

in the Salt Lake Temple.

Our youngest child, Jonathan, is now 14, and if it's athletic he knows about it and probably does it. Our middle child, Victoria, is a third-year student at the Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Our oldest child, Donna, is mentally retarded and is still with us. She occupies her time during the day at Goodwill Industries--which gives her a sense of purpose and accomplishment--particularly on payday! All of our children are active in the church--Victoria and Jon have both played the piano for different organizations in the church. Incidentally, both Victoria and Jon presently plan to be attorneys. Time will tell whether they realize those aspirations."

Kenneth Leroy Engelbretson, first child of Alice Juanita McDonald and Alvin Edgar Leroy Engelbretson, was born on February 8, 1930 in Drain, Oregon. On May 28, 1949 at the 1st Baptist Church in Everett, Washington he married Gloria Mae (Dolly) Whitney who was born on November 11, 1931 in North Bend, Washington. They had three children: Theresa May, Kenneth Leroy, Jr. and Daniel Douglas.

Kenneth started school in the Dalles, Oregon, was in the fourth grade in Bolton then to Beaver Creek where he attended Central Point School which was a two room school with an outhouse and the big boys had to pack in wood for the large wood heater in the schoolhouse. He went to North Junior High in Everett, Washington and started the tenth grade but he and his father didn't get along so he ran away from home and went back to Oregon to live with his grandmother. He worked and went to night school until age 17 when his father signed for him to join the U.S. Coast Guard where he served for three years and one month until his discharge on March 20, 1950.

As a youngster he was a fighter and his father whipped him for fighting because he thought it would be bad for his business (he was a barber by trade and traded horses on the side). The other kids knew that if they got his clothes dirty, he'd "get it" when he got home and as he couldn't function without fighting he became very adept at it without getting messed up so consequently didn't get whipped much for fighting. He stated that his son Kenny, Jr. grew up as a fighter too but he never whipped him for it.

Kenneth's great love is hunting and fishing and he shot a lot of ducks and pheasants. His father wouldn't let him hunt if the game wasn't used or if it spoiled so what the family and neighbors couldn't eat had to be cleaned and cooked for the dogs by Kenneth. The same was true of all the fish he caught too. He remembers a racoon that he brought home for his grandmother to cook and she cooked it a couple of days before it could be eaten. Another time he shot a swan. He had heard that they sometimes live to be 400 years old and decided that that one must have been at least that old because after cooking it for several days he couldn't even get the dogs to eat it and ended up burying it in the garden.

Vacations were always spent hunting and the whole family went camping. Kenneth remembers camping in a tent when one child was still wearing diapers. Those were the tough, good old days before RV's! The year Kenneth shot his first bear was the first year both boys carried rifles and Dan was the one who saw the bear and pointed it out to him. Kenny, the oldest, wasn't quite himself that day when they got back to camp and went right to bed. The next morning they found out that he had the measles.

Kenneth is a good hunter and has shot many deer and elk and everyone wants to go hunting with him because they think they will "have it made". In 1968 he shot a 4 point bull elk. His father died that same day and the two grandsons found him when they came home from school, gave him artificial respiration and called the fire department but to no avail. Kenneth states

that he and the neighbors were all proud of the boys' actions that day.

Kenneth worked at many jobs after getting out of the service; for the railroad, a brick yard, commercial fishing, horse shoeing, in a paper mill, and welding. In 1961 he started his career as a police officer and worked as a deputy sheriff until 1975 and was retired on disability. When he was horse shoeing, he had an appaloosa station and had a bunch of horses. He raised his own beef and sheep and taught all the children, at an early age, how to butcher and how to cook so they learned how to take care of themselves.

Kenneth's wife Dolly worked as a bookkeeper most of her married life. She is presently very successful at selling insurance for the New York Life Insurance Company. While the children were growing up, the boys were active in sports and she attended their games since Kenneth usually was working.

Kenneth, Dolly and the three children were all baptized in the Lutheran Church. After the children were grown, Kenneth and Dolly became interested in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and were baptized into the church on February 14, 1976. On March 1, 1977 he went to work for the church as a custodian.

The following was written about Maud Clapp McDonald by her grandson, Kenneth Leroy Engelbretson: "My Grandmother Maud Clapp McDonald was a great help after my mother's death in 1944 which was a terrible shock to me. My mother had done all the cooking and washing and the only thing I ever did around home was the outside chores. However, when mother left us we had to wash, sew, iron, cook, make the beds, scrub the floors and do the canning. Grandma helped us tremendously. I remember her caring for my Great Grandma Hanna Clapp who was bedridden for over twenty years. Also Grandma took care of her son for years and when one of her children had a baby or someone in the family was sick, Grandma was there to help. She was the best nurse of all.

She could cook the best green tomatoe pies in the world. Her way of fixing salt pork couldn't be beat. Also Grandma loved to work in the dirt. She had a green thumb and her yard and garden was the best in town. She also had time to make patch quilts and made some very beautiful ones.

I never heard her say anything but nice things about anyone. I believe of all the people I knew and was in contact with, my Grandma was the best and helped me more than anyone. I loved her very much and I know she loved me and everyone else. She loved God too and used to talk to me about God when I was small. I don't remember all she said but I do remember her telling me that if I was good, some day when I died I'd go to heaven and I would be with my Grandpa and my mother and God would be there too."

Theresa May Engelbretson, first child of Kenneth Leroy Engelbretson and Gloria May Whitney, was born on October 14, 1950 in Everett, Washington. On November 21, 1970 in Everett, Washington she married John Michael Sarmir who was born on December 19, 1948 in Columbus, Ohio. They have one son, John Michael Sarmir, III who was born on April 8, 1972 in Dayton, Ohio.

Kenneth Leroy Engelbretson, Jr., second child of Kenneth Leroy Engelbretson and Gloria May Whitney, was born on August 4, 1952 in Everett, Washington. On February 14, 1970 in Everett he married Deborah Christine Hart. They had two children: Rebecca Maree, born on December 19, 1971; Malana Christine, born on January 4, 1973. Both were born in Everett, Washington. Kenneth and Deborah were divorced on June 19, 1974. On July 26, 1974 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, he married Virginia Hope Merseal who was born on November 5, 1954 in Seattle, Washington. They had one son, Michale Ugene, born on March 17, 1975 in Everett, Washington. Virginia has two

other children: Darrell Scott Merseal, born on January 23, 1970 in Seattle, Washington; Dee Dee Ann, born on December 2, 1971 in Everett, Washington.

Daniel Douglas Engelbretson, third child of Kenneth Leroy Engelbretson and Gloria Mae Whitney, was born on October 23, 1953 in Everett, Washington.

Douglas Cone Engelbretson, second child of Alice Juanita McDonald and Alvin Edgar Leroy Engebretson, was born on March 23, 1931 in Drain, Oregon. On June 18, 1949 in Tacoma, Washington he married Dorothy Delores Davies who was born on March 16, 1929 in Wenatchee, Washington. They have two children: Paula Jean and Karen Lee.

Doug's brother, Kenneth, wrote that Doug didn't like to fight and hunt and fish as much as he did. Doug went to the 11th grade in school and joined the Army in 1948. He went to Japan and was with the Honor Guard for General MacArthur. He worked on the railroad and for a Co-op company in Snohomish and joined the Snohomish Police Department in 1959. He worked there until 1968 when he transferred to the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department where he is now working as an under sheriff.

Paula Jean Engelbretson, first child of Douglas Cone Engelbretson, was born on July 29, 1949 in Tacoma, Washington. On November 21, 1969 in Snohomish, Washington she married Marvin Dale Lauterbach who was born on September 26, 1942 in Snohomish. They have two children: Marvin Dale, born on March 25, 1970; Cynthia Necole, born on January 18, 1974. Both were born in Everett, Washington.

Paula's husband Marvin is a deputy sheriff.

Karen Lee Engelbretson, second child of Douglas Cone Engelbretson and Dorothy Delores Davies, was born on May 8, 1951 in Tacoma, Washington. On November 24, 1969 she married Curtis Griggs. They had two children: Shantelle Lee, born on December 19, 1970 in Salt Lake City, Utah; Anastasia Estella, born on March 25, 1974 in Everett, Washington. Karen and Curtis are now divorced.

Alice Jean Engelbretson, third child of Alice Juanita McDonald and Alvin Edgar Leroy Engebretson, was born on November 2, 1933 in Hood River, Oregon. On July 14, 1950 in Everett, Washington she married Edward Douglas Soderman who was born on April 10, 1931 in Everett. They have two children: Pamela Jean and Edward Douglas.

Alice Jean attended grammar schools in Morrow, Oregon City, West Linn, and Bolton. When she was ten years old her mother passed away and two weeks later her Grandmother Engelbretson also passed away. The family moved to Everett, Washington to live with Grandpa Engelbretson where she attended North Junior High School through the ninth grade. She alone moved back to Oregon to live with her Aunt Zola McDonald Smith and attended Parkrose High School through the tenth grade. She was so homesick she returned to Everett, Washington and attended Everett High School through the eleventh grade. In the summer of 1949 she had met Ed Soderman and married him the following July so didn't finish high school until after her family was raised. She received her high school diploma in May 1975 from Marysville High School in Marysville, Washington. She didn't work much while her family was home since she always had the "old fashioned" idea that a mother should stay home and take care of husband and children.

Alice Jean's husband, Ed Soderman, worked for Simpson Paper Company for twentytwo years. The mill closed and he lost all retirement. He worked for Pacific Grinding Wheel Company for two years when they went on strike and he was out of work for nearly a year and then went to E. A. Nord Company for almost three years. Alice Jean and Ed Soderman are now working for the Wenatchee River County Park at Monitor, Washington. He is in charge of maintenance and she works in the office April 1st through November 1st.

Alice Jean's great love is animals. She had her first shetland pony at age three and a half. She had horses until son Ed, Jr. was born. She rode in parades from about age four until she was twentythree years old. She and Ed love to bowl and he is "one of the best bowlers around". The family has always loved to camp and fish. Ed coached baseball long after their son no longer played in Babe Ruth League and Alice Jean took over when Ed worked swing shift.

Pamela Jean, first child of Alice Jean Engelbretson and Edward Douglas Soderman, was born on April 25, 1951 in Everett, Washington. On November 22, 1969 in Everett she married Patrick Raymond Stanton. On October 30, 1976, after her divorce, she married James Patrick Glasgow who was born on August 1, 1945 in Wyandotte, Michigan. James has a daughter from a former marriage: Kristine who was born on April 17, 1969 in Seattle, Washington. Pam and James are expecting their first child in April 1978.

