

Hundreds Attended 'Granny Yates' Reunion Picnic At Manhattan Grove Last Sunday

Members of Pioneer Family Gather from Far and Near at Annual Picnic

Sunday more than two hundred and fifty relatives including a few invited guests assembled together at the Burns grove in Manhattan to celebrate the memory of "Granny" Yates who passed away a number of years ago.

This was the fourth annual picnic given in memory of Mrs. Yates when all descendants make an effort to attend or send a member of their family as a representative. At this event relatives meet who have not seen each other for a number of years or since the last annual meeting. Each year some are gone from the midst in death, while always there are new faces in the group, through the birth of children in the past year and others who have married.

This picnic has become one of the largest social events in Gallatin county and no doubt is the largest gathering of any one family and relatives in the state.

Sunday six generations were present, the oldest "Uncle" Sol Yates, a son of Mrs. Yates, 86 years old, and the youngest was year old Lloyd Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cox.

A bountiful dinner was served by the ladies, who had brought baskets loaded for the occasion. Cold drinks, of lemonade and punch was served in the shade of the trees. The menu consisting of all the seasons fruits and vegetables was greatly enjoyed. Cake ice cream and fruits and chicken being a portion of the menu.

Guests were noted from all parts of the state, some coming from Missoula Butte, Deer Lodge, and Helena and Great Falls, Bozeman and all the near by towns.

Mrs. Yates, in whose honor the gathering is held each year came to Montana in 1864. Mrs. Yates had experienced some unusual events in her life and had performed deeds that now would be considered almost impossible, for instance after her marriage to Solonian Yates when she was only 17 years old in Virginia, she went with her husband to Jackson County, Missouri, traveling over 1,600 miles on

horseback. They made their home on a farm in that county. Eleven children were born. In the early fifties Mr. Yates died and in 1864 Mrs. Yates and three of her sons started for Montana with an ox team. They were ninety eight days making the trip from Fairview, Gentry county, now Denver, Missouri. Arriving at Virginia City they unloaded and stayed there that year. Three wagons were in their party.

The next year they returned to Missouri Mrs. Yates, and her two sons Sol and George, the daughter Anna being married to Mr. Sol Miller and the other son remained in Montana. Mrs. Yates and her two sons returned to Montana in 1866 and this time there was a large train. The Yates went to bring back cattle and farming implements. They came over the new route and "Uncle" Sol when speaking of the trip stated that this time they were in danger of being attacked by Indians. They were met by Jim Bridger at Ft. Lammie near Ft. Reno and here were guided over the Bridger trail by way of the Big Horn and Powderville on to Bozeman. Mrs. Yates went on to Virginia City and stayed with her daughter Mrs. Sol Miller now well known as "Aunt" Anna and residing near Belgrade.

Mr Yates kept his cattle at the mouth of Willow Creek. Mr. Yates then run a Bull train from Ft. Benton, and Gallatin to Ogden and to Helena, on to Ft. Benton and to Kansas. Later he located on a ranch near Great Falls and moved to Belgrade about twenty two years ago and lives with his brother G. L. Yates on Foster Creek out from Belgrade.

"Uncle" Yates relates in a most interesting manner the early day life of Montana. He is falling in health, but enjoyed mingling with the crowd, and meeting the members of the large family. Mrs. Miller who is past seventy is in good health and was present to greet the large throng of visitors who came to the grounds all day long.

"Granny" Yates was 92 years old when she died.

The committee who has charge of the family reunion each year are as follows; Mrs James Lewis, Mrs. Wm. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cloniger, Lester Cowan, F. G. Miller and G. D. Tribble, who is chairman

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pennell who live in Wisconsin were present, and Mr. and Mrs. Brewington of Fromberg, and Mrs. Gussie Potts from Missoula.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

2001
GRANNY YATES PICNIC!

Sunday, August 5th
Stevenson Park in
Three Forks

Come at 12:00 noon to get reacquainted, swap stories and any new materials, and play "name that relative." A bountiful Pot Luck meal will begin at 1:00.

Your Committee:

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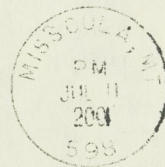
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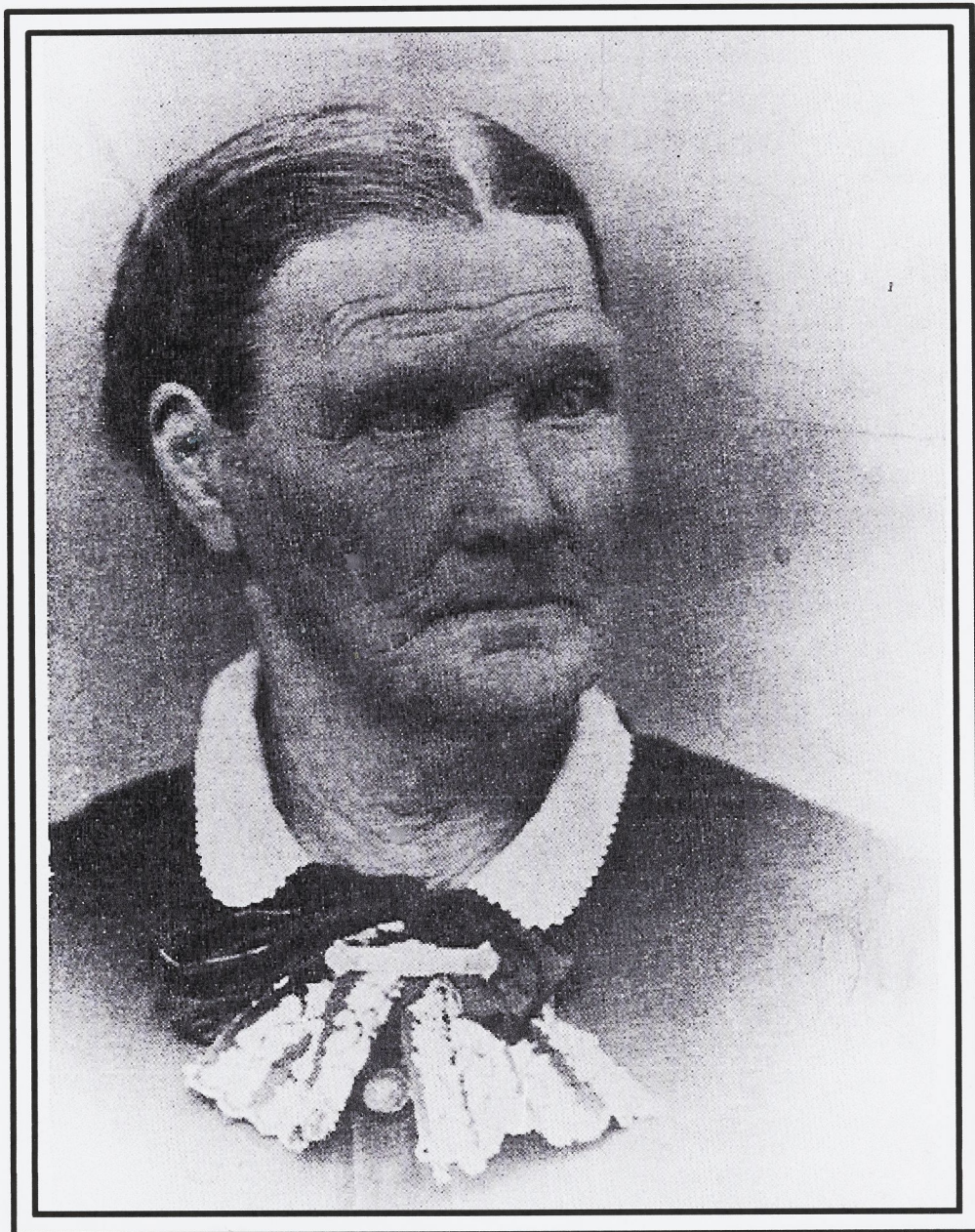
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

**2001
GRANNY YATES PICNIC!**

**378 One Horse Creek Rd.
Florence MT 59833**



**BUD & ESTHER LILLY & FAMILY
2007 SOURDOUGH RD
BOZEMAN MT**



Mary Wells "Granny" Yates
1815-1907

To the left is a photo of the gold
headed walking stick that was
given to her by her family in 1896.

The United States of America,

Homestead Certificate No. 309
APPLICATION 159

1886

HOMESTEAD
MONTANA
TERRITORY

To all to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, There has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Bozeman Montana Territory, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "TO SECURE HOMESTEADS TO ACTUAL SETTLERS ON THE PUBLIC DOMAIN," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Mary Yates

has been established and duly consummated, in conformity with law, for the West half of the South West quarter and the South half of the North West quarter of Section twenty six, in Township two North of Range four east of Montana Meridian in Montana Territory containing One hundred and sixty acres.

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the General Land Office, by the Surveyor General.

NOW KNOW YE, That there is, therefore, granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Mary Yates the tract of land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said

Mary Yates and to her heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested or accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietors of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Grover Cleveland President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Washington, the twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty six, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and tenth.

By the President Grover Cleveland

By M. M. Kean Secretary.

J. W. Clark Recorder of the General Land Office.

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FRANK COLLINS

Frank Collins was born on the Scoffield ranch, in the log building across the road from the present Scoffield home on April 23, 1875. On July 29, 1896 he married Grace Cheney of Central Park and they homesteaded on a place next to the Dry Creek cemetery of today. In 1900 they moved to Helena and Frank was employed to learn the butchering trade with Shadey & Rossman there.

In 1908 they returned to Central Park where Collins operated a butcher shop and also ran a meat wagon among the ranches and lumber camps of the Gallatin Valley, making regular trips once or twice a week to deliver meat products. In 1911 he farmed in the Nigger Hollow area and moved to Manhattan in 1914. He operated an auction service there until 1926 when he moved to San Diego, California to live. In 1951 he returned to Three Forks to be near his daughters Violet Lilly and Elizabeth McDonald. He died in Three Forks June 23, 1954.

Frank and Grace Collins had five children, three of whom died in infancy. Elizabeth McDonald and Violet Lilly survive. They had two grandchildren, with six great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

PROGRAM OF MEETING

Luncheon (pot luck)2:00 P.M.

Prayer

Pledge to the Flag John Buttelman

National Anthem Gerry Andrew, Accompanist

Address of Welcome Mayor Larry Laird

Response Bob Lane

Song Mrs. Leo Lane and her Singing Group

In Memoriam Violet Lilly

Old business; new business.

Election of officers for 1975 - 1976

Correspondence, bills.

Seventeenth Annual Meeting

Three Forks Pioneers

JULY 20, 1975



A tribute to Frank Collins and his decendents

PROGRESSIVE MEN OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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COLUMBUS C. COLLINS

While the citizens of the commonwealth of Montana represent nearly every other state in the Union, as well as foreign countries, it is probable that no state has contributed a greater portion as the state of Missouri. Among her sterling pioneers, and one who has been conspicuously identified with her industrial and productive activities, is Columbus C. Collins, who was born in Platte County, Mo., March 19, 1841, being one of twelve children born to James and Codrelia (Carpenter) Collins, natives of the city of Lexington, Ky., and representatives of staunch old southern stock, it being recorded that the paternal grandfather of our subject, Robert Collins, was born in Virginia, as was also Jonathan Carpenter, the maternal grandfather, while the great grandfather in the agnatic line was an active participant in the war of the Revolution, valiantly aiding the colonies in throwing off the British yoke. Robert Collins was a member of the committee who received Gen. LaFayette on the occasion of his second visit to America. The father of our subject was numbered among the early pioneers of Missouri, to which state he removed when the Platte district was thrown open to settlement, and there devoted his attention to agriculture pursuits until 1863, when he passed to the great beyond in the fall of the succeeding year.

Columbus C. Collins was reared and educated in Missouri, and grew to manhood under the sturdy discipline of farm life. In 1859 he joined the stampede to Pike's Peak, Colo., making the trip with an ox team. He remained but a few months and then returned to Missouri, and was there residing at the time of the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in Company C of a regiment commanded by Col. Childs, the same had been recruited at Rochester, Andrew County. He was with the regiment

during an engagement at Blue Mills, Clay County, Mo., and at Lexington where Mulligan surrendered. Our subject started to return with a recruiting party, but was taken prisoner and held in captivity at St. Joseph, Mo. where he was confined for five months.

Finally he managed to escape, having plied his guards with liquor until they were sufficiently intoxicated to neglect their duty, and he quietly stole away from prison in May, 1862. He then made his way to Jackson County, Iowa, where he resided until 1866, engaged in farming. In that year Mr. Collins started for Montana, proceeding by rail as far as Omaha, where he was employed in a brick yard, and later joined the Crichton Company's party engaged in constructing the first transcontinental telegraph line, and remained with it until reaching Virginia City, Mont. The telegraph party was a large one, and though several skirmishes with Indians occurred no serious difficulty was encountered. Mr. Collins engaged in mining in Virginia City, and there continued operations until 1873, meeting with fair success. In the year mentioned he came to Gallatin valley, took up a tract of land, to which he has since added until he now has a fine estate of 320 acres, the greater portion of which is under effective irrigation, rendering it possible to secure large annual yields of wheat, oats and hay, the principal products. The ranch is located within six miles of Belgrade, our subject's postoffice address. In politics he gives support to the Democratic party, but has never aspired to political preferment, although he has served with ability as school trustee, taking a lively interest in all that touches the welfare of the community.

On January 6, 1871, Mr. Collins was united in marriage to Mrs. Levina Tribble, who was born in Platte County, Mo., the daughter of Solomon and Polly Yates, the former native of the Old Dominion. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have three children, namely: Cordelia, who is the wife of James Lewis, of Helena; Annie, the wife of Thomas Bruington, of Gebu, Mont.; and Frank, a successful young rancher of Dry Creek, Gallatin County.

Funeral to Her Home

Mrs. O. W. Carmack formerly Miss Minnie Ellis was born near Johnstown, Tennessee on February 11, 1883. And died December 4, 1917 at her home in Manhattan, at the age of 34 years 9 months and 15 days. In 1906 she was united in marriage to O. W. Carmack and to them were born three children Mable, Guy and Grace who with the father and other relatives and friends mourn her departure. The funeral services were held Friday December 7, at the home the remains were sent to her old home in Tennessee for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Carmack came to Manhattan last March from Tennessee where they made their home.

insurance in private life insurance companies prohibitive. It was, therefore, a plain duty and obligation for the Government to assume the risk of insuring hundreds of thousands of our soldiers and sailors who are making the supreme sacrifice. Under this law, every soldier and sailor and nurse, commissioned and enlisted, and of any age, has the right, between now and February 12, 1918, to take out life and total-disability insurance up to \$10,000 at very low cost, with the Government without medical examination. This right is purely optional. The soldiers and sailors are not compelled to take insurance, but if they desire to exercise the right, they must do so before the 12th of February, 1918. The cost ranges from 65 cents monthly, at the age of 21, to \$1.20 monthly, at the age of 51, for each \$1,000 of insurance. This is a small charge on a man's pay—small in proportion to the benefits it may bring. The premiums will be deducted from his pay, if he desires, thus eliminating trouble on his part.

To prove adequate protection until February 12th, 1918, during the period when the soldiers and sailors are learning the details of this law, the Government automatically insures each man and woman, commissioned or enlisted in the military service of the United States. It pays the man \$25 a month during total permanent disability, if he dies within 20 years, it pays the rest of 240 monthly installments of \$25 each to his wife, child, or widowed mother.

I desire to call the provisions of this just and generous law to the attention of our officers and enlisted men and women so that they may not be deprived of their rights thru lack of knowledge. Full information may be obtain-



Mrs. C. C. Collins Passes Away at Home

Prominent Woman Who Has Lived Many Years in the Valley Is Dead

Belgrade, Dec. 10.—Mrs. C. C. Collins died at her home on Quaw boulevard Sunday night at eight o'clock, after a week's illness. She was taken sick Sunday night a week ago with pleurisy which later developed into pneumonia. Her husband and all her children were at her bedside when she passed away.

Mrs. Collins maiden name was Lavina Yates and she was born April 12, 1837, in Platt county, Missouri, and was the daughter of Grandma Yates, who died at Dry Creek several years ago. She was married in 1855 to William Tribble of Andrew county, Missouri, and to them three children were born. They are Mrs. Kate Cowan of Boseman, Mrs. Mary Ballard of Dry Creek, who died seven years ago, and G. D. Tribble of Dry Creek. Mr. Tribble died when her children were young and in 1870 she crossed the plains to Montana with her mother and other members of her family. The trip was made by ox team. She went to Radersburg to live and there married C. C. Collins, a Montana pioneer. Three children were born to them, Mrs. J. M. Lewis of Three Forks, Mrs. T. W. Brewington of Fromberg and Frank Collins of Manhattan.

In the spring of 1872 Mr. and Mrs. Collins moved to Gallatin valley and settled on a ranch on Dry Creek, where they made their home for more than thirty years. They sold this place several years ago and have since made their home in Belgrade.

Deceased leaves besides her husband and children, one sister and three brothers, B. F. Yates of California, Solomon Yates of Dry Creek, G. L. Yates of Butte and Mrs. Anne Miller of Dry Creek. There are also twenty-four grandchildren besides a host of nieces and nephews.

Although over eighty years Mrs. Collins, until this last brief illness, has been most active and prided herself on being able to do all her work without assistance. She was lovingly known to a host of friends outside the family circle, as Aunt Vina and her home was always open to her friends, who loved to drop in and hear her relate the experiences of the pioneer days in her graphic and fascinating manner.

