 and to their union were born eleven children: I. SOPHA, II. MALDEN, III. BETHANY, IV. HANNAH, V. REASON, VI. SIMEON, VII. GEORGE, VIII. JOSEPH SHIELDS, IX. LEANDER, X. ISALAH, JR. and XI. MARY GRACE.

The following is an excerpt from a "sketch" written by Elder W. S. Craig after Elder Isaiah Waggoner's death, for the "Primitive Monitor" a Primitive Baptist publication:

"He united with Lynn Creek Baptist church, Moultrie County, Illinois in 1865. Before leaving Illinois in 1872, he was troubled in mind with ministerial burden but was very careful to hide his feelings and tried to dismiss such things from his mind. While crossing the Mississippi river on his way west, he rejoiced that he was leaving the Baptists, as he then thought, and would locate among strangers, and so would not be troubled with that desire to talk in public. But he could not run away from the work of the Lord. Locating in Saline County, Nebraska he found Primitive Baptists and his burden increased until he was willing to preach. He was ordained in 1873.

Sometimes he would become very low spirited, his harp on the willows; at other times he would be lifted up and carried away, and wonderfully feast on spiritual things. He had a good knowledge of the Bible, with a ready command of its exact words. Before he began to preach he stuttered badly; but the Lord, who calls and qualifies all true servants, cured this and gave him clear speech and ability so that he could declare the glorious gospel with the tongue of the learned (Isa.50.4). His preaching was gladly

accepted by our people. He was indeed able in the scriptures, and his quiet and inoffensive life endeared him to all who knew him."

Isaiah and family moved from Saline County to the High Prairie area near Clarks, Nebraska. Easter of 1873 he was asked to preach during a three day meeting at the Primitive Baptist Church at Norfolk, Nebraska. They had seven children by then and the children were left at home and Isaiah and Phoebe traveled by covered wagon to Norfolk where they were stranded for several days because of the great blizzard of 1873.

He made his living farming the hard way with walking plow and hand seeders. Phoebe told of giving up a bedroom in the small house so grain could be stored in the winter and of grinding their own meal. In 1874 grasshoppers devoured a quilt that she had thrown over the onions to save them and then ate the onions right out of the ground. She made onion poultices and onion cough syrup so it was a precious crop to lose. She always bought shoes a little too large for her and since Isaiah's feet were so small, many times when he preached on Sunday she wore his work shoes and he wore her shoes because they didn't show so much wear.

## CHAPTER I

SOPHA Waggoner, first child of Isaiah and Phoebe, was born on February 6, 1859 in Moultrie County, Illinois. She married Warren Garton in Nebraska on May 15, 1881. She died July 6, 1908. She and Warren were the first of the family to come to the West over the Oregon Trail. They farmed for a living near Chelan, Washington. They were later followed by sister Hannah and her husband and still later by her brother Simeon and his wife. Both families stayed on their farm until they could find homes of their own. Sopha acted as midwife for some of Simeon's children. She loved to paint and would paint animals and flowers and scenery on bottles, cans, lids, cloth and any other available material.

At the age of eleven Sopha and her younger brother Malden (Matt) were left in charge of the four younger children. Good Friday in 1873 was a warm, beautiful day and the little ones took off their shoes and later neglected to take them inside. That evening it started to rain which later turned to snow and the great blizzard of 1873 was in full force and lasted for six days. By the first morning the door was frozen shut and snow drifted around the house so they could not get out. Reason told how Sopha kept them all in bed and twice a day she started a fire with the seed corn that her father had stored under the bed and she cooked corn for them to eat. On the seventh day two neighbors came and shoveled the snow away from the door and were surprised to find them still alive. The seed corn was almost gone and there was nothing else to burn. They were taken and cared for by these kind neighbors until the worried parents could get home from Norfolk where they had been stranded due to the blizzard.



## CHAPTER II



MALDEN (MATT)



ELLA MAE (MAY?)

MALDEN (MATT) Waggoner, second child of Isaiah and Phoebe Waggoner, was born in Moultrie County, Illinois on November 20, 1860 and died at age 63 in Clarks, Nebraska on February 8, 1923. He moved with his parents to Saline County, Nebraska when a young boy and then finally to Polk County, Nebraska. He married Ella Mae Brooks on October 5, 1886. She was born May 12, 1866 in Springfield, Illinois and she died on February 25, 1936 in Clarks, Nebraska. She is buried in the Polk Cemetery.

Six children were born to Matt and Ella Mae: 1. Laura, 2. Ollie, 3. Georgie, 4. Allen, 5. Iva, 6. Harvey.

Malden (Matt) was a farmer and lived most of his life on a rented farm in Polk County. During the summer of 1908 a serious illness called spinal meningitis swept the country and Laura, Ollie, Georgie and Iva became ill. The girls recovered with no crippling effects but Georgie missed a year of school because of her illness. In the Spring of 1918 Malden bought a farm in Merrick County near Clarks, Nebraska and moved there. During the flu epidemic that winter none of the family became ill although Matt went into the homes of neighbors who were very ill and care for them. Within the next few years his health failed and the farm was sold. Later he bought another farm near Clarks with sons Allen and Harvey doing the work. He died suddenly in his farm home of a heart attack and was buried at Polk Cemetery.

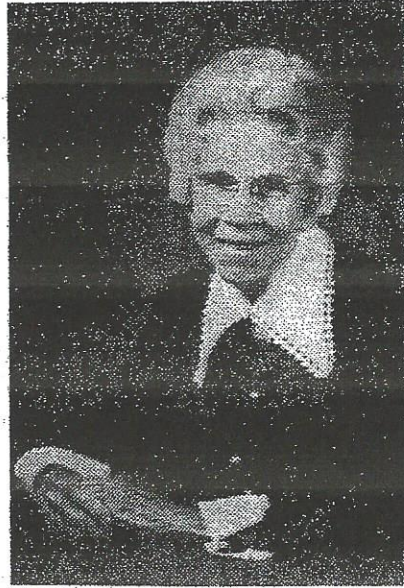
A reunion of the Malden Waggoner family is held each year in Clarks, Nebraska on the first Sunday in July.

1. Laura Waggoner, first child of Malden (Matt) and Ella Mae Waggoner, was born on December 25, 1889 in Merrick County, Nebraska. She married Thomas Jabez Jackson who was born on January 12, 1887 in Osceola, Nebraska and died on May 11, 1933 in Florissant, Colorado. She married John Coulter in 1936 and he died on May 8, 1957 in Denver, Colorado. She died in December 1972 in Denver.

Laura and Tom Jackson moved from Shelby, Nebraska to Florissant, Colorado in 1919. They farmed and raised livestock. Three children were born to Laura and Tom: (1) Gerald Arnold was born December 8, 1910 and died March 8, 1911; (2) Thelma Marie; and (3) Opal Mae.

(2) Thelma Marie, second child of Laura and Tom Jackson, was born December 8, 1910 in Polk County near Clarks, Nebraska. She married Nate Snare of Florissant, Colorado in 1930. They farmed and raised livestock. They had two children:

Ernest Nathan and Anna Marie. Thelma Marie and Nate were divorced in 1935. She married Tom Humphrey in 1942 and lived in Denver, Colorado. A daughter, Marilyn Jo was born in 1946.