Pamela Jean was very active in school. She played clarinet in the high school band and was in the Tommiettes high school drill team. Her mother remembers attending many concerts when Pam was in the band. Pam worked in the school office and worked for the General Telephone Company after graduation for almost five years, first as an operator but soon became a private secretary. Pam enjoys camping, fishing, bicycle riding, bowling, pool swimming, dancing, canning, crocheting, knitting and making flower arrangements.

Edward Douglas Soderman, Jr., second child of Alice Jean Engelbretson and Edward Douglas Soderman, was born on November 29, 1955 in Everett, Washington.

Ed. Jr. played baseball, basketball, football and some track and was outstanding in all sports. In baseball he pitched and played first base and in football he was a fullback and a forward in basketball. His mother wrote that she hardly missed a game when he played. He received a college scholarship in baseball but did not use it because he has worked most of the time while in college and needs time to study. He is presently attending Seattle University, manages (with the help of a friend) a twentyfour room apartment building, works Saturday and Sunday in the Rainier Club. He is majoring in Hotel Restaurant Administration and is a junior.

(7) Essie Lavada McDonald, seventh child of Maud Clapp and William Cone McDonald, was born in January 1918 in Bolton, Oregon. In August 1937 in Vancouver, Washington she married James Leroy Griffiths who was born in February 1915 in Washington. They had two children: James Richard and Jill Lucille. On September 19, 1952 Essie married Cecil King Harris in Turlock, California. He was born in March 1904 in Napa, California. Essie presently lives in Wilton, California near Sacramento.

Essie wrote the following about herself and her home town of Bolton: "Perhaps you children would like to know how life was way back when I was a little girl--before television and jet planes.

I was born at home and lived in the same house for 18 years, attending only two schools, 8 years at Bolton Grammar School and 4 years at West Linn High School. This in itself would be unusual today since people move so often.

The town where I was born was most interesting. I didn't realize it when I lived there but looking back I can see that it was unusual and a very good place for a child to live. It was small. It didn't have a post office, just a store, the school and the fire hall which was the social center. It was there that dances were held and I can remember once having a birthday party there.

Most of the families were immigrants. We had neighbors from Scotland, Ireland, Russia, Germany, France and Austria. Many of the men were brothers. Perhaps they settled there because employment was available in the paper mills about a mile away in Oregon City. I can close my eyes even now and hear the rich Irish brogue and Scottish burr of some of these people.

One of the nice things about my street was the fact that right at the end of the street was Mt. Hood, at least it looked like that to my child eyes. Actually if you walked down past the houses you would reach the Willamette River. How lucky we were! We not only had the mountain and the river but also some lovely woods, a creek with small fish, a mossy spring where we could always count on a cold clear drink of water, a wild grapevine to swing on (just like Tarzan!) and a secret place where lady slippers (wild orchids) grew. Unfortunately, today all this is gone, replaced by river-front homes. But I was there and I remember.

I also remember: Playing under the street light on warm summer evenings, pulling our sleds to the top of the hill when it snowed and coasting down across Highway 99 and on across the street car tracks. At night we would be joined by the adults. I can remember the snow sparkling under the street lights, the wind in our faces and the chill up the spine wondering if we'd meet a car on the highway.

I remember too, picking wild strawberries, warmed by the summer sun. And in the spring bringing bouquets of wild flowers home from woods. We knew they must be picked carefully because if the roots came away with the flower there would be no flower in that spot the following year. I remember

the sick little feeling I got when occasionally I pulled too hard and up-rooted the entire plant. We had never heard the word but we were into ecology way back then. I have many good memories of "our woods" and it was there I developed a love for nature, which I have never lost."

James Richard Griffiths, first child of Essie Lavada McDonald and James Leroy Griffiths, was born in St. Helens, Oregon on June 13, 1939. On June 17, 1966 in San Angelo, Texas he married Anita Serrano who was born on December 26, 1935 in San Angelo. They have one son, James Richard Griffiths, Jr. born on April 25, 1969 in Del Rio, Texas.

James Richard Griffiths, Sr. lived on his father's farm in Redmond, Oregon from 1945 until 1956 when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force serving from January 15, 1957 to May 28, 1971. He went to school on the G.I. Bill and on February 11, 1974 went to work for the U.S. Veterans Administration. He received a B.S. degree in December 1976 and is working on a second now. He is presently a Senior Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and will retire in that grade soon but won't draw the pension until age 60. He spent a total of eight years overseas in England, Germany, Japan and Korea. He has considered Texas his home since 1965.

Jill Lucille Griffiths, second child of Essie Lavada McDonald and James Leroy Griffiths, was born on September 25, 1940 in St. Helens, Oregon. She was married to Robert Baker Beatty who was born on February 22, 1936 in Turlock, California. They had two children: Marcia Lynn Beatty, born on March 21, 1958 in Turlock; Kristin Annette, born January 25, 1961 in Turlock. Jill was also married to Gary D. Thomas who was born on October 4, 1937 and they have a son, Peter Dimitri Thomas, born August 14, 1964 in Whittier, California. Jill is now married to Virgil R. Boulton who was born on July 28, 1945 in Ft. Worth, Texas. Jill and her husband live in Bedford, Texas.

Kristin Annette Beatty, second child of Jill Lucille Griffiths and James Leroy Griffiths, was married on November 4, 1977 to Donald Keith Hazard.

3. Ralph Leonard Clapp, third child of Hannah Waggoner and Andrew Jackson Clapp, was born on April 25, 1885 in Silver Creek, Nebraska and died on October 18, 1965. He was married to a Bessie Barnes and they had a child, Eva. No other information is available. On February 4, 1920 he married Eleanor Sheridan who was born on October 17, 1894. They had two children: (1) Eleanor and (2) Sheridan.

(1) Eleanor Clapp, first child of Ralph Leroy Clapp and Eleanor Sheridan, was born on November 24, 1920. She married Alvin Stevenson and they had two children: Faith, born on December 10, 1940 and Alvin, born on June 3, 1942. No other information available. She married Jack Colvin and they had a son, Billy, born on September 6, 1949. No other information was received.

(2) Sheridan Clapp, second child of Ralph Leroy Clapp and Eleanor Sheridan, was born on April 11, 1922. On May 27, 1941 he married Delores Hilton who was born on April 3, 1923. They had a son, Grant Sheridan, born on August 14, 1955. No other information received.

4. Nora Clapp, fourth child of Hannah Waggoner and Andrew Jackson Clapp, was born on July 13, 1888 in Silver Creek, Nebraska. She died on May 10, 1974. On April 19, 1906 she married Porter Roy Davidson who was born on December 6, 1883 in Yamhill County, Oregon--Wheatland area. He died in October 1960 in Tacoma, Washington and is buried in Hopewell, Oregon. They had four children: (1) Roy Merle, (2) Gwendolyn Lenora, (3) Orel Andrew and (4) Richard Clay.

Nora's philosophy was: Have a good time and live as long as I can. Be good and kind to people who need it.

Nora arrived in Portland by train with her mother in the spring of 1891 and they were met there and taken by covered wagon to Brush Prairie, Washington where her aunt and uncle (Sophia and Warren Garton) lived. In 1944 after her family was raised, she went to work at the Bend Engineers Training Camp as office ward, later as cook. She later went to Fort Lewis Army Hospital where she worked as a nurse's aide most of the time in the O.B. ward and she worked there for ten years and then retired. First cousin, Mabel Gunnerson writes this about her: "Personally I consider it a great privilege to have known her. Her ability to bring a little laughter and cheer into this world at the age of 80 years has to be a God given gift that endeared her to all who knew her."

(1) Roy Merle Davidson, first child of Nora Clapp and Porter Roy Davidson, was born on September 21, 1907 in Wheatland, Oregon. On November 12, 1932 in Seattle, Washington he married Bernice Marvel Daugherty who was born on March 29, 1908 in Gladstone, Oregon. They had two children: Roy Merle Davidson, Jr. born on April 11, 1939 in Portland, Oregon and who married Jannon VanValzah on December 17, 1966; and Robert Clay Davidson, born on February 18, 1942 in Portland, Oregon.

Roy Merle Davidson, Jr. lives in Sumner, Washington and he is Supervisor and Auditor with United Finance Company in Portland, Oregon.

(2) Gwendolyn Lenora Davidson, second child of Nora Clapp and Porter Roy Davidson, was born on March 20, 1915 in Wheatland, Oregon. On November 18, 1933 she married Kendall Dennis (Casey) Cobban who was born on August 3, 1913 in McCoy Oregon. They have six children: Terry Dean, Barbara Joan, Gary Dennis, Michael Lee, Robert Kendall, II and Craig Alan.

Gwendolyn wrote about her life and family: "My early childhood was spent in Bolton, Oregon and I remember my grandmother Hannah's sister once visited us for a period of time. Seems like her name was Aunt Thaney. (This was probably Bethany and granddaughter Mildred Maud Davis when they spent a year in Oregon.) I must have been about 7 or 8 years old and can't remember it very clearly.

During my high school days we lived on a farm at Wheatland and I attended Amity High School. We picked hops and berries and worked in the hay fields.

As for my younger days, I remember my brother Orel and I, who were the closest in ages, fought constantly. He pushed my doll's eyes in and threw my dishes down the well and shot my eyes full of dirt with his cork gun. No doubt I had my moments too and was probably as bratty as they come. My older brother, Merle, was 8 years older and Richard was 9 years younger and I idolized them both.

My husband and I came to Alaska in 1941, just in time to be evacuated from Sitka at the outbreak of World War II. We had three children then and the children and I were evacuated while my husband stayed on to work at the

Naval Base. In April of 1942, he returned to Oregon and worked at various military installations until his return to Seward, Alaska in 1944. The children and I followed him in September of 1944. We lived in Seldovia for five years and then moved to Dillingham and now live in Kodiak.

My husband graduated from high school, had two years of radio technician training and is an electrician and a commercial fisherman. I have worked in the Dillingham Branch of the National Bank of Alaska. I am a member of the Episcopal Church and was also a member of the School Board in Dillingham. I was in the Seward Chapter #10, Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Dillingham Lioness Club and the Dillingham Chamber of Commerce and was active in a number of civic projects.

I have had a happy life, have had a good husband and have enjoyed my family even though we have never seemed to amass much of the world's wealth. We love Alaska and can conceive of no other place to live. Our family has been raised here and have married and live in Alaska and that is where our hearts are."

Terry Dean Cobban, first child of Gwendolyn Lenora Davidson and Kendall Dennis Cobban, was born on July 21, 1934 in McCoy, Oregon. On November 18, 1956 he married Loretta Darlene Bolles. Terry completed his military service and in the early 1970's was living in Glennallen, Alaska. No other information regarding children, if any, has been received.

