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TO AUNT MAGGIE RICHEY
"who loved us all from babies"

with gratitude, admiration and love



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PREFACE

The absorbing project of compiling the Richey family history started in the spring of 1963. After Christmas I had collected some data on the Morris side of the family for Lucille Johnson, and after that was completed, I began exploring the background of the Richey family. The Overstreet history, which I fortunately had written years ago when our parents were still alive, was a good starting point. Letters were written by the dozens to the Richey cousins. During a meeting in Hollister, Myrtle Richey Goodwin, Mary Overstreet Hemsath and I made some hasty plans for a reunion in the old home town, on June 30, 1963. Notices were sent to all the members of the family, near and far, and the response was overwhelming. From New Jersey and Texas came Madge Richey Townley and Gladys Richey Labruzzo and joined many other relatives at Bolado Park on this special Sunday afternoon. There were about sixty in all. Everyone brought old pictures, journals and letters and filled out cards to help me with recent history. After that memorable day, the history was well under way.

As the material was organized I handed it on to Kate Overstreet O'Brien and Mary Overstreet Hemsath to type. Ralph Prince and Andy Morris, Jr. also gave us some help with the typing. Ralph designed the handsome cover for the book, using the old woven portiere which had been in the family for generations as his inspiration. The cooperation on the history was gratifying and I thank each of you for it. I'm sure most of you have not written so many letters in years. And I am most grateful for the accurate records which Kate O'Brien has kept in her diaries through the years.

In writing I have concentrated on my memories of the people of my mother's generation, rather than on the younger relatives, for they are the ones who are gone, except our dear Aunt Maggie, and as time passes there will be fewer and fewer to remember them. I feel most fortunate that I knew most of my mother's family, and this adventure in the "remembrance of things past" has had many rewards. To sum it up I would like to quote the words of Ecclesiasticus, written so many centuries ago:

"Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us ...
Men of resource and furnished with strength
Dwelling peaceably in their habitations.
All these were honored in their generation, and had glory in their day.
There be some of them that have left a name behind them, and their
praises still continue.
And some there be that have no memorial, who are forgotten as though
they had not been.
Nevertheless they were men of mercy, and their righteous deeds have
not been in vain.
For they left a good inheritance to their seed,
and their children are their testament."

Edith Overstreet Morris
December, 1963

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SURNAMERS OF SCOTLAND, by GEORGE BLACK

"Ritchie. Formerly a common Border surname. From 'Richie', a diminutive of Richard, with intrusive t. In some instances curtailed from (Mac) Ritchie, q.v. Michael Rechy in Inverness in the fourteenth century (Macbain v, p.11). Duncan Richie was a messenger in Perth, 1505 (Milne, p.14) and John Riche witnessed an instrument of sasine in Brechin in the same year (REB., II, 149). Duncan Riche was the king's sheriff of Inverness in 1512 (OPS., II, p.661), and there is mention of the lands of Robert Reche in Glasgow, 1550 (Protocols, I). The wife of David Reche in Aberdeen was fined for brewing ale, 1538 (GRA., p.157). William Ritchie founded the Scotsman newspaper in Edinburgh in 1817, and Alexandre Ritchie was an Edinburgh artist of repute in early half of last century. As forename: Ritsche Criste was 'delatit of lipyr (leprosy) in Stirling, 1520 (SHR., p.5), and Riche Hynd is recorded in Dunfermline in 1577. Rechie 1574, Rechtie 1682, Rychy 1474, Rychse (z = y) 1509, Rytchie 1609."

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WILLIAM RICHEY FAMILY

"WILLIAM RICHEY was a native of Scotland, and came to America with his parents. They located in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. William Richey was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, married Mary Kane, and immigrated to Marietta, Ohio in the year 1813. He was a farmer by occupation, and continued at this near Marietta until 1815, when he moved to Union County, Ohio. He was 88 years of age at the time of his death."

JAMES RICHEY, son of William and Mary Kane Richey, was born March 26, 1798, in Beaver County, Penn. He was also a farmer and at an early age moved to Delaware County, Ohio, where he married Sarah Newhouse in 1823 and passed the remainder of his days. He died Dec. 14, 1885. He was Whig in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Sarah Newhouse, daughter of Anthony and Nancy Coons Newhouse, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, on May 26, 1801, and grew to womanhood in Delaware County, where she married and lived until her death in 1881. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the mother of seven children: Newton (Isaac Newton), Martha, Nancy, William, Mary, Eura and James.

- I Isaac Newton Richey , born July 24, 1826 in Union County, Ohio.
- II Martha Richey, born Oct. 3, 1827 in Union County, Ohio.
- III Nancy Richey, born Dec. 20, 1830 in Delaware County, Ohio.
- IV WILLIAM RICHEY was born July 23, 1833 in Union County, Ohio (Another source gives birthplace as Delaware County, Ohio). William grew to manhood on the Sciota River, Ohio, and followed farming in Delaware County until he came to Laclede County, Mo., in March, 1882. He was a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting in Company G, 121st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served eight months. He was at the battle of Perryville, Ky., and others. In another chapter of this history see a copy of some of his wartime correspondence. He continued to farm near Lebanon until he moved the family to Caddo, Oklahoma, in 1895. As other members of his family were moving to California, he and his daughter Ada joined the migration in Sept. 1904. Martha Richey came the following March. William died in Hollister, Calif. on Nov. 2, 1910.

He married Martha Newhouse on Aug. 20, 1861. She was the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Ann McGee Newhouse, born April 14, 1844 in Delaware County, Ohio. William and Martha were first cousins. They were the parents of eight children: Eliza, Robert, Alexander, Sarah, Ralph, Ada, Samuel and Mary.

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I was too young to remember Grandpa Richey but I have many pleasant memories of Grandma Richey and her little house on San Benito Street in Hollister. She was a devout member of the Methodist Church, an excellent cook (Oh, those chicken dumplings and berry pies!) and accomplished at needlework. Myrtle Richey Goodwin writes of her cooking reputation: "I've heard Dad (Robert Richey) tell so many times of how Grandma brought her "starter" from Ohio to Missouri. word got around about this new, wonderful bread she made and women came for

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Most of the above information was taken from "History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps and Dent Counties, Mo." Chicago, Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889. A few additional facts from the Newhouse Family History, privately printed in 1914.

miles to get a starter and learn how to make the bread. Betty Crocker of her day!" Some of her lovely linens are still in use. On special occasions we bring out the beautiful tablecloth she hemstitched so long ago. And I well remember her flu mask, required for all during the epidemic, which she had neatly hemstitched all around. My mother used to tell me that Grandma never sat with idle hands. This love of needlework was passed on to her daughters and grandchildren and I hope it will continue forever.

Grandma's little spare bedroom held a special charm for us children who came to stay overnight. Who could forget the fun of giggling in the feather bed with cousin Georgia Berberich? When Grandma finally had enough of these shenanigans, she told us we could not stay all night together again. The old fashioned pictures of the guardian angel and Christ walking on the water were always on the wall. It was in this small room that they laid her when she died quite suddenly on April 26, 1922.

- A. Eliza Richey, born April 6, 1864 in Delaware County, Ohio, and died Nov. 21, 1870 of a childhood disease.
- B. Robert Richey, second child of William and Martha Newhouse Richey, was born April 7, 1866 in Delaware County, Ohio. When he was sixteen he moved with his parents to Missouri. Desiring to further his own education he taught school to get money to go to college. He graduated from the University of St. Louis and became a practicing physician in Laclede and Dallas Counties. He married Alice Nolan on March 19, 1892 and had three sons: Charles, Alphonso (Pat), and Ruby. When his wife died on March 10, 1900 his sister Ada came to help care for the children. On Aug. 12, 1903 he married Maude Turner and they had two daughters, Myrtle and Mary. Dr. Richey was prominent in the Masonic order and the Republican party. He retired in 1930, moved to California where he lived until his death on April 1, 1938.

I remember Uncle Bob after his retirement as a delightful spinner of yarns and endless stories of his life as a country doctor in Missouri. The adventures of an imaginary Kentucky character called Tip Sams were also very popular with all the young relatives.

Tip Sams had twins
And a razor-back sow,
Five dogs and a mule
And an old roan cow;
A bone-spavined filly
And a one-room house,
And a little wrinkled woman
Just as meek as a mouse.
Old Tip raised tobacco
And he trafficked in skins,
For he had seven sons
In addition to the twins,
And every mother's son,
And the little mammy, Jude,
Smoked a pipe all day
And the twins both chewed ...

But here the story closes
Of my little romance,
For the seven sons are sleeping
On the battlefields of France;

And their daddy grows tobacco
And trafficks still in skins,
And the little wrinkled mammy
Has another pair of twins.

Cotton Noe

The true stories of his work as a horse and buggy doctor would fill several books. His daughter, Myrtle Goodwin, recalls that he said that the two greatest medical discoveries of his day were diphtheria serum and the use of screen wire to keep out flies.

1. Charles Richey, first son of Robert and Alice Nolan Richey, was born Nov. 20, 1893 in Laclede County, Mo. He died on Oct. 11, 1919 in Urbana, Mo, as a result of wounds he received in World War I. In another chapter see a copy of his citation.
2. Alphonso (Pat) Richey was born Nov. 19, 1894 in Laclede County, Mo. He married Harriett Wheeler Kunce, who died Sept. 15, 1946. He married Ruth Watrous Kunce on March 23, 1948. They live in Joplin, Mo. and have the following children:
 - a. Alice Charleen Richey, born Nov. 9, 1948
 - b. Frankie LaVerne Richey, born Dec. 13, 1949
 - c. Karleen Kay Richey, born Oct. 11, 1958
3. Ruby A. Richey was born Feb. 25, 1898 in Eldridge, Mo., and died in Hollister, Calif. on Sept. 1, 1952. He was married on Jan. 24, 1920 to Cleo M. Finley in Joplin, Mo. Cleo, the daughter of Oliver Newton and Mary Alice Finley, was born April 28, 1901 in Joplin, Mo. They had three daughters as follows:
 - a. Virginia Alice Richey was born Jan. 19, 1921 in Joplin, Mo. On March 9, 1941 she married Norman Howard Bowman, born July 24, 1919 in St. Joseph, Mo. The Bowmans operate a busy flower shop in San Jose, Calif.
 - (1) Judith Ann Bowman, born May 14, 1946
 - (2) Robert Norman Bowman, born March 17, 1949
 - (3) Katrina Lee Bowman, born June 5, 1952, died Oct. 2, 1952
 - (4) Karen Lynn Bowman, born Jan. 31, 1958
 - b. Helen Elizabeth Richey was born March 20, 1923 in Joplin, Mo. She married Ralph Roosevelt Johnson on Nov. 17, 1940.
 - (1) Ralph Roosevelt Johnson, Jr. was born Sept. 15, 1941. He married Linda Gail Tennant on Sept. 2, 1962.
 - c. Mary Estella Richey, born Sept. 8, 1931, married Aubrey Arron Davenport on Feb. 9, 1952.
 - (1) Susan Marie Davenport, born March 9, 1957
4. Myrtle Richey, daughter of Robert and Maude Turner Richey, was born June 27, 1904 in Sleeper, Mo. She attended Urbana (Mo.) High School and the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. She married Gerald D. Miller on May 27, 1927 and obtained a divorce in Oct. 1934. On Feb. 14, 1938 she married Carl Benjamin Goodwin. Carl was born March 16, 1906 in Chillicothe, Ill. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1926 to 1930 and has lived in Hollister since his marriage.

5. Mary Richey, daughter of Robert and Maude Turner Richey, was born July 14, 1911 in Sleeper, Mo. She came to California in 1930 with her parents. She married Carl Larn Davidson on Dec. 30, 1934 in Yuma, Arizona. Carl, son of Charles and Mary Davidson, was born Feb. 19, 1907 in Everett, Wash., and is a plumber by occupation.

- a. Charles Robert Davidson was born Oct. 22, 1935 in Redlands, Calif. He is a pharmacist by profession and served his country with distinction in Germany. See another chapter for his citation.
- b. David Richey Davidson was born May 12, 1937 in Van Nuys, Calif. He married Carol Gay Kidder on Jan. 10, 1959 and obtained a divorce on May 12, 1961. On Sept. 25, 1963 David married Sharon Moffat, who was born March 16, 1940. David is in the photography business.
- c. Nancy Ann Davidson was born on April 11, 1938 in Hollister, Calif. She is a secretary and works in San Francisco.

C. Alexander (A.E.) Richey, second son of William and Martha Newhouse Richey, was born Aug. 10, 1868 in Delaware County, Ohio. As a young man he taught in country schools and in a private school in Philadelphia. He later was in the insurance business and was postmaster for Caddo, Okla. In 1908? he married Metta (Hill) Barlow, a widow with two children, Virginia and Ted. They had two daughters, Addie Madge and Gladys. For a short time in 1914 the family lived in Hollister but soon returned to Caddo. In 1923 they were divorced and continued to live in Caddo. Alexander died on March 7, 1929 of acute indigestion.

1. Addie Madge Richey, daughter of Alexander and Metta Hill Barlow Richey, was born Aug. 18, 1909 in Caddo, Okla. She took nurses' training in Sherman, Texas and became a R.N. in 1930, attended the Univ. of Texas from 1933 to 1939 receiving both B.A. and M.A. degrees from that institution. She is now a bacteriologist at All Souls' Hospital, Morristown, N.J., and at the Townley Research and Consulting, Gillette, N.J. She married Robert William Townley on Nov. 20, 1929. See also chapter on scientists. They had children as follows:

- a. Clive Donnan Townley, born Feb. 12, 1941
- b. Karen Richey Townley, born Sept. 15, 1946

2. Gladys Richey, second daughter of Alexander and Metta Hill Barlow Richey, was born Aug. 14, 1911 in Caddo, Okla. She also took nurses' training, completed her college degree and became a school nurse in Dallas, Texas. She married Joe Labruzzo on Feb. 10, 1934. Joe, son of Charles and Katherine Roppolo Labruzzo, was born Aug. 24, 1910 in Beaumont, Texas and died Feb. 10, 1943. Their children are as follows:

- a. Katherine Labruzzo was born Nov. 18, 1935 in Dallas, Texas. She married James Park.
 - (1) Charles Duane Park, born Nov. 12, 1959
 - (2) Julie Annette Park, born May 17, 1961
 - (3) Katherine Marie Park, born June 21, 1962
- b. Cora Jo Labruzzo was born Feb. 18, 1937 in Dallas, Texas. She married George Hagan.
 - (1) Karla Gay Hagan was born Sept. 12, 1960
 - (2) Gladlyn Hagan was born Oct. 31, 1961

D. Sarah (Sally) Richey was born in Delaware County, Ohio on July 4, 1871, the second daughter of William and Martha Newhouse Richey. She moved to Missouri with her parents at an early age and later Moved to Oklahoma. In 1894 she married Harry L. Berberich who was born in New York on Aug. 2, 1871. Georgia Berberich Holmes writes of her parents: "As young people, Mom and Dad lived on adjoining farms and met at various school entertainments and revival meetings, etc. Dad and family had lived in New York before they moved to the country - and after the farming venture proved unsuccessful, they married and went back to New York where Grandma and Pa Berberich were, I think. Then Uncle Charlie came to Hollister, and Mom went home to stay with her folks, while Dad came to California to look over the prospects. She followed according to her letter (see chapter on letters) after Dad had settled down here. There was an Oklahoma "land run", which Dad tells about, and he and my mother rented a rig and fell in line. But they were too late for any good land."

The Berberichs had an orchard in the Hollister area for several years but by 1910 Harry Berberich had built a theatre in Hollister. It was a popular showplace and later was used for a dance hall. Sally Berberich had a dressmaking business in her home. She had gained some experience from her husband's relatives while she lived in New York. She died of pneumonia on Nov. 18, 1919 in Hollister. Harry Berberich continued to live in Hollister until his death in 1956.

Aunt Sally and Uncle Harry were a jolly pair and we country relatives used to enjoy their good natured pranks when they lived in the big house on Monterey Street. This fabulous mansion with rose arbor, pomegranate trees and summer house was something to remember always.



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1. Georgia Berberich, daughter of Harry L. and Sarah Richey Berberich, was born Dec. 13, 1906 in Hollister, Calif. This fun-loving cousin was in my grade at school and we were good companions until her mother's death when she was sent to school in the San Jose area. But she continued to visit the "country mouse", as she called me, during vacations. We have always lived close enough to see each other occasionally and I hope it will be always so, "city mouse."

On Feb. 11, 1929 Georgia married Edward Rowan Holmes, son of Alfred Walter and Isabel Fernandez Holmes. Edward was born on Feb. 28, 1903 in New Idria, Calif. They have lived most of their married life in San Jose where Edward is a court bailiff and Georgia is a bookmender for the Santa Clara County Library. They have two sons as follows:

a. George Edward Holmes, born Jan. 27, 1930 in Hollister, Calif. He graduated from San Jose State College and served in the air force in Albuquerque, N.M. He taught in Point Arena, Calif. and is now a high school teacher in Milpitas, Calif. On June 20, 1951 he married Jane Alice St. John who was born June 21, 1932.

(1) Stephen Dean Holmes, born July 3, 1952 in Albuquerque, N.M.

(2) Gail Ellen Holmes, born May 16, 1954 in Albuquerque, N.M.

(3) David Aaron Holmes, born April 1, 1958 in Point Arena.

b. Kenneth Walter Holmes was born May 16, 1939 in San Jose, Calif. He graduated from San Jose State College and went to work for the government weather bureau at the airport in San Francisco. He will return to the position after he finishes his army service at the Presidio of San Francisco.

2. Harriett Berberich was born Oct. 5, 1909 in Hollister, Calif.

3. Louis Newhouse Berberich was born in 1912 in Hollister and died in 1914.

E. Ralph (Dan) Richey, son of William and Martha Newhouse Richey, was born Feb. 12, 1875 in Delaware County, Ohio. He moved with his parents to Laclede County, Mo. in 1882 and to Oklahoma in 1895. He married Jennie Wells and had one son, Arthur. They were divorced and Ralph moved to Hollister, Calif. in 1904. He was a carpenter by occupation until he bought the ranch on Buena Vista Road. He built a house on Monterey Street where he married Margaret Irene Blacklock on Sept. 15, 1909. She was born Nov. 23, 1883, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Ann Bullard Blacklock, in Alvarado, Merced County, Calif. She writes in a letter of Aug. 29, 1963: "I think Ralph built the four room house about two years before we were married. He rented it out only a while the year we were married. I was in Quien Sabe and he wrote me he had disinfected and went over all the wood work so he knew it was clean. He was a no. 1 finisher, did the finishing of a lot of the nicest homes of this time... I couldn't have had a more honest and finer person than he." They sold the house in Hollister and Ralph started building a house on the ranch on Buena Vista Road. Temporarily they lived in the old Day House on Buena Vista Road and the Tibbett house near the Union School. By the winter of 1917 their own house was almost finished so they moved in and completed it later. On this ranch they planted alfalfa and prune trees and raised hogs and chickens. In 1921 they planted peach and imperial prune trees.