She was a devoted mother and a kind friend and neighbor and in her death the valley loses one of its finest citizens. She has many friends throughout this vicinity who wish to extend to the host of friends outside the family. The funeral was held Tuesday at the Baptist church in Belgrade, of which she has been a member since childhood. The remains were laid to rest in the Dry Creek cemetery.

Mrs. Collins also has a large circle of friends in and around Manhattan.

Attend the Vesper Services Sunday

HISTORY OF GRANNY YATES

(Taken from newspaper clippings loaned to me by Mrs. Rex Duncan, in February, 1959.)

HERE AND THERE

V.T.B.

Mary Wells Yates, better known by hundreds of people as "Granny Yates," was a prominent figure in Gallatin County history. A great many people count her as one of their ancestors and will be interested to hear something of her life. I am not related to her but I found her story intensely interesting, having read the inscription on the headstone of her grave in the Dry Creek cemetery.

She was born in Virginia, November 14, 1815. When she was 17 she married the widower of her dead sister, George Yates, who had three children, and needed a mother for them. Being strong Baptists and extremely religious, the Wells family were not sure it was entirely proper for a sister to marry a brother-in-law. The wedding was postponed while they diligently searched the Bible for some definite information. They must have found enough to satisfy themselves for Mary and George were married and left for Missouri on horseback. The bedroll was tied behind. 1600 miles were covered in this manner to Jackson County. Mr. Yates had already established a home and his three children had remained there while their father went to Virginia for a stepmother. Nine more children were added to the family. Later they moved to Platte County, Missouri.

They were living here when the Civil War broke out and the Yates family voluntarily freed their slaves. George had died in the late fifties, but many of the children were nearly grown; so the family seemed able to care for themselves. In 1863 came the news of the gold strike in Montana. Mary Yates decided to join one of the wagon trains going west. Three of the older boys accompanied her. They drove six shod milk cows which helped pay their way as butter churned readily fastened to the side of the wagon, bumping over the prairies.

When she arrived in Virginia City the cows sold for such a high price that she was able to finance a round trip back to Missouri in 1864 to bring out some more of

her children. Most of us would have considered one trip in a wagon across the roadless plains and mountains beyond endurance. Mary Yates took a number of them. The second time she took the river trip from Fort Benton. The flat boats were held up by herds of buffalo crossing the river at one point. It was said they crossed for three days and nights along 18 miles of river. It is hard to believe that over a period of a few years trigger-happy hunters could all but exterminate such great herds.

In all Mary Yates made the trip before she died in April, 1907, 13 times between Montana and Missouri. The last time she returned by the way of the Oregon Short Line to Dillon. This must have been a vast improvement over a wagon pulled by cows. On some of the journeys she acted as guide and organizer for the emigrants. The State Chamber should honor her memory as she brought all her relatives and many friends, and was a booster for a new life in the Northwest.

The third trip was made up the Yellowstone, probably in 1866. Camp was always made on a rise; so that a sharp lookout could be kept for Indians. One morning when the stock was being taken to the river for water, Indians attacked the herders. Men above in the camp on the bluff, fired and drove off the intruders. A son, Sol Yates, was wounded in the leg, but he managed to jump on a horse and ride to safety. The youngest boy, George, was hidden among the flour barrels after the attack and he rode there until they reached Virginia City.

On another trip through the south pass, near Salt Lake City, she met a stranger coming from the north, who passed without stopping. This behavior was unheard of on the long lonely trail. The next day three Vigilantes from Virginia City rode up and asked if she had met a stranger. He was an escaped murderer heading east. In a few days they returned with their prisoner.

On this trip Mrs. Yates brought back three barrels of apples from Missouri, made pies and sold them to the miners in Virginia City for a dollar a piece. That was quite a price for a pie in the 1860's even in the gold camps. Considering the long haul for the apples, the price was not great.

The first time only was made by using cows to pull the wagon. Thereafter good horses and mules were used. The lady, herself, rode side-saddle and many horses in the Gallatin were descended from those she brought across the plains.

Mrs. Yates built some cabins at "Pilgrim's Rest" on Foster Creek where she housed the new comers until they could get located on land of their own. It is strange that she never homesteaded but eventually bought a place.

From her activities it may be assumed that "Granny Yates" was a lady of great character and determination. She accomplished what a great many men could not have done. She had no formal education and could neither read nor write. She was an ardent Democrat and blamed every drawback under an administration of the opposing party on the "Black Republicans." The Bible was her authority and she apparently gained much comfort from quoting, or misquoting from its pages. Any attempt to correct her was met with such indignation that the offender did not press the correction.

She insisted on proper conduct in all those around her and was unyielding even with her grandchildren. In one instance at church she snatched up a child, who was running up and down the aisle, and administered a sound spanking in the presence of his parents, and the congregation. There was no further disturbance in her presence. Modern day ministers would probably enjoy having her as a member of their congregations!

Mrs. Yates was five feet seven or eight inches tall, sturdily built and well able to take care of herself. A story is told of her ability to make things do. In her later life, a grandson or great grandson stopped at her home near Belgrade to get her shopping list on a trip to Bozeman. Since in the horse and buggy days sometimes several months went by between trips. One time she ordered a corset and the purchased one brought back was too long. Not wishing to wait for several months until the next trip to have it exchanged, Granny had her own ideas about how to remedy the matter. She took the garment out to the chopping block and hacked it down to the proper size.

After all her children were grown and had homes of their own she took an orphaned boy to raise. He was about ten years old and gave her companionship for some years. Even at an advanced age she rode horseback about the valley to visit her friends and relatives. Once she killed a badger with a shovel for molesting her garden.

When her eye sight failed, she sat for hours rocking and talking to herself. Her private conversation should have been most interesting, considering her long life of many adventures but she would not let anyone listen in. Once a great grandson attempted to secretly; but he was discovered and driven from the room with Granny's cane in attendance at his rear extremity.

Some of her descendants returned to Missouri; but many are scattered over Montana and other western states. At one time it was estimated that she had 60 grandchildren and 90 great grandchildren.

One of her sons was killed on the Yellowstone by the Indians in the 1870's. Another was drowned at a point where the Boulder River flows into the Jefferson.

A son-in-law, C. C. Collins, is supposed to have been present at the hanging of Clubfoot George Lane in 1864, and also at the hanging of Captain Slade.

Granny Yates had enough experiences in her lifetime to fill several books. It is too bad some enterprising individual did not make the attempt when she was here to give first-hand information. There are many other pioneers whose true stories would make fiction seem tame to comparison; but those stories are buried with them.

Descendants of John Shelby Lewis

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN SHELBY³ LEWIS (*WILLIAM², JOHN¹*)^{1,2} was born June 06, 1832 in South Fork, Pulaski County, Kentucky^{3,4}, and died December 19, 1918 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co., Montana⁵. He married HETTIE JANE MARTIN⁶ October 06, 1853 in Pulaski, KY^{7,8,9}, daughter of MOSES MARTIN and SUSAN GAINEY. She was born March 12, 1830 in Somerset, Pulaski Co., Kentucky¹⁰, and died May 07, 1925 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co., Montana¹¹.

Notes for JOHN SHELBY LEWIS:

John Shelby LEWIS and his wife Hetty came to Bozeman, Montana, around 1912, based on information on her death certificate. Many of their children were already in Montana prior to that date.

The death certificate of John Shelby Lewis states his father was WILLIAM LEWIS born in Kentucky and his mother JANE BUSTER born in Kentucky. About 1987, other information was received from the descendants of Albert Owsley LEWIS, son of John Shelby LEWIS, that indicated John Shelby LEWIS was the son of John Shelby LEWIS, Sr. and Mary Jane KELLY. The discovery of John S. Lewis' death certificate in Montana now places the later in doubt.

The death certificate, on file with the Clerk of Gallatin County, County Courthouse, Bozeman, Montana, gives John's middle name as "Sheluey", but this has been determined to be a misspelling. All the other facts on the certificate are correct; and, he is indeed in the Sunset Hills Cemetery, where his headstone bears the accurate spelling of his middle name, "Shelby". The death certificate of his wife, Hettie Martin LEWIS, gives the name of her husband as "John Shelvy Lewis" - again a misspelling of his middle name. Bozeman City cemetery records clarify this, giving the name as John Shelby Lewis.

Notes for HETTIE JANE MARTIN:

Hettie Martin's death certificate states that her parents were Moses Martin born in Kentucky and Susan Herron born in Virginia. Death certificate informant was Mrs. Ferguson, Bozeman, Montana. Other information given to the family by Bob Clark (grandson of Albert Owsley) indicates the mother was Susannah Gainey. Information found on the Pulaski County KY Gen Web site indicates that GAINEY and HERRON (HERRIN OR HERRING) family members

married and migrated together in NC, TN, and Pulaski Co, KY. There may be a connection.

Hettie Martin LEWIS lived with her daughter, Burnettie Jane Lewis FERGUSON at 303 W. Mendenhall, Bozeman, Montana, at the time of her death from heat disease.

Children of JOHN LEWIS and HETTIE MARTIN are:

2. i. SUSAN HARRIET⁴ LEWIS, b. July 16, 1854, Fork C. River, Pulaski County, Kentucky; d. July 28, 1927.
- ii. GEORGE W. LEWIS^{12,13}, b. September 27, 1855, Pulaski County, Kentucky^{14,15,16,17}; d. May 22, 1943, Bozeman, Gallatin Co., Montana¹⁸.

Notes for GEORGE W. LEWIS:

George W. LEWIS died unmarried.

He is buried in Sunset Hills Cemetery. Robert P. Lewis visited cemetery August 3, 1999, and was unable to locate grave. Should have been near John and Hettie Lewis according to record, from the Bozeman City Cemetery Department, which indicates that Hettie Martin Lewis paid for his plot. Also, his death certificate indicates he is buried in Sunset Hills.

- iii. JOHN MOSES LEWIS¹⁹, b. February 18, 1857, Pulaski, Kentucky^{20,21,22}; d. May 15, 1880²³.

Notes for JOHN MOSES LEWIS:

John Moses Lewis died unmarried.

3. iv. ALBERT OWSLEY LEWIS, b. April 28, 1859, South Fork, Pulaski County, Kentucky; d. July 05, 1933.
4. v. JAMES MILFORD LEWIS, b. July 14, 1861, Somerset, Pulaski Co., Kentucky; d. December 18, 1939, Three Forks, Gallatin Co., MT.
5. vi. MILES PARKER LEWIS, b. September 01, 1863, Pisgah, Somerset, Pulaski Co., Kentucky; d. November 14, 1943, Bozeman, Gallatin Co., Montana.
6. vii. SAMUEL LOGAN LEWIS, b. July 01, 1866.
7. viii. BURNETTIE JANE LEWIS, b. May 24, 1868, Somerset, Pulaski Co., Kentucky; d. November 06, 1943, Bozeman, Montana.
8. ix. ZULA LEWIS, b. May 10, 1870; d. September 25, 1935, Bozeman, Gallatin Co., Montana.
9. x. ANNA MARY LEWIS, b. August 14, 1871, Pisgah, Pulaski County, Kentucky; d. April 13, 1928, Los Angeles County, CA.
- xi. JILSON DICK LEWIS²⁴, b. August 14, 1871²⁴; d. September 20, 1884²⁵.

Notes for JILSON DICK LEWIS:

Twin of Anna Mary Lewis. Never married.

Date of birth and death according to the LEWIS Bible.

Generation No. 2

2. SUSAN HARRIET⁴ LEWIS (*JOHN SHELBY³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*)^{26,27} was born July 16, 1854 in Fork C. River, Pulaski County, Kentucky^{28,29}, and died July 28, 1927³⁰. She married GEORGE WASHINGTON SLOAN^{31,32} June 30, 1886^{33,34}. He was born 1839³⁵.

Notes for GEORGE WASHINGTON SLOAN:

George Washington Sloan and Harriett Lewis were the first of the family to settle in Mitchell Co., Kansas.

Children of SUSAN LEWIS and GEORGE SLOAN are:

- i. BURNETTE⁵ SLOAN³⁶, m. EVERETT BURKHEAD³⁷, Beloit, Kansas³⁸.

Marriage Notes for BURNETTE SLOAN and EVERETT BURKHEAD:
Nettie Sloan married Everett Burkhead, Beloit, K

- ii. ANNA SLOAN³⁹, m. EVERT UNDERHILL⁴⁰, Beloit, Kansas⁴¹.
- iii. ZULA SLOAN⁴², m. ZO. MORRIS⁴³, Beloit, Kansas⁴⁴.
- iv. JOHN SLOAN⁴⁵.

Notes for JOHN SLOAN:

Bachelor; lived in Three Forks, Gallatin Co., MT

RANCH IS SOLD; ?Journal, Thurs., Dec. 14, 1972

THREE FORKS - Four Dot Ranches, Inc., of Boulder, Colo., have purchased 660 acres of the Pete Vandolah Ranch, also known as the old Sloan ranch for \$265,000. This includes the island in the Jefferson River and part of the Vandolah cow herd.

Pete and Stacy Vandolah have retained the dry wheat land and are building a home across the highway from the old place.

Four Dot Ranches, Inc., own ranches in Idaho, Colorado, and Wyoming.
(Newspaper article)

- v. ALBERT SLOAN⁴⁶, b. April 21, 1887⁴⁷; d. February 1966, Three Forks, Gallatin Co., MT⁴⁸.

Notes for ALBERT SLOAN:

Albert was a bachelor and lived in Three Forks, Gallatin Co., MT with his brother John Sloan. The Sloan brothers grew dryland wheat on their 660-acre (one section) ranch bordering the Jefferson River opposite the town of Three Forks. One summer in the 1940's, Robert P. "Pete" Lewis, second cousin of John and Albert, worked on the ranch operating a combine. Dixie Griffith

Garwood, also a second cousin, has memories of visits with John and Albert. Later in life, the Vandolah's cared for John and Albert, and eventually took over the ranch.

660 acres were sold to Dot Ranches, Inc. of Colorado in 1972 by Pete Vandolah. He retained the dry wheat land, which he eventually sold to Dean Volkford and Wheat Montana. Wheat Montana has a restaurant and bakery at the interchange of the freeway, very near the north eastern edge of the old Sloan ranch. The Sloan brothers old house has been moved to Willow Creek. - See newspaper article, John Sloan, 1972.

vi. GEORGE SLOAN⁴⁹.

Notes for GEORGE SLOAN:

Correspondence from Bob Clark: "George lived in Scottsville, Kansas", "live" in 1986.

vii. MILES SLOAN⁵⁰.

Notes for MILES SLOAN:

Miles, single, homesteaded: from notes of Bob Clark, page 4, Martin

3. ALBERT OWSLEY⁴ LEWIS (*JOHN SHELBY*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOHN*¹)^{51,52} was born April 28, 1859 in South Fork, Pulaski County, Kentucky^{53,54,55}, and died July 05, 1933⁵⁶. He married CERENA ELIZABETH SLOAN^{57,58} December 25, 1883^{59,60}, daughter of CLAYBORN SLOAN and MARY TATE. She was born October 24, 1863⁶¹, and died June 02, 1936⁶².

Marriage Notes for ALBERT LEWIS and CERENA SLOAN:

Children of ALBERT LEWIS and CERENA SLOAN are:

- i. GROVER⁵ LEWIS⁶³, b. Abt. 1885⁶⁴.
- ii. MOLLIE LEWIS⁶⁵, b. Abt. 1887⁶⁶.
- iii. BERTY LEWIS⁶⁷, b. August 20, 1888⁶⁸; d. August 16, 1904⁶⁹.
10. iv. ANNA LEWIS, b. June 02, 1892; d. November 04, 1981.
- v. ROY LEWIS⁷⁰, b. 1894.
- vi. MARGARET LEWIS⁷¹, b. August 04, 1904; d. August 08, 1904.

4. JAMES MILFORD⁴ LEWIS (*JOHN SHELBY*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOHN*¹)^{72,73,74,75} was born July 14, 1861 in Somerset, Pulaski Co., Kentucky^{76,77,78}, and died December

18, 1939 in Three Forks, Gallatin Co., MT^{79,80,81}. He married CORDELIA COLLINS^{82,83,84} October 22, 1893 in Helena, Lewis and Clark Co., MT^{85,86,87}, daughter of CHRISTOPHER COLLINS and LAVINA YATES. She was born October 29, 1871 in Radersburg, MT^{88,89,90,91,92}, and died June 05, 1959 in Helena, Lewis and Clark Co., MT^{93,94,94}.

Notes for JAMES MILFORD LEWIS:

James Milford LEWIS came to Montana in March of 1885. He was a school teacher - taught first 2 years in Kentucky. First taught at Willow Creek School, Montana; then taught at various schools in Gallatin County. He bought and ran the LEWIS Hotel in Three Forks. In 1939, he had two brothers,, George W. LEWIS and Miles Parker LEWIS, in Bozeman, Montana, and one brother, Samuel Logan LEWIS, in Los Angeles. - Douglas Arthur Lewis.

Individual Biographical text for James Milford LEWIS #3893

After completing his schooling in Somerset, KY, Mr. Lewis taught school for two years. In 1885 he came to Montana where he first taught in Willow Creek and then in several rural schools in Gallatin Valley. He ranched north of Belgrade until 1911 when he moved to Three Forks. From 1919 until his death, Mr. Lewis was the proprietor of the Lewis Hotel. - Shirley Morrow Sedivy.

OBITUARY - Three Forks News -

OLD TIME PIONEER OF GALLATIN COUNTY PASSES AWAY AT HIS HOME HERE

Mr. James M. Lewis, one of Three Forks well known and most respected citizens, passed away at his home Monday night. Mr. Lewis had been in poor health for several months, and for some time past has been slowly failing, and the end came peacefully on Monday night about 11 o'clock. Advanced age with complications was the cause of his death.