LAURA

Ernest Nathan Snare, first child of Thelma Marie Jackson and Nate Snare, was born in 1931 and married Marion (?) in 1952 (?). They reside in Florissant, and have four boys: Steven born in 1954; Randy born in 1960; Kenny born in 1962; Tom born in 1963. All reside with their parents in Florissant. The children go to school and work with Ernest Nathan in the Snare Construction Company.

Anna Marie Snare, second child of Thelma Marie Jackson and Nate Snare, was born in 1933. She married Robert Jansen in 1949 (?). They moved to Denver where Robert worked for the telephone company. Anna Marie and Robert had four children: Larry Nathan born in 1951 (?); Kathy born in 1952 (?); Jean Marie born in 1954 (?); Robert born in 1957 (?). Anna Marie and Robert Jansen were divorced in 1959 (?).

Anna Marie then married Jerry Hendershot in 1961. A son, Alan Hendershot was born in 1963.

Marilyn Jo Humphrey, only child of Thelma Marie and Tom Humphrey, was born in 1946 and married Terry Miller in 1963. A son, Tommy was born in 1965. Terry and Marilyn were divorced. Marilyn Jo then married Manuel Vella-grana in 1972 and they live in Denver, Colorado

(3) Opal Mae, third child of Laura and Tom Jackson, was born September 8, 1918 in Shelby County, Nebraska. She married Charles W. Rosvall in 1940 and they have a son Charles Richard.

Opal and Charles have owned Rosvall Auction Company in Denver, Colorado since 1942. Charles W. Rosvall is listed in "International Who's Who in Arts and Antiques" 1976-77. Opal Mae Rosvall is listed in "Colorado Who's Who 1966-67.

Charles Richard Rosvall, son of Opal Mae Jackson and Charles W. Rosvall, was born in 1948. In 1972 he married Rolinda Strickland and they have two children: Heidi Nicole, born in 1973 and Stephanie Rachelle, born in 1975.

Charles Richard served two years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as an ambulance driver and medic in Germany from 1969 to 1971, S.P.4. He is in business with his parents in the Rosvall Auction Company in Denver, Colorado.

2. Ollie Waggoner, second child of Malden (Matt) and Ella Mae Waggoner, was born on August 16, 1892 in Polk County, Nebraska. She married Paul Kester Pidgeon, who was born on June 22, 1892 in Duel County, Nebraska. They were married on December 24, 1912 in Sumner, Nebraska, Dawson County. They had five children: (1) Dorothy May, (2) Donald Ivan, (3) Kenneth Wayne, (4) Dale LeRoy, and (5) Lyle Wallace.

Ollie and Paul lived in Dawson County until 1934 when they moved to Caldwell, Idaho. Paul farmed as his father had done before him. As Ollie grew older she developed amyotrophic lateral sclerosis which kept her on crutches and later confined her to a wheelchair. She eventually became an invalid and was admitted to a nursing home in Nampa, Idaho where she died on November 30, 1959 from cerebral thrombosis, a blood clot on the brain. Paul is retired and lives in Nampa, Idaho.

(1) Dorothy May Pidgeon, first child of Ollie and Paul Pidgeon, was born on July 6, 1914 in Dawson County, Nebraska. She lives in Palo Alto, California where she is employed for a printing company.

(2) Donald Ivan Pidgeon, second child of Ollie and Paul Pidgeon, was born on February 23, 1916 in Duel County, Nebraska. He married Carol Leona Feltwell in 1941. He served in World War II. Donald and Carol have two children: Lester Dee Berg is a son of Carol's from a previous marriage and Rick, who is adopted. They lived for several years in Portland, Oregon and now live in Jordan Valley, Oregon.

Rick is married to Mary Elizabeth (Best) and they live in Portland, Oregon. They have a daughter and recently lost a son (stillborn). Rick sells motorcycles.

(3) Kenneth Wayne Pidgeon, third child of Ollie and Paul Pidgeon, was born on May 8, 1921 in Duel County, Nebraska and died January 25, 1977. He



OLLIE

married Marion Belle Chirrick on October 24, 1942 in Long Beach, California. Kenneth Wayne and Marion had five children: Michael William, James Douglas, Patricia Joann and Pamela Gene (twins) and Paul Gordon.

Kenneth was a truck driver but had a tragic accident which caused him to quit driving. He and Marion were managers of the Motel Six in Helena, Montana.

Michael William Pidgeon, first child of Kenneth Wayne and Marion Belle Pidgeon, was born on October 19, 1947 in San Fernando, California. He was married to Linda Hancock on September 5, 1966. He is a dentist and they reside in Winters, California.

James Douglas Pidgeon, second child of Kenneth and Marion Pidgeon was born on March 27, 1951 in San Fernando, California. He married Marjory (?). They have two children: Jason Douglas born on January 9, 1971 and Jennifer Lynn born on June 6, 1975. They live in Tulare, California.

Patricia Joanne Pidgeon, twin child born to Kenneth and Marion Pidgeon, was born on October 15, 1952 in San Fernando, California. She married Dale Shroud on December 5, 1971 and was divorced in April 1976.

Pamela Gene Pidgeon, twin child born to Kenneth and Marion Pidgeon, was born on October 15, 1952 in San Fernando, California. She married Charles Crawford in November 1970 and was divorced in June 1976.

Paul Gordon Pidgeon, fifth child of Kenneth and Marion Pidgeon, is not married. He served in the U.S. Navy and is presently attending college in California. He was born in Northridge, California on August 22, 1956.

(4) Dale LeRoy Pidgeon, fourth child of Ollie Waggoner and Paul Pidgeon, was born on January 27, 1924 in Deuel County, Nebraska. He married Ruth Elizabeth Crews on September 2, 1950 in Elko, Nevada. She was born on January 8, 1929. Dale and Ruth have two children: Juvanne Elizabeth (a daughter by Ruth's first marriage and adopted by Dale); and Steve Earl.

Dale LeRoy graduated from high school in Caldwell, Idaho and served in the military in India and England. After discharge from the military, he was employed by Home Dairies. He is now chief controller of the entire Boise Valley for Triangle Dairy. Dale and Ruth reside in Boise, Idaho.

Juvanne Elizabeth, adopted child of Dale Leroy Pidgeon and daughter of Ruth Elizabeth Crews, was born on May 22, 1949 in San Diego, California. She married Tim Van Clezie on November 28, 1969 in Pocatello, Idaho. Three children were born to Juvanne and Tim: Shawna Lillian born on April 26, 1972 in England and died at four months and is buried in England; Cher Lavan born on October 18, 1973; and Steve Kirk born on November 25, 1974. Both were born in Pocatello, Idaho.

Juvanne is a teacher and musician, a member of the Musicians Union and plays in the concert band and symphony at the Idaho State University where she graduated in 1971. Husband Tim was with the U.S. Air Force and they lived in Bedford, England for eighteen months. They now reside in Pocatello, Idaho.

Steve Earl Pidgeon, only child born to Dale Leroy and Ruth Elizabeth Crews, was born on May 1, 1953 in Nampa, Idaho. He married Jeanne Wilson on June 7, 1975 in Boise, Idaho. He graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in business. He served with the U.S. Air Force in Denver,

Colorado as a 2nd Lieutenant, having served in the R.O.T.C. while in college. He is assistant manager of the Miller Department Store in Medford, Oregon. He is a member of the Elks and he and Jeanne live in Medford.

(5) Lyle Wallace Pidgeon, fifth child of Ollie Waggoner and Paul Pidgeon, was born on July 31, 1929 in Deuel County, Nebraska. Lyle and his first wife Ramona had one son, Rick, who was adopted by Lyle's brother Donald Ivan Pidgeon.

