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President's Message

The End of L-AGS?

At the last board meeting it was announced that the California State Genealogical Alliance, a confederation of genealogical societies such as our own, has decided to disband after almost 40 years of serving the genealogical community. This organization that has held seminars, promoted speakers and in many other ways has enriched societies throughout California. The officers came to the conclusion that the interest and support needed to continue the CSGA's mission just isn't there.

Why this is happening is more of a mystery. At the risk of sounding like a Luddite, I suspect that the technology is partly to blame. We live in an age of change where technology is expanding our horizons far faster than ever before in history. Journeys that once took months now take hours. News that could once travel no faster than the fastest ship is now bounced off satellites and back to earth in seconds. We carry in our pockets more computing power than NASA needed to put Neil Armstrong on the moon and more amazingly, bring him back. Finding out anything has become amazingly easy.

It's that easy. And yet, experience has taught us that the easy solution is not always the best one. An apple pie from the freezer section is easier to prepare than baking a pie from scratch and so we do it, and in the process, the number of people who even know how to bake a pie from scratch is decreased. We all know that the home-baked apple pie is the best but in this fast-paced world we tell ourselves that we don't have time to put in the effort to do it right.

I see the same trend happening here at the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society. Forty years ago, L-AGS was formed because a group of people with a common interest needed to join forces and share resources to gather, bit by bit, the information that they needed to tell the story of who they were and how they came to be here. Nowadays, people can spend an hour on Ancestry and download more information than it would have taken their grandparents a lifetime to amass.

This year there was only one office on our board to be filled, that of recording secretary. We asked for volunteers at meeting after meeting and yet we could not fill it. At the end of this year we will need to elect five new officers, including president, program chair and membership chair. If we cannot fill these positions, I do not know what will happen.

There is a solution, but it isn't an easy one. It requires effort on the part of all both those of you who come to L-AGS meetings to enjoy our programs and those of you who are the bulk of the membership who document their research using the many L-AGS databases and anticipate the genealogy tips in the quarterly *Roots Tracer*. All need to chip in and help. These programs don't run themselves. They require effort and new ideas and people willing to get out there and help. Small and large tasks such as contacting potential program presenters, serving as a genealogy docent at the Pleasanton Library on Wednesday mornings, contributing articles for the quarterly *Roots Tracer*, participating in the Heritage Happenings community outreach events etc. If you think that L-AGS provides a valuable service to the community, we need your help and your effort. Otherwise, the day will come when L-AGS too, will be no more.

Tom Mathews, President, L-AGS

The Livermore Roots Tracer

The Roots Tracer is the quarterly publication of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society. The mission statement of the Roots Tracer is: **"Instruct. Inspire. Inform."**

We encourage members to submit articles for publication. Material can be e-mailed to: rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org or mailed to L-AGS, P.O. Box 901, Livermore, CA 94551-0901. Want ghostwriting help? Just ask!

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Stories My Father Told

Ileen Peterson

Fraternity Life

Sigurd Peterson, Sr. was an English professor at Oregon State University and the sponsor/advisor for the Sigma Nu fraternity when Sigurd Peterson Jr. (my Dad) was a freshman. It was only to be expected that dad would pledge that fraternity. Dad had grown up exposed to the university and fraternity life. So he knew what was in store when the fraternity took the pledges down to a nearby pond. The pledges were picked up by their arms and legs and tossed into the pond. Dad used his status as Grandpa's son and the absence of knowledge of his swimming skills to get the chance to jump rather than being thrown in. He used the opportunity to swim under water to a hidden edge of the pond. His disappearance got the seniors and the rest of the fraternity present worried. They were all in the water looking for him before he revealed himself on the bank. A quick exit was in order, and he took it!

Another ritual entailed stripping the pledges to their underwear and putting a bag over their heads. They were then driven out of town to an isolated location in the Columbia gorge and dropped one by one at the side of the road. Their job was to find out where they were and figure out how to get home.



*Captain Sigurd H.
Peterson, Jr.*

When this happened to Dad, he was able to get back to the frat house before the car with the instigators did. One night the Sigma Nu fraternity invited a nearby sorority to a formal dinner. It started out with a strained formality until dessert was served. Dessert turned out to be a problem because it was frozen strawberries. They were served still frozen and no one could figure out how to eat them. It was like trying to pick up ball bearings with a fork. Dad accidentally caused one of his berries to scoot across and under the table with his fork. A moment of embarrassment, followed with him yelling "Tally Ho!" and going under the table to get it. This broke the ice, and the party went much more smoothly afterward.

Army Training

When Dad was inducted into the army air corps his tests were good enough to let him take his pick of military specialty. He turned down pilot training because he did not trust his vision to handle moving objects in the sky. As a teenager he had been hit in the head in a baseball game, and ever since then he had trouble following a fly ball with his eyes. After pilot the next choice on the list was aircraft navigator. He did so well in navigator training that he was kept on as an instructor.

