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1. **WILLIAM¹ WESTMORELAND** was born in 1829. He died in 1900. He married **LUVINA**. She was born in 1848. She died in 1883.

Notes for William Westmoreland:

William Westmoreland was born in 1829, the year that William Booth(4/10/1829 - 8/20/1912) was born, the English minister and founder of the Salvation Army. He was born the month before London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty on September 29, 1829. The year of his birth, William Austin Burt of Mount Vernon, Michigan, received a patent for his typographer, a forerunner of the typewriter.

Sources: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Booth
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scotland_Yard
<http://www.michmarkers.com/startup.asp?startpage=S0570.htm>

William and Luvina are our most distant Westmoreland ancestors for whom we have names. They are the great, great grandparents of our son-in-law, Steven O. Westmoreland. We believe William and Luvina lived in Arkansas. We really have very little information about them.

"Westmoreland is Northern English. It is a regional name for someone from the former country of this name, originally named in Old English as 'Westmoringaland,' the territory of the people living west of the moors (i.e. the Pennines)."

Source: Patrick Hanks, Editor, Dictionary of American Family Names, Oxford University Press, New York, New York, 2003, Card #929.40973D554 2003 V. III, Dallas Public Library, Genealogical Section, page 601.

William Westmoreland and Luvina had the following children:

- i. **JAMES² WESTMORELAND** (son of William Westmoreland and Luvina).
- ii. **THOMAS WESTMORELAND** (son of William Westmoreland and Luvina).
2. iii. **CHARLES ROBERT WESTMORELAND** (son of William Westmoreland and Luvina) was born on 27 Mar 1873 in Missouri. He died on 08 Aug 1926 in Idabel, Oklahoma. He married Minnie L. Cheneworth (daughter of Issac Cheneworth and Martha) about 1903 in DeQueen, Arkansas. She was born on 04 Sep 1887 in Arkansas. She died on 11 Apr 1970 in Idabel, Oklahoma.

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2. **CHARLES ROBERT² WESTMORELAND** (William¹) was born on 27 Mar 1873 in Missouri. He died on 08 Aug 1926 in Idabel, Oklahoma. He married Minnie L. Cheneworth (daughter of Issac Cheneworth and Martha) about 1903 in DeQueen, Arkansas. She was born on 04 Sep 1887 in Arkansas. She died on 11 Apr 1970 in Idabel, Oklahoma.

Notes for Charles Robert Westmoreland:

Bob, as he was called, was born the year Enrico Caruso (2/25/1873 - 8/2/1921), the Italian operatic tenor, was born.

Source:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enrico_Caruso

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Bob operated a restaurant for cat fish and country food in Idabel, Oklahoma.

He lived in a house with Isaac Cheneworth and his wife, Martha. It was sort of a community of folks. This is where he met and married their daughter, Minnie. Many the folks living there were railroad workers.

He ultimately died of a heart attack.

Notes for Minnie L. Cheneworth:

It is of interest that the 1920 US Census taken in Idabel, Oklahoma, the ages both of Minnie and Charles are three years younger than our family records reflect. You wonder whether they just told the enumerator what they thought were more attractive ages?

Charles Robert Westmoreland and Minnie L. Cheneworth had the following children:

- i. ODIS³ WESTMORELAND (son of Charles Robert Westmoreland and Minnie L. Cheneworth) was born on 21 Feb 1905 in Idabel, McCurtain County, Oklahoma. He died in 1930 in Oklahoma City, OK. He married Una Fay Williamham (daughter of C. Williamham and Johnie) about 1928. She was born in 1910 in Oklahoma.

Notes for Odis Westmoreland:

My son-in-law, Steve Westmoreland, who is the great nephew of Odis, provided this commentary for me about the Odis name. "Some trivia on Otis, Odice, Odis Westmoreland. All three of the spellings have appeared in reference to him. His grave marker says Otis, There also documents where the Odice spelling occurs. And my Father's middle name is spelled Odis as is my own."

