

Information sent Ethel Dirr by Jessie Lilly Ebben re: Lilly Geneology - 1962

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### "10,000 Lillys Hold a Family Reunion"

Descendants of historic de Lisles stage 13th annual meeting

It was "L" Day in West Virginia. From all over the nation, members of the Lilly family gathered at Flat Top, W. Va., for their 13th annual reunion. They swarmed over the neighboring mountainsides. They also brought along a full-fledged carnival, a political convention, a mass picnic, and a small scale aerial armada of light planes which constantly droned overhead with sight-seers. The Lillys are a proud historic clan. Their easy drawls and tanned faces give little evidence of French ancestry. Yet the family line runs back to Sirs John and Robert de Lisle of Normandy, France. With William the Conqueror, they invaded England in 1066. The first Lilly to come to America landed in Virginia in 1634.

Tradition did not encumber the reunion with too many formalities. "The Marseillase", French national anthem, composed by a de Lisle, was trumpeted a dozen times as the "family" song. But primarily, the Lillys came to shake hands, find out who had passed on, who had been born and to have a hearty time.

End.

Aunt Jessie's P.S. This article has pictures. The most important is of an old gentleman that particularly resembles my dad's brothers, Uncle Bud and Uncle J. P. (Pleasant), also resembles my dad and your Mom. It says he is the oldest Lilly - 102. I like this picture so much because it is a dead ringer for the Lilly profile.

Quote from Jessie Ebben: 1962 - I may not have told you but we have 11 generations - no missing links - straight back to the Hardins (Hardouin-French spelling) of Rouen in Normandy, France. We have a missing link in the Lilly Geneology. We still have no absolute proof as to who the father of David Lilly (my great-grandfather) was. They have clues but there has to be proof. I thought it was interesting to find out that both Lillys and Hardins came from Normandy, France but different cities and met and married generations later in Kentucky - John Lilly and Amanda Hardin. They have the marriage bond of John and Amanda *not sure that's the correct name*

David Lilly - father of Judge John Pleasant Lilly who married Amanda Hardin - moved from Kentucky to Clinton Co. Mo., then to Gentry Co., Mo. John P. Lilly - father of Samuel Wesley Lilly. Aunt Jessie visited in Aug. 29, 1962, the Wabash Hotel, at Stanberry, Gentry Co., Mo. owned and operated by Judge John Pleasant Lilly. Also mentioned but not confirmed that Judge Lilly and son, Sam, built the hotel, a 2 story brick building of 34 to 40 rooms, and still in operation and good repair in 1962 but no food service. The Judge also had a farm and was Judge of the District Court. Judge Lilly and wife, Amanda, had 8 children, Samuel Wesley, John Pleasant, Enos (Bud), Mary Ann, Betty Amanda (Sis) and Eliza, *not necessarily in that order*. Amanda Hardin Lilly, the wife, died of cancer December 4, 1880 at Gentry Co., Mo. and Judge Lilly married again July 18, 1885 - Molly Longlegs - a nickname, perhaps, but not known. Judge Lilly died at Stanberry on Nov. 22, 1897.

Samuel Wesley Lilly and his wife, Mary Jane Hague Lilly were married at Stanberry and ran the hotel from the time of their marriage, July 8, 1875, until 1983 or 84.

The cemeteries in Stanberry - 4 of them - have many Hardins and Vances buried there.

Aunt Jessie took a picture of the Baptist church, Gentry Co., McFall, Mo. in 1962 when it was over 100 years old, where Eli P. Hardin and Mary (Polly) Vance were charter members. Eli was one of the 1st deacons. Three Hardin ancestors served in the Revolutionar War. Major John Hardin, son, Mark, and Mark's son, "Big" John Hardin. These 3 are depicted in the painting "Spirit of 76", as 3 generations. *40* Eli Paine Hardin is the eldest child of "Big" John Hardin and Elizabeth Paine and he married Mary (Polly) Vance. One of their children was Amanda Hardin, the wife of Judge John Pleasant Lilly and they were parents of Samuel Wesley Lilly.



*From Jessie Lilly Ebben*

Samuel Wesley Lilly, son of John Pleasant and Amanda Hardin Lilly, was born in Clinton County, Missouri Dec. 16th, 1853. They moved to Stanberry, Gentry Co., Mo. where some say he and his father built the Wabash Hotel, a 2 story, brick building of 34 to 40 rooms, which was still in operation when Jessie Lilly Ebben visited there in Aug. 1962. His father, also had a farm there and was Judge of the District Court. His father owned and operated the hotel. Sam had 2 brothers and 4 sisters, Enos (Bud), John, Mary Ann, Betty, Amanda (Sis) and Eliza.

Mary Jane Hague was born February 18, 1856 in Lawrence Co., Ohio or Laurence, Ohio to Uriah Hague and Ruth Rucker Hague. Her mother passed away in Ohio when Mary Jane was about 4. Mary Jane had 3 full brothers, Rueben, Amos and Joe and a sister, Mattie. Her father married again to

The step-mother was not good to the children and she had an unhappy childhood. She had some half-brothers, U.S., Mahlon (Dock), and Andy.

The family moved to Gentry Co., Mo. in 1872 when Mary Jane was 16 where she met Sam Lilly & Sam and Mary Jane were united in marriage at Stanberry, Gentry Co., Missouri at the home of E. F. Lilly by Rev. Tilberry - witnesses: James Hyten and Minnie Fisher. *July 8, 1875 (Enid?)*

Sam and Mary Jane ran the hotel after their marriage for a few years, then Minnie was born there 6/20/1876, Arod Reuben (Tom) was born June 21, 1878, John Wesley on May 20, 1880 and died July 10, 1880, Amy Charity was born March 18, 1882, all at Stanberry, Gentry Co. Mo.