James Milford Lewis was 78 years of age. He was born in Somerset, Kentucky in 1861. Completing his education, he taught school for about two years in his home state. He came to Montana in March, 1885, and taught in his first Montana school at Willow Creek. Following this he taught for several years in various rural schools throughout Gallatin county.

In 1892 Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Cordelia Collins, daughter of pioneer settlers of Gallatin county. Following his marriage he was engaged in the mercantile business in Helena until 1908, when he returned to the Gallatin valley and farmed north of Belgrade until 1911, when he came to the Three Forks

district.

In 1919, with Mrs. Lewis he purchased the Wegner House, and has lived in Three Forks since that time conducting the Lewis Hotel.

Those who survive him are his widow, Mrs. Cordelia Lewis of Three Forks, two sons, Frank C. Lewis of Coulee Dam, Washington, and Douglas S. Lewis of Brentwood, California, and one daughter, Mrs. R.G. (Beulah) Griffith of Martinsdale, Montana, a sister, Mrs. E.D. Ferguson of Bozeman, three brothers, George W. Lewis, M.P. Lewis of Bozeman and Sam L. Lewis of Los Angeles, California, three grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Lewis were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Federated church, Rev. Willis Thurow officiating. Burial was in the Three Forks cemetery.

During Mr. Lewis long residence in this section he won for himself many warm friends, who will be grieved to learn of his passing.

Obituary - Unknown Local Newspaper

Funeral services for James Milford Lewis were conducted Wednesday afternoon in the Federated Church by the Rev. Willis Thurow.

Mr. Lewis passed away at his home in Three Forks Monday evening, December 18 at 11 o'clock following a two month's illness.

He was born in 1861 in Somerset, Ky. After finishing school there he taught for two years in his native state, coming to Montana in March, 1885. He taught his first school in Montana at Willow Creek, followed by several years of instruction in rural localities in Gallatin County, where many present day residents were his former pupils.

After his marriage in 1892 at Bozeman to Cordelia Collins, daughter of Pioneer settlers, he was engaged in the Mercantile business in Helena. Coming back to the Gallatin in 1908 he ranched north of Belgrade until 1911, when he settled in the Three Forks vicinity. Since 1919 he has resided in the town of Three Forks as proprietor of the Lewis Hotel.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Frank C. of Coulee Dam, Wash., and Douglas Lewis of Brentwood, Calif. A daughter, Mrs. R. G. (Beulah) Griffith of Martinsdale, Mont. A son, James Milford Jr., passed away at the age of seven. Other survivors include three grandchildren, Dixie Griffith, Jimmy and Peter Lewis; a sister, Mrs. E. D. Ferguson of Bozeman; three brothers, George Lewis and M.P. Lewis of Bozeman and Samuel Lewis of Los Angeles. There were also two nephews, Albert and John Sloan of Three Forks, as well as many other nieces and nephews in various places.

Mr. Lewis will be greatly missed in this vicinity where he was known as an upright, reliable citizen.

THE LEWIS HOTEL

" A small salt-box style hotel, one of the first buildings in Three Forks, maintains its reputation as a home-away-from home 67 years after its beginning. It has been so well kept that only the style belies its age.

It was in 1908 that J.F. Wegner, Helena, heard of the great excitement stirred up by the coming of the Milwaukee railroad to the Three Forks area. When the original lot sale took place he was on hand to purchase the lots for a rooming house.

He hired carpenters to do the exterior work and as soon as the roof was on the Wegner family moved in. According to Mrs. Erma W. Bleichner of Butte, the former Erma Wegner, the family, including the girls did much of the interior work. As soon as a room was finished, there was a tenant waiting to move in. Thus, with the completion of the last room, the hotel boasted an already full house.

With the coming of the railroad, housing was so scarce that the railroad company moved in old cars on a side track across from the building site to be used for temporary living quarters. It has been said that when cleaned the cars made very comfortable quarters and were occupied by Milwaukee employees and used as a dispatcher's office.

When the rooming house was finally in business, things were still quite primitive according to today's standards. Kerosene lamps were used for lighting, water was obtained from a pump on the back porch, and the toilet facilities in a house in the back yard.

In 1919 Wegner sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis, aunt and uncle of the present owner, Mrs. Violet Lilly. The Lewis's kept cows in a pasture across the railroad tracks and sold milk, cream and cottage cheese to the townspeople.

When the depression hit in 1929, Mrs. Lewis decided to supplement the income by taking in boarders. Soon she was serving meals to 23 people for \$1 a day or fifty cents a meal.

Lewis died in 1939 and Mrs. Lewis continued to run the hotel until she was 72 years old in 1943. At that time it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lilly.

It is interesting to note that many articles of furniture contained in the original Wegner House are still usable today. A few years ago Mrs. Bleichner visited in Three Forks and was astonished to note that the linoleum laid on the steps by her father, was still there - and with a bright, clear pattern!

Mrs. Lilly, who has run the hotel since 1939, is a true pioneer of the area. Her father, Frank Collins, (brother of Cordellia Collins Lewis) was born in a cabin on the Jefferson river not far from Three Forks. Her grandfather, C.C. Collins, who

migrated from Missouri, was a toll bridge keeper for Jim Shed.

During Mrs. Lilly's tenure, the furnace has been converted from coal to oil to gas; there have been deaths among the tenants, five marriages consummated, and one baby born; the hotel has withstood two severe earthquakes; one tenant occupied the same room for 20 years.

Mrs. Lilly cultivates a sizable vegetable garden, the products of which she shares with her "live-in" tenants. She makes her own soap which she declares, "will get the dirt out of anything".

The lobby today is a veritable showplace for the numerous antiques handed down by family members. Not the least of these is Mrs. Lilly's mother's Cathedral type organ which is in good working order after 100 years. On the organ may be seen the kerosene lamps which furnished the light for many song fests in days gone by. A Seth Thommas clock has the place of honor on one wall, a hand wrought sheep bell and numerous crockery and glass items are in evidence. - Frances Denning, "Growing Pains, Three Forks, Montana, 1908-1976", 1975, page 14-15

Bud Lilly, Violet Lilly's son, has renovated the Lewis Hotel, which is now known as the ANGLER'S RETREAT, providing accommodations for fly fishermen. In 1999, Bud Lilly was honored as "Man of the Year" by the West Yellowstone Museum, West Yellowstone, Montana. - August, 1999 - Virginia Lewis.

Notes for CORDELIA COLLINS:

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. CORDELIA LEWIS

Funeral services for Mrs. Cordelia Lewis, Gallatin County pioneer were held Monday at two o'clock from the Connors-Twichel Chapel. Reverend Howard B. Ricketts pastor of the Federated Church officiated.

Mrs. Lewis passed away Friday morning June 5th in Helena where she had resided the past three years.

Throughout the service sacred selections were played by Mrs. Dave Andrew at the organ.

Burial was in the Three Forks Cemetery.

Pallbearers were her great nephews, Robert L. Rampy, Jack Cowan, Rex M. Duncan, Carroll O. Watson, John D. Watson and Larry Tribble.

Cordelia Collins Lewis, the daughter of Christopher C. and Lavina Collins and the granddaughter of Granny Yates, was born in Radersburg on October 29, 1871 and spent her entire life in the state of Montana.

She was married to James M. Lewis in 1892 and went to Helena where they resided for fifteen years before moving to a ranch north of Belgrade, later moving to a ranch north of Three Forks.

In 1920 they purchased the Lewis Hotel here. Mr. Lewis passed away in 1939

and Mrs. Lewis continued to operate the hotel until 1943 when she disposed of it and moved to Butte where she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Richard Griffith for thirteen years.

Survivors include two sons, Frank C. Lewis of Sacramento, California, and Douglas S. Lewis of Brentwood, California, daughter (Beulah), Mrs. Richard Griffith of Spokane; sister, Mrs. T.W. Brewington of Salinas, California, three grandchildren, James F. Lewis and Robert P. Lewis of Brentwood and Dixie D. Garwood of Pasco, Washington; great grandchildren, James Lewis Jr., and Douglass A. Lewis of Brentwood and Richard G. Garwood and LuAnn Garwood of Pasco and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Lewis was a member of the Gallatin County Pioneers, the Baptist Church and the Order of Eastern Star.

Out of town relatives attending the service were:

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ferguson, Mrs. Ray Purdy, Mrs. W.L. Rampy, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brenner, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sales, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Duncan, Mrs. Louis L. Garwood, Mr. and Mrs. Douglass S. Lewis and Frank C. Lewis.

SERVICES HELD FOR PIONEER WOMAN

Mrs. Cordelia Lewis, Gallatin county pioneer and for nearly 25 years proprietor of the Lewis Hotel in Three Forks, died June 5 in Helena where she had been living the last three years.

Mrs. Lewis was born Oct. 29, 1871 at Radersburg, the daughter of Christopher and Lavine Collins and spent her entire life in Montana.

She was married to James M. Lewis in 1892 and moved to Helena, where the couple lived for some 15 years. Later they moved to a ranch north of Belgrade and in 1920 moved to Three Forks, where they purchased the Lewis hotel. Lewis died in 1939 and Mrs. Lewis continued to operate the hotel until 1943, when she sold it and moved to Helena, where she lived with a daughter, Mrs. Richard Griffith.

Mrs. Lewis was a member of the Gallatin County Pioneers, the Baptist church and the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include: two sons, Frank C. Lewis, Sacramento, Calif., Douglass S. Lewis, Brentwood Calif., a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Beulah) Griffith, Spokane; a sister, Mrs. T.W. Brewington, Salinas, Calif., three grandchildren; four great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 8 at the Conners & Twitchel chapel in Three Forks.

Mrs. Dave Andrew played selections on the organ during the service. Pallbearers were her great-nephews: Robert L. Rampy, Jack Cowan, Rex M.

Duncan, Carroll O. Watson, John D. Watson and Larry Tribble.

Out of town relative attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ferguson, Mrs. Ray Purdy, Mrs. W.L. Rampy, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sales, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Duncan, Mrs. Louis L. Garwood, Mr. and Mrs. Douglass S. Lewis and Frank C. Lewis.

Marriage Notes for JAMES LEWIS and CORDELIA COLLINS:

Date of marriage according to the LEWIS Bible. The COLLINS Bible records the date as 10-3-1893.

Place of marriage: Helena? - marriage license application filed in Gallatin Co.
What is the evidence for marriage in Helena?

More About JAMES LEWIS and CORDELIA COLLINS:

Marriage license: October 03, 1893, Application for Marriage License No. 391, Gallatin County, MT⁹⁵

Children of JAMES LEWIS and CORDELIA COLLINS are:

11. i. FRANCIS COLLINS⁵ LEWIS, b. May 09, 1894, Belgrade, Gallatin Co., MT, on the family ranch; d. June 12, 1972, Sacramento, Sacramento Co., CA.
12. ii. DOUGLASS SHELBY LEWIS, b. March 23, 1895, on the family ranch near Belgrade, MT; d. December 25, 1964, Brentwood, Contra Costa Co., CA.
13. iii. BEULAH MARIE LEWIS, b. September 12, 1898, Belgrade, Gallatin Co., MT, on the family ranch; d. June 19, 1978, Spokane, Washington.
- iv. JR. JAMES MILFORD LEWIS, JR.⁹⁶, b. November 27, 1900, Belgrade, Gallatin Co., MT, on the family ranch^{97,98}; d. April 16, 1908, Belgrade, Gallatin Co., MT^{99,100}.

5. MILES PARKER⁴ LEWIS (*JOHN SHELBY³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*)^{101,102} was born September 01, 1863 in Pisgah, Somerset, Pulaski Co., Kentucky^{103,104,105,106}, and died November 14, 1943 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co., Montana¹⁰⁷. He married LOLA M. FAULKNER¹⁰⁸ June 27, 1897^{109,110}. She was born August 07, 1868¹¹¹, and died January 01, 1954¹¹².

Notes for MILES PARKER LEWIS:

According to the obituary of his brother James Milford Lewis, Miles Parker Lewis was living in Bozeman, MT in 1939.

Notes for LOLA M. FAULKNER:

Sister of Ward Faulkner.

Child of MILES LEWIS and LOLA FAULKNER is:

- i. EVERETTE⁵ LEWIS, b. June 16, 1899¹¹³; d. April 1968¹¹³.

Notes for EVERETTE LEWIS:

Everett's father, Miler Parker Lewis' certificate was signed by Mills E. Lewis.
Is Everett's full name Miles Everett Lewis?

6. SAMUEL LOGAN⁴ LEWIS (*JOHN SHELBY³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*)¹¹⁴ was born July 01, 1866^{115,116}. He married GEORGIA SUMNER¹¹⁷ July 12, 1897 in Pulaski, KY¹¹⁸.

Children of SAMUEL LEWIS and GEORGIA SUMNER are:

- i. GEORGIA GENEVIEVE⁵ LEWIS^{119,120}.
- ii. YUMA FELEPI LEWIS^{121,122}.
- iii. SAMUEL LEWIS¹²³.
- iv. WALTER LEWIS¹²⁴.

7. BURNETTIE JANE⁴ LEWIS (*JOHN SHELBY³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*)^{125,126} was born May 24, 1868 in Somerset, Pulaski Co., Kentucky^{126,127}, and died November 06, 1943 in Bozeman, Montana^{127,128}. She met ENOCH DOUGLASS FERGUSON¹²⁹ September 17, 1890 in Bozeman, Montana^{130,131}. He was born 1844¹³², and died 1922^{133,134}.

Notes for BURNETTIE JANE LEWIS:

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She came to Montana in 1888 and taught school in this county for a time. Mrs. Ferguson suffered a stroke last Saturday evening at her home at 303 West Mendenhall. She was taken to the Deaconess hospital and was unable too rally. She died at 9:PM Sunday.

Notes taken from Obituary in The Bozeman Courier, Friday, November 12, 1943.

Mrs. Ferguson was very active in the Presbyterian church. Throughout her earlier years here the church was located on the land where the Dahl funeral home now stands(they have since moved.) Mrs Ferguson was among those active in the group which conceived the present church edifice and in the working committee which made that dream a reality. Her husband was a charter member of the Lilly of the Valley Chapter No. 4, Order of Eastern Star. She was initiated into the Lily of the Valley chapter in January of 1891 and was a member continuously until the time of her death. She served in various appointive and elective offices and was Worthy Matron in 1898. Mrs. Ferguson was a charter member of the Masonic Women's Auxiliary.

In 1937 she was made a life member of Lily of the Valley Chapter in recognition of her many years of service.

Notes for ENOCH DOUGLASS FERGUSON:

An early Montana pioneer a member of the Yellowstone expedition into the Little Big Horn country and with wide farming interests in the valley. Soon after their marriage Mr. Ferguson began construction of one of the finest in Bozeman of that day.. The Fergusons lived in a home across the street until their home, 303 West Mendenhall, was completed. Mrs. Ferguson lived in this home until her death.

Marriage Notes for BURNETTIE LEWIS and ENOCH FERGUSON:

Date of marriage according to the LEWIS Bible.

Children of BURNETTIE LEWIS and ENOCH FERGUSON are:

14. i. VEDA⁵ FERGUSON, b. 1893; d. 1968.
15. ii. JR. ENOCH DOUGLASS FERGUSON, b. May 02, 1900, Bozeman, Montana; d. August 01, 1960.

8. ZULA⁴ LEWIS (*JOHN SHELBY³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*)¹³⁵ was born May 10, 1870^{135,136}, and died September 25, 1935 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co., Montana^{137,138}. She married WALTER H. SALES^{139,140} September 21, 1898¹⁴¹. He was born 1865¹⁴², and died 1949 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co., Montana¹⁴².

Notes for ZULA LEWIS:

Date of birth is recorded in Lewis Bible as 5-10-1875. Dates on Zula's headstone are 1870-1935.

Notes for WALTER H. SALES:

Walter Sales served as a State Representative of Montana.

Marriage Notes for ZULA LEWIS and WALTER SALES:

Marriage date according to the LEWIS Bible

Child of ZULA LEWIS and WALTER SALES is:

16. i. WALTER⁵ SALES, b. April 07, 1902; d. June 1971, Bozeman, Gallatin Co.,

Montana.

9. ANNA MARY⁴ LEWIS (*JOHN SHELBY³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*)^{143,144,145} was born August 14, 1871 in Pisgah, Pulaski County, Kentucky^{146,147}, and died April 13, 1928 in Los Angeles County, CA¹⁴⁸. She married GEORGE W. CHANDLER^{149,150}.

Notes for ANNA MARY LEWIS:

Anna Mary LEWIS, daughter of John Shelby LEWIS and Hetty Jane MARTIN, was the twin of Jilson D. LEWIS born Aug. 14, 1871. Jilson died unmarried September 20, 1884 at age 13.

Children of ANNA LEWIS and GEORGE CHANDLER are:

- i. MARGARET KATHRYN⁵ CHANDLER^{151,152}.
- ii. EDWIN CHANDLER¹⁵³.

Notes for EDWIN CHANDLER:

A search of the Social Security Death Index at Family Tree Maker Online yielded the following three individuals who died in California and were born on a date that would allow any one of them to be possible family members. Hard evidence is necessary, such as a death certificate, obituary, or personal knowledge, to determine if any of these individuals is the child of Anna Mary Lewis and George W. Chandler.

Edwin CHANDLER, SS#568-03-2751; Issue state, CA; Birth, 9 Oct 1898; Death, Aug 1973 in CA; Last known residence, Vista, California 92083 .