"We had some beautiful trees on the west side of the house", Aunt Maggie recalls. In 1940 they pulled out the trees and rented out the land. Ralph was active in the Masonic lodge and served as master of San Benito Lodge no. 211 in 1935. When I was attending the University of Calif. he signed my application for membership in the Masonic Club, where I had many jolly times during my three years on the campus. Ralph died on Oct. 14, 1943 of heart disease and high blood pressure. Aunt Maggie continues to live at the little ranch with her brother, Ed Blacklock. In recent years they drilled for oil on her place; gas was found but she realized very little profit from the project.

Uncle Ralph or Dan, as we called him, was a great favorite with the Overstreets. He seemed like a dashing figure on his motorcycle with side car for Aunt Maggie. And when he joined the holiday parades marching in his white Masonic apron we were filled with wonder at this mysterious order. The ranch in the country was a delightful spot to visit. There was always a new batch of kittens, baby chicks to see, or wild pansies to pick on the nearby hillside. Aunt Maggie is an expert at many kinds of needlecraft - crochet, tatting, embroidery, quilting and knitting. She won many prizes for these articles at the San Benito County Fair, and some of us were lucky enough to have some of these prize-winners as gifts. Aunt Maggie, the last Richey of her generation, is dearly loved by all her nieces and nephews.

1. Arthur Richey, son fo Ralph and Jennie Wells Richey, was born Dec. 22, 1897 in Caddo, Okla. He served in World War I and suffered the loss of part of his leg. While recovering in the hospital he wrote a courageous letter to my mother. See the chapter on letters. As part of his therapy in the hospital Art was taught to make bead portieres out of strips of colored magazine pages. When he later visited us in Hollister he made a set for us and we all enjoyed this artistic addition to the furnishings of our house. On July 9, 1923 Art married Lena McKinley Benz who was born Nov. 3, 1898. He died Sept. 12, 1962. They had children as follows:

a. Arthur Richey, Jr. (Buck) was born June 25, 1924. He married Jean Van Valkenberg on May 4, 1946. He married Ann Lease on Nov. 2, 1951.

(1) Carol Maureen Richey

b. Susa May Richey was born April 18, 1926. She married Rex McFerrin on July 20, 1945. They had children as follows:

(1) Patricia Ann McFerrin, born Dec. 18, 1946

(2) Michael Dennis McFerrin, born June 25, 1953

Susa May married Leonard Kidwell on Oct. 20, 1962

c. Barbara June Richey, born Aug. 17, 1928, married Robert Pollack on Oct. 11, 1947.

(1) Sherrie Lynn Pollack, born Jan. 28, 1949

(2) James Robert Pollack, born Feb. 24, 1952

(3) Virginia Leigh Pollack, born Jan. 16, 1958

(4) Jefferie Scott Pollack, born July 25, 1960

d. Floyd Ralph Richey (Bud), born March 4, 1931, married Shirley Kager on Dec. 20, 1958

(1) Raelyn Richey

(2) Judy Leigh Richey

e. Ray Vern Richey, born May 12, 1934

F. Ada (Adda, Addie) Richey was born July 24, 1877 in Delaware County, Ohio, the sixth child of William and Martha Newhouse Richey. She moved with her parents to Missouri and later to Oklahoma. When her brother Robert's wife died she helped care for the three little boys. In Sept., 1904 she moved to Hollister, Calif., with her father. Later she opened a small shop in San Jose. Her business card read:

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Her daughter, Betty Thaysen Yakobovich, wrote of her mother: "She lived in the same boarding house with George and Elizabeth Berberich when she came to San Jose. She owned and ran the little embroidery shop on San Fernando Street. Dad came into port somewhere up North in Seattle, I think, jumped ship and came down here to his sister's. Mom and Dad went to San Francisco and were married on Feb. 13, 1912." Hans Christian Thaysen, born Oct. 10, 1880 in Openrade, Schleswig-Holstein, was employed in grocery stores after he left the sea. As Betty said, he was always willing to do anything for anyone and was most always jolly. As children Kate and I used to spend vacations with Uncle Hans and Aunt Addie and enjoyed many pleasant excursions with them. An unforgettable trip was to the Winchester Mystery House at which time young Hans filled in some mighty interesting details on the recluse who directed the building of this architectural monstrosity. The Thaysens lived for a number of years in San Jose and then bought a small ranch near Campbell in 1923. Aunt Addie raised chickens and dogs and Hans and Betty. I was attending library school in San Jose State College when they lived there and I used to bring my friends out for their inspection. In 1932 they moved back to San Jose and lived at 17th and St. John Streets until Aunt Addie died on Dec. 5, 1945, and Uncle Hans in Jan. 1961.

1. Hans Christian Thaysen, Jr., son of Hans Christian and Ada Richey Thaysen, was born Feb. 19, 1913 in San Jose. He served in the U.S. Navy Pacific Area from 1942 to 1945. He is active in the Masonic lodge and came to Richmond to see Andrew Morris receive his 3d degree in 1947. He is now radio technician for the San Jose Police Dept. He married Dorothy Peryam on Jan. 12, 1947. Dorothy was born Jan. 21, 1918 and has a son to share the same birthday:
 - a. Barry Franklin Thaysen, born Jan. 21, 1952 in San Jose Calif.
2. John Thaysen, born Aug. 20, 1915, died in one week.
3. Elizabeth Thaysen was born June 6, 1919 in San Jose, Calif. She writes: "My hobbies are knitting, both hand and machine, and sewing; even though I make my living at a sewing machine I still like to sew at home. One more hobby is Native Daughters of the Golden West, mainly Children's Foundation." She married Peter Yakobovich in Santa Cruz on July 1, 1938 and again in St.

Patrick's Catholic Church in 1945. Peter, son of Stephen and Stella Yakobovich of Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, was born Aug. 30, 1912 in Watsonville, Calif. He works at the post office and enjoys camellias and woodworking as hobbies. They have two daughters as follows:

- a. Sallee Richey Yakobovich was born July 1, 1939 in San Jose, Calif. She married Daniel Francis Murtha on Nov. 7, 1959, in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Daniel, son of Vincent and Marie Murtha, was born Nov. 2, 1938 in San Jose. He graduated from University of Santa Clara in 1960 and entered the army as a 1st Lt.; is now stationed in Ansbach, Germany. They have children as follows:
 - (1) Thomas Daniel Murtha, born July 31, 1960 in San Jose
 - (2) Diane Elizabeth Murtha, born Aug. 27, 1961, Lawton, Okla.
 - (3) Kathleen Marie Murtha, born Oct. 8, 1962, Lawton, Okla.
 - b. Susan Ann Yakobovich was born April 2, 1946 in San Jose. Her Hobbies are books, the piano and organ. She graduates from Notre Dame High School this year and hopes to go on to the University of Santa Clara.
- G. Samuel Richey, youngest son of William and Martha Newhouse Richey, was born July 9, 1879 in Delaware County, Ohio. He lived in Missouri and later in Oklahoma, coming to California much later than the rest of the family. He lived with Grandma Richey on San Benito Street for a number of years. He never married. His apricot orchard near the I.O.C.F. cemetery was quite profitable and he built several houses on the place for investment. After he sold his property he retired to Gilroy, Fresno and finally to Hollister where he died on June 9, 1962. I will always remember our last visit with this kind old uncle who was so neatly groomed all his life, even after he became almost blind. While we were decorating the graves on Memorial Day we learned from Georgia Berberich Holmes that he was in the hospital after a heart attack. He seemed to be glad to see us, talked to Andrew about their fishing trips together, and asked about Roy Overstreet, a great favorite of his. Then he said in his droll way: "The only bad thing he ever did was to make that bomb!" In ten more days he passed away. All arrangements had been made long before, even to the grave marker.
- H. Mary Richey, youngest child of William and Martha Newhouse Richey, was born Aug. 13, 1881 in Delaware County, Ohio. Before she was a year old she moved with her parents to Missouri, in March, 1882. She received a grammar school education in the country schools. In 1895 the family moved to Caddo, Oklahoma. Here Mom worked in a dressmaking shop and also learned millinery. There was another dressmaker named Minnie Overstreet who sewed with Mom and she had a younger brother named 'Lish. Thereby hangs a tale, but before we relate this important family event let's review the life of E.H.O. up to this point.

Elisha Hiram Overstreet, son of Hiram Wheat and Mary Jane Rebecca Everett Overstreet, was born Oct. 15, 1872 on Emberson Prairie near Sumner, Texas, the youngest of 11 children. His father had a farm of 600 acres in this area. His father, Hiram

Wheat Overstreet, had formerly operated a cabinet and coffin shop in town but moved to the farm after the death of five of his children in the hope of finding a more healthful climate. See chapter on newspaper clippings. E.H.C. received his early education in the schools of Sumner where he was able to attend four or five months of the year, during the winter. At one time he boarded and went to school in Money Grove, Texas. Clarence Sperry, one of his teachers, lived with the Hiram Wheat Overstreet family, courted and married sister Luella on April 25, 1895.

Pop had an uncle, Elisha Betts Overstreet, who was a prosperous stock yard dealer in St. Louis. He gave his namesake his first store-bought suit when he was five years old. He also gave him a banjo. One of the uncle's daughters, Nannie, lived in Galveston. Young Elisha made the 400 mile trip by train to see her and was greatly impressed with the 60 mile beach, covered with shells, and the beautiful town. He recorded that the fare was \$1.00.

After his mother's death on Nov. 30, 1892, his father gave him 67 acres of his farm, 14 miles N.W. of Paris, Texas. Pop cleared 30 acres, dug a well 60 feet deep, and built a three-room house. He lived there one year and sold it for \$800.00. About 1897 he moved to a farm near Caddo, Okla. and lived there 5 years. He and a partner started a small restaurant specializing in chili. The partner left without notice and the chili parlor had to close. The old clock with the date hand (now in the possession of Kate Overstreet O'Brien) was in the building. Pop took it as a souvenir of the unsuccessful business venture.

Through his sister, Minnie, E.H.C. met Mary Richey who worked with her in the dress shop. The story of some of the events that followed were told in these excerpts from the Overstreet History Book, "We Who Were Born in Country Places", compiled in 1940 by Edith Overstreet Morris, as a Christmas gift to the family.

PRAIRIE PRELUDE

Once upon a time there was a young couple who "reckoned" they would like to live happily ever after. Mary Richey, a little seamstress of Caddo, Oklahoma, had promised to marry a tall lanky farmer named Elisha Hiram Overstreet. Two friends, Minnie Gross and Bob Bell, had come to the same decision. The four of them planned to be married together in the neighboring town of Durant. Mary and 'Lish set out in a snappy buggy with a fine team of horses, and their friends in a similar conveyance. All was very merry until they came to old Blue River. It was mid November and the river was high. The horses had to swim and the water came up into the bed of the buggy. By putting their feet up in the seat and sitting on them they were able to save their wedding finery. It was late afternoon when they finally arrived at the parsonage of the Rev. Stubblefield. There they had a great surprise. Elisha's sister Minnie and Bob Bell's brother Gaines were waiting to be married. And to complete the family circle there were also a cousin of the Bell boys and his girl among those present. The four couples stood up together and were married with one ceremony. No doubt the minister established a record that day, Nov. 17, 1902. At night the happy couples attended a show together and went later to the local hotel. Next day they returned to Caddo and enjoyed a wedding dinner at the home of Elisha's sister Leila.

The newlyweds, whom I will call Mom and Pop from now on, went to the farm where E.H.O. had been living for about two years. It was in the "12 mile prairie" district which was a few miles from Nida, a small town in southern Oklahoma consisting of store and postoffice. Here Pop rented land and raised corn and cotton. There was a two-room house on the place and they added another room later. Mom was seldom able to go home to Caddo - only about three times in the twelve months she lived on the farm. Pop says he had to take her home once in a while in order to get a good meal!

The next summer the prairie dwellers were preparing for a frolic, as Dr. Richey used to call such events. They made arrangements to go to Caddo. However, Mom got very busy one July day putting out a wash and it soon became evident that they couldn't reach town in time. A neighbor rushed to Nida on Pop's big saddle horse and returned with the doctor. About four o'clock on the afternoon of July 30, 1903 the first little Overstreet was born. He was named LeRoy for Dr. LeRoy Long of Caddo who had been the family doctor for a long time. Pop says the doctor charged \$7.50 to deliver Roy. Grandma Minton came out later from Caddo to stay with Mom.

In October of the same year the Overstreets bought a house in Caddo and went there to live. Pop still farmed near town. During this time Roy had the bad fortune to catch the whooping cough from a little girl who came to play with him. Pop believes that they saved his life by running a feather down his throat to make him vomit.

ON TO CALIFORNIA

E.H.O. was becoming dissatisfied with farming in Oklahoma. At that time there was a lot of talk about California. Aunt Sallie Berberich had been out west since 1900 and lived at Hollister. She often wrote about the opportunities to be found there. In the fall of 1904 Pop went out along to investigate. He spent three weeks looking at the land, the fruit harvest, the novelty of irrigation and other features of ranching in California. He went back to Oklahoma full of enthusiasm for the new country. They sold all of their belongings for about \$1500 and made ready to go to California to live.

Other relatives migrated about the same time - Aunt Addie and Grandpa Richey in September, 1904, Uncle Ralph in October, and Grandma Richey the following March, just before Frank was born.

The Overstreets arrived at their destination Nov. 19, 1904 after a four-day train trip. They stayed with Aunt Sallie while Pop looked around for a place to rent. They decided on the old McCarthy place in the Vineyard district. Here Pop raised grain and prunes and also invested in some cattle. But he was far from successful in this first California venture.

Other crops were good, however. On March 8, 1905 another son was born, again about four o'clock in the afternoon. Dr. O'Bannon drove up from Hollister but arrived after the baby did. Luckily, Grandma Richey lived just across the road. The new baby was named Frank, because Mom liked short names thinking they would prevent nicknames. Mom and Pop both agree that he was a very pretty baby. The doctor charged \$10.00. Aunt Addie came down from San Jose and stayed with Mom for a couple of weeks.

ACROSS THE RIVER

These were discouraging times and the Overstreets even talked of returning to Oklahoma. Then Uncle Harry Berberich arranged a deal in which the folks traded the lease on the McCarthy ranch for a thirteen-acre orchard planted to apricots and silver prunes. It was located in the Union District across the San Benito River from Hollister. Pop built a three-room house on the place, a cozy cottage with cut off corners.

1906 was the year of the big earthquake. It came early in the morning while Pop was building the fire for breakfast. Mom stayed near her boys during the quake. Shorter quakes continued off and on for several days. Everyone was afraid to stay in the house. The Overstreets moved their beds out in the orchard and slept there for two nights. There was little damage done in the country districts. Some water tanks fell down in the neighborhood but that was about all. In Hollister several buildings including the Grangers' Union were layed ^{laid} flat. Two people were killed in the vicinity.

In 1906 they got their first crop from the orchard. The 1905 crop didn't go with the place and so Pop had been working out all year. Mom and Pop harvested the fruit all alone and sold it to the cannery. Thus they were able to make a payment on the orchard.

That fall Pop rode his bicycle to town to help Uncle Harry do carpenter work for \$2.00 a day. Pop says he had learned carpentering from his father who had been a cabinet maker, from books on the steel square and "by being smart".

In 1907 Pop bought five more acres to add to his orchard. He got them from Charlie Berberich and they were planted to alfalfa and French prunes.

Of course a big event of 1907 was my birthday. Sunday, March 10th was the day. Pop went down the road to the nearest phone and called Dr. Hull late in the evening. I arrived about 11 o'clock, a short time before the doctor. Grandma Blacklock was on hand anyhow. Unkind people tell me that Aunt Addie cried because I was so ugly. Well, I probably cried too. They say the doctor's fee was \$20.00. The price of babies was going up.

On Aug. 20, 1908 Grandma Blacklock had another date with the Overstreets down the road. About 11 o'clock Kate was born. Dr. O'Bannon was the doctor again and his fee was \$25.00, Mom says. Kate was an old family name - Kate Overstreet (Elisha Betts Overstreet's daughter), Kate Wheat, Aunt Katie Richey (Mom's great aunt). I have fondly thought for many years that I remember when Kate was born. It doesn't seem very likely for I was only 18 months old. Anyhow one of the neighbors came down and got me, carried me on his shoulder up to his house and played cylinder records on his old phonograph. They tell me that really happened the day Kate was born.

In June, 1909, Charlie and Pat Richey came out for a visit. They stayed all summer and helped Pop with the fruit. They lived in the fruit house near the dry yard. When the harvest was over Pop took them hunting up in the Quien Sabe district on the George ranch. They drove up in a one horse spring wagon and were gone several days. Pop killed his one and only deer on that trip.

A composition I wrote in college English tells about an incident which happened when we lived across the river. I made the distance to the mailbox longer than it really was but the other statements are fairly accurate.

A CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE

Few incidents occurred to interrupt the quiet life on our farm. Going for the mail was one of these few. My brother, Roy, was allowed to go every day to the rural mailbox, which stood at a turn in the road about a mile away. Day after day I watched him disappear down the road and longed to go too. But I was too small. "Wait till you get big. It's a long way down there", they used to tell me. Patiently I waited until one day Roy said I might go.

The road stretched soft and brown before us and disappeared over a little hill only to reappear again further down. We romped and played and gathered flowers along the way. The trip was everything I had dreamed it would be. After a while we reached the mailbox, and bearing a few letters, started home.

But the homeward journey was not to be so happy. A dark shadow fell over the dusty road. We gazed into the sky and saw a huge black bird soaring round and round overhead. "It's an eagle", cried my brother as he grabbed my chubby hand and started pulling me toward the picket fence which ran along the side of the road. When he had guided me safely to the fence he explained that eagles were big birds that carried away little girls to their nests and ate them. "Of course they wouldn't carry me away", he added with great courage. "They don't like big boys. I'll tell you what to do. Walk in the shadow of this fence, and maybe he won't see you." Terror-stricken I worked my way along keeping well in the shadow of the friendly fence. It never occurred to me to wonder why my brother kept rather close to the fence too, even though the eagles didn't like big boys.

We reached home without mishap. I was fervently admiring Roy for his great bravery. Rushing into the house, he told our laughing-eyed parents about our terrible experience. Perhaps my brother wouldn't have remained on his high pedestal if I had heard my mother and father in the kitchen a few minutes later laughing about their son's bravery in saving me from a harmless buzzard.

ADRIFT IN A SMALL TOWN

I don't suppose the Overstreets knew what they were starting when they decided to move to town in order to send Roy to school. Anyhow, they demonstrated how highly they valued education.

In the spring of 1910 they bought a lot in Hollister on West Street. Pop worked about six months in his spare time building a house. Uncle Dan gave him some help. When it was complete they furnished the house with all new furniture, beds, chairs, dishes, rugs, and a round table around which we all have feasted many times during these thirty years. I vaguely remember the ride to town on a crowded spring wagon. How excited we were with the new things! I was worried lest Kate bite through the thin water glasses when she took a drink.

And Roy started to school - and has scarcely left one since!

