

## Descendants of Timothy Abbey and Betsey Jacox

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### Parents of Timothy Abbey

Timothy's parents were **John Abbey** (1769-1857) and **Lydia Wolcott** (1771-1837). Town records of Mansfield, Connecticut state that "*John Abbe of Mansfield and Lydia Wolcut -- Town of Windham -- were joined in marriage February 3rd AD 1791. Timothy son of John Abbe by Lydia his wife was born October 14th AD 1791.*" A book compiled by Cleveland Abbe and Josephine Genung Nichols, *The Families of Abbe and Abbey* (1916, New Haven, Connecticut) traces Abbey ancestry back to the 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandparents of Timothy: **John Abbe** (1613-1689), who was born in England and died in Salem, Massachusetts, and his wife **Mary Loring** (~1617-1772), who was born in England and died in Wenham, Massachusetts. The



grandfather of Timothy was **John Abbey** (1747-1789), who fought in the Revolutionary War.

John Abbey and his wife Lydia Wolcott moved from Connecticut to Chenango County, New York, and then were part of an 1815 migration to Norwich Township, McKean, Pennsylvania. Censuses record John Abbey living in Sergeant Township (now part of Norwich Township) in 1820 and 1830 and in Norwich Township in 1840. In 1850 John Abbey, a farmer, lived in Norwich Township with a second wife Amy, 63, born in Connecticut. Lydia had died in 1837. John and Lydia are probably buried in the Norwich Township (Colegrove) Cemetery, but there are no tombstones.

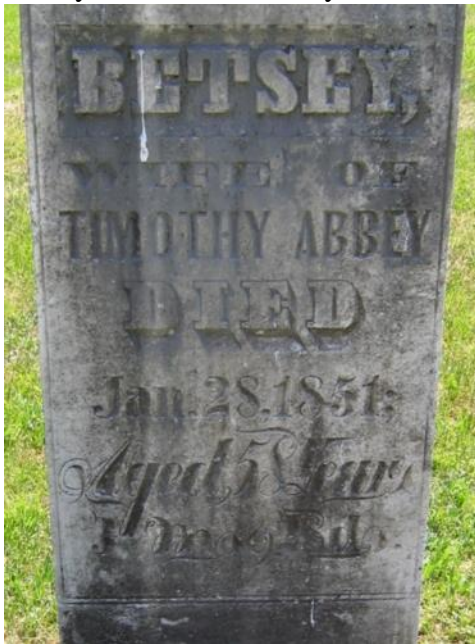
*In October 1815 fifteen families moved from the Town of Norwich, Chenango County, New York to the wilds of the Potato Creek Valley in Norwich Township (then Sergeant), McKean County, Pennsylvania. Some had first emigrated from Norwich, Connecticut to Norwich, New York. Heads of families that joined the migration were Nathaniel Brewer and his brothers William and Isaac, John Abbey, Rowland Burdick, Isaac Burlingame, Jonathan Colegrove, Jr. and his brothers Park and Benjamin, David Comes, Nathaniel Gallup, Gideon Irons and his son Gideon Irons, Jr., William Smith and his son Eseck, and Timothy Wolcott. The party was led by Jonathan Colegrove, Jr., who helped persuade them to exchange their property in New York for the lands in Pennsylvania. They were led to believe that the area had rich farmland and great mineral wealth. Neither promise turned out to be true, although later oil was discovered in McKean County. The wilderness area had no roads, so they had to ascend Potato Creek, with much labor and expense, in canoes, with their families and goods.*

*To make matters worse, in 1816, a volcanic eruption in the South Pacific caused a darkened*

sky during the summer, and it snowed in June, freezing the crops. Isaac Burlingame and his father-in-law Timothy Wolcott traveled to Pittsburgh via canoe to bring supplies. A story goes that Seneca Indians were watching with amusement as one of the canoes laden with potatoes spilled in the creek near their home destination. That event gave rise to the name Potato Creek.

**Timothy Abbey** (1791-1868) married **Betsey Jacox** (also spelled Jaycox, 1792-1851) in ~1810 in South New Berlin, Chenango, New York. Her parents were ‘**Deacon**’ **John Jacox** (1770-1857) and **Sarah Hazzard** (1773-1836), who migrated from Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York to South New Berlin. John Jacox was a farmer and deacon of the First Baptist Church of South New Berlin. Deacon Jacox had a falling-out with his oldest son **Edward Hazard Jacox**, whereupon Edward left South New Berlin, with his wife **Sarah ‘Polly’ Wolcott**, to live with his wife’s parents **Timothy and Sally Preston Wolcott** in McKean County, along with his brother George, his sister Betsey Jacox Abbey, and Betsey’s husband Timothy. Timothy Wolcott and his wife Sally had been among the 1815 migration group, and Timothy Wolcott was one of the two men who traveled to Pittsburgh for supplies.

Timothy and Betsey Abbey were not part of the 1815 migration group. Birthplaces of their children indicate that Timothy and Betsey joined his parents in McKean County about 1820. That scenario is consistent with census records. Timothy was enumerated in 1820 in Chenango County, New York but in 1830, 1840, and 1850 in Norwich Township, McKean, Pennsylvania. In 1850, the first year that complete families were listed, Timothy, a farmer, was living with Betsey and children Harry, Sarah, and Mary, along with Nelson Brewer<sup>1</sup>. “Their farm home was



on the brow of the hill, just on the Smethport side of Crosley on the main Smethport-Emporium highway [now West Valley Road], overlooking both Smethport and Crosley.” (obituary of Hazel Abbey)

Betsey died in 1851 and rests beneath a prominent tombstone in Norwich Township Cemetery. *The Families of Abbe and Abbey* says that Timothy “later resided in Berlin, Wisconsin, where he died.” For many years that is all that I knew. I looked in cemetery listings and other records at the Wisconsin State Historical Society in Madison. But eventually I requested, and was sent, a listing from the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter (v. 46, No. 3, Jan 2000) for the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery in Berlin. It lists tombstones read in a sequence, part of which is:

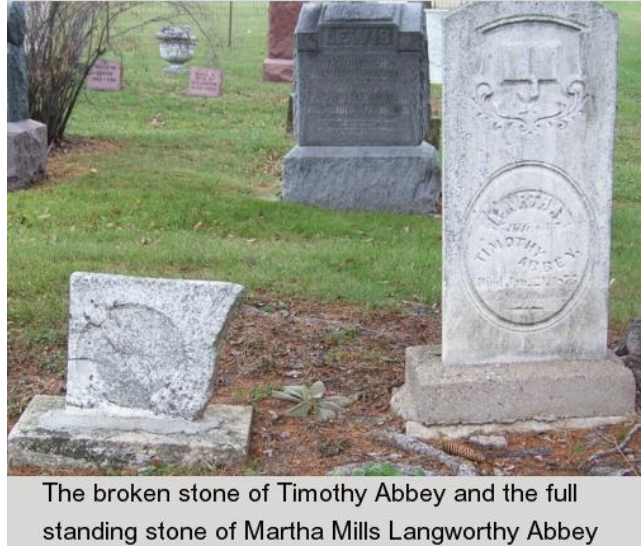
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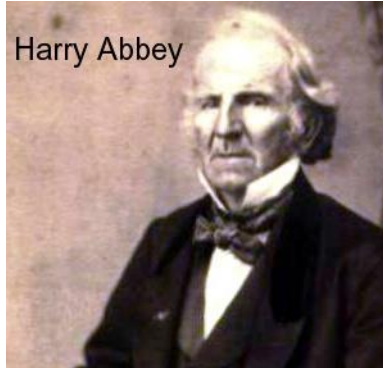
LANGWORTHY Martha-Dec 8, 1856-9 ms 18 ds Antoinette-Feb 27, 1885-3ms

Children of P.W. and M.E.

I was aided in piecing together Timothy's story by emails and documents from Myreen Smith Schmidt, a descendant of Timothy. We now know that Timothy relocated to Berlin, Green Lake, Wisconsin about 1855. His youngest daughters Emily Cordelia Stickles and Mary Langworthy had joined the Seventh-Day Baptist church in Pennsylvania and then moved with their families to The Seventh-Day community in Wisconsin. It was a small denomination that migrated westward from New England and was established in Berlin in January 1850. The mother of Mary's husband Peletiah Wellington Langworthy, Martha Mills Langworthy, had lost her husband about 1848. Martha and Timothy were married in Berlin, probably about 1856; Martha had joined the Church in 1855, and Timothy joined in 1856. Church records, kept by the Berlin Historical Society, give his date of death. His fragmental tombstone is next to the well-preserved tombstone of Martha Mills Langworthy Abbey (1794-1875).



## Harry Abbey, Brother of Timothy Abbey



Harry Abbey

Harry (1795-1857) married **Sally Jacox** (1802-1872) in 1821 in South New Berlin. Sally was the sister of Betsey Jacox. *“He resided, when young, around Burlington, New Berlin, and Norwich, New York, and later in Smethport (McKean County), Pennsylvania.”* (*Families of Abbe and Abbey*) Harry and Sally probably moved from Chenango County to Norwich Township, McKean County, about the same time as Timothy and Betsey. They were original members of the Norwich Baptist Church, which had been organized in 1820. Harry is enumerated in the 1830 census for Keating Township, McKean County, but was not in the county thereafter. In 1850 Harry Abbey, farmer, was a resident of Conneault Township, Erie, Pennsylvania together with wife Sally 48 b. NY and four children. Ages and birthplaces of the children suggest that he moved from Pennsylvania back to New York and then back to Pennsylvania between 1820 and 1830. Harry and Sally are buried in the Girard Cemetery in Erie County, Pennsylvania.

Children of Harry and Sally were Susan Delight Abbey (1823-1888), James Jewett Sage Abbey (1827-1902, Antoinette Brown Langworthy), George Griswold Abbey (1832-1911, Mary Ann Moxham), and Sarah Mindwell Abbey (1841-1908, Smith Douglas Sawdey). Antoinette Brown Langworthy was the sister of Peletiah Wellington Langworthy, the first husband of Mary E Abbey, daughter of Timothy and Betsey Abbey. Antoinette was the daughter of Elias Lewis Langworthy, the first husband of Martha Mills Langworthy Abbey. In other words, Harry was the uncle of Mary E Abbey and the brother-in-law of Betsey Jacox Abbey,.