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Around the early 50's Ford Magazine published a pictorial account of another Lilly reunion.

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## SAMUEL LILLY IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Samuel Wesley Lilly, octogenarian and an old settler in Nebraska, died at 12:20 p.m., Sunday, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. E. Bush, at Alda, following a lingering illness. The departed was born Dec. 16, 1853, in Gentry county, Missouri, where he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Hague, July 8, 1875. Mr. Lilly for many years was engaged in farming and had resided in the Juniata community.

Surviving to mourn his passing are two sons and four daughters, A. R. Lilly, of Caldwell, Ida.; W. F. Lilly, of Manhattan, Mont.; Mrs. I. C. Fitz, of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Bush, at Alda; Mrs. J. P. Ebben, of Lincoln, and Mrs. C. F. Hartz, of Eu-

gene, Ore.; 23 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, three brothers, E. F. and John Lilly, of Juniata, and J. P. Lilly, in California, and three sisters, Mrs. Amanda Rucker, of Parma, Ida.; Mrs. Betty Knight, of Pasadena, Cal., and Mrs. Robert Woods, of Kendrick, Okla.

Preceding him in death, besides his wife, were four daughters, Flossie and Ellen Lilly, Mrs. G. E. Fellows and Mrs. E. E. Moberly; a son, John Wesley Lilly; two brothers, Amos and Benjamin Lilly, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Moran.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, with a prayer service at the Bush residence in Alda, at 1:30 o'clock, and rites in the Methodist church at Juniata at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Wilson, of Alda, will officiate and burial will be in the Juniata cemetery.

Friends desiring to view the body may do so at the Bush home Tuesday morning.



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Samuel Wesley Lilly and Mary Jane Hague Lilly, called Sam & Jane, came to Nebraska from Bourbon, Kansas in 1888, with a covered wagon & team and what household goods they could carry in the wagon, with 4 children, Tom, Bud, Minnie and Amy. Flosa died on the way from Kansas to Nebraska at the age of 3 mos. on May 18, 1888. She was buried in Potter's field at Amicus or Americus, Kansas.

They were Pioneers coming to homestead the land. They filed on 160 acres of river bottom land on the N. Loup river. Sam had \$1. in his pocket on their arrival. He bought a cow on time which gave lots of milk. Mary Jane made butter, which she sold at 3¢ a pound, and cottage cheese. She cooked on the wood range outside on the prairie during the summer and all slept in the wagon and under it until they got their sod house built. Sam turned the sod over with a plow in 2 ft. wide strips, then cut up into pieces for the walls, laying them as one would with bricks. The house had 3 rooms, the kitchen & living room together in the middle, with a bedroom on each end. The bedroom floors were clay but the kitchen had a wooden floor, all the walls were clay which was mixed with water and plastered over the dirt and sod with a trowel. When it rained hard, the walls dripped. The roof was ~~not over bricks~~ *roof - not over bricks - over hay*

They had a sod barn and hen house and the children went to school in a sod school house. Their house was about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the river. Their post office address was Compton, Cherry County, later called Purdum, about 11 miles away and the nearest town was 25 miles - Thedford.

There was a spring on the land which they used for watering purposes. They dug a well and built a protective square around it with a cover, pulling their water up with a rope and pulley and bucket. They used coal and cow chips for fuel. *also corn stalks bound.* *Jack Rabbit & chicken ground*  
Mary Jane and Tom, who was 10 when they arrived, did the farm work and garden while Sam worked away at times for others, plowing and cultivating land for corn, etc., working ten hours a day for 75¢, plus dinner at noon. He also hunted prairie chickens, selling them in Thedford where they shipped them out in barrels by railroad. He played the fiddle for dances for 75¢ for all night in houses at neighborhood gatherings. They danced the Virginia Reel, waltz, two step, shottish and square dances. They later homesteaded an additional 480 acres of land on the bench adjoining the bottom land. They were permitted to homestead a section which is 640 acres and this completed the section. They had bunch grass for the cattle on the upland. They built a frame house there with a long kitchen, small living room and one bedroom on the first floor, 2 bedrooms and an attic over the kitchen upstairs and moved in the spring of 1900.

For their social life, there were literary societies, debates, box suppers, dances. Samuel read the bible daily to his family. He was a Baptist, and had been baptized at the age of 17. Mary Jane was baptized in the N. Loop River by a Campbellite preacher, Mr. O'Neal. They had church in the school house and heard the sermons of preachers who traveled thro' the country. Mr. O'Neal from Missouri located near Purdum and preached in the school house for a long time. He was a blackboard preacher which Mary Jane enjoyed. The O'Neals were very poor - no collection was taken. Sam let them have a cow to milk for a year and gave them feed for her. Folks gave them potatoes and cabbage & kraut. Everyone made lots of kraut and sold it for 15¢ a gallon. *Most kinds of cabbage weighing 18 lbs*  
The four girls, Edla, Viola, Zella and Jessie were born on this homestead. At their frame house they had a windmill and pump for the well, with storage tanks, one for the barn and one for the house. During this time, Mary Jane rode the 25 miles into Thedford in a wagon, had all her teeth pulled at one time (they were so deep and all had to be dug out so she was very ill) and rode all the way back the same day. She was a beautiful seamstress, good housekeeper and a good cook - an excellent meat cook. In the spring of 1902, Viola, 9, Zella, 7 and Jessie, 5, all had scarlet fever. Edla went home with her sister Amy, who was married, and stayed several weeks so didn't take it. The girls were out of their heads part of the time and very ill with no doctor. Sam rode 25 miles to Thedford to get nitre for the fever and they blew sulfur into their throats.