Lyle's second wife was Betty Bevins. They were married on October 28, 1950 in Winnemucca, Nevada. They had three children: Randall Paul, Theresa Marlene and Linda Marie. Lyle and Betty were divorced on January 29, 1970. Lyle married Elsie C. Putman Averett on February 2, 1970 in Idaho City. They lived in Hayden Lake where he suffered a heart attack. Lyle served as a state patrolman but is now retired due to his health.

Randall Paul Pidgeon, first child of Lyle Wallace Pidgeon and Betty Bevins, is married to Janice (?) and they have two sons: Justin and Jeffrey. Randall is a shoe salesman and lives in Boise, Idaho.

Theresa Marlene Pidgeon, second child of Lyle Wallace Pidgeon and Betty Bevins, was born on April 4, 1953 in Caldwell, Idaho. She is married and has two sons and lives in Plymouth, Idaho.

Linda Marie Pidgeon, third child of Lyle Wallace Pidgeon and Betty Bevins, was born on February 8, 1956 in Nampa, Idaho. She is not married and works near New Plymouth, Idaho.

3. Georgie Waggoner, third child of Malden (Matt) and Ella Mae Waggoner, was born May 12, 1896 in Clarks, Nebraska and died June 24, 1976 in North Platte, Nebraska. Georgie married William Stearns on August 30, 1922. He was born on June 17, 1897 in North Platte. Seven children were born to Georgie and William: (1) Archie DeVale, (2) Robert Malden, (3) Norman George, (4) Rolland Allen, (5) Dallas Eugene, (6) Marilyn May, (7) Marie LaVonne.

Georgie graduated from the Osceola High School and attended business college for two years in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She taught school at Dickens, Nebraska and at North Platte until she married William. Some of their married life was spent on a farm near North Platte and later in North Platte. William died November 6, 1943.



GEORGIE

(1) Archie DeVale Stearns, first child of Georgie Waggoner and William Stearns, was born September 24, 1923 in North Platte. He married Helen Engleman on January 7, 1944. Two children were born to Archie DeVale and Helen Stearns: Sharon Kay, born July 17, 1947 in North Platte; Judith Ann, born on January 30, 1953. Sharon Kay married Darwin Troyer on April 20, 1967.

(2) Robert Malden Stearns, second child of Georgie Waggoner and

William Stearns, was born on February 8, 1925.

(3) Norman George Stearns, third child of Georgie and William Stearns, was born on November 18, 1926 in North Platte. He married Deloris May Johnson on September 10, 1948. Five children were born to Norman and Deloris: Karen Rae, born October 1949 and is married to Donald Conn; Joyce Elaine, born July 1951; David Eugene, born in December 1952; Debra Lavanne, born in November 1953; and Donna Gene, born in July 1955.

(4) Rolland Allen Stearns, fourth child of Georgie and William Stearns, was born on June 29, 1928 in North Platte, Nebraska. He was married to Theresa Talmadge Still on March 12, 1950. She was born on June 15, 1928. They had three children: Mary Elizabeth, born March 25, 1951; Jaralyn Joan, born March 17, 1953; and Douglas Allen, born on July 25, 1954.

(5) Dallas Eugene Stearns, fifth child of Georgie and William Stearns, was born on November 27, 1930.

(6) Marilyn May Stearns, sixth child of Georgie and William Stearns, was born on May 12, 1934 in North Platte. She married Myron Walker on July 5, 1950. He was born on February 1, 1933. They had three children: Cheryl Sue, born on February 27, 1957; Beth Elaine, born January 30, 1960; and Mashell Renee, born on May 29, 1965. All were born in North Platte.

(7) Marie LaVonne Stearns, seventh child of Georgie and William Stearns, was born on March 25, 1936 in North Platte. She was married to Willard Ludwig Emerson on July 3, 1955. He was born on September 27, 1932 in North Platte. They had four children: Mark Leighton, Brenda Louise, Denise LaVonne and Ruth Ann Lee.

In 1959 Marie LaVonne's husband Willard began study for the ministry in the Church of the Nazarene, has had charges in Nebraska and presently in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Marie LaVonne teaches in the Episcopal Day School in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Mark Leighton Emerson, first child of Marie LaVonne and Willard L. Emerson, was born on December 11, 1956 and lives in Kearney, Nebraska where he graduated from high school and is a truck driver for Burney Brothers.

Brenda Louise Emerson, second child of Marie LaVonne and Willard L. Emerson, was born on February 8, 1958. She married Pete Scarborough of Redwood City, California where she graduated from Sequoia High School in 1975. Brenda and Pete have a son, Charles Daniel born on March 13, 1975. Pete is employed as a machinist apprentice for Stemco Manufacturing Company of Redwood City where they reside.

Denise LaVonne Emerson, third child of Marie LaVonne and Willard L. Emerson, was born on December 31, 1961, has achievements in art and sewing and plays clarinet and saxophone in the high school band in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Ruth Ann Lee Emerson, fourth child of Marie LaVonne and Willard L. Emerson, was born in Fargo, N. Dakota on March 17, 1968 and is presently in grade school.

4. Allen Waggoner, fourth child of Malden (Matt) and Ella Mae Waggoner, was born on November 4, 1898 in Polk County, southeast of Clarks, Nebraska. He died September 20, 1949 and is buried in the cemetery at Fullerton, Nebraska. He was married to Lydia Almira Fickwiler of Fullerton on February 22, 1928. Lydia was born on August 12, 1896 in Fullerton. Two children were born to Allen and Lydia: (1) Donna Jean and (2) Ivan Eugene.

The family lived on a farm north of Clarks for several years, finally moving to Clarks. Allen was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Lion's Club.

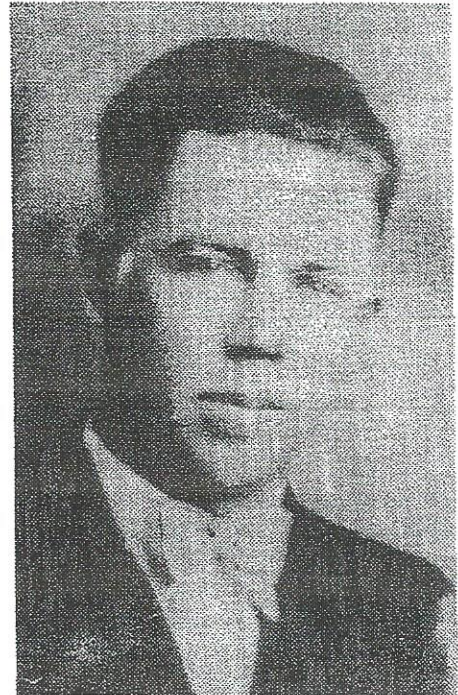
(1) Donna Jean Waggoner, first child of Allen and Lydia Waggoner, was born on January 18, 1929. She played clarinet, saxophone and piano and graduated from Clarks High School in 1947 with honors and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star. She worked at the Farmers-Co-Op after graduation.

Donna Jean married Carl Edwin Hoffer on May 15, 1949. He was born on December 19, 1919. They had two children: Rosella Marie and Clayton Ray. Soon after their marriage they moved to Rio Dell, California where Carl was employed by the Pacific Lumber Company in Scotia California. Donna is well known in her community as a generous, helpful person to friends and neighbors and is active in her church and school activities. She and her brother Ivan attended school in their early formative years where their second cousin, Nina Noble McCoy, was their teacher.