Odis was born February 21, 1905, just a few days following the birth of Oveta Culp Hobby (1905-01-19 - 1995-08-16), the American publisher and first secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (1953-1955) in the administration of United States President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Steve's Dad, Herbert (Red) Otis Westmoreland, reported more about his uncle. "I seem to have been named for him, but the spelling is different. He was a very popular young man in our community, as I understand. One of things my Dad told me about him was at his funeral the National Guard unit played Taps that included a muted echo. The lead bugler was at the grave site and the muted echo was out of sight, I guess a few hundred yards away. Must have been an impressive ceremony. His widow continued to live in Idabel. My grandmother and his widow remained very close. She remarried and had a daughter who was a couple of years younger than me. Grannie interacted much with her daughter-in-law's family as she did with her own sons' families. I've got a couple of pictures of him, but not much information."

The 1920 US Census in Idabel, Oklahoma indicated that his name was Re

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His age at death was 25. Since the National Guard was involved in his burial ceremonies, it may be assumed he was in the National Guard. Herbert tells me that Odis died of a ruptured appendix.

- ii. CLAUDE WESTMORELAND (son of Charles Robert Westmoreland and Minnie L. Cheneworth) was born in 1909 in Idabel, McCurtain County, Oklahoma. He died in 1988 in Idabel, McCurtain County, Oklahoma.

Notes for Claude Westmoreland:

Claude was born the same year as Clyde Barrow (3/24/1909 - 5/23/1934) American small-time robber who was the male character in the famous Bonnie & Clyde pair of crooks whose robbing trail in Texas, Missouri and Oklahoma ended up on their killing by law enforcement officers in Louisiana in 1934. Clyde went to grammar school in west Dallas (Dallas County, Texas) and used to be the bully that would intimidate the boy there who was the brother of Dixie Vickerly, who was my secretary at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas in the 1980's and 1990's.

Source: <http://www.famoustexans.com/clydebarrow.htm>

3. iii. HERBERT WESTMORELAND (son of Charles Robert Westmoreland and Minnie L. Cheneworth) was born on 04 Jul 1911 in Idabel, Oklahoma. He died in Mar 1983 in Brawley, California. He married Martha Mineola Goolsby on 22 Aug 1936 in Cooper, Bowie County, Texas. She was born on 05 Jan 1910 in Haworth, Oklahoma. She died in 1988 in Turlock, California.

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3. HERBERT³ WESTMORELAND (Charles Robert², William¹) was born on 04 Jul 1911 in Idabel, Oklahoma. He died in Mar 1983 in Brawley, California. He married Martha Mineola Goolsby on 22 Aug 1936 in Cooper, Bowie County, Texas. She was born on 05 Jan 1910 in Haworth, Oklahoma. She died in 1988 in Turlock, California.

Notes for Herbert Westmoreland:

Herbert was born on an anniversary date that not only is of patriotic significance in the birth of our nation, it was the date that our second, third, and fifth presidents died: July 4th. Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on the 50th anniversary of the nation, July 4, 1826. President James Monroe died five years later, July 4, 1831.

Source: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/>

Herbert was born the same year as Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Ill.

Source: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/rr40.html>

Herbert served many roles in the First Baptist Church of Idabel, Oklahoma, including being a deacon, teacher, etc. He made his commitment to Jesus Christ in 1948, according to what his son told me February 4, 2005.

Herbert moved to California about 1962 looking for better economic opportunities. A drawing for the family to move was the need for teachers, which Lady Goolsby was. This was in Fireball, California.

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Herbert finished his working career out there working in the California Welfare Department. They lived in Merced, California until they retire

For retirement, they remained in Merced, but purchased a pop-up tent trailer to travel. Finally, they acquired a good sized trailer camper. The final years were spent enjoying grand children as they travelled. They ended up in the Fountain of Youth Spa, at the southern tip of the Salton Sea, California. The closest town was Niland. This was a town near where General Patton trained his troops. They resided here when the both graduated to heaven within five years of each other. It was a fine and comforted last days they shared together and were blessed for their lives.

His son, Herbert (Red) tells me that his dad served in the National Guard, but I do not know the date span of that service, nor the locations.

Notes for Martha Mineola Goolsby:

Martha's son, Herbert Odis Westmoreland (who is the father to my son-in-law) told me that no one he could remember ever knew his mother by any other name than Lady Goolsby. It seems that she was named Martha, due to the influence of some unidentified relative.

However, shortly after that naming, there was some sort of alienation in the family, and the side liking Martha as a name was out of the picture. The family called her Lady from her earliest days as a little girl, and it was only in recent years that her son told me that they learned of her real name.