In 1903, Sam and Mary Jane, Edla, Viola, Zella and Jessie left the homestead in Nebr. in 2 covered wagons with 1 team of horses and 1 of mules. Jane drove the horses; Sam drove the mules. Jess Rucker (George's brother) who was 21, had his horse and saddle and went with them to Stroud, Oklahoma for Sam's health. His sister, Eliza Wood and sister, Mary Ann Moran lived there. Their daughter, Amy Lilly Moberly, and her husband Elmer rented the homestead for a while. Later, daughter Minnie Lilly Fellows and her husband Bert, lived on it until the family came back the spring of 1905. They started back to Purdum with 1 wagon and the team of horses, shipping some of their household goods, went only 100 miles when Sam and Zella became very ill, so sold the wagon and mares, shipped everything by train, and went on themselves by train, stopping at Grandpa Hague's home at Lyons, Kansas (Mary Jane's father) where they stayed for two weeks as Grandpa Hague was on his deathbed. Grandpa Hague had \$500. under his mattress and the day they left, Aunt Meade hugged and kissed them and shed tears as they boarded the train, but as soon as they were on the train, she had Mary Jane's step-brother, Andy, *her husband* call the police, accusing them of taking the \$500. They were taken off the train at Topeka, arrested and searched and found no money. Sam spent the night in jail; mother and girls spent the night in a hotel. They were released the next morning and continued on as neighbors said Aunt Meade had stolen the money.



Back on the homestead at Purdum, they had their first telephone about 1906. Sam Lilly loved to trade & move about so in 1908 he traded the homestead for a place in Ravenna, Nebr., a 160 acre farm with a 6 room frame house and a frame barn. They also had a better school. At this time, Mary Jane became quite ill and spent a year in bed. At times, she couldn't keep milk or ice cream down and Viola took care of her mother most of the time. Edla was with her sister, Amy, in Cheyenne, helping her with her twin boys and family. Zella helped her father with the farm work and milking. The land was poorer but they stayed on until 1913. Edla was married the spring of 1910; Viola was married Feb. 2, 1913. In 1913, Sam traded for a place on the Dismal River, 9 miles out of Dunning, Nebr., where daughter, Minnie and her family lived. This was a farm of 160 acres, with a sod house, sod barn, sod chicken house and frame outhouse. The house had a kitchen, big living room and 2 bedrooms with floors of wood and plastered walls. They lived there until 1915. They moved to Mason City, Nebr. in 1915 to a 160 acre farm which had a small frame house with 2 bedrooms, living room and kitchen. Mother and girls stayed here while Sam batched at Linscott, Nebr. and built a house with a big kitchen, large living room and 2 bedrooms on a 240 acre farm. They had a nice barn, sod chicken house. Zella was married in Grand Island at the Methodist Parsonage on March 21, 1917 to Charles F. Hauck and they lived in Mason City, Nebr. (They moved into the house at Linscott in 1916.) The spring of 1917, Sam traded the Linscott place for a house and a couple of acres in Brownsville, Nebr. near the Missouri River. They had a frame house built into a side hill, with living room, kitchen & bedroom downstairs, 2 bedrooms upstairs. They had an acre of Concord grapes and Jane loved this place best of all.

They moved to Kearney around 1920, living in town, until about 1922, when Same traded for a farm, south of Kearney, with a big frame house where they had their first bathtub and washbowl, probably no toilet. They had 160 acres

They moved into the town of Juniata in 1924 and Jane died in that house, May 23, 1927 at the age of 71, probably of cancer. She had ulcers for years.

After Jane died, Sam lived in Juniata, Nebr. with Belle and John Moran, his niece and nephew. His brother, Bud Lilly, lived there, too, and his sister, Eliza Wood. In 1935, in February, he went to Alda, Nebr. to live with his daughter, Viola Bush, her husband, Bill, and their family and died there on Sunday, May 24th, 1936 at 12:20 p.m. at age 83. Services were held at the Juniata Methodist Church and burial was in the Juniata Cemetary beside his wife.

"Sam" Grandpa Lilly had an old cow named "Old Puss", black and gentle as could be, who always came in from the fields for milking with a very messy behind and tail. As he was milking her, she switched her tail and wiped him across the face with it. He was wiping his mouth with his red handkerchief and saying, "You old devil you! You ought to have a catalog tied to your <sup>also his big back</sup> ~~hind~~ end so you could wipe yourself!" Aunt Zella said she was so weak from laughing silently, she could hardly finish milking her cow. She didn't dare let her Dad know she was laughing.

A favorite expression of his was "Tom Walker and Rotten Tomatoes"!

[This family history was related to Ethel LaPash Dirr by Zella Hague Hauck, her aunt and sister to Ethel's mother Edla Laura Lilly LaPash Pitts, both daughters of Sam and Mary Jane Lilly, and was written up by Ethel Dirr.]

Amy was struck by lightning when 11 years old when they were living in the sod house while in bed with her sister, Edla Laura, both asleep. She was struck over the eye and lost the sight of that eye.

Wore glasses and in later years wore a dark lens over that eye. Committed suicide.

Mary Jane said to Sam, "A rolling stone gathers no moss." and Sam told her, "Yes, and a setting hen never gathers any feathers on her belly."

Ruby Redman said Grandpa Lilly put up a sign in their outhouse when she visited them in 1921 and it said: This is a nice little house

Don't Wet on the hole

Let's try to keep it neat

Don't mess on the seat!

He kept it scrubbed and clean.

Sam's sister, Betty Lilly Knight, wrote a book "The Meanderings of 85 Years". Her family lived around Pasadena - Tommy and John Knight - Calif.