Barbara Joan Cobban, second child of Gwendolyn Lenora Davidson and Kendall Dennis Cobban, was born on December 11, 1935 in Wheatland, Oregon. On May 26, 1955 she married Henry Dan Peterson. Gwendolyn wrote that Barbara and her family experienced the tidal wave of 1964 in Kodiak and there were many anxious hours until they were able to receive a message from her that all were safe. In the early 1970's Barbara was living in Kodiak, Alaska. No other information received.

Gary Dennis Cobban, third child of Gwendolyn Lenora Davidson and Kendall Dennis Cobban, was born on January 25, 1939 in Lyons, Oregon. On October 4, 1957 he married Delores Eldyne Gunderson. In the early 1970's Gary was living in Kodiak, Alaska. No other information received.

Michael Lee Cobban, fourth child of Gwendolyn Lenora Davidson and Kendall Dennis Cobban, was born on May 5, 1943 in Bend, Oregon. On June 3, 1969 he married Joanne Laura Wilson Madson. Michael completed his military service and in the early 1970's was living in Dillingham, Alaska. No other information was received.

Robert Kendall Cobban, II, fifth child of Gwendolyn Lenora Davidson and Kendall Dennis Cobban, was born on October 10, 1946 in Seward, Alaska. He served four years in the U.S. Navy. No other information received.

Craig Alan Cobban, sixth child of Gwendolyn Lenora Davidson and Kendall Dennis Cobban, was born on June 6, 1953 in Seward, Alaska. In his senior year he spent six months in Japan on a State program, a once in a life time opportunity. No other information received.

(3) Orel Andrew Davidson, third child of Nora Clapp and Porter Roy Davidson, was born on June 8, 1918. On Jan. 4, 1946 he married Margaret Hinkle in Inglewood, California. They had four sons: Orel Andrew, Jr., Daniel Voorhees, Timothy Warfield and John Waggoner.

Orel Davidson and Margaret Hinkle met as student at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon where they each received their B.A. degrees. They were married in the Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Inglewood, California where Margaret's father, the Rev. Ralph Voorhees Hinkle, was rector.

Orel wrote that they have long been geneology buffs so three of their four sons have middle names which are the maiden names of their own grandmothers: Voorhees, Warfield and Waggoner.

In a letter to John Garland Waggoner of Gays, Illinois (not of the Isaiah Waggoner branch) Orel once wrote, "It has seemed to us for some time that an important contributing factor to the identity crisis experienced by so many young people is the lack of family solidarity as we knew it-- the mobility of the American family and the almost total lack of knowledge of forebearers or geographical locations of family beginnings had taken its toll. While our children have probably been the most mobile of all my parent's grandchildren, they have at the same time become more aware of their forebearers by name, deed and geographical location than any of the others. This has been by design, not accident, because family stories and jokes have been relayed to them. We also use the old silver pieces we have as well as the old furniture and an appreciation of the historical background developed with the esthetic appreciation of a beautiful work of art be it silver, china or cabinetry, for which we are indebted to thoughtful and talented forebearers."

Orel Andrew Davidson, Jr., first child of Orel Andrew Davidson and Margaret Hinkle, is married and, in the early 1970's, was living in Ontario, California while completing college after four years in the U.S. AirForce. He was majoring in Art and English. No other information was received.

Daniel Voorhees Davidson, second child of Orel Andrew Davidson and Margaret Hinkle, was attending Long Beach State University in the early 1970's and was majoring in Art and Education. No other information was received.

Timothy Warfield Davidson, third child of Orel Andrew Davidson and Margaret Hinkle, was, in the early 1970's a Business major at Chaffey Jr. College. No other information received.

John Waggoner Davidson, fourth child of Orel Andrew Davidson and Margaret Hinkle, was, in the early 1970's a Psychology major at Chaffey Jr. College. No other information was received.

(4) Richard Clay Davidson, fourth child of Nora Clapp and Porter Roy Davidson, was born on June 6, 1924 in Sellwood, Oregon and died on January 11, 1976. On September 2, 1950 in Tacoma, Washington he married Barbara Lou Swanson who was born on August 13, 1928 in Minot, North Dakota. They had three children: Richard Clay Davidson, Jr., Kathleen Susan and Steven Ernest.

Richard Clay Davidson was a police patrolman for the City of Tacoma and wife Barbara was a postal clerk in Tacoma/Lakewood, Washington.

Richard Clay Davidson, Jr., first child of Richard Clay Davidson and Barbara Lou Swanson, was born on August 17, 1951 in Bremerton, Washington.

Kathleen Susan Davidson, second child of Richard Clay Davidson and Barbara Lou Swanson, was born on October 29, 1953 in Tacoma, Washington. She married Dalen McMichail and they have a son, Sean Richard, born on March 2, 1976.

Steven Ernest Davidson, third child of Richard Clay Davidson and Barbara Lou Swanson, was born on May 10, 1960 in Tacoma, Washington.

5. Alice Phoebe Clapp, fifth child of Hannah Waggoner and Andrew Jackson Clapp, was born on November 11, 1893 in Brush Prairie, Washington. She died in March 1947 in Portland, Oregon and is buried in Redmond Cemetery in Redmond, Oregon. On December 21, 1916 in Vancouver, Washington she married Benjamin Harrison Coffman who was born on July 7, 1888 in Sellwood, Oregon. He died on August 11, 1977. They had two children:
(1) Jack B. Coffman and (2) Gerald A. Coffman.

(1) Jack B. Coffman, first child of Alice Phoebe Clapp and Benjamin Harrison Coffman, was born on April 29, 1918 in Madras, Oregon. On August 15, 1948 in Lone Pine, Oregon he married Wava Arlene Burke who was born on December 21, 1924 in Tulane, South Dakota. They had two children: Mary Anna and Jan Elizabeth.

Jack served in the military in Europe during World War II. Returned to Lone Pine and went into partnership with his father who had been farming there since 1932. He and brother, Gerald (Gerry), are now surviving partners of B. H. Coffman and Sons.

Mary Anna Coffman, first child of Jack B. Coffman and Wava Burke, was born on May 17, 1952 in Redmond, Oregon. She married Kenneth Don Shockley. They live in Redmond and she is a nurse at Prineville, Oregon. Kenneth works at the plywood mill at Redmond.

Jan Elizabeth Coffman, second child of Jack B. Coffman and Wava Burke, was born on October 26, 1955 in Redmond, Oregon. She is married and lives in Salem, Oregon.

(2) Gerald (Gerry) A. Coffman, second child of Alice Phoebe Clapp and Benjamin Harrison Coffman, was born on April 21, 1923 in West Linn, Oregon. On May 4, 1947 in Seattle, Washington he married Marion Leona McKay who was born on February 14, 1927 in Mulberry, Kansas. They had four children: Alice Kay, Maureen Sue, Steven Gerald and Sally Annette.

Gerald served in the military during World War II in the Pacific. He returned to Lone Pine and went into partnership with his brother Jack and father Benjamin. Gerald and Jack are surviving partners of B. H. Coffman and Sons since their father's death in 1977.

Alice Kay Coffman, first child of Gerald A. Coffman and Marion Leona McKay, was born on May 20, 1948 in Redmond, Oregon. On October 1, 1966 in Vancouver, Washington she married Duane Elsworth Smith who was born on February 12, 1949 in Redmond, Oregon. They had two children: Shannon Kay Smith, born on May 21, 1967 in Redmond and Shelley Gail Smith, born on January 1, 1970 in Redmond.

Alice Kay and husband were living, in the early 1970's, in Bend, Oregon.

She was working for the U.S. National Bank and he was working for the Pepsi Cola Company.

Maureen Sue Coffman, second child of Gerald A. Coffman and Marion Leona McKay, was born on September 3, 1950 in Redmond, Oregon. On December 19, 1969 in Redmond she married Harold Gordon Huntley who was born on September 13, 1950 in Grant, Oregon. They had a daughter, Amy Denise who was born on June 18, 1970 in Prineville, Oregon. Harold is now deceased.

Maureen Sue and daughter Amy lived in Corvallis, Oregon while attending Oregon State College. She worked for two years on the campus after graduation and in the early 1970's was studying for her Masters degree in accounting.

Steven Gerald Coffman, third child of Gerald A. Coffman and Marion Leona McKay, was born on April 9, 1956 in Redmond, Oregon. He majored in forestry at Oregon State in Corvallis.

Sally Annette Coffman, fourth child of Gerald A. Coffman and Marion Leona McKay, was born on August 23, 1963 in Redmond, Oregon.

6. Juanita Clapp, sixth child of Hannah Waggoner and Andrew Jackson Clapp, was born on January 25, 1901 in Oregon City, Oregon. On November 4, 1922 in Kalawa, Washington she married Clarence Adrian Andrews who was born on March 25, 1898 in Sailor Springs, Illinois and died on December 30, 1968. They had no children.

Juanita's husband came to Oregon with his grandparents when he was about two years old and his mother had died. He enlisted on February 21, 1917 in Vancouver, Washington and was discharged on February 24, 1922. He was based at Ft. Sam Houston and served in the Motor Corps. He was a welder and a commercial fisherman.

Juanita graduated from Good Samaritan School of Nursing in Portland, Oregon in June 1922 and did special nursing until September. She became night superintendent at Sellwood General Hospital in Portland until September 1923 and then did special nursing for five years in Portland. She worked at Hutchinson Hospital in Oregon City from January 1928 until June 1934 and then didn't work for ten years. She worked on general duty at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland. Was on the maternity ward from February 1940 until February 1944. Was on general duty there from January 1951 until August 1953. She was promoted to head nurse of the maternity ward and served in that capacity until she retired in 1965.

CHAPTER V

REASON Waggoner, fifth child of Isaiah and Phoebe Waggoner, was born in Moultrie County, Illinois on February 23, 1866. He died in the home of his daughter, Myrtle, in Clarks, Nebraska on October 28, 1946. He married Mary Emma Krader on October 9, 1888 in Osceola, Nebraska. She was born on May 31, 1871 in Wilmington, Illinois and died on April 15, 1931. They had four children: 1. Myrtle Ethel, 2. Edith Mae, 3. Earl Ervin, 4. Mabel Edna.

Reason arrived in Nebraska at an early age. He helped out on the family farm and worked out on other farms with planting and harvesting crops of which one was broom corn. It was at one of these harvestings that he met Mary Emma who had also migrated from Illinois with her parents. When they got married they took a wagon load of corn cobs to Osceola and Reason sold them for money to buy the marriage license.

