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I have been dabbling in genealogy for some time, but it never really went beyond an attempt to gather information about the immediate family. However, in December of 1997, the genealogy bug hit me in earnest. My plan was to document the ancestry of my wife Pamela's grandparents: Stanley Simon Lantzer, Ruth (Galenson) Lantzer, John Reid McMullen, and Eva Gladys (Coghill) McMullen, as well as my own: Joseph Hallie Tingley, Minnie Myrtle (Lutz) Tingley, Carl Gossner Bergquist, and Mary Estella (Ross) Bergquist.

This is the record of my research into the Ross line which actually began with very little. My mother, Jean Tingley, soon provided me with the key when in early January of 1998, she sent several hand written pages of births, marriages and deaths which she believed had come from her grandparents, Albert and Sara Ross. From those pages I gleaned the following information:

Husband: Samuel Ross
Born: ? in ?
Died: 1/23/1878 in ? (aged 62 years)
Married: Mary Ann Newsam, 12/14/1845 in Iowa
Born: 11/22/1826 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania
Died: 10/25/1889 in ?

<u>Children</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
Isabell M.	12/27/1846	?
Nancy Jane	8/10/1849	7/14/1898
Robert Harrison	2/13/1851	?
Mary Elizabeth	7/28/1852	10/30/1861
George Newsam	11/18/1855	11/18/1861
Marilla Ann	12/26/1857	11/11/1861
Albert Simon	3/30/1860	7/11/1938 (my great-grandfather)
Ella May	12/28/1862	?
William Sherman	7/29/1865	?
Ira Brown	7/28/1867	?
Adaline Pease	9/26/1869	?

In addition to the above information about births and deaths, there was a marriage listing which named the spouse and date and place of marriage.

Using the new genealogist's tools that I was discovering almost daily on the Internet, I signed up for the RootsWeb mail list on January 27, 1998. Users subscribe to the list of researchers interested in an almost endless range of topics, in this case those interested in the Ross surname. Anything you and others post to the mail list is sent out to subscribers as are replies to the postings of others.

Another vast resource is the GenWeb project. With very few exceptions, each county in the United States has its own GenWeb web site where visitors can request "look-ups" from other researchers holding reference materials; post bulletins offering or requesting information; and in ever-increasing frequency, review on-line information such as cemetery listings, etc.

If you've gotten the genealogy bug or have been inspired in some small way by this newsletter and would like to try your hand at doing your own research (which you will of course share with yours truly), I provide the following list of most-used Internet resources:

1. RootWeb's Internet address is <http://www.rootsweb.com/roots-l/>
2. The USGenWeb project's Internet address is <http://www.usgenweb.net/>
3. For those small towns you can't find in your atlas because they no longer exist, try the 1895 Atlas at <http://www.livgenmi.com/1895.htm>
4. For a massive list of Internet genealogy resources try Cyndi's List at <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

5. For a listing of just about any town or city in America and what county its located in, try <http://www.iamerica.com/>
6. To find the last known residence and social security number for those ancestors who have passed away since the 1940's, take a look at Ancestry.com's Social Security Index look-up at <http://www.ancestry.com/ssdi/advanced.htm>
7. For a list of U.S. Genealogy and Historical Societies check out <http://www.daddezio.com/society/hill/index.html>
8. To find a geographical feature such as cemeteries, towns, counties, townships etc. nationwide use the U. S. Geological Service's feature finder at <http://www-nmd.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnisform.html>

So, on with the show. Here are the results of the last eleven months of my search for the roots of the Ross family.

CHAPTER 1 - In Search of the Samuel H. Ross Family

I have divided this chapter into a section covering Samuel, Mary Ann and the overall family followed by sections for each of their children. The children are not listed in the order of their birth but rather chronologically based upon the order in which I discovered or was provided information about them.

SAMUEL, MARY ANN AND ALL THE LITTLE ROSSES

Since most of the children of Samuel Ross were listed as being born in or around Big Mound, Lee County, Iowa it seemed a logical place to start looking for information. I submitted a request for a look-up for any or all of the Samuel Ross clan in the marriage records held by Carol Salli.

She responded on February 6, 1998 with 20 individuals bearing the Ross or Newsam name married in the county. In part, her message read:

Hi Brian,

These are the books I searched : 1) Keokuk, Iowa Death Records, Lee Co., IA, Volumes I,II,III, encompassing the years 1867-1885; 2) Early Keokuk, Lee Co., Iowa marriage records, Vol. I 1848-1851; and 3) Marriage records, Lee Co., IA, Book 2 (1851-1865), Book 3 (1866-1868) and Book 4 (1869-1875).

I found your gg parents: Vol. I, Bk. III, #128 -- 9 Apr 1845 Samuel H. ROSS m: Mary Ann NEWSON, married by J.H. Babcock, JP.

...

16) Book 4, pg. 35, #573, recorded at FM [Fort Madison] Joseph A. PEASE m: Sarah NEWSOM; married at Primrose; 1 Oct / 4 Oct 1870; known to court; H.P.S. Willis, MG.

...

19) Book 4; pg. 61; #995 -- Robert DELANY m: Nancy J. ROSS; 18 Jan / 18Jan 1872; married at Mr. J. A. Pease home at Fort Madison; wit: J. A. Pease, J.G. Patterson, MG

The discrepancy between Samuel and Mary Ann's marriage date listed in the hand-written list of births, marriages and deaths as December 14, 1845 and that reported by Carol (and later confirmed by a copy of their marriage license as April 9, 1845) is curious. Even more so since a hand-written list from another of Samuel's children has them marrying on December 12, 1845. Both lists have otherwise proven accurate in all respects. This will require some more research.

I made my first visit to Peoria's local Family History Center which is run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 1/20/1998. The Church is quite arguably the single largest resource for genealogical research in the world.

For those of you new to genealogy, I think it's worthwhile to provide some information as to why Church members believe family history research is important.

Members of the Church believe that the family can continue beyond the grave. They believe that this is possible when parents and their children make special promises, called covenants in behalf of their ancestors, which must first be identified. Toward that end, the Church has gathered genealogical records from all over the world. These records are available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah and at Family History Centers throughout the world.

At the Family History Center I ordered the microfilmed 1870 Federal Census records for Lee County, Iowa and found Samuel, Mary and seven children ending with three year old Ira. The census was taken August 1, 1870 as of June 1, 1870. Adaline was born but may not have been counted as she was less than a year old. Mary Elizabeth, George Newsam, and Marilla Ann all had died in 1861 within a three week period of, I later found out, diphtheria. Samuel was listed as being 54 years of age and having been born in Pennsylvania. While perusing the census, I noticed several Pease families which was intriguing in that Pease is also the middle name of Samuel's youngest daughter Adaline. It was common practice to name ones children after close relatives. These I copied for further study.

My next step was to contact the Old Fort Genealogical Society in Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa requesting any information they might have on Samuel and his family. I received a reply from a very helpful Gerry Koeber on March 7, 1998. She provided Samuel Ross' obituary, Mary Ann Ross' death record, *Directory of Lee County* entries for Robert Ross and John Newsam, and the land grant record for Samuel and Mary Ross. Samuel's obituary read:

Ft. Madison (IA) Democrat, January 8, 1878

Died, January 3, 1878, at his home in Cedar Tp., Lee Co. Iowa, Samuel Ross, aged 62 years.

Mr. Ross was amongst the first settlers of Cedar Township, coming to this State from Pennsylvania. He was one of our best citizens, and leaves a wife and eight children, with many other relatives and friends to mourn his loss. He was an uncle to ex-Sheriff Joseph Pease.

While Samuel's obituary was disappointing in its brevity, it did provide valuable information that those interested in genealogy learn to squeeze from any source. It gave us at least his approximate date of birth; if not his place of birth, at least where he came from; and his place of death. And there was the Pease name again!

On March 12, 1998 I once again wrote to Gerry at the Old Fort Genealogical Society to pursue the Pease connection. I wrote "In the obit for Samuel Ross... it mentioned that Samuel was the uncle of Sheriff Joseph Pease. From the *Directory of Lee County*, you sent me a listing for John Newsam but on the same page is listed Joseph A. Pease whose wife is listed as a Newsam and whose birth information and emigration date make her a likely candidate for Samuel Ross' sister-in-law. Attached are my transcriptions from the 1870 Lee Co., IA Federal Census."

I went on to ask, "Can you find any evidence to support my theory that George and Nancy Newsam (2nd listing) are the parents of Jno. Newsam (2nd listing), Mary Ann (Newsam) Ross (1st listing), and Sarah Pease, the wife of Sheriff Joseph A. Pease?"

Note: The first transcription was for the Ross family and the second (shown below) listed what I interpreted to be elderly parents living with their oldest son and several of their other children. "Do" under the occupation column denotes ditto or same as above (i.e. George was a farmer too). In case you're wondering as I did, what Jno. is the abbreviation for - I believe it's John or Jonathan.

In the *Directory of Lee County* mentioned above, Sarah Newsam wed Joseph Pease on October 4, 1870 so would have still lived at home as of the census date.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birth</u>
Newsam Jno.	50	Farmer	Penn.
----- George	80	Do	Penn.
----- Nancy	76	Keeps House	Delaware
----- Sarah	30	At home	Penn.
----- Nancy	28	Do	Penn.
----- Frank	11		Iowa

Gerry responded on April 6, 1998 with more information including the November 7, 1906 obituary for Joseph A. Pease; the Marriage Record for Samuel and Mary Ann (Newsam) Ross; the 1856 Lee Co. Iowa state census showing George Newsam family; Lee Co. Death Record printouts for Joseph Pease, Jonathan Pease, and Nancy Newsam. While useful, this did not clearly establish George Newsam as Mary Ann (Newsam) Ross' father or Sarah (Newsam) Pease as her sister.

I heard from Gerry again on May 11, 1998 when she sent five pages of Sharon Cemetery listings and, again, there was no direct evidence of the relationship between the Sarah, George and Mary Ann. I believe none-the-less that they are kin.

Gerry also sent pages 642-643 of the *History of Lee County, IA - 1887* citing Samuel Ross under the Washington Township heading as being an early settler hailing from Kentucky. This was later to prove to be another Samuel Ross.

My wife Pamela and I visited Ft. Madison, it's cemetery and library, and Sharon Cemetery near Primrose, Iowa in June of 1998. At Sharon, we visited the grave sites of our eldest Ross ancestors found so far: Samuel H. and Mary Ann Ross and their children W. Sherman and wife Maude C. Ross, Mary E. Ross, Marilla Ann Ross, and George N. Ross. We also visited the sites of George and Agnes Newsam; John Newsam; and Nancy, Frank, and Isadore Newsam. On this trip, we visited both the very nicest and very worst cemetery! The Fort Madison City Cemetery was unquestionably the worst. So many of the stones were overturned, broken, smashed or missing. I was appalled and outraged that a cemetery would be allowed to fall into such a sorry state. Sharon Cemetery on the other hand was extremely beautiful and well maintained -- a great setting for the final resting place of one's ancestors.

MARY ELIZABETH, GEORGE NEWSAM, AND MARILLA ANN - FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH CHILDREN

As mentioned earlier, all died in 1861 within a three week period of diphtheria. They ranged from age three to eight.

ALBERT SIMON - SEVENTH CHILD

The following is from a typewritten obituary for my great-grandfather who went by the name Bert:

Albert Samuel Ross was born at Big Mound, Lee County, Iowa on March 30, 1860, departing this life at his home three miles northwest of Lewellen, on Monday afternoon July 11th, 1938, at the age of 78 years, 3 months, and twelve days. He leaves to mourn their loss, his loving wife Sara C. Ross, two daughters Mrs. C.G. Bergquist (Mary) of Oshkosh and Mrs. V.L. Larsen of Portland, Ore. (Ida) and one son George Richard Ross of Lewellen. He also leaves six grand children, two brothers and two sisters, one being Mrs. J.M. Brunt of Lewellen and a number of nieces and nephews. Albert Samuel Ross was the seventh child of a family of eleven children.

In the early spring of 1884, the immigration fever took possession of him and he came westward stopping for a short time in Oroe [Otoe] County and Buffalo County, Nebraska. In the fall of the same year, he pushed further westward locating on a homestead in Perkins County, which was then a part of Keith County. It was

while living on the homestead that he met Sara Clarke, a native of Pennsylvania and who was to be his future wife. They were united in marriage at North Platte, Nebr. on Feb. 15th, 1893. After their marriage they established a home in Big Springs, Nebr. where Albert was employed on the Union Pacific Railroad. In 1894 the family moved to Lewellen, where they resided for four years. Then they moved back to Big Springs, living there until they returned to Lewellen in 1900, since they have resided.

Mr. Ross always took an active part and interest in the welfare of the community and the County in which he lived. In the fall of 1904 he was elected to serve his district on the Board of County Commissioners for a term of three years and re-elected for a second term. He also served as Precinct Assessor and was a member of the Lewellen School District Board for a number of years. He took an active part in organizing and constructing the first irrigation systems that were developed in the vicinity of Lewellen. He passed through the ups and downs incident to frontier life and proved himself a valuable citizen .

He affiliated himself with Grace Lutheran church of Lewellen in 1914 and was a faithful member until his death.

It should be noted that the family Bible and other sources show Albert's middle name to be Simon rather than Samuel as shown in his obituary above.

We also have the obituaries for Albert's wife Sara Caroline (Clarke) Ross, whose Clarke/Thompson ancestry back to Ireland will be discussed in a later issue of this newsletter:

Unknown Nebraska Newspaper, unknown date

***Rites Friday
at Lewellen for
Sara Ross, 97***

Funeral services will held Friday [Feb.10-61] for 97-year-old Mrs. Sara C. Ross, believed to be Keith County's eldest resident and a resident of this area three-quarters of a century.

Mrs. Ross died Wednesday [Feb.8-61] at the Ogallala Community Hospital.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Grace Lutheran Church in Lewellen, with the Rev. Wilfred Henning officiating. Burial will be in the Ash Hollow cemetery at Lewellen.

Mrs. Ross was born in West Middlesex, Pa., Oct. 30, 1863. She came to the Big Springs and Lewellen area in 1884. Following her marriage the Ross family homesteaded in Perkins County where Mr. Ross worked on the Union Pacific railroad. Mr. Ross died in 1938.

During the past six years, Mrs. Ross made her home with he daughter, Mrs. Mary Bergquist, 409 East 4th St., Ogallala.

Survivors include her daughter, eight grandchildren, including Mrs. Gene [Jean] Tingley of Ogallala, and two [12] great-grandchildren.

Draucker funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Unknown Nebraska Newspaper, unknown date**Mrs. Sara Ross
Dies in Ogallala**

A resident of Garden county for a number of years, Mrs. Sara Ross, 97, died Wednesday at the Ogallala Community hospital. She had been in falling health for some time but was hospitalized only a short time before her death.

Funeral services were held Friday in Grace Lutheran church at Lewellen with Rev. Wilfred Henning officiating. Burial was in the Ash Hollow cemetery beside her husband.

She was born in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1863. She came to the Lewellen-Big Springs area in 1884 and later was united in marriage to Bert Ross. For many years they lived northwest of Lewellen.