NAME LILLY, Samuel Wesley  
 BORN December 16, 1853 PLACE Clinton County, Missouri  
 MARRIED July 8, 1875 PLACE Gentry County, Missouri, E.F. Lilly's home  
 DIED May 24, 1936, Sunday -12:30 PM PLACE Alda, Nebr., home of daughter  
 BURIED AT Juniata, Adams Co., Nebr. Viola Lilly Bush  
 RESIDED AT Operated Hotel - Stanberry, Mo.  
 OCCUPATION Homesteader, Farmer CHURCH AFF. Baptist at 17 yrs. of age  
 MILITARY SERVICE  
 FATHER John Pleasant Lilly (Judge) MOTHER (Maiden Name) Amanda Hardin  
 OTHER SPOUSE

(Tilberry)  
 NO. Rev. Tilberry  
by witnesses: John  
minnie Tilber  
 SOURCE OF INFORMATION  
 Samuel Lilly's family bible.  
 Jessie Lilly Ebben  
 Zella Lilly Hauck

SPOUSE Mary Jane Hague Lilly Baptized in N. Loop River by Campbellite preacher  
 BORN February 18, 1856 PLACE Lawrence Co. or Laurence, Ohio  
 DIED May 23, 1927 12 noon PLACE Juniata, Adams Co., Nebr.  
 BURIED AT Juniata, Adams Co., Nebr.  
 FATHER HAGUE, Reuben E. (Uriah) MOTHER (Maiden Name) Ruth Rucker  
 OTHER SPOUSE

CHILDREN	BORN		DIED		MARRIED
	DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	DATE & PLACE SPOUSE & PARENTAGE
1	Minnie Inez	June 20, 1876 Gentry Co. Mo. Stanberry (town)	June 24, 1932 Scottsbluff, Nebr. Cancer of spleen	Dec. 1, 1896	"Bert" George E. Fellows B. 12/15, 1874 D. 2/28, 1940
2	Arod Reuben (Tom)	June 21, 1878 Stanberry, Gentry Co., Mo.	March 27, 1966 Caldwell, Idaho Canyon Hill Cem.		
3	John Wesley	May 20, 1880 Stanberry, Gentry Co., Mo.	July 10, 1880 Stanberry, Gentry Co., Mo.		
4	Amy Charity	March 18, 1882 Stanberry, Gentry Co., Mo.	Jan. 14 or 15, 1934 Cheyenne, Wyo. - suicide (near Lakeview Cemetery over 100 ft. high)	May 2, 1898 Elmer Moberly died 11/14/1943 Lakeview Cemetery Cheyenne	
5	Walen Francis (Bud)	Oct. 14, 1884 Davis Co., Mo.	July 2, 1949 Bozeman, Mont. Three Forks "	May 2, 1909 Birdie Reed - divorced Aug. 1924 Violet Collins Died 12/12/1944	
6	Flosa Ellen	Feb. 10, 1888 Bourbon Co., Kans.	May 18, 1888 Amicus, Kansas (American?) Buried in Potter's field	Died on trip to Nebr.	
7	Laura Edla	Jan. 17, 1890 Cherry Co., Nebr. Compton	Nov. 5, 1967 The Dalles, Ore. Buried at River View Abbey, Portland, Ore.	Wm. H. LaPash - Mar. 9, 1910 - Cheyenne " died 12/12/1924 Aug. 8, 1928 M. Irving C. Fitts	
8	Viola Belle	April 28, 1893 Compton, Cherry Co. Nebr.	April 12, 1937 Alda, Nebr. 1:00 am Alda Cem. or cancer	Feb. 2, 1913 William E. Bush died 11/19/60 death Alda Cem.	
9	Zella Hague	May 27, 1895 Compton, Cherry Co. Nebr.	Dec 25, 1983 Caldwell Idaho Canyon Hill Cemetery Caldwell	March 21, 1917 - Charles F. Hauck died 1-19-1967 death Canyon Hill Cem.	
10	Jessie Ora	June 1, 1897 Compton, Cherry Co. Nebr.	Sept. 14, 1971 Lincoln, Nebr. " "	Jan. 22, 1924 - John P. Ebben B. 1893 Died 7/1/63 Lincoln Nebr.	
11					
12					
13					
14		Compton - Pottery office & later called Pottery			



NAME Lilly, Walen (Bud) Francis

BORN Oct. 14, 1884 PLACE Davis Co., Missouri

MARRIED Violet Luella Collins PLACE Sept. 2, 1924

DIED July 2, 1949 PLACE Manhattan, Montana

BURIED AT Manhattan, Mont.

RESIDED AT Three Forks, Montana

OCCUPATION Barber CHURCH AFF. Presbyterian

MILITARY SERVICE

FATHER Samuel Wesley Lilly MOTHER(Maiden Name) Mary Jane Hague

OTHER SPOUSE 1st wife, Birdie Reed, married 5/2/1909, divorced  
Of Bud Lilly 1 child, Leona, born Oct. 3, 1910