Their first home was in Silver Creek, Nebraska where Reason worked as a meat cutter in a butcher shop owned by Pete Brooks. Later they moved to a farm southeast of Clarks where they built a dugout in the hillside for their home until they moved to a farm known as the Luke Lamb Island on the Platte River. They next moved east of Clarks to a farm known as the Shomaker place. In about 1908 the family moved to Polk County, Nebraska where they lived until Reason retired from farming. They then moved to Hordville, Nebraska and he worked as a section hand on the railroad for a few years. Emma's health forced them to make their home with their children and Emma died of leukemia in the home of their daughter, Myrtle.

Many of the descendants of Reason and Emma suffer from poor eye sight as a result of a hereditary condition called macular dystrophy. Although most never become completely blind, they must wear extremely thick glasses in order to see and even then many must also use hand reading glasses. This condition has apparently been inherited from Mary Emma's family since many descendants of her brothers and sisters in the Krader family also suffer from it and there apparently is not a history of it in the Waggoner family prior to Reason and Emma's marriage.

1. Myrtle Ethel Waggoner, first child of Reason and Emma Waggoner, was born on June 5, 1889 in Silver Creek, Nebraska in Merrick County. On July 24, 1907, in the home of her parents on the Shomaker place, she married Clarence LeRoy Vincent who was born in Stromsburg on June 28, 1886. He died on December 20, 1973 and is buried in the Polk Cemetery at Polk, Nebraska. At the present time Myrtle is living at Bethesda Nursing Care Home in Central City, Nebraska. They had three children: (1) Evelyn Ardith, (2) Richard LeRoy and (3) Lela Aldean. All were born on the farm near Stromsburg.

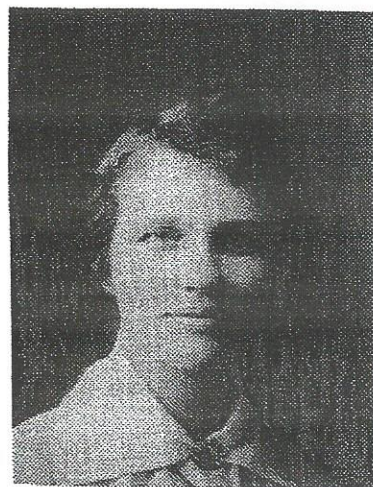
At an early age Myrtle moved with her family to Luke Lamb Island. She remembers that while living there the river came up in the night and her shoes and stockings were floating on top of the water in their house. While a little girl there, she recalls, the Swedenburgs had twin girls and



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she often wonders what became of the double buggy that those two babies rode in. Also she remembers how she and her sister, Edith, and her brother, Earl, walked on top of the "bannisters" on the old wooden bridge that crossed the Platte River.

She went to a county school in District 60 in Polk County known as the Swedenburg School. In order to further her education she had to leave home and board and room with the Horace Willits family in Polk County. She attended High Prairie School there. The Willits home had been the Thorton Post Office where people came for miles around to get their mail. In earlier days, Horace Willits had to go all the way to Lincoln, Nebraska, the state capitol, with a team of horses and wagon to pick up all their supplies. It took him three or four days and to guide him home at night his wife would keep a lamp lighted in the window which he then could see for miles across the prairie. When Myrtle was sixteen she went to Stromsburg, Nebraska to do housework for a Mrs. Burritt who ran a millinery store. It was there that she met Clarence Vincent. They moved to a farm owned by Clarence's father three miles south and two miles west of Stromsburg where they lived for over 30 years. In 1938 the family loaded all their belongings into a railroad car and moved to Cabool, Missouri. In January 1939 they returned to Nebraska where they made their home in Clarks. Clarence first worked for farmers in the surrounding area where he could find work and later managed the Farmer's Union Cooperative in Clarks. He was an accomplished pianist and for a time played background music for the silent movies and for dances. In his later years he was caretaker of the Clarks Cemetery.



MYRTLE ETHEL

Myrtle was an excellent cook and their home was the scene of many, many dinners where her culinary arts were enjoyed. Her younger sister, Mabel, remembers row upon row of home canned fruits and vegetables that could be found in their cellar. She loved flowers and had many house plants. Her hobby was making arrangements of dried flowers and shells, stones and driftwood that she had collected while visiting in California. She has always been a quiet, generous and deeply religious person and yet surprises the unwary with her quick wit and sense of humor.

(1) Evelyn Ardith Vincent, first child of Myrtle Ethel Waggoner and Clarence LeRoy Vincent, was born on January 25, 1911. On February 23, 1933 in Grand Island, Nebraska, she married Bertrom Dale Richards who was born on December 12, 1909. They had two children: Dennis Eugene and Loritta Ann.

Evelyn first attended attended a country school, District 43, in Polk County as did her younger brother and sister, Richard and Lela. Their father and their grandmother attended this school and their grandmother had taught there at one time. Evelyn attended high school in Stromsburg, Nebraska. During part of her high school years she boarded with her Grandmother Vincent and graduated in 1928. She and Dale made their living farming near Clarks and became avid square dancers, attending many State and National hoedowns.

Dennis Eugene Richards, first child of Evelyn Ardith Vincent and Bertrom Dale Richards, was born on August 25, 1934 in Osceola, Nebraska. On July 26, 1957 he married Darlene Marie King who was born on April 30 1936. They had three sons: Michael Dale, born on October 18, 1958 in Columbus, Georgia; Ronald Lee, born on May 16, 1960 in Osceola, Nebraska; Rodney Allen, born on October 24, 1966 in Central City. All three became accomplished horsemen and have won numerous trophies for riding and horseshow events throughout Nebraska.

Dennis Eugene and his sister, Loritta started school in District 60 in Polk County where their Grandmother Vincent had attended. He graduated from Clarks High School and in May 1957 entered the U.S. Army. He trained at Fort Chaffee near Fort Smith, Arkansas and then spent two years at Fort Benning, Georgia. He is now farming near Clarks, Nebraska.

Loritta Ann Richards, second child of Evelyn Ardith Vincent and Bertrom Dale Richards, was born on March 13, 1940 at Benedict, Nebraska on the farm where her great-great-grandparents homesteaded. On August 9, 1959 in Clarks she married Gerold Wayne King of Polk Nebraska. They had two sons: Jeffrey Clarke, born on December 2, 1962 in Oxford, Nebraska; Bradley Alan, born on August 17, 1966 in Holdrege, Nebraska.

When Loritta was 17 days old her parents moved to a farm near Clarks where she grew up and graduated from Clarks High School. She and her family now live in Holdrege, Nebraska.

(2) Richard LeRoy Vincent, second child of Myrtle Ethel Waggoner and Clarence LeRoy Vincent, was born on February 1, 1915. On July 29, 1951 he married Lucille Stockton Kelly. They had two children: James Richard and Peggy Sue. At the time of their marriage, Lucille had a nine year old son from a former marriage: Donald LeRoy Kelly.

When Richard LeRoy started high school, the town of Benedict in York County, Nebraska, just five miles south of the farm home, had consolidated all of the districts in the county. The school district had ten school buses and was the first of this type of consolidated district in the entire state of Nebraska. Richard graduated from this high school. In January 1942 Richard entered the U.S. Army and went to Puerto Rico on April 4, 1942. He returned to the United States on March 2, 1944 and was honorably discharged November 9, 1945. Richard is presently employed by the State of Nebraska, Division of Hiways as a Heavy Equipment Foreman.

James Richard Vincent, first child of Richard LeRoy Vincent and Lucille Kelly, was born in Grand Island, Nebraska on October 4, 1952. He attended school at Hordville and Osceola, Nebraska and graduated from Clarks High School in May 1971. He entered the armed services on August 18, 1972 and after basic training in Missouri and Louisiana he spent 1½ years in Germany where he was honorably discharged on August 7, 1974. He is presently living with his parents.

Peggy Sue Vincent, second child of Richard LeRoy Vincent and Lucille Kelly, was born in Grand Island, Nebraska on March 29, 1958. On January 14, 1977 she married Tom Fritz of Clarks, Nebraska. They have a son, Jason Michael, born on November 14, 1977.

Peggy Sue attended all twelve grades in Clarks, was chosen Homecoming Queen and graduated in May, 1976.

Donald LeRoy Kelly, Lucille's adopted son, married Twyla Kay Church

on July 29, 1962. They have three children all born in Osceola, Nebraska: Vance LeRoy, December 8, 1963 and who died on December 9, 1963; Ronald LeRoy, December 2, 1964; Karen Kay, May 8, 1967.

(3) Lela Aldean Vincent, third child of Myrtle Ethel Waggoner and Clarence LeRoy Vincent, was born on July 15, 1921. On March 28, 1945 she married Burdette John Church who was born in Clarks on January 13, 1923. They had five children: Linda Lavonne, Janis Marie, Sandra Jean, Gerald (Jerry) Wayne and Thomas Lee.

Lela's first two high school years were in Benedict, Nebraska. In 1938 she attended one year in Cabool, Missouri and then graduated in 1939 from Clarks High School. She taught school in District 16, District 5 and District 27 in Merrick County and is presently teaching at the Clarks Nursery School.

Linda Lavonne Church, first child of Lela Aldean Vincent and Burdette John Church, was born in Grand Island, Nebraska on September 21, 1946. On October 17 1964 she married Gerald Kohl of Clarks, Nebraska. He was born on May 23, 1942 in Humboldt, Iowa and died at age 27 as the result of an automobile accident. Linda and Gerald had two children: Lynette Lavonne, born on March 7, 1965 in Central City, Nebraska; Tony Gerald, born on September 22, 1967 in Fullerton, Nebraska. On November 13, 1971 Linda Lavonne married Forrest Gates of York, Nebraska and they have two children who were both born in York: Sherri Lee, born on September 4, 1973; Sue Ann, born on November 1, 1975.

Linda Lavonne graduated from Clarks High School in May 1964 and was chosen Homecoming Queen. Linda and Forrest presently live in York.

Janis Marie Church, second child of Lela Aldean Vincent and Burdette Church, was born on September 4, 1948 in Central City, Nebraska. She graduated from Clarks High School in May 1966 and was chosen First Attendant to the Homecoming Queen. She graduated from business college in Omaha, Nebraska and is presently employed there.

Sandra Jean Church, third child of Lela Aldean Vincent and Burdette Church, was born in Central City, Nebraska on April 15, 1952. On February 19, 1972 she married Nyle Wheeler of Des Moines, Iowa. They have two children both born in Omaha, Nebraska: Nycole Jean, born on July 14, 1972; Jill Marie, born on September 16, 1976.

Sandra Jean graduated from Clarks High School in May 1970 and was chosen Homecoming Queen. She has also graduated from business college. Sandra and Nyle presently live in Omaha, Nebraska.