Herbert Westmoreland and Martha Mineola Goolsby had the following children:

4. i. HERBERT OTIS⁴ WESTMORELAND (son of Herbert Westmoreland and Martha Mineola Goolsby) was born on 27 Dec 1938 in Idabel, Oklahoma. He married Betty Katherine Covington (daughter of George Wilbur Covington and Mary Catherine Page) on 19 Aug 1960 in Scottsville, KY. She was born on 11 Sep 1936 in Russellville, Kentucky.
5. ii. SARA ELLEN WESTMORELAND (daughter of Herbert Westmoreland and Martha Mineola Goolsby) was born on 14 Jul 1943. She married JERRY PALMER.
6. iii. KATHY SUE WESTMORELAND (daughter of Herbert Westmoreland and Martha Mineola Goolsby) was born on 27 Aug 1949. She married ROBERT DAVIS.

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4. HERBERT OTIS⁴ WESTMORELAND (Herbert³, Charles Robert², William¹) was born on 27 Dec 1938 in Idabel, Oklahoma. He married Betty Katherine Covington (daughter of George Wilbur Covington and Mary Catherine Page) on 19 Aug 1960 in Scottsville, KY. She was born on 11 Sep 1936 in Russellville, Kentucky.

Notes for Herbert Otis Westmoreland:

Herb grew up in Oklahoma in small towns. His parents generally operated family owned grocery stores, usually living above the store on the second floor.

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Red, the nickname he was called often to match his red hair, spent most of his career working for the Federal Government in computer areas. He spent a lot of time around Leavenworth, Kansas. He now is retired, but spend the last 20 or 25 years living in Platte City, Missouri, a suburb of Kansas City.

Notes for Betty Katherine Covington:

President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) by pressing a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelectric generator in Nevada on September 11, 1936, the very same day that Betty was born! President Roosevelt is the 18th cousin, three times removed from Betty Covington.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050911.html?th&emc=th>

Betty was born the same year that the novel "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell was published.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gone_with_the_Wind

Betty was born at home, as she tells me. She spent her life career working in the public schools, mostly as a Librarian. As a result, she is very good with children and does well with our four Westmoreland grandchildren.

She and her husband, Herb, live in Platte City, Missouri, a suburb of Kansas City. They have been there over 20 years and are members of a Baptist Church where both have had leadership roles.

Herbert Otis Westmoreland and Betty Katherine Covington had the following children:

7. i. STEVEN ODIS⁵ WESTMORELAND (son of Herbert Otis Westmoreland and Betty Katherine Covington) was born on 06 Jan 1962 in Durant, Oklahoma. He married Tiffany Lenn Sharpe (daughter of Dwight Albert Sharpe and Suzanne Margaret Boggess) on 21 Mar 1998 in University Park, Dallas County, Texas. She was born on 04 Aug 1966 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana.
- ii. DAVID WESTMORELAND (son of Herbert Otis Westmoreland and Betty Katherine Covington) was born on 15 Nov 1964 in Paris, Kentucky.

Notes for David Westmoreland:

David was born the year the 24th amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified.

Source: <http://www.nps.gov/malu/documents/amend24.htm>

5. SARA ELLEN⁴ WESTMORELAND (Herbert³, Charles Robert², William¹) was born on 14 Jul 1943. She married JERRY PALMER.

Notes for Sara Ellen Westmoreland:

Sara was born the year that Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" was performed for the first time, by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra with Eugene Goossens conducting on March 12, 1943.

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Source:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fanfare_for_the_Common_Man

On April 13, 1943, just three months prior to Sara's birth, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial on the 200th birthday of Thomas Jefferson. What is not known by many is that President Roosevelt is the 15th cousin, six times removed to President Jefferson. Roosevelt is my half eighth cousin. President Jefferson is my 28th cousin, five times removed. Sara is the aunt of my son-in-law, Steven O. Westmoreland.

Sara Ellen Westmoreland and Jerry Palmer had the following children:

- i. CHRIS PALMER (son of Jerry Palmer and Sara Ellen Westmoreland).
 - ii. MARTHA PALMER (daughter of Jerry Palmer and Sara Ellen Westmoreland).
6. **KATHY SUE⁴ WESTMORELAND** (Herbert³, Charles Robert², William¹) was born on 27 Aug 1949. She married **ROBERT DAVIS**.