The tombstone of Harry Abbey, as noted above, is in Girard Cemetery, Erie County. Yet there is a tombstone near that of Betsey Abbey in Norwich Township Cemetery that reads “H Abbey,” with a medallion for the War of 1812. If it is not a tombstone, what is it? The stone is in the style of that erected for Ebenezer Patterson in the same cemetery, another War of 1812 veteran, so perhaps it was thought that Harry was buried there, or perhaps it is just a memorial.



Harry Abbey 1812 Memorial

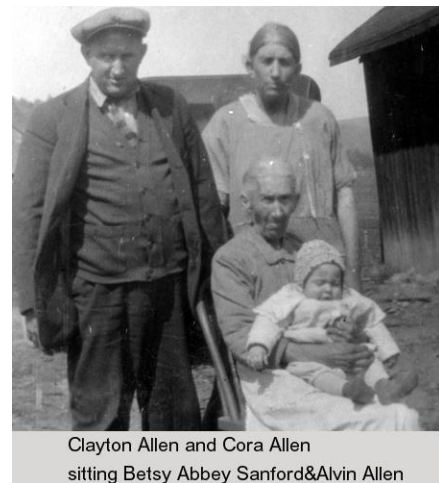
**A. Lucinda Abbey (~1814-1882), daughter of Timothy Abbey and Betsey Jacox**

Lucinda was born in New Berlin, Chenango, New York. She married **John Dunbar** (~1809-~1867), a laborer and peddler. Both died in Christian Hollow, Norwich Township, which is immediately east of the village of Crosby.

**A1. Mary Dunbar** (1838-1908), daughter of Lucinda and John, married **Samuel S Sanford** (1832-1901) in 1869. He was a farmer in Shippen Township, Cameron County, and a Civil War veteran. They both died in Shippen Township and are buried in the small Sanford Cemetery in Truman, Cameron County.

**A2. Elizabeth ‘Betsy’ Dunbar** (1840-1927) married **Lemuel Tracy Sanford** (1826-1906) in 1859. Lemuel was a brother of the Samuel Sanford who married Betsy’s sister Mary. He was a farmer in Norwich Township, where both died; both are buried in the Norwich Township Cemetery.

**A2a.** Betsy and Lemuel had one daughter, **Cora Lynn Sanford** (1866-1932), who married **Eardley Burdett Allen** (1862-1920). Eardley’s parents were Archable Allen and Catherine Euphemia Grover. He was a farmer in Christian Hollow, Norwich Township. Cora and Eardley are buried in Norwich Township Cemetery. Their children, all sons, and all born in Christian Hollow, were **Clayton Burdett Allen** (1885-1936, Wilma Raymond and Ina Beldon Varney), **Wesley Archibald Allen** (1886-1947), and **Alvin Arthur Allen** (1894-1961). All three were in lumber industries, Clayton as a stave mill sawyer and fireman, and Wesley and Alvin as lumbermen.



**A3. Orrissavilla Phydellia Dunbar** (1842-1900), daughter of Lucinda and John, married **William Wallace Ostrander** (1843-1894) in 1872. Wallace’s sister Lyddia was the wife of Augustus Adelbert Abbey (**D2**).

**A3a. William Alonzo Ostrander** (1872-1938), son of Orrissavilla, graduated from the University of Buffalo pharmacy school in 1895 and became manager of a drugstore in Smethport. He then graduated in 1899 from Jefferson Medical College and returned to Smethport to practice. When the United States entered World War I, he gave up a lucrative practice and enlisted in the Army Medical Corps as a Lieutenant. He moved through the ranks and was discharged as a Major. His first wife, whom he married in 1900, was **Myrtle Gifford**. They had one son, **Elon Russell Ostrander** (1900-1978, Leona Gearhart, Stella Brinkus), before a divorce. His second wife was **Ada Jane McDevitt**, also her second marriage.

**A4. Timothy Israel Dunbar** (1847-1912), son of Lucinda and John, was a farmer in Norwich Township. His wife was **Jane Flora Gallup** (1862-1905), the daughter of Wheeler Gallup, Jr. and his third wife Hulda Mary Fuller. All the children of Timothy and Flora were born in Crosby, Norwich Township. Timothy died at the home of his son Volney in Portville, Cattaraugus, New York and is buried in the Norwich Township Cemetery, as is Flora.

**A4a. Volney Francis Dunbar** (1880-1966), son of Timothy Dunbar, married **May Ann**

**Leonhart** (1879-1975) in 1908 in Kane, McKean County. He was a farmer in Norwich Township but then became manager of the Lobo Wolf Farm in Kane.

The Lobo, or Mexican gray, wolf farm was owned by Dr. E H McCleery. Dr. McCleery, a Kane physician, brought the wolves to a preserve in the early 1920s. The wolves were considered a menace to cattle in the western states. The US Biological Survey and the Canadian government had begun a program of extermination, which brought the population nearly to extinction. McCleery graduated from Jefferson Medical College and practiced in Cheyenne, Wyoming until coming to Kane in 1894. He obtained his first wolf from Wyoming in 1921. He would take them for walks on a chain. Visitors to the farm helped support its operations. His work with wolves received worldwide recognition. But in January 1962, with his health failing, he realized that the wolf pack would have to be sold. Subsequent owners operated the farm until at least 1970. As of 2017, there were 143 Mexican wolves in the wild and 240 in captive breeding programs.



Dr. McCleery

Volney and May Ann are buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Kane.

**A4b. Roy Edney Dunbar** (1883-1955) was a contractor and builder in Buffalo, New York. He married **Isabel Nelson** (1897-1993) in 1914 in Cameron County.

**A4c. Mildred G Dunbar** (1886-1982) was the postmistress of Norwich Township in 1910. She married **Charles Aloysius O'Leary** (1883-1956) in 1921 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. They lived in Madison, Wisconsin until sometime before 1940, where he was a real estate broker, and then in Pinellas County, Florida.



Lillian Erma Dunbar

**A4d. Lillian Erma Dunbar** (1893-1986) lived briefly in the Buffalo area. We find her in 1920 as a public school teacher, boarding in the home of the parents of **Reuben William Grierson** (1890-1978) in Cleveland, Ohio. That same year she married him. Reuben had grown up in Norwich Township, like Lillian, and had fought overseas in World War I. They stayed in the Cleveland area, where he was an accountant in an automobile dealership. They are both buried in Clearwater, Pinellas, Florida.

**A4e. Frances Edna Dunbar** (1899-1988) was the wife of **Virgil V Bishop** (1898-1948). He fought in World War I, returned to the Cleveland area, married Frances there in 1924, and was a restaurant baker for a number of years. Both of them died in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

**A5. Pamela A Dunbar**, daughter of Lucinda and John, was born about 1853 and lived with her parents, Lucinda and John Dunbar, until at least 1870.

**B. John J Abbey (1816-1891), son of Timothy Abbey and Betsey Jacox**



John J Abbey

John was born in New Berlin, Chenango County. He married Lydia P Seamons (1824-1900). He was a farmer in Liberty Township, near Port Allegany, McKean County. He was a member of Liberty Township Cemetery Association and an organizer of the Port Allegany Union Church. Lydia was born in Sherburne, Chenango County. Her parents then moved to Tioga County. Her last days were spent with her granddaughter, Mrs. Clarence Eaton.

John and Lydia are buried in the Eulalia Cemetery, Coudersport, Potter County.



Lydia Seamons Abbey

**B1. Medora 'Dora' Abbey (1851-1878),** daughter of John and Lydia Abbey, married **William Moore**. She is buried in the Eulalia Cemetery.



DORA ABBEY

**B2. Pearletta Abbey (1855-1897),** daughter of John and Lydia Abbey, married **Horace A Peet (1849-1889)** in 1874. Horace was a farmer in Allegany Township, Potter County. He and Pearl are buried in Eulalia Cemetery.

**B2a. Jenny Abbey Peet (1874-1937)** married **Clarence Avery Eaton (1877-1959)**, a native of Allegany Township, in 1898 in Wellsville, New York. He had a farm in Allegany Township. They both died in Potter County and are buried in Genesee Cemetery, Potter County. They had four sons and two daughters.

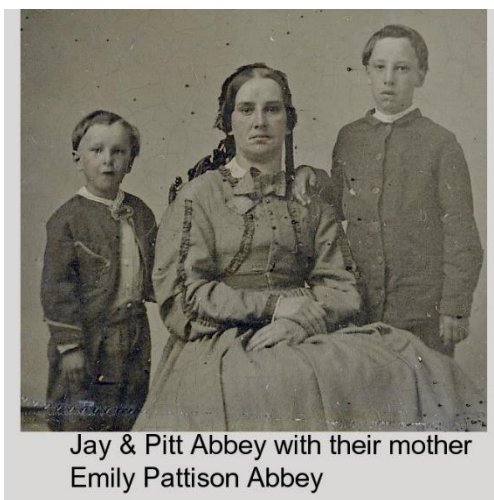
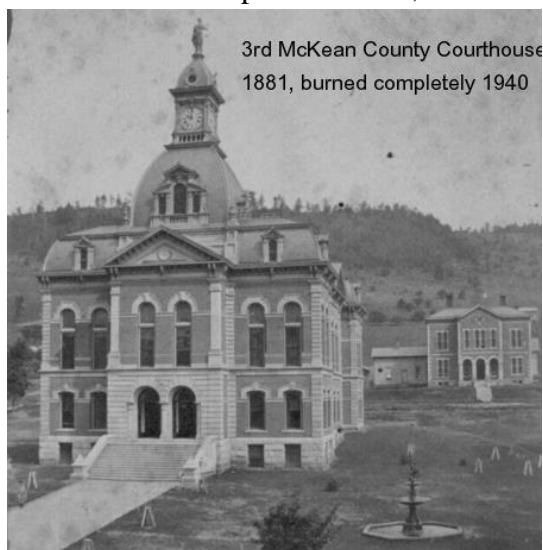
**B2b. Clifton H Peet (1884-1917)** married **Susan Anna Hawver (1878-1933)**. They had a daughter Beatrice Genevieve Peet (1906-1936, Philip Hallock), but they divorced soon thereafter. In 1912, in Chautauqua County, New York, Clifton married **Euphia Violet Sanford (1895-1962)**. They had a son Lawrence Clifton Peet (1912-1989, Mabel Elizabeth Marks) and a daughter Odetta (1914-1989, Signart E Thompson). Clifton died in Pittsburgh when only 33, a motorman. Cause of death was Pallagra (a disease caused by lack of niacin).