Jerry Wayne Church, fourth child of Lela Aldean Vincent and Burdette Church, was born in Grand Island, Nebraska on September 24, 1960. He is still attending high school.

Thomas Lee Church, fifth child of Lela Aldean Vincent and Burdette Church, was born in Grand Island, Nebraska on January 6, 1962 and is still attending high school.

2. Edith Mae Waggoner, second child of Reason and Mary Emma Waggoner, was born on July 12, 1890 in a hillside dugout home southeast of Clarks, Nebraska. On February 5, 1908 she was married in the family home on the

Shomaker place to Ross Claud Noble. He was born on October 21, 1884 in Clarks, Nebraska and died there on November 4, 1964. Edith died on December 10, 1973 in Aurora, Nebraska. Except for a very few years they made their home in Clarks, Nebraska. Both she and Ross are buried in Polk, Nebraska. They had three children: (1) Cecil Claud, (2) Nina Iola, (3) Mamie Marie.

Edith Mae attended school in P.S. District 42 (High Prairie) and the Swendenburg school in Polk County, Nebraska. She lived with her family on the Luke Lamb Island and then on the Shomaker place three miles east of Clarks just south of the Hartwell School. As a young girl she worked in various homes as a hired girl and she also worked in a restaurant owned by Charles Westman. A dressmaking class taught by a Mrs. Van Buren was formed in 1924 and Edith enrolled and became an excellent seamstress and dressmaker. Her Angel Food cakes won purple ribbons at the Fairs in Clarks. She joined the fraternal organization of the Royal Neighbors of America and was a member for forty-eight years serving as Marshall and as Chancellor.

She accompanied Ross all over Central Nebraska where he was employed as an auctioneer. Ross was also a dairy farmer and the milk was processed and bottled at their home in Clarks. Edith helped in this business by washing and filling the bottles that Ross would then deliver door to door in Clarks.

(1) Cecil Claud Noble, first child of Edith Mae and Ross Noble, was born in Polk Nebraska on April 17, 1909. On July 6, 1931 in Greely, Nebraska he married Mary Henrietta Snell. She was born in Greely, Nebraska on November 13, 1911. He died on January 5, 1961 in Fortuna, California and is buried in Ocean View Cemetery in Eureka, California. Cecil and Mary had two sons: Don Snell and Jack Robert.

Cecil Claud graduated from Clarks High School. In 1935 he brought his family to Rio Dell, California and he worked for the Pacific Lumber Company in the mill at Scotia, California. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1946 but received a medical discharge because of poor eye sight. Mary was employed by the U. S. Postal Service for many years both in Rio Dell and in Fortuna, California.

Don Snell Noble, first child of Cecil Claud Noble and Mary Snell, was born in Greeley, Nebraska on October 23, 1932. On May 17, 1955 in Reno,



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Nevada he married Barbara Jean Morris. They had two daughters: Nina Lynn and Sharon Louise. Don and Barbara were divorced and he then married Saundra Robbins Butler who had two children: Colleen and Keith.

Don served in the U.S. Navy and is presently living near Freshwater, California and drives logging trucks.

Nina Lynn Noble, first child of Don Snell Noble and Barbara Morris, was born in Scotia, California on November 19, 1955. She married Tom Bishop.

Sharon Louise Noble, second child of Don Snell Noble and Barbara Morris, was born in Scotia, California on November 17, 1956 and is married to Clay Carlson of San Jose, California. They live in Santa Clara, California and have a son: Paul Robert, born on February 12, 1977.

Jack Robert Noble, second child of Cecil Claud Noble and Mary Snell, was born in Scotia, California on January 31, 1937. He married Gaby Benajoun in 1956 while serving in the U.S. Army in French Morocco. Jack and Gaby were divorced and Gaby is now deceased. They had two children: Deborah Ann, born on March 17, 1957 in the U.S. Naval Hospital in Port Lyantey, French Morocco; David Donald, born on March 26, 1958 in Eureka, California.

Jack Robert Noble is now married to Mandy Sue Church and they have two children: Adrian Allan Bradley born on May 14, 1961 in Fortuna, California and a daughter, Kathleen.

Jack now lives in Carlotta, California where he owns a lumber trucking business.

Deborah Ann Noble, first child of Jack Robert Noble and Gaby Genajoun, is married to Tim Cardoza and they have one son: Cameron Robert, born on August 20, 1976.

(2) Nina Iola Noble, second child of Edith Mae Waggoner and Ross Claud Noble, was born in Stromsburg, Nebraska on September 27, 1911. Nina was first married to Clifford Adams in June 1934. He died in Nov. 1934. In June 1939 she married Thomas Leon Buss and they moved to Lynwood, California. They owned and operated several markets in California and moved to El Segundo, California in 1950. Leon passed away in 1957. Nina then married William Shirley McCoy on January 1, 1967 in El Segundo where they presently live. William (Bill) has two daughters: Margaret Hubbell who has a son, Ryan and a daughter, Megan; and Cathy Conyers who has a son, Preston and a daughter, Jacqueline.

Nina attended Wayne State Teachers College in Wayne, Nebraska. She also became a member of the Royal Neighbors of America.

She was employed by the City of El Segundo in the Public Library. She served in several departments: Clerk, Children's Librarian and Assistant Librarian. She retired in 1970, is active in the Business and Professional Women's Federation serving in various offices of the Sierra Mar District. Bill is retired from Standard Oil of California.

(3) Mamie Marie Noble, third child of Edith Mae Waggoner and Ross Claud Noble, was born in Clarks, Nebraska on March 9, 1918. On November 30, 1939 in Hastings, Nebraska she married Virgil William Leach who was born on July 11, 1916 in Polk, Nebraska. They had three sons: Donald Lynn, Jerry Neal and James Patrick.

Mamie Marie graduated from Clarks High School and then taught two terms

in a rural school near Grand Island, Nebraska. However, nursing is her real love. She has been employed in various hospitals and convalescent homes. She and husband have been very active in Nebraska's Handicapped Children programs and activities and Nebraska's Association for Retired Citizens and the Handicapped. Mamie was 1976 Chairman of the Grand Island's Committee on Handicapped Study on Legislation. On February 17, 1977 Governor Exon appointed her Chairman of the Governor's Committee for the Employment of the Handicapped in Nebraska.

Donald Lynn Leach, first child of Mamie Marie Noble and Virgil William Leach, was born in Polk, Nebraska on July 18, 1940. He is presently living with his parents.

Jerry Neal Leach, second child of Mamie Marie Noble and Virgil Leach, was born in Wilcox, Nebraska on December 12, 1942. In May 1965 he married Elsie Rich in Grand Island, Nebraska. Elsie died on September 22, 1977. They had three children all born in Grand Island, Nebraska: Scott Ross, born on May 17, 1970; and daughters Sheri Lynn and Sara Ann.

Jerry has been employed by the New Holland Farm Equipment Company of Grand Island for several years. Jerry and his family are presently living in Danneborg, Nebraska.

James Patrick Leach, third child of Mamie Marie Noble and Virgil Leach, was born in Grand Island on July 9, 1948. He was married to Melody McRoberts of San Diego, California and they had a daughter: Amy Elizabeth, born on October 25, 1970. He later married Patricia Stanard of Aurora, Nebraska and they had a son: Breslyn James, born on May 21, 1972. He is presently married to Linda Peterson of Grand Island, Nebraska. They had two sons: James Patrick, stillborn in August 1975; and Daniel Jacob, born January 8, 1977.

James Patrick served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years. Most of this time was in Japan and other overseas duty stations. He and his wife, Linda, are living in Danneborg, Nebraska and he has adopted Linda's son Wayne.

3. Earl Ervin Waggoner, third child of Reason and Mary Emma Waggoner, was born in Polk County, Nebraska on February 14, 1893. He died in Scotia, California on January 16, 1946. On April 21, 1915 in Clarks, Nebraska he married Barbara Rosa Johnston. They had six children: (1) Ferne Adeline, (2) Ralph Reason, (3) Wallace Earl, (4) Phyllis May, (5) Doris Irene and (6) Darlene Rosa.

Earl Ervin was a farmer most of his younger years and loved to dance. There was rarely a Saturday night that he couldn't be found at a local community dance. In 1935 he and Rosa brought their family to California following his younger sister, Mabel Gunnerson, who had moved there a year earlier. He worked for the Pacific Lumber Company in Scotia, California where in the early 1940's a tragic mill accident caused the loss of his right arm. He continued to work for the same company until his death in 1946. Rosa is presently living at the home of their daughter, Darlene, in Fortuna, California.



EARL ERVIN

(1) Ferne Adeline Waggoner, first child of Earl Ervin Waggoner and Rosa Johnston, was born in Stromsburg, Nebraska on November 18, 1915. On February 14, 1937 in Eureka, California she married Raymond Bernard Somma who was born in Eureka on March 18, 1907. He died on September 10, 1961 in Eureka. They had two children: Michael Earl and Sharon Kay.

Ferne graduated from Polk High School in the Spring of 1934 and that Fall she moved to California, traveling with her Aunt Mabel and Uncle John Gunnerson. Her husband Raymond was a truck driver when they were married and he hauled fish from Eureka to San Francisco. In 1938 he became a fireman with the Eureka City Fire Department where he worked until his death in 1961. Ferne worked in the cafeteria of St. Bernard's Catholic School in Eureka for several years. She later worked as a bookkeeper for Carl Johnson's Retail Store and Auction Yard for nearly ten years until she retired in 1973.

Michael Earl Somma, first child of Ferne Adeline Waggoner and Raymond Somma was born in Eureka, California on June 6, 1937. On June 3, 1967 he married Virginia Lee Britt in Reno, Nevada. She was born in Eureka on January 11, 1941. They have one child: Robert Archie Weiser, born on July 14, 1958 - Virginia's son from a former marriage.

Michael served with the U.S. Army in Ft. Lewis, Washington from 1959 to 1962. They presently live in Tacoma, Washington where Michael works as a longshoreman.

Sharon Kay Somma, second child of Ferne Adeline Waggoner and Raymond Somma, was born in Eureka, California on June 20, 1940. On September 4, 1960 she married Herbert (Bert) Harmon Smith who was born on June 17, 1939 in Seattle, Washington and died March 21, 1971 in San Francisco, California. They had three children, all born in Eureka: Gayle Louise, born February 7, 1962; Lester Raymond, born on February 25, 1965; and Michael Anthony, born on October 31, 1968.

In 1973 Sharon married Edward Lindblom and they have one child: Kathy Ann born on August 27, 1973. They reside in Parkland, Washington and Edward works for the St. Regis Lumber Mill in Tacoma.