Rosella Marie Hoffer, first child of Donna Jean Waggoner and Carl Hoffer, was born on February 21, 1951 in Scotia, California. She was an avid sportswoman, was graduated from Fortuna Union High School in 1969, attended College of the Redwoods for three years studying business and computers and then for three years attended Humboldt State College in Arcata, California to obtain her teaching credential. She joined the Peace Corps and was assigned to Ghana, Africa for two years teaching typing and shorthand. She has spent vacations in Europe and England.

Clayton Ray Hoffer, second child of Donna Jean Waggoner and Carl Hoffer, was born on November 22, 1959 in Eureka, California. He attended Fortuna Union High School, is listed in Babe Ruth's "Athletes of the Year" 1975, won the team's 15 Year Olds Trophy in 1975 and received a plaque for best offensive back in his freshman year at football.

(2) Ivan Eugene Waggoner, second child of Allen and Lydia Waggoner, was born on February 10, 1932. He married Marilyn Jean Knox in Grand Island, Nebraska on November 5, 1955. A son David Knox was born on March 21, 1964. Marilyn died on March 24, 1968. Ivan later married Carol Ruth Zum Brunnen. Carol's daughter, Janet Rene Lubeck, was adopted by Ivan. Ivan and Carol have three sons: Scot Allen, born on May 20, 1971; Matt Eugene born November 2, 1972; Brian Clark born on September 8, 1974.



ALLEN

Ivan Waggoner was a victim of polio but through therapy and years of exercise and the care of his mother he was able to continue his education--high school and State Teacher's College at Kearney, Nebraska. He taught grade schools near Grand Island, enrolled in night classes and received a B.S. in Education and eventually his M.S. in Elementary School Administration in 1970. He is now an elementary school principal of two schools in Norfolk, Nebraska. Ivan has been, like his parents, a kind, understanding individual with a great amount of courage. Ivan and family presently live in Norfolk, Nebraska.

5. Iva Waggoner, fifth child of Malden (Matt) and Ella Mae Waggoner, was born on October 4, 1902 in Polk County, Nebraska. She died on November 23, 1977 and is buried in Central City, Nebraska. On September 17, 1924 in Julesburg, Colorado she married Vernon Sidders who was born on May 1, 1903 in Ranson, Kansas. Five children were born to Iva and Vernon while they lived near Silver Creek, Nebraska in Merrick County: (1) Gail Marie, (2) Dean Arden, (3) Dallas Neal, (4) Willa Dell, and (5) Larry Duane.

Following graduation Iva taught school for one year in Howard County and one year in Merrick County near Havens, Nebraska. Vernon farmed and they lived on several farms in Merrick County until 1952 when they bought a farm near Cairo, Nebraska in Howard County. They lived there until January 1965 when they semi-retired and returned to Central City, Nebraska.



IVA

(1) Gail Marie Sidders, first child of Iva Waggoner and Vernon Sidders, was born on September 22, 1926. She married Donald Burdette Land on June 2, 1944 in Hutchinson, Kansas. He was born in Polk County on March 7, 1923. Five children were born to Gail and Donald: Karen Sue, Thomas Dale, Kent Eugene, Kevin Donald, and Todd Alan.

Gail and Donald lived on a farm near Central City, Nebraska until February 1956 when they moved to Denver, Colorado. Gail worked for Jefferson County Schools in Denver for twelve years driving a school bus and as a terminal scheduler. She is presently driving a school bus for Merrick County Schools since the family returned to Central City in 1976.

Karen Sue Land, first child of Gail Sidders and Donald Land, was born on July 11, 1948. She married William Beck on June 15, 1968. He was born on October 5, 1942. They have a daughter, Michelle Dawn, born on November 9, 1977 in Denver, Colorado.

Karen has worked as a Program Specialist for the National Park Service.

Thomas Dale Land, second child of Gail Sidders and Donald Land, was born on September 8, 1949. He served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps, eleven months in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart.



He served from June 28, 1967 to July 31, 1969. He has his own landscaping business in Golden, Colorado.

Kent Eugene Land, third child of Gail Sidders and Donald Land, was born on August 21, 1951. He married Becky Rains on May 2, 1971. They have two daughters: Heidi Mae born February 14, 1971; Andrie Roselle, born on September 6, 1973.

Kevin Donald Land, fourth child of Gail Sidders and Donald Land, was born on March 7, 1955. He graduated from Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado in June 1977. His school honors are Who's Who in American High Schools of 1973, Outstanding Teenager of America, Vice President and President of the Western State College Student Body and Who's Who of American Colleges of 1977. He graduated with a teaching certificate, major in biology and a minor in English.

Todd Alan Land, fifth child of Gail Sidders and Donald Land, was born on August 17, 1960.

(2) Dean Arden Sidders, second child of Iva Waggoner and Vernon Sidders, was born on November 16, 1930. He married Barbara J. Watkins on February 16, 1952. She was born on October 7, 1932 in Central City, Nebraska. They have four children: DeJuan Curtis, Iva Jean, Lorene Kay and Deana Marie.

Dean served in the U.S. Marine Corps from March 20, 1952 to March 18, 1954. He and Barbara have lived in the Central City area for twenty years.

DeJuan Curtis Sidders, first child of Dean Arden and Barbara Sidders, was born on October 10, 1953 in San Diego, California. He attended Central Nebraska Technical College at Hastings and graduated with honors as a tool and die machinist. Since that time he has farmed for his father.

Iva Jean Sidders, second child of Dean Arden and Barbara Sidders, was born on May 4, 1955 in Central City, Nebraska. She married Philip Russell Bolling on August 30, 1974. He was born on April 15, 1956. They have a son, Philip Dean who was born on November 11, 1976.

Iva Jean became a licensed cosmetologist in 1974.

Lorene Kay, third child of Dean Arden and Barbara Sidders, was born on December 19, 1956 in Central City. She attended Kearney State College majoring in biology and chemistry.

Deana Marie Sidders, fourth child of Dean Arden and Barbara Sidders, was born on May 27, 1958 in Central City, Nebraska. She attended Grand Island Business School and graduated March 1977 as a general accountant.

(3) Dallas Neal Sidders, third child of Iva Waggoner and Vernon Sidders, was born on September 1, 1932. He married Rozella L. Hesselgesser on September 7, 1952. She was born near Burwell, Nebraska on June 8, 1932. They have three sons: Dale Vernon, David Watson and Duane Neal.

Dallas Neal and Rozella have farmed near Wood River, Nebraska for seventeen years. He managed Jr. Legion baseball teams, has been a 4-H leader for fourteen years, sells Trojan Seed Corn and was awarded Top Salesman Awards for 1975 and 1976. He has worked on the A.S.C. committee for several years measuring ground and checking grain. Rozella has been active in the community, winning an Outstanding Homemaker Award and is

listed in the Bicentennial Who's Who of Nebraska 1976-77. "Neal" and Rozella are members of the Wood River United Methodist Church. They have an exchange student from Yugoslavia and one from South America and have hosted others from the West Indies and Japan.

Dale Vernon Sidders, first child of Dallas Neal and Rozella Sidders, was born on June 12, 1953. He married Kay Schaaf and they live in Manhattan, Kansas and have two sons: Travis Neal, born February 23, 1973; and Trent Richard born on May 15, 1975.