In 1938 Mr. Ross succumbed and his widow lived in Oshkosh for a number of years. For the past six years she has lived with her daughter Mrs. C. G. Bergquist in Ogallala.

Mr. Ross was employed by the Union Pacific railroad for some time. Mrs. Ross was active in the Grace Lutheran church of Lewellen, past-president of the Lutheran Guild and first president of the Red Cross when a chapter was organized in Lewellen.

Two daughters and one son were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross. The son and one daughter preceded their mother in death, the surviving daughter being Mrs. Bergquist. Other survivors are a granddaughter, Mrs. Jean Tingley of Ogallala, seven other grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

I made plans to take a genealogy road trip in late July, 1998. Since my wife had just started a new job and was unable to take the time off, I asked my mother to go with me. She agreed and we spent nine days covering 2,500 miles in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska. It was a great trip. We found lots of information and got to visit several relatives that we had never met before. On July 31st, as we were making the final leg of our journey, we stopped in my home town of Ogallala, Nebraska to drop my mom off. It gave me the chance to look over her photo albums, postcards and other papers. In these I found the funeral handouts for George Richard Ross, Ida (Ross) Larsen, and Robert Ross. I made copies of photographs of Albert Ross both as a young man and later in life, John Burgess and Albert Byron Ross, Ida (Ross) Larsen, and her husband Victor Larsen (see Family Photo Album section at the end of this newsletter). Mom let me have a postcard from Maude (Page) Ross to my great-grandmother Sara C. Ross showing a scene labeled "River Road, Bonaparte, Iowa" which, as I'll describe later was to be especially useful.

I also copied several addresses from my mother's and grandmother Mary (Ross) Bergquist's address books. By mid August, I had written letters to Ida (Ross) Larsen's daughter Bobbi, Richard Ross' twin sons John and Albert, and Robert Ross' wife Violet requesting information on their families.

The first to respond to my letters was my cousin Donald W. Larsen who had received a copy of my Family Data Sheet from his sister Bobbi. Then came a flurry of letters, calls and e-mail in what has to be the best response to a mailing I've had so far. I heard from:

- John Burgess Ross who sent his Family Data Sheets on 9/2/98 and later phoned on 9/22
- John's daughter Lynn Bailey who phoned on 9/23/98
- Bobbi (Ross) Stenstadvold who returned her Family Data Sheet on 9/25/98 and followed up with a great family group photo taken on her 50th wedding anniversary (see Family Photo Album at the end of this newsletter),
- Bobbi's son Stan Stenstadvold who e-mailed me on 10/2/98 with his information

- Bobbi's daughter Sue Chapman who returned her Family Data Sheet on 10/9/98.
- Bobbi's daughter Becky Mason who returned her Family Data Sheet on 10/16/98.
- Robert Ross' grand-daughter Lori Fritcher who e-mailed me on 10/6/98 with her information
- Robert Ross' wife Violet M. Ross who sent her family data in on 10/9/98.
- Kelly Neil, Becky Mason's daughter who sent her family data in on 10/24/98
- Kim Bates, Sue Chapman's daughter who sent her family data in on 11/2/98

Several sources indicated that Albert and Sara Ross were married in North Platte, Nebraska so I posted a look-up request on the Lincoln county GenWeb Internet site asking for confirmation. On September 13, 1998, I received an e-mail from Ramona Wickenkamp who wrote:

Brian--

*15 Feb 1893 at North Platte by W. E. Hardaway, MG (Minister of Gospel)
 Albert S. Ross, 32, of Perkins Co., NE, born IA
 Sara C. Clark, 30, of Pennsylvania, born PA
 Groom's parents: Samuel Ross and Mary Newson
 Bride's parents: Richard Clarke and Mary A. Thompson
 Wit: Mrs. M. H. Brousdon, F. M. Hogsett and William Bigham*

I could get you a copy of the marriage license from the Court House but it would not have any more information on it than the above. Our indices are taken directly from the originals. And this saves you \$3.

Mr. Hardaway was a Methodist minister.

Note that a William Bigham was a witness to the ceremony. Albert's brother, Robert married Jennie Bigham. Any relation?

Here is the obituary of Albert's daughter and my grandmother Mary Estella (Ross) Bergquist:

Unknown Nebraska Newspaper - Date Unknown

Mary Berquist, 101, rites held

LEWELLEN - Funeral services for Mary E. Berquist, 101, formerly of Ogallala will be held Friday, October 6, at 10 a.m. from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Ogallala with Deacon Mary Lou Reynolds officiating. Burial will be in the Ogallala Cemetery.

Berquist died Saturday, Sept. 30, 1995, at the Garden County Nursing Home in Lewellen.

She was born Feb. 18, 1894, in a sod house in Garden County to Albert and Sara (Clarke) Ross. She received her early education in Garden County, then attended Normal Training School in Kearney.

She married Carl Gossner Berquist on Dec. 31, 1913, in Lewellen. They made their home in Lewellen where they operated the Berquist Dry Goods store.

They sold that store in the 1930s and moved to Oshkosh where they opened another dry goods store which they operated until 1944. They also farmed in the Keystone area.

When her husband died in 1966, Mrs. Berquist moved to Ogallala where she did seamstress work for many people. She entered the Lewellen Nursing Home in 1983 and resided there until her death.

She was a longtime member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and worked for many years with the Altar Guild. She was active in Eastern Star and Job's Daughters while living in Oshkosh.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Ross, and a sister, Ida Larsen.

She is survived by a daughter Jean Tingley of Ogallala; two grandchildren, Martha and husband, Jim Jensen of Bridgeport, and Brian Tingley and wife, Pam, of Peoria, Ill.; and three great-grandchildren, Amy and Jimmie Jensen and Amy Jean Tingley.

A memorial has been established to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Ogallala.

Visitation will be Thursday at the Draucker Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Here is the obituary of the wife of Albert's son, George Richard Ross, which I obtained from my mother:

Unknown Oregon Newspaper - Date Unknown

Sarah M. Ross

Sarah M. Ross, 93, died in Klamath Falls Saturday, Sept. 2, 1995.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, 1995, at First United Methodist Church, the Rev. Stuart Shaw officiating.

Mrs. Ross was born Dec. 10, 1901, to John and Emma Johnson McCord. She attended Normal School in Carney [sic, Kearney], Neb., and taught school in Garden County Neb. She married George R. Ross in 1923. The family moved to Beaverton in 1937 after visiting Oregon.

Mrs. Ross worked as a secretary for the Ammunition Department in Hermiston during World War II. The family moved to Bonanza in 1947, and Mrs. Ross attended Southern Oregon State College in Ashland to renew her teacher's certification. She then taught elementary school in Bonanza for six years. She moved to Hermiston in 1957 and retired from teaching there in 1966, when she returned to Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Ross's hobbies included bowling and crocheting.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law: Robert and Violet Ross, Merrill, John and May Ross, Klamath Falls, Albert Byron and Judith Ross, Malin; eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, four brothers and six sisters.

ELLA MAE - EIGHTH CHILD

Albert Ross' obituary stated that among his survivors was a sister, Mrs. J. M. Brunt of Lewellen, Nebraska. My mother knew several later-generation members of the Brunt family but was uncertain of our relationship to them. Based on her information, I headed to my favorite search engine Internet site to find Brunt phone numbers and addresses in Lewellen. I found a Monroe Brunt and called him. I learned an important lesson when contacting relatives who do not know you. If you spend too much time on preliminaries and don't quickly introduce yourself as a relative you may be thought a

telemarketer and get hung up on. Eventually, I was able to have a very enjoyable conversation with Ella Mae's grandson Clayton Monroe Brunt who goes by Monroe. Persistence pays!

On March 26, 1998, Monroe sent me the following history of his grandfather:

J. Monroe Brunt

J. Monroe Brunt, who has secure vantage ground as one of the substantial citizens and pioneers of Garden county, where he has been successful in his operations as an agriculturist and stock-grower, claims beautiful old Union county, New Jersey, as the place of his activity. In the village of Rahway, in that historic county, he was born July 12, 1858, and is a son of Joseph and Emma Brunt, both of whom were born in England, and the latter of whom was a girl when she accompanied her parents to America, the family home being established in New Jersey, Joseph Brunt was reared and educated in England and was a young man when he came to the United States, where he became a successful contractor at Rahway, New Jersey. In that state he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives, she having been sixty-four years of age at the time of her death and he having attained to the venerable age of eighty-two years. They became the parents of seven sons and three daughters, and the subject of the review, is the youngest of the number. The four older sons, William, James, Harvey and George, all served gallantly as soldiers of the Union during the Civil War, and all were members of the same artillery command, with assignment to the same cannon.

J. Monroe Brunt acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of his native state, where he supplemented his training by a course of higher study in Princeton University, from which historic institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1878, with the Degree of Bachelor of Law. He was well equipped for the legal profession, but his tastes and inclinations led him into other fields of endeavor, so that he never engaged actively in the practice of law. Mr. Brunt became associated with his father's contracting business, of which he was superintendent about five years, and then he assumed a large contract in the supplying of natural ice to the city of New York, after the completion of this contract he conducted a general merchandise business in his native town of Rahway for a period of about ten years, and for about one and one-half years thereafter he was connected with the company operating the DeBrosse street ferry, between New York City and New Jersey. In 1881, Mr. Brunt set forth for the west, and finally settled in Henry county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farm enterprise about four years. He then, in 1885, came to Nebraska and established his residence at Ogallala, Nebraska, but in 1887, he came to what is now Garden county and took up a pre-emption claim about three miles distant from the village of Lewellen, which was not marked by a single building at that time. Later he filed claim to a homestead adjacent to his pre-emption claim, and here he has maintained his residence during, the long intervening years, which have been marked by worthy achievement on his part. His landed estate now comprises five hundred acre's of well improved and productive soil, and here, in connection with diversified agriculture, he is giving special attention to the raising of live stock - horses, cattle, and hogs. He has been notably prominent and successful in the raising of horses of fine type and has made this department of his farm enterprise one of major importance. Mr. Brunt has given his influence and co-operation in the movements and enterprises that have tended to advance the general welfare of the community and in his personal activities has kept pace with the march of splendid development and progress in this section of the state. Upon the organization of the Bank of Lewellen he became the first depositor in the new institution. He has been prominently identified with irrigation development here and was for ten years superintendent of the Bratt ditch, 1896-1906.

In politics Mr. Brunt is aligned in the ranks of the Democratic party, and prior to the organization of Garden county he served, in 1888-9, as sheriff of Duell county. Prior to coming to the west he has served as chief of police in the city of Rahway, N. J., for two years, 1877-8. As a young man he served about three years as a member of the New Jersey National Guard, and he was first sergeant of Company F, Third New Jersey Regiment, when it was in active service during the great strike turbulence in New York City in 1880. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Lewellen.

The marriage of Mr. Brunt was solemnized at Ogallala, Nebraska, in 1887, when Miss Ella Ross became his wife. She was born in Iowa, and is a daughter of Samuel and Mary A (Newsome) Ross, who were natives of

Pennsylvania and who became pioneer settlers in Iowa, the father having been seventy-six years of age at the time of his death and the mother having passed away at the age of sixty-two years, Mrs. Brunt came to Ogallala, Keith county, Nebraska in 1886, and near that place she took up a homestead to which she perfected her title in due time and of which she eventually made a profitable sale. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Brunt the eldest is Ethel, the wife of George West, of Lewellen, and has two sons and two daughters, and Nine V. [sic, Nerva], Clayton W. and Edith M. remain at home. Clayton W. the only son, served in the coast artillery during the progress of the World War and received his honorable discharge after the signing of the historic armistice.

Note that both Samuel and Mary Ann died at age sixty-two according to their tombstones and obituaries.

During our Great Genealogical Road Trip '98, my mother and I stopped in Lewellen on July 30 to visit Ash Hollow Cemetery which was familiar to us since my great-grandparents, Albert and Sara Ross, and my father, Charles Tingley, are buried there. This trip we found Joseph and Ella Brunt as well as their son Clayton and his wife Lucy I. Brunt.

We also had a chance to meet Monroe Brunt and his wife Joan who allowed us to copy funeral handouts for Edith and Paul Podkonyak, Nerva Roberts, and Clayton Brunt and the obituary for Clayton Brunt from their scrapbook. They had also been kind enough to have reproductions of Ella Mae's and Joseph Monroe Brunt's photographs made for us to take with us (see Family Photo Album section at the end of this newsletter). We then made the quick drive back to Oshkosh and found the obituaries for Joseph and Ella Brunt from the offices of the Garden County News which are shown below as well as Clayton's obtained from Monroe:

Garden County News, Oshkosh, Nebraska - Sep. 6, 1945

OBITUARY

Ella Mae Ross, daughter of Robert [Samuel] and Mary Ross, was born December 28, 1862, at Mound City, Ia., and departed this life at the hospital in Lewellen, Nebr., August 31, 1945, at the age of 82 years, 8 months and 3 days.

In 1885 she came to Nebraska and resided in Ogallala and in 1887 she was solemnized in marriage to Joseph M. Brunt. To this union five children were born, two sons and three daughters. One son passed away in infancy.

In 1887 they came to what is now Garden county, Nebr., where they homesteaded one-half mile from Lewellen, and there maintained their residence until his death in April 1945. Since that time she has made her home among her children until taken to the hospital August 28.

In her early life she became a member of the Presbyterian church.

She leaves to mourn her passing, three daughters, Mrs. Ethel West, Mrs. Nerva Roberts and Mrs. Edith Podkonyak and one son, Clayton, all of Lewellen, twelve grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Methodist church with Rev. Compton in charge, and interment was in Ash Hollow cemetery beside her late husband.

Garden County News, Oshkosh, Nebraska - Apr. 19, 1945

OBITUARY

J. Monroe Brunt, son of Lorenzo and Elizabeth Brunt, was born July 12, 1858, in Rahway, Union County, New Jersey, and departed this life at his home in Lewellen, Nebraska, April 14, 1945, at the age of 85 years, 9 months and two days.

He received his education in his native state and graduated at Princetown University with the class of 1878.

In 1881 he set forth for the West and settled in Illinois, where he remained for four years. He then came to Nebraska in 1885, where he established his residence in Ogallala and here he was solemnized in marriage to Miss Ella Ross in 1887. To this union five children were born, 2 sons and 3 daughters. One son passed away in infancy.

In 1887 he came to what is now Garden county, Nebraska, where he took a pre-emption claim. Later he filed claim to a homestead one half mile from Lewellen, and here maintained his residence during the long intervening years.

In his early life he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Ella Mae, three daughters, Mrs. Ethel West, Mrs. Nerva Roberts and Mrs. Edith Podkonyak and one son, Clayton, all of Lewellen, twelve grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Monday afternoon and interment was in Ash Hollow cemetery.

[Unknown Newspaper - Date Unknown]

Rites Held For Clayton Brunt

Clayton W. Brunt, son of Joseph Monroe and Ella Mae (Ross) Brunt, was born April 14, 1899 at Lewellen and passed away May 19, 1976 at his home at Lewellen at the age of 77 years, 1 month and 5 days. He grew up and attended both grade school and Lewellen High school.