Notes for Kathy Sue Westmoreland:

In the year of Kathy's birth, The Knesset (Israeli parliament) first convened on February 14, 1949.

Source:<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knesset>

Kathy Sue Westmoreland and Robert Davis had the following children:

- i. SCOTT DAVIS (son of Robert Davis and Kathy Sue Westmoreland) was born in 1969.
- ii. JOHN DAVIS (son of Robert Davis and Kathy Sue Westmoreland) was born in 1971.

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7. **STEVEN ODIS⁵ WESTMORELAND** (Herbert Otis⁴, Herbert³, Charles Robert², William¹) was born on 06 Jan 1962 in Durant, Oklahoma. He married Tiffany Lenn Sharpe (daughter of Dwight Albert Sharpe and Suzanne Margaret Boggess) on 21 Mar 1998 in University Park, Dallas County, Texas. She was born on 04 Aug 1966 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana.

Notes for Steven Odis Westmoreland:

Steve was raised in Platte City, Missouri. He had an early engineering type interest and particularly was drawn to flight. He acquired a pilot's license as a teenager. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in mechanical engineering and served as a jet fighter pilot for the Navy Air Force.

He shared a birthday with the long-tenured Speaker of the House of the United States Congress, Mr. Sam Rayburn, born in 1882. Sam, a revered leader in the Democratic Party of his day, died in November, 1963, the year after Steve was born. Actually, I was a student at Austin College in Sherman, Texas when the school dedicated its new Chapel in the fall of 1957, and Mr. Sam (as he was called) was the keynote speaker for the occasion. The school was located in his Congressional District.

Source:<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050106.html?th>)

Steve's young life had his focus on wanting to fly early on. After graduating from the

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University of Missouri, he became a Navy Jet Fighter Pilot. Though he did not do it regularly, he did need to learn to land on an aircraft carrier, which he says is quite a challenge as a pilot! We came to realize that he was stationed in Meridian, Mississippi for a while when our family would visit relatives in Macon, Mississippi regularly, just some 60 miles away. Tiffany were so close, yet still so far apart just yet.

His post-military pilot experience began at American Airlines. There was a furlough time from there that he spent at Kitty Hawk Air Lines, a freight carrier based in North Carolina. Later he returned to American Airlines. He did a lot of domestic flights as well as some international flights. Later, he qualified for the large aircraft and did much more world scope travel.

I was so excited when Steve's Mother showed me that their genealogical line went through English King Edward I, who also is in my family line. The result is that Tiffany and Steve are a married couple who also are 34th cousins, four times removed! Steve turns out to be the 24th great grandson of King Edward I, whereas Tiffany is the King's 12th cousin, 24 times removed. So, we are pleased that Tiffany enhanced the reputation of our Sharpe family by marrying into a direct lineage royal family!

Actually, the ancestor in common to Steve and Tiffany is a Norwiegn Viking named Eystein Glumra Ivarsson, who was Earl or Jarl of the Uplands about the year 810 AD. Eystein is the ancestor the Abney's have in common with the line of William the Conqueror. Earl of Hendemarken; 'the Noisy,' aka Eyestein of ORKNEY. Eystein Glumra Ivarsson is the 25th great grandfather of the first President of the United States, General George Washington. Ivarsson is my 32nd great grandfather.

In addition, Steve is the 42nd great grandson of King Charlemagne the Great. The connection with English King Edward I makes him a 33rd cousin, five times removed in relation to me. He is the 30th great grandson to King William I, known better as William the Conqueror.

Steve and Tiffany joined the Church at the Cross, a Baptist Church in the Fort Worth suburb, Southlake, and became very active participants and leaders. Steve was on a team of church members who went to the NewOrleans, Louisiana area to feed displaced people who were victims of Hurricane Katrina in September 2005.

Steve is very talented with his hands and is an excellent carpenter and handy man around the house. He has constructed several pieces of their furniture. On top of that, he has a great sense of what it is to be a husband and father. Sometimes I watch him with his children and think that he is a much better dad than I was. I am truly blessed to have him as a son-in-law.

Notes for Tiffany Lenn Sharpe:

My daughter, Tiffany Lenn Sharpe, born on a Thursday night, August 4, 1966, was less than one year old when our family located in the crime-ridden inner city part of New Orleans, where, as her parents, we were involved in the starting of a ministry began by Canal Street Presbyterian Church where we were members.