A night navigation-training mission would be in a transport plane configured with navigation tables in front of each seated trainee. The instructor (Dad) would sit in the back of the plane to watch the students. The pilot would follow a preplanned route, and the students would attempt to document the timing and position of the plane. On the mission Dad would relax in the back of the plane below a small window. The trainees would not take him seriously because they thought he was slacking off. Until one would call him on it and Dad would tell them exactly what they could see out of the window. He had the knack of knowing exactly where he was - without the continuous monitoring the trainees needed.

Bombing practice introduced Dad to the skill of the pilot he went overseas with. For this kind of training the navigator (Dad) would direct the pilot around the countryside to line up on the target zone. The bombardier would direct the plane over the target, drop a training bomb, and then release the plane back to the pilot. This sequence would repeat until all bombs had been dropped. The first time this was completed, Dad was leaning on his elbows at the navigator's table when the pilot took over. The pilot was in a hurry to return to base. He banked the B24 90 degrees and dove for the ground before leveling out thousands of feet lower and flying back over the training target. The G forces of this maneuver caused Dad to be locked in place over the desk. After this experience Dad would lay down flat on the deck beneath the desk before giving the pilot authorization to return after the last bomb drop.

Trinidad

As part of the trip from the United States the war zone was a rest and refueling stop in Trinidad and Dad's B24 was scheduled to land at a small field which was only intended to handle fighter planes. The landing was uneventful, and guide in a jeep

met the B24 on the runway. The guide was there to direct the plane to a parking spot by way of the paved taxiways. This was not a trivial job since the taxiways were built for the typical single engine fighter planes which normally used them, and anything not paved was muddy swamp land. The spacing of the landing gear of a four engine B24 just barely fit the narrow pavement of the taxiway. The jeep started leading the plane down one of the taxiways and dad's hotshot pilot followed close behind. The guide in the jeep was not used to being that close to four large propellers. He speeded up a little to get a little more comfort space. The pilot speeded up to maintain what HE considered the proper space from the guide's jeep. The jeep speeded up. The plane speeded up... The guy in the jeep, being chased by the big plane with four big engines, felt that he was driving for his life. The confident pilot was just keeping up with the guiding jeep. One wheel of the B24 did not stay completely on the taxiway. It found mud. It stopped. The plane swung around and stopped with both front landing gear in mud and sunk, (maybe, all gear in the mud?) The plane ended deep enough in the mud that all four propellers hit ground and broke off. Without being loaded by a propeller every engine started speeding up past the RPM redline. This is an emergency situation and everyone on the plane got out as fast and as far as possible expecting an explosion. From a safe distance with the rest of his crew; Dad listened to the sound of the engines. He thought it sounded safe enough to run back to the bomb-bay (which was open for the emergency evacuation of the plane) and hit the emergency switch that cut the power. Once the engines stopped the danger was over. The plane was totaled.

The crew was stranded in Trinidad for about a week before a replacement plane could be delivered. While waiting on the base, Dad came across a local craps game. He observed that it was played on a cloth printed with the game's odds and everyone was relying on those odds. He quickly realized that they were not the real probabilities but were 'house odds'. He earned quite a lot of money betting on the game using the margin between the house and real odds. Most of it was sent home to mom. His ability to read poker players was a major source of income for him while he was in the service. Most if not all of his paycheck was always sent home to mom, and he lived off of his winnings.

The continuation article in the August Roots Tracer will describe Sigurd Peterson's military

exploits in North Africa, Southern Italy, Ploesti, [Romania], Southern France and his return from Europe.

Peterson Lineage Chart	
(Icelanders use patronymics, English spelling and alphabet used in this chart)	
Peter Petursson	b. about 1716 in Iceland d. about 1772 in Iceland Ingibjorg Sigurdardottir
Petur Petursson	b. about 1763 Jokuldal, Iceland d. about 1821 Jokuldal, Iceland Halfridur Eggertsdottir
Petur Petursson	b. 11 Jul 1793 Fossi I Hofssokn, N-M, Iceland d. 1853 Iceland Ingibjorg Vigfusdottir daughter of Vigfus Jonsson and Kristin Jonsdottir b. 12 May 1798 Vopbnafirthi, N-M, Iceland d. Iceland
Sigfinnur Petursson	b. 29 Jul 1836 N-M, Iceland d. 11 Dec 1915 Minneota, Lyon Co., Minnesota m. 5 Oct 1876 Iceland (second marriage for both, both widowed) Sigurbjorg Sigurdottir daughter of Sigurdur Jonsson and Elin Jonsdottir b. 7 May 1843 N-M, Iceland d. 17 May 1917 Minneota, Lyon Co., Minnesota
Sigurd Harlan Peterson	b. 27 Dec 1886 Lake Stay, Lincoln Co., Minnesota d. 5 Jan 1963 Springfield, Lane Co., Oregon m. 31 Jul 1912, Pipestone, Minnesota Ruth Joan Taylor daughter of Horatio Seymour Taylor and Mabel Aldrich b. 16 Dec 1889 Pipestone, Minnesota d. 22 Nov 1974, Corvallis, Benton Co, Oregon
Sigurd Harlan Peterson Jr.	b. 19 Feb 1916 Corvallis, Benton Co., Oregon d. 6 Jun 1988 Portland, Oregon m. 8 Jun 1940 Sacramento, California Mildred Ileen Martin daughter of Werner Martin and Lillian Achterberg b. 5 Apr 1919 Oroville, Butte Co., California d. 12 Nov 2000 Beaverton, Oregon
Ileen Joan Peterson daughter of Sigurd Harlan Peterson Jr and Mildred Ileen Martin	