Edwin CHANDLER, SS#550-24-9626; Issue state, CA; Birth, 4 Aug 1898; Death, 6 Feb 1988 in CA; Last know residence, San Dimas, California 91773.

Edwin CHANDLER, SS#558-28-6718; Issue state, CA; Birth, 20 Dec. 1904; Death, Nov. 1985 in CA; Last known residence, Santa Barbara, CA, 93108.

A search of the California Death Index, on microfiche, at the Family History Center, Sunnyvale, CA yielded the following individuals named Edwin CHANDLER, who died in California. These are the same individuals listed above with the exception the the last person, who is not listed in the SSDI because he did not have a SS#.

CHANDLER, Edwin G.; spouse's initials, EW, SS#568-03-2751; County, 80 (City and County of

San Diego), Date of death, 08-31-73; Registrar #7710; State File #124349.

CHANDLER, Edwin L.; spouse's initials, none; SS#550-24-9626; County 19 (Los Angeles);

Date of death, 02-06-88; Registrar #7482; State File #177796.

CHANDLER, Edwin R.; spouse's initials, ME; SS#558-28-6718; County 42 (Santa Barbara);

Date of death 11-17-85; Registrar # 2246; State File #178527.

CHANDLER, Edwin H.; spouse's initials, EC; no SS#; County 19 (Los Angeles),

Date of death, 11-05-41; Registrar's #771; State File #41-70913.

Possible clues to the right individual, if indeed he is one of these, could be the INDIVIDUAL'S MIDDLE INITIAL, SPOUSE'S INITIALS, DATE OF BIRTH (if known to anyone in the LEWIS family), DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH, and LAST KNOWN RESIDENCE.

iii. LEWIS WHITNEY CHANDLER^{154,155}.

Notes for LEWIS WHITNEY CHANDLER:

A search of the Social Security Death Index reveals the following individuals who could possibly be

Lewis CHANDLER child of Anna Mary Lewis and George W. Chandler.

*CHANDLER, LEWIS; SS#558-28-6717, Issue State, CA; Birth, 10 Jan 1903; Death, Dec. 1982

in CA; Last known residence, Beverly Hills, CA 90211.

A search of the California Death Index reveals the following individuals who could possibly be

Lewis CHANDLER, child of Anna Mary Lewis and George W. Chandler.

*CHANDLER, Lewis W.; spouse's initials, DS; SS#558-28-6717; County 19 (Los Angeles);

Date of death, 12-28-82; Registrar #59521; State File #181447.

CHANDLER, Lewis B.; spouse's initials, AB; no social security #; County 37 (San Diego);

Date of death, 05-03-47; Registrar #42; State File #47-38861.

CHANDLER, Lewis R.; spouse's initials, AC; SS#553-30-2007; County 44 (Santa Cruz);

Date of death, 06-24-56; Registrar #509; State File #56-53084.

* This individual appears to be most likely the child of Anna Mary Lewis and George W. Chandler.
Further hard evidence is necessary to prove whether this individual is the child of Anna Mary Lewis and George W. Chandler..

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10. ANNA⁵ LEWIS (*ALBERT OWSLEY⁴, JOHN SHELBY³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*)¹⁵⁶ was born June 02, 1892¹⁵⁷, and died November 04, 1981¹⁵⁸. She married CHESTER DILLON CLARK¹⁵⁹ June 09, 1914¹⁶⁰. He was born January 22, 1889¹⁶¹, and died May 1980¹⁶².

Notes for CHESTER DILLON CLARK:

Anna and "Chet" attend a Presbyterian Church.

Children of ANNA LEWIS and CHESTER CLARK are:

17. i. CLIFFORD CLARK⁶ CLARK.
18. ii. BOB J. CLARK, b. June 05, 1929.

11. FRANCIS COLLINS⁵ LEWIS (*JAMES MILFORD⁴, JOHN SHELBY³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*)^{163,164,165,166} was born May 09, 1894 in Belgrade, Gallatin Co., MT, on the family ranch^{167,168,169}, and died June 12, 1972 in Sacramento, Sacramento Co., CA^{170,171}. He married LILLIAN MCDONALD¹⁷², daughter of JAMES MCDONALD and ROSE BRENNAN. She was born December 31, 1892 in Argyle, Wisconsin¹⁷³, and died November 13, 1987 in San Diego, San Diego Co., CA¹⁷⁴.

Notes for FRANCIS COLLINS LEWIS:

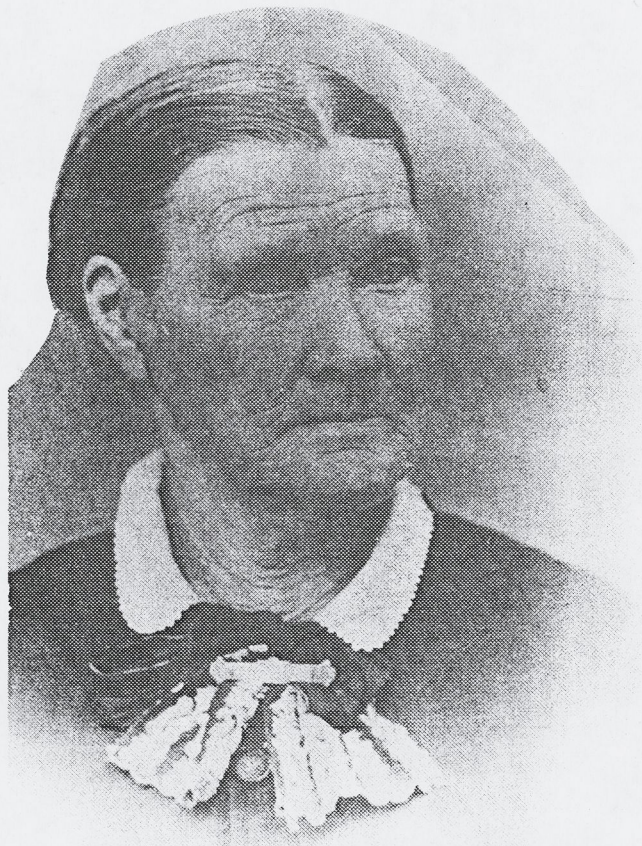
Family lore has it that Frank Lewis was born on the family ranch near Belgrade, MT. However, his mother, Cordelia Collins Lewis obituary says that James and Cordelia lived in Helena, MT until 1907.

Frank C. Lewis, a civil engineer and surveyor, worked on many Bureau of Reclamation projects, including the Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia River at Grand Coulee, Washington, and the Hoover Dam on the Colorado River at the border of Nevada and Arizona. Subsequently, he moved to California where he continued his work for the Bureau of Reclamation, retiring in 19??

Notes for LILLIAN MCDONALD:

In the 1980's, after Frank passed away, Lillian lived with her nephew and his

Mary (Wells) Yates:
The Legend and Legacy of Granny Yates



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Records in VA from the early 19th century are not complete, but they indicate that Zachariah and Rebecca Wells were probably the parents of Mary Wells [Bales, p.1077]. As early as 1806 they bought land in Lee Co. VA near the town of Big Stone Gap in the "Three Forks" (of the Powell River) area [Book 2, p.239]. Now part of Wise Co. VA this area is in the extreme western part of the state and is very near Daniel Boone's Cumberland Gap which opened the area of Kentucky for settlement. The land around there is hilly, wooded, and green.

Early Days in Virginia

As a girl and young woman Mary's nickname was Polly. She had several brothers and sisters. Her brothers Jacob and Robert Wells married into the Shepherd family and moved to MO. The Wells family may have been associated with the Three Forks Baptist Church, and there were preachers among them.

I was born Sunday, November 12, 1815... [Mary Wells Yates]

One of her Lee Co. neighbors in the early days was Solomon Yates, born in 1802. He was the son of William and Selah Yates, and he married her sister Rachael in the 1820's. Solomon and Rachael moved to Jackson Co. MO. Rachael died.

Married Life in Missouri

On September 9, 1834, Solomon Yates and Polly Wells were married in Lee Co. VA by Andrew Turner [Lee Co. Marriage Register No. 1, p. 7]. Mr. Yates had three children by his former wife and needed a mother for them. The Wells family were strong Baptists of the southern "Hardshelled" variety and searched the Bible over for a word that might say it was wrong for a sister to marry her brother-in-law [Davis, p. 1]. The objections of the old folks proved of little consequence. The young westerner stole his intended bride from her parent's home one dark night, a clergyman was sought and the wedding knot was tied. The journey westward was at once begun. The trip, which was in reality a honeymoon on horseback, took 36 days to complete ["Granny Yates Picnic"]. They must have satisfied themselves because they were married and soon afterward left VA for MO - each on a horse and with a bedroll tied behind [Davis, p.1]. After her marriage, she never heard from her parents. She had no idea even when they died [Fitzgerald, p. 4].

I was married in Lee Co. VA and started in at pioneering as soon as the ceremony was concluded, for I left the church on horseback and rode all the way through to the far west, arriving in Jackson Co. MO where we remained for two years... [Mary Wells Yates].

They settled in Jackson Co. MO. This was Mr. Yates' home and his children remained here while he went to fetch a new bride. Later they moved to Platte Co. MO [Davis, p. 1]. In 1840 Solomon Yates was listed in the Platte Co. MO census.

[We] then moved into the Platte Purchase, settling near Platte City, where we lived several years. From there we moved to Nodaway and Andrew counties, where we lived fifteen years, and from Andrew Co. moved to Gentry Co.... [Mary Wells Yates].

In 1844 Solomon Yates was administrator for the wills of Ezekiel Blanton and Elijah Shepherd in Andrew Co. MO. In 1846 William Yates died in Andrew Co; the administrator of his estate listed his son Solomon as living in Andrew Co. [Bond A-108]. In 1850 Solomon and Polly Yates are listed in the 1850 Andrew Co. census [p. 79].

Many children were born to Solomon and Mary. Those that lived to adulthood include: Rachael (named after Mary's sister), Lavina, Benjamin, Evaline, Solomon, Ann Lucy, Samuel, Zachariah, and George L. In the 1850 census the family included Elizabeth who was born in 1843. By one account, two children Willie and Bettie died in infancy [Fitzgerald, p. 1].

When the Civil War broke out, raiders came into Platte Co. and were shooting the slave holders. The Yates family freed their slaves voluntarily about this time. Some of the Yates' kinfolks lived in the same vicinity and when the raiders stopped to find out where this particular family lived, Mary Yates gave them directions and then ran across the field and warned the family. When the raiders entered the house they found the beds still warm and returned to Mary Yates to question her. But the ones warned had escaped and the man of the family joined Gen. Sterling Price's army [Davis, p.1]

While she was still on the estate, she had trouble with guerilla forces. One day a group came and stole a barrel of her good meat. As the soldiers left she told them that she had "pizened" the meat. Sure enough, she recovered the meat where the soldiers had dumped it out [Fitzgerald, p. 2].

The Migration to Montana

Solomon Yates died in the late fifties from typhoid fever. Apparently the family was self sustaining on the home farm [Davis, p. 1]. Solomon Yates was not listed with his family in the 1860 Federal Census.

I buried my husband and struggled through the Civil war. Constant discouragement made me leave the land I had found a wilderness and for thirty years had seen blossom as the rose, and again seek frontier life... [Mary Wells Yates].

In 1863, when the news of the gold strike in Montana's Alder Gulch reached MO, the spirit of adventure that moved Mary Wells Yates to leave her VA home again made her decide to go to MT. Mrs. Yates was 48 years old by this time and most of the children were grown, or nearly so. Subsequently she joined a wagon train, probably at Independence, and drove out six shod cows. She brought three of the older boys with her. Because she had cows she was able to milk them and churned butter on the side of the wagon as it bumped over the rocky trail [Davis, pp. 1 and 2].

On May 5, 1864, with my unmarried children, I started for Virginia City, MT, up the South Platte, through old Forts Kearney, Laramie, Halleck and the Bitter Creek valley, on the CA overland route. Our train being large the Indians gave us no trouble. I made and sold butter all the way across the plains. I also had fresh eggs on the trip, as I had brought a number of chickens along... [Mary Wells Yates].

When Mary Yates arrived in Virginia City the cows she had driven out were sold at such a profit that she was able to finance another round trip back to MO in 1864. This time she brought more of her children, and instead of coming through the south pass in WY as she had on the first trip, came up the Missouri River to Fort Benton -- the way she had returned to MO. When she made the trip back in 1864, the flat boats were held up close to Fort Benton by herds of buffalo crossing the Missouri River from their winter range to summer range. It is said that they crossed for three days and nights along 18 miles of the river--a lot of buffalo! [Davis, p. 2].

This was only the first of five more such round trips ... The third trip was made up the Yellowstone - probably in 1865 or 1866. The train was always careful to make camp on a rise so that a lookout could be kept for Indians. One morning on the Yellowstone when the stock was being taken down to the river for watering before starting on the long day, Indians rose out of the tulies and attacked the herders. The men on the bluff immediately fired and drove off the attacking Indians. One of the Yates' boys, Sol, was wounded in the leg -- the only injury resulting from the attack. Sol managed to jump on the back of his brother Ben's horse and return safely to camp. His leg was bound and splinted and tied to the wagon braces and he recovered without any infirmity of any kind. After the Indian attack, the youngest boy, George L. was put among the flour sacks or barrels for protection and rode that way the remaining miles to Virginia City [Davis, pp. 2 and 3].

On another trip through the south pass Mrs. Yates brought back three barrels of whiskey and three barrels of dried apples. She made pies from the apples and sold them to the miners for one dollar a piece. This is not a great price in 1951, but undoubtedly quite a premium in the 1860's [Davis, p. 3]. On several of the trips Mrs. Yates - now called "Granny" by those who knew her, acted as guide and organizer for the emigrants. She first brought all her relatives from MO to MT and others who wanted to come. [Davis, p.2].

When she was leading one of the six wagon trains she led west from Joplin, MO, she got off on the wrong trail and went about 2 days into what is now Idaho. When she realized their situation she retraced their route coming again to the Jefferson River in Gallatin Valley and the Ferry which was run by a French man. She asked him how much he would charge to take them back across and he said \$100. Granny knew the wagon people did not have the money, which was \$1 a wagon so she told him, "We will camp here till the river goes down and then we will ford the river." So they made camp, cooked up beans and made hard tack (a bread fried in a skillet) unloaded the wagons and washed clothes and aired their bedding. Granny put her feather bed on some bushes taking a broom (as was a custom) and beating the feather bed to fluff the feathers up. The Frenchman came over and said "Mrs. Yates how much will you take for your feather bed?" Granny replied, "Its not for sale." The Frenchman talked more about buying it and when Granny wouldn't sell he went away. The next day he came back and said, "Mrs. Yates, I will take all the wagons across and give you this \$50 gold piece to boot for your feather bed." Granny thought about it for awhile and then said yes to the proposition. So all were taken across, and Granny got the \$50 gold piece [Wanda M. Ross].

Granny Yates made seven trips west and six trips east.

I have crossed the plains thirteen times... [Mary Wells Yates].

She crossed the plains twice with the bull trains, came up the Missouri river once by steamboat and traveled back and forth after the railroad was completed ["Granny Yates Dead"]. The last time she returned to MT by the Oregon Shortline Railroad to Dillon [Davis, p 2]. She acted as guide and organizer for these journeys and was a booster for a new life in the West. Some people say she was actually the boss of the trains [Fitzgerald, p. 2].

Granny realized that people from the wagon train needed more than a covered wagon to live in because of the long snowy winters, and she built a half-way house which she fixed so two families could live in it at a time until men could cut and bring logs from the Mountains up to 20 miles away, notch them and lay up a log house. She did not charge anyone for using the house [Wanda M. Ross]. This place was called "Pilgrim's Rest," and was located below Huffine's place on Foster Creek where it runs into Smith Creek [Davis, p. 4].

Life in Early Montana

Strangely enough she never homesteaded, but bought a place of her own eventually [Davis, p. 3]. In the 1870 Federal Census, Mary Yates lived in Radersburg, Jefferson Co. with her sons: Solomon (25), Samuel (21), Zach (17), and George L. (12) [p. 146].

I went back to Radersburg and stayed a year. Then I moved to North Boulder and took up a ranch, where I had the misfortune of having a son drown. Another joined the ill-fated [1874] Yellowstone expedition and was killed by indians.

[Mary Wells Yates]

In the morning the stock was turned out to graze as usual, attended by a guard; and while most of us were eating our breakfast, an alarm was sounded, and a large force of Indians was seen coming out of ravines at the head of a little valley to the south of our camp (which was on a hill), and coming like a whirlwind down upon our herd, evidently expecting to stampede our stock ... Some corralled the stock, while others fought the indians back In doing so, one man, Z.T. Yates from the Boulder valley, was killed, but was carried into camp by his companions ... We soon broke camp and moved on, and in the afternoon reached the Little Horn, crossed it, and camped on a bench overlooking the valley. Here during the night, we buried our comrade, Yates, in our trenches, and so effectually concealed his grave that there was no danger of the Indians finding it. [Addison M. Quivey. p.268]

Mrs. Yates was a woman of sturdy build, well-proportioned and able to hold her own in the frontier life she chose for herself. She was about five feet seven or eight inches tall and weighed about 160 pounds [Davis, p. 4]. Granny's independence is known to have asserted itself in more than one way. She once drowned out and killed a large badger with a shovel. The badger had been molesting her garden [Davis, p. 5]. My mother remembers that Granny nearly always wore black and an old black sunbonnet and walked many miles to places she wanted to go. Some of her kids, wanted her to live with them and she said, "No, I've lived with you underfoot all my life and I want to live alone." and so for many years she did [Wanda M. Ross].