He served in the armed forces during World War I. He was a member of the American Legion Reville Post #14 at Lewellen.

On June 11, 1924 he was united in marriage to Lucy Iva Miles at Julesburg, and to this union was born one son, Monroe. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1974.

Mr. Brunt had worked for and with the State Department of Water Resources for many years as well as serving the Lewellen community as rural mail carrier for 37 years until retiring in 1966. He was a member of the Lewellen 70 Breakfast Club and never missed a meeting as long as he had good health.

He is survived by his wife Lucy of Lewellen; his son Monroe and daughter-in-law Joan; three sisters, Mrs. Ethel West, Mrs. Nerva Roberts and Mrs. Edith Podkonyak, all of Lewellen; three grandchildren, Mrs. Cindy Hurlbutt of Oshkosh, Clayton E. Brunt of Brule, and Mrs. Cathy Armbruster of Syracuse; two great-grandchildren; many other relatives and a large number of friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Brunt were conducted Saturday, May 22, at 10 a.m. from the Lewellen United Methodist Church with Rev. Joe Bennett officiating. Mrs. J. L. Kats and Mrs. Howard Newkirk sang two numbers with Mrs. Harold Burdick at the organ. Honorary pallbearers were the members of the 70 Breakfast Club of Lewellen. Active pallbearers were Ernest Fischer, Dennis Shimmin, Orin Clary, J. L. Kats, Vernon Stokey and Howard Beavins.

The American Legion Reville Post #14 and V. F. W. Post #5379 of Oshkosh conducted Military Graveside rites at the Ash Hollow Cemetery.

Holechek Services had charge of final arrangements.

Our next stop was to visit the Keith County Court House where I obtained a copy of the marriage record for Joseph and Ella Brunt. It should be noted their marriage record shown them to be wed on September 30, 1891 not 1887 as both their obituaries stated.

Recently, my mother sent me the following article which I believe was published in the *Garden County News* about Joseph Monroe Brunt:

***Early Territorial Sheriff
Joe Brunt wielded
a club, not a gun***

*By CONNIE ACKERMAN
Lewellen Correspondent*

LEWELLEN - Joseph Monroe Brunt, an early territorial sheriff from Lewellen, Chappell, Big Springs and Oshkosh, was born in 1858 in Rahway, N.J.

When he finished high school in his home town, he went to Princeton University, and graduated with a Bachelor of Law degree with the class of 1878.

He never did practice law, but decided instead to go into the contracting business with his father back in his home town of Rahway.

He worked with his father for five years, and then took a contract with New York City to supply natural ice to the city.

After five years in New York, he returned to his home town and ran a general merchandising business.

After this adventure, he worked for the DeBosse ferry between New York City and New Jersey.

In 1881 he set forth west, and in 1884 he settled in Ogallala.

He met his wife in Ogallala.

While there, he worked for Ogallala Land and Cattle Company riding range in Garden County, which at that time was part of Cheyenne County.

In 1887 he got a pre-exemption claim three miles north and west of Lewellen.

He then filed a homestead one-half mile west of Lewellen, on some land that joined his first property.

Their first home on their homestead was a sod house, and then in 1901 he built a big, three-story home, and he lived there until he died in 1945.

Joe Brunt was the grandfather of Monroe Brunt and John Podkonyak who still live in Lewellen.

Monroe says that he can remember his grandfather telling him that there were still a lot of Indians here when he first came.

He also said that they used to have to feed the Indians when they came through here to keep them from stealing their livestock.

His grandfather raised cattle and hogs, and had a very fine line of horses.

Monroe still owns his grandfather's brand, which is an upside down J with a B attached to it.

Joe bought the brand for \$1 on Jan. 27, 1900. The brand is registered for he left hip on both cattle and horses.

Joe Brunt was the first depositor in the new Bank of Lewellen, and was identified with much of the irrigation development in Garden County.

Joe and his wife had four children, one of which was Clayton W. Brunt, Monroe Brunt's father.

Clayton Brunt was the rural mail carrier for Lewellen for 37 years, and he took the mail out to the airplane that landed at Lewellen for the first airmail delivery, of which there were only two.

Monroe Brunt has one of the airmail stamped envelopes still in his possession.

In the upper left hand corner there is a stamp that says US Airmail, Clayton W. Brunt, Carrier RFD No 1, Lewellen.

In the bottom left hand corner there is a stamp that says - On the Covered Wagon Trail Oshkosh/Lewellen, Ash Hollow "Make it a National Park." It also says First Air Mail Flight, May 19, 1938.

In 1888 and 1889 Joe Brunt served as the territorial sheriff for Chappell, Big Springs, Lewellen and Oshkosh.

The county seat and the jail at that time were in Chappell.

Joe was a very tall man, and drove his territory with a horse and buggy.

He wore a large buffalo coat and didn't carry a gun, but took a large club with him every where he went.

One of the stories told about him was the time that he broke up a fight in Big Springs. He warned the two men to stop fighting, which they didn't do.

So he grabbed them both by the collar, knocked their heads together, which knocked both of them silly and therefore ended the fight.

Monroe Brunt says that he can remember that his grandfather was a wiry devil who just loved to fight, and never backed off from one.

Part of Joe's job as sheriff was also to make collections for overdue taxes.

As payment for the taxes, he received various items of payment which ranged from two bushels of oats, pigs, chickens to two cows and one calf.

When his term as sheriff was over, Joe decided he needed to spend more time with his family and on his farm and retired from the position.

Another fond memory that Monroe has of his grandfather was his hobby of making home brew and homemade root beer.

Monroe said that it was really a treat when grandpa opened a bottle of root beer for the kids.

There weren't any refrigerators at that time, so the butter, cream, milk and other perishables were kept down the well in a bucket with a rope on it to pull it up.

This is also where grandpa kept the beer and the root beer.

Monroe said that the well was just outside the back door of the house and that one time when his grandfather was in the field, the kids helped themselves to a bottle of the beer instead of the root beer.

Monroe said that his grandfather's beer tested at 16 percent alcohol, so Grandpa didn't have any trouble telling that the kids had gotten into the beer.

The end result was a good tanning of their backsides, with a lesson well learned.

WILLIAM SHERMAN - NINTH CHILD

One of the tidbits I found at my mothers during our Great Genealogical Road Trip '98 was a scenic postcard entitled "River Road, Bonaparte, Iowa" which was from Maude Ross to her sister-in-law Sara Ross which read:

*Oct. 29, 1912
Hillsboro, Ia*

Dear Sadie -

I will try to write you a few lines to let you know we arrived at home all safe and sound. Everything was all right. Found seventy little red pigs. Wayne was getting long fine. I think it seemed good to him to see us back. Sherm wants to know how the horses are. We have been working some since we came home. More plowing and gathering corn. Will close with much love to all. Be glad to hear from you.

Maude Ross

Having determined that Bonaparte was located in Van Buren County, Iowa, I contacted the local genealogical society to request information on William Sherman Ross and family. On September 12, 1998 I received a response from Shirley Aldrich. She sent obituaries for Wayne Ross, Sherman Ross, and Maude Ross; a page from the History of Henry County Iowa containing information about Russell and Florence (Ross) Nicholson; and a Hillsboro Cemetery listing (located in Henry County, Iowa) showing Wayne and Mary Ross.

I received another letter from Shirley Aldrich on October 7, 1998. She had found the obituaries for Mary Edith (DeRosear) Ross, Florence (Ross) Nicholson, and Russell Nicholson. This was followed by a response from Gerry Koeber from the Old Fort Genealogy Society in Fort Madison, Iowa including obituaries and funeral reports for William Sherman and Maude Ross. Here are all the obituaries and the history received so far:

Evening Democrat, Ft. Madison, IA - Jan. 7, 1939

SHERMAN ROSS STROKE VICTIM

Hillsboro, Iowa – Sherman Ross, 73, died in his home Friday night at 11 o'clock. He had suffered a stroke of paralysis about a week ago.

Mr. Ross was born on a farm in Lee county, 2 miles east of Big Mound, Iowa. He was a member of the Christian church of Big Mound, and a member of the Masonic lodge of Hillsboro. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maude Ross, one daughter, Mrs. Russell Nicholson of Salem, Iowa, one son, Wayne Ross of Hillsboro. Also four grand children, one brother Ira Ross of Hillsboro, one sister living in Wisconsin and one brother living in Nebraska.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Evening Democrat, Ft. Madison, IA - Jan. 10, 1939

***Ross Funeral Is
Held on Monday***

HILLSBORO, Iowa. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Hillsboro Christian church for William Sherman Ross, who passed away Friday evening. Rev. S. P. Williamson of Fairfield was in charge of the services. Music was furnished by Mrs. Howard Tade, Mrs. Belle Benn, Mrs. Daisy Miller, Mrs. Edna McCabe, Walter Harlan, and Mr. Allen Witt and Mrs. Faye Clark at the piano.

William Sherman Ross, 74, died January 6 at his home in Hillsboro. He was born on a farm east of Big Mound, July 29, 1865. In 1891 he was married to Miss Maude Page. Two children were born to them. Mr. Ross spent his entire life on the farm where he was born till moving to Hillsboro a few years ago. When a young man he, with his wife joined the Christian church of Big Mound. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Hillsboro for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, Maude Ross, one son, Wayne Ross, one daughter, Mrs. Russell Nicholson of Salem, four grandchildren, one brother, Ira B. Ross of Hillsboro, Mrs. Ella Brunt of Nebraska and Mrs. Addie Etka of Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Burial was in the Sharon cemetery with the Masonic services. Members of the Mason lodge were pall bearers Frank Smart, O. T. Nau, Rex Dinsmore, William Hemmings, William Paisley.

The Van Buren Record (Van Buren Co., IA) - Jan. 12, 1939

Sherman Ross

Sherman Ross, age 73, died Friday night about eleven o'clock at his home in Hillsboro. He had suffered a stroke about a week ago. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Christian church in Hillsboro, Rev. Williamson of Fairfield conducting the service. Burial was in Sharon cemetery.

Mr. Ross was born on a farm about two miles east of Big Mound, grew to manhood in that vicinity, was a member of the Big Mound Christian church, Hillsboro Masonic lodge and a prominent and respected citizen of the community.

Surviving are his wife, Maude Ross, one daughter, Mrs. Russell Nicholson of Salem, and one son, Wayne of Hillsboro, also four grandchildren, one sister and two brothers.

Unknown Iowa Newspaper and Date**Sherman Ross**

Last Friday as the midnight hour approached, the death angel passed through our town and took from us the spirit of Sherman Ross who was in his seventy-fourth year of life.

He was born on a farm near Big Mound, Iowa, July 29, 1865. There he grew to manhood and followed the occupation of farming until he retired to his present home in Hillsboro.

June 18, 1891, he was united in marriage to Miss Maude Page, of near Bonaparte. In early married life, he with his wife united with the Christian Church near Big Mound.

He has been a member of the Mason Lodge of Hillsboro for about 25 years.

Evening Democrat, Ft. Madison, IA - Oct. 4, 1940**WOMAN DIES
AT HILLSBORO**

HILLSBORO, Iowa. - Mrs. Maude Ross, 67, died at her home here at 10 o'clock Thursday morning after an illness of more than a year.

Mrs. Ross was born in Lee county where she made her home on a farm until six years ago when she moved to Hillsboro. Her husband, Sherman Ross, died two years ago.

Surviving are one son, Wayne Ross and one daughter, Mrs. Florence Nicholson, both residents of Hillsboro.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon in the Christian church in Hillsboro and burial will be made in the Sharon cemetery.

Evening Democrat, Ft. Madison, IA - Oct. 9, 1940**ROSS FUNERAL
IN HILLSBORO**

Hillsboro, Iowa - Funeral services for Mrs. Maude Ross who passed away at her home in Hillsboro on Oct. 3 were held at the Christian church on Saturday afternoon, October 5, the Rev. S. P. Williamson of Fairfield officiating with internment in the Sharon cemetery.

Two children survive, a son, Wayne of Hillsboro, and a daughter, Mrs. Florence Nicholson of near Salem, besides many other relatives and friends.

She was born on December 29, 1871 on a farm in Van Buren county near Bonaparte. She was married on June 18, 1891 to Mr. Sherman Ross, who preceded her in death about 2 years ago. They lived together on a farm in Lee county near Sharon until six years ago when they moved to Hillsboro.

She had been ill for about a year before her death.

The Van Buren Record (Van Buren Co., IA) - May 9, 1968**Wayne Ross**

Wayne Carroll Ross, 73, of rural Hillsboro, died in his home at 11 P.M. Tuesday, May 7, 1968.

Mr. Ross was born Sept. 21, 1894, in the Big Mound community, the son of William Sherman and Maude Page Ross. He was married in Ft. Madison on Mar. 14, 1919. He was a farmer and a member of the Hillsboro Christian church.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; two sons, Milan and William, Hillsboro; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Boley, Cedar Rapids; a sister, Mrs. Russell Nicholson, Hillsboro; 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M., Friday, May 10 at the Hillsboro Christian church, with the Rev. Walter Harper, officiating. Mrs. Forrest Fuhrer was at the organ. Pallbearers were Edgar Hartley, Craig Smart, M. M. Doan, Arlo Foss, Martin Druerge and Aulden Van Winkle. Burial was at Hillsboro Cemetery.

Van Buren Co. Leader-Record, Nov. 12, 1992**Mary Edith Ross**

Mary Edith Ross, 92, formerly of Hillsboro, died at 9:40 a.m. Sunday, November 8, 1992, at Henry County Health Center, Mount Pleasant.

Born June 30, 1900, in Big Mound, she was the daughter of Albert and Emma Saxe DeRosear. On March 14, 1919, she married Wayne Carroll Ross at Fort Madison. He died May 7, 1968.

She was a member of Hillsboro Christian Church and was a Sunday School teacher and church organist for 45 years. She moved from a farm in the Hillsboro community to the long-term care unit of the hospital eight years ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Estelle Boley of Cedar Rapids, two sons, William Ross and Milan Ross, both of Hillsboro; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and four sisters.

The funeral for Mrs. Ross was held Wednesday, November 11 at Hillsboro Christian Church with the Reverend Dave Callen officiating. Burial was in Hillsboro Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Hillsboro Christian Church.

Van Buren Co. Leader-Record, Oct. 31, 1991**Florence L. Nicholson**

Mrs. Florence L. Nicholson, 91, Hillsboro, died Sunday, October 20, 1991 at 9:08 p.m. at the Henry County Health Center, Mt. Pleasant.

Florence was born in the Big Mound community, the daughter of Sherman and Maude Page Ross.

On September 4, 1919 at the home of her parents, she was married to Russell P. Nicholson, who died January 27, 1968.

Since 1924, she was a member of the Salem Friends Church and active in the work of her church. She and her late husband farmed, and lived on the same farm all of their married life.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. William (Donna) Hoaglin of Mt. Pleasant; one grandson, Russell Remick of Hillsboro; two great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son Ross P. Nicholson, and a brother, Wayne Ross.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 23 at the Salem Friends Church with Pastor Tom Palmer officiating. Committal and interment was in the Salem East Cemetery with Beatty Funeral Home in charge arrangement

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NICHOLSON, JOHN

The Nicholson family in America traces its beginnings to Edmund and Elizabeth Nicholson of Bootle, Cumberland County, England, who settled at Marblehead, Massachusetts, about 1646. The family were Quakers and suffered persecution for their religious beliefs, and after the death of Edmund Nicholson in 1660, the family moved to Perquimans County, North Carolina.