Dale is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and Kay of the Grand Island Business School. Dale presently works for Flint Hills Meat and is doing research.

David Watson Sidders, second child of Dallas Neal and Rozella Sidders, was born on January 31, 1955 in Grand Island, Nebraska and is presently in partnership with his father and brother in farming. He graduated from Kenesaw High School, is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students 1972-73, won District long jump and went to the State Meet.

Duane Neal Sidders, third child of Dallas Neal and Rozella Sidders, was born on September 23, 1956 in Grand Island, Nebraska. He married Susan Lynette Buell on September 3, 1976. He is farming with his father and brothers. He graduated from Kenesaw High School and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students in 1973-74. He won numerous awards in 4-H for his sheep exhibits.

(4) Willa Dell Sidders, fourth child of Iva Waggoner and Vernon Sidders, was born on September 21, 1934. She married Robert Charles Freeland on June 6, 1954 in Cairo, Nebraska. He was born on October 10, 1929. They have four children: Nicholas Ray, Jeffrey Scott, Nancy Jo and James Robert.

Willa taught rural schools in Merrick County for two years and spent one summer working in Washington D.C. After her children were born she returned to work and in 1967 went into real estate where she is now co-owner of the Central Farm Development Company. She has worked with many volunteer groups such as the Red Cross Swim Program for 15 years, park programs, school committees, Chamber of Commerce and is church organist in the Episcopal Church in Central City, Nebraska. Her husband Robert is also active in church and in the local Sportsman's Club.

Nicholas Ray Freeland, first child of Willa Sidders and Robert Freeland, was born on January 26, 1958 and is attending college at Wayne State, studying English and music.

Jeffrey Scott Freeland, second child of Willa Sidders and Robert Freeland, was born on July 12, 1960 and is a junior at Central City High School.

Nancy Jo Freeland, third child of Willa Sidders and Robert Freeland, was born on November 1963 and attends Junior High.

James Robert Freeland, fourth child of Willa Sidders and Robert Freeland, was born on March 6, 1970 and is in elementary school.

(5) Larry Duane Sidders, fifth child of Iva Waggoner and Vernon Sidders, was born on September 20, 1936. He married Sharon Lynn Hendrickson on May 31, 1959. She was born in Cairo, Nebraska on December

27, 1939. They have two sons: Michael Edward, born on June 17, 1960; and Gregory Dean, born on August 18, 1961.

Larry served with the U.S. Army of Occupation in Germany and was in the army from October 17, 1955 to August 28, 1958. Larry and family were living in Littleton, Colorado.

6. Harvey Waggoner, sixth child of Malden (Matt) and Ella Mae Waggoner, was born on October 4, 1905 in Polk County, Nebraska and died on April 7, 1974. He is buried at Pierce Chapel Cemetery near Clarks, Nebraska. He married Eddra Florence Campbell who was born December 9, 1910 in Clarks. She died September 13, 1965 at a hospital in Grand Island, Nebraska and is buried at Pierce Chapel Cemetery. They had two children: (1) Dennis Lee and (2) Delores Ann.

Harvey and Eddra lived on a farm near Clarks for awhile and then moved to one near Central City. After Eddra died, Harvey Waggoner was married to Leola Olive Eschliman on June 26, 1967.



HARVEY

(1) Dennis Lee Waggoner, first child of Harvey Waggoner and Eddra Campbell, was born on May 1, 1937. He married Jean Ann Curtis on October 26, 1963. She was born on March 13, 1941 near Farwell, Nebraska. They have four children: Dennis Richard, born December 14, 1964; Kathleen Marie, born December 12, 1966; John Alan, born September 26, 1968; and Debora Jean, born on May 7, 1970.

Dennis Lee served with the National Guard in Grand Island from October 1954 to May 1963. He had attended Central City High School graduating with the class of 1955. He farmed his father's place near Central City.

(2) Delores Ann Waggoner, second child of Harvey Waggoner and Eddra Campbell, was born on April 20, 1939 in Merrick County near Clarks, Nebraska. She married Paul Renken who was born in Flagler, Colorado on June 13, 1931. They were married in Lincoln, Nebraska. They have two children: Lynn Ann, born on April 10, 1965 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska; Laura Leigh, born on July 20, 1967 in Amarillo, Texas. Delores and Paul were married Sept. 7, 1960.

Delores Ann graduated from Central City High School in 1957. Delores and Paul live in Amarillo, Texas where Paul is a Pharmaceutical Representative for the Upjohn Company. They are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Amarillo.

A family member wrote about Harvey Waggoner: "He was an honest, sincere man, a devout Christian, one who lived his religion."

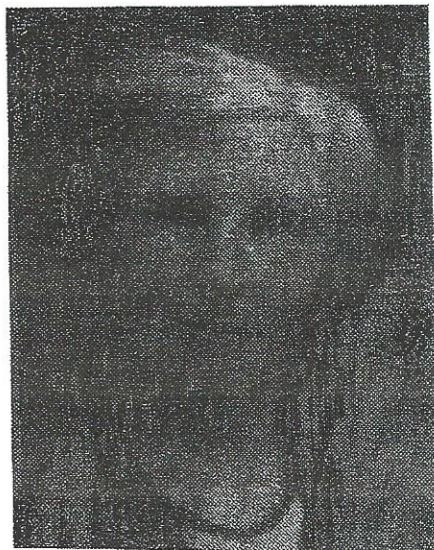
CHAPTER III

BETHANY Waggoner, third child of Isaiah and Phoebe Waggoner, was born in Moultrie County, Illinois on June 24, 1862 and died April 11, 1943. She married Harrison (Harry) Davis in 1877\*. Harry died February 25, 1919. They had one son: (1) Malden Charles (Charley).

As a young girl Bethany worked as a hired girl for families who needed help for short periods of time. One of these was the home of Harrison (Harry) Davis whose wife and child had died at childbirth and whom she later married.

Bethany, known as Thaney to the family, was very politically minded. She was very active in the Women's Suffrage movement and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She sought signatures on petitions for both Women's Suffrage and the W.C.T.U.

She was an excellent seamstress and was also active in the Methodist Church in Osceola, Nebraska. Husband Harry was born on August 17, 1850.



BETHANY

1. Malden Charles (Charley) Davis, only child of Bethany Waggoner and Harrison (Harry) Davis, was born on May 20, 1880 in Polk County, Nebraska and died on October 9, 1939 in Los Angeles, California. He was first married to Anna Mae Barr on April 15, 1901. Mae died July 24, 1910 in Hastings, Nebraska. They had one child: (1) Mildred Maude.

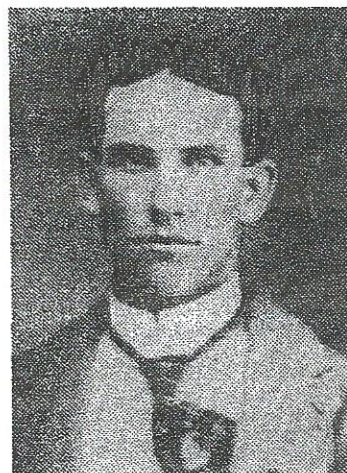
Malden Charles (Charley) married Anna A. Miller who was born on March 22, 1892. They had two children: (1) Harry William and (2) Ruth Adeline.

Charles (Charley) made his living by farming mostly in Nebraska with the exception of a few years in Escondido, California.