In August [1877] I sold out and came to Dry Creek, my present location where I have since remained ... [Mary Wells Yates]

Granny Yates must have been a woman of character and purpose with much forcefulness in her makeup. Perhaps if more were known of her motivations and "modus operandi" a better picture could be drawn of her personality. She was not given the opportunity for any sort of formal education, but the fact that she could not read nor write did not prevent her from having well-defined opinions. From the reports of those who knew her she was first a woman, then a Baptist and then a Democrat. And the intensity of the progression increases with it. One story told of her has it that during a Republican administration, when the grandchildren would return empty handed from the mail box, Granny blamed it on the "Black Republicans." [Davis, p. 4].

Whose happy thought was it to thus keep green the memory of dear old Granny Yates. What a strong, outstanding personality she had. How her character stamped itself on scores and scores of those who lived within a number of miles of the district known at that time as Dry Creek.

Well do I remember her and her sharp characterizations of people. One was not apt to forget her remarks. I recall her speaking of

one for whom she had no use at all and someone asked her if she did not think he would get to heaven. Quick as a flash came back her answer, "Oh, I suppose so; he'll be saved for a fool." [Rev. George Byron Morse]

Religion was always a very important part of her life.

We were expecting Reverend Frank Bostwick of the American Baptist Publication society to hold a few weeks meeting at Dry Creek. It was decided that I as pastor should go down there for a week ahead and hold some meetings and as it were "tune up" for his coming. On the third of my meetings, I had been pressing upon those gathered the value of prayer for our own families, those in them that had not yet accepted Christ. Then I gave out the hymn, "Revive us again," turned to the organ which was up in a corner of the platform and started to play and lead the singing with my back to the people. Suddenly, in between the lines I heard a strange weird crooning, sounds that I had never heard before and that sent cold chills chasing up and down my spine. Turning, I saw Granny Yates standing at the front, her hands clasped and her arms waving rhythmically with her crooning. Before the chorus to that verse was finished, I could hear sobs and groans from different parts of the room and I knew that we were in for a real, southern camp meeting time. Granny had started it.

There was a revival of spiritual interest within what one might call family lines. And I verily believe it began with that crooning of Granny Yates which undoubtedly represented the Spirit making intercession for us in groanings that could not be uttered. The impulse that got Granny Yates to her feet was, I feel sure, the sense that she had more at stake, family-wise than anyone else there; the majority were her descendants, she loved them, she did not want that one should be missing from the salvation and the glory which she knew to be hers through the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I have no doubt that the in-gathering at that time with an answer to the groaning and crooning of Granny Yates as she gathered her descendants in her arms of faith and held them up before the Lord. What wonderful interest they manifested in the meetings, the miles they would drive to hear a sermon. The energy they put forth in those days should shame us today... [Rev. George Byron Morse].

She apparently found some spiritual sustenance from the Bible and often quoted and misquoted it [Davis, p. 4]. If any attempt was made at correcting the misquotation, her

indignation prevented the accurate one from pressing the correction [Davis, p. 4]. One of her sayings was, "Do unto others as you should before they do you" [Wanda M. Ross].

Perhaps because she did discipline herself, Granny Yates demanded proper conduct in those about her. She was not even yielding with her grandchildren as grandmothers often are. On one occasion she snatched up a youngster who was running up and down the aisle at church and delivered a sound spanking in the presence of the child's parents [Davis, p. 4].

Granny Yates caused me to stop my sermon in the old Dry Creek schoolhouse one Sunday morning for a few moments while she carried out a little family discipline. Granny was sitting right in front of me on the front row. Big, jolly, laughing George Yates, her son, was sitting about midway back in one of the school seats.

With that jovial spirit of his he was not disposed to be too severe on his little three or four year old daughter who was inclined to run around the aisles, laughing at those she knew. This quite annoyed Granny who turned and looked at George several times throwing into that one good eye of hers all the rebuke that should have been necessary. But George would not exercise his rights and prerogatives of a father, so unable to endure it longer Granny as the baby ran by her grabbed her by the clothes at the belt line, lifted her across her lap and administered a few rousing spanks and as she set the baby down said to her, "Now go back to your father, where you belong." I then went on with my sermon and finished without any more trouble from babies running about...

[Rev. George Byron Morse]

In later life the children often did Granny's shopping in the town of Bozeman. When the shopping trip was to be made every three months or so, someone would stop by Granny's home close to Belgrade and pick up her shopping list. One time she ordered a corset and when it arrived it was too long and uncomfortable. Granny did not propose to wait the three months necessary to make the exchange so took the corset out on the chopping block and hacked it down to her length. Since a male was telling the story it was not possible to probe out some of the finer points such as which end was cut, how it was rebound, regartered, etc. [Davis, p. 4].

Granny's Later Years

As the years went by and her eyesight failed she still rode horseback to visit friends and relatives about the valley. Once when approaching a gate, someone called directions to her. She informed them that she knew the way as well as they and to please keep quiet [Davis, p. 5]. Going into town was a real treat. She would go with family members whenever she could, and she would stop neighbors to see if they would take her [Aline Brown].

Granny used to sit and rock for hours thinking about her earlier days. During this time she would talk to herself. This was a precious time to Granny, and she did not want anyone to hear. One day her great-grandson Harold decided to hide in the room. Granny somehow discovered him and drove him from the room with her gold-headed cane in attendance at his rear extremity. The great-grandson did get revenge one day when he had to walk Granny to the bathroom behind the house. He deliberately walked her into the clothesline and "tried to string her up." During her blind days, Granny always carried a cane hooked onto her arm. When this little boy teased her, she would hook him with the end of her cane. She was still quite active even though she was blind [Fitzgerald, p. 5].

In 1901 a photograph was taken which all the relatives prize most highly. It shows five generations: Granny being the first, then her oldest daughter Lavina, followed by Mary Ballard, Lizzie Cloninger, and the baby Carrie Cloninger. In the picture Mrs. Yates looks almost as young as her daughter and indeed at that time she was a remarkably vigorous woman for her advanced years. Many have enjoyed hearing of the days on the road across the plains, and the story of the life just ended would certainly make a most interesting book ["Granny Yates Dead"].

The "Five Generation" Picture



On November 13, 1906, "Granny Yates" celebrated her ninety-first birthday anniversary, and was in a remarkably healthy condition for that age. Before her sight failed she would drive and ride horseback and often walk for miles without any trouble. She was a most industrious woman and a most excellent business manager. Left a widow with seven children when only about forty years of age, she assumed the care and responsibility devolving upon her, and not only successfully reared her own children but assisted in the care of others. ["Granny Yates Dead"]

Obituary

Mrs. Mary L. Yates, familiarly known to relatives and friends as "Granny Yates", passed away at the farm home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Annie Miller, at Little Basin, near the Horseshoe Mountains, Thursday morning, April 25, 1907. Her death was not unexpected, as she had been failing for some time and for three weeks had been confined to her bed. For five years she had been totally blind and on that account was unable to lead the active life she might have lived to the last. ["Granny Yates Dead"].

She was a faithful member of the Baptist church, as are many of her children and grandchildren. The funeral took place at noon, Saturday, April 27, from the Dry Creek Baptist church, Rev. M. L. Rickman formerly of this city but now of Helena conducting the services. The stormy day prevented many of the old time friends from being present, but there was a large attendance at the funeral service ["Granny Yates Dead"]. Mary Yates' headstone stands in Dry Creek Cemetery.

The Legacy of Granny Yates

One year before Granny's death, a book publisher came through the Gallatin Valley. For a small fee this man would print family histories. Annie Miller had her family history printed into the big black book. Granny Yates, however, said the only way she would have her history published would be if the publisher paid her [Fitzgerald, p. 7]. Unfortunately when the time came to record her life, most of the tellers, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, did not remember her most productive years. Most of the retold tales deal with her as an old woman -- even though there were many stages to her life: a young woman setting out on a romantic adventure in a new land, a wife and mother, a widow with children to raise in the face of adversity, and a pioneer leader on the MT frontier. Perhaps the best telling of her life was told in her own words and reported by Lyle K. Williams in a little book, Historically Speaking. This account makes fascinating reading for those interested in life in the early days.

After the first trip out with the cows pulling the wagon, Mary Yates rode horses and was careful to see that only good horses and mules left MO with the emigrant trains. She rode side-saddle after the manner of the period. Some of the horses in Gallatin and Madison Valleys at the present time are from the brood stock Granny brought west [Davis, p. 3].

Upon Granny's death, her things were distributed to various family members. The one prize possession of the family Bible has been lost in the shuffle. This Bible was printed about two hundred fifty years ago and had been in the family one hundred forty three years at the time of Granny's death. The Bible had contained much family information. The Bible had been given to the granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Ellen Stiles. At the time of Auntie Stiles' death, however, the Bible could not be located in her belongings [Fitzgerald, p. 6]. Charley Parr talked of looking, as a child, at this Bible which was kept in his family home. The gold-headed cane was given to one of Jock Miller's children and now is in the possession of Mrs. Hilke of Willow Creek [Fitzgerald, p. 6]. Dave Miller later inherited the cane.

One longstanding tradition is the "Granny" Yates picnic. An account of the second picnic, July 21, 1929, appeared in the Rocky Mountain American. The "Granny" Yates Picnic at the Burns Grove, Manhattan last Sunday, was, from many angles an unusual event. First, it was purely a get-together annual picnic of what is rapidly growing into a historical family, as the organization dates back about a hundred years ... Granny Yates ... has three children living, all of whom attended the picnic last Sunday. They are Solomon Yates, George Yates and Mrs. Anna Miller ... While the gathering was only the second of its kind, some 350 people were present up to the sixth generation ... The first annual gathering of the Granny Yates descendants was held at the grove of Henry Cloninger last year, but the convenient location of the Burns grove with its cleanliness, seats and tables, fresh water, etc. render it an ideal location, and Mr. Burns extended the party the same invitation for next year, the committee on arrangements consisting of G.D. Tribble of Belgrade, Mrs. William Cox, Belgrade, and Mrs. J.M. Lewis, Three Forks ... The occasion of the gathering was so unusual for the reason that it is in no way commercialized. No one paid a cent for the grove, the dinner -- and there was dinner served in the old fashioned way -- fried chicken, roast chicken, stewed chicken, every conceivable kind of pickles, bushels of sandwiches of all manner of makes, pies and cakes galore, and the best in the world, sauces, jellies, hot coffee, lemonade and ice cream.. The only way of a charge that was made was a collection for ice cream that was bought locally. This was done by passing the hat and was so liberally responded to that \$8.00 over the amount necessary was tossed in the hat. That was placed in the treasury for next year's refreshments ... Immediately following the dinner hour the crowd congregated in the sunlight and cameras were clicking for many of the big newspapers of the state ["Granny Yates Picnic"].

Apparently she was acutely aware of the possibilities for a new life in the northwest and wanted to aid in populating it with relatives and friends [Davis, p. 3]. The descendants of Mrs. Yates are scattered over most of the western part of the United States and some of them returned to MO [Davis, p. 5]. To Mr. and Mrs. Yates were born eleven children, six of whom are still living, all but one of these in MT. Mrs. Yates a few months ago [1907] estimated that she had 360 living descendants, and from what information can be gained there is no doubt that she has over three hundred. There are fifty-two grandchildren, most of whom have families and of the great-grandchildren two have families, so there are five great-great-grandchildren. ["Granny Yates Dead"] In a recent reckoning [1951] it was found that there were 60 grandchildren and 90 great-grandchildren [Davis, p. 5].

Seven Generations of the Yates/Wells Family

After Granny's death, she left stories and just a few material things behind. More important she left a family legacy with a way of life they would not have known without her influence. The following pages attempt to present the human legacy of Granny Yates, her children and some of her descendants. They are as complete and correct as the editor can make them in time for the 1991 Yates picnic. Using the traditional numbering scheme, Granny is part of the "1st" generation. Her children are "2nd;" her grand-children are "3rd," and so on. Her parents and the parents of her husband, Solomon, are the "zero = (00)" generation.

On this page there is a brief description of Solomon Yates' parents. On the next page there is a list of his brothers and sisters.

● ≡ WILLIAM YATES and SELEY YATES ≡ ●

00 Generation

Solomon Yates was the son of William and Seley (Selah) Yates. We know this to be true because Solomon, and his many brothers and sisters, were William's heirs. William and Seley bought and sold property in Wilkes Co. NC. William was in the Wilkes Co. census from 1790 to 1810.

William Yates deed to Samuel Griffith - 200 acres

This indenture made this 18th of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twelve between William Yates of the County of Lee and state of Virginia and Samuel Griffith of the County of Ashe and state of N. Carolina. Witnesseth that the sd. William Yates for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, and himself therewith fully satisfied and paid, hath granted bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents doth fully, freely clearly and absolutely grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto the Samuel Griffith his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract of land containing two hundred acres situated in the county aforesaid. Beginning at a Spanish Oak in the James Jones line running North Eighty poles to a white oak then east twenty poles to a white oak then north sixty poles to a white oak then west forty poles to a red oak then west one hundred and forty to a white oak, then south two hundred poles to a stake then to the first station. Together with every right, title privilege and endowment to the said land belonging or in any in anywise appertaining and the said William Yates doth hereby bind himself his heirs his heirs executors and administrators well and truly to warrant and forever defend the aforesaid premises with all their appertenances to the said Samuel Griffith his heirs and assigns forever free and clear from all claims and incumbrances whatsoever. In witness whereof the said William Yates hath herewith set his hand and affixed his seal the day and date above written.

William Yates

*N. Carolina
Ashe County*

*August ? 1812 the written deed was duly proven in open court
by William Weaver in order to be registered.*

William and Seley Yates lived in Lee Co. VA at least from 1814 to 1824. Then the Yates family moved to MO. In 1825 they bought land from the U.S. government in Jackson Co. MO. William died in 1846.

WILLIAM YATES and SELEY YATES

-- The Parents of Solomon YATES--

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1. Levi YATES
1800 born in Wilkes Co. NC
1820 married Elizabeth; 1840 Platte Co. Census
1860 died in Worth Co. MO
 2. Solomon YATES
1802 born in Wilkes Co. NC
married **Rachel WELLS** (first wife)
1830 Census, Jackson Co. MO
1834 married **Mary L. WELLS** (second wife);
1840 Census, Platte Co. MO
1858/59 died in Gentry Co. MO
 3. Joshua YATES
1804 born in Wilkes Co. NC
1834 married Mary Milham; 1840 Platte Co. MO Census
1850 died on Feb. 13 in Andrew Co. MO
 4. Rebecca YATES
1811 born in Lee Co. VA
1829 married Elijah Shepherd on March 22
1847 married Joshua McDonald on Nov. 10
1885 died on Feb. 23 in Santa Clara, CA
 5. Abel YATES
1815 born in Lee Co. VA
1830 married Phoebe Blanton on April 11; 1840 Platte Co. Census
1843 married China Myers on Nov. 16
 6. Nancy YATES
1815 born in Lee Co. VA
1841 married Ezekiel Blanton in Jackson Co. MO
 7. George Washington YATES
1816 born in Lee Co. VA
married Rachael Clarke in Ray Co. MO;
 8. Elihu YATES
1816 born on Sept. 13 in Lee Co. VA
1840 married Susan Porter Balleu on April 15; 1840 "Hill" YATES in Platte Co. MO
1852 died on June 9 in Andrew Co. MO
 9. Ira G. YATES
1821 born in Lee Co. VA
1842 married Johanna Shepherd on May 5 in Platte Co. MO
 10. Hiskiel YATES
1824 born in Lee Co. VA
1847 married Elizabeth Pettijohn on Feb. 11
1862 died on Nov. 13 in Ft. Scott KS (in Civil War)
 11. Andrew Jackson YATES
1826 born in Jackson Co. MO
1846 married Mary Pettijohn on Dec. 10
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On this page there is a brief description of Mary Wells' parents. On the next page there is a list of brothers and sisters.

● ≡ ZACHARIAH WELLS, Sr. AND REBECCA WELLS ≡ ●

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According to a published source, Mary Wells was the daughter of Zachariah and Rebecca Wells [Bales]. In 1778 Zachariah and Rebecca lived in Wilkes Co. NC which is in the NW part of the state. They later moved to Lee Co. VA prior to 1799 near the town of Big Stone Gap on the Three Forks area of the Powell River (less than 100 miles away). Like the Yates family, they intermixed with the Shepherd family.

Zachariah Wells Sr. continued to acquire land, lying on the waters of the Powell River in the general area of Three Forks, and then sold it to others by the name of Wells, presumably his sons.

The reason is not clear now, but family tradition says that Mary's parents were against the marriage of their daughter to Solomon Yates. One story is that they did not communicate with each other after Mary went to MO.

ZACHARIAH WELLS, Sr. AND REBECCA WELLS

-- The Parents of Mary Wells --

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1. Robert WELLS
1794 ? born
married Elizabeth Shepherd
1830s moved to Jackson Co. MO
1853 died before this date
 2. Jacob WELLS
1800 ? born
married Joannah Shepherd
 3. Thomas WELLS
1800 born
married Rebecca
sons: Zachariah, (William?), (Thomas?)
1839 still in Lee Co. VA
 4. William WELLS
a minister?
married Susannah
 5. **Rachael WELLS**
married **Solomon YATES**
 6. **Mary "Polly" WELLS**
1815 born on Nov. 15 in Lee Co. VA
1834 married **Solomon YATES** on Sept. 9 by Andrew Hunter
1907 died in MT

Possibly children of Zach and Rebecca WELLS

7. James WELLS
1834 married Ann Jones in Lee Co. VA
1840 Platte Co. MO ??
 8. Sarah WELLS
1833 married John Hall in Lee Co. VA
 9. Zachariah WELLS, Jr., Lee Co. Land Book 1801-1813
 10. Jeremiah WELLS
married Elizabeth
 11. John WELLS
1840 Platte Co. MO ??
 12. Ezekiel WELLS
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● ≡ SOLOMON YATES: THE 1st FAMILY ≡ ●

1st Generation

Solomon YATES was born in Lee Co. VA in about 1802. In the 1820s he married Rachael WELLS. They moved to MO and were listed in the 1830 Jackson Co. MO census. They bought and sold land in Jackson Co. in 1833. This couple had a family before she died. It is not clear if they had three or four children. Four are discussed in the next few pages.