John Nicholson, descendant of Edmund and Elizabeth, and son of Nathan (December 22, 1776-about 1832) and Peninah (Parker) Nicholson (July 22, 1781-September 18, 1857), was born in Perquimans County, North Carolina, April 14, 1800, and died in Henry County, Iowa in 1875. He married (1) Sarah Lacey, who was born January 30, 1801 and died about 1824. She was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hasket) Lacey. John and Sarah Nicholson were the parents of two sons: Thomas, who was born April 5, 1820, and William, who was born January 17, 1822.

John Nicholson married (2) Sarah Kenyon and they had one son, Joshua (May 11, 1826-April 1, 1860), who married Susan Dirk. After the death of his second wife, John Nicholson married (3) Sarah Brooks. The children of this marriage were James (October 16, 1830-March 2, 1901), Elizabeth (October 16, 1830), Elias who died about 1842, Eliza Ann (October 28, 1834-March 30, 1912), Martha Jane (February 19, 1838-March 19, 1918), Jonathan (February 19, 1838-March 16, 1923).

In 1832 the family moved to Wayne County, Indiana. About this time there was a large migration of Quakers from North Carolina to Indiana because of their opposition to the slavery issue.

In 1843 Thomas Nicholson came to Iowa, driving cattle across Illinois and crossed the Mississippi River on the ice at Burlington, Iowa, on March 14, 1843. He settled near Salem, Iowa, where there already was a settlement of Quakers from Indiana. On October 5, 1844, he married Margaret Maxwell. She was born October 6, 1819, the daughter of Jacob (September 4, 1792-September 26, 1845) and Margaret (Heavenridge) Maxwell (October 10, 1788-November 8, 1859). The Maxwells came to Henry County, Iowa from Union County, Indiana in 1840.

John Nicholson and the rest of his family came to Salem, Iowa, in 1849, settling in Section 8, Jackson township, and Thomas settled in Section 9 of the same township.

Thomas and Margaret Nicholson were the parents of six children: Margaret (1846--1848), John (March 1, 1847-November 21, 1916), Nathan (September 4, 1849-December 26, 1921), Josiah (June 17, 1851-), William (about 1856-) and Albert (August 25, 1861-April 24, 1934). Thomas was a devout Quaker and he with several others separated from the Society in Salem and organized the Conservative Friends Meeting as they felt the church was becoming too liberal in its beliefs.

Margaret Nicholson died July 10, 1890, and Thomas Nicholson died September 15, 1907.

Nathan Nicholson married Flora Belle Prottzman, October 21, 1880. They had three children: Pearl (July 13, 1881-January 17, 1954), married Ethel Drinkwater; Winona Maude (February 1, 1884-November 28, 1960), married Alfred Byers, and had one son Verle (July 6, 1912-May 5, 1951); and Russell Paul (March 31, 1890-January 28, 1968).

Russell Nicholson married Florence Ross, September 1, 1919. Soon after their marriage they purchased a farm in Section 17, Salem township. Florence is still making her home on the family farm, while the land is being farmed by her grandson Russell Remick. They affiliated with the Salem Friends Church in November 1924. They were the parents of two children: Donna Jean and Rosa [Ross] P. who died at birth.

Donna Jean Nicholson married (1) Kenneth Remick and they were the parents of one son Russell. Russell Remick married Judith Morrow and they are the parents of three children, Joseph, Larry and Jeanna. Donna Jean Nicholson Remick married (2) William M. Hoaglin.

by Donna J. Hoaglin

Record-Republican, Bonaparte, IA, Feb. 1, 1968

Russell Nicholson

Russell Nicholson, 77, Hillsboro, died at 6:15 p. m. Saturday. Jan. 27, in Memorial Hospital, Mt. Pleasant, to which he had been admitted earlier in the day.

He was born Mar. 31. 1890, near Oakland Mills. On Sept. 4, 1919, he married Florence Ross at Big Mound community.

Mr. Nicholson, a farmer, was a member of Friends church, Salem.

Surviving are the wife; one daughter, Mrs. William Hoaglin, Mt. Pleasant; a grandson, Russell Remick, Hillsboro; two great-grandsons.

Funeral Services were held at 2 P. M., Tuesday in Friends church, Salem, the Rev. Roscoe Townsend officiating. Burial was in Salem East cemetery. Services were in charge of Beatty Funeral Chapel, Salem.

On September 13, 1998, I sent a letter to each of the surviving relatives mentioned in the obituaries received to-date. The letter sent to *Estelle Boley, Larry Remick, Milan Ross, Russell Remick, Donna Hoaglin and William Ross*, read in part:

From a postcard from Maude Ross to my great grandmother, Sara, I determined that she lived in Van Buren Co., IA. From there I secured the services of the local genealogical society and obtained information on the descendants of William Sherman Ross. I searched for the names, current addresses and phone numbers of the later generations on the Internet which led me to you.

The response to these letters not only provided more information on the descendants of William Sherman Ross but went far beyond that. To tell that story, we need to return to Samuel for awhile:

SAMUEL, MARY ANN AND ALL THE LITTLE ROSSES (CONTINUED)

On September 19, 1998, Donna Hoaglin of Mount Pleasant, Iowa answered my letter inquiring about William Sherman Ross. It was one of those rare and exciting moments in genealogy when you hear from a relative who, a short while ago, you did not even know existed and who is also a genealogist! Donna wrote:

I was so excited to receive your letter concerning the Ross family. I have been working on my family genealogy for over forty years and have received much correspondence on various Ross families but not on my branch so it was a real thrill to open your letter and see my grandfather's name.

She also addressed one of the questions foremost in my mind, that being the parents of Samuel H. Ross:

I have a theory that Samuel H. Ross was the son of a Simon Ross who married Isabella Beatty at the Big Spring Presbyterian Church, Newville, PA, Cumberland County on 14 Mar. 1810. Note that Albert's middle name is Simon and that he had a sister Isabella. An Isabella Ross died in Cumberland Co., in 1825. By the time of the 1830 census there was a Simon Ross living near George Newsam in Buffalo Twp., Washington Co., PA.

Donna and I quickly swapped a few reams of paper in an effort to provide the other with the efforts of our research. We also discovered that we both use the same genealogy program for the computer (Family Tree Maker). I'm certain that Donna and I will continue to work together. In fact we are discussing dividing Samuel's family up so we will not be duplicating our efforts. What fun!

In addition to several obituaries which are shown on subsequent pages, Donna also sent along the following which she had found at the Recorder's office in Lee County, Iowa:

Book 5, page 603:-

Certificate #3531 - E2½ of SE¼ Sec. 9, W½ of SW¼ Sec. 10, Twp. 68N, Range 4 West, 160 acres. Purchased by Samuel Ross, Dec. 1, 1841. Filed for record in 1904.

The U. S. patent to Samuel Ross #529, December 1, 1841. Description same as in book 5.

Book Z, Page 317, filed for record April 23, 1910.

Book Q, pages 339, 339, 340:-

Albert S. Ross, Robert Ross and wife, Isabella M. Ross, William S. Ross and wife and Adeline P. Ross, et al to Ira B. Ross, 60 acres off E side NW¼, December 18, 1891.

Albert S. Ross, Robert Ross and wife, Isabella M. Ross, Ira B. Ross and wife, Adeline P. Ross, et al to William S. Ross - 80 acres, December 18, 1891.

Robert Ross and Jennie Ross, Albert Ross, Ella M. Brunt and J. M. Brunt, her husband of Duell County, Nebraska, Robert Ross and wife, Jennie, of Pierce Co., Nebraska, Nancy and Robert Delaney of Van Buren Co., Isabella M. Ross, Adeline Ross, Ira Ross and wife Annie, of Lee County, in consideration of \$3200 paid by William S. Ross, 80 acres.

It states that Albert Ross, was single at time of this transfer.

Ira B. Ross paid \$1750 for his 60 acres.

She had also found the following:

Settlement of estate of Samuel Ross

Inventory:-

3 cows

3 yearling calves

Notes and accounts:-

Thomas Bell - date 5/20/1875 - rate of interest 10, Amt. \$100.00

Thos. & Zachary Bell - date 11/14/1874 - rate of int. 10, Amt. \$100.00

Isaac Clark - date 7/27/1876, rate of int. 10, Amt. \$190.00

Abner Clark - date 7/10/1876, rate of int. 10, Amt. \$50.00

Raymond Pease - date 10/16/1876, rate of int. 10, Amt. \$50.00

Robert Delaney Acct. - money received about Jan'y. 1, 1878, Amt. \$75.00

List of Heirs:

Isabelle M. Ross 12/17/1846

Nancy J. Delaney 8/10/1849

Robert H. Ross 2/13/1851

Albert S. Ross 3/30/1860

Ella M. Ross 12/28/1862

William S. Ross 7/29/1865

Ira B. Ross 7/28/1867

Adaline P. Ross 9/26/1869

Description of Real Estate: Est NW¼ Sec. 21, Twp. 69, Range 7, 60 acres. E½ SW¼ Sec. 21, Twp. 69, Range 7, 80 acres. S½ of SE¼ of SE½ Sec. 10, Twp. 68, Range 8, 20 acres.

Taxes on 140 acres in Lee County, due 4/15/1878 - \$63.34.

Due J. M. Evans, M.D. for professional services from 1871 to 1875 for the deceased and family - \$20.00.

Cash collected:

Note in full of Z. Bell \$128.60

T. Bell 41.40

Alfred Pease 50.00

Isaac Clark 28.40

Abner Clark 60.00

Three cows counted as cash to widow 55.00

Three yearling calves counted as cash to widow 19.00

One old carriage counted as cash to widow 5.00

To cash proceeds of judgment against Bell 100.66

\$693.06

By cash for coffin and box \$23.00

By cash for burial clothes 18.74

\$41.75

Other expenses brought total expenses to

\$717.47

Probate Record Book F, Page 578:-

Jan., 29, 1878 - Joseph A. Pease appointed administrator with John Newsam and R. S. Pease as sureties.

(This is in regard to the probate of estate of Samuel Ross.

ROBERT H. - THIRD CHILD

I had been intrigued by the mention in the Albert Ross obituary that he had made a stop in Otoe and Buffalo counties in Nebraska on his way to western Nebraska. I wondered if he could have stopped to visit other family members or relatives. Unlike most others in the original birth, marriage, and death listing for the family of Samuel Ross, the marriage for Samuel's son Robert just said Nebraska without naming the town. Hoping it was brother Robert that Albert stopped to visit in Otoe or Buffalo counties, I requested a marriage record look-up request on the respective GenWeb Internet sites to see what might be there.

Lisa Guthals e-mailed me on November 17, 1998 to say that Robert H. Ross and Jennie B. Bigham were married in Otoe County. She speculated that they might have been visiting A. B. Ross who was a clerk with the U.S. engineers according to the 1881-82 City Directory. Following her instructions, I sent away for the marriage license which I received on October 10, 1998. She also sent along select pages from Nebraska City Directories from 1870, 1881-82, 1893-94 and 1905-06; a page from the "Otoe County Pioneers" about several persons named Ross; a partial Wyuka Cemetery listing containing several named Ross; two newspaper clippings hand dated August 20, 1909 about the death of Sam Ross and his son Charles.

While it seems Albert had stopped by to see Robert, the possibility that Robert also went to Otoe County because he knew someone there is a line of inquiry that we need to pursue. Since we have found no document naming Samuel's parents we must find some other manner of identifying them. It seems pretty likely that the Ross, Newsam and Pease families knew one another in Pennsylvania. By expanding our research into these other lines, we may find the link we are seeking.

ISABELL M. - FIRST CHILD

I received the following obituary from Donna Hoaglin:

Unknown Washington Newspaper, Unknown Date

Isabell Ross Etk

Mrs. Belle M. Ross Etk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ross died at the home in Tenino, Washington, July 4, 1917 of pneumonia, age 70 years 6 months and 8 days.

She was born near Clay Grove, Iowa, December 27, 1846, and resided in that place until her marriage to L. D. Etk, November 26, 1892, after which they removed to Hillsboro, Iowa, where they made their home for about

nine years. They came to Ft. Madison where they resided for a short time before removing to Rainier, Washington, where they resided until the death of Mr. Etka, May 28, 1917.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Etka moved to Tenino where she made home with her step-daughter, Mrs. C. W. Cook, until her death.

The funeral services were held from Gilbaugh's Undertaking Parlors in Olympia, July 6, 1917. Services were conducted by the O.E.S.

Mrs. Etka is survived by three cousins in this city, Mrs. U. A. Woolover, Turner Etka and Charles Etka.

Isabell married Lorenzo Dow Etka. It seemed like an unusual name but I never gave it too much thought until I came across the an article on the Internet which I have summarized below. I apologize for not being able to properly quote the source(s) but thought it worth including none-the-less:

Have you, in your genealogical work, found numerous men named Lorenzo Dow, or L.D.? If you have encountered this name often, as we have, did you ever wonder how so many came to be given this name? We found the name in numerous families, in several generations, in various states and counties. We had wondered about it for years, and had made many inquiries, but to no avail. Finally, we found the answer.

Lorenzo Dow was born 16 Oct. 1777, in Coventry, Connecticut, of English ancestors. He was in poor health all his life, suffering from asthma, and had several serious illnesses. He died in D.C. in 1834. Of his 57 years, he spent 39 in the ministry. He began as a Methodist, and although never officially accepted as a Methodist minister, he was closely associated with Methodists, including Bishop Francis Asbury. Dow traveled in every state in the Union, seventeen at the time, Canada, England, Ireland, and Wales. His wife Peggy accompanied him on many of his travels. Their only child was born in Ireland, and died in England.

Lorenzo Dow was a well-known itinerant preacher. He was one of the most remarkable men of his age, for his zeal and labor in the cause of religion... His eccentric dress and style of preaching attracted great attention, while his shrewdness, and quick discernment of character, gave him no inconsiderable influence over the multitudes that attended his ministry. Many a new mother inspired by his preaching named a child after him.

The odd, wandering preacher probably never dreamed that his name would show up on so many genealogical charts 150 years after his death.

NANCY JANE - SECOND CHILD

Again, I received the following obituary from Donna Hoaglin:

Unknown Iowa Newspaper, Unknown Date

Robert T. Delaney

Robert T. Delaney died in Bonaparte, August 7, 1911, age 62 years 4 months and 22 days. He was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, March 15, 1849. At the age of five he was left an orphan. In 1854, with his foster parents, James Miller and wife, he moved to a farm about six miles northeast of Farmington in Lee County, where he grew to manhood.

On January 18, 1872, he was united in marriage to Nancy J. Ross. To this union were born two sons, William H. and Albert R.. In 1881, they moved to Van Buren County, two and one-half miles east of Cantril. The wife

and mother died July 14, 1898. On March 20, 1901, he was again united in marriage to Hannah Payne and they have made their home in Cantril.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and four grandchildren. Funeral services were from the M. E. Church in Cantril. Burial in the Cantril Cemetery.