SPOUSE Violet Luella Collins Lilly

BORN Oct. 22, 1903 PLACE Belgrade, Montana

DIED Sept 12, 1994 PLACE Three Forks, Montana

BURIED AT

FATHER Francis Collins MOTHER(Maiden Name) Grace Cheney

OTHER SPOUSE

NO.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

*Violet Lilly*

CHILDREN		BORN		DIED		MARRIED	
		DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	DATE & PLACE	SPOUSE & PARENTAGE
1	Walen Francis (Buddy) Jr.	8/13/1925	Manhattan, Mont.			3/15/1947	Patricia Ann Bennett (Pat)
			Military Serv. 'Navy'			Bozeman, Mont.	B. 6/18/1927 in Three Forks, Mt.
2	GRANDCHILDREN		Church: Catholic			Added 4/14/84	Father: E. V. Bennett
			Occup. Owner of Fishing Supply Store & Fishing Guide - West Yellowstone - "Bud Lilly Trout Shop"				Mother: Mary E. Lane
3	Gregory Francis Lilly	3/9/1949	Billings, Mont			6/12/1971	Bonnie Tuss
			Roundup, Mont.			Lewistown, Mont.	B. 2/1949
4	John Michael J. Lilly	12/23/1952	Deer Lodge, Mont.			9/6/1975	Karen Pal
						Tacoma, Wn.	
5	Annette Patricia Lilly	6/23/1954	Deer Lodge, Mont.			3/20/1976	Barry Schaplow
						Bozeman, Mont.	
6	Great Grandchildren						
Barry & Annette's 7	Reagan P. Schaplow	1/7/1977	Bozeman, Mont.				
Barry & Annette's 8	Flint B. Schaplow	3/3/1980	Bozeman, Mont.				
Greg & Bonnie's 9	Margaux Margan K. Lilly	5/27/1977	Bozeman, Mont.				
Greg & Bonnie's 10	Dax Francis Lilly	12/9/1978	Bozeman, Mont.				
11	2nd Marriage						
12	Walen Francis (Bud)	8-13-25	Manhattan, Mont			10-19-85	Esther
						Winnipeg Canada	B 10-12-40 Winnipeg, Canada
13	step children Christopher	12-6-83	Denver Colo				
14	Alisa	5-6-81	Denver, Colo				





## Bud Lilly's Angler's Retreat

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### IMPORTANT NEWS

My mother recently passed on to me a small historic hotel in Three Forks, Montana. Since Three Forks is located at the headwaters of the Missouri River and within minutes to great rivers and creeks, I decided to develop the hotel into "Bud Lilly's Angler's Retreat."

### THE HOTEL

The hotel has been in my mother's family for over 80 years. The furnishings will be many of the original pieces that served the hotel from its beginning in 1908. We will offer two apartments, suites, and sleeping rooms. The apartments will be full-service housekeeping units with kitchen, living room, and two bedrooms.

In addition to the quaint, comfortable rooms and apartments, there is available for all guests a tree-shaded courtyard with decks, barbecue, and a vegetable garden for your salads. Guests are encouraged to stay a few days to a few weeks. My almost 50 years of involvement in the world of fly fishing and my wife Esther's tenure with both national Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers provide us the experience to understand what fly fishers like, and we will cater to those desires.

### THE FISHING

As part of our service to guests, I will be available to advise you about fishing, arrange for guided trips, secure access to private water either by permission or for a fee. The valley streams are primarily on private land with only a few exceptions. However, nearby national forest and BLM lands offer public access to streams and lakes.

The Gallatin, Jefferson, and Madison Rivers are within five minutes of slow driving time from Three Forks, as well as the Missouri River itself. Only an hour or so drive is required to fish the Yellowstone or venture to the Ruby, Big Hole, or Beaverhead Rivers. There are also creeks, ponds, and lakes to which we can direct you.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

The milder valley climate in the Three Forks area provides golf and fishing almost any month of the year. In fact, April and early May are superb for caddis and baetis hatches. A golf course is a few blocks from the hotel for those with passions for both fishing and the links.

Three Forks prides itself on exhibiting its history in a pioneer museum my mother was active in founding and developing. In fact, she was a Sunday hostess until her parting at age 90. Our hotel reflects this heritage with our reception office, "Violet's apartment," displaying the furnishing of the early days.

### SIDE TRIPS

Sightseeing for the visitor should include historic Virginia City, the mining city of Butte, and the capitol city of Helena, which are only 50-75 mile drives. Also nearby are Headwaters Park, Buffalo Jump, and Lewis and Clark Caverns.

Come join us for great fishing and a feeling of the Old West in a rural, small town setting. You will be greeted by our managers and cousins, David and Norma Miller.

*Bud Lilly*

*Violet Lilly passed  
away 9/12/94 Three Forks Montana*



Pleasant

ancestors: Lilly, Lille, De Lisle, Hague, Rucker.

*John Ambrose*

Pleasant Lilly  
French)  
Descendant of DeLisle,  
Lille & Lilly  
About 1800 - *Lille, Va.*  
once owned site of  
Louisville, Ky. ←  
D = 1883?  
m. Delilah?

Ely P. Harden Polly Vance  
? German = French  
B: Jan 11, 1796 B: 8/23/1796  
D: 3/19/1876 D: 2/5/1893  
Probably from Harden  
Co., Kentucky

Hague  
Pennsylvania  
Dutch

Rucker  
English  
(A 2 million dollar  
Rucker estate in  
England has never been  
turned over to  
U.S. heirs, who  
attempted to re-  
claim it, but failed.

John Pleasant Lilly  
4/17/1821  
Kentucky  
11/22/1897  
Gentry Co., Mo.

Amanda Harden  
B: 6/15/1821  
P: Henry Co. Kentucky  
D: 12/4/1880  
P: Gentry Co. Mo.  
*died of cancer*

M: about 1838-40

P:

m. 2nd wife - Molly Longlegs?

Routon E. Hague  
B: About 1823  
P: Ohio?  
D: About 1905  
P: Lyons, Kans.

2 wives- 2nd wife  
16 yrs old girl, a  
cousin of Larkin  
Rucker of Stanberry, Mo  
& Parma, Idaho.  
*Dutch Irish?*

Ruth Rucker  
B: 1830?  
P: Probably Ohio  
D: 1860  
P: Lawrence Co. Ohio

1st wife - mother  
of Mary Jane

*English?*

M: Ohio (? Galipolis, Lawrence Co

Samuel Wesley Lilly  
B: 12/16/1853  
P: Clinton Co., Mo  
*Stanberry*  
D: 5/24/1936, Sunday  
at 12:30 p.m.  
P: Alda, Nebr.