It was May of 1967 that we moved, and that month was when the 100 millionth telephone was installed in the United States. It was when the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (the Northern Presbyterian Church) adopted "The Confession of 1967," the first confessional document adopted by Presbyterians since the Westminster Confession of Faith was

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adopted in England in 1647. It also was the first major document in that denomination that signaled the trends toward theological liberalism that began to disrupt that church from the 1970's on into the 21st Century.

Tiffany was born on the 65th birthday of jazz musician Louis Armstrong. It also was the 66th birthday of Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, "The Queen Mother" of current day Monarch, Queen Elizabeth. The Queen Mother is Tiffany's 33rd cousin, once removed, and Queen Elizabeth is Tiffany's 34th cousin.

Tiffany's early years were spent on glass-strewn sidewalks and in a rough neighborhood where there were five bars within a block of our house, and they never had closing hours. Her cute appearance drew the attentions of men who worked on the wharfs, painters and general drifters, some of which were graduates of the criminal justice system, or who were destined to it. Her last year in that neighborhood was her kindergarten year in the public school. The students were almost all African American children. She was one of two Anglo students in her class.

The public swimming pools in New Orleans were closed in those days, a plan to avoid racial conflicts and tensions. We joined the Jewish Community Center, so swimming lessons would be available to our children. This was an excellent organization located on Saint Charles Avenue in Uptown New Orleans and we received wonderful treatment. This was our first experience relating to people of the Jewish community, and it was very positive.

The family's St. Louis experience, beginning in March, 1972, provided a wonderful environment for her. Flynn Park Elementary School was a model school, and Tiffany excelled there in many ways. Actually, the family lived in a St. Louis suburb, named University City. Her spirit of competitiveness began to show when she became a member of the coed soccer team. I believe these were the years of the 4th through the 6th grades. Flynn Park School was virtually all Anglo students. However, the student body was 50% Jewish families. This was the family's second exposure to Jewish ways and people to any great extent, which was a very positive experience.

Junior high experience was not as appreciated as the Flynn Park times. There were many students from culturally and economically deprived families and 80% of the students were African American, many from welfare families. The academic standards were greatly reduced. For example, all the accelerated advanced courses were discontinued, because they were populated almost exclusively by Anglo students. This situation was a key reason that Tiffany and her brother, Taylor, were withdrawn from that junior high school and put into private schools.

Tiffany attended Visitation High School in Saint Louis County, Missouri, a Roman Catholic school, before the family moved to Dallas. In Dallas, at Highland Park High School, she accomplished excellent grades and was a member of the Lads & Lassies Chorale group (quite an elite group at the school). Tiffany learned to play some musical instruments, and took small rolls in community Broadway musicals, such as "Fiddler on the Roof." In fact, that musical was an occasion where all five members of our family had roles.

Tiffany began college at the University of Texas at Austin. She transferred a number of times during her college career, and attended various community colleges in the summers, a total of five in number. She graduated as an Accounting Major at the University of Texas at Dallas, with a cum laude designation. Tiffany's whole educational career was accentuated with consistently high grades.

After college, she earned her Certified Public Accounting status passing all three sections in a first-time setting. This was somewhat unusual. Often applicants take the three sections separately.

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She was married in 1987 to Stephen Howard Dunham, whose family was from the church where I was on its staff. They had no children and divorced in 1990.

Tiffany worked in Dallas initially at Coopers and Lybrand, one of the major national accounting firms. Later that firm moved her to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she became a member of the Shady Side Presbyterian Church.

She returned to Dallas, having been recruited by Ryan and Collins, a new CPA firm whose principals she had known earlier at Coopers and Lybrand. That firm worked exclusively in sales tax problem resolution and represented its clients before state boards. These presentations were in order to document why no fine or a much lesser fine should be levied against their client in that case. The firm was remunerated usually as a percent of whatever it saved the client. Both the firm and Tiffany did very well, and I called them accounting bounty hunters!

On October 20, 1997, providence had Tiffany meet Steve Odis (Steve) Westmoreland. It was the right combination for the two of them. Actually, 12 days after meeting (November 1), they decided to become married, and they married March 21 (151 days later) the following year. We did not know at the time, but subsequent research has allowed us to realize that Steve and Tiffany are 34th cousins, four times removed to each other before they married! The ancestor in common for them was Eystein Glumralvarsson, a man of Norway (a Viking) who lived in the 800s AD.