IRA BROWN - TENTH CHILD

Unknown Iowa Newspaper, Unknown Date

Ira B. Ross

Ira B. Ross passed away August 18, 1943, at his home in Hillsboro, where he had been confined by illness for three years. He was born July 28, 1869, on a farm east of Big Mound. He married Anna Leaman of Mt. Hamill who preceded him in death February 24, 1926.

Surviving are one daughter Mrs. Jessie Thornton of Hillsboro and one son Alva Ross of Mt. Pleasant. Also six grandchildren, three of whom are in the armed service of their country.

Funeral service was from the Hillsboro Christian Church with Reverend E. E. Neidereuth in charge. Burial in the Hillsboro Cemetery.

Mr. Ross had lived in Hillsboro nearly 18 years. He moved here from a farm in Harrisburg Township, Van Buren County shortly after the death of his wife.

Unknown Iowa Newspaper, Unknown Date

Hilda Hite Ross

Mrs. Harry (Hilda) Ross 59, of Becky Lane died Wednesday, January 5 at 6:30 a.m. at the Henry County Health Center. Mrs. Ross was born August 20, 1917, in Trenton, the daughter of Ira and Daisy (Hummell) Hite. On January 1, 1948, she married Harry Wade Ross in New London.

For eleven years she was employed by the Staats Company. She was a member of the First Methodist Church, United Methodist Women Circle and the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Surviving are three daughters Patty Kay at home, Dorothy May McDougal of Farmington, New Mexico, Elizabeth Early of North Carolina; three sons Robert Eugene Ross of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Donald Allen Inns of Nice Villa, Florida and John Bruce Inns of Susanville, California; one sister Mrs. Pearl Miller of Trenton, one brother Edwin Hite of Des Moines and eleven grandchildren. She was preceded by her parents, a sister Dora Stockman and a brother Chester Hite.

Burial was in Green Mound Cemetery.

ADALINE PEASE - ELEVENTH CHILD

For now, I have nothing aside from the descendant chart information on Adaline Pease Ross.

CHAPTER 2 - Inside the Next Issue - Where Do We Go From Here?

Along with the birth, marriage and death listing for the family of Samuel Ross obtained from my mother early in the 1998, she sent along a hand written chart listing Gordon Thompson from Antrim, Ireland, his six children (the second of which was born in 1759, and twenty-five of his grandchildren. According to mom, the Thompsons were somehow related but exactly how was a mystery. I posted several inquiries on the Internet at various sites hoping to get a nibble without success. While the mystery was solved and I made a great contact with a Thompson researcher, Myron Wheeler, I simply haven't had the time to compile all the information to a point that it's ready to share with you. So, I'm afraid that it will have to wait 'til next time.

As I mentioned earlier, Donna Hoaglin and I are planning to divide our Ross research. While, I haven't had time to broach the question with Donna, it would seem to make sense for me to at least take the Nebraska-based branches which means I would concentrate on Robert Harrison Ross, Albert Simon Ross and Ella Mae (Ross) Brunt lines.

Of course, we will both be trying to find the parents of Samuel H. Ross!

I'll close for now. Whew, reading back, a lot has been discovered in ten short but exciting months. I cautioned readers in my previous issue on the Bergquist line not to expect Issue 2 to be quite as long but I was wrong on that account so will not say so again. Genealogy is a fascinating hobby! As you can hopefully tell in my narration, time and again I'm amazed at the helpful nature of the genealogical community. Without them, what I have presented here would have taken years if not decades to gather. Please join me in thanking all those who have help me in my search for the descendants of Samuel H. Ross.

Until next time,
Brian Carl Tingley

P.S. Would everyone please carefully review the descendant's charts especially for your own family. If you have anything to add or correct – let me know! Remember to send me birth, marriage and funeral announcements, etc. If you have any family photographs you can share with me, I'd appreciate it if you would send me a copy or have them scanned at your local photo shop and send them on a disk.

APPENDIX A - Descendant's Charts

The following pages contain the descendant charts for the various Ross lines. Note that, since I have the most information about my great grandfather's line, I included Albert through the first generation then separate sections for each of his grandchildren to make the charts more understandable.

Descendants of Samuel H. Ross

Generation No. 1

1. Samuel H.¹ Ross was born Abt. 1816 in PA^{1,2}, and died January 03, 1878 in Cedar Twp., Lee Co., IA^{2,3}. He married **Mary Ann Newsam** April 09, 1845 in Lee Co., IA⁴, daughter of George Newsam and Agnes Brown. She was born November 22, 1826 in Washington Co., PA^{5,6}, and died October 23, 1889 in Cedar Twp., Lee Co., IA^{5,6}. Both are buried in Sharon Cemetery, Primrose, IA.

Children of Samuel Ross and Mary Newsam are:

- 2 i. Isabell M.² Ross, born December 27, 1846 in Clay's Grove, Lee, IA⁶; died July 04, 1917 in Tenino, Thurston, WA⁷. She married Lorenzo Dow Etka November 23, 1892 in Fort Madison, Lee, IA⁷.
- 3 ii. Nancy Jane Ross, born August 10, 1849 in Clay's Grove, Lee, IA⁶; died July 14, 1898 in Van Buren Co., IA^{6,7}. She married Robert T. Delaney^{6,8} January 18, 1872 in Fort Madison, Lee, IA^{6,8}.
- 4 iii. Robert Harrison Ross, born February 13, 1851 in Big Mound, Lee, IA⁶; died November 12, 1936 in Osmond, Pierce, NE⁷. He married Jennie B. Bigham November 30, 1882 in Otoe Co., NE^{6,9}.
- 5 iv. Mary Elizabeth Ross, born July 28, 1853 in Big Mound, Lee, IA⁶; died October 30, 1861 in Big Mound, Lee, IA⁶.
- 6 v. George Newsam Ross, born November 18, 1855 in Big Mound, Lee, IA⁶; died November 18, 1861 in Big Mound, Lee, IA⁶.
- 7 vi. Marilla Ann Ross, born December 26, 1857 in Big Mound, Lee, IA⁶; died November 11, 1861 in Big Mound, Lee, IA⁶.
- 8 vii. Albert Simon Ross, born March 30, 1860 in Big Mound, Lee, IA^{6,10}; died July 11, 1938 in Lewellen, Garden, NE¹⁰. He married Sara Caroline Clarke February 15, 1893 in North Platte, Lincoln, NE¹⁰.
- 9 viii. Ella Mae Ross, born December 28, 1862 in Big Mound, Lee, IA^{6,11}; died August 31, 1945 in Lewellen, Garden, NE¹¹. She married Joseph Monroe Brunt September 30, 1891 in Ogallala, Keith, NE¹².
- 10 ix. William Sherman Ross, born July 29, 1865 in Cedar Twp., Lee Co., IA⁶; died January 06, 1939 in Hillsboro, Henry, IA^{13,14}. He married Maude Clarinda Page June 18, 1891 in Bonaparte, Van Buren, IA⁶.
- 11 x. Ira Brown Ross, born July 28, 1867 in Lee Co., IA^{6,15}; died August 18, 1943 in Hillsboro, Henry, IA⁷. He married Anna Leeman March 10, 1891 in Fort Madison, Lee, IA⁶.
- 12 xi. Adaline Pease Ross, born September 26, 1869 in Lee Co., IA^{6,15}; died 1956 in Iron Mountain, Dickinson, MI⁷. She married William H. Etka February 17, 1892 in Fort Madison, Lee, IA⁶.

Endnotes

1. *Federal Census - 1870, Lee Co., IA*, Roll 403, Vol. 17 (1-190), Page 17, Cedar Twp.
2. Tombstone of Samuel H. Ross, Aged 63.
3. "Obituary for Samuel Ross," Ft. Madison Democrat - 1/8/1878.
4. *Lee County, Iowa Marriage Book #3*, 128.
5. *Lee County, Iowa Recorders Office Death Records*.
6. "Birth, Marriage and Death Listings of Albert and Sara Ross."
7. Donna Hoaglin, Descendants of Samuel Ross Listing, 9/24/1998.
8. Old Fort Genealogical Society, *Early Marriages - Lee County, Iowa - Book Three: 1/1/1866-12/31/1868*, (Iowa Genealogical Society), 61.
9. *Marriage Licence of Robert and Jennie Ross*.
10. "Obituary for Albert Simon Ross."
11. Garden County News, "Obituary for Ella Mae Brunt," September 6, 1945.
12. *Marriage Licence of Joseph and Ella Mae Brunt*.
13. *Sharon Cemetery Listing, Harrison Twp., Lee Co., IA*.
14. "Obituary for Sherman Ross," The Van Buren Record - Jan. 12, 1939.
15. *Birth Book Two - 1889-1896, Lee County Iowa*, (Iowa Genealogical Society).

*Descendants of Isabell M. Ross**Generation No. 1*

1. **Isabell M.² “Belle” Ross** (Samuel H.¹) was born December 27, 1846 in Clay's Grove, Lee, IA¹, and died July 04, 1917 in Tenino, Thurston, WA². She married **Lorenzo Dow Etko** November 23, 1892 in Fort Madison, Lee, IA². He died May 28, 1917 in Rainier, WA².

Notes for Isabell M. Ross: No children.

Endnotes

1. "Birth, Marriage and Death Listings of Albert and Sara Ross."
2. Donna Hoaglin, Descendants of Samuel Ross Listing, 9/24/1998.

*Descendants of Nancy Jane Ross**Generation No. 1*

1. **Nancy Jane² Ross** (Samuel H.¹) was born August 10, 1849 in Clay's Grove, Lee, IA¹, died July 14, 1898 in Van Buren Co., IA^{1,2} and is buried in Sharon Cemetery, Primrose, IA. She married **Robert T. Delaney** January 18, 1872 in Fort Madison, Lee, IA^{1,3}. He was born March 15, 1849 in Wheeling, WV², and died August 07, 1911 in Bonaparte, Van Buren, IA².

Children of Nancy Ross and Robert Delaney are:

- + 2 i. William Harrison³ Delaney, born November 18, 1872 in Big Mound, Lee, IA.
- + 3 ii. Albert Ramond Delaney, born October 23, 1878 in Van Buren Co., IA; died October 15, 1968 in Cantril, Van Buren, IA.

Generation No. 2

2. **William Harrison³ Delaney** (Nancy Jane² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born November 18, 1872 in Big Mound, Lee, IA². He married **Emma Saar** February 14, 1897².

Children of William Delaney and Emma Saar are:

- 4 i. Lilith Marie⁴ Delaney, born April 01, 1898²; died 1904².
- 5 ii. Rose Irene Delaney, born January 24, 1900². She married Elmer Lien November 05, 1925².
- + 6 iii. William Evert Delaney, born November 12, 1902; died September 1982.
- + 7 iv. John Bryant Delaney, born April 24, 1906.
- 8 v. Mary Lucille Delaney, born January 21, 1910². She married Roy Simpson April 14, 1946².
- + 9 vi. Gordon Saar Delaney, born June 15, 1915; died August 30, 1991.

3. **Albert Ramond³ Delaney** (Nancy Jane² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born October 23, 1878 in Van Buren Co., IA², and died October 15, 1968 in Cantril, Van Buren, IA². He married **Ollie Knox** May 23, 1900². She was born March 03, 1880⁴, and died February 1971⁴.

Children of Albert Delaney and Ollie Knox are:

- 10 i. Son⁴ Delaney.
- 11 ii. Daughter Delaney.

Generation No. 3

6. **William Evert⁴ Delaney** (William Harrison³, Nancy Jane² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born November 12, 1902^{2,4}, and died September 1982⁴. He married **Sara Peyton** October 1935².

Children of William Delaney and Sara Peyton are:

- 12 i. William Everette⁵ Delaney, Jr., born November 26, 1939².
- 13 ii. Brooks Peyton Delaney, born March 08, 1946².

7. **John Bryant⁴ Delaney** (William Harrison³, Nancy Jane² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born April 24, 1906². He married (1) **Marie Liming²**. She died December 20, 1933. He married (2) **Mildred Gregory** May 23, 1936².

Children of John Delaney and Marie Liming are:

- 14 i. Daughter⁵ Delaney, born December 18, 1933².
- 15 ii. J. B. Delaney, born December 18, 1933².

Child of John Delaney and Mildred Gregory is:

16 i. Donna⁵ Delaney, born April 03, 1939².

9. Gordon Saar⁴ Delaney (William Harrison³, Nancy Jane² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born June 15, 1915⁴, and died August 30, 1991⁴. He married **Lousie Thompson** November 15, 1936².

Child of Gordon Delaney and Lousie Thompson is:

17 i. Billie Ray⁵ Delaney, born August 06, 1941².

Endnotes

1. "Birth, Marriage and Death Listings of Albert and Sara Ross."
2. Donna Hoaglin, Descendants of Samuel Ross Listing, 9/24/1998.
3. Old Fort Genealogical Society, *Early Marriages - Lee County, Iowa - Book Three: 1/1/1866-12/31/1868*, (Iowa Genealogical Society), 61.
4. Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S.

*Descendants of Robert Harrison Ross**Generation No. 1*

1. **Robert Harrison² Ross** (Samuel H.¹) was born February 13, 1851 in Big Mound, Lee, IA¹, and died November 12, 1936 in Osmond, Pierce, NE². He married **Jennie B. Bigham^{1,3}** November 30, 1882 in Otoe Co., NE^{1,3}, daughter of Robert Bigham and Elisabeth Black.

Children of Robert Ross and Jennie Bigham are:

- 2 i. Mary Emma³ Ross, born April 18, 1884²; died April 08, 1969². She married ? Keichler².
- 3 ii. Joseph Bigham Ross, born April 15, 1886^{2,4}; died December 1971⁴.
- 4 iii. Lizzie Ross, born January 17, 1888².

Endnotes

1. "Birth, Marriage and Death Listings of Albert and Sara Ross."
2. Donna Hoaglin, Descendants of Samuel Ross Listing, 9/24/1998.
3. *Marriage License of Robert and Jennie Ross*.
4. Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 2, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S.

*Descendants of Albert Simon Ross**Generation No. 1*

1. Albert Simon² “Bert” Ross (Samuel H.¹) was born March 30, 1860 in Big Mound, Lee, IA^{1,2}, and died July 11, 1938 in Lewellen, Garden, NE¹. He married **Sara Caroline “Sadie” Clarke** February 15, 1893 in North Platte, Lincoln, NE¹, daughter of Richard Clarke and Mary Thompson. She was born October 30, 1863 in W. Middlesex, PA^{1,18}, and died February 08, 1961 in Ogallala, Keith, NE¹⁸. Both are buried at Ash Hollow Cemetery, Lewellen, NE.

Children of Albert Ross and Sara Clarke are:

- + 2 i. Mary Estella³ Ross, born February 18, 1894 in Big Springs, Deuel, NE; died September 30, 1995 in Lewellen, Garden, NE.
- + 3 ii. Ida Luella Ross, born July 11, 1901 in Lewellen, Garden, NE; died December 12, 1945 in San Diego, San Diego, CA.
- + 4 iii. George Richard Ross, born July 26, 1904 in Lewellen, Garden, NE; died June 04, 1957 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR.