Garl Satterthwaite's Third Great-Granduncle – Jeremiah Cox

Settling of Wayne County, Indiana by Jeremiah Cox 1860 – A Transcription

By Garl Satterthwaite

Settling of Wayne County, Indiana

Written by Jeremiah Cox in the

Later Years of His Life

Completed June 16, 1860

Page 1, first paragraph:

“I attended the old settlers meeting the other day, a desire being manifested by some present to hear what I could tell in regard to the early Settling of Wayne County, and in compliance with this wish, and for the entertainment of my children and numerous grand children, I now commence writing, in the seventieth year of my age And not having much to build upon except memory some misstatements may be expected.”

Page 3, first paragraph:

“I will here remark, that we were the first family of the Society of Friends, that settled in the limets of Wayne County, tho Robert Smith came soon after, John Smith Elijah Wright, and Frederick Hoover, came in the fall following. Several of the Hoover family, came out when we moved, to build cabins and sew turnip seed. In the spring following, Andrew Hoover, Wm. Bulla, and David Hoover came some later in the spring, John Harvey, and John Small came and perhaps some others not now recollected, four or five miles down the river there was a settlement of perhaps eight or ten families that had come from Kentucky, in the third month of 1805. these were, George Holeman, Richard Rue, Ewel Kendal, Thomas McCoy, Wm. Blunck, Joseph Cox, John Boyls, and a few others, names not remembered. there was a few families on the east fork that came I believe, in the spring of 1806. I think the were all on the Ohio side of the line, except Richard Maxwell.”

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Jeremiah Cox is the 3rd great-granduncle of Garl Max Satterthwaite Jr.

Jeremiah Cox
b. 22 Mar 1763 Orange Co., North Carolina
d. 5 Feb 1830 Randolph Co., Indiana
m. 11 Sep 1783 Orange Co., North Carolina
Margery Piggott
b. 2 Sep 1762 Orange Co., North Carolina
d. 25 Sep 1799 North Carolina

Jesse Thomas
b. 9 Sept. 1796 Cheraws District, South
Carolina
d. 31 Mar 1859 Traverse City, Grand
Traverse, Michigan
m. 3 Nov 1819 Wayne Co., Indiana
Hannah Cox
b. 15 Aug. 1798 North Carolina
d. 30 Aug. 1868 Marion, Grant, Indiana

Jeremiah Cox
b. 21 Nov 1790 Ran-
dolph Co. North Caroli-
na
d. 26 Sep 1876 Wayne
Co., Indiana
m. 18 Jul 1811 Wayne
Co., Indiana
Ruth Andrew
b. 9 Jul 1791 North
Carolina
d. 22 Jan 1844 Wayne
Co., Indiana

Samuel Evans Satterthwaite
b. 30 May 1825 Warren Co., Ohio
d. 13 Jul 1908 Mount Etna, Huntington,
Indiana
m. 28 Sep 1859 Grant Co., Indiana
Hannah Thomas
b. 27 Aug 1839 Grant Co., Indiana
d. 8 Jan 1919 Mount Etna, Huntington,
Indiana

John Breckenridge Satterthwaite
b. 4 Nov 1866 Huntington Co., Indiana
d. 9 Jul 1935 Huntington Co., Indiana
m. 10 Sep 1887 Huntington Co., Indiana
Amanda Delilah Long
b. 7 Dec 1869 Huntington Co., Indiana
d. 27 Mar 1962 Mount Etna, Huntington,
Indiana

Frank Satterthwaite
b. 18 Dec 1889 Pleasant Plain, Huntington
Co., Indiana
d. 21 Oct 1967 Thousand Oaks, Ventura,
California
m. 10 Jun 1911 Indianapolis, Marion,
Indiana
Mary Ethel Fomshell
b. 26 Sep 1892 Wells Co., Indiana
d. 31 Mar 1960 Warren, Huntington, Indi-
ana

Garl Max Satterthwaite
b. 2 Aug 1911 Brightwood, Marion, Indi-
ana
d. 7 Jan 1992 Fort Wayne, Allen, Indiana
m. 3 Jun 1931 Indianapolis, Marion, Indi-
ana
Mary Mildred Teachnor
b. 24 Jul 1913 Indianapolis, Marion, Indi-
ana
d. 20 Dec 1995 Fort Wayne, Allen, Indi-
ana

Garl Max Satterthwaite Jr.

"The Still"

by Doug Mumma

One of my favorite photographs is of William Lee Mumaw (1878-1957) that was given to me by his great-granddaughter, Lynn Sine. The exact date of the photograph is unknown, but it would appear he's been around for a while. He and my grandfather would have really gotten along well together!

William was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia and was a typical southern boy. Lynn shared with me that "William Lee Mumaw changed the spelling of his name from Moomaw because his mail kept getting mixed up with another guy who was also named William Moomaw. William solved the problem by changing his spelling to Mumaw."

Lynn further shared "I was only two when he died, but from all accounts he was a character.