SOLOMON YATES and RACHAEL (WELLS) YATES

Married in the 1820s

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1. William H. YATES
1825 born in VA
1848 married Angeline SHEPHERD
1885 died in MO
 2. Rebecca YATES
1829 born in Jackson Co. MO
1845 married R. Bradford MURRAY
 3. Isaac YATES
1830 born in Jackson Co. MO
1851 married Ellen E. HOLT
1907 died
 4. George Anderson YATES
1832 born in Jackson Co. MO
1852 married Rachael DONOVAN
1916 died
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● ≡ WILLIAM H. YATES ≡ ●

2nd Generation, 1st Family

Solomon YATES and his first wife, Rachel, had children. William H. YATES may have been their first born. He was born in 1825 in VA and died in Andrew Co. MO in 1885. He married **Angeline SHEPHERD** in 1848. (The SHEPHERD family moved from VA to MO with the YATES and WELLS families.) There is no record of him ever going to MT with Granny YATES. It is not certain that he was Solomon's son, but it would make sense that Solomon would name his first son after his own father William.

● ≡ REBECCA YATES ≡ ●

2nd Generation, 1st Family

Rebecca YATES was born to Solomon and Rachael in Jackson Co. MO in 1829. Her name could have come from Mary and Rachael's mother. Rebecca married **R. Bradford MURRAY** in 1845, and they had four children. Rebecca came to MT.

Not much is known about Rebecca, but research has been done on one the family of one of her daughters. Granny YATES stopped at Cold Springs on the North Boulder where she took up a ranch, which was supposedly taken over by John FLAHERTY, an Irish immigrant, homesteaded, and patented. **Elizabeth Ann MURRAY**, a step granddaughter to Granny YATES, born in 1854 in Worth Co. MO, came west in Granny YATES' wagon train around 1869. She was to work one year for Granny to pay for her trip west. John married "Betty" MURRAY on October 13, 1872, in the Boulder Valley. They had eight children. In 1869 John purchased the Cottonwood Ranch on the North Boulder Creek where he engaged in farming and general stockraising -- wintering about 500 head of cattle and 100 horses. John was one of MT's earliest settlers and erected the first human habitation between Virginia City and Helena. John purchased the land from the Northern Pacific Railroad on Jan. 31, 1887, 112 acres purchased for \$224. The two-room cabin was already there when John got the land.

They added five or six more rooms onto the old existing cabin. All of their children were in their new, improved home. The FLAHERTY ranch (Cold Springs Ranch) was an early stagecoach stop. Freighters hauling on the Virginia City - Bozeman route could stop there to feed and rest their horses overnight. The drivers usually played cards all night, received a hearty breakfast, and then went on the next day. It is said that sometimes after an all-night session, John would be so provoked in the morning, he would throw the cards into the stove. Mail came by stagecoach through Willow Creek from Virginia City to Helena by way of Boulder. Stage service was \$6 or \$10. John died September 27, 1924 in the Boulder Valley, and Elizabeth died March 22, 1922 in Butte.

REBECCA (YATES) MURRAY and R.B. MURRAY

Married in 1845

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1. William MURRAY
 2. Isaac MURRAY
 3. Thomas MURRAY
 4. Elizabeth Ann MURRAY
1854 born in Worth Co., MO
1872 married John T. Flaherty on Oct. 13
1922 died on March 22
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● ≡ ISAAC YATES ≡ ●

2nd Generation, 1st Family

Isaac Yates was born in Jackson Co. MO in 1830 to Solomon and Rachael. He married **Ellen E. HOLT** in 1851. Isaac came to MT, and was buried in Radersburg in 1907. Not much is known about his family.

● ≡ GEORGE ANDERSON YATES ≡ ●

2nd Generation, 1st Family

George Anderson YATES was born in Jackson Co. MO in 1832 to Solomon and Rachael YATES. He married **Rachael DONOVAN** in 1852. They apparently had three children. Later, George Anderson married someone with the initials, M. I., and they had a child named Rachael. George came to MT and was listed in the 1870 census in the Lower Boulder Precinct (p. 141) next door to Lavina TRIBBLE.

GEORGE ANDERSON YATES and RACHAEL (DONOVAN) YATES

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1. Fannie YATES
1853 born
 2. Heseekiah YATES
1855 born
 3. Molly YATES
 4. Rachael YATES
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1ST FAMILY, LATER GENERATIONS

2nd GENERATION

WILLIAM H. YATES.....
Angeline Shepherd

REBECCA YATES.....
R.B. Murray

ISAAC YATES
Ellen Holt

GEO. AND. YATES.....
Rachael Donovan

GEO. AND. YATES.....
M. I.

3rd GENERATION

BETTY MURRAY.....
John T. Flaherty

FANNIE YATES
HESEKIAH YATES
MOLLY YATES
RACHAEL YATES

4TH GENERATION

EDWARD B FLAHERTY
JOHN T. FLAHERTY
IDA MAY FLAHERTY

WM. A. FLAHERTY.....

CHARLES FLAHERTY

RICHARD FLAHERTY.....

GEORGE FLAHERTY.....

JAMES S. FLAHERTY

5th GENERATION

ISABELLE FLAHERTY
Vollmer
DOROTHY FLAHERTY
Mitchell
GWENDOLYN FLAHERTY
Massa
MADELYN FLAHERTY
Pinto
BILLIE D. FLAHERTY
Harmhesser
ROBERT D. FLAHERTY

WILFRED FLAHERTY
RICH. FLAHERTY, Jr.

JEAN FLAHERTY

● ≡ SOLOMON YATES: THE 2nd FAMILY ≡ ●

1st Generation

Solomon YATES married the sister of his deceased wife in 1834. They went to MO as soon as possible and proceeded with raising a large family. The children and descendants of the second family are discussed in the rest of this manuscript.

SOLOMON YATES and MARY (WELLS) YATES

Married on Sept. 9, 1834

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1. Rachel E. YATES
1835 born on May 25 in Jackson Co. MO
married G.L. MILLER (first husband)
married J. M. SITTON (second husband)
1910 died on March 4 in MT
 2. Lavina YATES
1837 born in MO
1855 married W.R. TRIBBLE on Nov. 8 (first)
married C. C. COLLINS (second)
1917 died in MT
 3. Benjamin Franklin YATES
1839 born on February 16 in MO
1861 married Mary MARTIN on May 21
1929 died on June 28 in MT
 4. Evaline YATES
1841 born on April 22 in MO
1855 married Jacob MILLER
1879 died on June 25 in MT
 5. Solomon YATES
1845 born
1929 died in MT
 6. Ann Lucy YATES
1847 born on Oct. 1 in MO
married Solomon MILLER
1936 died on July 8
 7. Samuel P. YATES
1849 born
1872 died in MT
 8. Zachariah YATES
1853 born
1874 died on April 12 in MT
 9. George L. YATES
1856 born
married Betty Durham
1934 died in MT
 10. Elizabeth YATES ??
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● = RACHAEL (YATES, MILLER) SITTON = ●

2nd Generation, 2nd Family

Rachael YATES was born in Jackson Co. MO on May 5, 1835, the first born of Solomon and Polly, and was named after her departed aunt. On September 25, 1851 she married **George L. MILLER** in MO by Rev. James C.C. Tatton, and they had five children. George MILLER died at the Battle of Vicksburg in the Civil War.

Rachael later married **James Michael SITTON**. His biography follows. James M. SITTON--a native of Lawrence County, IN where he was born June 25, 1835... His father, Joseph SITTON, with his mother, Rebecca (RICKMAN) SITTON, and the other members of their immediate family then living, removed to IN early in their domestic life and, ten years later, settled in MO, living the first three years in Clay Co. and the rest of their lives in Nodaway, where they were engaged in farming.

J. M. SITTON remained with the family until 1857 and then married Miss Susan COX, a daughter of Andrew COX, an old settler of MO, and began operations in farming and raising livestock. Seven years later his first great sorrow overtook him in the loss of his faithful wife who died in 1864, leaving four children, Rebecca, Mary Elizabeth, Joseph Andrew, and William, as a comfort to him in his bereavement.

He continued farming, and in November, 1865, married Mrs. Rachael MILLER, a widow with four children, herself a native of MO, but a daughter of Solomon and "Grandmother" YATES, emigrants from VA when MO was a part of the remote west. By his second marriage Mr. SITTON has five daughters and two sons.

On May 1, 1870, he started with his family for MT, coming over land to Omaha, then by rail to Ogden, UT, and then by teams to Radersburg, in Jefferson Co., where they arrived June 17, Mr. SITTON engaging in teaming and other work. In 1893 he homesteaded on his present location, and has since been engaged in farming, making a specialty of fall wheat. He has brought the land to a good state of productiveness, and has beautified the grounds around his comfortable and commodious house with abundant shade trees and ornamental shrubbery. He has also started a fine orchard which will be soon in bearing condition. His home is one of the attractive and comfortable ones of the neighborhood. [Progressive Men of Montana].

Rachael died March 4, 1910 in Gallatin Co. MT, and James SITTON died October 31, 1912 in St. Anthony, ID. Rachael's family is discussed in the next few pages.

RACHAEL (YATES) MILLER and GEORGE MILLER

Married on Sept. 25, 1851

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1. Solomon MILLER
 2. Mary Evelyn MILLER
1855 born on Sept. 13
1874 married Edward D. PENNELL on April 12
1938 died on March 28
 3. William MILLER
 4. Lavina MILLER
1874 married George Byron BALLARD on May 10
 5. Rebecca MILLER
1862 born
1879 married Daniel A. MOORE in Feb.
1928 died
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RACHAEL (YATES) SITTON and JAMES MICHAEL SITTON

Married on April 1, 1866

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1. Susan Alice SITTON
1869 born on Jan. 28
1890 married Albert WRIGHT on Aug. 24
1941 died on March 6
 2. Benjamin Asbury SITTON
1868 born on May 16
1945 died on Sept. 20
 3. Adeline SITTON
1870 born on Jan. 20
married W. FREEMAN (first)
married F. MERCER (second)
1950 died
 4. John Thomas SITTON
1872 born on June 9
married Mae SMITH
1948 died on Oct. 30
 5. Dora Belle SITTON
1874 born in June
1914 married Robert McFARLAND on Sept. 9
1956 died in May
 6. Millie SITTON
1877 born on Aug. 2
married James A. WILDER
1959 died on May 22
 7. Charlotte SITTON
married Henry CALLANTINE
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DESCENDANTS OF RACHAEL (YATES, SITTON) MILLER

3rd GENERATION

4th GENERATION

5th GENERATION

6th GENERATION

SOLOMON MILLER

MARY EVELYN MILLER.....
Edward O. Pennell

GEORGE B. PENNELL
Hazel Harris
LAURA ELLA PENNELL
(Kimpton)(Chaney)
RUTH PENNELL
Raymond Dowas
MAUDE L. PENNELL
Henry Record
CHARLES A. PENNELL
Agnes White
WILLIAM A. PENNELL
Faye Fairchild
SANDERS PENNELL

WILLIAM MILLER

LAVINA MILLER.....
George Byron Ballard

ALFRED BALLARD
GUSSEY BALLARD..... EVELYN POTTS
Potts
ED BALLARD
WALTER BALLARD..... JIM BALLARD
AUGUSTA BALLARD

REBECCA MILLER.....
Daniel H. Moore

EDNA MOORE
Pete Sorrels
LENA MOORE
Shel Sorrels
BUD MOORE
Susie
RUBY MOORE
Lawrence Eukes
CELIA MOORE

DESCENDANTS OF RACHAEL (YATES, MILLER) SITTON, Cont'd.

3rd GENERATION

4th GENERATION

5th GENERATION

6th GENERATION

SUSAN ALICE SITTON.....
Albert Wright

EVANGELINE WRIGHT

BENJAMIN ASBURY SITTON

ADELIN S. SITTON.....
William Freeman

GLEN FREEMAN
FRANK FREEMAN

JOHN THOMAS SITTON.....
Mae Smith

LILA SITTON.....
Delbert L. Brentnall
THOMAS SITTON
JAMES SITTON
Dorothy
MILLIE SITTON
LAURA SITTON
MAE SITTON

MARY E. BRETNALL.....
Richard L. DeCristoforo

CRAIG DeCRISTOFORO
MARISA DeCRISTOFORO

DORA BELLE SITTON.....
Robert McFarland

RAYMOND MCFARLAND

MILLIE SITTON.....
James A. Wilder

CHARLOTTE SITTON.....
Henry Callantine

ALTA BELLE CLALLANTINE
MINNIE ALICE CALLANTINE

● ≡ LAVINA (YATES, TRIBBLE) COLLINS ≡ ●

2nd Generation, 2nd Family

Lavina YATES was born to Solomon and Polly in MO on April 2, 1837. In 1850 her family lived in Platte Township, Andrew Co. MO. Not too far away lived a widow **Cassandra (GUNN) TRIBBLE** and her family, including her son, William. Lavina YATES and **William TRIBBLE** had probably known each other for some time when they married in Andrew Co. on November 5, 1855. He was about 24 and she was 18.

William TRIBBLE came from pioneer stock. His great-grandfather, Rev. Andrew TRIBBLE, was a Baptist minister on the KY frontier near Boonesboro. William's grandfather, Thomas TRIBBLE, and father, Silas TRIBBLE, were early settlers in MO.

Lavina and William TRIBBLE had several children. Kate was born in 1856, Mary was born in 1858, and George Dudley was born in 1862. William died in MO before Lavina went with Granny YATES to MT. Mrs. Tribble had come west by ox team, with her mother Granny YATES, on one of Granny's trips west. Some accounts say she came in 1864 and others as late as 1870 [Headquarters Heritage History, p. 429]. In 1870 according to the census Lavina TRIBBLE and her three children lived in the lower Boulder Precinct in Jefferson Co. Radersburg, (P. 141) next to Anderson YATES. She was employed as a cook at Plunkett's Lake, a stage coach station.

Living in Jefferson Co.'s Prickley Pear Precinct in 1870 was **Christopher Columbus COLLINS**. One family story tells that Lavina cooked at a boarding house where C. C. COLLINS dined. "It was cheaper to marry her," he said; and they did get married. According to the census, they were living with Granny YATES in 1880.

The biography of C.C. Collins follows. On January 6, 1871, Mr. COLLINS was united in marriage to **Mrs. Lavina TRIBBLE**, who was born in Platte Co. MO, the daughter of Solomon and Polly YATES, the former a native of the Old Dominion. Mr. and Mrs. COLLINS have three children. Christopher C. COLLINS was born in Platte Co. MO, March 19, 1841... was reared and educated in MO, and grew to manhood under the sturdy discipline of farm life. In 1859 he joined the stampede to Pike's Peak, CO., making the trip with an ox team. He remained but a few months and then returned to MO, and was there residing at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company C of a regiment commanded by Col. Childs, the same having been recruited at Rochester, Andrew County. He was with the regiment during an engagement at Blue Mills, Clay Co. MO, and at Lexington, where Mulligan surrendered. Our subject started to return with a recruiting party, but was taken

prisoner and held in captivity at St. Joseph, MO, where he was confined for five months. Finally he managed to escape, having plied his guards with liquor until they were sufficiently intoxicated to neglect their duty, and he quietly stole away from the prison in May, 1862. He then made his way to Jackson Co. IA, where he resided until 1866, engaged in farming.

In that year Mr. COLLINS started for MT, proceeding by railroad as far as Omaha, where he was employed in a brick yard, and later joined the Crichton Company's party engaged in constructing the first transcontinental telegraph line, and remained with it until reaching Virginia City, MT. The telegraph party was a large one, and though several skirmishes with the Indians occurred no serious difficulty was encountered. Mr. Collins engaged in mining in Virginia City, and there continued operations until 1883, meeting with fair success. In the year mentioned he came to Gallatin Valley, took up a tract of land, to which he has since added until he now has a fine estate of 320 acres, the greater portion of which is under effective irrigation, rendering it possible to secure large annual yields of wheat, oats and hay, the principal products. The ranch is located within six miles of Belgrade, our subject's post office address. In politics he gives his support to the Democratic party, but has never aspired to political preferment, although he has served with ability as school trustee, taking a lively interest in all that touches the welfare of the community. [Progressive Men of Montana]

Lavina died December 17, 1917 in Belgrade, and she was buried in Dry Creek Cemetery. Christopher Columbus COLLINS died in 1923. Lavina's family is discussed in the next few pages.