(2) Ralph Reason Waggoner, second child of Earl Ervin Waggoner and Rosa Johnston, was born in Stromsburg, Nebraska on August 24, 1918 and died in April 1957 in Eureka, California. On October 2, 1938 he married Juanita Gertrude Bartlett. She was born in Lakeport, California on August 8, 1920. They had four children: David Reason, Earl Irving, Jeanette Rose and Bruce Allen.

Ralph Reason served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater during World War II from July 6, 1944 to December 9, 1945. He worked in the woods as a faller and in lumber mills. Prior to his death he was a commercial fisherman out of Humboldt Bay in Eureka. Juanita now lives near Arcata, California.

David Reason Waggoner, first child of Ralph Reason Waggoner and Juanita Bartlett, was born on May 25, 1939 in Alton, California. On June 14, 1959 he married Bonnie Lou Gladys Panno who was born on November 22, 1940. They had three daughters, all born in Eureka, California: Dee Anna, born June 9, 1960; Reen'e, born on October 11, 1962; Collett, born on November 4, 1963. David and Bonnie Lou were divorced and he is now married to Pauline Gordon, who was born on September 9, 1940 in New York City, New York. David works as a longshoreman in Eureka and the family presently lives in Eureka.

Earl Irving Waggoner, second child of Ralph Reason Waggoner and Juanita Bartlett, was born on April 27, 1941 in Scotia, California. On May 27, 1965 he married Glenda N. Corning Jones who was born on August 17, 1936 in Eureka, California. Glenda has two children by a former marriage. Earl and Glenda are divorced and he is married to Ann Cho, born on September 19, 1938 in Korea. They have three children: Tim, born December 3, 1974; Ron, born on April 8, 1976; and Richard Ralph, born on August 19, 1977.

Earl is employed as a lumber grader for Simpson Lumber Company in Big Lagoon, California.

Jeanette Rose Waggoner, third child of Ralph Reason Waggoner, and Juanita Bartlett, was born in Eureka, California on November 23, 1944. On December 23, 1962 she married Jerome James Herrera in Eureka. He was born in Montrose, Colorado on December 29, 1942. They have three children: Julie Ann, born in Eureka on April 25, 1963; Jerome James, Jr., born on August 31, 1966 in San Jose, California; and Joelenia Marie, born November 5, 1976.

Bruce Allen Waggoner, fourth child of Ralph Reason Waggoner and Juanita Bartlett, was born on December 14, 1946. On April 13, 1968 he married Dianne Elizabeth Smith who was born in Belleville, Ontario, Canada on June 14, 1949. They had three children: Edward Allen, Born on March 10, 1970; Jennifer Lorraine, born on June 6, 1972; Janet Lynn, born on November 4, 1974. Bruce and Dianne were divorced in 1977.

Bruce served for 13 months in Viet Nam with the U.S. Marine Corps. He is presently working in Louisiana-Pacific's pulp mill near Eureka.

(3) Wallace Earl Waggoner, third child of Earl Ervin Waggoner and Rosa Johnston, was born in Polk County, Nebraska on January 21, 1921. On August 10, 1945 he married Carol Winifred Norwood in Seattle, Washington. She was born on March 9, 1924 in Los Angeles, California. They had two children: Gary Lee and Terry Jo.

Wallace Earl graduated from Fortuna Union High School in Fortuna, California. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He presently works for Mobil Oil as a supervisor. He and Carol live in Lynwood, California.

Gary Waggoner, first child of Wallace Earl Waggoner and Carol Norwood, was born on March 18, 1946 in Hollywood, California. He married Julie Kinmartin in Lynwood, California on May 2, 1970. She was born on November 11, 1946 in Lynwood. They have two daughters: Jennifer Kristine, born on November 29, 1972; and Allyson Leigh, born on December 3, 1977.

Gary is a computer salesman for Sperry Univac Corporation. He and his family are now in their new home in Huntington Beach, California.

Terry Jo Waggoner, second child of Wallace Earl Waggoner and Carol Norwood, was born on October 31, 1949 in Los Angeles, California. She is married to Daniel Martin Davis and they live in Sacramento, California where she is a teacher.

(4) Phyllis May Waggoner, fourth child of Earl Ervin Waggoner and Rosa Johnston, was born on July 10, 1923 in Stromsburg, Nebraska. She married Chester Clyde Craddock, Jr. in Fortuna, California on March 29, 1947. He was born in Oakland, California on December 2, 1924. They have two sons:

Robert Bruce and Chester Dewey.

Phyllis May graduated from Fortuna High School. She worked for several years as a telephone operator for the Pacific Lumber Company in Scotia, California. Her husband is a carpenter and is presently a foreman for the Pacific Lumber Company in Scotia.

Robert Bruce, first child of Phyllis May Waggoner, was born on November 7, 1942 in Scotia, California. He is the son of Phyllis from a former marriage and was adopted by Chester Craddock. On June 12, 1966 Robert Bruce married Lynda Suzanne Smith in Fortuna, California. She was born in Siloam Springs, Arkansas on February 19, 1947. They have three children: Shawnee Renee, born on January 4, 1965 (Suzanne's daughter from a former marriage); Phillip Chace, born on June 29, 1967; and Darcia Christine, born on May 1, 1970. All were born in Fortuna, California.

Robert Bruce was in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific from February 1961 to February 1965. He served on the U.S.S. Trathen on the Western Pacific cruise visiting Formosa, Hong Kong, Japan and the Phillipine Islands. He also served on the U.S.S. Wright and was decorated with Expeditionary Medal for patrolling Formosa Straits between Formosa and the Chinese mainland.

He is now employed by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department. He and his family reside in Scotia, California.

Chester Dewey Craddock, Sr., son of Phyllis May Waggoner and Chester Clyde Craddock, was born on February 1, 1948 in Scotia, California. In Riverside, California on November 16, 1968 he married Lynne Marie Duvigneaud. She was born on February 27, 1949 in Los Angeles, California. They had two children: Chester Dewey, Jr., born on August 29, 1969 at March Air Force Base in Riverside; and Jennifer. Chester Dewey and Lynne were divorced and he is married to Connie Sue Goodsma. They have an adopted son: Robert Wade, born December 12, 1973. Chester Dewey, Sr. is a Staff Sargeant in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Andrews AFB in Maryland.

(5) Doris Irene Waggoner, fifth child of Earl Ervin Waggoner and Rosa Johnston, was born in Clarks, Nebraska on September 18, 1925 and died on September 2, 1928 in Stromsburg, Nebraska and is buried in Polk.

(6) Darlene Rosa Waggoner, sixth child of Earl Ervin Waggoner and Rosa Johnston, was born on July 15, 1931 in Polk, Nebraska. On August 19, 1949 in Reno, Nevada she married James Harvey Littlefield, Jr. who was born in Scotia, California on August 6, 1927. They have five children: Charles Harvey, Steven Glen, John Edward, Janelle Gail and Paul Alan.

Darlene and husband both graduated from Fortuna Union High School. They live on the outskirts of Fortuna on a small farm where she helps with the raising of animals and poultry. She has several incubators for custom hatching of all types of poultry and rare birds. Husband James Harvey is employed in the Engineering Department of Louisiana-Pacific at Samoa, California.

Charles Harvey Littlefield, first child of Darlene Rosa Waggoner and James Harvey Littlefield, was born in Oakland, California on May 19, 1950. He has a B.A. degree from Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. He is in the Air Force Reserves and has attended schools in Sweden, Denmark, and England.

Steven Glen Littlefield, second child of Darlene Rosa Waggoner and

James Harvey Littlefield, was born in San Luis Obispo, California on September 27, 1952. He is presently employed by the Earps Laboratory in San Luis Obispo.

John Edward Littlefield, third child of Darlene Rosa Waggoner and James Harvey Littlefield, was born in Scotia, California on July 25, 1956. He works on the green-chain for Louisiana-Pacific in Samoa, California.

Janelle Gail Littlefield, fourth child of Darlene Rosa Waggoner and James Harvey Littlefield, was born in Fortuna, California on July 16, 1958. She is attending College of the Redwoods in Humboldt County near Eureka.

Paul Alan Littlefield, fifth child of Darlene Rosa Waggoner and James Harvey Littlefield, was born in Fortuna, California on February 16, 1962. He is still attending Fortuna Union High School.

4. Mabel Edna Waggoner, fourth child of Reason and Mary Emma Waggoner, was born on September 1, 1905 on the Shoemaker farm near Clarks, Nebraska. On December 30, 1925 at the home of her parents in Hordville, Nebraska she married John Edwin Gunnerson who was born in Gowrie, Iowa on March 28, 1900. They had three children:
(1) Alice Eloise,
(2) Eldon John, (3) Arman Louis.

At the age of three Mabel moved with her parents to one of the Vincent farms in Polk County near Stromsburg. They later moved to a larger farm and she was graduated from the 8th grade at the Hardy School, District 12. She graduated from Stromsburg High School in 1924 with credits in Normal Training and then



(Age 16)



MABEL EDNA

(Age 60)

taught school in District 43 where her nephew, Richard Vincent, was attending at the time. She lived with her parents in Hordville and met John Edwin while attending a community dance. In 1925 she began teaching 3rd, 4th and 5th grades in Hordville. She and John moved to a farm near Marquette, Nebraska where they lived for nine years until 1934, during the depression and dust bowl days, when they auctioned all but a few possessions which they loaded in a wagon box trailer and moved to California

They were caretakers on the Daly Ranch 35 miles south of Eureka for the next five years and John also worked in the woods hauling redwood railroad ties and other hand-split wood products with a team of horse and a sled. In 1939 they purchased 10 acres of land in Rio Dell, California where John built their house mostly from lumber that he had been given for tearing down an old dance hall on the Daly Ranch.

While John worked for the Pacific Lumber Company in Scotia, California loading railroad cars and later on the carpenter crew, Mabel supplemented

the family income by selling a variety of items from Christmas cards to Fashion Frocks, Avon and Tupperware products. While the children were in school Mabel was active in the Community Church, P.T.A., 4-H and Boy Scouts and any other activity in which the children were involved.

When John retired in 1965 they moved to San Jose, California where they are now living. Both are very active in Senior Citizen activities and play in a Senior Kazoo band, entertaining at nursing homes, schools and other civic organizations, clubs, lodges and also organizations such as Great America at Merriott Park in Santa Clara.