William Lee Mumaw (1878-1957)

My great-grandfather liked to make moonshine and the revenuers would pick him up and the old guy took his moonshine to jail with him..... he would put digitalis plants in the jug and tell them it was his heart medicine."

I can just imagine what is going through his mind as William closely watches his moonshine being distilled into the gallon jugs. Life just doesn't get much better than this!

Lineage William Lee Mumaw to Lynn M. Sine

William Lee Mumaw b. 11 Jun 1878 Shenandoah Co., Virginia d. 20 Oct 1957 Elizabethtown, Lancaster, Pennsylvania m. 11 Jun 1909 Shenandoah Co., Virginia Fanny Isabella Bell-Walker b. 17 Feb 1884 Alum Springs, Shenandoah, Virginia d. 8 Mar 1951 Florin, E. Donegal Twp., Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Catherine Mumaw b. 3 Oct 1913 Shenandoah Co., Virginia d. 10 Oct 1987 Elizabethtown, Lancaster, Pennsylvania m. bet. 1930-1940 John Freeman Sine b. 29 Mar 1909 Liberty Furnace, Virginia d. 17 Jul 1962 Elizabethtown, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Welbie A. Sine b. 23 May 1936 Pennsylvania d. 9 Mar 1986 Bainbridge, Lancaster, Pennsylvania m. Donna J. Seitz
Lynn M. Sine

Jeremiah Cox, continued from page 6

Page 12, last paragraph:

"The howling of the wolves and the hooting of the owls now given place to the shrill whistle of the Steam Engine and meny, very menny, of my former associates, have paid the debt of nature, and have gone hence to be seen of us no more, and I having nearly filled my three score and ten, canot reasonably expect to be here much longer. So farewell.

Jeremiah Cox

Middleborough, Wayne County Indiana.

6th month 16th day 1860."

Jeremiah Cox (1790-1876)

His father, Jeremiah Cox (1763-1830), was a

Delegate to the

Indiana Constitutional Convention of 1816

A 1925 Iowa Murder Mystery

By Donna Toole

The mystery started with a news item from a Newspaperarchive.com entry from an Iowa paper in 1925. I had been researching my great-grand-aunt's family. One of their sons died young, and the second son, Morris, died at age 25.

I wondered at his cause of death. Morris Vere Hardy was the son of my great-grand-aunt, Florence (Libby) Hardy and her husband Sylvester Hardy. Intrigued by Morris's early death and with 20 hits popping up for Morris Hardy in Iowa in November of 1925, I knew I was onto something big!

Imagine my surprise to find that Morris had been murdered over the love of a woman! Morris was born in 1900 to Florence (Libby) Hardy and her husband, Sylvester P. Hardy. I knew Morris had married Viola Zable in 1920 in Storm Lake, Buena Vista County, Iowa, but by 1925 they were in divorce mode. He had begun dating a school teacher by the name of Gertrude Weaver.

Morris' wife, Viola, was in divorce court about the time of her husband's death but before his body was found. Upon returning to her home after obtaining her divorce decree, she learned of his death. Morris was apparently killed on Saturday night or early Sunday morning. The next day the postman passed by on this lonely stretch of road, assumed the occupant was hunched over lighting a cigarette, and went on his route. The next day it didn't seem as likely that the occupant of the car was still lighting a cigarette, so the body was discovered on Tuesday. According to records I found on Ancestry and in news archives, Viola remarried two months after the (*coroner's inquest or? – murder?*) trial. Gertrude, the school teacher involved, secretly married

Ralph Fritz, also of Cherokee, Iowa in South Dakota in April of 1929. Edwin Flickinger was released from prison sometime prior to 1952 when he married Aris Thomas Nordstrom Dillon Conroy of Sioux City, Iowa, which leads to a second amazing story at the conclusion of this article. Edwin Flickinger died in 1988 in Sioux City, Iowa. I have not yet found an obituary.

I used Newspaperarchive.com, Newspapers.com and GenealogyBank.com for my research, as well as Ancestry and FamilySearch. Here are some of the articles I uncovered on the murder: [Note: Not all of the articles are well written.]

The following is from: **1925 Nov 16, LeMars Globe-Post, P16, LeMars, Iowa:**

Flickinger Held in Murder of Morris Hardy

Will Investigate Thoroughly Says Hi Yackey, State Detectice [sic], of Council Bluffs

Marcus News: A few hours following the arrival of Hi Yackey, state detective of Council Bluffs, to probe into the murder of Morris V. Hardy, here yesterday, Ed Flickinger was taken to Cherokee and held for investigation. "We will leave no stone unturned to ferret out who the murderer was," Mr. Yackey said.

Funeral services for Morris Hardy were conducted at the Federated church in Washta Sunday afternoon and hundreds attended. Miss Gertrude Weaver attended with members of her family and laid a floral tribute on the casket of her slain lover. Hundreds thronged the new Brink funeral home Saturday when Coroner G. A.



Roscoe and Morris Vere Hardy



Florence Libby Hardy 1890

Brink conducted the inquest over the body of Morris V. Hardy, who was cruelly murdered on a lonely road near Marcus Nov. 2. Although an investigation equally as probing as a grand jury might conduct lasting throughout the day, failed to link any person with the crime.