Generation No. 2

2. Mary Estella³ Ross (Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born February 18, 1894 in Big Springs, Deuel, NE³, and died September 30, 1995 in Lewellen, Garden, NE⁴. She married **Carl Hjalmar Gossner Bergquist⁵** December 31, 1913 in Lewellen, Garden, NE⁶, son of Rev. Frank W. Bergquist and Aurelia Lindskog. He was born March 14, 1887 in Bertrand, Phelps, NE^{8,19}, and died December 11, 1966 in Hastings, Adams, NE^{19,20}. Both are buried in the Ogallala Cemetery, Ogallala, NE^{4,20}.

Child of Mary Ross and Carl Bergquist is:

- 5 i. Lois Jean⁴ Bergquist, born February 14, 1922 in Sidney, Cheyenne, NE. She married Charles Elmer Tingley April 25, 1945 in Oshkosh, Garden, NE.

3. Ida Luella³ Ross (Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born July 11, 1901 in Lewellen, Garden, NE³, died December 12, 1945 in San Diego, San Diego, CA⁹ and buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, CA⁹. She married **Victor L. Larsen** June 09, 1924 in Julesburg, Sedgwick, CO¹⁰. He was born December 14, 1902⁸, and died March 1970⁸.

Children of Ida Ross and Victor Larsen are:

- 6 i. Barbara Pauline⁴ Larsen, born September 22, 1927 in Cozad, Dawson, NE¹⁰. She married Milton Norman Stenstadvold January 14, 1947 in San Diego, San Diego, CA¹⁰.
- 7 ii. Donald Wayne Larsen, born April 27, 1933 in Kearney, Buffalo, NE¹¹. He married (1) Reba Louise Taylor September 21, 1950 in Henrietta, Clay, TX¹¹. He married (2) Judy Carrol Tate June 05, 1965 in Iola, KS¹¹.
- 8 iii. Clayton Harold Larsen, born July 13, 1943 in San Diego, San Diego, CA¹⁰.

4. George Richard³ Ross (Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born July 26, 1904 in Lewellen, Garden, NE³, died June 04, 1957 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR¹², and is buried in Bonanza Memorial Park, Bonanza, OR¹². He married **Sarah Matilda McCord** October 02, 1924 in Julesburg, Sedgwick, CO¹³, daughter of John McCord and Emma Johnson. She was born December 10, 1901 in Oshkosh, Garden, NE¹⁷, died September 02, 1995 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR¹⁴, and is buried in Eternal Hills Cemetery, Klamath Falls, OR¹⁴.

Children of George Ross and Sarah McCord are:

- 9 i. Robert Richard⁴ Ross, born January 08, 1926 in Lewellen, Garden, NE¹⁵; died January 26, 1998 in Merrill, Klamath, OR¹⁵. He married Violet May Westman¹⁶ May 15, 1946 in Inglewood, Los Angeles, CA¹⁶.
- 10 ii. Albert Byron Ross, born April 17, 1928. He married Judith ?.
- 11 iii. John Burgess Ross, born April 17, 1928 in Lewellen, Garden, NE¹⁷. He married May Louise Foltz.

Endnotes

1. "Obituary for Albert Simon Ross."
2. "Birth, Marriage and Death Listings of Albert and Sara Ross."
3. *Bible Record of Sara Ross.*
4. "Obituary for Mary Bergquist."
5. *Membership Ledger - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming.*
6. *Wedding Announcement for Carl and Mary Bergquist.*
7. *Funeral Handout for Carl Bergquist.*
8. Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S.
9. *Funeral Handout for Ida Larsen.*
10. *Family Data Sheet completed by Bobbi Stenstadvold - 9/25/1998.*
11. *Family Data Sheet completed by Don Larsen 7/15/1998.*
12. *Funeral Handout for George Ross.*
13. "Obituary for Sarah M. Ross."
14. *Funeral Handout for Sarah M. Ross.*
15. *Funeral Handout for Bob Ross.*
16. *Letter from Violet Ross - 10/9/1998.*
17. *Letter from John B. Ross - 8/28/1998.*
18. "Obituary for Sara C. Ross."
19. *Funeral Handout for Carl Bergquist.*
20. "Obituary for Carl Bergquist."

Descendants of Lois Jean Bergquist

Generation No. 1

1. Lois Jean³ Bergquist (Carl Hjalmar Gossner², Frans August Wilhelm¹) was born February 14, 1922 in Sidney, Cheyenne, NE. She married **Charles Elmer Tingley** April 25, 1945 in Oshkosh, Garden, NE¹. He was born October 26, 1921 in Boulder, Boulder, CO³, died August 08, 1992 in Ogallala, Keith, NE⁶, and is buried in Ash Hollow Cemetery, Lewellen, NE⁶.

Children of Lois Bergquist and Charles Tingley are:

2. i. Brian Carl⁴ Tingley, born March 24, 1949 in Omaha, Douglas, NE.
3. ii. Martha Lynn Tingley, born November 26, 1951, Omaha, Douglas, NE.

Generation No. 2

2. Brian Carl³ Tingley (Lois Jean² Bergquist, Carl Hjalmar Gossner¹) was born March 24, 1949 in Omaha, Douglas, NE^{2,3}. He married (1) **Mara Neimanis** April 10, 1971 in Lincoln, NE⁴, daughter of Janis Neimanis and Vanda Bianco. She was born February 15, 1952 in England. He married (2) **Mildred Elayne Vickers** September 17, 1976 in Lincoln, NE, daughter of Hobson Vickers and Nellie O'daniel. She was born August 24, 1947 in Tallassee, Elmore, AL. He married (3) **Pamela Jean Lantzer** June 12, 1987 in Zanesville, Muskingum, OH⁵, daughter of Samuel Lantzer and Bertha McMullen. She was born February 21, 1948 in Akron, Washington, CO⁷.

Child of Brian Tingley and Mildred Vickers is:

- i. Steven Harold Tingley, b. November 17, 1968; Adopted child.
- ii. Amy Jean⁴ Vickers, b. December 16, 1977, Lincoln, Lancaster, NE.

3. Martha Lynn³ Tingley (Lois Jean² Bergquist, Carl Hjalmar Gossner¹) was born November 26, 1951 in Omaha, Douglas, NE^{3,8}. She married **Jimmie J. Jensen, Jr.** August 17, 1974 in Ogallala, Keith, NE⁸, son of Jimmie Jensen and Betty Webb.

Children of Martha Tingley and Jimmie Jensen are:

- i. **Jimmie J. Jensen III**, b. October 24, 1977, Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff, NE⁸.
- ii. **Amy Michelle Jensen**, b. July 17, 1980, Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff, NE⁸.

Endnotes

1. Interview with Jean Tingley.
2. *Birth Certificate for Brian Tingley*.
3. Marian and Harold Frye, *The Tingley Family Revised*, (1970-1996), Vol. VII, pg 239.
4. *Marriage License for Brian and Mara Tingley*.
5. *Marriage License for Brian and Pamela Tingley*.
6. *Funeral Handout for Charles Tingley*.
7. *Birth Certificate for Pamela Lantzer (Victory Hospital)*.
8. Family Data Sheet completed by Martha Jensen.

Descendants of Barbara Pauline Larsen

Generation No. 1

1. Barbara Pauline² “Bobbi” Larsen (Victor L.¹) was born September 22, 1927 in Cozad, Dawson, NE¹. She married **Milton Norman Stenstadvold** January 14, 1947 in San Diego, San Diego, CA¹, son of Jens Stenstadvold and Minnie ?. He was born January 29, 1926 in Steele, Kidder, ND¹.

Children of Barbara Larsen and Milton Stenstadvold are:

- + 2 i. Rebecca Ann³ Stenstadvold, born November 08, 1947 in Oakes, Dickey, ND.
- + 3 ii. Milton Norman Stenstadvold, Jr., born November 24, 1948 in Oakes, Dickey, ND.
- + 4 iii. Susan Jean Stenstadvold, born August 15, 1950 in Fargo, Cass, ND.

Generation No. 2

2. Rebecca Ann³ “Becky” Stenstadvold (Barbara Pauline² Larsen, Victor L.¹) was born November 08, 1947 in Oakes, Dickey, ND¹. She married **(1) Duel Wayne Jones** October 16, 1965 in San Diego, San Diego, CA², son of Duel Jones and Annie Thomas. He was born October 29, 1942 in Decatur, AL². She married **(2) Dean Lindley Mason, Jr.** September 22, 1992 in Orlando, Orange, FL², son of Dean Mason and Golah Graves. He was born December 01, 1929 in Keytesville, Chariton, MO².

Children of Rebecca Stenstadvold and Duel Jones are:

- + 5 i. Kelly Lynn⁴ Jones, born April 18, 1966 in San Diego, San Diego, CA.
- + 6 ii. Shelly Marie Jones, born April 18, 1966 in San Diego, San Diego, CA.
- + 7 iii. Lisa Ann Jones, born August 24, 1967 in San Diego, San Diego, CA.

3. Milton Norman³ “Stan or Corky” Stenstadvold, Jr. (Barbara Pauline² Larsen, Victor L.¹) was born November 24, 1948 in Oakes, Dickey, ND¹. He married **(1) Sharon Ruth Goff^{1,3}** June 05, 1971 in La Mesa, San Diego, CA^{1,3}, daughter of Marvin Goff and Betty Gullick. She was born October 11, 1950 in La Mesa, San Diego, CA¹. He married **(2) Linda Jean Schulz** April 15, 1987 in Portland, OR^{1,3}, daughter of Paul Achulz and Betty Thomas. She was born October 30, 1948 in Portland, OR³.

Children of Milton Stenstadvold and Sharon Goff are:

- 8 i. Mark Jason⁴ Stenstadvold, born August 07, 1973 in La Mesa, San Diego, CA¹.
- 9 ii. Christina Rachelle Stenstadvold³, born January 12, 1975¹.

4. Susan Jean³ Stenstadvold (Barbara Pauline² Larsen, Victor L.¹) was born August 15, 1950 in Fargo, Cass, ND¹. She married **(1) Rocky Albert Shadden** May 16, 1970 in Lemon Grove, San Diego, CA⁴, son of Loren Winn and Loretta Jones. He was born April 15, 1947 in Washington, DC⁴. She married **(2) Richard Eugene Chapman** April 12, 1997 in Broomfield, Boulder, CO⁴, son of Donald Chapman and Pattie Reed. He was born February 10, 1957⁴.

Children of Susan Stenstadvold and Rocky Shadden are:

- + 10 i. Kimberly Sue⁴ Shadden, born May 30, 1974 in San Diego, San Diego, CA.
- + 11 ii. Bethany Sue Shadden, born May 05, 1976 in San Diego, San Diego, CA.
- 12 iii. Daniel Stenstadvold Shadden, born December 23, 1983 in Oceanside, San Diego, CA¹.

Generation No. 3

5. Kelly Lynn⁴ Jones (Rebecca Ann³ Stenstadvold, Barbara Pauline² Larsen, Victor L.¹) was born April 18, 1966 in San Diego, San Diego, CA¹. She married **Alexander Lee Neil, Jr.**, April 06, 1991 in Escondido, San Diego, CA^{1,5}, son of Alexander Lee Neil, Sr. and Marilyn Grace Jenkins. He was born May 4, 1955 in Pittsburgh, PA⁵.

Children of Kelly Jones and Alexander Neil are:

- 13 i. Katherine Leigh⁵ Neil, born September 26, 1992 in Escondido, San Diego, CA¹.
- 14 ii. Alexander Lee Neil III, born September 24, 1993 in Escondido, San Diego, CA¹.
- 15 iii. Stephen Scott Neil, born October 03, 1994 in Escondido, San Diego, CA^{1,5}.

6. Shelly Marie⁴ Jones (Rebecca Ann³ Stenstadvold, Barbara Pauline² Larsen, Victor L.¹) was born April 18, 1966 in San Diego, San Diego, CA¹. She married **(1) Tim Rhodes¹** December 18, 1990 in Honolulu, Honolulu, HI¹. She married **(2) Mark Weisenfeld¹** September 26, 1997 in Birmingham, AL.

Child of Shelly Jones and Tim Rhodes is:

- 16 i. Molly Lee⁵ Rhodes, born March 04, 1995 in Birmingham, AL¹.

7. Lisa Ann⁴ Jones (Rebecca Ann³ Stenstadvold, Barbara Pauline² Larsen, Victor L.¹) was born August 24, 1967 in San Diego, San Diego, CA¹. She married **Richard Alan Palmer¹** February 14, 1987¹.

Children of Lisa Jones and Richard Palmer are:

- 17 i. Joshua David⁵ Palmer, born October 13, 1985 in Escondido, San Diego, CA¹.
- 18 ii. Justin Michael Palmer, born August 09, 1988 in Escondido, San Diego, CA¹.
- 19 iii. Jordan Ann Palmer, born October 18, 1992 in Escondido, San Diego, CA¹.

10. Kimberly Sue⁴ Shadden (Susan Jean³ Stenstadvold, Barbara Pauline² Larsen, Victor L.¹) was born May 30, 1974 in San Diego, San Diego, CA¹. She married **Todd Allen Bates** October 28, 1995 in Vista, San Diego, CA¹, son of Dennis James Bates and Grace Marie Socha. He was born November 26, 1967 in Escondido, San Diego, CA¹.

Child of Kimberly Shadden and Todd Bates is:

- 20 i. Shaelie Sue⁵ Bates, born September 18, 1997 in Escondido, San Diego, CA¹.

11. Bethany Sue⁴ Shadden (Susan Jean³ Stenstadvold, Barbara Pauline² Larsen, Victor L.¹) was born May 05, 1976 in San Diego, San Diego, CA¹. She met **Unknown**.

Child of Bethany Shadden and Unknown is:

- 21 i. Mikayla Sue⁵ Shadden, born November 26, 1998 in Escondido, San Diego, CA¹.

Endnotes

1. *Family Data Sheet completed by Bobbi Stenstadvold - 9/25/1998.*
2. *Family Data Sheet completed by Becky Mason - 10/11/1998.*
3. *E-mail from Stan Stenstadvold - 10/2/1998.*
4. *Family Data Sheet completed by Susan Chapman - 10/1/1998.*
5. *E-mail from Kelly Neil - 10/24/1998.*
5. *E-mail from Kim Bates - 11/2/1998.*

*Descendants of Donald Wayne Larsen**Generation No. 1*

1. Donald Wayne² Larsen (Victor L.¹) was born April 27, 1933 in Kearney, Buffalo, NE¹. He married **(1) Reba Louise Taylor** September 21, 1950 in Henrietta, Clay, TX¹. She was born July 09, 1934 in Wichita Falls, Archer, TX¹. He married **(2) Judy Carrol Tate** June 05, 1965 in Iola, KS¹. She was born October 03, 1946 in Iola, KS¹.

Children of Donald Larsen and Reba Taylor are:

- 2 i. Gary Wayne³ Larsen, born August 13, 1952 in Burtonwood, England¹.
- 3 ii. Stephen Roy Larsen, born December 03, 1953 in Wichita Falls, Archer, TX¹.