Since their retirement they have traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Canada, Alaska and Hawaii. On one of their trips to the midwest in their camper, Mabel visited the Lynn Creek Baptist Cemetery in Illinois where many Waggoners are buried. It was overgrown with weeds and many headstones were falling over. However, she found out that the Illinois Historical Society had taken it over and it was to be restored. The old Lynn Creek Baptist Church was no longer there. Mabel states that she stood on that ground and tried to imagine what the country must have looked like in the days when Isaac arrived there in 1828 but it defied her imagination since it is open farmland now compared to the tall prairie grass and forest that was there in those days. It was, however, still a thrilling experience just to stand there in the midst of all that history!

The sale bill shown here is typical of those printed in the 1930's when people were finding it necessary to leave their farms and go elsewhere to make a living.

After the sale was over and the money from the auctioned items was added up, the total came to \$180. Commission to an auctioneer usually was 10% but since the sale produced such a small sum (everyone was hardpressed for money in those days) and Ross Noble, the auctioneer, was Mabel's brother-in-law he very graciously refused any commission.

PUBLIC SALE

Having decided to quit farming, will sell at public auction, 2 miles west and 1 mile south of the south-west corner of Marquette. 8 miles north and 2 miles west of the Northwest corner of Aurora. 4 1-2 miles east of the Chapman bridge.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3rd
Sale starting at 12 o'clock **1934**

5-Head of Horses-5

1 bay horse, 3 years old weight 1500; 1 black horse 10 years old weight 1200; 1 black mare, smooth mouth, 1100; 1 brown horse 10 years old weight 1250; 1 sorrel mare smooth mouth, weight 1300.

3 Milch Cows

1 holstein cow 7 years old, 1 Jersey cow 6 years old, 1 red cow, 4 years old, just fresh. These are all good milch cows.

10 Head of Sheats

FARM MACHINERY

1 18x18 John Deere Disc; 1 5-section harrow; 1 harrow cart; 1 Hooster 10-hole grain drill; 1 14-in. Acoline gang plow; 1 Rock Island corn planter, 160 rds. wire. 1 2-row Janesville cultivator; 1 single row John Deere cultivator; 1 8-ft. McCormick gr'n binder; 1 Jay Hawk hay stacker; 1 8-ft. McCormick mower; 1 10 ft. Hay rake; 1 A-1 John Deere hand sheller; 1 No. 11 John Deere Cream Separator; 1 Clover Leaf manure spreader; 1 Box Wagon; 1 14-ft. rack with steel trucks; 1 old set of gears; 1 2-wheel hand cart; 1 double tub power washer; 1 12x16 brooder house; 1 Hog shoot; 1 set breeching harness; 1 forge, 2 fifty foot rolls of cribbing wire; about 100 rds. hard wire nearly new; some woven wire 26 in.; about 12 rods garden fence; 3 steel barrels; gates and panels. Some hog troughs, material for straw shed. Articles too numerous to mention.

7 acres Oats; 1 acre Grohoma, 1-4 acre Kafir Corn; 25 acres Corn; all to be out for feed.

Some household goods and other articles too numerous to mention.

FOR TERMS: See Clerk.

JOHN GUNNERSON

COL. R. C. NOBLE, Auct.

M. E. ISAACSON, Clerk

The following was written by Alice Gunnerson about her mother, Mabel Edna Waggoner Gunnerson: "Although most tributes in this family history have not been written about the living, I find that I cannot let this opportunity pass without writing a few words about my mother. There is no doubt that she is a Waggoner since she has inherited all those wonderful traits that seem to run in the Waggoner family. I do not believe there is anyone who has ever met her that did not like her immediately. This is evidenced by the many friends she has amassed just since moving to San Jose. All who know her love her instinctively. She is the most kind, thoughtful, generous, unselfish and loving person I have ever known and she radiates these traits. People, both friends and relatives, can count on her when they are in trouble or when they need help whether that help be big or small, time consuming or of short duration. She was always there when my brothers and I needed her, more times than I can even remember! Even now as I prepare the final draft of this history I am amazed that at age 70 she undertook the monumental task of bringing all these records together. Her life has been full of love and she has given love all of her life. Her grandfather, Isaiah, always preached of love in his sermons. He would have been proud to claim her as one of his descendants. I know that I am proud that I can say she is my mother."

(1) Alice Eloise Gunnerson, first child of Mabel Edna Waggoner and John Edwin Gunnerson, was born on the farm where her parents were living near Marquette, Nebraska on June 25, 1929.

Alice attended a rural eight grade school at Holmes Flat, California through the first four grades and then graduated from the eighth grade at Rio Dell, California. She graduated from Fortuna Union High School in 1946. She participated in all types of musical activities during high school, playing the clarinet and saxophone and was the first female member of the Scotia Community Band during the WW II years. After graduation, she was employed as an IBM key punch operator for the Pacific Lumber Company. In March 1951 she enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and went through basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina and now wishes that she had known at that time that her American "roots" began in South Carolina. She was stationed at HQ Marine Corps in Washington, D.C. (Arlington, Virginia) until March of 1954 during the Korean situation and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Personnel from HQMC were often called upon for parades when foreign dignitaries were visiting and for other government functions. She participated in many of them but the one she remembers most vividly was the inaugural parade for President Eisenhower. She later had the privilege of meeting Mamie Eisenhower at a U.S.O. reception.

She traveled extensively throughout the United States after serving in the Marine Corps and then was employed by the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools in San Jose, California in 1955 as a key punch operator and later became a supervising clerk. In 1957 she joined the U.S. State Department Foreign Service Staff Corps as a Code Clerk and was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Bonn, Germany for two years and traveled throughout many countries in Europe.

In January 1960 she was employed by the Santa Clara Unified School District as a school secretary, then as a payroll clerk and for the past fourteen years has been a personnel technician. In May 1977 she received the School District's Classified Employee of the Year Award for the 1976-77 school year and had also been a nominee for the same award the previous year. She was awarded the same honor in 1971 by the local chapter of the California School Employees Association in which she has held every office except that of secretary and was also appointed by the State CSEA President

to serve on the State Budget committee for two years.

She has maintained her musical interest, playing saxophone and clarinet in a dance combo while in the Marine Corps and now in a dance combo playing mostly for Senior Citizen dance clubs. She also spends many happy hours at her Hammond Organ in her home in Santa Clara.

Alice loves craftwork, camping, backpacking and kayaking, a sport she discovered while in Germany. Some of her most memorable trips in her kayak have been on the Snake River and Jackson Lake in Wyoming, the Missouri River from Ft. Benton to Ft. Peck Reservoir in Montana, the Gulf Islands near Vancouver Island, B.C. and Lake Chelan near Wenatchee in Washington and also a raft trip down the Rogue River in Oregon.

(2) Eldon John Gunnerson, second child of Mabel Edna Waggoner and John Edwin Gunnerson, was born on February 6, 1931 on a farm near Marquette, Nebraska. On June 14, 1953 in Eureka, California he married Zola Louise Bowen who was born on December 9, 1935 in Willow Springs, Missouri. They had four children: Daniel Eldon, Victor Wayne, Debra Louise and Daphne Ann. Eldon and Louise are divorced and on November 18, 1977 in Long Beach, California Eldon married Magdelene Morison.

Eldon attended schools at Holmes Flat, Rio Dell and Fortuna High School. He entered the U.S. Army at Fort Ord, California in October 1948 and served with the Occupation Forces in Japan and later served in Korea.

Eldon and Louise and family lived for several years on the Daly Ranch, a group of summer homes, as caretakers and he also worked in a plywood mill near there and also for the Pacific Lumber Company at Scotia. During the 1964 flood he opened the homes to neighbors from the lowlands, supplied food to them from his freezer and food for their farm animals from his supplies. The family later moved to Orcutt, California and then to Los Alamitos, California where he worked in lumber yards. He is presently employed by the Warrington Lumber Company in Garden Grove, California and lives in Fullerton. Magdelene also works for the same company.

Daniel Eldon Gunnerson, first child of Eldon John Gunnerson and Louise Bowen, was born on May 9, 1956 in Scotia, California and lives in Southern California.

Victor Wayne Gunnerson, second child of Eldon John Gunnerson and Louise Bowen, was born on April 28, 1957 in Scotia, California and lives in Southern California.

Debra Louise Gunnerson, third child of Eldon John Gunnerson and Louise Bowen, was born on June 27, 1958 in Eureka, California. On June 15, 1973 she married Carl Joseph Harvey in Las Vegas, Nevada. They had one child: Carl Joseph, Jr. Debra and Carl are separated and she is presently living in Long Island, New York.

Daphne Ann Gunnerson, fourth child of Eldon John Gunnerson and Louise Bowen, was born on December 15, 1959 in Eureka, California and is living in Southern California.

(3) Arman Louis Gunnerson, third child of Mabel Edna Waggoner and John Edwin Gunnerson, was born on May 17, 1937 in Scotia, California. On May 20, 1961 in Fortuna, California he married Dawna Dale Ingram who was born on November 30, 1941 in Fortuna, California.

Arman attended school in Rio Dell and graduated from Fortuna Union High School. He also attended college at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo and

Humboldt State College in Arcata, California. He entered the U.S. Army on September 6, 1961 at Fort Ord, California and served two years in Munich and Augsburg, Germany.

Arman and Dawna have lived in Fortuna and Crescent City, California and presently live on the North Bank Road on Smith River about nine miles north of Crescent City. For several years he maintained the Crescent City branch of the White House Finance Company. He has been employed for a little over a year in the Del Norte County Assessor's office in Crescent City as an assessor. Dawna is now also a county employee.

Arman was a basketball star throughout his high school years and has carried his love of basketball with him into his adult life. He became a member of the Crescent City Jaycee's and for many years was actively involved in an annual youth basketball tournament sponsored by the Jaycee's. It has become so well known that teams from all over Northern California and Southern Oregon covet an invitation to the tournament and it has brought State and National recognition to the Crescent City Jaycee's. Arman was active in many other Jaycee projects and on April 27, 1974 he was awarded a life membership (Senatorship) in Jaycees for his outstanding contributions to Jaycee's and the youth of Del Norte County. Although one of the life membership requirements was service as president of a local Jaycee chapter and he had never held that office, the requirement was waived because of his many contributions and outstanding leadership during his membership in Jaycee's.

Since so many family members live or are from Clarks area, we offer these few facts about Clarks, thanks to the Clarks Bicentennial Heritage Committee and their book, "Heritage of Clarks, Nebraska 1865-1976".

In 1865 Calvin Blanchard Hartwell opened a ranch, which he called Junction Ranch, near the present northeast section of Clarks. He had come to open a ranch for the stage coach traveling public. The friendly Pawnee Indians who camped on the banks of the Platte River used the Junction Ranch as a trading post. Sometimes there would be 200 or 300 buffalo robes on hand at one time and as many as 300 to 400 people with their horses and cattle.