(1) Mildred Maude Davis, only child of Malden Charles (Charley) Davis and Anna Mae Barr, was born on October 10, 1903 on a farm in Polk County near Clarks, Nebraska. She married Charles Stanley Hastings in Grand Island, Nebraska on August 6, 1925. He was born on March 28, 1903 in Boone County Nebraska. They had one son: Charles Robert.

Mildred Maude moved with her parents to Osceola, Nebraska and her mother died when she was six years old. She was raised by her grandparents, Harrison (Harry) and Bethany Davis. She grew up in Osceola and attended the Osceola public schools, graduating from high school with the class of 1921. She was a member of the Osceola Baptist Church.

After graduating from high school, she and her grandmother spent a year in Oregon. While there she entered nurses training in an Oregon hospital. She returned to Osceola and the following year she taught school in a Merrick



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County rural school. She entered Kearney State Teachers College in the spring term of 1925. Charles Stanley Hastings was a classmate and a school-mate at Kearney State Teachers College. For five years after his graduation Mildred and Charles taught in small Nebraska high schools. He as superintendent and she in the grades. In the spring of 1930 they moved to a farm near Shelby, Nebraska. The next year they moved to the farm where she was born and where their only child was born. In 1933 they moved back to the Shelby farm. They moved their church memberships to the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church where she took an active part in all the activities of the church. They continued to engage in farming and, when the Rural Electrification Administration came to Polk County and he was appointed Utilization Expert by the District, they also engaged in the Electrical contracting business until 1940.

Just before Christmas 1940 they moved to Los Angeles, California and the next year they bought a home in Hollywood. They have been members of the Crescent Heights Methodist Church from March 29, 1942. She has been active in every aspect of her church and community life. She served for many years as President of the Women's Society of Christian Service, organized Women's Society Units, led various girl's groups, served as Den Mother of her son's scout pack, sold bonds for the schools during the war and was active in the Parent Teachers Association.

In June 1954 the family started the Hastings Electric Company. She served as bookkeeper, secretary and office manager until January, 1970 when the business was incorporated as Hastings Electric Inc. and she became the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Directors. Although she continued to hold her offices in the corporation, she and her husband retired from active management of the business when their son took over this duty.

On August 6, 1975 Maude and Charles celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They still live in Hollywood, California and, as always, the "welcome mat" is out to all.

Charles Robert Hastings, only child of Mildred Maude Davis and Charles Stanley Hastings, was born on December 27, 1932 on the same farm where his mother was born in Polk County, near Clarks. He was baptized on January 14, 1934 in the Fairview Methodist Church. He married Helen Gutierrez on April 28, 1956 while stationed at the San Diego Naval Training Center. He and Helen were divorced in 1975. They had three sons: James Stanley, born on December 15, 1958; Matthew Charles, born November 12, 1964; and Michael Robert, born on November 1, 1966. Charles Robert became a member of the Crescent Heights Methodist Church on April 14, 1946 and Helen became a member on May 20, 1956.

Charles Robert began his education in a rural school in Nebraska, District #14. After moving to California in 1940, he attended Gardner Street Elementary School and Hollywood High School where he played football, baseball and track. He graduated with the class of 1951. In 1955 he graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and after graduation was president of the Phi Delta Theta Alumni Association. In the fall of 1955 he was drafted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at the Naval Training Station, San Diego, California.

He played baseball at the University of Southern California under the famous baseball coach, Rod Dedeaux, and was junior varsity baseball coach. He had played Semi-Pro ball since high school and upon recommendation of Coach Dedeaux was appointed coach of the San Diego Naval Training "Blue Jackets". They won the Western Regional All Navy championship on playoffs at Honolulu and the next year were transferred to the Pearl Harbor Naval

Sub Base where they won another championship and he completed his two years in the Navy. He was discharged in the fall of 1957.

After his discharge from the Navy, he returned to Hollywood and the family business, Hastings Electric Company. He became president of the corporation in January 1970 and took over active management of the business. He is now in 1977 sole owner of all the stock of the corporation.

Charles Robert married Jimmie Juanita Beekman on August 16, 1975 and they are presently living in Glendale, California.

(1) Harry William Davis, first child of Malden Charles (Charley) Davis and Anna A. Miller, was born on December 4, 1915. He married Patricia Jane Alexander on August 13, 1939 in Yuma, Arizona. She was born on March 17, 1917 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He died on September 27, 1958 and is buried at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, California. They had three children: Rosann Beth, Harriett Jane, and Malden Richard.

Harry William was a farmer until he moved to California where he worked in construction and was also a rigger for a Terminal Island Metals company in San Pedro, California.

Rosann Beth Davis, first child of Harry William Davis and Patricia Jane Alexander, was born in Norwalk, California on February 20, 1942. She married James Edward Armswald of Bellflower, California. They had two children: Wendy Ranay, born December 6, 1962; and James Lee, born April 17, 1965. Both were born in Norwalk.

Harriett Jane Davis, second child of Harry William Davis and Patricia Jane Alexander, was born in North Hollywood, California on February 19, 1944. She married Barry Hettick of Santa Rosa, California. They have one child: Lynne, born on April 30, 1971.

Malden Richard Davis, third child of Harry William Davis and Patricia Jane Alexander, was born on November 9, 1948 in Torrance, California. After his discharge from the Armed Services he married Lynn Walus of Santa Rosa, California. Lynn had two children from a former marriage: Sean Drew, born October 5, 1968 and Shannon Marie, born March 23, 1970. Harry William was born to Malden and Lynn Davis on May 29, 1973. Malden works in construction in Santa Rosa.

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(2) Ruth Adeline Davis, second child of Malden Charles (Charley) Davis and Anna A. Miller, was born on January 12, 1917 in Shelby, Nebraska. She was married to George James Harrop on July 3, 1940. He was born in March 1917 in Manville, Alberta, Canada, served in the Armed Forces overseas, worked for the Water Department in Los Angeles and was also a trucker in construction for many years. George and Ruth Adeline have an adopted son: Russell Wayne Harrop, who was born in Los Angeles, California on December 24, 1949.

## CHAPTER IV

HANNAH Waggoner, fourth child of Isaiah and Phoebe Waggoner, was born in Moultrie County, Illinois on May 10, 1864. She died on September 27, 1946 and is buried in the Hopewell Cemetery near Salem, Oregon. She married Andrew Jackson Clapp who was born on May 1, 1857 and died on October 2, 1912 and is also buried in the Hopewell Cemetery. Six children were born of their union:

1. Loren Reason, 2. Maud,
3. Ralph Leonard, 4. Nora,
5. Alice Phoebe, 6. Juanita.

Sometime after their fourth child was born they left Nebraska and moved West and lived for many years in Oregon City, Oregon.

The following memories and tribute was written about Hannah Waggoner Clapp by her granddaughter, Essie McDonald Harris, the seventh child of Maud: "My grandmother, Hannah Waggoner Clapp, was a resourceful, creative woman. She sewed, knitted, crocheted, tatted and pieced quilts. I've watched her crocheting with grocery store string (in those days they used string in stores instead of gummed tape to secure packages.) Under her nimble fingers, the string became a loose, limp, lacy wad. When she was finished she placed this wad over a bowl to shape it and after several more steps she had a colored basket-like container. I remember these as being mostly brown and gold. I believe the brown color was obtained from walnuts and the gold was gilt that she had purchased. The final step was shellacking to stiffen the string and make it rigid.