**B2c. John Peet (1880- )** in 1900 lived with his brother Clifton in the home of Clarence and Jennie Eaton, his sister, in Allegany Township, Potter County.

### C. Nathaniel W Abbey (1819-1890), son of Timothy Abbey and Betsey Jacox

N W Abbey was another of the children of Timothy and Betsey born in South New Berlin, Chenango, New York before the family emigrated south to Potato Creek, Norwich Township, McKean County. In 1850 he married Emily Phoebe Pattison (1824-1891). She was the daughter of Ebenezer Patterson and Nancy Brewer, born in Genesee County, New York. I have told the story of the Patterson families in my article **Solomon Patterson Descendants in New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Iowa.**

N. W. Abbey received a common-school education and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1886, when he started a grocery, flour and feed store in Smethport. He was elected county commissioner in 1881, serving a term of three years. In addition to carpentry, he was a joiner, contractor, and builder. He oversaw construction, as a commissioner, when the Second McKean County Courthouse was built in 1881. He also supervised construction of the Smethport grade school. Between 1852 and 1869 N.W. Abbey owned Hamlin Lake in Smethport, which was used at that time to float logs down Marvin Creek.



Jay & Pitt Abbey with their mother Emily Pattison Abbey

The N W Abbey family

moved from Norwich Township into Smethport before 1860. In 1869 N W bought the house and lot at the Corner of King and Franklin Streets that stayed in the family for many decades. At one time the lot was the entire block, but parcels were sold at various times. The Northwest parcel bounded by Franklin and Green Streets was sold to Orpha Callar, later sold to the Richmond family, and the northeast parcel to William Gifford. N W constructed a house on the northwest parcel for Smethport pharmacist Edwin F Richmond, completing it in 1880. The house was later occupied by U S Congressman Albert W Johnson.

Emily Pattison Abbey died a year after her husband. They are buried in the Norwich Township Cemetery, near the prominent tombstone of Betsey Jacox Abbey.

**C1. Jay Brewer Abbey (1853-1900), son of N W Abbey and Emily Pattison, married Frances 'Fannie' Dorothy Jones (1870-1963).** The fascinating stories of the ancestors and relatives of Fannie are told in my article **Francis Dorothy 'Fannie' Jones Abbey Earl Puckett (1870-1963).** They were married in 1884.

Jay's obituary states that he was a telegraph operator for a number of years. In about 1886 he opened a grocery store in Smethport and conducted that business until 1894, when he sold out



and moved to Scio, Allegany, New York, and took up the occupation of farming.

A 1951 Los Gatos, California newspaper article says that Jay and Fannie made a honeymoon trip to Ohio, where they visited her sister [Emma], who had grown up with an aunt and uncle there. The farm they established had livestock, including a cow whose broken leg Fannie fixed with a cast of flour, salt, and cold water. They had eight children, five of whom lived more than a few days: Maud in 1886, Pearl in 1888, Rex in 1892, Forrest in 1894, and Dorothy in 1897. All except Maud were born in Smethport.

Jay died in Scio in March 1900 of apoplexy (sudden death, probably from a cerebral hemorrhage). His obituary reads, in part: *"The deceased is survived by a loving wife, four young children -- three girls and one boy -- and one brother, P E Abbey of this place, who mourn the loss of a loving husband, father, and brother, and the community in which he lived, an honest and upright man. The remains were brought to Smethport on Monday, and the funeral services were held in the M E Church on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Interment in Rose Hill Cemetery."*

By the time of the census at the end of June 1900, Frances D Abbey, widow, was a housekeeper in the Earley home in the Town of Scio, Allegany, NY; her children had been dispersed -- Dorothy, Maud, and Forrest were living with Leslie Patterson, a relative, in McKean County, Pennsylvania, and Pearl was living in the home of George Smith in Scio. It seems unimaginable to us today that she would so easily give up all her children, but at the time viewpoints were different. Widows had little opportunity to have employment or childcare. All the children, in later years, seem to have maintained good relationships with her.

Fannie immediately fulfilled a dream at age two of going West. She had two husbands after Jay. With the third one, Fennimore Cooper Puckett, she ran four Abbey Inns, the first, third, and fourth in Los Gatos, California, and the second in Hollywood. All were combinations of boarding houses and rest homes.

In 1953 Fannie moved to Ohio to be with her daughter Pearl Cox, and the Inn was to be run by her granddaughter Betty Stimmel, daughter of Maud, and Betty's husband Howard. That arrangement evidently did not last long, because Fannie sold the Inn in 1955 and resided at the Odd Fellows Home on Fruitvale Avenue in Saratoga, Santa Clara County, until she died in 1963.



Maud Louise Abbey

Her ashes were inurned at the Odd Fellows Crematory in Santa Cruz and buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Smethport, on top of Jay.

**C1a. Maud Louise Abbey** (1886-1950) was living with her brother Forrest and sister Dorothy in 1900 with Leslie Patterson and his family in Smethport. Leslie was a first cousin of Jay Brewer Abbey. Maud married **William Henry Rhodes** (1883-1963) in 1903 in Summit County, Ohio. At that time he was a farmer in Freedom Township, Portage, Ohio. He later worked, among other jobs, in a rubber factory, for a coal supply company, and in a chair factory. Maud was divorced from William in the early 1940s and went to live

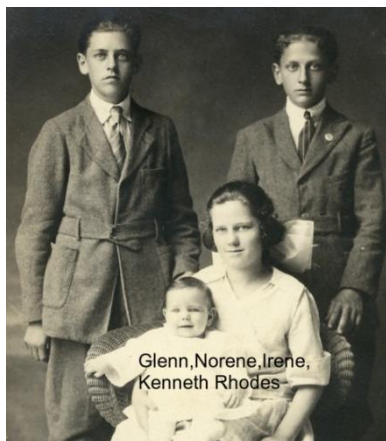


with her mother in the Abbey Inn in Los Gatos. In Los Gatos she was briefly married to **John Philip Grigsby** (1879-1961), a carpenter whose sons worked in the film industry. She died on her mother's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in the kitchen of the Abbey Inn, as she helped her mother prepare dinner. She appears on the same tombstone as her first husband and son Rex in Maple Grove Cemetery in Ravenna, Ohio.

Children of William H Rhodes and Maud were Glenn William Rhodes (1904-1966, Frances B Moledor); Kenneth Charles Rhodes (1905-1981, Mabel Helen Pore, Luna Aileene Stillman), an automobile salesman in Ravenna and, briefly, Port Townsend, Washington; Irene Rhodes (1905-1927); Norene Frances Rhodes (1920-2009, Burnell 'Dutch' Griffith), a hairdresser in the Ravenna and Blackhorse areas of Portage County; Betty Louise Rhodes (1923-2002, Howard Monroe Stimmel); and Rex Rhodes (1826-1945).



Wm H Rhodes, Maud, Fannie 1927



Glenn, Norene, Irene, Kenneth Rhodes

In 1932-1933 Betty went to school in Baltimore, Maryland, living with a sister of William H Rhodes, because William Rhodes was out of work and taking care of Rex was tiring Maud (postcards from Maud to Nettie Abbey in Smethport, Pennsylvania). Rex had an epileptic condition; he died in the Ohio Hospital for Epileptics in Gallipolis, Gallia, Ohio.

I indicated above that in 1953 Fannie Puckett moved to Ohio to be with her daughter Pearl Cox, that the Inn was to be run by her granddaughter Betty Stimmel and husband Howard, and that the arrangement evidently did not last long, because Fannie sold the inn in 1955. The Stimmels returned to Ohio but not before their daughter Betsey was born in 1955 in Santa Clara County,

California.

**C1b. Pearl Valeria Abbey** (1888-1981) lived with a family in Scio, Allegany, New York in 1900, after her father died, the place that her parents had a farm. She later relocated to Ohio. William Haine, a physician, had sold his practice and moved his family to 836 Adams Street in Warren, Ohio. Dr. Haine traveled extensively, leaving his large family on Adams Street for long periods of time. Due to hard times for the family and to make ends meet, his wife Cornelia and children took in boarders. Among them was one young lady, Pearl Abbey, who lived with the Brainards on Atlantic Street but took her meals with the Haine family. Pearl became close friends with their cousins, the four Cox sisters, then eventually their brother **Elmer Haine Cox** (1884-1966), whom she married in 1911 in the Brainard home.

The Haine Book ([haine.org/uk](http://haine.org/uk)) relates that "*Elmer graduated from Bloomfield High School [Trumbull County] in 1902, in a graduating class of three. Following graduation, he attended Ohio State to learn cheese making. He became the head cheese-maker at Clover Hill Factory after his father retired.... Four children were born to Elmer and Pearl, the eldest at Clover Hill, and the two youngest in Warren.*

After closing the cheese factory in 1920, Elmer and Pearl decided to go to California for a month's visit. So they put their car on blocks in the garage and left the house in care of family. Charles was 8 years old and Robert 4. They traveled by train to Los Gatos, California, where Pearl's mother Frances Abbey had settled and was operating The Abbey Inn. While they were



Pearl and Elmer Cox

there, Pearl became ill with a gallbladder attack. Elmer took a job in an ice cream factory in Fresno, and so they decided to stay on longer, in fact for a year. Charles recalled that he would dream of being back at Clover Hill, and when brother Bob asked if he had taken him along Charles said 'No' and Bob cried. They had enjoyed such good times at Clover Hill and couldn't wait to get back home. So in the spring of 1921 the family returned to Ohio -- but not to Clover Hill. They rented out the house at Clover Hill. Elmer got a job with General Motors Sunlight Electric plant in Warren, and they bought a house at 534 Bank Street. Elmer retired from GM after 30 years of service. Grandpa Cox kept "pogy bait" (candy) he called it, on the top shelf in the kitchen. His face would

light up, as he passed it out to the kids. He did all the grocery shopping, and every Christmas time would buy a large turkey for the Cox Christmas feast at Clover Hill....

Elmer and Pearl are buried in the Brownwood Cemetery [ North Bloomfield, Trumbull County]."