Events of these few months in town are very hazy to me. There seemed to be crowds of children playing in our yard all the time, Pop took me to Sunday School where we sang strange meaningless songs like "Bringing in the Sheep", and I went with Pop while he cut a Christmas tree out of someone's hedge. The most exciting thing that happened while we lived on West Street was Pop's escape from drowning. He had started out to the ranch in the Union district riding in the buggy. The bridge across the San Benito River had washed out in the winter floods. Pop thought the horse would swim across. Instead the horse overturned the buggy, Pop fell out and became tangled in the reins. He was being dragged across the river when Mr. Prewitt, who was standing on the bank watching with a crowd of people, threw Pop a rope and rescued him. I remember that it was a very wet father who came home early that day.

BIG EVENTS IN LITTLE LIVES

Back to the Soil

E.H.O. came from a long line of country dwellers and consequently he couldn't remain contented in town very long. In a few months Pop was dickering for the old Hardin place on the Santa Ana Road. It was a 13-acre prune orchard and the price was \$8500. In order to make the down payment Mom and Pop sold the house in town for \$2500 and also mortgaged the ranch across the river.

We moved out into the country in the spring of 1911 when everything was green and in full bloom. The long rambling white house, built about 35 years before, was set off by palms in front and huge pepper trees in back. There was a white picket fence around the yard and an arched gateway in front. A great variety of trees were planted in the family orchard - orange, apple, pear, plum, cherry, and peach. Berry and currant bushes grew in between the trees. Other buildings on the place consisted of a large mossy roofed barn, several sheds, a windmill with an interesting tankhouse, the top of which could only be reached by a ladder, and a cozy little "Johnson house". (This small building was the last of the original farm structures to go; it was destroyed in a disastrous fire in 1940!) Along the road at one corner of the orchard stood another windmill, tankhouse and public watering trough. Down the road a piece there was a bridge and under this a ditch were polywogs, fish and frogs abounded during irrigating season. Following the ditch down into the orchard belonging to our neighbors one came to a small dam which formed a little pool. All in all these thirteen acres, with all the neighboring country where we could roam, made an ideal place for children.

1913 MODEL BUICK

Pop always liked to keep up to date. In the fall of 1912 he bought a Buick for \$1100 cash. The garage was located under the pepper trees near the driveway. Kate and I spent a good part of the day picking up pieces of glass, nails and any small objects that might have punctured the tires. At last Pop drove bravely into the driveway sitting high and mighty in his new contraption. When he got in front of the garage he stopped. He wouldn't take a chance on running into the back of the garage and so we all pushed it in.

Our first car was far from a perfect instrument. I think the song "Get Out and Get Under" was written with the Buick in mind. Pop had continuous trouble with the carburetor. When we were taking drives about the countryside we often had to stop and get out while Pop tinkered with the motor. Then he would leave the front door open, crank the car and jump quickly back to the steering wheel to pull down a lever. After several attempts and final success we all got back in the car and we proceeded on our uncertain way.

One time we made a trip to the coast. Uncle Dan and Aunt Maggie went along in their Overland. The old Buick was running in its

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customary bad form. As we returned and approached Hollister the car stopped. Nothing would make it start up. Finally Pop cut a length of barbed wire from the fence and tied it to Uncle Dan's car and so continued our way home. I still remember how ashamed I was when we drove through town lest someone notice us.

In spite of these difficulties Pop kept the Buick until August, 1919 when he traded it in on a Ford.

Mumps and Mary

Mom was expecting in November, 1913, and, as if that wasn't enough, she had the mumps. She says that this childish disease gave her more trouble than the baby did. Late in the evening of November 26th Mary was born. Grandma Blacklock and Dr. O'Bannon presided. We children slept through the night. Next morning Pop took us in to see the new baby. She lay on the pillow beside Mom and looked very lovely and white. Grandma Blacklock and the doctor told us that the baby arrived in the doctor's black bag. Kate and I were thrilled with a baby sister but the boys had wanted a brother. They didn't give Mary a present that Christmas because of their disappointment. Dr. O'Bannon's fee was \$35.00. So we see the price of babies increased from \$7.00 to \$35.00 in ten years.

Mary was named for Pop's mother, Mary Jane Rebecca Everett.

Return of the Native

In October, 1914 Pop made a visit to Texas and Oklahoma and stayed three weeks. Mom had a girl named Miss Spivey to stay with us. In a letter to Pop dated Oct. 4, 1914 Mom reports on the state of the nation:

"As this is Sunday afternoon I thought I would write and let you know how we are getting along; just fine. I am quite busy and am very tired at night so sleep all night. Am not afraid at all. The girl is pretty good she does not know much about the work. I have to tell her and show about everything but she is willing and does her work good. She goes home Sundays after work is done up in morning. The children is good and bad at times. The boys don't have much to do, they carried some of the props in yesterday. Had Roy to take his wheel back they said it was not worth fixing. Would have to have a new tire guess I will have to wait until you come home tell me what to do about it. Kate rode her wheel to school Friday. Edith said there was a side walk full of children following along to see her ride. I was talking to Kate's teacher the other evening. She said she was coming out just fine and thought she would make the grade all right. She says the teachers tell her that all our children are making a good record. Patrick is to get his apples tomorrow. The neighbors are all good and offer to do anything I want. Mr. Hardin taken the horses out the same evening you left. Well I suppose you are on your last stretch of your trip. My you must be tired by this time. Now I want you to enjoy your stay and do not

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bother about anything. Well this is about all give my love to all and that I would like so much to be there to. Mary's face is better and she is well as can be. Will write again in a few days so good by love and best wishes.

Mary Overstreet "

The boys gave Miss Spivey a bad time; they were always teasing her. "A cricket's what makes Miss Spivey groan", they used to chant to her. Several times she discovered mice and crickets in her room placed there by Roy and Frank.

We were surprised that Mary remembered Pop when he got back. She wasn't a year old at that time. Pop brought us all something - bracelets for Kate and me, a rattle for Mary, mocassins for Roy, and a watch for Frank.

Difficult Patient

Serious illness was extremely rare in our family. For that reason Pop's attack of pneumonia stands out vividly in my mind. In January, 1915 Pop became sick after exposure to cold weather. Dr. O'Bannon called and had us move the patient out of the bedroom into the living room because it was warmer. Then we had to make a gadget to attract Mom's attention in the kitchen when Pop wanted anything. The house was so long that there was quite a distance between these two rooms. The boys ran a rope from Pop's bed out to the side porch and tied a can on the end. It seems to me that this can rattled continually during the week E.H.O. was confined to his bed. The doctor couldn't do much with Pop. He always had his own ideas and insisted on having three square meals a day. Frank and Roy were sure Pop was on the brink of the grave; they argued about who would get his gold watch. But Pop fooled them and got well.

World's Fair

1915 was also the year of the Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco. In the Fall an excursion was arranged for schoolchildren. Roy and Frank were to go with their teachers, but Pop decided to take me. Mom made us all little knapsacks to hold our lunches. The train was filled with excited children all equipped with large badges to keep them from getting lost. It was an eventful day. We spent most of the time, as I remember, walking and eating lunch. It seems that we stopped to eat every time we came to a bench. Pop took me to see many farm exhibits and I was impressed with the sculpture in butter. We watched a working model of the Panama Canal for a long time. The avenue of dolls at the entrance and the dazzling Tower of Jewels stand out in my mind. We arrived home late and I carried a bunch of pamphlets for souvenirs.

In 1939 Andrew and I took Pop to see the new San Francisco Fair. He wasn't much impressed, I'm afraid; said the 1915 fair was much better and more compact.

New House

1915 was really a great year in our lives. In the fall Mom and Pop began studying plans for a new house. They decided on a seven-room two-story house which they found in a book. Pop didn't have a blue print and he added a steep back stairway to the original plan.

Pop and Uncle Harry tore down the old Hardin house, leaving a few rooms in the back for us to live in. They found an old pistol which belonged to Dick Hardin when he was a boy. His father had taken it away from him and hid it between the walls about 40 years before. Frank still has the pistol. Mom also had a pearl handled pen which they found back of the marble fireplace.

Pop did the carpenter work on the house, as well as the painting, Uncle Sam wired it, Bill Boggs did the papering, Brown-Chappell did the plumbing, and Uncle Harry ^{laid} the floors which have squeaked ever since. By Spring, 1916, the house was complete and we moved in. I say complete, but it wasn't quite so - in fact it was just 20 years later that the last room upstairs was finished off. It took a flock of grandchildren to get Pop down to work at it again.

World War I

The war years did not mean much to the Overstreets. Our sugar and flour were rationed. We had to use Log Cabin Syrup on our biscuits instead of sugar syrup which Mom used to make for us. I labored hard knitting washcloths for the Red Cross. All of us had to sing for the men as they stood on the court house steps ready to leave for training camp. We learned war songs by the dozens - Keep the Home Fires Burning, Goodbye, Broadway, Hello, France, Somewhere in France is the Lily, and Over There. We didn't succeed in cheering the boys much. The first group gaily answered with "Where Do We Go from Here". All other groups stood unhappily on the steps and listened in silence.

One day the boy friend of our fifth grade teacher had to go. With the eyes of scores of children watching her she had a hard time keeping back the tears.

Somehow some bits of war propoganda survived and we notice that they are very similar to things we hear today. From the "Plague of Kaiserdom" by William Cowan of the California State Council of Defense we find the following extracts about forerunners of the fifth column:

"The Plague of Kaiserdom! ...

America has not escaped.

Insidious propoganda, spurious tales, sly phrases, cunning remarks, rumors, malicious and mendacious, whisperings secret and subtle, creep, knowingly and unknowingly, into the press and the pulpit, into the club, the lodge, and the home.

Wilhelm has a great Secret Army in America. It digs in among the ultra bigots, the government-destroyer, the greedy, the pacifist, the overambitious, the thoughtless - everywhere.

As villainous as the sleek rats that dig into shell-crater and fatten on the dead, these secret soldiers of his - not always his countrymen - fatten on the putrescence of dead patriotism."

And this about the British navy has a familiar sound:
 "May God preserve the British Navy.
 All Heaven knows we need them. They are protecting America! ...
 If Britain be starved! If her Navy be scattered!
 Then, added to the fifty millions in Europe, there may be the
 wail of a hundred million in America."

The Flu

I was in the sixth grade and our teacher, Blanche Davis, had started to read Dickens' Christmas Carol aloud when the epidemic reached such proportions that school had to be closed. None of us got the flu so we had a wonderful vacation. We all went about puffing behind masks since there was a law requiring it. Mom still has an old mask of Grandma's and it is neatly hemstitched! After a few weeks an attempt was made to hold school on a limited scale. About five students would meet the teacher once a week, the teacher sitting at her desk and the children in the back row. I think little was accomplished for we never studied at home in between times. I didn't feel that I missed much but I always regretted that Miss Davis didn't finish that story.

Overstreets Move Over Street

In 1920 people were asking to buy our place. Dick Hardin became interested in buying it since it had been his boyhood home. Pop let him have it in August, 1920. Soon after Pop tore down the old house on the Pierce place across the road. This time he bought blue prints for a six-room house. Uncle Dan helped Pop about a month. He had a San Jose roofing firm put on a crushed brick roof, Mr. Hickey put on the paper. The house was ready in January, 1921. We didn't have far to move. We children moved many of our things in a hand cart. Our minister called on moving day and embarrassed me by helping pull the cart.

We were excited about moving to a new place but I remember I felt a little sad at moving away from our childhood home.

The Overstreets continued to live in the house across the road as the children graduated from high school and one by one went off to college. Pop took back the old ranch from Dick Hardin in Aug. 1924. Then in July 1929 he sold it again to Leo Cottle, receiving several San Jose lots as down payment. By this time Pop was thinking of retiring from ranch work. He was almost 60 years old. He and Mom and Mary moved to San Jose to live at 1492 Burrell Court, one of the Cottle houses, on Sept. 1, 1932. That same year Pop had to take back the Hollister ranch from the Cottles. By Oct. 1, 1934 Pop had had enough of retirement and was glad to move back to the old place on Santa Ana Road. The old two-story house was often filled with visiting children and grandchildren. A few years later Kate and Guy Prince were separated and Kate and the boys came to live with Mom and Pop. In April 1943, Pop bought a house at 553-5th Street, Hollister and the family moved to town in November. E.H.O. still worked the ranch with the help of Ruby Richey until Aug. 1949 when he sold it once more. Mom took care of Gene and Ralph Prince while Kate worked at San Benito County Library. In 1944 Pop started building a small house for Kate on the back of his lot. An old family friend, James Edwin O'Brien, started courting Kate after the war and they were married on July 30, 1948. Since Edwin was at sea most of the time they continued to live in Hollister. Mom became ill that fall, came to Richmond after Christmas for a hospital checkup, inoperable cancer was discovered and she died at my home on Feb. 21, 1949. It is hard for us, her children, to say how much she meant to us all. She lived for her family. She urged us on to obtain the education she never had. "I want you to get a good education. I don't care whether your father and I have a cent to leave you when we're gone. A good education will be worth more than money," she used to say to us when we were growing up. Her courageous example through her whole life and painful death will always be an inspiration to her children and grandchildren. Mary King Bliss, an old family friend, sent a small note to the family after Mom's death. Her own mother, Dearie, had suffered through a long illness.

"She was such a precious little person... even I who knew her such a short time will always have tender memories of her sweetness and shy charm. She came often to see Dearie, walking both ways, without regard for weather or distance. She had such a darling little way of sitting by the bed, chatting in her comfortable little voice for a while - always ready to go at the least sign of fatigue. And now suddenly she is gone - and my heart goes out to you who must learn to live without her. They will tell you that time will heal ... but they are wrong. Time only passes, and with the passing, we learn to hide the grief and smile again ... and after a while we grow in wisdom and understanding... but believe me when I tell you that it takes worlds of Faith before the first ray of understanding shines through. She was so proud of her family - I used to think that she really lived many lives - for she lived vicariously each life of her children and her grandchildren. What a wonderful family she left to carry on her example of selfless living! My deepest love to each of you, now, and in the days ahead when adjustment seems so difficult.

Affectionately,
Mary Bliss"

For a time Pop lived with Kate and the boys in the Miller Apartments. When Kate and Edwin bought a house in Richmond, Pop used to divide his time between Hollister and Richmond. On June 4, 1954 he surprised everyone in the family by marrying Mary Hubbard, one of the renters in his apartment house. The marriage didn't last and Mary Elizabeth went back to live with her son and later in a house in San Juan, which Pop had provided. Pop was living alone when he died suddenly on Aug. 31, 1956 in his apartment, leaving a large family all residing in the Bay Area.

Pop, also, tried to impress on his children and grandchildren the value of education. He moved from the Union District so that Roy would have a better school to attend in Hollister. The expense of keeping Roy, Frank and me in the Univ. of Cal. at one time must have been staggering in the 1920's. And his capacity for hard work even after the age of 60 is something to admire. He even built a house when he was 80. We all thought he was too thrifty when we were growing up but the legacy he left for us was a great help in educating our own children.

1. LeRoy (Roy) Overstreet was born July 30, 1903 in Nida, Okla. He came to Calif. with his parents at the age of 16 mos. He was educated in the schools of Hollister and early showed a talent for art and science. He graduated from Hollister High School, spent a few months at San Benito County Junior College and went on to Univ. of Calif. in Berkeley. Horace King and cousin Earl Overstreet moved to Berkeley at the same time to attend school. Roy received his B.S. in chemistry in 1927 and his M.S. in 1930. After graduating he worked for a university professor at Davis. In 1931 he went to the Hawaiian Islands where he worked for a year for the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Experiment Station. On Nov. 18, 1934 he married Kathryn Ruby Gibson, daughter of Ethel Dixon and William Porter Gibson, in Reno, Nevada. She was born Feb. 25, 1910 in Merrill, Oregon. Roy went on to receive his Ph.D. in chemistry in 1937 and has been associated with the Univ. of Calif. ever since. See the section on Scientist for biography. In 1957 Roy and his whole family enjoyed a sabbatical in Leiden, Holland, visiting other parts of Europe before returning to Berkeley in 1958. In 1961 the Berkeley paper carried this story:

UC CHEMIST VISITS EGYPT

Soil problems of some of the worlds oldest agricultural land will take Dr. Overstreet, to Egypt for the next half year.

Dr. Overstreet, professor of soil chemistry at the University of California, will serve as a visiting professor of the Institute of Land Reclamation at the University of Alexandria, under arrangements with the Ford Foundation. He is scheduled to arrive in Egypt Jan. 1.

On Sabbatical leave from his teaching and research work in the Department of Soils and Plant Nutrition at Berkeley, Dr. Overstreet will conduct research on alkali soils in the Nile delta region. He will be concerned with reclamation of such soils and with irrigation water quality, and will also work on related studies of plant physiology.

Along with his science Roy continues to enjoy creative art in different forms. In the 30's he became interested in Japanese painting and had some of his work exhibited. When his Japanese teacher was removed from Calif. during the war he discontinued his painting. In later years he has been working in stone and wood. Gallery Nine in Berkeley presented some of his work in May, 1961. The Eric Locke Gallery, 2557 Calif. St., San Francisco displayed his work in a beautiful garden setting in Oct. 1963. Roy wrote about his work at that time:

ROY OVERSTREET

Roy Overstreet was born July 30, 1903 in Nida, Oklahoma.

Mr. Overstreet is by occupation a soil chemist as well as a sculptor. He received his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of California. He studied art at U.C. as well as the California College of Arts and Crafts. About his sculpture, Mr. Overstreet has this to say:

" In my efforts at sculpture I have proceeded along two general lines. The first of these I choose to call "atomistic" sculpture. This is because the objects are small and because a compact, elemental effect is sought. By and large, hard stone has been selected in this work because in my opinion stone is the most natural and convincing of materials.

The second of these are sculptures in wood which I have lightly referred to as "post people." Essentially they are a combination of carpentry and line. As such they represent a kind of shorthand (in my view much of art is a kind of shorthand) The method has the advantage that it is facile. By this means I consider it possible to re-examine, in a faintly satirical way, certain of the ancient legends and concepts of our western culture. This is fun to do."