*Stanberry*

M: 7/8/1875  
P: Stanberry, Gentry Co. Mo.  
At E. F. Lilly's (Uncle Bud, .Sr.  
and Aunt Laura)

By: Rev. Tillberry

Witnesses: James F. Hyten &

Minnie Fisher (Aunt Laura's sister)

After a few years residence in Missouri, they moved by covered  
wagon in 1888 to Nebraska to join forces with pioneer life.  
They had 10 children, two died in infancy. He was a farmer until  
12 years before his death.

Mary Jane Hague  
B: 2/18/1856  
P: Lawrence O. Ohio  
Lived near Galipolis  
D: 5/23/1927  
P: Juniata, Nebr.

Laura Ella Lilly

B: 1/17/1890

P: Compton, Cherry Co., Nebraska  
D: Nov, 5, 1967 The Dalles, Ore -

*name of Aunt Laura*

Buried at  
Riverview Abbey  
Portland, Ore

Married:

William Henry LaPash 3/9/1910  
Cheyenne, Wyo. 1 child - Ethel  
Louise. He died 12/12/24

Married: Irving Cleon Fitts

D: 7-9-1937  
Burial - Lincoln Memorial  
Park, Portland,  
Ore.

*Rouget de Lisle, a Lilly  
ancestor wrote the words -  
music of the French Natl  
Anthem "La Marseillaise".  
"La Marseillaise".*

Record made by Jessie O. Lilly Ebben (sister of Laura E. Lilly)

Sources of Information: Bible, Ancestral records of Jessie Ebben, Amos D. Lilly (1st cousin), son  
of John and Matilda Lilly (Uncle and Aunt of Laura E. and Jessie O.), Family Reunion Magazine  
clippings in Book Magazine 11-25-44 and Book Magazine.



as he really moved  
Grandma Mary Jane  
ground a lot & I  
love to travel and have  
done a great deal. I  
was fortunate in that  
my husband liked to  
travel, too! We crossed  
the U.S. across the South  
with our 27 foot Streamline  
trailer & again thro' the  
midwest with it &  
by car the northern part -  
& then overseas a lot..

I continued traveling  
after he passed away  
in 1988 - 48 great years  
together & I still miss  
him.

My boys & family are  
very supportive & helpful  
so I am fortunate.

I have more info  
on the Ruckers that Aunt  
Jessie sent me but mostly  
about an English estate.

My best to you &  
your wife  
Ethel



From the desk of

April 3, 3003

Ethel L. Dirr



Dear Tom

Sorry to be so slow about answering your December letter. I've been down with shingles and a virus since mid Jan, but am getting better.

I'm sending you some genealogy - some of which you may already have but decided to send it anyway.

I don't have the Fellows family tree - in full - nothing about your family - a bit here & there re: Opal & Ruby - nothing about Pearl tho' I tried when we visited her in Florida in 1977. Couldn't pin her down. She was a dear.

Thanks for Opal's address.

I think I inherited Grandpa Sam Lilly's genes  
over



NAME DIRR, Donald Hiram NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 BORN May 9 1913 PLACE Salem OREGON  
 MARRIED June 29 1940 PLACE Mt Taber Methodist-Portland SOURCE OF INFORMATION  
 DIED June 26, 1989 PLACE Meridian Park Hosp Tualatin ORE  
 BURIED AT River view Abbey, PORTLAND, OR in Niche for ashes  
 RESIDED AT 12765 SW. Paines Albert, King City, Ore  
 OCCUPATION Retired Auditor CHURCH AFF. Calvin Presbyterian  
 MILITARY SERVICE ARMY-Anti Aircraft. Enlisted Men-8-1-42-PA. 42-45  
 FATHER Warren J. Dirr MOTHER (Maiden Name) Nora Hull Dirr  
 OTHER SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE Ethel Louise Kapash  
 BORN June 28, 1918 PLACE Butte, Montana  
 DIED \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_  
 BURIED AT \_\_\_\_\_  
 FATHER William Henry Kapash MOTHER (Maiden Name) Edla Laura Hilby  
 OTHER SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN	BORN		DIED		MARRIED	
	DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	DATE & PLACE	SPOUSE & PARENTS
1 <u>DIRR, John Warren</u>	<u>Feb 24, 1947</u>	<u>Emmanuel Hosp</u>			<u>Nov. 9, 1980</u>	<u>Patricia Judd</u>
	<u>Brilliant Oreg</u>				<u>Baptist Ch</u>	<u>George Powell</u>
					<u>Athens, Oreg.</u>	<u>Beverly Smith</u>
2 <u>DIRR, Mark Wesley</u>	<u>June 24, 1950</u>	<u>Wilcox Memorial</u>			<u>Aug 17, 1985</u>	<u>Varlene May</u>
	<u>Portland, Oreg</u>				<u>White Horse Park</u>	<u>Boil and</u>
					<u>Grants Pass, Oreg</u>	<u>Buell Mart</u>
3						
4 <u>John's children</u>						
5 <u>2 step daughters</u>	<u>Mar. 28, 1968</u>		<u>Parents</u>			
<u>Angela Judd</u>			<u>Patricia Powell Judd</u>			
			<u>Virgil Judd</u>			
6 <u>Trina Judd</u>	<u>Feb 15, 1971</u>		<u>Patricia Powell Judd</u>			
			<u>Virgil Judd</u>			
7						
8 <u>Mark's children</u>						
9 <u>Andrew Martin Dirr</u>	<u>Oct 16, 1989</u>					
	<u>Klamath Falls</u>					
	<u>Oreg.</u>					
10 <u>Kendra</u>	<u>Mar. 2, 1993</u>					
<u>Kendra Shaleen Dirr</u>	<u>Klamath Falls</u>					
	<u>Oreg</u>					
11 <u>Katherine</u>	<u>June 3 1995</u>					
<u>Nicole</u>	<u>Klamath Falls</u>					
	<u>Oregon</u>					
12						
13						
14						



William Henry LaPash

B: 11/1/1875

Cheyenne, Wyo.