The Cox children, all born in Trumbull County, were Charles Philip Cox (1912-1996, Hazel Fern Carlson), Robert Lee Cox (1916-1999, Ester Elizabeth Niemi), John Henry Cox (1922-2010, Marian Irene Payne), and Emogene Valeria Cox (1924-1976, Eugene Irvin Ruehle). John Cox worked for over 50 years at Aetna Freight Lines as an accountant and administrator.

**C1c. Rex V Abbey** (1892-1892) appears on the same stone in Rosehill Cemetery in Smethport as his father Jay, and his mother Fannie's ashes are in the same plot.

**C1d. Forrest Clark Abbey** (1894-1942) lived with his sisters Dorothy and Maud in the home of Leslie Patterson, his first cousin once removed, in 1900. Forrest was adopted by Pitt & Nettie Abbey, his uncle and aunt, in 1902. At 15 he was living with Edmund Palmer in Bradford. His 1917 WWI Draft Registration card says he was living in Ravenna, Ohio, a teamster in the employ of W H Rhodes (his brother-in-law). In 1930 he was an auto mechanic and in 1940 an electric motors lathe operator. On his WWII Draft Registration, Forrest stated that he was residing at a War Department Terminal in Cleveland, working at Painesville Machine Co. His wife **Amy Elizabeth Dole** (1892-1973), whom he had married in 1915, was living in Orwell, Ashtabula, Ohio.



(l to r)Maud,Dorothy,Forrest,Pearl,Fannie 1927

His obituary in the McKean County Democrat 12-17-1942: "*Forrest Clark Abbey passed*

away suddenly at his work as government inspector at the Painesville Machine Shop, Painesville, Ohio. Born in Smethport Oct 27, 1894, he was the only son of the late Jay B Abbey and Francis Abbey Puckett of Los Gatos, California. On Oct 30, 1915 he was united in marriage to Amy Dole of Orwell, Ohio, in which vicinity he lived until about a year ago when he entered the government service.... Besides his grief stricken widow, he is survived by his mother, Mrs Frances Puckett of Los Gatos; two sons and two daughters: Arnold Jay of Cleveland, Leon Charles, air cadet examiner, U S Army, stationed at Louisville, Kentucky, Mrs Jane Cross, Champion, Ohio, Mrs Edith Ann Supinski, Painesville, Ohio, five grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. Maud Rhodes, Los Gatos, Calif, Mrs. Pearl Cox, Warren, Ohio, Mrs. Dorothy Adams, many nieces and nephews...."

Children of Forrest and Amy were Arnold Jay Abbey (1917-1986, Minnie Alice Aunger), Jane Carolyn Abbey (1919-2004, Daniel Adrian Cross, Sr.), Edith Ann Abbey (1920-1982, Joseph George Supinski, Donald Carl Rose), and Leon Charles Abbey (1921-2007). The first husband of Edith Ann died at Anzio Beachhead, Italy, in WWII.

**C1e. Dorothy E Abbey Sparks** (1897-1964) was living, along with Maud and Forrest, with Leslie Patterson in 1900. A couple of years later she was adopted by George and Emma Pattison Sparks. Emma was the niece of Emily Phoebe Pattison, the mother of Jay Brewer Abbey. In December, 1915, at the home of her adoptive parents in Hazelhurst, Pennsylvania, she married **Roy Joseph Williams** (1897-1973). Hazelhurst is a village a few miles west of Smethport. Roy was 18 and Dorothy 17. The couple moved to Ravenna, Ohio, where in 1930 Roy was an automobile salesman and Dorothy a dress seamstress. At that time they had two children, Ronald 13 and Pearl



Dorothy Abbey Sparks



George&Emma Pattison Sparks

11. They visited her parents in Hazelhurst in 1931, leaving the children for an extended visit with their grandparents.

On 16 September 1934, Maud Abbey Rhodes wrote to Nettie Abbey in Smethport that Dorothy was having a hard life with her husband (Roy Williams). Testimony at the 1935 divorce proceedings of Roy Williams vs. Dorothy Williams details, on his part, drunkenness, threats, adultery, non-support, and desertion; he spent one year in jail in Ohio for desertion. After the divorce, Roy established himself in Port Allegany, McKean County, and married three more times. In 1952 Roy J Williams received a two-year appointment as constable of Port Allegany!

In 1936 Dorothy, by then living in Bradford, McKean County, attended the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pattison Reunion in McKean County along with her son Ronald and his wife. Two years later, still living in Bradford, she visited relatives in Smethport with her mother, **Fannie Abbey Puckett**.

In December 1939, in Ashtabula County, Ohio, Dorothy married **Walter J S Adams** (1887-1944), a second marriage for both. He was born in Scotland, a drug salesman. The couple lived briefly in Cuba, New York and then in Buffalo, New York. Walter died in Buffalo in 1944.

After Walter's death, Dorothy lived for a time with her mother in Los Gatos. By 1950 she had moved to the Los Angeles-Long Beach area. She died in Santa Ana, Orange County, where she

lived with her daughter Emily Pearl Williams Fagin. Dorothy did much of the raising of her granddaughter Dorothy.

The son of Dorothy and Roy Williams was **Ronald George Williams** (1916-1986). In April 1935, in Jamestown, Chautauqua, New York, he married **Muriel Julia Harmon** (1916-1987). In the 1950s he and Muriel lived in Casper, Wyoming, where he worked for Standard Oil of New Jersey. They had a boy and three girls.

The daughter of Dorothy and Roy Williams was **Emily Pearl 'Connie' Williams** (1917-1995). She was born, like her brother, in Arcade, Wyoming, New York. She was married five times. The first was in 1934 in Bradford, Pennsylvania, to **Elmer Graves Van Orman** (1909-1977). They had a daughter Dorothy Louise Camplin (1936-1986, Edward Whitaker), who was adopted by Connie's second husband **Howard Brandon Camplin** (1915-1990). Connie married Howard in Maine in 1940. At that time Howard lived in Saint Petersburg, Florida, and she in Cuba, New York. By 1946 both lived in Florida along with daughter Dorothy. The final marriage that I know of was to **Herman Fagin** (1912-1992) in 1959 in Las Vegas. She died in San Bernardino County, California, as did Herman.



Nettie and Pitt Abbey

**C2. Pitt Eben Abbey** (1859-1915), son of N W Abbey and Emily Pattison, married **Nettie Maria Smith** (1864-1951) in 1882. She was the granddaughter of Eseck Smith, who accompanied his father William Smith as part of the 1815 pioneering group to Potato Creek in Norwich (then Sergeant) Township. Her father was Herman Riley Smith (1834-1965). Herman's wife was Eliza Jane Parker (1840-1895), a daughter of Ebenezer Parker and Elizabeth Moore. Herman took his family west to Otsego County, Wisconsin, to settle on a government section of land. Nettie was born there. Once the Civil War started, Herman served with the Wisconsin Heavy Artillery Regiment. After he

returned from service, broken in health, he brought his family back to McKean County. He lived, however, only a short time after returning to Pennsylvania. The five children of Herman and Eliza Jane were parceled out to various relatives and non-relatives.

Born in Smethport, in early life Pitt Abbey became a telegraph operator and was employed for a time as an operator in the Western New York & Pennsylvania (later the Pennsylvania) station at East Smethport. Afterwards Pitt and Nettie resided in Derrick City, Rock City, State Line, and Four Mile while Mr. Abbey was station agent on the narrow-gauge railroad (Olean, Bradford, & Warren) between Olean and Bradford. He was also postmaster at Four Mile, an oil town near Olean. The family moved to Smethport about 1891, when Pitt Abbey became Railway Express agent. He sustained a stroke in 1907 that partially disabled him



Pitt Eben Abbey and Nell

and prevented his pursuing an occupation, although he was not confined to the home and could be seen around town. He was in apparent good health the day before his death.



Earl, Nettie, Hazel Abbey

The children of Pitt and Nettie were:

**C2a. Earl Ray Abbey** (1883-1957) married **Kathryn Fay McGowan** (1886-1940) in Smethport in 1907. He was station agent for the Kushequa Railroad at Newton and was Railway Express agent in Smethport. Newton no longer exists. The railroad was a very short line, northeast of Mt. Jewett, built to haul timber. In 1914 Earl sold the sturdy pony that had hauled the American Express for 15 years, and the next year moved to Akron, Ohio. In Akron he was employed by rubber manufacturing firms, last with Firestone. He retired five years before his death.

Earl and Kathryn did not get along. Kathryn took her daughter Kathryn and son Tommy to live in Limestone, Cattaraugus, New York, the last ten years of her life. She was an operator for New York Bell Telephone.

After Kathryn died, Earl married **Nancy Jane 'Jennie' Nichols Vinson** (1886-1976), a widow, in Akron in 1949.

Children of Earl and Kathryn were **Osborne Fay Abbey** (1908-1975, Mary Ella Goodwin), **Roland Earl Abbey**, **Earl Robert Abbey** (1913-1979, Catherine Christopher), **Kathryn Caroline Abbey** (1919-2003, Myer David Smith), and **Thomas Anthony Abbey** (1926-2004, Mildred Elaine Hardy and Barbara Jean 'Bobbie' Barrett). Osborne Abbey was employed as Chief Accountant for the Pennsylvania Bureau of Employment Security, in Bradford, for 38 years; he dealt with employers in matters relating to payments for unemployment compensation premiums. Roland lived less than 10 years; he is buried in an unmarked grave in the Abbey plot of Rosehill Cemetery in Smethport. Myer David Smith and Kathryn Abbey lived in Orange County, California and had six children. Tom Abbey spent most of his career in the paper industry; in 1979, he and Bobbie formed their own company, Bar A Enterprises.

**C2b. Hazel Vera Abbey** (1886-1950) lived at home all her life but died at Warren State Hospital. Her tombstone is in the Abbey plot in Rosehill Cemetery.



Louise & Kenton Abbey 1939

**C2c. Kenton Clark Abbey** (1903-1984) married **Louise Hulda Vanblad** in 1938 in Smethport. He started to work in the McKean County Democrat office in Smethport when a young boy and became a typographer (Linotype operator) for the Democrat and, after it ceased operations, for the Bradford Era. He also was a writer and the first city editor and then managing editor of the Democrat and was responsible for the makeup of the Democrat and the Eldred Eagle.