In 1866 the permanent village of Clarksville was platted by the Union Pacific Railroad and named after the railroad superintendent, Silas H. H. Clark. The first school was opened in September 1871 with Mary Walkey as teacher. Classes were held in a sod shanty erected on Calvin Blanchard Hartwell's land and ten students were given a sixth grade education. In 1887 Clarks High School graduated its first class. In the early days of the legislature it is recorded that the town of Clarksville lacked one vote of becoming the state capitol.

On July 21, 1874 hords of grasshoppers darkened the sky for five days. There were so many swarming on the rails that the trains were stopped because the engines' drive wheels could not secure traction. In 1888 the worst snow blizzard ever recorded in the area occurred. In June 1891 a county-wide flood was followed in 1893 and 1895 by severe droughts. In 1894 a large portion of Clarks was destroyed by fire and in May 1928 many buildings were destroyed by a cyclone. Many farms also suffered damage.

Through all of nature's rampages Clarks has managed to survive with a recorded population of 66 in 1870 to a high of 605 in 1910 and 480 in the Bicentennial year 1976.

CHAPTER VI

SIMEON Waggoner, the sixth child of Isaiah and Phoebe Waggoner, was born on December 3, 1868 in Moultrie County, Illinois and died in the spring of 1960 near Davenport, Washington at the age of 92. He was 23 years old when he married Della Marie Callwell, 18, at Osceola, Nebraska in 1891. Della, always called Dell, was a native of Osceola and was born on September 14, 1873 to Milton Callwell and Lora Dugan Callwell. She died in Brewster, Washington on February 9, 1939 at age 55. They had thirteen children: 1. Delia, born in 1893 in Osceola, Nebraska and died in infancy, 2. Edna Cora, 3. Bessie Mae, 4. Jessie Una, 5. Grace Laura 6. George Milton, 7. Ralph, 8. Guy, 9. Lloyd Ray, 10. Lester, 11. Pete, 12. Simeon, Jr., born in 1916 in Brewster, Washington and died in infancy, and 13. Ernest Ralph.

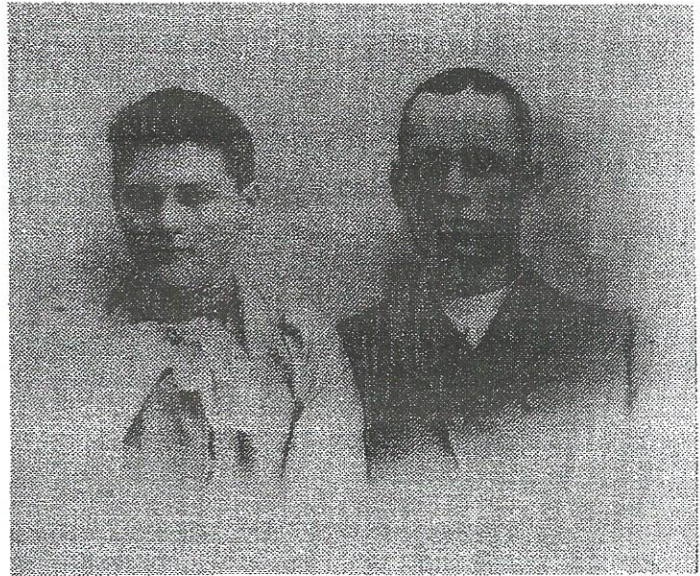
Three of their children and one grandchild are buried with them in the Paradise Hill Cemetery near Brewster, Washington. At the time of this writing, 1978, three children are still living and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and three great-great-great-grandchildren.

When Simeon was two years old, his parents moved to Osceola for a short time and then to Clarks, Nebraska where his father farmed and was a Baptist minister. In 1886, at age 18, Sim and a friend "bummed" their way west for about a year going as far north as Oroville, which is on the Canadian border in Washington State. The thing that impressed him about the trip and which he told to several of his sons was finding a man dead in the barn where they were sleeping and burying him in what is now the old graveyard at Riverside, south of Oroville.

He was apparently back in Nebraska and working around Osceola when he met and married Della Callwell. Their first three daughters, Delia, Edna and Bessie were born there and the fourth, another girl, Jessie was born at Mason City, Nebraska in 1898.

Shortly thereafter, Sim came west again but this time with his brother-in-law, Jack Clapp, Hannah's husband. He left Dell and the children with her parents at Osceola. The two young men lived with Sim's sister, Sopha and her husband Warren Garton in Chelan, Washington where they worked to earn money to bring their own families west.

In 1899 Sim, Dell and their three living daughters left Osceola for Oregon City, Oregon. They first visited his sister Sopha and her husband



DELLA AND SIMEON

at Chelan, Washington. It is not known whether the trip was by wagon or train and two family recollections differ.

Sim's sister, Hannah and her husband were living in Oregon City at this time. Later, Sim and Dell were to move to Chelan, Washington but, Edna, the oldest daughter remembers making two other trips to Oregon City where they remained for several months each time. They took the boat from Vantage, Washington to Portland, Oregon and then another to Oregon City. They had a covered wagon on the boat in which they lived while her father worked in a paper mill and the girls attended school. Also, Edna remembered that they lived with Hannah and Jack Clapp another time when they were there.

We felt that because so many of the descendants of the Waggoners lived in this area, a short history would be of interest.

Oregon City, formerly called Willamette Falls, was an early site of an Indian salmon fishing village. It was first located as a claim by John McLoughlin in 1829. At the turn of the century, three steamboats made round trips daily between Portland and Oregon City and a number of special excursions every Sunday and holidays.

The history of paper making in the Pacific Northwest began in October of 1886 with the erection of a paper mill at Oregon City. The opening of industrial establishments in Old Oregon were occasions for social gatherings. Many of the citizens came out for the dedication of the Pioneer Mill. The local band played for dancing while the crowd watched to see the machine roll out the paper. Officials were ready with certificates for the shares of stock they had to sell but the machine became temperamental and finally stopped. Prospective buyers lost interest. An offer of \$2500 to anyone who could make the machine run had no results. Later, however it was put into operation.

In the 1890 flood the almost completed buildings of the Willamette and Crown mills were engulfed but were rebuilt and ran side by side until the early years of the 20th century.

After Sim and Dell moved to Chelan, they were to remain there about seven years where their fifth daughter and first three sons were born. They moved briefly to the Yakima area where Sim took contracts with his two teams of horses and hired others to break up sod to plant orchards, the same type of work that he did at Chelan and later at Brewster. He also worked with horses on the digging of the irrigation ditch at Sunnyside. Their fourth son was born at Grandview, near Sunnyside and Yakima in 1908, the year that Sopha Waggoner Garton died in Chelan.

The census of 1900 gave Chelan County a population of 3,931. The school census of 1903 shows an increase of 92%, or a total population of 7,547.

After the inception of irrigation, a rush was made to secure land that could not, at one time, be given away. Prices ran from \$50 to \$100 an acre. Orchards continue to the present day.

The name of the county is derived from the famous Lake Chelan in the northern part of the county. It is over 55 miles long and from a half mile to a little over a mile wide and winds in fiord-like splendor between towering 8,000-foot peaks. Great-niece, Alice Gunnerson remembers an exhausting 3-day kayak trip on the lake in the early 1970's from Stehekin to 25 Mile Creek when winds created 3 to 4 foot capped swells every day. Due to the steep cliffs on each side, there was no place to stop and rest when the going got rough. It is one of the deepest lakes in the United States.

While the Waggoners were back in Chelan, their fifth son was born in 1912. They later moved to Pateros where the sixth son was born in 1915 and finally to Brewster where the seventh and eighth sons were born. The seventh son was Simeon, Jr. who died in infancy. Dell was very ill with

his birth and was cared for by Martha Lessard, the other grandmother of Clizbe and Thelma Lessard who are granddaughters of Simeon and contributors to this history. The Lessards were neighbors of the Waggoners on Paradise Hill about 12 miles from Brewster.

Brewster was where Sim and Dell were to spend most of the rest of their lives and is the area where most of their descendants lived to the present day.

In March, 1898 the post office at Brewster was established. At this time there were 3 post offices within one mile of each other at Brewster, Virginia City, and Toqua, the latter across the river in Douglas County.

In 1903 the principal business section of Brewster was destroyed by fire. It is stated that the casualty originated from a lighted cigarette in McKinley's Drugstore. Despite the heroic efforts of the citizens and the use of innumerable so called fire extinguishers, twentytwo buildings were destroyed and that was three fourths of the town. Brewster is located on the right side of the Columbia River in the southern part of Okanogan County and was at the head of steamboat navigation in the early days. Ed Lessard, husband of Jessie Waggoner, worked on the steamboats before their marriage. It was the river port for all of the freight intended for the upper Methow Valley. It was the freighting center of a fine agricultural and mining belt.

The Waggoners homesteaded in various places around Brewster and in the fall of the year would work in the wheat harvests near Mansfield and Waterville. They lived for a time at Quincy, the Big Bend area near Bridgeport, and had cattle for a few years at Winthrop and Payne's Meadow on Paradise Hill.

In 1933 Sim and his sons started growing wheat on the Colville Indian Reservation near Brewster and continued until he retired a few years before his death in 1960.

His wife preceded him in death on February 9, 1939 at Brewster. It was very cold that winter and her casket had to be taken by sled to the cemetery on Paradise Hill. After her death, Sim lived mainly with his son Pete and wife Jessie. He spent a few winters at a hotel in Okanogan and his last winter at a motel in Brewster before becoming ill with tuberculosis.

Simeon was a tall, lean man, six foot or better, who within living memory, always wore a heavy mustache. He had worked hard over the years to support his large and growing family. His children knew him as a hard taskmaster with sudden bursts or wry humor. They called him "Paw", their mother "Maw" and they are known by those titles today to the children in succeeding generations.

The descendants of Simeon Waggoner and wife Della have been holding a family reunion annually since 1970. With only two exceptions they have been held at the Brewster city park since Brewster is in the area where most of the families live.

At the first reunion there were 115 descendants present. In 1977 only 67 attended.

There is no program of any kind and it is very informal. After a large potluck lunch, the children and the young people enjoy playing various kinds of games and the older people just sit around and talk. It lasts until the evening and there is always enough food left for an evening meal.

A large scrapbook has been kept by Bernice Lessard Weihermiller with the names of those attending and also pictures of those at the reunion are included. Sometimes old family albums have been brought and everyone enjoys seeing the old snapshots of themselves in the earlier years and of those who have passed away.

Ed North and family of Glide, Oregon have attended every year and