D: 12/12/24 on train bet.

Thermopolis & Casper, Wyo.

*Saw treatments at Big Horn  
Hot Springs, Thermopolis  
for flu*

*Teacher* M: 3/9/1910, 8p.m. Parsonage

*Heart attack* Congregational Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.

*on train going* minister, Frank L. Moore

*home - died* Witnesses: E.A. Bibby, Ethel E. LaPash

*Immediately*

1 child - Ethel Louise LaPash

Ethel Louise LaPash

B. 6/28/1918

Butte, Montana

M: 6/29/1940

Mt. Tabor Methodist Church

Portland, Oregon

2 children:

John Warren Dirr

B: 2/24/1947 -12:46 p.m. Mon.

Emanuel Hospital

Portland, Oregon

*Warren after Warren John*

Mark Wesley Dirr

B: 6/24/1950 - 8:33 a.m. Sat.

Wilcox Memorial Hosp.

Portland, Oregon

(Mark after Mark Hirsig)

*Wesley after Samuel Wesley Lilly*

Laura Edla Lilly

B: 1/17/1890

Nr. Purdum, Cherry County, Nebr.  
in a sod house.

D: 11/4/1967 -The Dalles, Ore.

Columbia Basin Nursing Home

Irving Cleon Fitts

B: 4/25/1895, Kane County

Carpentersville, Ill

D: 7/9/1937 - Veterans' Hosp.

Portland, Oreg.

pneumonia - lungs weakened

by mustard gas poisoning

M: Irving Cleon Fitts

8/28/1928 - Parsonage,

M.E. Church, Mt. Vernon, Wn.

1 child - Dolores Irene Fitts

Dolores Irene Fitts

B: 9/27, 1929

Mt. Vernon, Wn.

Paul Edward Trueb

B: 1/21/1930

Portland, Oregon

M: 3/31/1950

Evangel Baptist Church

Portland, Oregon

2 children:

David Paul Trueb

B: 4/19/1952

Portland, Oregon

Donna Louise Trueb

B: 7/21/1957

The Dalles, Oregon

(The Louise after Aunt

Ethel Louise LaPash Dirr)

Warren J. Dirr

B.: 12/4/1882

Vicksburg, Mich.

D: 2/1/1952

Portland, Oregon

Nora Hull

B: 8/27/1882

Mehama, Oregon

n D: 6/5/53

Portland, Oregon

M: 12/8/1904

Mehama, Oregon

2 Children:

Frances C. Dirr Lund - B: 7/21/1907 \* M: Fred A. Lund 8/2/1928, Portland, Oreg.

Donald H. Dirr

Warren Dirr's family moved from Michigan to So. Dakota to Oregon, arriving at Salem, October 30, 1900. The family name was changed at the suggestion of Warren's mother, Myrtis L. Tomlinson Dir, to Dirr, in 1891. His father's name was Hiram H. Dir. Warren had one brother, Orley F. Orley had two girls so Donald is the only one carrying on the family name, Dirr.



Marian LaPash died 6/9/65 at 77. Called *Buried - Reynolds*  
LaPash in Cheyenne

Warren J. Dirr

B: 12/4/1882

Vicksburg, Mich.

D: 2/1/1952

Portland, Oregon

Nora Hull

B: 3/27/1882

Hehama, Oregon

D: 6/5/53

Portland, Oregon

M: 12/8/1904 at  
Hehama, Oregon

2 children: Frances C. Dirr Lund  
Donald H. Dirr

William Henry LaPash

B: 11/1/1875

Cheyenne, Wyo.

D: 12/12/24 on train between

~~Illness~~ ~~at~~ Casper, Wyo.

Interred - Cheyenne, Wyo.

*lla*  
Laura E. Lilly

B: 1/17/1890

Compton, Cherry

Co., Nebr. *PURDU*

(Laura Edla) *IVc*

D: 11-4-1967 -

*The Falls, The*  
*River, near*

Parsonage, *Port*

Congregational Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Minister: *Frank* *more* *witness*

1 child: Ethel Louise LaPash

*E. A. Lilly*  
*Ethel LaPash*

Frances

*Lund*

B: 7/21/07

Palo Alto

Calif

married

Frederick

Anton

Lund

B: 4/22/06

Yakima, Wn

B: 12-21-73 -

married 8/2/28

at home

4435 SE 28th Pl

by Rev Walburn

Robson, Methodist

*HIRAM*  
Donald H. Dirr

B: 5/9/1913

Salem, Oregon

D: 6/26/1988

*Savastian Oreg*

*Meridian Park Hosp*

*Mem Ser. 6/29/1988*

M: 6/29/1940 in Mt. Tabor

Methodist Church,

Portland, Oregon

2 Children: John Warren Dirr

Mark Wesley Dirr

Ethel Louise LaPash

B: 6/28/1918

Butte, Montana

John Warren Dirr

B: 2/24/1947 in 12:46 pm Monday

Emanuel Hospital,

Portland, Oregon

Mark Wesley Dirr

B: 6/24/50 8:33 am Sat

Wilson Memorial

Portland Oregon

Irving Cleon Fitts

B:

D: 7-9-1937

Buried Lincoln

Memorial Park

Portland, Oregon

Laura E. Lilly LaPash

M: 8/8/1928

Parsonage

Methodist Episcopal Church

Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Minister: P. H. Raymond

witnesses

Mrs P. H. Raymond

Jessie La Venture

1 child

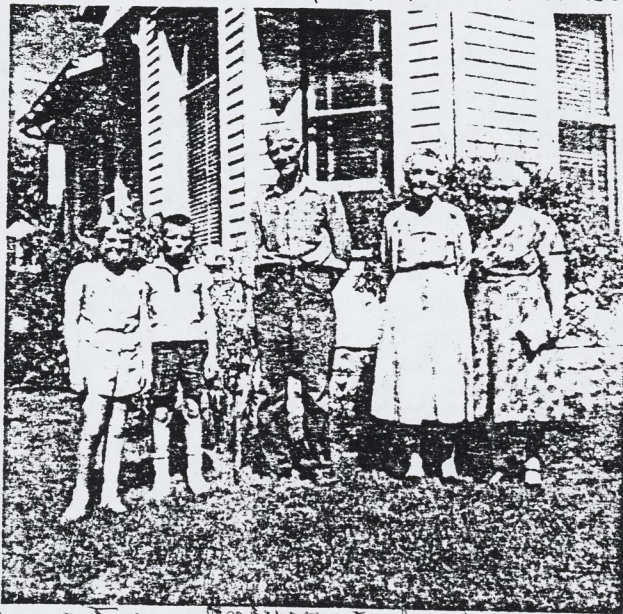
Dolores Irene Fitts

B: 9-27-1929

Mt. Vernon, Wash

married: Paul E Fitts 3-31-1950  
Divorced  
Remarried  
1956? 55?  
Jan. 1957





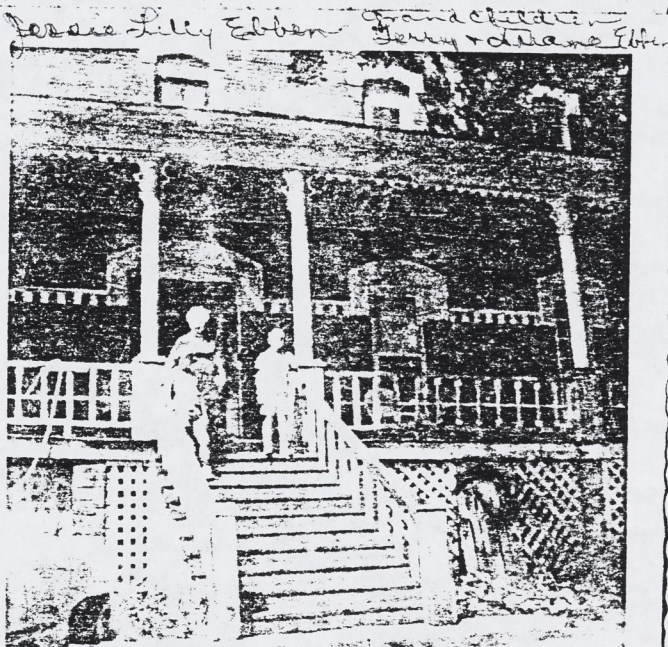
Jerry, Duane Anderson, Leah, Jessie, Mary Ellen



Wabash House Hotel - 8-16-67  
 Stanberry, Missouri  
 Once owned by J.P. (Judge) Lilly -  
 later operated by his son's wife  
 Samuel W. & Mary Jane Hagler  
 Lilly



Central part dates to 1854



Wabash House Steps - 8-16-67

The church used to be Liberty Baptist Church at Liberty Cemetery where Eli P. Hardin and Polly Vance were first to sign the church roll. Eli was the first deacon, also an ordained minister. The church now stands in McFall & the wings were built after it was moved there



Wabash House Hotel  
 8-16-67



McFall Baptist Church



## SAMUEL WESLEY LILLY

Samuel Wesley Lilly, son of John P. and Amanda Lilly, was born in Gentry County, Missouri, December 16, 1853. On July 3, 1875, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Hague at Stanbury, Missouri.

After a few years residence in the native state, Mr. and Mrs. Lilly moved in 1883 to Nebraska to join forces with the pioneer life of the now rapidly developing state.

With the passing of time and piling up of the years, ten children were born in this home. Four of them and their mother preceded Mr. Lilly in death--the later having passed away just nine years and one day in advance of her husband. One little girl, about six weeks old, died while the family was making the journey by covered wagon to the new home in Nebraska.

As a young man Mr. Lilly united with the Baptist Church, as a public testimony to the Christian faith.

About twelve years ago he retired from active life on the farm and moved to Juniata. Since Mrs. Lilly's death in 1927, he had made his home with a nephew and a niece, John and Bell Moran, till in February he came to live in Alda with his daughter Mrs. Viola Bush and family. Only four days later the niece, Bell Moran, passed away at the Juniata home.

Although in failing health the past year or more, Mr. Lilly had been confined to his bed only a few weeks, during which time his strength and vitality steadily declined. On Sunday, May 24th, at 12:20 his pulse-beat ceased and spirit deserted the tired, frail body--which we are now to lay to rest in the family lot of the silent city of the dead.

He is survived by three brothers: John and E. F. of Juniata; and J. P. Lilly in California; three sisters: Mrs. Eliza Wood, Kendrick, Oklahoma; Mrs. Amanda Rucker, Parma, Idaho; Mrs. Betty Knight, Pasadena, California; six children: A. R. Lilly, Caldwell, Idaho; W. F. Lilly, Manhattan, Montana; Mrs. I. C. Fitts, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Viola Bush, Alda, Nebraska; Mrs. C. F. Hauck, Eugene, Oregon; Mrs. J. P. Ebben, Lincoln, Nebraska. Also there are twenty-eight grandchildren, thirty-eight great-grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held from the M. E. Church in Juniata, conducted by Rev. W. H. Wilson of Alda, assisted by Rev. Monkman of Juniata.

Age: 32 years, 5 months, and 8 days.

*Songs were nearer my God to thee  
Old rugged cross  
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there  
There*