LAVINA (YATES) TRIBBLE and WILLIAM TRIBBLE

Married on Nov. 5, 1855

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1. Kate (Cassandra) TRIBBLE
1856 born on Oct. 26, MO
1874 married Andrew COWAN on June 11
1930 died on Feb. 18
 2. Mary Angeline TRIBBLE
1858 born on April 19, MO
married James S. BALLARD
1910 died on Nov. 7
 3. George Dudley TRIBBLE
1862 born, MO
married Mary F. DURHAM
1944 died on Nov. 23
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LAVINA (YATES, TRIBBLE) COLLINS and C. C. COLLINS

Married in 1881

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1. Cordelia COLLINS
1873 born in Radersburg, MT
married James LEWIS
 2. Ann COLLINS
1875 born in Radersburg, MT
married Thomas BREWINGTON
 3. Frank Christopher COLLINS
1875 born on April 23 in Gallatin City, MT
1896 married Grace CHENEY
1954 died on June 23
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DESCENDANTS OF LAVINA (YATES, TRIBBLE) COLLINS

3rd GENERATION

4th GENERATION

5th GENERATION

6th GENERATION

KATE TRIBBLE.....
Andrew Cowan

LEWIS COWAN.....
LESTER COWAN.....
JENNIE COWAN
FLONNIE COWAN
LAVINA COWAN

JACK COWAN

MARY A. TRIBBLE.....
James S. Ballard

WILLIAM BALLARD
Clara Ashmoor

ELIZABETH BALLARD.....
Henry Cloninger

CARRIE CLONINGER
Callahan
LESLIE CLONINGER
KENNETH CLONINGER
Violet Miller
JAMES CLONINGER
DANIEL CLONINGER
LOWELL CLONINGER
ELIZ. CLONINGER
Ford
DOROTHY CLONINGER
Allen
WILSON CLONINGER
WAYNE CLONINGER
JANE CLONINGER

FRED BALLARD.....
Gertie Duncan

EUGENE BALLARD.....
Carrie Claiborne

FRED BALLARD
JAMES BALLARD
BONNIE BALLARD
CLAUDE BALLARD
JACKLYN BALLARD
KENNETH BALLARD
CHERYL BALLARD

BONNIE BALLARD.....
Miller

GORDON MILLER

C. GROVER BALLARD.....
Jennie Johnson

LAURIE BALLARD.....
Victor Yecha

VICKIE YECHA
SUE YECHA

RUTH BALLARD.....
Pettijohn

ROBIN PETTIJOHN
MALCOLM PETTIJOHN

ANDREA BALLARD

ROLAND H. BALLARD.....

DESCENDANTS OF LAVINA (YATES, COLLINS) TRIBBLE, Cont'd.

3rd GENERATION

4th GENERATION

5th GENERATION

6th GENERATION

MARY A. TRIBBLE.....
James Ballard

ANNIE LAURIE BALLARD....
Wes Rampy

ROBERT RAMPY.....

LYNN RAMPY
DEAN RAMPY
ROSS RAMPY
DOUGLAS RAMPY

NELL RAMPY.....
Moore

ROLAND MOORE
BRYDEEN MOORE
LEANNE MOORE

WALLACE RAMPY.....

RODNEY RAMPY
MARLIN RAMPY
JUDY RAMPY

LEE RAMPY.....

RALPH RAMPY
KAREN RAMPY

ROSANNE RAMPY.....

NICKY COY
BARRY COY
WESLEY COY
MARY BETH COY

EDGAR RAMPY.....

JOEL RAMPY
JONATHAN RAMPY
SHELLY RAMPY

EVA J. BALLARD.....
Raymond Brenner

JACK BRENNER.....
Erma Badgeley

JACKIE BRENNER
GARY BRENNER

RICHARD BRENNER.....
Judith Patton

LYNNANNE BRENNER
PATTON BRENNER
JUSTIN BRENNER

DONALD BRENNER.....
Jean Reiser

MIKE BRENNER
STEVE BRENNER
SALLY BRENNER
MARILYN BRENNER
MARY BRENNER

GEORGIA RAE BRENNER.....
O.B. Badgeley

BRUCE BRENNER

MARILYN BRENNER

DESCENDANTS OF LAVINA (YATES, COLLINS) TRIBBLE, Cont'd.

3rd GENERATION

MARY A. TRIBBLE.....
James Ballard

4th GENERATION

GEORGE D. BALLARD.....
Belle Gastineau

5th GENERATION

MARY BALLARD.....
Walter Smith

6th GENERATION

~~SMITH~~
PAT BALLARD
NILES BALLARD
BRUCE BALLARD
NANCY BALLARD
SANDY BALLARD
RALPH BALLARD
CLIFF BALLARD

JUANITA BALLARD.....
George Armstrong

BILLY BALLARD
Edwin Armstrong

GEO. DUDLEY BALLARD.....
Lois Storrud

DAVID BALLARD
THERESA BALLARD
GEORGIA BALLARD
LE ROY BALLARD
JONATHAN BALLARD
JACK BALLARD
MARTHA BALLARD

JACK BALLARD.....
Gladys Shook

JOHN BALLARD
WILLIAM BALLARD
BARBARA BALLARD
CASEY BALLARD
BEVERLEY BALLARD

FORREST BALLARD.....
Angie Bosivich

FORREST BALLARD, JR.
SAMUEL BALLARD
DARL'G BELLE BALLARD

GUSSIE BALLARD
Bud Smith

W. THOMAS BALLARD
Amy

EDITH MAE BALLARD.....
Ben Walton

PHYLLIS WALTON
CAROL WALTON
JOAN WALTON

DESCENDANTS OF LAVINA (YATES, COLLINS) TRIBBLE, Cont'd.

3rd GENERATION

4th GENERATION

5th GENERATION

6th GENERATION

GEO. DUDLEY TRIBBLE..... Mary Francis Durham	EFFIE ETTA TRIBBLE..... Jos. Alonzo Gastineau	KEITH GASTINEAU..... Emile Lehrkind	SUZANNE GASTINEAU YVONNE GASTINEAU RODRIC GASTINEAU
		F. ALINE GASTINEAU..... Charles E. Brown	DAN BROWN
		VIRGINIA GASTINEAU..... Pete Spraines	PEGGY SPRAINES
		ROSEMARY GASTINEAU..... Lloyd Gabel	LORNA GABEL VERLAINE GABEL
		JOAN GASTINEAU..... Gerry Schloss	JEFF SCHLOSS RON SCHLOSS BOB SCHLOSS
		BETTY GASTINEAU..... C.H. Williams	TONY WILLIAMS
	BRACKIE MAE TRIBBLE..... Grover C. Watson	CARROLL WATSON..... Mildred Berry	PAT WATSON MARTIN WATSON
		JOHN DUDLEY WATSON..... Esta Sallee	DARLENE WATSON ALAN WATSON DIANA WATSON
		GENEVIVE WATSON..... Terry Murphy	TERRY MURPHY NOLAN MURPHY
		MARY ELLEN WATSON..... Keith Jensen	JUANITA JENSEN RANDY JENSEN RONALD JENSEN
	WILLIAM R. TRIBBLE..... Katherine Cotter	JOYCE TRIBBLE..... Victor Janacaro	BILL JANACARO MARY K. JANACARO NORMAN JANACARO MARK JANACARO JEFFREY JANACARO JOANN JANACARO JULIE JANACARO ANGIE JANACARO
		LARRY TRIBBLE..... Loretta Bourassa	KATHERINE TRIBBLE TIMOTHY TRIBBLE KELLY TRIBBLE

DESCENDANTS OF LAVINA (YATES, COLLINS) TRIBBLE, Cont'd.

<u>3rd GENERATION</u>	<u>4th GENERATION</u>	<u>5th GENERATION</u>	<u>6th GENERATION</u>
GEO. DUDLEY TRIBBLE.....	ZENA FRANCES TRIBBLE..... Rex Duncan	GERALDINE DUNCAN Harold Alexander	KAY ALEXANDER SHIRLEY ALEXANDER H. D. ALEXANDER
		REX MARTIN DUNCAN..... Lila Klein	WALLY DUNCAN SCOTT DUNCAN ANN DUNCAN
	MARTIN LEWIS TRIBBLE..... Marian Sanborn	MARTYNA TRIBBLE..... Douglas Weir	K.D. WEIR
ANN COLLINS..... Thomas Brewington	THOMAS BREWINGTON OLETA BREWINGTON		
CORDELIA COLLINS..... James Lewis	FRANK LEWIS..... Lillian McDonald	JAMES M. LEWIS	
	DOUGLAS LEWIS..... Olga Fuscik	JAMES JOHN LEWIS..... Elizabeth Turner	JAMES R. LEWIS DOUGLAS A. LEWIS SANDRA E. LEWIS
		ROBERT PETER LEWIS.....	PAMELA LEE LEWIS STEPHEN D. LEWIS
	BEULAH LEWIS..... Richard Griffith	DIXIE DEAL GRIFFITH..... Louis Garwood	RICHARD GARWOOD LOU ANN GARWOOD
	MILFORD LEWIS		
FRANK COLLINS..... Grace Cheney	LYLE C. COLLINS ARTHUR E. COLLINS KATE MARIE COLLINS		
	VIOLET COLLINS..... Bud Lilly	BUD LILLY..... Bennet	GREGORY LILLY MICHAEL LILLY ANNETTE LILLY
	ELIZABETH COLLINS..... Guy Steed	DOLORES STEED..... Don Kelso	DAVID KELSO GARY KELSO SUSAN KELSO

● ≡ BENJAMIN F. YATES ≡ ●

. 2nd Generation, 2nd Family

Benjamin Franklin YATES was born in 1839 to Solomon and Polly in MO. He fought in the great Rebellion on the side of the Confederacy under General Price and was seriously wounded in his leg. He married **Mary MARTIN** and they had many (8 or 9) children. Ben YATES was listed in the 1870 Lewis and Clark Co. MT Census (p. 226). He disappeared from his family in Elko, NV, and some people thought that he suffered from amnesia. He died in 1929 and is buried at Radersburg, MT. Mary died in 1924.

BENJAMIN F. YATES and MARY (MARTIN) YATES

Married in 1861

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1. William Solomon YATES
1862 born on Feb. 28 in MO
married Nora
1937 died on June 20
 2. Martha Ellen YATES
1863 born on Oct. 20 in MO
1865 died on July 26
 3. Rachael Ann YATES
1866 born on June 20 in MO
1868 died on Jan. 20
 4. Rebecca Jane YATES
1868 born on Nov. 2 in Worth Co., MO
1887 died on May 2
 5. George Anderson YATES
1873 born on Aug. 8 in MT
1875 died on Nov. 21
 6. Nancy Laura YATES
1876 born on June 27 in Elko, Nev.
1899 married Henry J. RUTHERFORD
1912 died on March 14
 7. Elizabeth Mary YATES
1879 born on Dec. 24 in Nev.
1898 married P. BREWER
1913 married W. HARMON
1936 died on March 15
 8. Lucy D. YATES
1883 born on July 10
1899 married S. BREWER
1907 married C. M. TAYLOR
1947 died on July 31
 9. Gertrude YATES ??
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● ≡ EVALINE (YATES) MILLER ≡ ●

2nd Generation, 2nd Family

Evaline YATES was born in 1841 to Solomon and Polly in MO. She married **Jacob MILLER** in 1855 and they had eleven children. She died at the age of 38 (probably giving birth to the twins) in 1879. This was a very long time ago, and so not much is remembered about her. Her husband, Jacob MILLER, died in 1904.

The following is correspondence from Wanda M. Ross about a member of this line who knew Granny Yates.

I am 70 years old and am the oldest grandchild of William Franklin Miller and Dora Caroline Thompson Miller. Grannie Yates was Grandpa's own grandma. When my grandad was 11 years old he came on the wagon train with Granny. He was in charge of the crate of chickens she had fastened to the back of her wagon. She hitched a steer and a milk cow to her wagon, but she herself rode a black Stallion which she had for many years. Grandpa told us when they got to Virginia City she gave him 2 hens and a rooster for his work. He finally built his flock to about 70 and sold eggs for \$1 a dozen to the miners.

My Grandad [W. F. MILLER] was a policeman at Belgrade MT for years and was called Black Dick Miller (a Dick was what a cop was called and Grandpa had real black hair).

Evaline's family is discussed in the next few pages.

EVALINE (YATES) MILLER and JACOB MILLER

Married in 1855

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1. William Franklin MILLER
1856 born on February 22
1884 married Dora THOMPSON on August 16
1947 died on September 19
 2. James B. MILLER
1860 born
went back to MO
 3. Mary MILLER
1861 born on March 21
married L. LANG
married J. WATERMAN
1907 died on May 11
 4. Lemuel MILLER
1863 born
 5. Jennie MILLER
1865 born
married Frank COLLINS
 6. Fannie MILLER
1869 born on March 20
1886 married Lewis ACCOLA on December 27
1916 died on November 4
 7. Annie Laurie MILLER
1871 born on June 7
1890 married William H. COX on May 25
1961 died on August 2
 8. Rebecca MILLER
1873 born
1890 married Monroe YATES
 9. Solomon MILLER
1875 born on July 3
1876 married Myrtle DUNCAN
1955 died on May 14
 10. Charles MILLER
1879 born on June 20
married D. CONROW
married J. PORTER
1967 died
 11. Bert MILLER
1879 born on June 20
1895 died on October 13
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DESCENDANTS OF EVALINE (YATES) MILLER

3rd GENERATION

4th GENERATION

5th GENERATION

6th GENERATION

WILLIAM MILLER.....
Dora Thompson

JAMES MILLER
LEWIS MILLER
OLIVE EVELYN MILLER.....
 William McGuire
ESTER MILLER
FLORA MILLER
JESSIE MILLER
ELSIE MILLER
AMY MILLER
LALIE MILLER
RUBY MILLER
FRANKIE MILLER
 Johns
VIOLET MILLER
WILLEA MILLER
JACOB RUFUS MILLER

WANDA McGUIRE.....
Val Harry Ross

DONALD ROSS
WILLIAM ROSS

JAMES B. MILLER

MARY MILLER.....
Lewis Lang

NELLIE LANG
THOMAS LANG
LEWIS LANG

LEMUEL MILLER

JENNIE MILLER.....
Frank Collins

EVA COLLINS

FANNIE MILLER.....
Lewis Accola

LOUISE ACCOLA.....
Whitfield W. Spain

MARY FRANCIS SPAIN
James H. Morrow

LOUIS ACCOLA SPAIN
Mary Spain

KATHLEEN SPAIN
R. R. Williamson

MILDRED SPAIN
Dr. Al Vadheim
Julian Lambert

ESTELLE ACCOLA.....
Richard H. Bacon, Sr.

RICHARD H. BACON, JR.....
Beverly Ferguson

JOAN ELLEN BACON
KIRTLEY ANN BACON
RICHARD H. BACON III

GRACE ACCOLA.....
Carl A. Rahn

BETTY RAHN
Seabrook Pates

DESCENDANTS OF EVALINE (YATES) MILLER, Cont'd.

3rd GENERATION

4th GENERATION

5th GENERATION

6th GENERATION

ANNIE LAURIE MILLER..... William H. Cox	ALFRED COX PEARL COX CLARENCE COX CLAUDE COX WALLACE E. COX Ellen		
REBECCA MILLER..... Monroe Yates	ELMER YATES FAY YATES BESSIE YATES FLORENCE YATES		
SOLOMON MILLER..... Myrtle Duncan	IRENE MILLER YNES MILLER VIOLA MILLER GEORGIA MILLER		
CHARLES MILLER..... Jessie Porter	VICTOR MILLER WAYNE MILLER EDWARD MILLER		
BERT MILLER Dora Conrow			

● ≡ SOLOMON YATES, Jr. ≡ ●

2nd Generation, 2nd Family

Solomon YATES, Jr. was born in 1845 in MO. He was named Solomon after his father. As the oldest son, he undoubtedly came with Granny YATES to MT on her first trip.

He was wounded by an Indian's arrow on one of the trips from MO to MT. One morning on the Yellowstone when the stock was being taken down to the river for watering before starting on the long day, Indians rose out of the tulies and attacked the herders. The men on the bluff immediately fired and drove off the attacking Indians. One of the YATES' boys, Sol, was wounded in the leg -- the only injury resulting from the attack. Sol managed to jump on the back of his brother Ben's horse and return safely to camp. His leg was bound and splinted and tied to the wagon braces and he recovered without any infirmity of any kind [Davis, p.2].

For a while he drove freight from Virginia City to Fort Benton. One winter he was stranded at Shoddy Springs in a camp dug out of the hillside. Later he was a jailor in Great Falls and had an eye gouged out by a prisoner. It is reported that, as an old man, he enjoyed playing a card game called "Pedro."

Solomon YATES, Jr. never married or had a family. He died in 1929.

● = ANNIE (YATES) MILLER = ●

2nd Generation, 2nd Family

Ann Lucy (YATES) MILLER was born to Solomon and Polly in MO on November 12, 1847. She married **Solomon H. MILLER** (probably the brother of Jacob MILLER who married Evaline YATES) who was the wagon master on the first trip made by Granny YATES to MT. They had eight children. (Two names of her children came from the sons of Granny YATES killed in MT). Solomon MILLER died in 1880 at Fort Benton, MT, leaving a large family for Ann to raise on her own. Reverend Morse reported baptizing Annie in the East Gallatin in about 1888.

No account of Belgrade would be complete without at least mention of its famous legend of the Belgrade Bull. Some maintain that the expression "Belgrade Bull" correctly summarizes the entire legend, since only recently has there seemed the possibility of sorting truth from fiction. But there was a bull, a Holstein, named "Corbett", appropriately enough for the champion boxer, Jim Corbett. The animal originally belonged to **Mrs. Annie MILLER**, who was also legendary in her own right. Frank COLLINS claims to have been the first person to have attempted to ride the bull, on Easter Sunday, 1892, when he lost the toss to two MILLER boys. His failure was so spectacular that Corbett became well known immediately [Gallatin Century of Progress, p.67].