Endnotes

1. *Family Data Sheet completed by Don Larsen 7/15/1998.*

Descendants of Robert Richard Ross

Generation No. 1

1. Robert Richard⁴ “Bob” Ross (George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born January 08, 1926 in Lewellen, Garden, NE¹, died January 26, 1998 in Merrill, Klamath, OR¹, and is buried in Eagle Point National Cemetery, Eagle Point, Jackson, OR¹. He married **Violet May “Vi” Westman** May 15, 1946 in Inglewood, Los Angeles, CA², daughter of Elmer Westman and Lena Ring. She was born May 16, 1926 in Duluth, St. Louis, MN².

Children of Robert Ross and Violet Westman are:

- + 2 i. Gary Lee⁵ Ross, born June 21, 1948.
- + 3 ii. Mary Ann Ross, born June 04, 1949 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR.
- + 4 iii. Karen Sue Ross, born October 04, 1950 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR.

Generation No. 2

2. Gary Lee⁵ Ross (Robert Richard⁴, George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born June 21, 1948³. He married **(1) Karen Gay Rhinevault³** March 25, 1967³. She was born February 20, 1948 in Oakridge, Lane, OR³. He married **(2) Gwen Barton³** May 1974³. He married **(3) Shirley England²**. She was born September 09, 1947².

Children of Gary Ross and Karen Rhinevault are:

- + 5 i. Bruce Allen⁶ Ross, born October 02, 1967 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR.
- + 6 ii. Lori Jean Ross, born August 06, 1969 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR.

Children of Gary Ross and Gwen Barton are:

- 7 i. William Shawn⁶ Ross, born June 06, 1973³; Adopted child. He married Veronica Lee Haskins August 1998³.
- + 8 ii. Tammy Michelle Ross, born April 21, 1975.

3. Mary Ann⁵ Ross (Robert Richard⁴, George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born June 04, 1949 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR². She married **Dennis Kerns²**.

Children of Mary Ross and Dennis Kerns are:

- + 9 i. Marci Lynn⁶ Kerns, born August 21 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR.
- + 10 ii. Angela Kay Kerns, born August 29, 1967.

4. Karen Sue⁵ Ross (Robert Richard⁴, George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born October 04, 1950 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR². She married **(1) Dennis Amacker⁴**. She married **(2) Rick Maxwell⁴**.

Children of Karen Ross and Dennis Amacker are:

- + 11 i. Dena Marie⁶ Amacker, born May 31, 1972.
- 12 ii. Brenda Sue Amacker, born August 30, 1973².

Generation No. 3

5. Bruce Allen⁶ Ross (Gary Lee⁵, Robert Richard⁴, George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born October 02, 1967 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR³. He married **Celenia Cordova³**.

Children of Bruce Ross and Celenia Cordova are:

- 13 i. Robert Bruce⁷ Ross, born January 1989³.
- 14 ii. Brucito Allen Ross, born June 1990³.

6. Lori Jean⁶ Ross (Gary Lee⁵, Robert Richard⁴, George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born August 06, 1969 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR³. She married **David Wayne Fritcher** October 30, 1987 in Anchorage, Anchorage, AK. He was born August 22, 1966 in Bloomington, McLean, IL³.

Children of Lori Ross and David Fritcher are:

- 15 i. Justin David⁷ Fritcher, born August 14, 1990 in Spokane, Spokane, WA³.
- 16 ii. Megan Nicole Fritcher, born September 11, 1994 in Spokane, WA³.

8. Tammy Michelle⁶ Ross (Gary Lee⁵, Robert Richard⁴, George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born April 21, 1975³. She married **William Jess Reinke** May 1992³.

Child of Tammy Ross and William Reinke is:

- 17 i. Jeffery Allen⁷ Reinke, born April 02, 1992³.

9. Marci Lynn⁶ Kerns (Mary Ann⁵ Ross, Robert Richard⁴, George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born August 21 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR². She married **Chad Reuter**⁴.

Child of Marci Kerns and Chad Reuter is:

- 18 i. Daughter⁷ Reuter, born June 18, 1998 in Rapid City, Pennington, SD².

10. Angela Kay⁶ Kerns (Mary Ann⁵ Ross, Robert Richard⁴, George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born August 29, 1967². She married **Don Clabaugh**⁴.

Child of Angela Kerns and Don Clabaugh is:

- 19 i. Son⁷ Clabaugh, born September 15, 1989 in Alliance, Box Butte, NE².

11. Dena Marie⁶ Amacker (Karen Sue⁵ Ross, Robert Richard⁴, George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born May 31, 1972². She married **Jimmy Hofstetter**⁴.

Children of Dena Amacker and ? Hofstetter are:

- 20 i. Kylee Morgan⁷ Hofstetter, born May 30, 1993 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR².
- 21 ii. Amaya Brittany Hofstetter, born October 26, 1998 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR².

Endnotes

1. *Funeral Handout for Bob Ross.*
2. *Letter from Violet Ross - 10/9/1998.*
3. *E-mail from Lori Fritcher - 10/6/1998.*
4. *Letter from Violet Ross - 11/1/1998.*

Descendants of Albert Byron Ross

Generation No. 1

1. **Albert Byron⁴ Ross** (George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born April 17, 1928. He married **Judith ?**.

Descendants of John Burgess Ross

Generation No. 1

1. **John Burgess⁴ Ross** (George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born April 17, 1928 in Lewellen, Garden, NE¹. He married **May Louise Foltz**, daughter of Lester Foltz and Thelma ?. She was born June 06, 1936 in Arkansas City, Cowley, KS¹.

Children of John Ross and May Foltz are:

- + 2 i. Lynn Marie⁵ Ross, born March 24, 1958 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR.
- 3 ii. Donald Eugene Ross, born June 16, 1960 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR¹.
- 4 iii. John Scott Ross, born September 21, 1964 in Mount Shasta, Siskiyou, CA¹.

Generation No. 2

2. **Lynn Marie⁵ Ross** (John Burgess⁴, George Richard³, Albert Simon², Samuel H.¹) was born March 24, 1958 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR¹. She married **(1) Allen Kent^{1,2}**. He was born August 04, 1956². She met **(2) Unknown**. She married **(3) Harold A. Bailey²**. He was born December 15, 1943².

Child of Lynn Ross and Allen Kent is:

- 5 i. Brian John⁶ Kent, born January 07, 1980 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR².

Child of Lynn Ross and Unknown is:

- 6 i. Lindsey Dawn⁶ Kent, born March 15, 1982 in Klamath Falls, Klamath, OR².

Endnotes

1. Letter from John B. Ross - 8/28/1998.
2. Telephone Interview with Lynn Bailey - 9/23/1998.

*Descendants of Ella Mae Ross**Generation No. 1*

1. **Ella Mae² Ross** (Samuel H.¹) was born December 28, 1862 in Big Mound, Lee, IA¹, and died August 31, 1945 in Lewellen, Garden, NE¹. She married **Joseph Monroe Brunt** September 30, 1891 in Ogallala, Keith, NE², son of Joseph Brunt and Emma. He was born July 12, 1858 in Rahway, Union, NJ¹, and died April 14, 1945 in Lewellen, Garden, NE⁹.

Children of Ella Ross and Joseph Brunt are:

- + 2 i. Ethel³ Brunt, born September 05, 1893; died August 17, 1995.
- + 3 ii. Nerva V. Brunt, born September 14, 1896; died January 05, 1978.
- + 4 iii. Clayton Ware Brunt, born April 14, 1899 in Lewellen, Garden, NE; died May 19, 1976 in Lewellen, Garden, NE.
- + 5 iv. Edith Mae Brunt, born May 01, 1901 in Lewellen, Garden, NE; died July 04, 1986 in Oshkosh, Garden, NE.

Generation No. 2

2. **Ethel³ Brunt** (Ella Mae² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born September 05, 1893³, and died August 17, 1995³. She married **George West** May 02, 1912⁴.

Children of Ethel Brunt and George West are:

- 6 i. Opal⁴ West, born August 03, 1913⁴.
- 7 ii. Ruth West, born January 03, 1915⁴.
- 8 iii. George West, born June 02, 1917^{3,4}; died February 1975³.
- 9 iv. Henry West, born April 18, 1919⁴.
- 10 v. Anna May West, born May 28, 1921⁴.
- 11 vi. Arnold West, born March 17, 1934⁴.

3. **Nerva V.³ Brunt** (Ella Mae² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born September 14, 1896^{3,5}, died January 05, 1978^{3,5} and is buried in Ash Hollow Cemetery, Lewellen, NE. She married **Joseph Roberts** March 03, 1922⁴.

Children of Nerva Brunt and Joseph Roberts are:

- 12 i. Elaine⁴ Roberts, born January 11, 1923⁴.
- 13 ii. Joseph Roberts, born August 16, 1925⁴.
- 14 iii. Mary Paige Roberts, born October 21, 1932⁴.

4. **Clayton Ware³ Brunt** (Ella Mae² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born April 14, 1899 in Lewellen, Garden, NE⁶, and died May 19, 1976 in Lewellen, Garden, NE⁶. He married **Lucy Iva Miles** June 11, 1924 in Julesburg, Sedgwick, CO⁶. She was born September 29, 1905¹⁰, and died January 19, 1995¹⁰. Both are buried in Ash Hollow Cemetery, Lewellen, NE.

Child of Clayton Brunt and Lucy Miles is:

- 15 i. Clayton Monroe⁴ Brunt, born June 10, 1925⁷. He married Joan Delatour December 25, 1946⁷.

5. **Edith Mae³ Brunt** (Ella Mae² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born May 01, 1901 in Lewellen, Garden, NE⁸, and died July 04, 1986 in Oshkosh, Garden, NE⁸. She married **Paul Podkonyak** February 02, 1924⁴. He was born December 15, 1897 in Gospic, Austria¹¹, and died December 24, 1988 in Lewellen, Garden, NE¹¹. Both are buried in Ash Hollow Cemetery, Lewellen, NE.

Children of Edith Brunt and Paul Podkonyak are:

- 16 i. June⁴ Podkonyak, born March 18, 1929⁴.
- 17 ii. Johnny Podkonyak, born October 12, 1933⁴.

Endnotes

1. Garden County News, "Obituary for Ella Mae Brunt," September 6, 1945.
2. *Marriage License of Joseph and Ella Mae Brunt*.
3. Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 2, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S.
4. Donna Hoaglin, Descendants of Samuel Ross Listing, 9/24/1998.
5. *Funeral Handout for Nerva Roberts*.
6. "Obituary for Clayton W. Brunt."
7. Interview with Monroe and Joan Brunt - 7/30/1998.
8. *Funeral Handout for Edith Podkonyak*.
9. Garden County News, "Obituary for Joseph M. Brunt," April 19, 1945.
10. Tombstone of Lucy I. Brunt.
11. *Funeral Handout for Paul Podkonyak*.

Descendants of William Sherman Ross

Generation No. 1

1. William Sherman² Ross (Samuel H.¹) was born July 29, 1865 in Cedar Twp., Lee Co., IA¹, and died January 06, 1939 in Hillsboro, Henry, IA^{2,3}. He married **Maude Clarinda Page** June 18, 1891 in Bonaparte, Van Buren, IA¹. She was born December 29, 1872 in Bonaparte, Van Buren, IA^{7,15}, and died October 03, 1940 in Hillsboro, Henry, IA^{4,15}. Both are buried in Sharon Cemetery, Primrose, IA.

Children of William Ross and Maude Page are:

- + 2 i. Wayne Carroll³ Ross, born September 21, 1894 in Cedar Twp., Lee Co., IA; died May 07, 1968 in Henry Co., IA.
- + 3 ii. Florence Leila Ross, born April 29, 1900 in Lee Co., IA; died October 20, 1991 in Mt. Pleasant, Henry, IA.

Generation No. 2

2. Wayne Carroll³ Ross (William Sherman², Samuel H.¹) was born September 21, 1894 in Cedar Twp., Lee Co., IA^{6,7}, and died May 07, 1968 in Henry Co., IA^{5,6}. He married **Mary Edith DeRosear** March 14, 1919 in Fort Madison, Lee, IA^{8,9}, daughter of Albert DeRosear and Emma Saxe. She was born July 30, 1900 in Big Mound, Lee, IA^{6,10}, died November 08, 1992 in Mt. Pleasant, Van Buren, KS⁶, and is buried in Hillsboro Cemetery, Hillsboro, IA.

Children of Wayne Ross and Mary DeRosear are:

- 4 i. Milan Carroll⁴ Ross¹⁰, born October 24, 1919⁸.
- 5 ii. William Melvin Ross¹⁰, born August 23, 1922⁸.
- + 6 iii. Estelle Eileen Ross, born January 09, 1926 in Hillsboro, Van Buren, IA.

3. Florence Leila³ Ross (William Sherman², Samuel H.¹) was born April 29, 1900 in Lee Co., IA^{6,11}, and died October 20, 1991 in Mt. Pleasant, Henry, IA^{6,11}. She married **Russell Paul Nicholson** September 04, 1919 in Big Mound, Lee, IA^{8,13}, son of Nathan Nicholson and Flora Prottsman. He was born March 31, 1890 in Oakland Mills, Henry, IA^{6,13}, and died January 27, 1968 in Mt. Pleasant, Van Buren, KS^{6,13}. Both are buried in the Salem East Cemetery, Salem, IA.

Children of Florence Ross and Russell Nicholson are:

- + 7 i. Donna Jean⁴ Nicholson, born February 05, 1922.
- 8 ii. Ross P. Nicholson, born May 24, 1927⁸; died May 24, 1927⁸.

Generation No. 3

6. Estelle Eileen⁴ Ross (Wayne Carroll³, William Sherman², Samuel H.¹) was born January 09, 1926 in Hillsboro, Van Buren, IA⁸. She married **Robert V. Boley** April 07, 1944 in San Diego, San Diego, CA¹⁴, son of Harvey Boley and Beatrice Dodds. He was born September 14, 1925 in Hillsboro, Van Buren, IA^{6,14}, and died December 07, 1994 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, IA⁶.

Children of Estelle Ross and Robert Boley are:

- + 9 i. Pamela⁵ Boley, born August 31, 1953 in Fairfield, Jefferson, IA.
- + 10 ii. Michael Boley, born February 14, 1959 in Fairfield, Jefferson, IA.

7. Donna Jean⁴ Nicholson (Florence Leila³ Ross, William Sherman², Samuel H.¹) was born February 05, 1922⁸. She married **(1) Kenneth Remick¹²**. She married **(2) William M. Hoaglin¹²**.

Child of Donna Nicholson and Kenneth Remick is:

- + 11 i. Russell⁵ Remick.

Generation No. 4

9. Pamela⁵ Boley (Estelle Eileen⁴ Ross, Wayne Carroll³, William Sherman², Samuel H.¹) was born August 31, 1953 in Fairfield, Jefferson, IA¹⁴. She married **Charles Wertz¹⁴**. He was born June 22, 1951 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, IA¹⁴.