Erich Locke Gallery, 2557 California St.
San Francisco
Oct. 1963

- a. Jill Overstreet was born Aug. 14, 1936 in Berkeley, Calif. She attended Berkeley schools and graduated from the University of Calif. She married Arnolf Dejean in 1960. Arnolf is the son of Rodolphe and Fernand Mangones Dejean and was born April 1, 1937 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. His mother's ancestor, General Malette, fought in the independence revolution of Haiti in 1801. Arnolf is a student in the College of Architecture, Univ. of Calif.
- (1) Roald Rodolphe Dejean was born May 6, 1961 in Berkeley.
- b. Gail Overstreet was born Oct. 15, 1941 in Berkeley. She attended Berkeley schools and San Francisco State College and is now working in San Francisco.
- c. Roy Wheat Overstreet was born Aug. 29, 1948 in Berkeley. He has done some travelling in his young life.
2. Frank Overstreet was born March 8, 1905 near Hollister, Calif. He attended Hollister schools and graduated from Hollister High School on June 15, 1923. He attended San Benito County Junior College for one year and then went on to Berkeley to attend the Univ. of Calif. on Aug. 4, 1924. He earned his gold watch for not smoking until he was 21 on March 8, 1926, as had Roy two years earlier. On May 16, 1928 he received his B.S. in chemistry. He took Roy's old job working for a professor in Davis from May 1928 to 1930. He started work at Standard Oil Richmond Refinery in April 1930 after he had his tonsils removed to pass the physical examination. He has worked for the same company but in different capacities ever since. On Oct. 4, 1932 he married Sigrid Helene Ellessen, a native of San Francisco and daughter of Jon and Allie Ellessen.
- a. Richard Sydney Overstreet was born Sept. 4, 1935 in Oakland. At an early age he became interested in art, and won poster prizes in high school. The Mezzanine Gallery in the Gray Shop, Oakland, featured some of his paintings when he was 17. One of his paintings appeared in Seventeen Magazine. In June, 1957 his sculpture was shown at Richmond Art Center. Alfred Frankenstein of the Chronicle has this to say:
- "Overstreet's verbal statement, tacked to the wall of the gallery, is significant, for it crystallizes a new mood that has been creeping more and more strongly into Bay Region art. He invokes the word "classic" on his abstract reliefs, asserts that "unbridled emotion must be left at the starting gate as the strong force of simplicity and a dispassionate mind ride ahead to create an object of almost chaste proportions," and praises concrete as a "medium that does not lend itself to spontaneity." He is out to create an art "of ripe, aggressive leanness", and in the later pieces, those that stand near the door of the gallery, he succeeds.
- As this department has observed on more than one occasion, modern sculpture has substituted the archaic for the antique as a source of inspiration, but Overstreet goes back of archaism to paleontology. There is something saurian about several of his pieces; they are as huge and as stripped in feeling as objects dug up after the passage of eons, and the substance of which they are made - concrete

speckled with crushed marble - seems like a product of geology rather than studio technique. Still, there is nothing monstrous about these works; their gesture is broad and majestic, and universals of abstract design are reaffirmed." Writing from Paris in 1963, Richard says: "I haven't yet begun to do what I really want to accomplish over here, and that's to make a picture. It's a burning passion, a real obsession." He gives this resume of his work to date:

B.A. degree Univ. of Calif. 1957
 Studied at Univ. of Paris, Paris, France, 1957-58
 Masters Degree, Univ. of Calif. 1960
 Rotary Fellow in Brussels, 1960-61
 Began working in films 1961; Assistant to Anatole Litvak on FIVE MILES TO MIDNIGHT.
 Art director for Louis de Rochemont for series of 50 films for American TV. "Parlons Francais," Assistant on KING OF THE MOUNTAIN (with Marlon Brando and David Niven - to be released end of this year, go and see it and think of me), MONSIEUR COGNAC (with Tony Curtis) and a German picture called FLYING CLIPPER.

- b. Susan Arlene Overstreet was born July 25, 1939 in Oakland. She attended San Jose State College for two years after graduating from high school in Richmond. She spent one year at Armstrong Business College and is now working as a legal secretary. She married Samuel Torres on Aug. 24, 1963. Sam is the son of Carmen and Trinidad Torres and was born May 22, 1935 in Richmond, Calif. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany for two years, graduated from Contra Costa College and is now a student at San Francisco State College.
- c. Jon Michael Overstreet was born Dec. 23, 1944 in Richmond. He graduated from Harry Ellis High School in 1963 and is now working at Capwell's before going on to college.

3. Edith Richey Overstreet was born March 10, 1907 in Hollister, Calif. I attended Hollister schools and when in high school had a part time job in the San Benito County Library, starting on July 23, 1924. At that time I decided to become a librarian. I graduated from Hollister High School on June 19, 1925, attended junior college for one year and went on to U.C. on Aug. 13, 1926. On May 15, 1929 I received my A.B. from U.C. After spending the summer working at Camp Curry in Yosemite I enrolled in the newly established library school at San Jose State College. I finished the course in the summer of 1930. It was the beginning of the depression and no jobs were available. Mom became ill and I staid home that fall to help take care of her. After Christmas I returned to San Jose to take some education courses and become a teacher. During Easter vacation a wire came from California State Library in Sacramento saying they had an opening. I accepted immediately and dropped all plans to become a teacher. On April 7, 1931, I reported for work in the order dept. and continued to work there until the summer of 1935. I married Andrew Sigsbee Morris on March 20, 1932 in Reno, Nevada. He is the son of George and Nellie Sigsbee Morris and was born May 16, 1905 in Baker, Oregon. He moved to Sacramento at the age of 7 and received his education in the schools there. In June 1937 he graduated from the McGeorge College of Law, a course he completed at night while working for the dept. store, Weinstock Lubin Co. After World War II started he left the dept. store to work in the Richmond shipyards, Oct. 1942. We staid first with Mary and Clarence Taggart in El Cerrito and later bought a home in MacArthur Villa, San Pablo in 1943. Andrew worked at the shipyards until May 1944 when he went into partnership with J.H. Crawford to start a grocery store in MacArthur Villa called Andy's Market. In Dec. 1945, Andy sold his share to Mr. Crawford and he bought the variety store next door. He sold this store in Dec. 1948 and with the profits we took a fine trip to Mexico with the Crawfords. In 1949 Andrew started working for the Crawford Agency as real estate and insurance salesman. He later bought out the agency and operates it on 23d street at the present time. I went to work at the Richmond Public Library in April 1950, and have been there ever since, working my way up from clerk to senior catalog librarian, just like the characters in Horatio Alger stories. Our children are as follows:

- a. Peter Sigsbee Morris was born Nov. 4, 1935 in Sacramento. Extensive brain damage due to what the doctors think was encephalitis caused him to be severely retarded. At 6 years of age he was sent to Sonoma State Hospital and after the war was transferred to DeWitt State Hospital where he is at the present time.
- b. Nancy Jane Morris was born June 21, 1937 in Sacramento. She attended schools in Sacramento (very briefly), San Pablo and Richmond. She graduated from Richmond High School in June, 1955. Attended Contra Costa College for two years receiving her A A degree in June 1957. She majored in dressmaking and alteration in college but after working at this for a short time she found that she preferred office work. Her first office job was at Marchant's in Emeryville and she worked there about two years; at present she is in the office of a carpeting firm. She married Lester Everett Skelley, Jr. on Sept. 21, 1958 at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Richmond. Lester, son

of Lester Everett and Irene Fish Skelley, was born Feb. 9, 1938 in Ukiah, Calif. He lived in Booneville till 1942 when he moved to Richmond. He attended Richmond schools and graduated from Richmond High School in 1956. After a year at Rheem Mfg. Co. he started working for Safeway Stores in June 1957. Their children are as follows:

1. Lester Everett Skelley, III was born May 25, 1959 in Richmond Hospital
2. Brian Keith Skelley was born April 18, 1962 in Richmond Hospital

c. Mary Kim Morris was born Feb. 26, 1940 in Sacramento, Calif. She attended San Pablo and Richmond schools, graduating from Richmond High School in June, 1957. Planning to go into education she applied for and received a scholarship to College of the Pacific in Stockton. She received her B A from that college in June 1961. She started teaching 4th grade in El Sobrante Elementary School in Sept. 1961. What a big year! On Aug. 13, 1961 she married Lester Kenneth Ellis at St. Luke's Methodist Church. Lester is the son of Lester Clay and Wanda Juanita Thomas Ellis and was born Aug. 9, 1937 in Salinas, Calif. He attended Richmond schools and graduated from Richmond High School in 1955. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps and was stationed two years in Camp Pendleton, Calif. He returned to Contra Costa College after military service and went on to San Francisco State College graduating in 1962. He held a full time job at the bank while going to S. F. State. He worked for the Crawford Agency for a short time and has been working for an Oakland insurance firm for about one year.

d. Albert Andrew Morris was born Sept. 14, 1943 in Albany, Calif. He attended Richmond schools and graduated from Richmond High School in June 1961. He was awarded a slide rule by the local engineering society. He went on to Univ. of Calif. where he is majoring in engineering at the present time.

e. Andrew Sigsbee Morris, Jr. was born Sept. 11, 1951 in Albany, Calif. He attended a Christian day school, Bethel Academy, for five years and is now attending Downer Junior High in Richmond. His hobbies are baseball (he was on the Little League team in 6th grade), model making and reading.

4. Kate Overstreet was born Aug. 20, 1908 in Hollister, Calif. She attended Hollister schools and graduated from Hollister High School in June 17, 1927. She spent one year in Junior College and entered the College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland in Jan. 1929. At this time she met Guy S. Prince and they were married on Jan. 10, 1932 in Hollister, Calif. Guy was born on Jan. 1, 1904, the son of Maude Mitchell and John Rogers Prince. She lived in Stockton, Meadow Valley, Melones, and Tuolumne before returning to live in Hollister. She obtained final divorce decree April 1, 1940. For a number of years she worked at the San Benito County Library, starting Feb. 9, 1942. Mom took care of the two boys, Gene and Ralph, while she worked, and Pop built a small house on his lot on 5th St. in Hollister starting on May 23, 1944. On July 30, 1948 Kate married James Edwin O'Brien. They made a home for Pop until they bought a house at 6116 Orchard Ave., Richmond and moved to the Bay Area. After Edwin's health began to fail Kate

started to work at the Berkeley Public Library on March 18, 1957. Edwin retired from Standard Oil on April 29, 1960 and died at home on Oct. 8, 1961. Kate continued to work at the library until Nov. 1962 when she retired to enjoy her hobbies of cactus gardening and stitchery. Due to the excellent records she has kept through the years this history has been easier to write with accuracy.

a. Eugene Richey Prince was born in Sonora, Calif. Nov. 3, 1933. Moved to Hollister May 19, 1937. Baptized in Methodist faith Aug. 15, 1937. Started to grammar school Sept. 11, 1939. Had tonsillectomy May 23, 1941. Joined Cub Scouts Nov. 9, 1942. Bought first rationed shoes Mar. 20, 1943. Played Robin Hood in school play April 11, 1947. Graduated from grammar school June 1947. Moved to Richmond Aug. 30, 1949. Got drivers license Aug. 29, 1950. Bought microscope Nov. 1950. Graduated from El Cerrito High School June 13, 1951. Started to Univ. of Cal. Sept. 1951. Sergeant in Air Force R.O.T.C. 1952. Made reflecting Newtonian telescope 1952. Bought old 5 string banjo July 21, 1953. Went to Yosemite and Carmel Mission on anthropological digs summer of 1954. Bought baby Austin car Feb. 8, 1955. Graduated from Cal. June 17, 1955. Drafted into army and did basic training at Fort Ord Sept. 15, 1955. Medical training in Texas Dec. 1, 1955. Went to Korea Feb. 13, 1956. Made SP4. Ambulance driver, xray technician and illustrator for "Bandage Banner". Earned enough money working in Army Library to buy Leica camera. Took many pictures of Korea and Japan. Sent home tea set and Oriental dolls. Out of army June 26, 1957. Flew from S.F. to London Feb. 9, 1960. Drove to Heidelberg, Germany in Austin-Healey Sprite to see Ralph April 26, 1960. Came home by boat to N.Y. Drove Sprite from N.Y. to Richmond, Calif. Oct. 21, 1960. Went to work for Prof. Heizer at Cal. Then got photography job at Lowie Museum. Married Cynthia Ann Kramer July 16, 1961. Cynthia was born July 9, 1938, daughter of Melvin William Carl and Alice Ann Fisher Kramer. Hobbies: cartooning, telescopes, archery, photography, music (banjo, guitar), pipe collecting.

b. Ralph Everett Prince was born in Gilroy, Calif. Sept. 6, 1936. Moved to Hollister May 19, 1937. Baptised in Methodist faith Aug. 15, 1937. Started to kindergarten Sept. 8, 1941. Started to take piano lessons from Miss Amber Asbury Mar. 14, 1944. Belonged to church choir, Carollers, and school band. Sang solos at Masonic meetings, Eastern Star, Womens Club and over KSCO radio, Santa Cruz. Received \$2.00 for singing at wedding, June 1947. Had piano recital with John Kurtich Jan. 31, 1948. Witness at mother and Edwin's marriage July 30, 1948. Moved to Richmond Aug. 30, 1949. Started to El Cerrito Jr. High School, 8th grade, Sept. 12, 1949. Piano lessons from Mrs. Covey June 8, 1950. Played tuba in band, 1952. Graduated from El Cerrito High School June 8, 1954. Went to S.F. State College. Played with S. Dempster's "Keynoters" 1955. Bought vibraphone Feb. 14, 1955. Played for Mr. Weiss' Band 1956. Transferred from S.F. State to Cal. Sept. 12, 1956. Got job at Berkeley Public Library 1957. Graduated from the Univ. of Calif. June 15, 1958. Drafted into army Nov. 3, 1959. Basic training at Fort Ord, and clerical training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Flew

to Germany, stationed at Heidelberg Mar. 30, 1960. Went to London on leave Aug. 29, 1960. Went to London on 15 day leave Jan 22, 1961. Made SF 4. Went to Geneva to work with U.S. Delegation to Conference on Laos, May 11, 1961. Came home when Edwin died Oct. 1961. Stationed in Portland, Ore. until Feb. 17, 1962. Started working at Berkeley Public Library Mar. 26, 1962. Hobbies: Gardening, weaving, spinning, books, refinishing antique furniture, music (piano, guitar, banjo, jews harp, flute, tuba, vibraphone), lapidary.

5. Mary Jane Overstreet was born Nov. 26, 1913 in Hollister, Calif. She attended Hollister Schools until her senior year of high school. At that time she lived with me in Sacramento and graduated from Sacramento High School on June 9, 1932. While she lived with the folks in San Jose she attended San Jose State College and later finished a secretarial course at Armstrong's in Berkeley in the spring 1934. On Nov. 9, 1935 she was married to Clarence Frederick Taggart in Sacramento, Calif. Clarence was born Feb. 4, 1908 in Smith River, Calif. Mary lived in Smith River until April 1942 when she and Clarence bought a house on Richmond St., El Cerrito. In Feb. 1944 she went to work for Standard Oil. She divorced Clarence Taggart the same year. She married Carl Stoughton Hemsath, son of Jack and Carlen Hemsath on June 27, 1953. Knitting is her favorite hobby, also visiting her cottage at Lake Tahoe.

a. Linda Mary Taggart was born June 16, 1937 in Crescent City. She attended schools in El Cerrito and graduated from El Cerrito High School in June 1955. She attended Armstrong's in Berkeley for one year and worked for the Univ. of California for 3 years. On June 27, 1958 she and a girl friend flew to Paris to attend summer classes at the Sorbonne. She returned just in time to be her cousin Nancy's bridesmaid and was a bride herself on Dec. 27, 1958 when she married Vernon Everett Coe. Vernon was born Aug. 6, 1937 in Albany, Calif., the son of Everett Allen and Pearl Kaehler Coe. He graduated from El Cerrito High School the same year Linda did. Linda continued to work until Vernon graduated from the College of Engineering, U.C. in June 1960. Vernon is now assistant engineer with the City of Oakland.

- (1) Sharon Linda Coe was born Aug. 24, 1960 in Berkeley, Calif.
- (2) Steven Vernon Coe, was born Aug. 26, 1963 in San Pablo, Calif.

- b. Judith Taggart was born June 22, 1941 in Crescent City. She attended school in El Cerrito and graduated from El Cerrito High School on June 10, 1959. She worked as an office clerk for the telephone company until July 1963. While she was taking a pottery class at the Richmond Art Center she met Meredith Jovan Travis and they were married in Richmond on June 2, 1962. "Joe" is the son of Ursula Vinka Dexter and Maurice Eugene Travis and was born Jan. 22, 1935 in San Francisco. He has served in the army in Kansas from 1957 to 1959. He is a tile layers helper by occupation and a skilful potter besides. Judy also enjoys pottery and sewing as hobbies. Together they are making their flat in Point Richmond a most interesting and beautiful place furnished with their handicrafts.

NEWHOUSE GENEALOGICAL CHART

	Johnathan Newhouse, 1768 Married Miss Copeland	{	Amos Newhouse Andrew Newhouse John Newhouse Mary Newhouse		
	Isaac Newhouse, 1770 Married Elizabeth Rickey	{	Mary Newhouse 1791 Abram " 1794 Pleasant " 1796 Sarah " 1800 Hannah " 1802 Elizabeth " 1806 Isaac L. " 1809 Rebecca " 1813 Jacob " 1815		
Anthony Newhouse (1) 1740	Anthony Newhouse (2) 1772 Married Nancy Coons	{	William Newhouse 1800 Sarah " Richey 1801 Elizabeth " Reed 1803 Mary " Polly" 1804 John Newhouse 1806 Isaac " 1808 Margaret Newhouse 1811 Eura " Swick 1813 Elijah " 1815 Samuel " 1817	{	Isaac N. Richey 1826 Martha " Dunn 1827 Nancy " Warren 1830 William " 1833 Mary " Smart 1837 Eura " Carr 1839 James M. Richey 1841
	Eura Newhouse, 1774 Married John Jackson	{	Asa Jackson 1800 Betsey " 1802 Nancy " 1804 Hannah " 1806 Jane " 1807 Eura " 1809 Pleasant " 1811 Stiles " 1813 Mahala " 1814 David " 1816	{	Nancy Newhouse 1839 Alexander Newhouse 1840 William " 1842 Martha N. Richey 1844 Newton Newhouse 1847 Nathan M. " 1849 Guian " 1851 Sarah " 1853
	David Newhouse, 1777 Married Hannah Beans	{	Jefferson Newhouse Isaiah " 1805 Rebecca " " William " " Rachael " " David " " Hannah " " Anthony " 1822		

OUR ANCESTORS

Came to the American Colonies in the early part of the 17th century. They were of German and English descent. They came for the purpose of enjoying greater religious and political privileges.

They settled in Louden County, Virginia.

The great grandfather, Anthony Newhouse, of J.R. Newhouse the writer of this family narration, was born in Louden County, Virginia in about 1740.

He married a lady of English descent in the above county. They had children born to them as follows: Jonothan, Isaac, Anthony, Eura and David.

In religious beliefs they were Protestants, endorsed the doctrines of Wesley, Asbury and Whitefield. The great grandfather of the writer enlisted in the Army of the Revolution in 1776. Endured the trials, privations and hardships of the patriotic army for four years and died in the service of his country in 1780, aged forty years.

Anthony Newhouse, the third son of the writer's great grandfather, was born in Louden County, Va., February 10, 1772. He was four years old when his father enlisted in the Revolutionary War, and 8 years old when his father died in the service. He remained with his mother and assisted in raising the family until 1784 when he enlisted in the army ordered out by General Washington for the suppression of the Whisky Insurrection in western Pennsylvania. The army was under the command of General Lee, of Virginia. Anthony Newhouse went with the army as far as Fort Pitt, now Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He remained with the army six months and the insurrection being suppressed, he was discharged. He then returned to Louden County, where he remained six months. From there he went to Old Red Stone Fort in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He then became acquainted with Nancy Coons and married her March 28, 1799. From this place Anthony Newhouse and wife, his father-in-law, John Coons and family, and a man by the name of Henry Moore and his wife, all moved to the Territory of Ohio. They settled on Scippo Creek which is the present limits of Pickaway County, Ohio, Salt Creek Township. They moved there in the early part of 1800, settled on a place formerly occupied by the Indians. The nearest settlement was Circleville, 13 miles, and Lancaster, 18 miles. They went from Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to the Ohio River in Virginia. There Anthony Newhouse put his wife and goods with the other families on the oldfashioned reel boat, the only boat then running on the Ohio River. Anthony Newhouse and John Coons rode their horses, driving their stock before them. They took what was called the Ganes Track, a road cut out from Wheeling, W. Va., to Chillicothe, Ohio, by a man by the name of Ebenezer Gane. For the cutting out of this road Gane received from the government three sections of land. The family of Anthony Newhouse with the other families and their goods went down the Ohio river until they came to the mouth of the Scioto River. There they transferred to the old Piorgan boat and went up the Scioto to Chillicothe, where Anthony Newhouse and John Coons met them.