S. P. Hardy, father of the victim came here from his home in Center View, Mo., and was a pathetic figure when he took the stand as the first witness called. Aside from identifying the body of the murdered man as his son, he was not questioned.

Miss Gertrude Weaver, the 22 year old school teacher, for whose love two men pined, it is said, was on the witness stand for more than two hours and in a straight forward manner recited in minute detail all of the events leading up to the time when Hardy left her at the Flickinger home about midnight, Sunday night, shortly before the tragedy. Miss Weaver stated she had taught in the Harris Independent school last year and this year and boarded at the Frank Flickinger home, that during that time she kept company with 18 year old Eddie Flickinger when she was not with Morris Hardy whom she met last June. On the witness stand she admitted that both young men resented her going with the other and on one occasion not long ago Eddie Flickinger had threatened her by saying, "I'll get even with you," and when asked what he meant had retorted, "You'll know."

Both parents of young Flickinger were called on the witness stand and admitted their son left home sometime between eight and nine o'clock Sunday night. Frank Flickinger also identified the rifle which was taken from the Flickinger home as his and told of having exploded six shells in hunting stray dogs on Saturday before the murder. Authorities state that the six bullets found in the murdered man's head were of the same make as those found in the rifle.

Although Eddie Flickinger was given a grilling, he made no admissions considered damaging. He failed however to give a complete alibi Sunday night from the hours of nine until two; only to say he spent the time on the road repairing a puncture on the tire.

He stayed all night at the Bennett home near Quimby where he had been picking corn. Members of the family have no recollections of hearing him return that night. The witness when questioned as to his fondness for the school teacher made light of it and said he only went with her for

pastime. On the witness stand, he was apparently unruffled.

John Leeper, a neighbor living in Tilden Township 1-3/4 miles from the scene of the tragedy, described in detail the finding of the body in the Ford sedan Tuesday. He said beside the mail carrier who later made the discovery of the body, two men, Henry Montague and Mr. Robeson passed close to the ill-fated sedan.

In attempting to shed some light on the theory that Hardy was the victim of a black mail gang Gus Johnson, a former chum of Hardy's was called to testify. He told the jury that Hardy had admitted once that he had been blackmailed. All efforts to get Johnson to acknowledge that Hardy had been mixed up recently with people at a road house near Quimby failed when he repeatedly answered, "They didn't have any trouble while I was there."

Mysterious Trio

Another of the many angles to the mysterious case was brought out when witnesses were called to tell of three suspicious characters seen loitering around the service station in Cherokee Sunday night. According to Frank Deede, the men were apparently watching the Rialto Theater where Hardy and Miss Weaver were spending the evening. Herbert Traum, night man at the Surles and Dunn café, also told of seeing the same trio in a Ford roadster near Quimby Sunday afternoon. One of the men who had been drinking asked Traum later why he was following them. Some, who believe that more than one party was implicated in the murder, are wondering if these three strange men may know of the crime.

L. M. Miller, C. W. Dorr, and W. D. Hazen, formed the coroner's jury and returned a verdict that Hardy came to his death by strangulation and gunshot wounds committed by unknown persons or person with intent to commit murder.

The following is from: 1925 Nov 18, The Democrat, P2, Emmetsburg, Iowa:

A press report from Cherokee dated Saturday, says: "Following a long grilling by State Agent Hi Yackey and Sheriff Sangwin and his deputies, during which he maintained a stolid composure and refused to talk, Edward Flickinger, 18-year-old son of Frank Flickinger, questioned for the second time regarding the murder of Morris Hardy, of Washta, was released. The officers have said that a gun which they have in their possession, found near the scene of the murder, belongs to

young Flickinger. With his release, the mystery of the murder is far from a solution. The officers were working today in the vicinity of Washta.

The following is from: **1925 Dec 7, Oelwein Daily Register, P6, Oelwein, Iowa:**

Flickinger Has Confessed Guilt Reports That Young Man Has Confessed Killing Morris Hardy, Near Washta.

(By United Press.)

Cherokee, Ia., Dec. 7 - Edward Flickinger, son of a farm couple living near here, has confessed that he is the person who murdered Morris Hardy, Washta, Ia., farm hand, near Washta, Nov. 1, Cherokee county officials reported today. Hardy's body was found in a car on a lonely road two days after his death by a mail carrier.

Flickinger is said to have implicated Miss Gertrude Weaver, school teacher, who is understood to have been the cause of the tragedy. According to the youth's reported confession, he and Miss Weaver conspired to kill Hardy, with the school teacher acting as the foil. Miss Weaver's part in the alleged confession is scouted [sic, doubted] by the officials. Flickinger has been under surveillance or arrest since shortly after the crime was committed. Miss Weaver having revealed to au-

thorities that the accused murderer had warned her to have nothing to do with Hardy, who had served time in an Iowa prison [for auto theft]. Miss Weaver was a roomer at the Flickinger home.

The following is from: **1926 Jan 8, Omaha World Herald, P1, Omaha, Nebraska**

Flickinger Will Plead Guilty, Report Says

Iowa Farmer's Son Alleged to Have Confessed Killing Morris Hardy, November 1.