Preston and Alva Johnson, brothers, who operated a livery stable recognized a good thing when they saw it and purchased the bull from Mrs. MILLER for \$15. The sporting spirit of Belgrade was always near the surface and it was easy to collect a purse of \$25 for each of several contenders who might attempt to ride the bull on any Sunday afternoon. Since no rider was known to successfully ride the bull the Johnson Brothers had a profitable enterprise so long as the contenders held out. Jake Ross, who lived in Townsend for many years, maintained stoutly that he rode the bull on one occasion and had a medal to prove it. Press Johnson, who was supposed to have awarded the medal, just as stoutly denied this claim and Frank COLLINS supported him. When the countryside lost interest in Corbett he was sold to a traveling wild-west show. According to report his reputation was so wide-spread that he had few challengers, and was therefore unprofitable. So, he was sold, and again for \$15, to a farmer in Indiana, never having been successfully ridden [Gallatin Century of Progress, p.67].

Granny YATES passed away at the farm home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Annie MILLER, at Little Basin, near the Horseshoe Mountains on. April 25, 1907 ["Granny YATES Dead"] Aunt Annie MILLER died on July 8, 1936. She had been a widow for many years.

ANNIE (YATES) MILLER and SOLOMON H. MILLER

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1. George Levi MILLER
1865 born on October 24
married Althea CONROW (b.1872; d.1938)
1941 died on October 24
 2. "Jock"--Jacob Frye MILLER
1867 born on April 28
married Lucy COWAN
1937 died on April 3
 3. "Molly"--Mary Elizabeth MILLER
1869 born on May 8
married Theodore STILES
1958 died on February 6
 4. Samuel P. MILLER
1872 born on October 8
married Lilly PEPPER (b.1869; d.1951)
1933 died on March 13
 5. Zachariah Thomas MILLER
1874 born on November 21
married Myra YADON (b.1884; d.1913)
1928 died on August 12
 6. Nacariat T. MILLER
1874 born on November 21
 7. Emma MILLER
1876 born on March 4
married Frank DURHAM (b.1866; d.1953)
1914 died on February 22
 8. Lemuel MILLER
1879 born on January 18
married Lena SORRELS
1963 died on September 6
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Twins
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DESCENDANTS OF ANNIE (YATES) MILLER

3rd GENERATION

GEORGE LEVI MILLER.....
Althea Conrow

4th GENERATION

EMIL F. MILLER
Mittie Benbrook

EARL MILLER
Liddie Emerson

ZETA MILLER
Lawrence Angel

GUY MILLER
Stevie Hampton

LESTER MILLER
Nellie Benhart

LLOYD MILLER
Hazel Larsen

LEWIS MILLER

ALTHEA MILLER.....
Adrian Stiff

5th GENERATION

JEAN HELAN STIFF
Koliha
LOIS ALTHEA STIFF

JACOB FRYE MILLER.....
Lucy Cowan

SOLOMON MILLER.....
Ruth Harwood

LEROY MILLER
MARYLYN MILLER
FAYE MILLER

THELMA L. MILLER.....
C. A. Parr

FRANK PARR
BILL PARR
JACK PARR
CHUCK PARR

HOLLIS MILLER

NEWELL H. MILLER.....
Edna Yvonneta Parker

DAVID A. MILLER.....
Norma Lea Williams

GREGORY L. MILLER
BETINA L. MILLER
JUDY RAE MILLER

GUY E. MILLER

LARRY JOE MILLER

LEONA MILLER
Lew O'Dell
FLORENCE MILLER

DESCENDANTS OF ANNIE (YATES) MILLER, Cont'd.

3rd GENERATION

4th GENERATION

5th GENERATION

6th GENERATION

MARY ELIZ. MILLER.....

Theodore Stiles

RALPH STILES

RAYMOND STILES \

ROY STILES / twins

SAMUEL P. MILLER.....

Lilly Pepper

PAUL MILLER

HAROLD MILLER

ZACHARIAH TOM MILLER..

Myra Yadon

THOMAS MILLER

VELMA MILLER

NORA MILLER

NACARIAT MILLER

LEMUEL P. MILLER.....

Lena Sorrels

LENA MILLER

MAE MILLER

DESCENDANTS OF ANNIE (YATES) MILLER, Cont'd.

3rd GENERATION

4th GENERATION

5th GENERATION

6th GENERATION

EMMA MILLER..... Frank Durham	HARLAN DURHAM..... Mae Cloyd	LINDEN DURHAM..... Betty Crow	MARK DURHAM KAREN DURHAM MICK DURHAM
		LEO DURHAM..... Betty Erickson	GREGORY DURHAM GARY DURHAM TRACI DURHAM
	ORA (TOT) DURHAM..... Russel Curry	EDMUND (SONNY) CURRY.. Betty Tartarka	BARBRA CURRY BONITA CURRY KEVIN CURRY JOHN CURRY TRACI CURRY THOMAS CURRY
	LOLA DURHAM George Banner		
	FRANCIS DURHAM		
	MARIE DURHAM Loren Pittman (first) George Lutes (second)		
	OLIN DURHAM..... Bess Hubble	EMMA DURHAM.....	RONALD PARENT WANDA PARENT
		DONALD DURHAM.....	DWAYNE DURHAM MARLENE DURHAM
		FAY DURHAM..... Jim Camp	SHERYL CAMP JIM CAMP RAYMOND CAMP
		MAY DURHAM Lloyd Naylor	
		KENNETH C. DURHAM..... Nicky	LISA DURHAM TODD DURHAM LOREN DURHAM ZANE DURHAM WADE DURHAM

● ≡ SAMUEL P. YATES ≡ ●

2nd Generation, 2nd Family

Samuel P. YATES was born in 1850 to Solomon and Polly in MO. According to the census he lived with Granny in 1870. He drowned in 1872 at the age of 22 taking cattle across the Jefferson River. His sister, Anna MILLER, named a son who was born in 1872, after him.

● ≡ ZACHARIAH YATES ≡ ●

2nd Generation, 2nd Family

Zachariah YATES was born in 1853 to Solomon and Polly in MO. According to the census he was living with Granny in 1870. He was killed in an Indian attack on the 1874 Yellowstone Expedition at the age of 21. The following is an eye-witness report.

The Yellowstone Expedition of 1874

About the 1st of January, 1874, it was determined by citizens of Bozeman and the surrounding country, to send an expedition down the Yellowstone river for the purpose of opening a wagon-road to the head of navigation on the Yellowstone, and thus open the most direct route connecting with the present terminus of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and it was also expected that the expedition would build a stockade and form a settlement for the purpose of holding the country and road against Indians, etc.

For the purpose of effecting the above object, a meeting was held in the town of Bozeman, and an association formed, styled "The Yellowstone Wagon-road Association;" officers elected for the same; also an executive committee, who canvassed the town and surrounding country for subscriptions of money and materials with which to equip the proposed expedition. But slow progress was made, as many were of the opinion that it would be quite impossible to keep a road open in that country, unless large settlements could be formed along the line of same more rapidly than could usually be done by the inducements of trade and agriculture.

In the fall of 1873, one J.L. Vernon arrived in Bozeman, having traveled from the Missouri river with the expedition of that year engaged in surveying the Northern Pacific Railroad from the crossing of the Missouri river, connecting with the survey of 1872 near the landmark known as Pompey's Pillar, on the bank of the Yellowstone.

Vernon claimed to have found rich gold mines on the south side of the Yellowstone, somewhere between the Rosebud and Powder rivers, and proposed to lead a party to the same. Some progress was made in its organization, when it was proposed to unite both the expeditions in one, as they were both going to the same country and their interests could be made identical, and many men could be obtained for a prospecting expedition who could not be induced to have anything to do with a wagon-road enterprise. But all efforts to consolidate seemed likely to fail, when Mr. Vernon, without consulting any of his party or informing them of his purpose, gave notice through the press that he had abandoned his expedition, and advising all who had signed his articles of agreement to join the wagon-road expedition, the style of which became the "Yellowstone Wagon-road and Prospecting Expedition."

This occurred about the 20th of January. Vernon informed many of his original party that he would meet them at some point below, and guide them to his discoveries; and he soon after left Bozeman, accompanied by three men, it being generally understood that he intended to join the main party on the road.

From this time material was contributed, and men came forward rapidly, until the 12th of February when about one hundred and thirty men were assembled at the rendezvous near Quinn's ranch (half way between Bozeman and the Crow agency), at which place officers were elected, and final arrangements made for the march, which was commenced on the 13th, and before we arrived at the mouth of the Big Horn, the number had increased to one hundred and forty-seven men, with over two hundred horses and mules, twenty-eight yoke of oxen, and twenty-two wagons, with supplies of provisions for four months, and two pieces of artillery, with about one hundred and fifty rounds of shell and canister. All the men were armed with the best breech-loading rifles, and were supplied with over forty thousand rounds of metallic cartridges for the same. A large portion of the materials, such as provisions, teams, etc., was furnished by the citizens of Bozeman and vicinity. Gov. Potts gave great assistance in the way of arms, ammunition, etc.

On the 13th we commenced our march down the north side of the Yellowstone, our objective point being the mouth of Tongue river, near which place rich mines of gold were supposed to exist, and it was also supposed that steamboats could ascend the Yellowstone to that point...

The Indians collected their forces (at least six hundred in number) about one mile above, on the opposite side of the creek, and soon moved away, some remaining in the vicinity, as the next morning, when we moved, we saw them in our camp before we were a mile from it. Seven scalps were taken, and from blood and other evidence, many were killed and wounded, who were carried away. Nine horses were captured; also several guns, pistols, bows and arrows, etc.

Our loss was one man wounded, twelve horses and two oxen killed and a number wounded, and one horse, too poor to either tie up or put in the corral, captured. Our wagon-covers, tents, etc., were riddled with bullets, and if the Indians had aimed lower, much more damage would have been done.

Careful inquiry show that we had expended between eight and nine hundred cartridges for small arms, and about thirty rounds of shell and canister. The Indians fired over three shots to our one. During the fight the Indians had killed a dog belonging to our party, and had roasted and eaten it in the ravine, within one hundred yards of our corral.

For two or three days after, we occasionally saw a few Indians watching us; and on the night of the 11th of April, one of our pickets fired at what he supposed to be an Indian; but nothing more being seen, the night passed quietly. In the morning the stock was turned out to graze as usual, attended by a guard; and while most of us were eating our breakfast, an alarm sounded, and a large force of Indians were seen coming out of ravines at the head of a little valley to the south of our camp (which was on a hill), and coming like a whirlwind down upon our herd, evidently expecting to stampede our stock. Our herders were immediately reinforced, and fire opened on the Indians as they came within range. Some corralled the stock, while others fought the Indians back. In doing so, one man, Z.T. YATES, from Boulder valley, was killed, but was carried into camp by his companions.

The Indians quickly took to the ridges and ravines on all sides of camp, and opened fire, which was returned whenever it was possible to do so effectively.

We soon broke camp and moved on, and in the afternoon reached the Little Horn, crossed it, and camped on a bench overlooking the valley. Here, during the night, we buried our comrade, YATES, in our trenches, and so effectually concealed his grave that there was no danger of the Indians finding it.
[Quivey]

Anna (YATES) MILLER named her son born in 1874 after her brother Zack.

● = GEORGE L. YATES = ●

2nd Generation, 2nd Family

George L. YATES was born in 1856 to Solomon and Polly in MO, more than 20 years after his oldest sister. He is probably named after Rachael's first husband George L. MILLER. He would have been about eight years old when Granny went on her first trip to MT in 1864 [The Montana Gazetteer and Bozeman City Directory reports that he came to MT in 1867, p. 247]. It is said that he traveled in an unusual way. After the Indian attack, the youngest boy, George L., was put among the flour sacks or barrels for protection and rode that way the remaining miles to Virginia City [Davis, p.2]. In 1929 at age 73 George was quoted,

*I have leveled my old rifle at many a red skin in the early days
which caused him to bite the dust.* ["Granny Yates Picnic"]

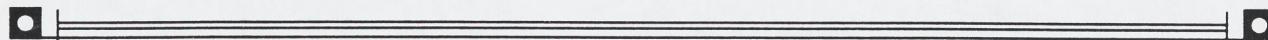
According to the census he lived with Granny in Radersburg in 1870 (p. 146). He married **Betty DURHAM** in 1883; she was born on March 5, 1863 in Somerset, KY to Sanford Frank DURHAM and Molly (DENHAM) DURHAM. They lived in Hillsdale, and they had two children.

*Big, jolly, laughing George Yates... with that jovial spirit of his,
he was not disposed to be too severe...* [George Byron Morse].

Betty DURHAM died on November 9, 1919. George L. YATES died in 1934 in Butte at the age of 78.

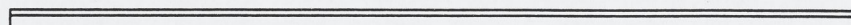
GEORGE L. YATES AND BETTY DURHAM

Married in 1883



1. Nellie YATES
1884/85 born on July 15
1902 married Oliver SWANSON

2. George Bryan YATES
1896 born on March 1
1927 married Pauline PARROTT



DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE L. YATES

3rd GENERATION

NELLIE YATES.....
Oliver Swanson

GEORGE BRYAN YATES...
Pauline Parrott

4th GENERATION

E. L. SWANSON..... . CLAIRE
Sorrrels
Gravatt

VICTOR SWANSON
Dorothy

BETTY YATES.....
James Whiteside

5th GENERATION

DONNA WHITESIDE
WILLIAM WHITESIDE

6th GENERATION

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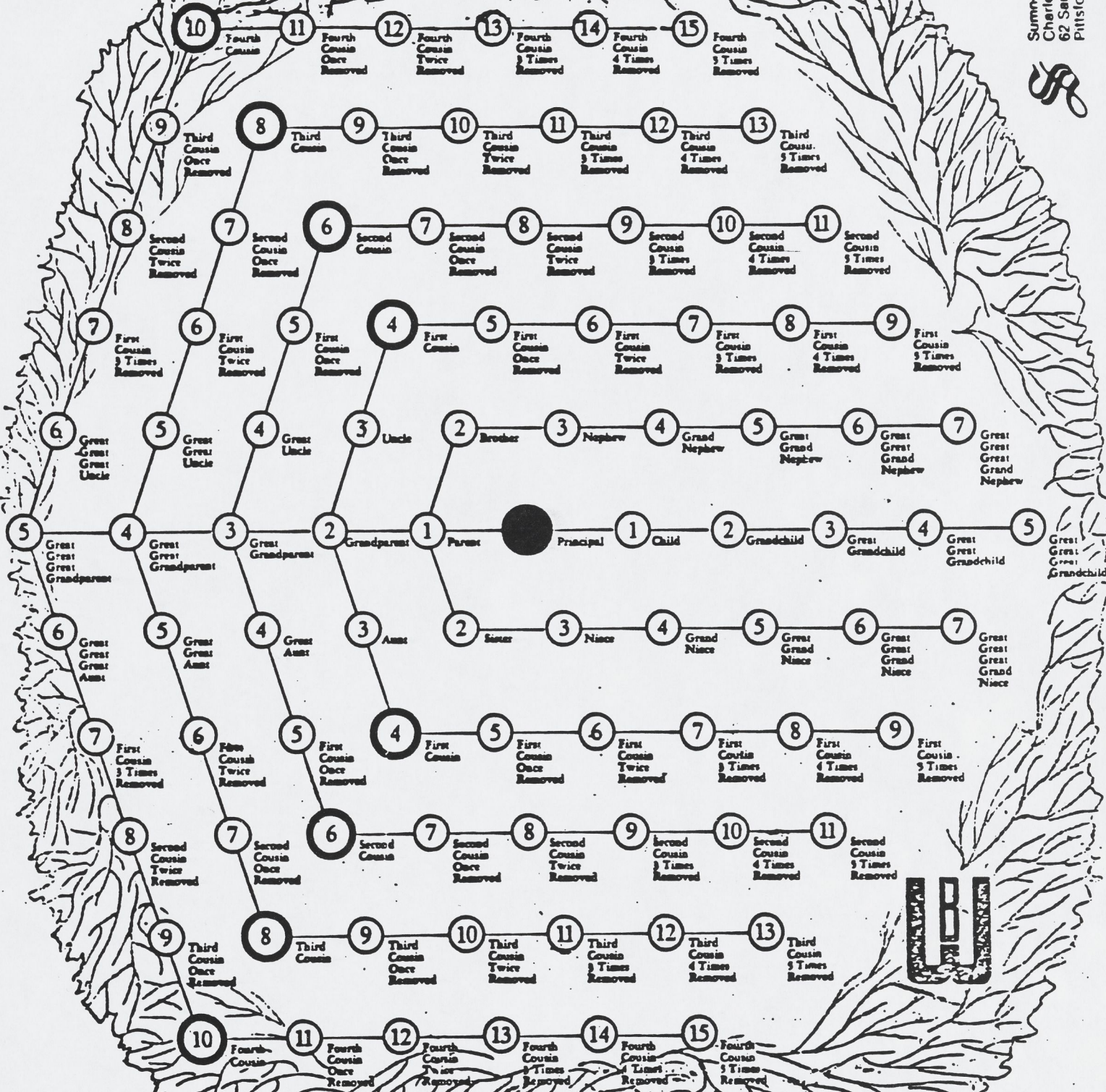
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THE FAMILY TREE

Degrees of kindred according to the law

Summer Family Association
Charles Hanson Summer
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Pittsford, NY 14534



Relationships to the deceased are shown from the great, great, great grandparent on the left to the great, great, great grandchild on the right. Solid lines indicate the paths of direct descendancy. Numbers in the circles indicate the degree of kindred to the deceased. The first three degrees of

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