From there they went to Scippo Creek, now in Pickaway County, Ohio. They built their cabins close together, it being a wilderness, and they were visited almost daily by the Indians.

There had been no survey made at that time. The land was all government land. Pickaway County was the first county organized in the State.

The first year these families subsisted on corn brought from the Ohio River on pack horses. Deer, bear, wild turkey and wild honey being very plentiful, they got along very well. There were no mills in the country to grind their corn. They made their corn meal as follows: they sawed a log off about 2 feet long and about 18 inches in diameter, burned out one end and dug out until they made what they called a mortar, they then fastened an iron wedge in the end of a stick. With it they pounded the corn in the mortar until it was fine enough for meal. They then fanned the meal with a turkey wing, and it was then ready to be made into bread.

The first year Mrs. Moore died, and Anthony Newhouse and John Coons made a coffin for her out of a blue ash tree. They cut off a log and split it into

slabs, then hewed the slabs nicely, placed them in the ground for a coffin, lowered the body into the coffin, placing a slab over the top and filled up the grave. This was the first white person buried in that part of the country.

While Anthony Newhouse and wife lived in Pickaway County, they had the following children: William, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Isaac, Margaret and Eura.

In 1812, Anthony Newhouse enlisted in the second war with Great Britain from Pickaway County, in the company of which John Boggs was Captain. This company was in command of General Tupper. They were sent to Fort Defiance, Ohio, against the Indians. General Winchester was there with his troops from Kentucky. General Harrison was Commander in Chief.

From Fort Defiance, General Tupper went to the town of Wapakoneta, and from there to Urbana, Ohio, where they were discharged.

On their way in the night the Indians stuck a tomahawk in the thigh of Anthony Newhouse's horse. The horse was badly crippled. He led it back to Pickaway County, Ohio.

While living in Pickaway County, Anthony Newhouse had to go below Chillicothe to what was known as Tuppe Prairie to get seed for planting and sowing and also for hogs to start a herd of swine. He first made his trip for seed potatoes. He went to a man by the name of Henry Abrams, who gave him all the seed potatoes he needed, and also gave him two of the nicest pigs in his lot. He carried the potatoes and pigs on horseback fourteen miles back home. In two years he had all the hogs he needed.

Wolves and panthers were numerous and made night hideous with their screams and howling.

Sometime before the War of 1812-14 a large party of Indians passed through the settlement from east to west, a number of ponies being loaded with lead. Where they got it was unknown, but it was supposed they were preparing for the coming war.

In 1814 Anthony sold his farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Pickaway County to Henry Holland and went to Chillicothe and bought 200 acres in Scioto Township, Delaware County, Ohio. He bought this land from Henry Massie and paid two dollars an acre.

After buying this land he went to see it. He walked from Pickaway County to Franklinton, now Columbus, Ohio, the first day, and the next forenoon to the Calls settlement, now Dublin, Ohio.

They advised him there not to go further for the reason that he could not cross Mill Creek because of high water. But being young, strong and full of life, he determined to go on. He walked ten miles further north to the mouth of Mill Creek - Bellpoint - and found its banks full and floating with slush and ice. It was beginning to get dark and the wolves were commencing to howl around him. To go back was ten miles to the first settlement, to go forward was five miles to the next settlement. He determined to wade the creek. He cut a pole and using it for a brace started across the stream. The water came up to his arms but he got safely over. He had not left the water but a few minutes when his clothes commenced to freeze. He ran all the way to the Hushaw settlement, afterward Millville, now Warrensburg. In his pitiable condition he rushed to the door, reached forward to knock, but the hogs had rooted a deep hole right in front of the door and he slipped into the hole, fell against the door, burst it open and fell full length into the house, and frightened the old lady and children badly. They supposed it was Indians, the man of the house not being at home and it was just at the time there were so many Indian raids. After an explanation Mrs. Hushaw let him warm and dry his clothes. He then walked up the river a half mile further to James McCume's, who kept a house of entertainment, where he staid all night. This was the house that Col. Richard M. Johnson was brought to after being wounded at the Battle of the Thames. He rested at this house one week before he was able to go to his home in Kentucky. Col. Richard M. Johnson became Vice President under President Martin Van Buren. The next day Anthony Newhouse went on up the river two and one-half miles to the residence of his brother-in-law, Michael Dilsaver. From there he went to see the land he had bought. He then returned to Pickaway County. This was the month of January, 1844.

The British soldiers who were taken prisoners by Commodore Perry on Lake Erie were marched through the Newhouse settlement about this time on their way to Chillicothe, where they were guarded until they were exchanged. The prisoners and guards numbered about seven hundred. They stopped at Mr. Newhouse's home to get water and rest.

In May, 1814, Anthony Newhouse and family started to move to Scioto township, Delaware County. They brought with them their cattle and three head of horses. After he started he fell in company with a colored man who was going to Franklinton with a four-horse team loaded with corn and a hen coop on top of the load of corn filled with chickens. The colored man persuaded Anthony Newhouse to cross the river two miles below Franklinton. He claimed he knew a good ford and offered to take the children with him. The children were put on the load of corn and started across the river. By the time the front wheels were in the water the lead horses were swimming. There was no turning back so the four horses, wagon and all swam the river. The wagon bed raised out of the standards, barely holding to the hind standards, when they struck the opposite bank. The hen coop floated off and down the river with the chickens squawking.

Anthony Newhouse and wife stood on the bank unable to render any assistance. They took the children back across the river in a canoe, and then went up the river to Franklinton and crossed in a ferry boat. In two days travel they reached the Hushaw settlement, now Warrensburg, where they remained until after harvest.

Anthony Newhouse farmed some at this settlement and in August of the same year built a log cabin on his own land, one mile west of Millville, now Warrensburg, and moved there in the fall.

That fall the entire family was afflicted with chills and fever but all recovered. Anthony Newhouse cleared two acres of ground, sowed it in wheat and raised a good crop and it made good bread.

The next year he sowed the same ground in wheat. It produced a good crop but proved proved to be what is called a sick wheat. There was something strange about it. When it was made into bread and eaten it made the person eating it dreadfully sick. No kind of stock would eat it and even hogs would not touch it. The same wheat when sowed again would raise a good crop and the wheat would make good healthy bread.

While living in Scioto Township, Delaware County, Ohio, the following children were born to them: Elijah, Samuel and Anthony.

The first fall he farmed in Scioto Township the Wyandotte Indians from Upper Sandusky stole his horses. He never recovered them.

In 1825 he made a trip through the west. While traveling among the Indians he found a family of Newhouses, a brother and two sisters. They proved to be his cousins. The brother was a Baptist minister by the name of John Newhouse. The settlement where they lived was called Flat Rock.

Anthony Newhouse and his wife Nancy Coons Newhouse, continued to live on the old home farm in Scioto Township until they were removed by death.

Anthony Newhouse died July 17, 1851, aged 79 years, 5 months and 7 days.

Nancy Coons Newhouse died April 21, 1863, aged 80 years.

These aged people were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church from early youth. In the early history of the country their house was a place of public worship. In 1840 they were largely instrumental in building one of the first log churches in Scioto Township. They were buried in the Newhouse Cemetery on the Old Home farm. The history of Anthony Newhouse has been quite full here to show the toils and privations of early pioneer life.

III-2 - Sarah Newhouse, daughter of Anthony Newhouse and Nancy Coons Newhouse, born in Pickaway County, Ohio, May 26, 1801. Moved to Delaware County, Ohio, in May, 1814; raised on a farm. Married James Richey of Union County, Ohio, in 1823; raised a family of seven children; died in Delaware County, Ohio, December 27, 1880, age 79 years, 7 months, 1 day. Buried in the Newhouse Cemetery. She was a member of the M.E. Church.

James Richey, son of William and Mary Kane Richey, born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1798, came to Madison County, Ohio, in 1813 and to Union County in 1819. Moved to Delaware County in 1830. Died in Delaware County, Dec. 14, 1885, age 87 years, 8 months, 18 days. Buried in the Newhouse Cemetery. Children of Sarah Newhouse Richey and James Richey: Isaac Newton, Martha, Nancy, William, Mary, Eura, and James M. Richey.

- IV-4 - William Richey, son of James Richey and Sarah Newhouse Richey, born in Scioto Township, Delaware County, Ohio, July 23, 1833. Raised on a farm, educated in the common schools. Occupation, farmer. Was a soldier in the Civil War. Married Martha Newhouse. Moved to Lacleed County, Mo.; from there he moved to California, and died in California, Nov. 2, 1910. Children of Martha Newhouse Richey and William Richey are given under the record of Martha Newhouse.
- III-10 Samuel Newhouse, son of Anthony Newhouse and Nancy Coons Newhouse, born in Scioto Township, Delaware County, Ohio, Aug. 29, 1817. Raised on a farm. Educated in the common schools. Married Sarah Ann McGee, Oct. 4, 1838. By this marriage they had eight children. His wife, Sarah Ann (McGee) Newhouse, died July 8, 1886, aged 70 years, 14 days. She was born in Harrison County, Ohio, July 24, 1816. Buried in the Newhouse Cemetery.
- Samuel Newhouse married a second wife, Almeda Johnson, Nov. 8, 1888. She died June 18, 1904. Samuel Newhouse's occupation was farmer. He united with the M.E. Church in early youth. He lived an earnest Christian life. He died on the old home farm where he was born, Sept. 12, 1902, aged 85 years, 14 days. He was buried beside his two wives in the Newhouse Cemetery. Children of Samuel Newhouse and Sarah Ann (McGee) Newhouse: Nancy, Alexander, William, Martha, Newton, Nathan, Guian, and Sarah.
- IV-4 - Martha Newhouse, daughter of Sarah Ann (McGee) Newhouse and Samuel Newhouse, born in Delaware County, Ohio, April 14, 1844. Raised and educated on the home farm. Married William Richey, Aug. 20, 1861. They moved to Lacleed County, Missouri; from there they went to California. They had born to them eight children. Will Richey died in Hollister, California, Nov. 2, 1910; buried there. Their children are as follows:
- V-1 Lydia (Eliza) Richey, born in Delaware County, Ohio, April 6, 1864. Died Nov. 21, 1870. Buried in the Newhouse Cemetery.
- V-2 Robert Richey, born in Delaware County, Ohio, April 7, 1866. Moved to Missouri with his parents. Educated; studied medicine; graduated in Medical College. He has practiced medicine in Lacleed County, Mo., for a number of years. Married. By this marriage they have three children. Robert Richey's first wife died. He married a second wife. They have one child.
- V-3 Alexander Richey, born in Delaware County, Ohio, Aug. 10, 1868. Moved to Missouri with his parents in 1883. Educated and followed teaching school. Married; have one child.
- V-4 Sally Richey, daughter of William and Martha Richey, born in Scioto Township, Delaware County, Ohio, July 4, 1871. Moved with her parents to Lacleed County, Missouri; from there she went to New York. Married Harry L. Berberich, who was born in New York, Aug. 2, 1871. From there they went to California. Had children born to them as follows:

- VI-1 Georgia Berberich, born in California, Dec. 13, 1906.
- VI-2 Harriett J. Berberich, born in California, Oct. 5, 1909.
- V-5 Ralph Richey, born Feb. 2, 1875. Married. Had one child as follows:
- VI-1 Arthur Richey, born Dec. 22, 1896. Ralph Richey married second wife Sept. 15, 1909.
- V-6 Ada Richey, born July 24, 1877.
- V-7 Samuel Richey, born July 9, 1879.
- V-8 Mary Richey, born Aug. 13, 1881. Moved to California. Married Elisha H. Overstreet, who was born in Paris, Texas, Oct. 15, 1872. They had children as follows:
- VI-1 Leroy Overstreet, born in Hollister, Calif., July 30, 1903 (Roy was born in Nida, Okla. EOM)
- VI-2 Frank Overstreet, born March 8, 1905.
- VI-3 Edith Richey Overstreet, born March 10, 1907.
- VI-4 Kate Overstreet, born Aug. 20, 1908.

From "The Newhouse Family" by
J.R. Newhouse, July 1st, 1914

MILITARY RECORD OF ANTHONY NEWHOUSE

The following copied from the records in the Virginia State Library at Richmond, Virginia, were offered in proof of the service of Anthony Newhouse in the Revolutionary War and were accepted by the officers of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution: -

I certify that the name of Anthony Newhouse is found in the document appended to the Journal of the Virginia House of Delegates for 1833-4, number 33, page 15, in a "List of officers of the Navy, who have received lands for Revolutionary services, also of those whose names are in the Army Register, and in the Journals of the Navy Board, who have not received lands, with remarks distinguishing those who are believed to be entitled to lands, from such as resigned their commissions, or are, for other reasons, thought to be not entitled to lands.

Names	Rank
320, Newhouse, Anthony	Seaman

H.Z. Eckenrode,
Archivist, Virginia State
Library

Richmond, Va.
Sept. 26, 1912

"I certify that the following record is taken from a manuscript record in the Virginia State Library, known as "Navy Vol.8," and on page 11 of it.

"Safeguard Galley (officers and men taken from Capt. Elliott's pay roll from 1st. March to 11th. June 1777) in 1st, Vol. Navy Papers

Names	Rank
George Elliott	Capt.
Anthony Newhouse	Seaman removed to "B. Northampton."

H.Z. Eckenrode
Archivist, Virginia State
Library

Richmond, Va.
Sept. 26, 1912

The following statement has also been received from the Navy Department at Washington, D.C.:-

"The Brig Northampton was one of the vessels of the Virginia State Navy during the Revolutionary War."

J.C. Taussing,
Lieut. Commander U.S.N.

From the Newhouse Family History, 1914
(In possession of Mary Richey Davidson, 1963)

CITATIONS

MATE HERO IN SINKING OF S. F. TANKER

Further details on the sinking last March of the San Francisco tanker, H. D. Collier, in which 33 members of the crew were burned to death in a holocaust of high-test gasoline, was released yesterday by the War Shipping Administration.

The comparatively new ship, sailing for the Standard Oil Company of California, was torpedoed by an enemy submarine in the Arabian Sea. After the explosion, the sub surfaced and shelled the 12,700-ton vessel while two lifeboats were being launched. One boat became swamped and drifted helplessly into the flames, carrying to his death among the crewman, Captain Joseph Fox, 6373 Thornhill Drive, Oakland.

The ship's first mate, James E. O'Brien, 4721 Park Boulevard, Oakland, was awarded a letter of commendation by Vice Admiral R. R. Waesche, U. S. Coast Guard Commandant.

"I was most pleased to note the ingenuity with which you handled the situation after being forced to abandon ship and eventually transferring members of your crew and Navy guard from a raft to a lifeboat on which everything combustible had been consumed, even the handles of the axes.

The courageous manner in which you proceeded to rig mast, sail and rudder, to delegate tasks to each man, to issue food and water rations, and to navigate the improvised boat without instruments for five days, is worthy of the highest praise."

Oakland Tribune
Monday, May 29, 1944.

UNITED STATES ARMY EUROPE

in recognition of faithful and efficient performance of duty this

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

is awarded to

SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS CHARLES ROBERT DAVIDSON, U.S. 56 320 081, UNITED STATES ARMY.

for outstanding service to the United States Army

As a pharmacist, Hospital Pharmacy, 97th General Hospital, Frankfurt, Germany, Specialist Fourth Class, Charles Robert Davidson, United States Army, distinguished himself by outstanding and meritorious service during the period 10 July 1960 to 9 March 1962. After being assigned to the Hospital Pharmacy, Specialist Davidson began a program to improve and standardize the formulas of the manufactured drug items. He used his broad background and knowledge to teach the men that were brought to the Pharmacy for on-the-job training. He worked many extra hours to compensate for the shortage of pharmacists and to keep up with the large workload. His relations with the Hospital Staff were of the very best because of his professional ability and desire to provide the finest pharmaceutical service. His conscientiousness, untiring efforts and devotion to duty during this period of personnel shortages earned him the respect and admiration of his associates. Specialist Davidson's outstanding service and meritorious achievements reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Given at 97th General Hospital, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, this 9th day of March A.D. 1962.

BYRON L. STEGER
COLONEL MEDICAL CORPS
COMMANDING OFFICER 97th GENERAL HOSPITAL

8 JUL 1961

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

THRU: Commanding Officer
Company A, Special Troops
United States Army, Europe
APO 403, US Forces

TO: Private First Class Ralph E. Prince
Company A, Special Troops
United States Army, Europe
APO 403, US Forces

1. I have been advised, by official communication, from the Office of the US Mission and Consulate General, Geneva, that your performance of duty has been outstanding.

2. Through your diligent efforts, determined application and accomplishment for your communication mission under the most adverse conditions, you have truly demonstrated your ability to exemplify the Special Troops motto, "We Set the Standard". Your actions reflect great credit upon yourself, your unit, and the United States Army.

FRANK M MULLER
Colonel, Armor
Commanding

22 JUL 1961

THRU: Commanding Officer, Special Troops, Headquarters, United States Army, Europe, APO 403, US Forces

TO: Private First Class Ralph E. Prince, US 56 319 591, Company A, Special Troops, United States Army, Europe, APO 403, US Forces

The Commander in Chief is pleased to note and forward this correspondence on your outstanding performance of duty at the 14-Nation Conference on Laos in Geneva.

JULIAN A. WILSON
Brigadier General, USA
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS

FIRST DIVISION

"The Commander-in-Chief has noted in this Division
a special pride of service and a high state of
morale never broken by hardship nor battle!"

G.O.NO. 201, G.H.O., A.E.F., 10, 10 Nov. 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO.1, JANUARY 1, 1920
(Extract No. 7005)

THE DIVISION COMMANDER

CITES THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS
FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION AND ESPECIALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICES

Sergeant Charles ^{Richey}Ritchie, Btry A, 5th F.A.

Who was wounded in action

in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, October, 15, 1918

Official:
R. E. FRALLE,
Lieutenant Colonel, A. G. D.

By Command of
MAJOR GENERAL SUMMERALL
Stephen O. Fuqua,
Col., G.S., C. of S.

LETTERS

Nov 27th 1862

Columbia K.y.