Special Dispatch to The World Herald

Cherokee, Ia., Jan. 8 - Agents who investigated the murder of Morris Hardy, farm hand and former convict, on a lonely road near Washta, Ia., November 1, assert today that when his case is called for trial in district court next Monday, Edward Flickinger, 19, son of Frank Flickinger, farmer near Washta, will enter a plea of guilty to the charge of first degree murder.

A confession said to have been obtained by a detective who was "thrown" into the jail with Flickinger implicated Miss Gertrude Weaver, rural school teacher, who boarded at the Flickinger home and who had been out riding with Hardy

Relationship: Donna Faye Dempster to Morris Vere Hardy	
Morris Vere Hardy is the 1st cousin 2x removed of Donna Faye Dempster	
Samuel Appleton Libby b. 21 Aug 1826 Bridgton, Cumberland, Maine d. 19 Dec 1901 Washta, Cherokee, Iowa m. 13 Oct 1856 Bridgeton, Cumberland, Maine	Angeline P. Riley b. 04 Dec 1832 Baldwin, Cumberland, Maine d. 29 Jan 1907 Washta, Cherokee, Iowa
Mabel F. Libby b. 09 Oct 1868 Hopkinton, Delaware, Iowa d. 11 Jan 1954 Arnolds Park, Dickinson, Iowa	Florence I. Libby b: 03 Dec 1861 Hopkinton, Delaware, Iowa d: 23 Feb 1944 Washta, Cherokee, Iowa
Bessie Mae Phelps b: 22 Nov 1890 Afton, Cherokee, Iowa d: 29 May 1975 Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona	Morris Vere Hardy b: 27 Jul 1900 Meriden, Cherokee, Iowa d: 22 Nov 1925 Washta, Cherokee, Iowa
Pauline Vesta Parks b: 17 Mar 1920 America, Plymouth, Iowa d: 19 Oct 1999 Remsen, Plymouth, Iowa	
Donna Faye Dempster b: Le Mars, Plymouth, Iowa	

the night he was murdered. A later confession, made before several witnesses, completely exonerates the girl. In his confession, Flickinger says he was actuated by jealousy over the attentions Hardy was paying to the teacher. He lay in wait for Hardy after his ride with Miss Weaver, the alleged confession sets forth, forced him to the lonely spot and there struck him over the head with a blunt instru-

ment, rendering him helpless, after which he choked him into insensibility and then fired several shots from a rifle into his head.

The continuation article in the August *Roots Tracer* will disclose the rationale and decision of District Judge Henry Wagner as well as the surprising genealogical connection discovered through publication of this saga on the World Wide Web.

My Search for the Mystery Boy

By Diane Wiedel

I have a sweet photo of my grandmother, Ann Marie Ryan, at age two or three and according to family, her older brother. He looks to be two to three years older. Unfortunately, no one knows his name.

My grandmother was born in Pleasanton in 1886 at her parents' farm on Rose Ave. Her mother, Bridget O'Donnell Ryan, died in 1891 and is buried at St Michaels Cemetery in Livermore. According to the family story, soon after his mother's death this boy drowned in the Pleasanton Creek.

In a state of depression my great-grandfather, Thomas Ryan, left Annie with family (Carroll - Ryan) and returned to Ireland. At some later date these families were unable to care for Annie and she was placed at St. Joseph's orphanage in San Francisco. My grandmother had little in the way of family treasures except this photo.

Thinking a drowning in the creek would be news worthy, I have spent many hours at the Livermore Library reading old newspapers. There is no record of his burial in the family plot at St. Michael Cemetery. So I remain wondering about a little boy whose photo has touched my heart.

Postscript

By Richard Finn

I have a fair amount of information on the Ryan family but so far have not found anything on a young boy who drowned. I have been looking at the Bunshah and Meeker newspaper indexes and the only Ryan I found who I do not have in my database is an Edward Ryan who died in February 1901. There are obits for him in the Herald of 10 Feb 1901 2/2 and the Echo of 14 Feb 1901 3/2. Looking on the L-AGS website I found that Edward died in San Francisco so that rules him out if he truly drowned in Pleasanton Creek.

A search of the California Digital Newspaper Collection revealed a young Bertie Ryan drowned in Sacramento in July of 1897. This may be the same boy listed in the Sacramento Daily Union of 11 July 1897. The boy is not named but was 12 years old and the son of a Captain Thomas Ryan. I will send you a clipping of the article.

If a young man drowned locally I would think it would be in the local papers.

Announcement from CSGA

To: All Interested Persons; Date: December 28, 2017

From: Catherine Luijt, President, California State Genealogical Alliance RE: Dissolution of the California State Genealogical Alliance (CSGA)

The California State Genealogical Alliance (CSGA), a non-profit organization founded in 1982, served as a statewide association of genealogical societies and individuals. After 35 years of providing education and training to genealogical societies and individual researchers in California, the CSGA has been voluntarily dissolved

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The CSGA transferred its assets to the California Genealogical Society (CGS) and Library, located in Oakland, California. The CGS will integrate the CSGA California Research Guide into its website (<https://www.californiaancestors.org>). Once the California Genealogical Society has completed their work, they will maintain the guide and offer the information to the genealogical community and public-at-large.