Grandma didn't have a wedding ring when she was married but that didn't hold her back -- she made her own! I have no idea how she did it but she made her own ring from a dime. It wore well. She was still wearing it in her 80's when she died.

She also made her own wine. I remember three varieties: dandelion, elderberry and wild blackberry. Every spring I helped her pick weeds and sometimes stayed for lunch to help eat them. Once I cut my hand, a deep gash at the base of my thumb and Grandma picked some leaves off the neighbor's peach tree, chopped them finely and applied a peach leaf poultice to the cut. It healed nicely. She also made an effective linament. It even smelled good. One of the ingredients was wintergreen.

If any members of the younger generations have any creative ability, perhaps part of it was inherited from my Grandma Clapp."



HANNAH

1. Loren Reason Clapp, first child of Hannah Waggoner and Andrew Jackson Clapp, was born on November 23, 1880 in Silver Creek, Nebraska and died on August 19, 1922. He is buried in Hopewell Cemetery. He married

Bertha Rider Davidson. They had no children.

2. Maud Clapp, second child of Hannah Waggoner and Andrew Jackson Clapp, was born on April 11, 1882 in Silver Creek, Nebraska and died on April 8, 1964 in Gladstone, Oregon. She was married to William Cone McDonald who was born on September 30, 1863 in Gainesville, Georgia and died on January 31, 1934 in West Linn, Oregon. Both are buried in the Hopewell Cemetery. They had seven children: (1) Zola, (2) Zora Cone, (3) Anne, (4) John Andrew, (5) Zelma, (6) Alice Juanita and (7) Essie Lavada.

Granddaughter, Alice Jean Engelbretson Soderman, remembers that her grandmother, Maud Clapp was only 4' 10" tall and a very hard worker. She raised all of her family and step-sons, plus a few of her grandchildren. She loved to sew, cook, can fruits and vegetables and always had a large garden which she cared for alone. If anyone was ever in need, she would help with food and clothing. She took care of all the sick people in the neighborhood and also took care of her bed-ridden mother, Hannah Waggoner Clap, for years. She kept the house and everything immaculate at all times. She was liked and loved by everyone. There just wasn't anything she wouldn't do for people. The grandchildren loved her dearly and miss her very much.

Daughter, Zora, relates that her father was a hardworking man who held many public offices. He was on the school board and did much to improve school conditions from curriculum to some of the best school buildings around. His name is engraved on a plaque at West Linn High School where his funeral was held because of the number of people who attended.

(See Page 24 for more about Maud)



MAUD, JUANITA, NORA, ALICE PHOEBE  
(Seated)

Daughters of Hannah Waggoner Clapp

(1) Zola McDonald, first child of Maud Clapp and William McDonald, was born on June 6, 1900 and died on February 12, 1973 in Milwaukie, Oregon. She was married to a Wilbur Smith. No other information was received.



(2) Zora Cone McDonald, second child of Maud Clapp and William Cone McDonald was born in West Linn, Oregon on September 3, 1901. In Lewistown, Montana on May 1, 1920 she married Harold Leighton and they were divorced on November 20, 1959. They had four children: Harold Ernest, William Maurice and Donald Oroville. The first, a girl, born and died Jan. 12, 1922.

On September 14, 1960 in Lewiston, Idaho she married Milford Schmittle. They are retired and live in Elgin, Oregon.

Zora recalls that her childhood was very happy. She was raised in a christian home and remembers walking two miles each way to Oregon City to attend the First Baptist Church.

Harold Ernest Leighton, first child of Zora Cone McDonald and Harold Leighton, was born in Junction City, Oregon on December 28, 1923. On December 15, 1946 in Redmond, Oregon he married Dorothy Chammesf and they have two children: James Leighton, born in Bend, Oregon on September 7, 1949 and Robert who was born in Pendleton, Oregon on July 17, 1952. Both are married and live near the same area as their parents.

Harold and his wife live near Terrebonne, Oregon and have lived there since their marriage with the exception of a few years in Hermiston, Oregon. He works as a horse shoer and travels a great deal.

William Maurice Leighton, second child of Zora Cone McDonald and Harold Leighton, was born on July 11, 1928. He attended the University of Oregon at Eugene and was an honor student. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on September 21, 1950 and was a S/Sgt in 20 months. He was with the Robert Joffrey Ballet for over twenty years, became the executive manager and traveled extensively several times in Europe with the troupe visiting London, Paris, Vienna and even Russia. He recently was manager of the Chicago Ballet until he left to write of his twenty years with the Robert Joffrey Ballet. His mother Zora writes that he is working on three books.

Donald Oroville Leighton, third child of Zora Cone McDonald and Harold Leighton, was born in Bend, Oregon on October 8, 1935. On February 4, 1956 in Irrigon, Oregon he married Carla Virginia Hill who was born in Pendleton, Oregon on September 2, 1938. They had four children: Danette Veva, born on October 23, 1956; Donald Lee, born on October 22, 1959; Deeno Ray, born on December 18, 1960 (all three born at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston, Oregon); Daniel Harold, born on March 15, 1965 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, Oregon. Danette and Donald have graduated from Riverside High School in Boardman, Oregon.

Donald Oroville attended schools in Terrebonne, Redmond, Tumalo and Irrigon, graduating as class salutatorian from Irrigon High School in May 1953. He lettered in football and baseball, was basketball manager, sang in school and church choirs. While in the 11th and 12th grades he operated a family owned Grade A dairy because of the illness of his father. After graduation, he was manager of McCormack Ranches 3½ miles west of Irrigon on the Columbia River raising alfalfa, grain and registered Herefords.

In April of 1957 he became ill, had to quit farm work and in October the family moved to Elgin, Oregon where he worked for his parents as a bartender at the Elgin Tavern and Cafe. In August 1958 doctors allowed him to return to farm work and the family returned to Irrigon and then to Hermiston where he worked as manager for Federated Livestock Inc. owned by Pendleton Grain Growers - Turkey, Hog and Cattle Ranch. In May of 1964 when the ranch was sold the family moved back to Irrigon and purchased a home and five acres. Donald was transferred to Pendleton Grain Growers Feed & Seed Retail Store in Hermiston.

On September 19, 1967 the family home was completely destroyed by fire, nothing was saved. In December 1970 the family moved to Boardman where they are now living and Donald has been manager of Pendleton Grain Growers - Feed and Seed for several years.

Throughout his life Donald was active as a 4-H leader, Little League coach and allstar coach, Irrigon Lions and Boardman Eagles. He judges poultry, rabbits and pigeons at county fairs and was on the Oregon State turkey artificial insemination team going to ranches in Washington and Oregon.

Donald raised parrakeets, Shetland and Welsh ponies, sheep, rabbits, goats including African Pygmys, toy fox terriers and toy poodles. He also owned several monkeys, parrots, lovebirds, cockatiels, finches, and talking magpies. He also operated his own pony ride, showed ponies and had a trick pony.

(3) Anne McDonald, third child Maud Clapp and William Cone McDonald, was born on January 23, 1903 and died March 23, 1969 in Arlington, Texas. She married Lawrence Draper and they had one son, William Arthur who was born on January 26, 1921. She later was married to Charles Conger.

William Arthur Draper, only child of Anne and Lawrence Draper, was stationed in Germany and married Erica ? there. They have one son, William Arthur, Jr. No other information was received.