Dear wife I received two letters from you a few howers ago and was glad to hear from you and espeshaly that you in such good health

I am sorry that my friends did not prosicute thare journey I want them to come but it does us no good to hear that they are talking about it for disipointments is not plesant I dont expect that they ever will come but if they do I want you to tell I.T. to bring me a Blouse one that fits him and send my Black hat if you please and oblijee me

Wee are staying up expecting an attact by Morgan and it is late This has bin Thankesgiving day in this state and wee have bin to church and wee had a large congrigation four Reg. I dont think of any thing interesting at present for my mynd is on an other subject Mat it is hard to write under present circumstances alltho I do not think that thare is any danger of an attack

Alltho thare may be and it is wisdom to be prepared and if he comes wee will give him a warm reception I expect to write soon again

You wanted to know whether I was coming home this winter or not that is a question that I can not tell our captain is so poorly unless Arthur or Van Brimmer comes back to the company that it is imposabel for me to get away

Mat I am so tired and sleepy that I will close

William Richey

Direct as before Mat if wee get on some Rail road for winter quarters I will send for you and Mary to come and see us I know that you will both like a soldiers life this was written in hast Mat the morning has come without morgan after standing about half the night in line of battel the word came that wee had got a false allarm it is not certain whare morgan is at this time

I will close by saying Bee funny and full of expectations for the day will come when wee will meet

Will Richey

Original letter in possession
of Kate O'Brien
Copy typed 7-21-63

Nashville Tenn March 3rd/63

Mr William Richey

Dr Sir I arrived at this place last Sunday night and find it impossible to get any farther Roseyerants has ishued very Strict orders prohibiting all citizens passing throug the lines South of here there is hundreds refused every day Some are after friends or children that is dead or wounded others to see Sick friends but they cant get through for love nor money and I know of nothing to do but to return I am very sory that I cant get through but it is no use talking for orders are so strict that they wont listen to a man I cant find no one from the hundred and twenty first So I am at my wits end and know of nothing else to do but to return

I remain yours and I

Steve.....(remainder of letter missing)

Original letter in possession
of Kate O'Brien
Copy typed 7-23-63

Atlanta Ga
September 32ⁿ/64

Cousin Will

I thought that I would drop you a few lines to let you know as how
I am getting along

I am well as could be expected for an old man and I hope you are
all the same

Will I am living in the city of Atlanta & having good times
There is plenty Women & Whiskey here I think I will marry in this town
I have a good chance & I think it would be the best thing that I could do

She is a girl of about forty just in her prime She has ten children
mighty fine chaps they are to Will this is the best place to soldier
that I ever saw I would like to stay here till my time is out if I
could I saw Bob Cooper today he sends his best respects to you

I must close for this time

Bill please write and let me know where you live

Yours with respect

John N

Co/E 66ⁿ OVI 2ⁿ Division
20ⁿ A (?) Atlanta Ga

Original letter in
Possession of
Kate O'Brien
Copy typed 7-21-63

Hollister, Cal
August 9th, 1900,

My dear Mother and all the rest of the folks

I guess you think it time I was giveing an account of myself.

Well I went to Dennison that day and after I got there they persuaded me that it would be to warm a trip by way of El Paso so I decided to go north my ticket from Dennison cost me \$42.65, it was a long hard trip but I enjoy it very much, the scenery was something grand from Denver all the way of course across the desert it got very tiresome we were most a day and night crossing it but take it all together the scenery was grand. I went from Kansas City on the Burlington to Denver then. On the Denver & Rio Grand to Ogden then on the Southern P S. I had to stay all night in Frisco I went to a hotel and got a bed, and I came near freezing I had four heavy woolen blankets, a comfort, a spread everybody had they coats and furs on I got to Hollister Mon. noon and Harry meet me and I found him so glad to see me. he looks well. I have been very busy since. Harry has nothing to do this week and he is helping me clean up the house and get straighten out, its regular bachelor quarters, but there all right. I think I'll like it fine. Charley is so good he has plenty to do with and buys plenty of every thing to cook, I made bread yesterday and it was fine. Harry takes all the care of the milk and Charley churned for me they think its so nice to have a woman around. We are going up to the other place after next week and we will stay up there untill Charley is married and moves up there which will be about two months. That is a very nice house and all furnished complete, we will stay on this place a year I like it here very much, its just grand weather we sleep with three quilts and a comfort over us every night. The butter is just as hard as in a winter day and meat will keep a week without any salt. I guess I have to get some pure wool shirts with long sleeves, but they say it is cool now as it will be all winter They are all through with the a. cots next week they will begin on the prunes, Oh, the fruit is grand, Harry had left a tree of apricots for me and I canned them yesterday we got three dozens cans I'm going to can peaches today and next week I can pairs. Oh! dont I wish you were all here but I tell you more next time I put my fruit up all sweetened.

Frank was here yesterday he so nice, when he left he came and gave me a five dollar gold piece. I going to buy a doz. hens and a pig with it, Charley would like for Billy to come but I havent had time yet to get the lay of things Jim I will send your two dollars back I glad I brought it altho I didn't use it I felt safe, I just had ten cts. when I got here. I write more Sunday. Charley is in a hurry. I hope Jim is better

Your
Sally

Letter addressed to Mrs. Wm Richey, Blue Co., Caddo, I.T.
Original in possession of Mrs. Georgia Berberich Holmes, San Jose

Ft. Snelling, Minn.
2/9/19

Dear Aunt Mary.

I wrote to you a few days ago and received your most welcome letter today. I am always glad to hear from you folks and I sure hope to see you soon.

I am all O.K. and think I will be out soon. How is everybody out there.

It is still pretty cold and icy here and I can't go out yet on crutches because I am afraid I will fall and hurt my leg over and I sure have had all of the Hospital that I want for one time.

Mother is still here and I don't know yet how long she is going to stay. I hope you will soon hear from Charlie and that he is doing fine.

I know of several fellows who were hit in the lungs and it takes grit to pull through and believe me the American Soldier is there when it comes to sand. I know it is hard to think about but try not to worry to much. I just told myself that I wasn't going to die and here I am still on top.

I have got one in my right shoulder that causes me quite a lot of trouble but I think it will be all right before long and my leg is doing fine. I am getting some sleepy and it is about bed time so I guess I will say Good-Bye for this time.

And be sure to write soon and often.

Love to all

Art Richey

(Mickey) Nick Name

(Postmark Saint Paul, Feb. 10, 1 PM, 1919, Minn.
Addressed to Mrs. E. H. Overstreet, Hollister, Calif.)

SCIENTISTS

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PROF. ROY OVERSTREET

906 Regal Road, Berkeley 8, Calif. SOIL CHEMISTRY. Nida, Okla., July 30, 1903; married 1934; three children. B.S., California, 1927, M.S. 1930, Ph.D. (chem.) 1937. Analyst, California, 1927-28; chemist, Sugar Planters Exp. Sta., 1928-29; analyst, col. agr., California, 1931-38, jr. chemist, 1938-43, res. assoc., radiation lab., 1942-46, asst. soil chemist, COL. AGR., 1943-46, assoc. prof. SOIL CHEM. & assoc. soil chemist, EXP. STA., 1946-50, PROF. & SOIL CHEMIST, 1950-. Guggenheim fel., California & Rochester, 1947; Leiden, Holland, 1957. A.A. Physical and soil chemistry; plant physiology; alkali soils; chemistry of radioactive elements.

American Men of Science
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DR. ROBERT WILLIAM TOWNLEY

Townley, Dr. Robert William, 470 Long Hill Rd., Gillette, N.J. CHEMISTRY. Lampasas, Texas, April 28, 07; m. 29; c. 2. B.A., Austin Col., 29; M.S., Texas, 35, Ph.D. (phys. chem), 38. Anal. chemist, First Texas Chem. Mfg. Co., 1931-33; from asst. to instr. chem, Texas, 35-37; bacteriologist, State Dept. Health, Texas, 37-38, chemist, 38-39, chief chemist, 39-41; res. chemist, Humble Oil & Ref. Co., 41-42; indust. hygiene engr., U.S. Pub. Health Serv., Md., 42-44; res. chemist, Ciba Pharmaceut. Prods, Inc., N.J., 44-50; assoc. prof. chem, Drew, 50-54; head res. dept., Personal Prods. Corp., 54-57; DIR, TOWNLEY RES. & CONSULT, 57-59. Assoc. prof, Fairleigh Dickinson, 58-59. A.A.; Chem. Sec; Chemists Club; N.Y. Acad. Foods; drugs; water; corrosion; industrial hygiene; biological, medicinal and microbial chemistry; antibiotics; microbiology; analytical methods; physical chemistry applications.

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MADGE RICHEY TOWNLEY

Townley, Madge Richey (Mrs Robert William Townley) bacteriologist; b. Cadde, Okla; d. Alexander E. & Metta (Hill) Richey. R.N. Wilson N. Jones Hosp, Sherman, Tex, 1930; B.A. U. Tex., 1937, M.A. 1939; m. Robert W. Townley, Nov. 20, 1930; children Clive Dennon, Karen Richey. Tutor U. Tex., 1935-38, Librarian Passaic Twp. Sch. System, 1954-56; bacteriologist Morristown Meml. Hosp. 1956-. Trustee Passaic Twp. Free Lib. Presbyterian Club. Long Hill Community (v.p.1950) Home: Long Hill Road, Gillette, N.J. Office: Morristown Meml. Hosp, Morristown, N.J.

Who's Who of American Women. Vol I, First Ed. 1958-59.
A.N. Marquis Co., Chicago, 1958.

FIRST PAPER AND PAGE OF JOURNAL

Monday Sept. 6, 1887 We started from mountain creek, stopped at Lebanon and got the horses & mule colt shod, & moved on 4 miles from Lebanon & camped by a pond by the R.R.

Tues 7. went 11 miles to Henry Oliver's and stayed all night with him. The road had been hilly & covered with small round stones.

Weds. 8 A hot day. Moved 25 miles & camped on a creek called the "Tavern", good roads after noon. Team & family standing it well, expense so far is 50 cts.

Thurs. 9 Passed over hilly, stony roads half the day, passed through Hancock & Dixon & camped 1 mile N. of Dixon by a good stock wall. Expense today 10 cts.

Fri. 10 had good roads till towards night then struck the Gasconade River hills, was ferried over the river in the evening & camped by the river side, drove from morning till night without seeing water till we struck the river. God save us from another such a days journey. Expense today 80 cts. (50 cts. ferry, 30 for corn)

Sat. 11 Passed through Game prairie (a nice country) & camped 10 mi. beyond on Pea Vine Creek. Water scarce & bad. Expense today 1.35 cts.

Sun. 12 moved 6 mi. to the Barbeaus river & stopped for the day. A very hard hole. I take the people to be thieves or robbers so I put down a load of buck shot & slept with it ready with poor faithful Carlo as sentinel & I will say here that never a soldier performed his duty better nor more faithful than did Carlo on the whole journey Ex. 20 cts.

Mon. 13 moved within a mile of Shotwell and camped in a hollow in a Dutch settlement. Met an emigrant wagon with a family of seven from Ill. bound for Indian Ty. Poor country this day. Ex. 40 cts.

Tues. 14. Today we passed on a mile or two beyond Union (which is a nice closely built town mostly Dutch) and camped on a slope in a nice grove, but no water nearer than Union except our keg, in todays travel the land looks poor & yellow but the people are well fixed. We passed a nice house every 1/4 or 1/2 mile on the road. People most all dutch. Country hilly but not steep. Wells all dry. ex. 15 cts.

Weds. 15 moved into edge of St. Louis Co. & camped on a creek by a school house & good well. Passed over hilly stony roads all day on an old graded road which has been stone but is badly out of repair through Union Co. it runs from Union to St. Louis & is called the rock road. ex. 15

Thurs. 16 Traveled today over the best pike I ever drove over. Camped 8 mi. from St. Louis, camp up a hard rain the after noon & after we camped it rained very hard. Lucilla stayed in the wagon & baked bread in the drenching rain by laying a square piece of old sheet iron (which providence surely put there) over the oven & fire while the bread baked. I am feeling very unwell. Met an old prairie schooner bound for Arkansas. ex. 1.50

Fri. 17 moved axle this morning & came into a camp of Indiana folks bound for S.W. Mo. & Kans., entered St. Louis at 8 o'clock & passed out of S. St. Louis at 11 o'clock, making 3 hours of steady driving through one town, had no trouble in any way. Moved on beyond Collinsville Ill. & camped in a lane of yellow locust trees by a large pond, a beautiful place, ex. 1.20

Sat. 18 Passed through St. Jacobs, Troy and Highland all nice towns & camped near Pochontas. ex. 30

Sunday 19 moved through Pochontas in the rain, but stopped and bought bread & camped two mi. beyond on Shoal Creek in a fiddling and gambling settlement. Our Sunday luck. ex. 35 cts.

Mon. 20 Passed through Greenville & Mulberry grove & camped on hurricane creek. The country is all alike through Ill. some broken near the creeks & undulating between. ex. 60 cts.

Tues. 21 Passed through Vandalia in a terrible rain & wind storm & camped by St. Elmo. ex. 1.25

Wed. 22 Passed through the little Wabash country, moderately hilly, & camped 1 1/2 mi. S. of Effingham in a fine grove near a dutchmans house by the old National road & 20 rods from the Vandalia R.R. ex. 15 cts.

Thurs. 23 traveled about 35 mi. through mostly broken country, but some tolerable prairies, passed 3 or 4 little towns, drove till sun down to reach some timber, came to a dense grove & had a nice camp near a shop & house. ex. 1.45

Fri. 24 a nice day. Drove to the suburbs of Marshal & camped under a hickory tree by the road side, we traveled this day through a country mostly broken & poor. 2 or 3 hills about 1/4 mi. long. ex. 10 cts.

Sat. 25 Passed through Marshal Ill. & Terre Haut Ind. crossed the Wabash bottoms, wide & rich & camped in a flat country under an old hedge 6 mi. S. of Terre Haut. Rained moderately most all night. ex 10 cts.

Sunday 26 Spent Sunday in camp with out moving. Rained very hard all fore part of the night. ex. 10 cts. (for hay)

Monday 27 Traveled all day in the rain & mud, over hills & across runs till evening a full creek and a rotten old government bridge stopped us for the day. The bridge was not used, being unsafe, & the people of the little town would not let us risk it. They kindly furnished wood free, ex. 2.30

Tues. 28 The creek being run down we crossed over & traveled till noon in a cold rain which set in at day break, over hills & through such mud as only Indiana can furnish, then struck a bad pike (ordere they stoned the National road) country hilly & poor till noon, then it improved & along in the afternoon we had a graveled road & better country & good crops. ex. 40 cts.

Writer of this handwritten journal is unknown.
Hans Thyssen has original.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

The House of Rodgers

Reproduction of an Advertisement from the Paris Press
of Jan. 13, 1859

The following reproduction of an advertisement which appeared in the Paris Press of Jan. 13, 1859, will prove interesting to many of the older residents of this city and county. The copy of the paper from which it was taken was loaned by Mrs. Kate Good of West Paris:

FURNITURE! FURNITURE!!

OVERSTREET & RODGERS,

Paris, Lamar County, Texas

Having lately purchased the Cabinet Shop formerly owned by Messrs. Owensby & Berton, on the Bonham road opposite the "Printing Office", desire to call the attention of the public to the fact that they are prepared to do business in the Cabinet line, such as plain and ornamental

wardrobes, divans, salerets,
french bedsteads, rocking, parlor and ladies sewing chairs, sofa,
centre, card, extension, dining and breakfast tables, book cases,
secretaries, wash-stands, etc., etc., any of the above they can furnish
to order on the shortest notice. Call and satisfy yourselves as to the
excellency of their work and the fairness of their prices before you
buy elsewhere.

They will attend strictly to the making of coffins. Liberal
deductions made on cash payments, and lumber taken in exchange for
furniture.

Clipping from the Paris, Texas
paper, found among E.H. Overstreet's
papers.

MRS. BERBERICH CALLED BY DEATH

The whole community was startled today when the announcement was made that Mrs. Harry Berberich had been called by death. Mrs. Berberich became ill last Tuesday evening with what was diagnosed as pleuresy, and which later developed into pneumonia, involving both lungs. She was taken to the Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital yesterday, and passed away at 11:15 this morning.

She leaves to mourn her untimely death, her mother, Mrs. Martha Ritchey, two brothers, Ralph and William Ritchey, of Hollister, two sisters, Mrs. E.H. Overstreet of Hollister and Mrs. Tyson of San Jose, her husband, Harry Berberich and two small daughters, Georgia and Harriet.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of W. W. Black, but the time cannot be announced until the sister from San Jose arrives. Further announcement concerning this will be made in Wednesday's Evening Free Lance.

Mrs. Berberich was born in Ohio on July 4, 1871, and has resided here for 20 years. She was highly esteemed and respected by all who knew her, and her unexpected death is a sad blow to her family and her many friends.

MRS. JOE BELL PASSED AWAY SUNDAY

Mrs. Joe Bell, for 30 years a resident of Caddo, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Springer in Durant Sunday morning at 9:50 o'clock, after an illness that had confined her to her bed for several weeks, having suffered a stroke of paralysis. The deceased was a sister of J. W. Overstreet of this city. She was preceded in death by her husband only two months and ten days ago. They had made their home in Durant the past winter with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Springer. Mrs. Bell was in her 73rd year and up until the death of her husband had been exceedingly well for one of her age. Mrs. Bell was a conscientious Christian woman, having at an early age united with the church and during her long and useful life had lived so that when the summons came she was ready to meet her Savior on the other shore in the full belief that her well-spent life would be rewarded by a home in the eternal city not made with hands. Mrs. Bell is survived by three children, two daughters and one son, Mrs. Cliff Corey of Caddo, Mrs. Roy Springer of Durant, Elmer Bell of Caddo, with a number of other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

The remains were brought to Caddo Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The funeral service was held at the Baptist church conducted by Rev. Johnson, pastor of the local Baptist church. Following the services the body was borne to Gethsemane cemetery where it was laid to rest by the side of her husband to await the resurrection. Many friends and relatives were present at the services and the beautiful floral offerings attested the esteem and love of her family and friends. The correspondent joins with the many friends of the family in extending to the bereaved relatives heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow. Relatives here from out of town to attend the last sad rites were: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bell and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jessie Lee Bell of McAlester, Mr. and Mrs. Gains Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, Miss Dean Overstreet and Miss Verda Bell, all of Ardmore; Mrs. Clarence Sperry and son of Paris, Texas, Mrs. Lee Jones, Mill Creek; Mr. and Mrs. John Hood and daughter of Nida and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Springer of Durant.

From The Daily Democrat, Durant,
Oklahoma.

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DR. ROBERT RICHEY

Dr. Robert Richey, 71, retired physician, and a resident of Hollister since 1930, died here yesterday following a short illness.

A native of Ohio, Dr. Richey moved to Missouri in his youth and later was a practicing physician in Laclede and Dallas counties until he retired in 1930 to move to California. He was a graduate of the University of St. Louis.

Prominent in the Masonic order, he was a member of the Urbana Lodge No. 421 A.F. & M. of Urbana, Missouri; Saint Elmo Commandery No. 43 K.T., of Bolivar, Missouri; Bolivar Chapter No. 5 R.A.M., of Bolivar, Missouri, and Abou Ben Adhem Temple, Springfield, Mo.