Kenton and Louise had two daughters.

The parents of Louise Vanblad, Carl John Wennblad and Emma Charlotta Matson, emigrated from different parts of Jönköpings County in southern Sweden and met in Smethport. I have traced both of their ancestries back several generations in Sweden. Louise ran a beauty shop, first with her mother Emma and then by herself.

**D. George Palmer Abbey (1820-1888), son of Timothy and Betsey Jacox Abbey**

Palmer was born in South New Berlin, Chenango, New York. He married Melissa Polly Burbank (1829-1893), daughter of Daniel Burbank and Polly Colegrove. Melissa's brother Alonzo married Sarah Abbey (**G**), the sister of Palmer Abbey. Palmer was a farmer in Burbank Hollow, which is a short distance south of East Smethport in Keating Township. Palmer and Melissa are buried in Norwich Township Cemetery.



**Melissa and Palmer Abbey**

**D1. Matilda E Abbey (1847-1932)**, daughter of Palmer, married **Fabritus Marcellus Windsor (1845-1910)**, a farmer in Liberty Township, near Port Allegany. They adopted their grandson Alfred 'Alf' Abbey after his mother Theresa Tyler Abbey (**D4**) died. They are buried in Union Cemetery in Port Allegany.

**D2. Augustus Adelbert Abbey (1850-1924)**, son of Palmer, married **Alvaretta Tyler (1851-1882)** in 1872. He started out farming in Liberty Township but then moved onto the family farm in Burbank Hollow. After Alvaretta died, he married, in 1884, **Lyddia Ann Ostrander (1864-1930)**, the sister of William Wallace Ostrander (**A3a**). In addition to farming, Augustus was an auditor of McKean County. Augustus and Alvaretta are buried in Norwich Township Cemetery and Lyddia in Rosehill in Smethport.

**D2a. Jane 'Jennie' P Abbey (1873-1944)**, the daughter of Augustus and Alvaretta, was born on the family farm near Smethport. Between husbands, she was a practical nurse and dressmaker. She had three husbands that I know something about and another named Durett or Turett. The first, in 1890, was **Frederick Alphonso Venus (1867-1943)**. Frederick was a railroad car inspector. Before they divorced in 1902, in Cattaraugus County, New York, they had three children:

(1) Herbert Ray Venus (1891-1971), a machinist in Olean, New York, married three times: Elizabeth Cashimere, Mary Leona Wilcox, and finally Myrle, with whom he is buried in the Allegany Cemetery, Cattaraugus County.

(2) Harriet Alvaretta Venus (1894-1970) married Edward James King in 1909 and George Leewin Stickles in 1919. She had three children with King before he deserted her in 1912. They were Ray Edward King (1910-1977), Pearl Jane King (1912-1992), Harold Herman Anderegg, James W Kyser), and Lawrence Robert King (1915-1934).

Harriet's marriage to George Stickles (1893-1965) was apparently stable. He worked for the

Pennsylvania Department of Highways before departing for California in 1951. He died in Palm Springs, California in 1965, and Harriet died there five years later. Her son with George Stickles, Jerry Lee Stickles, was Chief of the Palm Springs Fire Department.

(3) Pearl Venus (1896- )

The second husband of Jennie Abbey was **Chester E Palmer** (1861-1935), whom she married in 1922 in Olean. Chester was a farm laborer in Liberty Township. The marriage must not have ended well. His will (R-433 in the Register of Wills, McKean County) says in part: "I hereby will one dollar to my former wife Mrs. Jennie Palmer of Smethport as a result of her gratefulness to me and her love for another, the balance of all real estate and personal property to my sister Mrs. Dell Otto, Port Allegany."

The third husband of Jennie Abbey, in 1935, was **William Henry Cunningham** (1877-1980). He was a steam railroad conductor, living in Olean. He married Jennie after his first wife died. He and Jennie are buried next to each other in Rosehill Cemetery, Smethport.

**D2b. Jay Parmer Abbey** (1878-1893), the son of Augustus Abbey and Alvaretta Tyler, is buried in Norwich Township Cemetery.

**D2c. Clytie A Abbey** (1884-1975), daughter of Augustus Abbey and Lyddia Ostrander, married **Frank Leslie Heath** (1861-1943) in 1920 in Smethport. He was a grist mill proprietor in Corry, Erie, Pennsylvania, where they both died. Their daughter Marion Heath married Darl E Anthony; they lived in Erie, Pennsylvania.

**D2d. Cora Matilda Abbey** (1888-1963), daughter of Augustus Abbey and Lyddia Ostrander, married **Enos Henry Southwick** (1872-1940), a Smethport pharmacist and a Spanish-American War veteran. Their children were Enos Abbey Southwick (1916-1997, Anna Eleanor Carlson and Judith Virginia Carlson) and Mary Edith Southwick (1917-1985, Donald William Peterson and Francis William Finley). **Enos Abbey Southwick** attended Grove City College and was Smethport Chief of Police and McKean County Sheriff. Enos and his two wives are buried near each other on the northern side of Rosehill Cemetery. Mary Edith Southwick was a law office stenographer.

**D2e. Russell Adelbert Abbey** (1894-1971), son of Augustus Abbey and Lyddia Ostrander, married **Hazel E Bender** (1897-1982) in 1915 in the Town of Ellicott, Chautauqua, New York. He was a laborer in the oil industry.

**D3. John Daniel Abbey** (1852-1919), son of George Palmer Abbey and Melissa Burbank, married **Mary A Pratt** (1855-1928) in 1875. He was a carpenter and farmer in Keating Township. His first cousin Lettie Abbey (**E2**) married Will J Pratt, his wife's brother.



Arthur Monroe Thamm and Belle Myrtle Abbey

**D3a. Belle Myrtle Abbey** (1877-1948), daughter of John and Mary, married **Arthur Monroe Thamm** (1875-1933). Arthur was a printer and linotype operator for the evening paper in Bradford, McKean County. Their son John Kenneth Thamm was a Bradford dentist, and their grandson Thomas Brobeck Thamm was a Navy veteran who served as the diving officer on the USS Triton, the first submarine to circle the globe underwater.



**D4. Alonzo George Abbey** (1854-1935), son of George Palmer Abbey and Melissa Burbank, first married **Theresa Tyler** (1858-1882), the sister of Alvaretta Tyler (**D2**). The sisters were born in Norwich, Chenango, New York. After Theresa's death, he married **Lucy Henryetta Preston** (1868-1941). Born in Burbank Hollow, his farm was nearby at Burbanks Corner, on Route 46 leading south from East Smethport. Lucy went to live with her daughter Lottie Belle Green in Williamsport after Alonzo died. Lucy and Alonzo are buried in Rosehill Cemetery in Smethport.

**D4a. Ralph Abbey** (1880-1882) was a son of Alonzo George Abbey and Theresa Tyler.

**D4b. Alfred 'Alf' Floyd Abbey** (1882-1959) was a son of Alonzo George Abbey and Theresa Tyler. When his mother died the same year he was born, Alf was adopted by his aunt and uncle Fabritus and Matilda Abbey Windsor (**D2**). In 1911 he married **Ella Burt** (1877-1931), who had been married previously to Charles Calvin Clark. After Ella's death he married **Gladys Lorena McDowell** (1909-1984), the widow of Robert Dexter. Alf was a farmer in Liberty Township. He and Ella are buried in Card Creek Cemetery, Roulette, Potter County. He had two children with Gladys.

**D4c. Earl Meade Abbey** (1887-1919), son of Alonzo George Abbey and Lucy Preston, married **Mary Hand Masterson** (1886-1918) in 1907 in East Smethport. Their children were Clifford Vincent Abbey (1908-1975, Violet Elizabeth Burrowes), Earnest Meade Abbey (1909-1968, Mildred Long), Robert Harold Abbey (1911-1975, Evelyn Ellen Smith), Donald George Abbey (1912-1988, Pearl Virginia Bromley), Margaretta Abbey (~1914- , Laurence Theodore McCormick), Charles Hugh Abbey (1915-1917), and Bernard Victor Abbey (1917-2000, Velma Mae Albert).

Mary died of pneumonia following influenza, complicated by five months pregnancy, and Earl died soon thereafter. That left all the children orphans. Earnest, Bernard, Donald, and Robert were taken to the St. Joseph's Catholic Orphan Asylum in Erie, Pennsylvania. Margaretta lived with her Masterson grandparents. Clifford lived with his Abbey grandparents and became an oil field roustabout.

**D4d. Burdette 'Burt' Lee Abbey** (1888-1926), son of Alonzo George Abbey and Lucy Preston, married **Jennie Caroline Malen** (1892-1971) in 1910 in Smethport. He worked at the chemical factory in East Smethport (**D5**) and was a house painting contractor. They lived in East Smethport on Route 47.

Burt and Jennie had ten children: Albert Alonzo Abbey (1910-1943), a highway department worker who died of tuberculosis at the Cresson Sanitarium; Ruth L Abbey (1913-1979, William R Kennedy); Alena Abbey (1915-1991, Raymond John Larson); Carl John Abbey (1917-1972, Helen Marie Amalia Nordine), who worked at an oil refinery; William John Abbey (1919-1977); Iver Leroy Abbey (1922-2007); Katherine Mae Abbey (1924-1982, Wesley Eugene Eckstrom); Burdette Lee Abbey, Jr. (1926-2010), who worked at the Quaker State Oil Refinery; Anna Louise Abbey (1928-1932), and Homer Philip Abbey (1933-1973).

**D4e. William Hugh Abbey** (1893-1954), son of Alonzo George Abbey and Lucy Preston, married **Geneva Belle Owens** (1903-1980) in 1921. They lived in Port Allegany, and he was an oil field laborer.

Their children were June Mirabelle Abbey (1922-1983, George Eddy Howard), Preston Roger Abbey (1924-2014, Lois Audrey Hanna), William Hugh Abbey, Jr. (1926-2018, Barbara Bright), and Mary Lou Abbey (1931- , Roland Lewis Dann).

In 1945 June was a Second Lieutenant in the US Army, serving as a nurse in Italy. She

graduated from Arnot-Ogden Hospital School of Nursing in Elmira, New York, and took a position as anesthetist at the Bradford Hospital. There is a June A Howard nursing scholarship at Bradford High School.