Children of Pamela Boley and Charles Wertz are:

- 12 i. Ryan Charles⁶ Wertz, born September 12, 1985¹⁴.
- 13 ii. Gretchen Mary Wertz, born November 13, 1990¹⁴.

10. Michael⁵ Boley (Estelle Eileen⁴ Ross, Wayne Carroll³, William Sherman², Samuel H.¹) was born February 14, 1959 in Fairfield, Jefferson, IA¹⁴. He married **Unknown**.

Child of Michael Boley and Unknown is:

- 14 i. Heather Lynn⁶ Boley, born April 03, 1986¹⁴.

11. Russell⁵ Remick (Donna Jean⁴ Nicholson, Florence Leila³ Ross, William Sherman², Samuel H.¹)¹². He married **Judith Morrow¹²**.

Children of Russell Remick and Judith Morrow are:

- 15 i. Joseph⁶ Remick¹².
- 16 ii. Larry Remick¹².
- 17 iii. Jeanna Remick¹².

Endnotes

1. "Birth, Marriage and Death Listings of Albert and Sara Ross."
2. *Sharon Cemetery Listing, Harrison Twp., Lee Co., IA.*
3. "Obituary for Sherman Ross," The Van Buren Record - Jan. 12, 1939.
4. "Obituary for Maude Ross," The Van Buren Record - Oct. 10, 1940.
5. "Obituary for Wayne Ross," The Van Buren Record - May 9, 1968.
6. Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 2, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S.
7. *Birth Book Two - 1889-1896, Lee County Iowa*, (Iowa Genealogical Society), 101.
8. Donna Hoaglin, *Descendants of Samuel Ross Listing*, 9/24/1998.
9. "Obituary for Mary Edith Ross," Van Buren County Leader-Record - 11/12/1992.
10. "Hillsboro Cemetery, Henry Co., IA Listing," pg 39.
11. *Funeral Handout for Florence Nicholson.*
12. *History of Henry County Iowa*, pg 343.
13. "Obituary for Russell Nicholson," Record-Republican, Bonaparte, IA - 2/1/1968.
14. Donna Hoaglin, *Descendants of Samuel Ross Listing Update - 9/30/1998.*
15. *Letter from Donna Hoaglin - 9/17/1998.*

*Descendants of Ira Brown Ross**Generation No. 1*

1. Ira Brown² “Cody” Ross (Samuel H.¹) was born July 28, 1867 in Lee Co., IA¹, died August 18, 1943 in Hillsboro, Henry, IA², and is buried in Hillsboro Cemetery, Hillsboro, IA. He married **Anna Leeman** March 10, 1891 in Fort Madison, Lee, IA³. She was born February 24, 1871 in Keokuk, Lee, IA^{1,2}, and died February 24, 1926².

Children of Ira Ross and Anna Leeman are:

- + 2 i. Alfred Ira³ Ross, born September 06, 1891 in Mt. Hamill, IA; died December 02, 1960.
- + 3 ii. Mary I. Ross, born November 05, 1895; died September 03, 1987 in Fort Madison, Lee, IA.

Generation No. 2

2. Alfred Ira³ Ross (Ira Brown², Samuel H.¹) was born September 06, 1891 in Mt. Hamill, IA¹, and died December 02, 1960². He married **Vern Anderson** November 25, 1914². She was born October 04, 1894^{2,4}, and died June 19, 1986^{2,4}.

Child of Alfred Ross and Vern Anderson is:

- + 4 i. Harry Wade⁴ Ross, born March 24, 1920; died April 15, 1993.

3. Mary I.³ Ross (Ira Brown², Samuel H.¹) was born November 05, 1895⁴, and died September 03, 1987 in Fort Madison, Lee, IA^{2,4}. She married **Jesse J. Thornton²** March 14, 1914². He was born October 04, 1894^{2,4}, and died December 1970^{2,4}.

Children of Mary Ross and Jesse Thornton are:

- 5 i. Ross L.⁴ Thornton, born March 01, 1914². He married Carrol Gillis².
- + 6 ii. Eleanor Thornton, born March 12, 1915.
- + 7 iii. Mildred Thornton, born October 23, 1918.
- 8 iv. William I. Thornton, born March 12, 1921². He married Shirley Moore².
- 9 v. Roger Thornton, born September 01, 1924².

Generation No. 3

4. Harry Wade⁴ Ross (Alfred Ira³, Ira Brown², Samuel H.¹) was born March 24, 1920^{2,4}, and died April 15, 1993^{2,4}. He married **Hilda Hite²** January 01, 1948 in New London, Henry, IA², daughter of Ira Hite and Daisy Hummell. She was born August 20, 1917 in Trenton, Henry, IA^{2,4}, died January 05, 1977 in Henry Co., IA^{2,4}, and is buried in Green Mound Cemetery, location unknown.

Children of Harry Ross and Hilda Hite are:

- 10 i. Patty Kay⁵ Ross².
- 11 ii. Dorothy May Ross². She married ? McDougal².
- 12 iii. Elizabeth Ross². She married ? Early².
- 13 iv. Robert Eugene Ross².

6. Eleanor⁴ Thornton (Mary I.³ Ross, Ira Brown², Samuel H.¹) was born March 12, 1915². She married **Russell Cassady** October 17, 1936².

Child of Eleanor Thornton and Russell Cassady is:

- 14 i. Beverly Jean⁵ Cassady, born April 23, 1938².

7. Mildred⁴ Thornton (Mary I.³ Ross, Ira Brown², Samuel H.¹) was born October 23, 1918². She married **(1) Lloyd Todd⁵**. She married **(2) Robert Dorothy⁵**.

Child of Mildred Thornton and Robert Dorothy is:

- 15 i. Charlotte Ann⁵ Dorothy, born January 04, 1940². She married ? Sterrett⁵.

Endnotes

1. *Birth Book Two - 1889-1896, Lee County Iowa*, (Iowa Genealogical Society), 98, Birthplace from birth record of son Alfred Ira Ross.
2. Donna Hoaglin, *Descendants of Samuel Ross Listing*, 9/24/1998.
3. "Birth, Marriage and Death Listings of Albert and Sara Ross."
4. Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 2, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S.
5. Donna Hoaglin, *Descendants of Samuel Ross Listing Update - 9/30/1998*.

*Descendants of Adaline Pease Ross**Generation No. 1*

1. Adaline Pease² “Addie” Ross (Samuel H.¹) was born September 26, 1869 in Lee Co., IA^{1,2}, and died 1956 in Iron Mountain, Dickinson, MI². She married **William H. Etk**a February 17, 1892 in Fort Madison, Lee, IA³. He was born Abt. 1863 in Lee Co., IA³.

Children of Adaline Ross and William Etk are:

- + 2 i. Mary Hazel³ Etk, born September 28, 1893.
- 3 ii. (Male) Etk, born October 08, 1893 in Cedar Twp., Lee Co., IA¹.
- + 4 iii. Wilbur H. Etk, born April 18, 1897; died September 1977.
- + 5 iv. Raymond Lester Etk, born April 21, 1905; died January 1980.
- + 6 v. Dorothy Grace Virginia Etk, born June 30, 1906; died November 13, 1989.

Generation No. 2

2. Mary Hazel³ Etka (Adaline Pease² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born September 28, 1893². She married **Elsworth Stout** December 01, 1914².

Child of Mary Etk and Elsworth Stout is:

- 7 i. Shirley Jean⁴ Stout, born October 23, 1936².

4. Wilbur H.³ Etka (Adaline Pease² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born April 18, 1897⁴, and died September 1977⁴. He married **Muriel A. Briggs** December 13, 1922².

Children of Wilbur Etk and Muriel Briggs are:

- 8 i. Doris Muriel⁴ Etk, born November 06, 1923².
- 9 ii. Loren Ross Etk, born March 12, 1925².

5. Raymond Lester³ Etka (Adaline Pease² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born April 21, 1905^{2,4}, and died January 1980⁴. He married **Lena Teach** July 1926². She was born January 23, 1910⁴, and died December 1984⁴.

Children of Raymond Etk and Lena Teach are:

- 10 i. Robert⁴ Etk, born April 06, 1927².
- 11 ii. Donald Raymond Etk, born May 16, 1929².
- 12 iii. Beverly Joyce Etk, born May 1931².

6. Dorothy Grace Virginia³ Etka (Adaline Pease² Ross, Samuel H.¹) was born June 30, 1906^{2,4}, and died November 13, 1989⁴. She married **Alexander M. Barr** September 27, 1923². He was born August 02, 1901⁴, and died June 1986⁴.

Children of Dorothy Etk and Alexander Barr are:

- 13 i. Beatrice Adaline⁴ Barr, born October 15, 1924². She married George J. Brozovich October 1942².
- 14 ii. Vera Charline Barr, born April 14, 1929².
- 15 iii. William Ronald Barr, born May 1934².
- 16 iv. Patricia Jean Barr, born March 13, 1936².
- 17 v. Roger Alexander Barr, born September 1937²; died February 1991⁴.
- 18 vi. Nancy Marie Barr, born September 1938².

Endnotes

1. *Birth Book Two - 1889-1896, Lee County Iowa*, (Iowa Genealogical Society).
2. Donna Hoaglin, *Descendants of Samuel Ross Listing*, 9/24/1998.
3. "Birth, Marriage and Death Listings of Albert and Sara Ross."
4. Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S.

Addendum

Descendants of William Melvin Ross

Generation No. 1

1. William Melvin⁴ Ross (Wayne Carroll³, William Sherman², Samuel H.¹) was born August 23, 1922 in Hillsboro, Henry, IA^{1,2}. He married **Katherine Rebecca King** June 09, 1946 in Salem, Henry, IA², daughter of George King and Gladys White. She was born October 01, 1926 in Salem, Henry, IA².

Children of William Ross and Katherine King are:

- + 2 i. Penelope Kay⁵ Ross, born December 10, 1953 in Burlington, Des Moines, IA.
- + 3 ii. Tony William Ross, born July 20, 1955 in Mt. Pleasant, Henry, IA.
- + 4 iii. Kellie Renee Ross, born February 16, 1962 in Mt. Pleasant, Henry, IA.

Generation No. 2

2. Penelope Kay⁵ Ross (William Melvin⁴, Wayne Carroll³, William Sherman², Samuel H.¹) was born December 10, 1953 in Burlington, Des Moines, IA². She married **Dennis Ensminger** July 17, 1982 in Westwood, Henry, IA³, son of Ira Ensminger and Marie Anderson. He was born October 13, 1951 in Rome, Henry, IA³.

Children of Penelope Ross and Dennis Ensminger are:

- 5 i. Mary Katherine⁶ Ensminger, born January 02, 1986 in Burlington, Henry, IA².
- 6 ii. Kate Marie Ensminger, born August 12, 1987 in Burlington, Henry, IA².

3. Tony William⁵ Ross (William Melvin⁴, Wayne Carroll³, William Sherman², Samuel H.¹) was born July 20, 1955 in Mt. Pleasant, Henry, IA². He married **Janice Kay Denly** June 14, 1980 in Farmington, Van Buren, IA³, daughter of Robert Denly and Charlene ?. She was born April 14, 1961 in Keokuk, Lee, IA².

Children of Tony Ross and Janice Denly are:

- 7 i. Amanda Kay⁶ Ross, born December 18, 1980 in Keokuk, Lee, IA².
- 8 ii. Brandon William Ross, born March 07, 1982 in Keokuk, Lee, IA².

4. Kellie Renee⁵ Ross (William Melvin⁴, Wayne Carroll³, William Sherman², Samuel H.¹) was born February 16, 1962 in Mt. Pleasant, Henry, IA². She married **(1) Michael Eugene Kurre³** Bef. 1981 in MN³. She met **(2) ? Yordy** Af. 1981.

Child of Kellie Ross and Michael Kurre is:

- 9 i. Jessica Marie⁶ Yordy, born June 23, 1981².

Endnotes

1. Donna Hoaglin, Descendants of Samuel Ross Listing, 9/24/1998.
2. *Family Data Sheet completed by William M. Ross - 11/1/1998.*
3. *Letter from William M. Ross - 11/13/1998.*

APPENDIX B - The Family Photo Album



Albert Simon Ross - 1860-1938



**Ella Mae (Ross) Brunt
1862-1945**



**Joseph Monroe Brunt
1858-1945**



Ida Luella (Ross) Larsen
1901-1945



Victor L. Larsen
1902-1970

**Bobbi (Barbara Pauline Larsen) and Milton Stenstadvold
50th Wedding Anniversary - January 14, 1997**



Top Step (L-R): Kim and Todd Bates, Susan Chapman, Stan Stenstadvold, Mark and Shelly Weisenfeld, Becky and D. L. Mason.

Middle Step (L-R): Daniel Shadden, Bethany Shadden, Mark Stenstadvold, Christian Stenstadvold, Bobbi and Milton Stenstadvold, Alan and Lisa Plamer, Lee Neil.

First Step (L-R): Joshua, Justin, and Jordan Palmer, Katie Neil, Molly Rhodes, Kelly Neil, Stephen Neil.

Floor (L-R): Alex Neil.

Sarah Matilda (McCord) Ross
Wife of George Richard Ross
1901-1995



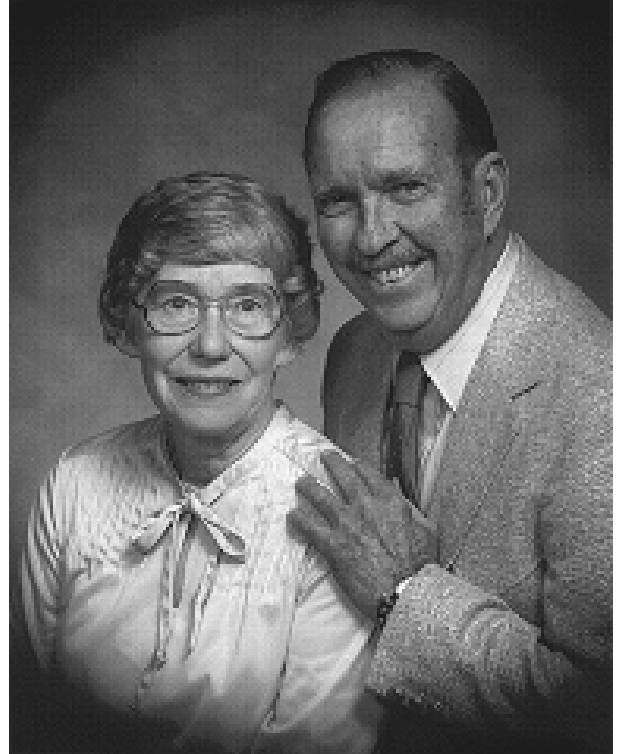
Robert Richard "Bob" Ross
1926-1998



Albert Byron and John Burgess Ross
Twins born April 17, 1928 -



**Carl Gossner and
Mary Estella (Ross) Bergquist
On their wedding day - 12/31/1913**



**Author's parents: Lois Jean (Bergquist)
- daughter of C. G. and Mary (Ross) Bergquist -
and Charles Elmer Tingley (1921-1992)**



**Pamela Jean (Lantzer) and
Brian Carl Tingley (author)**



**Jimmie J., Jr. and
Marti (Martha Tingley) Jensen**