He is survived by his widow, Maude Richey, of Hollister, two sons, Pat Richey of Joplin, Mo., and Ruby Richey, and two daughters, Mrs. Carl L. Davidson, of Hollister, and Mrs. Carl B. Goodwin of Hollister; two brothers, Ralph and Sam of Hollister, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Overstreet of Hollister, and Ada ^(Thayson) Tyson of San Jose.

Funeral services were held from the Black-Cooper Mortuary at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Graveside services at the I.O.O.F. cemetery were conducted by the San Benito Lodge F. & A.M. -- Hollister, (Calif.) Free Lance.

Date of death April 1, 1938

WILLIAM RICHEY

William Richey, one of the well-known residents of Hollister, died at the family residence, Wednesday evening, at the age of 78 years. While he had been ailing for some time past, his end was not expected. Mr. Richey came with his family from Ohio five years ago. He leaves a widow, three daughters, Mrs. H.L. Berberich, Mrs. ^{E.H.} Overstreet, Miss Richey, of Hollister, a son Ralph Richey, of Hollister, and three sons in the East. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of Mound Lodge, I.O.O.F.

Date of death - Nov. 2, 1910

MRS. OVERSTREET, OLD-TIME RESIDENT, DIES IN RICHMOND

Mrs. Mary Overstreet, long-time Hollister resident, died this afternoon at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Edith Morris, in Richmond. She was 67.

Ill for the past two months, Mrs. Overstreet had been residing with her daughter during that time.

A native of Ohio, she came to this County in 1904 and had made her home here since.

Survivors include her husband, Elisha Overstreet; two sons, Roy of Berkeley and Frank of Richmond; and two other daughters, Mrs. Kate O'Brien of Hollister and Mrs. Mary Taggart of El Cerrito. Also surviving are a brother, Samuel Richey of Hollister, and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 11 from the Black-Cooper mortuary. Rev. Horace Hay, pastor of the Methodist Church, will conduct the rites.

Burial will take place in the IOOF Cemetery here.

From The Evening Free Lance
Monday, February 21,
1949.

MAUDE RICHEY OF HOLLISTER DIES AT 85

Maude Richey, 85, resident of Hollister for the last 23 years, died this morning at San Jose hospital following a long illness.

She was the wife of the late Robert Richey, Hollister businessman who died in 1938.

She is survived by two daughters, Myrtle Goodwin of Hollister and Mrs. Mary Davidson of San Jose; a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Felts of Burbank; several grandchildren, including Mary Davenport of Hollister; three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She and her husband came to Hollister in 1930 from her native Missouri to retire.

Funeral services are pending from Black-Cooper-Ottesen mortuary.

From The Evening Free Lance

RETIRED HOLLISTER ORCHARD OWNER FOUND DEAD IN HOME

Hollister-- Funeral services for Elisha H. Overstreet, 83, a retired San Benito County orchardist, will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Black-Cooper* Ottesen Mortuary.

Interment will be in the IOOF Cemetery. Overstreet was found dead of a heart attack in his apartment house at 453 Sixth St. Saturday. Police had been forced to break into the house after neighbors reported his failure to appear.

According to Coroner Gene Patterson, Overstreet had been dead for 24 hours. His body was found in a chair.

Overstreet was a native of Texas, but had come to the Hollister area in 1904. For many years he operated orchards here and built homes as a sideline. Several years ago he retired from active ranching, but continued to manage the apartment house he owned.

He is survived by three daughters and two sons: Mrs. Carl Hemsath and Frank Overstreet, both of El Cerrito, Mrs. Andrew Morris and Mrs. J. E. O'Brien, both of Richmond, and Dr. Roy Overstreet of Berkeley and 15 grandchildren. He also is survived by a niece, Mrs. C. O. Covey of Fresno.

From San Jose Evening News
Mon., Sept. 3, 1956.

JAMES E. O'BRIEN

James E. O'Brien, 59, Richmond resident for 12 years and a retired employee of the California Shipping Corp. of San Francisco, died yesterday at his home at 6116 Orchard Ave.

He was a native of San Francisco, a retired Lieutenant, J.G., of the USNR, and a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church of Richmond.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kate O'Brien; sons, Eugene Prince of Berkeley, and Ralph Prince, in Germany with the U.S. Forces; and a sister, Mrs. Edna Deacon of San Jose.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Ryan Funeral Home.

From The Richmond Independent
Mon., Oct. 9, 1961.

O'BRIEN: Entered into rest in Richmond, Calif., Oct. 8, 1961. Mr. James E. O'Brien, a resident of 6116 Orchard Ave., Richmond, Calif. Devoted husband of Kate O. O'Brien. Beloved father of Eugene Prince of Berkeley, Cal., and Ralph Prince, U.S. Army, Germany. Brother of Mrs. Edna Deacon of San Jose, Calif., and the late Bessie Sparling. Uncle of James Deacon of Pinole, Calif., Douglas Sparling of Hollister, Calif., Francis Sparling of Morgan Hill, Calif., and Robert Sparling of San Luis Obispo, Calif. A member of St. Luke's Methodist Church of Richmond, Calif., aged 59 years.

Friends are invited to attend funeral services Wed., Oct. 11, 1961 at 3:30 p.m. from Cathedral Chapel of the Ryan Funeral Home, Macdonald Ave., at 34th St., Richmond, Calif. Rev. Gerald R. Lowe of St. Luke's Methodist Church will officiate. Entrance to our off-street parking plaza on 33rd Street near Macdonald Ave. Concluding services and interment Sunset View Cemetery, Berkeley, Calif.

From The Richmond Independent
Tues., Oct. 10, 1961.

BIBLE AND OTHER RECORDS

FAMILY RECORDS WRITTEN IN "HYMNS IN PROSE FOR THE USE
OF CHILDREN" by A.L. Barbould, 1811

Hugh McGee and Sarah McGee was mared December the seventheenth 1811

George McGee was born October the tenth 1812

Mary McGee was borne November the tenth 1813

Sally Ann McGee was born June the twenty forth 1816

Pier (?) McGee was born Febury the the sevententh 1819 (?)

Willem McGee was born July the ninth 1821

Nancy McGee born 21 April 1824

FAMILY RECORDS FROM THE AUNT KATIE BIBLE

MARRIAGES

William Richey and Martha Newhouse. Aug. 20, 1861
Elisha Hiram Overstreet and Mary Richey. Nov. 17, 1902
Guy Salisbury Prince and Kate Overstreet. Jan. 10, 1932
Andrew Sigsbee Morris and Edith Richey Overstreet. March 20, 1932
Frank Overstreet and Sigrid Ellessen. Oct. 4, 1932
Roy Overstreet and Kathryn Ruby Gibson. Nov. 18, 1934
Harry L. Berberich and Sarah Richey
Robert Richey and Alice Nolan. March 19, 1892
Maud Turner. Aug. 12, 1903
Alexander Richey and Mettie
Ralph Richey and Jenny Wells.
Margaret Blacklock. Sept. 15, 1909
Addie Richey and Hans Thaysen. Feb. 13, 1912

BIRTHS

Samuel Newhouse. Aug. 29, 1817
Sarah Ann McGee. June 24, 1816
James Richey. March 26, 1798
Sarah Newhouse. May 26, 1801
William Richey. July 23, 1833
Martha Richey. April 14, 1844
Eliza Richey. April 6, 1864
Robert Richey. April 7, 1866
Alexander Richey. Aug. 10, 1868
Sarah Richey. July 4, 1871
Ralph Richey. Feb. 12, 1875
Ada Richey. July 24, 1877
Samuel Richey. July 9, 1879
Mary Richey. Aug. 13, 1881
LeRoy Overstreet. July 30, 1903
Frank Overstreet. March 8, 1905
Edith Richey Overstreet. March 10, 1907
Kate Overstreet. Aug. 20, 1908
Mary Jane Overstreet. Nov. 26, 1913
Eugene Richey Prince. Nov. 3, 1933
Richard Sidney Overstreet. Sept. 4, 1935

DEATHS

Elizabeth Richey. Nov. 21, 1870
William Richey. Nov. 2, 1910. Age 78 years
Martha Richey. April 26, 1922
Sarah Berberich. Nov. 18, 1919
Charles Richey. Oct. 11, 1919
Robert Richey. April 1, 1938
Ralph Richey. Oct. 14, 1943
Addie Thaysen. Dec. 5, 1945
Alexander Richey. March 7, 1929

Written in back of Bible: Married Aug. 20 by Rev. Marrow.

DIRECTORY OF FAMILY CHATTELS (HEIRLOOMS)

1. Mary Overstreet's chest of drawers	Kate O'Brien
2. Mary Overstreet's bed and dresser	" "
3. Mary Overstreet's Victorian sofa	" "
4. Stimmal woven portieres	Kate O'Brien and Betty Yakobovich
5. E.H. Overstreet's day hand clock	Kate O'Brien
6. Mary Overstreet's marble top end table	" "
7. Mary Overstreet's walnut dining table	" "
8. Aunt Katie Bible	" "
9. William Richey Family Bible	Edith Morris
10. Newhouse Family History	Mary Davidson
11. History of Missouri Counties	Myrtle Goodwin
12. Hymns in Prose for the Use of Children	Hans Thaysen
13. Anonymous Journal of a Trip from Missouri to Indiana	" "
14. Martha Richey's linen tablecloth	Edith Morris
15. Mary Overstreet's Lamp	Frank Overstreet
16. Martha Richey's Rebecca at the Well Teapot	Edith Morris
17. Chairs	Edith Morris, Frank Overstreet, Kate O'Brien
18. E.H. Overstreet's tools	Frank Overstreet, Andrew Morris
19. Mary Overstreet's Hooked rugs	Mary Hensath, Kate O'Brien Edith Morris
20. Aunt Maggie's pieced quilts	Kate O'Brien, Edith Morris Sigrid Overstreet

RICHEY REGISTER

- 1. Berberich, Harriett State Hospital, Agnew, Calif.
- 2. Bowman, Judith Ann 935 Thornton Way, San Jose 28, Calif.
- 3. Bowman, Karen Lynn " " " " " "
- 4. Bowman, Norman Howard " " " " " "
- 5. Bowman, Robert Norman " " " " " "
- 6. Bowman, Virginia Alice Richey (Mrs. Norman) " " " " " "
- 7. Coe, Linda Mary Taggart (Mrs. Vernon) 1511 Olive Street, Richmond, Calif.
- 8. Coe, Sharon Linda " " " " " "
- 9. Coe, Steven Vernon " " " " " "
- 10. Coe, Vernon Everett " " " " " "
- 11. Davenport, Aubrey Arron 2271 Southside Road, Hollister, Calif.
- 12. Davenport, Mary Estella Richey (Mrs. A.A.) " " " " " "
- 13. Davenport, Susan Marie " " " " " "
- 14. Davidson, Carl Larn 465 Baltic Way Drive, San Jose, Calif.
- 15. Davidson, Charles Robert P.O. Box 281, Daly City, Calif.
- 16. Davidson, David Richey 1360 White Drive, Santa Clara, Calif.
- 17. Davidson, Mary Richey (Mrs. Carl Larn) 465 Baltic Way Drive, San Jose, Calif.
- 18. Davidson, Nancy Ann 2390 Francisco, Apt. 304, San Francisco
- 19. Davidson, Sharon (Mrs. David R.) 1360 White Drive, Santa Clara, Calif.
- 20. Dejean, Arnolf 5672 Vicente, Oakland, Calif.
- 21. Dejean, Jill Overstreet (Mrs. Arnolf) " " " " " "
- 22. Dejean, Roald Rodolphe " " " " " "
- 23. Ellis, Lester Kenneth 2120 Stanton Ave., San Pablo, Calif.
- 24. Ellis, Mary Kim Morris (Mrs. Lester K.) " " " " " "
- 25. Goodwin, Carl B P.O. Box 113, Hollister, Calif.
- 26. Goodwin, Myrtle Richey (Mrs. Carl B.) " " " " " "
- 27. Hagan, Cora Jo Labruzzo (Mrs. George)
- 28. Hagan, George

- 29. Hagan, Gladlyn
- 30. Hagan, Karla Gay
- 31. Hemsath, Carl Stoughton 528 Richmond St., El Cerrito, Calif.
- 32. Hemsath, Mary Jane Taggart (Mrs. Carl S.) " " " " " "
- 33. Holmes, David Aaron 190 Barker St., Milpitas, Calif.
- 34. Holmes, Edward Rowan 512 Coe Ave., San Jose, Calif.
- 35. Holmes, Gail Ellen 190 Barker St., Milpitas, Calif.
- 36. Holmes, George Edward " " " " "
- 37. Holmes, Georgia Berberich (Mrs. E.R.) 512 Coe Ave., San Jose, Calif.
- 38. Holmes, Jane Alice St. John (Mrs. G.E.) 190 Barker St., Milpitas, Calif.
U.S. 56349388, H.Q. Co. Sp. Trps.
- 39. Holmes, Kenneth Walter (P.F.C.) 6th Army U.S.A. Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.
- 40. Holmes, Stephen Dean 190 Barker St., Milpitas, Calif.
- 41. Johnson, Helen Elizabeth Richey (Mrs. R.R.) 224 Warwick Drive, Campbell, Calif.
- 42. Johnson, Linda Gail Tennant (Mrs. R.R., Jr.) 12171 Adrian, Garden Grove, Calif.
- 43. Johnson, Ralph Roosevelt, Jr. " " " " "
- 44. Johnson, Ralph Roosevelt, Sr. 224 Warwick Drive, Campbell, Calif.
- 45. Kidwell, Leonard 1862 Citrus Ave., Chico, Calif.
- 46. Kidwell, Susa May Richey (Mrs. Leonard) " " " " "
- 47. Labruzzo, Gladys Richey 9527 Tarleton, Dallas 18, Texas
- 48. McFerrin, Michael Dennis 1862 Citrus Ave., Chico, Calif.
- 49. McFerrin, Patricia Ann " " " " "
- 50. Morris, Albert Andrew 2923 Rheem Ave., Richmond, Calif.
- 51. Morris, Andrew Sigsbee, Jr. " " " " "
- 52. Morris, Andrew Sigsbee, Sr. " " " " "
- 53. Morris, Edith Richey Overstreet (Mrs. A.S.) " " " " "
- 54. Morris, Peter Sigsbee DeWitt State Hospital, Auburn, Calif.
- 55. Murtha, Daniel F. 1st Msl. Bn - 33rd Arty., A.P.O. 177
New York, New York.
- 56. Murtha, Diane Elizabeth " " " " "
- 57. Murtha, Kathleen Marie " " " " "
- 58. Murtha, Sallee Yakobovich (Mrs. Daniel) " " " " "

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59. Murtha, Thomas Daniel	1st Mal. Bn - 33rd Arty., A.P.O. 177 New York, New York.
60. O'Brien, Kate Overstreet Prince	6116 Orchard Ave., Richmond, Calif.
61. Overstreet, Frank	2626 Arlington Ave., El Cerrito, Calif.
62. Overstreet, Gail	906 Regal Road, Berkeley, Calif.
63. Overstreet, Jon Michael	2626 Arlington Ave., El Cerrito, Calif.
64. Overstreet, Kathryn Ruby Gibson (Mrs. Roy)	906 Regal Road, Berkeley, Calif.
65. Overstreet, Richard Sydney	57 Rue de Babylone, Paris VII, France
66. Overstreet, Roy	906 Regal Road, Berkeley, Calif.
67. Overstreet, Roy Wheat	" " " " "
68. Overstreet, Sigrid Ellessen (Mrs. Frank)	2626 Arlington Ave., El Cerrito, Calif.
69. Park, Charles Duane	
70. Park, James	
71. Park, Julie Annette	
72. Park, Katherine Labruzzo (Mrs. James)	
73. Park, Katherine Marie	
74. Pollack, Barbara June	3095 Macy St., San Bernardino, Calif.
75. Pollack, James Robert	" " " " " "
76. Pollack, Jefferie Scott	" " " " " "
77. Pollack, Sherril Lynn	" " " " " "
78. Pollack, Virginia Leigh	" " " " " "
79. Prince, Cynthia Ann Kramer (Mrs. Eugene)	1134 Channing Way, Berkeley, Calif.
80. Prince, Eugene Richey	" " " " "
81. Prince, Ralph Everett	6116 Orchard Ave., Richmond, Calif.
82. Richey, Alice Charleen	1604 Corner Ave., Joplin, Mo.
83. Richey, Alphonso (Pat)	" " " " "
84. Richey, Ann Lease	851 Scott St., San Bernardino, Calif.
85. Richey, Arthur, Jr.	" " " " " "
86. Richey, Carol Maureen	" " " " " "
87. Richey, Cleo M. Finley	853 Washington, Hollister, Calif.
88. Richey, Floyd Ralph	21645 Vivienda, Colton, Calif.

- 89. Richey, Frankie LaVerne 1604 Connor Ave., Joplin, Mo.
- 90. Richey, Judy Leigh 21645 Vivenda, Colton, Calif.
- 91. Richey, Karleen Kay 1604 Connor Ave., Joplin, Mo.
- 92. Richey, Lena McKinley Lenz 1964 Mallory, San Bernardino, Calif.
- 93. Richey, Margaret Irene Blacklock 2680 Buena Vista Road, Hollister, Calif.
- 94. Richey, Raelyn 21645 Vivienda, Colton, Calif.
- 95. Richey, Ray Vern 1964 Mallory, San Bernardino, Calif.
- 96. Richey, Ruth Watrous Kuncce (Mrs. A.) 1604 Connor Ave., Joplin, Mo.
- 97. Richey, Shirley Eager 21645 Vivienda, Colton, Calif.
- 98. Skelley, Brian Keith 6150 N. Arlington Ave., San Pablo, Calif.
- 99. Skelley, Lester Everett, Jr. " " " " " "
- 100. Skelley, Lester Everett III " " " " " "
- 101. Skelley, Nancy Jane Morris (Mrs. Lester, Jr.) " " " " " "
- 102. Thaysen, Barry Franklin 743 Jill Ave., Santa Clara, Calif.
- 103. Thaysen, Dorothy (Mrs. Hans) " " " " " "
- 104. Thaysen, Hans Christian " " " " " "
- 105. Torres, Samuel 6400 Meeser Lane, El Cerrito, Calif.
- 106. Torres, Susan Arlene Overstreet (Mrs. Samuel) " " " " " "
- 107. Townley, Addie Madge Richey (Mrs.R.W.) 470 Long Hill Road, Gillette, R.D.1, N.J.
- 108. Townley, Clive Donnan " " " " " "
- 109. Townley, Karen " " " " " "
- 110. Townley, Robert William " " " " " "
- 111. Travis, Judith Taggart (Mrs. M.J.) 405 Washington, Point Richmond, Calif.
- 112. Travis, Meredith Jovan " " " " " "
- 113. Yakobovich, Elizabeth Thaysen(Mrs.Peter)1017 Bennett Way, San Jose, Calif.
- 114. Yakobovich, Peter " " " " " "

STATION EHO

Broadcasting News Flashes from the Cutting Shed

Oklahomans drawling all over the joint.

Shed boss putting to rout a black widow while ladies hovered around shuddering.

E.H.O., on the advice of attorney (?) Morris nailing up a sign: "I will not be responsible for accidents on this ranch." (Sign courtesy Guy S. Prince, decorator)

The Widow Burns: "I'll bet there are 200 cots in one panfull."