Preston Abbey

**Preston Abbey** entered the U.S. Marine Corps and served on the U.S.S. Guam during World War 2. Upon returning from the War, he studied architecture at Williamsport Community College for two years. After completion, he did an internship with Raymond Hall Architects. Once Preston passed his architectural boards, he decided to move to Bradford. He designed numerous banks, schools, churches, and hospitals. Among his accomplishments were the buildings for Zippo Lighters, Kendall Oil, Floyd C. Fretz Jr. High School, the Bradford Club, Fisher Price, Little Tykes, and several of the buildings for the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

**D4f. Lottie Belle Abbey** (1895-1983), daughter of Alonzo George Abbey and Lucy Preston, married **Claude A Green** (1895-1964), a Reading Railroad freight clerk in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They both died and are buried in Williamsport.

**D5. Ida Estelle Abbey** (1862-1929), daughter of George Palmer Abbey and Melissa Burbank, had two husbands. The first, in 1878, was **George Edwin Boyer** (~1858-1888). He was the son of John Boyer and Lucy Pattison, whom I discuss in my article **Solomon Patterson Descendants in New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Iowa** (section E3). Her second marriage, in 1890, was to **Theodore Adolph Causer** (1859-1933), a farmer in Liberty Township. Her children were:



Ida Estelle Abbey

**D5a. Minnie Boyer** (1879-1905) married **George Lewellyn Causer** (1871-1936). He was the brother of Theodore Adolph Causer and a farmer in Roulette, Potter County.

**D5b. George Henry Boyer** (1880-1954), an oil field worker, married **Mina Leona Burt** (1885-1968). They had six children.

**D5c. Sidney Palmer Boyer** (1883-1940), who worked for the state, married **Edith Karol Farren** (1906-1962). They lived in Roulette, Potter County. After Sidney died from heart issues, Edith married three more times, in each case outliving her husband. She had nine children with Sidney.

**D5d. Ethel May Boyer** (1885-1959) had two husbands. The first, in 1903, was **John Thomas Cunningham** (1882-1926). The second, in 1940, was **Thomas J Cole** (1878-1964), a baker. Ethel lived in Smethport.

**D5e. Grace Hazel Boyer** (1888-1938) married **Harry Patterson Schoonover** (1893-1982), an oil refinery worker.

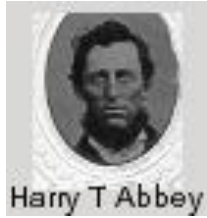
**D5f. Ralph Edward Causer** (1891-1969) was a farm laborer near Port Allegany.

**D5g. Floyd Davis Causer** (1893-1978) married **Hazel F Corsaw**. He was a farmer near Port Allegany.

**D5h. Wade Norris Causer** (1899-1980) married **Elva B Fitzpatrick**. He lived in Duke Center, Otto Township, an oil field pumper for South Penn Oil Company.

**D6. Liles May Abbey** (1868-1881), daughter of George Palmer Abbey and Melissa Burbank, died of diphtheria. She is buried in Norwich Township Cemetery.

**E. Harry T Abbey (1826-1902) was the first child of Timothy and Betsey Jacox Abbey** born in Norwich Township, McKean County. Shortly after his marriage to **Olive M Gallup** (1838-1885), Harry purchased a house on Mill Street in Smethport. Olive was the daughter of Orrin



Harry T Abbey

Gallup and Nancy Corwin. Later he purchased a farm on the Brooklyn side of the Allegheny River. That would have been on the west side of the river across from the old Port Allegheny Hospital, in Liberty Township. A few years before his death, he went to live with his son, Orrin, who took over the Bela C Gallup farm in Annin Township about four miles from Port Allegheny on the river road toward Turtle Point. Harry and Olive are buried in Union Cemetery in Port Allegheny.

After Olive's death, Harry T Abbey married **Nancy Corwin** (1847-1931), the daughter of Philetus Corwin and Caliphurnia Gallup. Nancy was the first cousin of Harry's first wife Olive. Nancy was previously married to George E Cady. George and Nancy had moved west to Van Buren County, Michigan. When George Cady died in Michigan between 1873 and 1880, Nancy moved back to McKean County with her two daughters Emma Cady (Hawks) and Abigail Cady (Bess) and married Harry. Nancy spent her last years with her daughter Emma Cady Hawks in Cortland, New York. Her obituary says that she was buried in the family plot in the Port Allegheny Cemetery.

**E1. Lillis A Abbey** (1859-1862), daughter of Harry and Olive, died during a diphtheria epidemic.

**E2. Lettie C Abbey** (1862-1882), daughter of Harry and Olive, married **William J Pratt** (1862-1917) in 1880 at her family home near Port Allegheny. She died two years after that marriage.

From the Portrait and Biographical Record of the State of Colorado (Chicago Chapman Publishing Company, 1903): "*WILLIAM J. PRATT is engaged in the livery business at No. 19 East St. Vrain street, Colorado Springs, where he has a large barn and vehicles of every description. From the time that he opened the stable, April 13, 1896, he has built up a gradually increasing business, and has become known as an enterprising business man. He is also interested in mining, and is now developing the Alice Lease No. 1 mine, on Wallace Lode, Bull Hill, where he struck the first spade himself....[Pratt] was born in Smethport, McKean County, Pennsylvania and attended the public and high schools there. From boyhood he was interested in the lumber business. At eighteen years of age he embarked in business for himself, dealing in lumber until 1883.*

*One evening in 1883 [after Lettie died] Mr. Pratt made up his mind to go west. With him to decide was to act, and the next morning found him started westward, with no particular destination in view. He stopped in Chicago for six months, spent a similar time in Aurora, Illinois, and in 1884 went to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he carried on a livery, sale and real-estate business, remaining there for twelve years. In February 1896 he started overland with his livery outfit for Cripple Creek, where he arrived on the 22d of that month. At once he began the livery business, but he had been there only ten days when he fell a victim to pneumonia, which was raging in the camp. For a long time he was very low, and when he was finally brought to Colorado Springs, his weight had been reduced from two hundred and thirty to one hundred and fifty-two, while his pocket book had suffered a similar diminution in bulk. However, since beginning business in Colorado Springs, he has regained health and has been successful financially."* William married again and is buried in Pueblo, Colorado.

**E3. Charlotte ‘Lottie’ M Abbey** (1865-1919), daughter of Harry and Olive, married **Herbert Franklin Sargent** (1854-1916). Herbert was born in New South Berlin, Chenango, New York; he was the second cousin of Lottie and, like her, a Jacox descendant. Herbert was a carpenter in New Berlin and Norwich, Chenango County. Herbert and Lottie are buried in Riverside Cemetery in South New Berlin.

Before Lottie, Herbert was married to Lillian Snow and had two daughters. His daughters with Lottie were:

**E3a. Olive Margaret Sargent** (1886-1966) married **Simon Buell Sheff** (1879-1946) in 1919 in Norwich, Chenango County. He was a dry goods merchant there. She was a nurse before her marriage. They are both buried in Norwich.

**E3b. Herbert Raymond Sargent** (1887-1955) married **Bertha Louise Clinton** (1889-1974) in 1919 in Norwich, Chenango County.

**E3c. Lillian Edna ‘Lilly’ Sargent** (1892-1969) in 1912, in Norwich, married **LeRoy Alonzo Wilson** (1888-1966). He attended Cornell University and taught mechanical engineering at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and the University of Illinois in Champagne-Urbana before they divorced between 1920 and 1930. They had a daughter Dorothy Edna Wilson (1913-1955, Walter John Reese).

In 1930 Lilly, divorced, lived in San Antonio and was an insurance company bookkeeper. She met and married **Leo Goodwin** (1886-1971), who was in the insurance business. It was his second marriage. In 1940 they lived in Washington DC. She was personnel director for an insurance company, and he was vice-president of the company. Lilly and Leo both died in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**E4. Orrin W Abbey** (1870-1934), son of Harry and Olive, was born on the Abbey homestead across the Allegheny River from Port Allegany. He married **Cetelle Margeson** (1874-1952) in 1892. His first farm was in Norwich Township, just north of Betula, but then he moved on to a farm four miles out of Port Allegany, toward Turtle Point, in Annin Township. His father and his wife’s mother lived there in their latter days. He was a member of several Granges.

Orrin and Cetelle are buried in Union Cemetery, Port Allegany.

**E5. Cortis R Abbey** (1872-1947), son of Harry and Olive, was employed as a teamster for many years during lumbering operations in the Keystone area, Elk County. In 1900 he was a woodsman in Jones Township, Elk County. In 1920 he was living with John J. Abbey and



family in Norwich Township, working at the Norwich stove mill factory. He died “a recluse... who lived alone in the old office building of the Keystone Chemical Company at Keystone.” (obituary)

Keystone was a mile north of Betula, in Norwich Township. A factory town, it vanished when the factory shut down in 1927.

Keystone was the last new chemical plant built in

Pennsylvania. There were at one time more than 70 wood chemical plants along the northern border of Pennsylvania, centered in McKean County. These factories converted logs into charcoal, methanol, and acetic acid. Other wood chemical plants were at Crosby and East Smethport. (extracted from smethporthistory.org)

**E6. John J Abbey** (1874-1932), son of Harry and Olive Abbey, married **Mary Elizabeth McGowan** (1880-1932) in 1902. After marriage, he worked on a farm in Liberty Township, perhaps the family farm, but then moved to the Betula area and worked as a leaseman for a gas company and in the Betula stave mill where his brother Cortis worked. During that time Cortis lived with John's family. By 1930 John was back in Liberty Township on a farm west of Port Allegany on the Smethport road.

John and Mary died in the same year. They were buried in Union Cemetery in Port Allegany, but the graves are not marked.

**E6a. Harry Thomas Abbey** (1905-1977) was born while the John Abbey family lived on Potato Creek near Betula. He married **Gladys Sybil Lilly** (1905-1964) in 1933 in Allegany County, New York. They lived in Belfast, Allegany County, her home town. He was a dairy farmer. In 1973 he married **Beatrice Goodrich** (1907-2007). His children with Gladys were Phyllis (Ralph Miller) and Leroy (Jeanet Burdick).

**E6b. Waldo Dwayne Abbey** (1908-1991) married **Helen Margaret Silvers** (1905-2002) in 1936 in Gloversville, Fulton, New York. They both died in Norwich, Chenango County.