(4) John Andrew McDonald, fourth child of Maud Clapp and William Cone McDonald, was born on May 8, 1904 and died in Oregon City on October 20, 1935.

(5) Zelma Nora (Mickey) McDonald, fifth child of Maud Clapp and William Cone McDonald was born on February 5, 1907 in West Linn, Oregon. She was married to George Everett Anderson, Sr. and they had two children: Etheline Marie and George Everett, Jr.

Zelma's present married name is Nation. She lives in Sonora, California.

Etheline Marie Anderson, first child of Zelma (Mickey) McDonald and George Anderson, Sr., was born on February 25, 1924. She had two sons, Charles Edward and Michael John.

Her present married name is Hamilton.

Charles Edward Riley, first child of Etheline Marie Anderson, was born on March 3, 1948. He is married and his wife's name is Fran. No children.

Michael John Riley, second child of Etheline Marie Anderson, was born on March 21, 1951 and his wife's name is Nancy. They have two children: Kristine Machele, born on October 10, 1974; and Sandra Marie, born on February 27, 1977.

George Everett Anderson, Jr., second child of Zelma (Mickey) McDonald and George Everett Anderson, Sr., was born on October 24, 1925 in Oregon City, Oregon. On June 11, 1950 he married Louise Eleanora Walther who was born in Leroy, Montana on May 20, 1931. They have three children: Gene Noel, Lorinda Lee and Liesel Sue.

George Everett Anderson, Jr. (Andy), served in the U.S. Navy as Electrician's Mate from February 9, 1943 to January 1948. He served in the South Pacific. He was in the reserves and saw active duty from October 24, 1950 to January 1952 as an Electrician's Mate 2nd Class. This was during the Korean situation.

He has been with General Telephone Company for 17 years and is presently a cable splicer. Some things Andy (as he is known to his family) remembers most frequently are digging clams, crabbing and huge chicken dinners. He states, "We always had a house full of people (friends)."

Gene Noel Anderson, first child of George Everett Anderson, Jr. and Louise Walther, was born on July 3, 1953 in Cottage Grove, Oregon. On November 10, 1973 he married Theresa Ann Lamprecht who was born on March 10, 1953. They have two children: Melonie Lisa, born on April 27, 1974; and Jensina Dawn, born on May 18, 1976. Both were born in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

Gene is currently a sergeant in the U.S. Army on recruiting duty in Rialto, California. He presently plans a military career.

Lorinda Lee Anderson, second child of George Everett Anderson, Jr. and Louise Walther, was born on September 24, 1955 in Cottage Grove, Oregon. On July 10, 1976 she married John Dean Schwarz. They have a daughter, Martha Marie, born on January 21, 1978.

Liesel Sue Anderson, third child of George Everett Anderson, Jr. and Louise Walther, was born on February 7, 1964 in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

(6) Alice Juanita McDonald, sixth child of Maud Clapp and William Cone McDonald, was born on September 30, 1911 in Oregon City, Oregon. She died on June 1, 1944 in Oregon City and is buried there in the Mountain View Cemetery. She was first married to Harry Fink and they had one son, Harry Donald. They were divorced. On February 6, 1929 she married Alvin Edgar Leroy Engebretson who was born on August 17, 1905 in Flaxton, North Dakota. He died on November 14, 1968 in Everett, Washington. They had three children: Kenneth Leroy, Douglas Cone, and Alice Jean. (It must be noted here that there is some question about the spelling of the first name of Juanita's husband. His sister says it was Alvin. Some records indicate it may have been Elvine or Alvine. We will refer to him as Alvin. Also, it must be noted that he began to include an "l" in his last name and spelled it "Engelbretson and although it was never legally changed, the birth certificates of the children, Kenneth Leroy, Douglas Cone and Alice Jean all indicate the last name of Engelbretson.)

Harry Donald Fink, only child of Alice Juanita McDonald and Harry Fink, was born on May 15, 1926 in Portland, Oregon. On September 9, 1945 in Blakely, Georgia he married Lillie Amelia Houston who was born on September 26, 1927 in Blakely, Georgia. They had three children: Donna Jeanette, born on September 14, 1946; Victoria Elizabeth, born on August 14, 1957; Jonathan Houston, born on April 11, 1963. All were born in Portland, Oregon.

Harry Donald Fink wrote the following about his life: "By the time I was two years old my parents were divorced and my father took me to Montana. I spent about 12 years of my childhood there, growing up on a farm. In that part of the country those were the days before electricity--so we used wood cookstoves and coal heaters. The hot water we used was either heated in a tank attached to the cookstove or in containers on top of the stove. In my

early farming experience I worked with teams of horses; later we had tractors. My father didn't like tractors and so I did the plowing, clutivating, harvesting operations involving tractors, haying, etc. Most of my early school years I was lucky if I was in school four or five months of the year. During the winters we sawed blocks of ice out of the Yellowstone River and stored them, packed in sawdust, in the ice house. This ice would last all summer and was used for making ice cream, cooling the ice box and for iced drinks.

Our family returned to Portland early in 1941--the year of Pearl Harbor. I didn't complete high school at that time but went to work in the shipyards as a welder, and then a burner. I entered the Army Air Corps in July 1944 in the cadet program. The program was saturated with young pilot hopefuls and I ended up in armament school and then gunnery school and was assigned as toggler in the nose position on a B-17 bomber. The toggler took the place of a bombardier and was also a gunner. By that time in the war, pattern bombing had been developed so a flight of bombers only needed one bombardier--in one of the lead airplanes. At the time I was disappointed--but I now consider myself fortunate that all of my service time was spent in training so I never actually entered combat. Consequently I have never taken human life. Upon release from the service in December 1946, I stayed in the Reserve program. By now it was called the U.S. Air Force. In 1951 I was recalled to active service for the Korean "police action". Since I had in the meantime become a court reporter (having become a stenotype operator) I was assigned first as the general's secretary and then as courts-martial reporter. I was in Japan for a few months and then was released from active duty, having served just under two years.

At that time I entered a night law school and graduated in 1957. I was admitted that same year to the Oregon State Bar, having passed the examination in the upper third of attorneys admitted that year. I received my legal education at Northwestern College of Law, which is now part of Lewis and Clark College here in Portland.

While in law school I quit reporting and went to work for an accident and health insurance company. Within a few months I was appointed claims manager. After admission to the Bar I stayed with the insurance company as house counsel for a period of time.

In 1968 I was employed by the State of Oregon Workmen's Compensation Board as a Hearings Officer--now Referee--which is the same as an Administrative Law judge or Workers' Compensation judge. I am still employed in that capacity.

In 1945 when I was 19 years of age I married my wife and we recently celebrated our 32nd wedding anniversary. We are blessed with three children who have been our pride and joy every day of their lives.

About 25 years ago our family joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon). I have served the Lord Jesus Christ in various capacities since that time--such as Sunday School teacher, youth counselor, Elder's Quorum President, one of the seven presidents of Seventy, in two Bishoprics, and was recently released as Bishop. During my stewardship as Bishop our Ward completed an extensive remodeling program which included a new gym being built. In a period of two years we completed raising the necessary finances so that upon my release as Bishop the building was completely paid. I have noticed in reading the Family Book that several of the ancestors were either devout members of various churches or were ministers. It is my privilege to carry on the family tradition as I try to serve the Lord Jesus Christ each day of my life. My testimony of His existence and that He is the literal son of the living God is one of my most prized possessions. In 1966 our family was sealed together for all time and eternity