Shed Boss: "Oh, you women would complain if you weren't hung with a new rope."

E.H.O. joking with the cutters and they all making a special effort to laugh heartily.

Gracie: "I don't think I fancy working at night."

Small boy: "How much do you lack, Bessie?"

Bessie: "Oh, I lack half a lug."

Georgie (aside to Edith): "The Widow Burns didn't have nearly so many checks yesterday as today. You don't suppose she's been sleeping with the shed boss, do you?"

Picker: "Mr. Overstreet has had his Model T for 7 years and never knew it had a horn."

E.H.O.: "Never needed one. Everyone knows enuf to get out of the way when they see me coming."

Fat lady: "I won't cut that little fruit. I'll wait here all day before I'll cut it."

Speed burner (who cuts 2 or 3 a day): "Well, keep your guns in your purses and I'll cut all the little fruit."

Bessie: "One winter in Oklahoma we didn't have much to do in the way of entertainment so we played "Booger." Had a cellar with a secret compartment built by a bootlegger and one of us would get in there and talk and make awful noises. People came from miles around to look for that booger but we scared them so when they got in the cellar that they'd run out in a hurry. After we had a lot of fun with them we'd tell them. They would always have a friend they wanted to fool and would bring him next time. This went on for months. One night we had 150 cars out there. The law sent us word that if we were fooling we'd better stop. We wrote them to come out and look for the booger but we never heard from them again."

Rainy weather and all the fruit men tearing their hair except Pa Overstreet who sits calmly in his shed smoking a cigar and trusting in heaven.

Written by Edith O. Morris after
visiting E.H.O.'s apricot
cutting shed one summer
in the 30's.

JUPITER'S REVENGE

Once upon a time there lived a wicked sorcerer called Prunapuss who thought he was as powerful as Jupiter himself. Now Jupiter had a beautiful garden where he came to live when he got tired of Mount Olympus. Through his sorcery Prunapuss found this out, and while Jupiter was away he changed the beautiful garden into a large area of boulders, crags, and cliffs now known as the Pinnacles. Prunapuss thought he had nothing to fear from the god, but Jupiter found out and a great battle ensued. Three days and nights later Jupiter succeeded in summoning all his remaining strength and hurled a gigantic thunderbolt that caused great desolation and the death of Prunapuss. The battlefield is now known as Death Valley. In a remote corner of Tartarus Prunapuss is destined to pick prunes for eternity under painful conditions. He is still crawling on bare knees over rough clods around a shadeless prune tree under a broiling noon-day sun. For every prune that he gathers two more drop from the tree.

English composition by

Eugene R. Prince

1948

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January 6, 1964

Mrs. J. E. O'Brien
6116 Orchard Ave.,
Richmond, California.

Dear Mrs. O'Brien:

We believe that S. Stimmel was a weaver of coverlets, etc., and that yours dated 1847 was probably done at his weaving plant in central New York or northern Ohio. He specialized in such textiles in colors like the sketch of yours. Such weaving was done on a Jarquard loom, which was of French origin. These Jarquard looms began to be used in this country about 1830 in textile weaving plants. They were not for home use.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

ANTIQUES: Q & A

Nina Thomas

U.S. Census Delaware County, Ohio 1850

S. Stimmel; Age 41; Occupation weaver; Property value \$500;
Place of origin, Pa.

(Microfilm in California Genealogical Society
Library, San Francisco, Calif.)

RICHEY REUNION

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1963

12 noon to — ?

BOLADO PARK
(Near Hollister and Tres Pinos)

Bring a picnic lunch.

Cake will be served.

PROGRAM -

Picnicking

Exploring old haunts

Helping Edith with Richey family history

Identifying old photos

Loafing

Swimming

Eating apricots (if the weather holds)

Rings

Compiling inventory of antiques in family
(count as in)

If you can come, please notify:

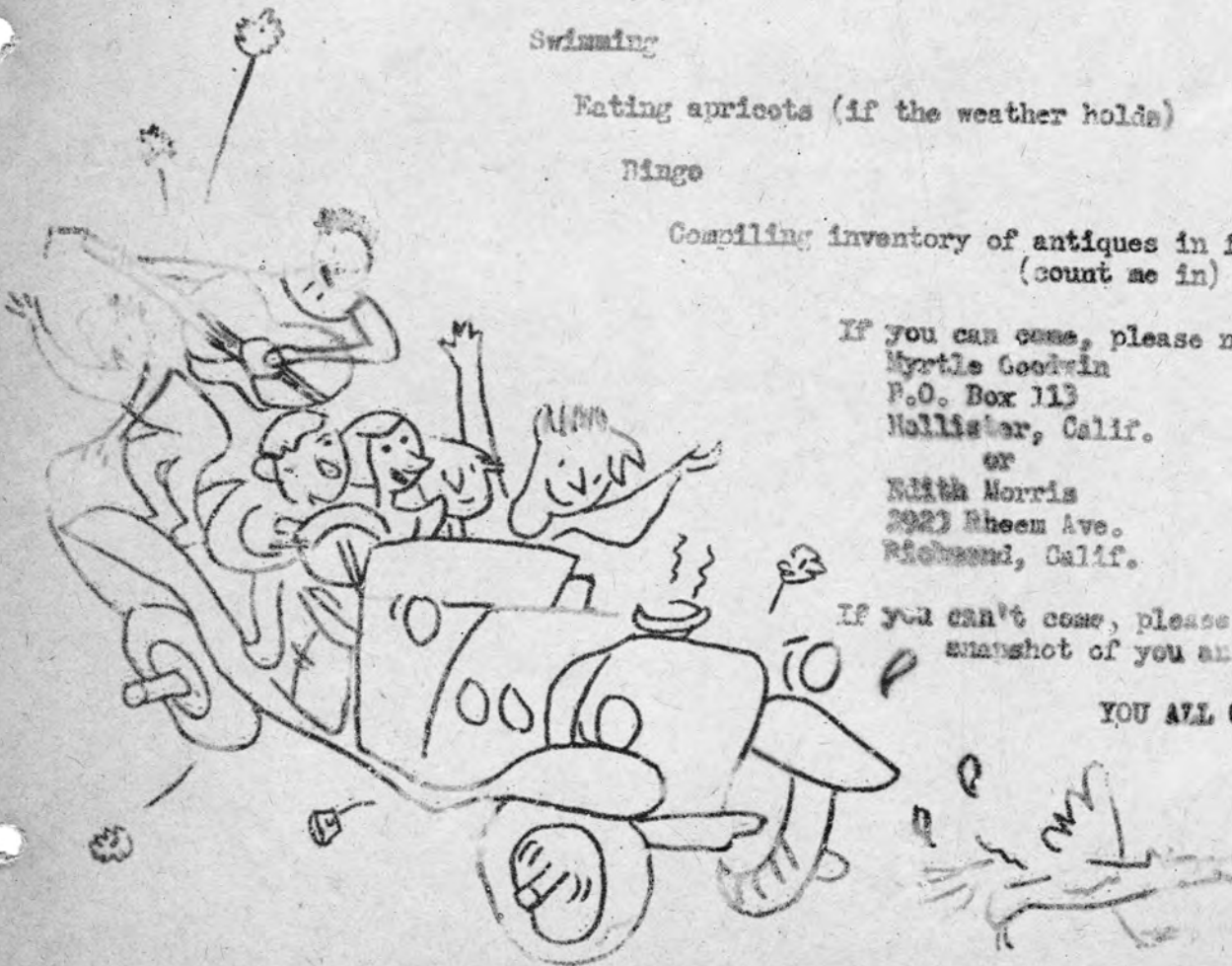
Myrtle Goodwin
P.O. Box 113
Hollister, Calif.

or

Edith Morris
2923 Rheem Ave.
Richmond, Calif.

If you can't come, please send a
snapshot of you and family

YOU ALL COME!



To all whom it may Concern.

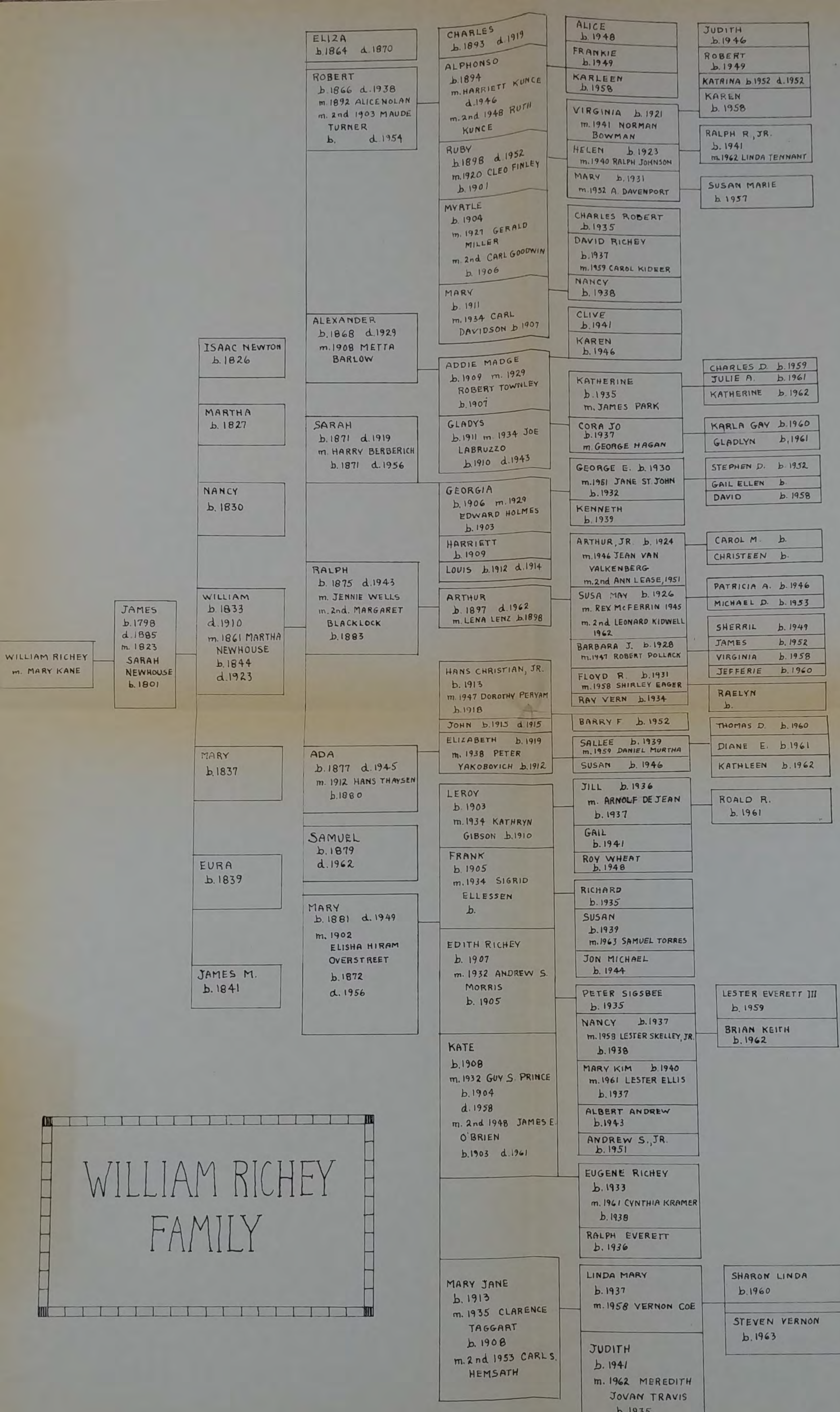


Know ye, That William Richey a
1st Sergt. of Captain Cones
Company, (C.) 121 Regiment of C.S.
VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the X day of August
one thousand eight hundred and Sixty-two to serve Three years or
during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States,
this 17th day of February, 1863, at Columbus
O. by reason of Surg. M. & G. No. 31 of 1862
(No objection to his being re-enlisted to known to exist.)

Said Wm Richey was born in Union Co.
in the State of Ohio, is 28 years of age,
5 feet 6 3/4 inches high, Light complexion, Blue eyes,
Light hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer
Given at Columbus O. this 17th day of
Feby 1863.

Alburt Dool
Capt. 15th U.S. Infy
Commanding the Regt.
Mil. Comdr.

* This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.



ELIZA
b.1864 d.1870

ROBERT
b.1866 d.1938
m.1892 ALICENOLAN
m. 2nd 1903 MAUDE
TURNER
b. d.1954

CHARLES
b.1893 d.1919

ALPHONSO
b.1894
m.HARRIETT KUNCE
d.1946
m. 2nd 1948 RUTH
KUNCE

RUBY
b.1898 d.1952
m.1920 CLEO FINLEY
b.1901

MYRTLE
b.1904
m.1927 GERALD
MILLER
m. 2nd CARL GOODWIN
b.1906

MARY
b.1911
m.1934 CARL
DAVIDSON b.1907

ALEXANDER
b.1868 d.1929
m.1908 METTA
BARLOW

ADDIE MADGE
b.1909 m.1929
ROBERT TOWNLEY
b.1907

SARAH
b.1871 d.1919
m. HARRY BERBERICH
b.1871 d.1956

GLADYS
b.1911 m.1934 JOE
LABRUZZO
b.1910 d.1943

ISAAC NEWTON
b.1826

GEORGIA
b.1906 m.1929
EDWARD HOLMES
b.1903

MARTHA
b.1827

NANCY
b.1830

HARRIETT
b.1909

LOUIS b.1912 d.1914

RALPH
b.1875 d.1943
m. JENNIE WELLS
m. 2nd. MARGARET
BLACKLOCK
b.1883

HANS CHRISTIAN, JR.
b.1913
m.1947 DOROTHY PERVAM
b.1918

WILLIAM
b.1833
d.1910
m.1861 MARTHA
NEWHOUSE
b.1844
d.1923

ARTHUR
b.1897 d.1962
m. LENA LENZ b.1898

ADA
b.1877 d.1945
m.1912 HANS THAYSEN
b.1880

ELIZABETH b.1919
m.1938 PETER
YAKOBOVICH b.1912

SAMUEL
b.1879
d.1962

LEROY
b.1903
m.1934 KATHRYN
GIBSON b.1910

MARY
b.1881 d.1949
m.1902
ELISHA HIRAM
OVERSTREET
b.1872
d.1956

FRANK
b.1905
m.1934 SIGRID
ELLESSEN
b.

EDITH RICHEY
b.1907
m.1932 ANDREW S.
MORRIS
b.1905

MARY
b.1837

EURA
b.1839

JAMES M.
b.1841

KATE
b.1908
m.1932 GUY S. PRINCE
b.1904
d.1958
m. 2nd 1948 JAMES E.
O'BRIEN
b.1903 d.1961

MARY JANE
b.1913
m.1935 CLARENCE
TAGGART
b.1908
m. 2nd 1953 CARLS.
HEMSATH

ALICE
b.1948

FRANKIE
b.1949

KARLEEN
b.1958

VIRGINIA b.1921
m.1941 NORMAN
BOWMAN

HELEN b.1923
m.1940 RALPH JOHNSON

MARY b.1931
m.1952 A. DAVENPORT

CHARLES ROBERT
b.1935

DAVID RICHEY
b.1937
m.1959 CAROL KIDDER

NANCY
b.1938

CLIVE
b.1941

KAREN
b.1946

KATHERINE
b.1935
m. JAMES PARK

CORA JO
b.1937
m. GEORGE HAGAN

GEORGE E. b.1930
m.1951 JANE ST. JOHN
b.1932

KENNETH
b.1939

ARTHUR, JR. b.1924
m.1946 JEAN VAN
VALKENBERG
m. 2nd ANN LEASE, 1951

SUSA MAY b.1926
m. REX MCFERRIN 1945
m. 2nd LEONARD KIDWELL
1962

BARBARA J. b.1928
m.1947 ROBERT POLLACK

FLOYD R. b.1931
m.1958 SHIRLEY EAGER

RAY VERN b.1934

BARRY F b.1952

SALLEE b.1939
m.1959 DANIEL MURTHA

SUSAN b.1946

JILL b.1936
m. ARNOLF DEJEAN
b.1937

GAIL
b.1941

ROY WHEAT
b.1948

RICHARD
b.1935

SUSAN
b.1939
m.1963 SAMUEL TORRES

JON MICHAEL
b.1944

PETER SIGSBEE
b.1935

NANCY b.1937
m.1958 LESTER SKELLEY, JR.
b.1938

MARY KIM b.1940
m.1961 LESTER ELLIS
b.1937

ALBERT ANDREW
b.1943

ANDREW S., JR.
b.1951

EUGENE RICHEY
b.1933
m.1961 CYNTHIA KRAMER
b.1938

RALPH EVERETT
b.1936

LINDA MARY
b.1937
m.1958 VERNON COE

JUDITH
b.1941
m.1962 MEREDITH
JOVAN TRAVIS
b.1935

JUDITH
b.1946

ROBERT
b.1949

KATRINA b.1952 d.1952

KAREN
b.1958

RALPH R, JR.
b.1941
m.1962 LINDA TENNANT

SUSAN MARIE
b.1957

CHARLES D. b.1959

JULIE A. b.1961

KATHERINE b.1962

KARLA GAY b.1960

GLADLYN b.1961

STEPHEN D. b.1952

GAIL ELLEN b.

DAVID b.1958

CAROL M. b.

CHRISTEEN b.

PATRICIA A. b.1946

MICHAEL D. b.1953

SHERRIL b.1949

JAMES b.1952

VIRGINIA b.1958

JEFFERIE b.1960

RAEELYN
b.

THOMAS D. b.1960

DIANE E. b.1961

KATHLEEN b.1962

ROALD R.
b.1961

LESTER EVERETT III
b.1959

BRIAN KEITH
b.1962

SHARON LINDA
b.1960

STEVEN VERNON
b.1963

WILLIAM RICHEY
FAMILY

SARAH 1871-1919 - Harry L. Berberich
Georgia Holmes Edward Holmes
Harnett Berberich
George Edward Holmes
Jane Alice Holmes
Lail Holmes
David Holmes
Steve Holmes
Kennal Holmes

Jennie Wells - RALPH - Margaret Blacklock
 1875-1943 *Margaret Richey*

ALEXANDER 1868-1929 - Metta Hill Barlow

ADA 1877-1945 - Hans Christian Thaysen

Alice Nolan - ROBERT - Maude Turner
 1866-1938 *Myrtle Goodwin*
Virginia Bowman
Cleo Richey
Mary Davenport
Susan Davenport
Jane Davenport
Bess Davenport
Norman H. Bowman
Judith, Robert, Karen

SAMUEL 1879-1962

ELIZA 1864-1870

MARY 1881-1949 - Elisha Hiram Overstreet
Edith O. Morris
ANDY MORRIS
Ralph Prince
Kate O'Brien
Nancy Skelley
Brian Skelley
ANDREW S. MORRIS
Angie R. Prince
Guy E. Prince
Charles Skelley Jr.
Cynthia Prince
Allen S. Morris
Lester Skelley
Mary Hammett
John S.
Carl Hammett
Joe Travis
Judith Travis
David Travis

WILLIAM RICHEY - MARTHA NEWHOUSE