**E6c. Lawrence Raymond Abbey** (1909-1980) in 1928, in Olean, Cattaraugus County, married **Asenath Ann Haskins** (1905-1992). In 1940 he was an oil lease pipeline worker. Both Lawrence and Asenath died in Port Allegany and are buried in the Hill Cemetery in Roulette, Potter County.

**F. Timothy Abbey, Jr.** is listed in the book by Cleveland Abbey as a son of Timothy Abbey and Betsey Jacox. The International Genealogical Index says he was born ~1827.

**G. Sarah M Abbey (1829-1889)**, daughter of Timothy Abbey and Betsey Jacox, was born in Norwich Township. In 1852 she married **Alonzo D Burbank** (1829-1893). Alonzo and his sister Melissa married a sister and brother, Sarah Abbey and George Palmer Abbey. Alonzo was a farmer in Keating Township before he moved into Smethport in 1876.



Sarah Abbey Burbank

In 1892, after Sarah died, and about six months before he died, Alonzo married Eliza M Grover of Fredericksburg, Iowa. Marilyn Burbank emailed me that “Eliza M Stewart Grover, daughter of Adam and Anna Stewart, was the widow of Lemi Grover of Fredericksburg, Chickasaw County, Iowa. It is not surprising that Alonzo went west for his second bride. According to the Civil War letters of Alonzo's first cousin, Dr. Jerome Burbank, Alonzo often visited his uncle, Eli Burbank, who lived near Rockford, Illinois. Lemi Grover, Eliza's first husband, was a nephew of Eli [and therefore a first cousin of Alonzo]. Alonzo's two half-sisters, Angeline and Olive, also were living in northern Illinois.” Alonzo's parents were Daniel Burbank, a brother of Eli, and Mary ‘Polly’ Colegrove. Polly's first husband was Edward Green. Three of the children of Edward and Polly moved to the Midwest, including Angeline Green Snell and Olive Green Burnside.

The obituary of Alonzo reads: *“Died at his home in this borough [Smethport] at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, Alonzo D Burbank, aged 64 years.... Alonzo D Burbank was the son of Daniel and Polly Burbank, who were among the early settlers of this county. He was born on the Burbank farm, on Potato Creek, about 3 miles from this borough, on March 5, 1829. In November 1852 he was united in marriage to Sarah Abbey....”*

Alonzo and Sarah had three children: Polly (1856-1862), Sidney (1859-1862), and Sarah (1865-1865). Alonzo, Sarah, and the children are buried in Norwich Township cemetery. The very large tombstone is granite, unlike almost all the others around it.



Alonzo Burbank

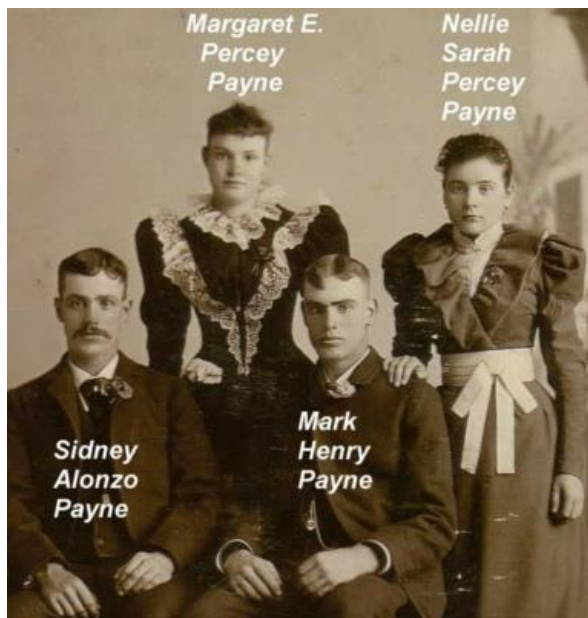
**H. Emily Cordelia Abbey** (1832-1905), daughter of Timothy Abbey and Betsey Jacox, in ~1848 married **Jacob Frederick Stickles** (1824-1917), the son of Stephen Stickles and Elizabeth Teal, in McKean County. As I outlined near the beginning of this article, the two youngest daughters of Timothy Abbey -- Emily Cordelia Stickles and Mary Langworthy -- had joined the Seventh-Day Baptist church in Pennsylvania and then moved with their families to The Seventh-Day community in Wisconsin. The community was part of a small denomination that migrated westward from New England and was established in Berlin, Green Lake County, in January 1850. Timothy joined them there after Betsey died.

Birthplaces of their children indicate a move from Keating Township, McKean County, to the Town of Berlin, Green Lake, Wisconsin in about 1856. Jacob established himself as a farmer there. In his later years, after Emily died, his son Frederick ran the farm on which Jacob lived. Jacob and Emily are buried in the Seventh-Day Baptist Cemetery, Berlin.

Many of the children or grandchildren of Emily and Jacob moved from Berlin, Wisconsin to Cass County, North Dakota, a distance of 500 miles. Cass County is on the eastern boundary of North Dakota, separated by the Red River from Minnesota. It contains most of the city of Fargo. Berlin Township, containing the town of Argusville, is a short distance northwest of Fargo. It is possible that the Town of Berlin in Wisconsin had a relationship, through the Seventh-Day Baptist Church, with the Township of Berlin in North Dakota. One of the eastern centers of the Church was in Berlin, New York. Members from the New York church are known to have migrated west to Wisconsin.

**H1. Sarah Elizabeth Stickles** (1850-1920), daughter of Emily and Jacob Stickles, was born in McKean County before the move to Wisconsin. She married **George Henry Payne** (1846-1875) in 1868 in Berlin, Green Lake County. After his death, in 1877, in Berlin, she married **Daniel Frederick Reilly** (1846-~1925). Daniel, a Civil War soldier, was a carpenter in Berlin.

Sarah and George Payne are buried in the Bush Cemetery in Berlin.



**H1a. Sidney Alonzo Payne** (1870-1949), son of Sarah and George Payne, born in Berlin, Wisconsin, married **Marguerite Elizabeth Percey** (1870-1947) in 1892 in Cass County, North Dakota. He was a farmer in Argusville, Cass County. They had four children. Sidney and Marguerite are buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Harwood Township, that county.

**H1b. Mark Henry Payne** (1872-1949), son of Sarah and George Payne, born in Berlin, Wisconsin, married **Nellie Sarah Percey** (1874-1956), the sister of the wife of his brother Sidney, in 1894. He was a farmer in Berlin, Cass County. They had five children. They both died in Cass County, Mark in Fargo and Nellie in Argusville. They are also buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

**H1c. Ella I Payne** (1874-1901), daughter of Sarah and George Payne, born in Berlin,

Wisconsin, married **James Lang Still** (1893-1961) in 1893 in Cass County, North Dakota. After she died, in Cass County, James married Ella's half-sister Rena, and they moved on west to

Blaine, Whatcom County, Washington, where he was a house carpenter. A year after Rena's death, James married a third time, in 1911, to Margaret Gorthy (1880-1960).

Children of Ella and James were Melville George Still (Clara Belle Harvey) and Cecil David Still (Eva Elizabeth Anderson). Ella is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Harwood Township, Cass County.

**H1d. Maud Irene 'Rena' Reilly** (1878-1910) was the daughter of Sarah Stickles and Daniel Reilly, born in Berlin, Wisconsin. She married **James Lang Still** (1893-1961) in 1903, in Berlin, Wisconsin, after the death of her half-sister Ella (**H1c**). Rena moved with James to Washington. Maud and James are buried in the Blaine Cemetery, Whatcom, Washington. The child of Maud and James Still was John James Still (Grace Thelma Strausbaugh), a fireman in Bellingham, Washington,

**H1e. John Jay Reilly** (1886-1960, Anna), son of Sarah and Daniel Reilly, and born in Berlin, Wisconsin, was a railroad locomotive engineer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**H1f. Lovelle Leon Reilly** (1894-1948), son of Sarah and Daniel Reilly, born in Berlin, Wisconsin, married **Ada Miller** (1894-1990). He was a farmer in Porter, Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota, where he died.

**H1g. Jeneve Adel Reilly**, daughter of Sarah and Daniel Reilly, was born in 1897 in Berlin, Wisconsin.

**H2. Betsey M Stickles** (1852-1923), daughter of Jacob and Emily Stickles, was born in McKean County. In 1880, in Green Lake County, Wisconsin, she married **Clarence B May** (1845-1927). They moved to Cass County, North Dakota, where he was a farmer. They both died there and are buried in Riverside Cemetery in Fargo.

**H2a. Elmer M May** (1880-1942), son of Betsey and Clarence May, was born in Harwood, Cass County, and died in Fargo. His wife was **Pearl M Mott** (1888-1970). He was secretary-treasurer and manager of the Fargo Cornice and Ornament Company. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery in Fargo.

**H2b. Emily Eunice May** (1884-1965), daughter of Betsey and Clarence May, was born in Cass County. She was a 1906 graduate of the North Dakota Agricultural College in Fargo and in 1910 obtained a M.S. there. That same year she married **Clarence Henry Plath** (1888-1951) and worked as a chemist at St John's Orphanage in Fargo. In censuses after 1910 she is listed as a wife, while her husband, himself a North Dakota Agricultural College graduate, progressed from a farmer to manager of the USDA experimental substation at Hettinger, South Dakota to a land consultant with the North Dakota Agricultural College and the National Resources Board in Fargo. Meanwhile, they had six children between 1913 and 1931.

In 1940, at Wibaux, Montana, Clarence married **Irene Elizabeth Connoran** (1901-1985). After obtaining degrees at several universities, Irene taught five years at State Teachers College, Dickinson, North Dakota before marrying Clarence. They moved to the Los Angeles area, where he started working with the Carnation Company in Los Angeles. Clarence and Irene died in Los Angeles County.

**H3. Frederick P Stickles** (1855-1912), son of Jacob and Emily Stickles, was born in McKean County. He worked the family farm in Berlin, Wisconsin. He is buried in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery.



**H4. Emma Stickles** (1857-1930), daughter of Jacob and Emily Stickles, was the first of the children born in Green Lake County, Wisconsin. She married **Daniel E Brace** (1841-1928) in 1882 in Green Lake County. Daniel was a farmer in the Town of Berlin, Wisconsin. Emma and Daniel are buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Berlin.