Thank you for the support and services you provided the Alliance throughout the years.

Violet and Frances in Mexico

By Caye Collins Johnson

My mother, Violet Ethel Thurston, age 3, and her sister, Frances, age 6 months, moved to Mexico in 1907 where their father, William Albert Thurston, an accountant with the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad (EP & RR) was assigned.



Violet, age 7, and Frances, age 4, Thurston

The Railroad was building an extension from El Paso, Texas to the Gulf of California at Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico and needed an accountant to keep track of the expenses. They lived in both Guaymas and Mazatlan where their mother Harriet "Hattie" White Stephenson Thurston ran a boarding house for Americans employed by the railroad and where she taught the Mexican staff to prepare American style food. Violet attended school in Mexico where she learned to read and write Spanish, although English was her first language.

Lineage of Violet and Frances Thurston

Harriet White Stephenson Thurston Kincaid

b. 21 May 1882, Big Foot, Frio, Texas

d. 3 Nov 1948, El Paso, El Paso, Texas

m. 19 May 1903, Bisbee, Cochise, Arizona

William Albert Thurston

b. 10 Mar 1866, Shaftesbury, Dorset, England

d. 25 Apr 1934, El Paso, El Paso, Texas

Violet Ethel Thurston

b. 1 Nov 1904, El Paso, El Paso, Texas

d. 4 Apr 1990, Los Altos, Santa Clara, California

m. 24 Aug 1937, Reno, Nevada

Walter Benjamin Collins

b. 28 Apr 1900, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California

d. 13 Jan 1990, Brawley, Imperial, California

Daisy Frances Thurston

b. 26 Jul 1907, El Paso, El Paso, Texas

d. 15 Dec 2005, Tucson, Mariposa, Arizona

m. 4 Jun 1928 probably El Paso, Texas

Hollis Roland Homewood

b. 23 Jan 1905, Denver, CO

d. 4 Mar 1979, Douglas, Arizona

Caye Collins Johnson, author of article, living

Frances, however, did not learn to speak English and resisted learning it. When the Mexican revolution broke out they had to return to El Paso, Texas around 1911. From the roof of a tall building in downtown El Paso they would watch the fighting/gun fire in Juarez, the city across the border from El Paso. Pancho Villa frequently came across the border to dine in El Paso restaurants. Violet and Frances' fluency in Spanish served them well later in life when Violet was able to help her husband Walter Collins instruct braceros who worked on their farm in the Imperial Valley, California and Frances was the head translation Spanish operator for the phone company in Arizona.

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Michael Ryan's story

By Julie Liu

This article elaborates on my previous article in Roots Tracer Volume 37 November 2017 Number 4, pages 6 & 7.

Michael and Mary Brazil Ryan arrived at Castle Garden in New York on Oct. 20, 1879 on the ship "Italy" with 7 of their 12 children from Limerick, Ireland.¹ Three of their children had been sent to the United States 14 years earlier, Mary age 11, Bridget age 10 and Catherine age 8. On Oct. 6, 1865, Mary, Bridget and Catherine arrived at Castle Garden, New York City on the ship, "City of Limerick"² but 5 years later they are found on the 1870 census. Mary is now 21 years of age,³ Bridget is now age 19,⁴ and Catherine has only aged 5 years.⁵ Mary and Bridget have gained 4-5 years while Catherine's age remains correct. So what accounts for the difference? My guess is that Mary and Bridget could get the cheaper passage fare of \$17.00 instead of \$22.00 if they were 12 or under. A newspaper search of newspapers in that time period, confirm just that.⁶

The girls were accompanied by Daniel Ryan, age 20, on their voyage across the Atlantic. Daniel's exact relationship to Michael and Mary is unknown at this time. It is assumed he was a cousin but he does not follow the rest of the Ryan's to their eventual destination of Kearney County, Nebraska, and Daniel does not show up on subsequent census search.

So why did Michael and Mary have to make this gut wrenching decision of sending 3 of their daughters to the United States possibly to never see them again. Maybe they expected to follow in

¹Familysearch.org; New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1892; 420 – 15 Sep 1879-5 Nov. 1879; Image 808; line 13-21.

²Familysearch.org; New York Passenger lists, 1820-1892, New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1892; 257 –2 Oct. 1865 -27 Oct. 1865. Image 176.

³Ancestry.com 1870 US Federal Census: census Place: Mendota Ward 1, La Salle, Illinois; Roll: M593_244; Page: 384A; Family History Library Film: 545743. Line 9.

⁴Ancestry.com 1870 US Federal Census: census place: Mendota Ward 1, La Salle, Illinois; Roll: M593_244; Page: 385A; Family History Library Film: 545743. Line 32.

⁵Ancestry.com 1870 US Federal Census: census Place: La Salle, La Salle, Illinois; Roll: M 593_243; Page 327B; Family History Library Film: 545742. Line15.

⁶Newspapers.bc.edu: Boston Pilot (1818-1857) / 20 September 1856. Page 8, col. 1.

⁷Family group sheet of Michael Ryan family. Winifred Ryan DOB. 20 Jul 1865; Margaret Ryan DOB 16 Feb 1866.

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*Boston Pilot (1818-1857) / 20 September 1856.
Page 8, col. 1.*

a year or two but two years turned into 3 and 5 years turned into 10 and then it is 14 years later. We will probably never know. We can only speculate.



Michael and Mary Ryan

Mary Ryan was pregnant in 1865,⁷ that may have been why the rest of the family did not make the trip or it may have been pure and simple economics.

They could not afford to send the whole family. The Civil War was still raging so there may have been some uncertainty about that. The fact re-

mains, in 1865, there were a total of 2 children left at home and another on the way.⁷ By 1870, all three girls are found working as domestic servants in southern Illinois. Catherine reflects the tender age that she had to leave Ireland. She has not had enough schooling to learn to read and write as is shown in the 1870 census;⁵ hopefully she was able to catch up later. I also suspect that when and if they could, Mary, Bridget and Catherine sent money home. By the time Michael and Mary arrived in 1879, he was 54 with an estimated year of birth of 1825 and Mary was 44 with an estimated birth year of 1835. Michael's death certificate tells a different story. His death certificate states he was born Sept. 29, 1817⁸ and Mary's death certificate states her date of birth of May 6, 1831.⁹ I am sure that Michael and Mary didn't want to be 62 and 48 respectively when they arrived in the United States; it certainly was more desirable to be a little younger at 54 and 44 respectively. Their family had grown by 5 more.⁷ The voyage over was eventful according to family lore. It is told that the ship that this group came over on sprang a leak at some point and all available hands had to bail water. In addition to need to bail water to stay afloat, Mary gave birth to a stillborn on the voyage. These events will remain unproven. There is no listing on the passenger lists of any infant deaths on that voyage and certainly no record of the ship having a water emergency.¹

After arriving in New York, they travelled to Mendota, Illinois where they reunited with their 3 daughters that they had not seen for 14 years. With the entire family now together, they eventually proceeded to Nebraska. The next paper trail of Michael and Mary is the June 1880 with the US census.¹⁰

They are living with their daughter and son-in-law John and Catherine O'Connell. So where are

⁸Michael Ryan, death certificate # 6490 Nebraska State Department of Health; Lincoln, NE.

⁹Mary Ryan, death certificate #8364 Nebraska State Department of Health; Lincoln, NE.

¹⁰Ancestry.com 1880 US Federal Census: census Place: Mirage, Kearney, Nebraska; Roll: 751; Family History Film: 1254751; page: 17D ED: 052: image 0214; line 1-5.

¹¹Ancestry.com 1880 US Federal Census: Census Place: Kearney City, Buffalo, NE: Roll: 751; ED 154; Page 30; Line 12.

¹²Citizenship papers held at Kearney County records, Minden, NE: copy held in Ryan Book/Julie Liu.

¹³Homestead cert. #6048 Vo. 16, page 150. General Land Office registered at Bloomington, NE. Held by Julie Liu.

Lineage Michael Ryan to

Michael Ryan
b. 29 Sep 1817 Co. Tipperary, Ireland
d. 06 Dec 1904 Kearney, Nebraska
m. 20 Feb 1844
Mary Brazil
b. 06 May 1831 Ireland

Hanora Ryan
b. Buffanoky, Cappamore, Co. Limerick, Ireland
d. 02 Feb 1942 Phelps, Nebraska
m. 25 January 1896 Blaine Township, Kearney Co., Nebraska
Thomas E. Shanahan
b. 27 Mar 1872 Iowa
d. 31 Aug 1907 Hastings, Adams, Nebraska

Margaret Madeline Shanahan
b. 02 Feb 1906 Coburg, Montgomery, Iowa
d. 08 Apr 2001 Heartwell, Kearney, Nebraska
m. 12 Jan 1927 Minden, Kearney, Nebraska
Richard Robert Filbin
b. 12 Jun 1904 Heartwell, Kearney, Nebraska
d. 6 Jun 1992, Kearney, Buffalo, Nebraska

Mary Phyllis Filbin
b. 16 May 1931 Axtell, Kearney, Nebraska
d. 08 May 2007 Lee's Summit, Jackson, Missouri
m. 2 Sep 1950 Heartwell, Kearney, Nebraska
Carl Stewart Gilliland
b. 30 Jun 1952 Wakenda, Carroll, Missouri
d. 9 Oct 2002 Warrensburg, Johnson, Missouri

Julia Ann Gilliland
b. Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri

the 7 children that came with Michael and Mary? They do not seem to be living with them in the 1880 census.¹⁰ Margaret Ryan is working as a domestic servant in the home of Harisan Fisher a deputy sheriff and his family of 5.¹¹ Michael Ryan became a citizen on Oct. 14 1885¹² and on July 26th 1887 received his title to his 80 acres of land.¹³ So where are the other 6 children that came with them in 1879? I haven't been able to locate them in Mendota, Illinois or Nebraska. But Mary's Brazill family was in Mendota, Illinois so that is probably where the other 6 children were. The children do eventually appear in Nebraska and set down their own roots but that is another story.



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