H4a. Emma and Daniel had a son **Edmond Almond Brace** (1885-1934), a painter and decorator in Berlin. He married **Della Marsh** (1876-1961).

**H5. Mary L Stickles** (1859-1921), daughter of Jacob and Emily Stickles, was born in Green Lake County. She married **Charles A Gardner** (1859-1932) there in 1881 but, like many of her brothers and sisters and cousins, moved west with her husband to Cass County, North Dakota. After farming, Charles became a rural mail carrier. Mary and Charles are buried in the Argusville Cemetery, North Dakota.

H5a. **Ford B Gardner** (1881-1965) was born before the family left Wisconsin. He married **Ida Marie Halverson** (1884-1975). He was manager of the Woods Grain Elevator Company in Leonard Township, Cass County.

**H6. Jay A Stickles** (1863-1929), son of Jacob and Emily Stickles, was born in Berlin, Wisconsin. He married **Alice McGraw** in 1895, in Ripon, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, her hometown. They lived in Oshkosh, Winnebago, Wisconsin, where he was a boiler shop steam fitter. In about 1917 they moved to Milwaukee, where he was a machinist for the Allis-Chalmers Company. He died while at work there.

Jay and Alice are buried in Saint Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Ripon.

**H7. Alice Cordelia 'Allie' Stickles** (~1867-1930), daughter of Jacob and Emily Stickles, was born in Berlin, Wisconsin. She married **Frank Lyman Clark** (1865-1948) in 1886 in Green Lake County. Censuses paint his nomadic history. In 1900 Frank was a farmer in Reed Township, Cass County, North Dakota, in 1905 they were back living with her parents in Berlin, Wisconsin, in 1910 he was "teaming" in West Allis, Milwaukee County, in 1920 he was a farm laborer in St. Anthony, Fremont, Idaho, in 1930 he was a farmer in Kern County, California, living by himself, and in 1940 he was living with son Harry in Kern County. Both Alice and Frank died in Kern County. In 1930, before she died, Alice had been living with her daughter Edith Maurer in Kern County.

Frank is buried in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Bakersfield, Kern County.

**H7a. Harry Clifford Clark** (1889-1969), son of Allie and Frank Clark, was born in Berlin, Wisconsin. In 1920, in Uinta County, Wyoming, he married **Susie Elisa Moore** (1897-1976), who was born in St. Anthony, Idaho. His parents were living in St. Anthony in 1920, and, like his father, Harry was a farmer. In 1930 Harry had moved on to Kern County, California, along with his parents, employed as an oil field plumber. He continued to live in Taft, Kern County, employed by Standard Oil Natural Gasoline, and by 1940 he was taking care of his father. Harry died in Idaho. Susie died in Long Beach, California, where their son Oscar lived.

**H7b. Floyd Norman Clark** (1896-1948), son of Allie and Frank Clark, was born in Harwood, Cass, North Dakota. In 1930 he was an oil field worker in Kern County, living with his sister Edith Clark Maurer and her family. About three years later he married **Margaret A Ashdown** (1905-1985), who had been born in Salt Lake, Utah. Margaret had been married previously to Forest M Shepard; Margaret and Forest had two daughters Margaret and Jacqueline, who were adopted by Floyd. In 1940 Floyd was an oil production pumper, living in Kern County with his

wife, his wife's parents, and his two adopted daughters.

Floyd is buried, like his father, in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Bakersfield.

**H7c. Edith M Clark** (1901-1986), daughter of Allie and Frank Clark, was born in Cass County, North Dakota. In 1922, in St. Anthony, Idaho, she married **George Louis Maurer** (1897-1970), a native of St. Anthony and a World War I veteran. By 1930 they had also moved to Kern County, California, where George was an oil field worker, living with Edith's mother and brother Floyd. By 1934 they had moved south to Orange County, where they lived in Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana. George held positions including service man, repairman, and worker for the County Roads Department.

Edith and George are buried in Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana, Orange County.

Their sons were Robert Frank Maurer (1922-2006, Vera Lucille Giltner), born in St. Anthony, and Donald Louis Maurer (1931-2014), born in Kern County.

**H8. Minnie Stickles** (1868-1899), daughter of Jacob and Emily Stickles, was born in Berlin, Wisconsin. She married **John William Slingsby** (1865-1940) in 1893 in Green Lake County. He was born in Wisconsin but had been living, prior to marriage, with his parents on a farm in Cass County, North Dakota. After marriage, they farmed in Gardner Township, Cass, North Dakota, but Minnie lived only a few years before her death there. After her death, John married Lena Jodock and had three children with her.

John and Minnie are buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Harwood Township, Cass County.

**I. Mary E Abbey** (1834-1877), daughter of Timothy Abbey and Betsey Jacox, was born in Norwich Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania. In 1850 she was living there with her parents, brother Harry, and sister Sarah. In 1853 she married **Peletiah Wellington Langworthy**, son of Elias Langworthy and Martha Mills. In 1850 Peletiah had been living in Conneaut, Erie, Pennsylvania with his mother Martha Langworthy and his sisters. But he was also enumerated in 1850 in Elk Creek Township, Erie, Pennsylvania with Joseph Newell, married to Peletiah's sister Martha. How did Mary, living in McKean County, and Peletiah, living in Erie County, meet and marry? The connection undoubtedly was Timothy Abbey's brother Harry. As recounted above, Harry was married to Betsey's sister Sally and lived in Norwich Township for a while but then relocated to Erie County.

Peletiah and Mary joined the Seventh-Day Baptist Church in about 1853 and moved to one of the centers of that church, the Town of Berlin, Green Lake County, Wisconsin. Peletiah died there shortly thereafter in 1858. One account says: "*In Berlin, Wis., Oct. 3d [1858], P. W. Langworthy, aged 25 years, 5 months, and 6 days. Brother Langworthy made a public profession of religion about five years since, and united with the First-Day Baptist Church in Springfield, [Erie County] Pennsylvania. Shortly after he removed to this place where he united with the Seventh-day Baptist Church of which he was ever a faithful and efficient member, and in his departure we have lost one who was ever at the helm, let wind or waves be as they would. His last illness was protracted, and at times he suffered much, yet all without a murmur, and often, for a time before his death, he expressed the wish that he might soon be freed from earth. When told by his physician that dark of Jordan were breaking at his feet, he responded Amen! - Glory, Glory! His hope was firm indeed; and when too weak to converse, his countenance told that all was peace. He passed gently away into his peaceful slumber. His funeral was attended by an unusually large concourse of relatives and friends, and a sermon preached by Elder George C. Babcock, of Dakota.*" (Jon Saunders' worldconnect file "They Came to Milton": "The Sabbath Recorder", Vol 15, No 20, p 79, Oct. 21, 1858)

Another account, A Historical Sketch of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of the Central Wisconsin Field, compiled by Hosea W Rood in 1909, says that Martha Abbey (married to Timothy), Peletiah Langworthy, Mary Langworthy, and John A Burdick joined the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church by letter on August 3, 1855, that Peletiah died at Berlin, that Mary was "rejected," and that John Burdick was "gone out."

The Martha Abbey in that compilation was Martha Mills Langworthy, the mother of Peletiah. Her husband had died in 1848. Martha presumably went west from Erie County, Pennsylvania to Wisconsin about 1853, when her son Peletiah and her daughter-in-law Mary Abbey Langworthy did. Timothy Abbey, separately or with them, went west to Wisconsin from McKean County, Pennsylvania about the same time and, once there, married Martha.

Mary E Abbey and Peletiah Langworthy had two children in Berlin, Martha (1856-1856) and Antoinette (1857-1858), named after his sisters. Peletiah and the children are buried in the Seventh-Day Baptist Cemetery in Berlin.

In 1860 we find Mary living with her father Timothy and Martha Mills Abbey in Berlin. In 1870 Mary E Langworthy, housekeeping, lived in Berlin with Ernest Langworthy, age 5, and Nelson J Brewer, a farmer. That is the same enigmatic Nelson Brewer<sup>1</sup> who lived with the Timothy Abbey family in 1850. In 1872, in Berlin, Mary married **Benjamin Franklin Good** (1822-1911). Benjamin fought with the Wisconsin Volunteers in 1865 in the Civil War. Before and after the war he lived in Sauk County, Wisconsin, married to Helen M Morrison, with several children. Helen died in Sauk County in 1869. He then moved briefly to Milwaukee and

then to Neshkoro, Marquette County, where he was for many years a moulder. A moulder is a skilled tradesperson who fabricates moulds for use in casting metal products.

Mary was married only five years to Benjamin. She died in 1877 in Marquette County. Benjamin then married his third wife, Laura Carpenter, a year later.

Mary and Benjamin Good are buried in Neshkoro Village Cemetery.

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>. Nelson J Brewer (~1834-1872) lived with the Timothy Abbey family in Norwich Township in 1850 and with Timothy's daughter Mary Abbey Langworthy in 1870 in Berlin, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Nelson married Olive Annette Jacox, the niece of Betsey Jacox, probably about 1857. They had three children: William J Brewer (1858-1915), Melvin D Brewer (1860-1936), and Charles Nelson Brewer (1862-1917). Nelson served as a private in the 58th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, in the Civil War. But he deserted the Regiment on 22 August 1864. The history of his children and wife indicate that Nelson abandoned them and went west to Wisconsin before 1870. Perhaps he did so to escape consequences of his desertion. A divorce was granted Olive in McKean County Court in 1867. In 1870 William J Brewer was living with the John Kimball family in Norwich Township, and Melvin was living with Olive and her second husband Ellis Griffith. Nelson Brewer died in Green Lake County in 1872. In 1873 the three sons petitioned the McKean County Orphans Court, with regard to Nelson Brewer probate, for appointment of a guardian, who turned out to be John C Backus.

Ironically, Olive's second husband, Ellis Griffith, had also abandoned a family in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, and landed in McKean County. A short note in a Smethport paper says that he visited his old home in 1897.

Three men named Brewer, probably brothers, came to McKean County in the 1815 migration from Chenango County, New York. Isaac left the county not too long thereafter, but William and Nathaniel stayed. Their children figure prominently in my wife's family tree. Nelson was too young to have been a son, but I would very much like to know how he fits into Brewer genealogy.