Most children move out of the family house when they marry. Not so with Tiffany. She and Steve purchased the house from us, and we moved out while they were on their honeymoon! Now, you have to say that an unusual exchange took place!

After Katherine (Katie) Michelle Westmoreland, her first child, was born, and just before John (Jack) David Westmoreland arrived, she "retired" from being a high profile professional woman, and took up the higher requirements of being a domestic engineer ... a stay at home mother, raising the finest of children. Her forte in life really excelled in her role as a mother. She brought new meaning to excellence in domestic engineering as she raised her family. Of course, her husband, Steve, certainly enabled much accomplishment in their partnership in the home.

In 2001, the family moved to Southlake, Texas, a suburban community particularly convenient to the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport from where Steve flew as an American Airlines pilot. They joined the Church at the Cross, a Baptist Church nearby in Grapevine, Texas where they became quite active in participating and in giving leadership.

When Katie reached the age to be in kindergarten, Tiffany began to Home School her, which continued as Jack came along, etc. The family became connected with a large network of other Home School families which did many activities together. Ultimately all five children were students in the Westmoreland Country Day School!

In 2006, the family sold their Southlake home and leased a home in nearby Grapevine for a year, with plans to find acreage in Wise County, near where we live, and to build or buy a new home there. That was accomplished when they purchased a 29 acre place with an unfinished home, which was less than 3 miles from our home!

Subsequently, their little farm grew in activity and improvements, updating the home and becoming a working farm with as many as a couple dozen goats (some milkers), about 100 chickens, around 10 cats and I believe three dogs!

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They were members of the Aurora Baptist Church for a while, then joined a large church in Southlake, Gateway Church, a church with four locations and about 25,000 members!

The Home Schooling by that time had become quite sophisticated. They attended classes one day a week under a curriculum named "Classical Conversations." It is an education in the classics of world history, with a rich integration of Christian presence in civilization. They learn foreign languages and do such radical things as to diagram sentences! The other days of the week are spent on pursuing what was introduced in the weekly class. Parents are used as instructors, and a really talented set is in this configuration. Lots of memory work is used, and the children are really quite impressive as accomplished students.

Steven Odis Westmoreland and Tiffany Lenn Sharpe had the following children:

- i. KATHERINE MICHELLE⁶ WESTMORELAND (daughter of Steven Odis Westmoreland and Tiffany Lenn Sharpe) was born on 17 Jan 1999 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

Notes for Katherine Michelle Westmoreland:

Katie's birth was at 6:40 PM at St. Vincent's de Paul's Hospital. The delivery physician was Dr. Anthony (Tony) Maxi, a jovial, bearded, laid-back man who sported a pair of cowboy boots for the delivery. Katie's father, Steve, along with Katie's grandmother, Suzanne Boggess Sharpe, were present and assisting all during the delivery. Steve's parents, Herb and Betty Westmoreland, along with me, spent a watchful time out in the waiting room. Tiffany's water broke circa 6:00 AM that Sunday morning. Steve & Tiffany checked into the hospital about 8:00 AM. Suzanne and I arrived by 9:00 AM. Herb and Betty were phoned early that morning at their Platte City, Missouri home, hopped a plane and arrived a little after 4:00 PM that afternoon. God's grace and blessings was obvious with such a safe, smooth and successful occasion.

Katie was born on the same birthday as was historically famous Benjamin Franklin, born in 1780 in Boston, Massachusetts. It also is the anniversary of the day that the patent for the first cable car was filed in San Francisco, California in 1871.

Source: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/today.html>

Katie progressed in her growth and maturity along the lines typical of a first child. Her sharpness and grasp for things were clearly evident from early stages. Swimming lessons began about age two and shortly thereafter were gymnastic classes and ballet classes. She appeared in various roles at church and school plays and performances.

With Katie's dad being an American Airlines pilot, the family could travel without charge for air fare. And so, Katie travelled widely across the nation, having visited on both sea coasts before she was a year old!

In the summer of 2003, when Katie was four and a half, she took her first trip without her parents and siblings. Grandmother Sharpe and Papa Sharpe took her on the 13 hour 600 mile drive from Texas to the family farm near Macon, Mississippi to visit Great Grandfather Thomas Shelton (T.S.) Boggess, Jr. Katie loved being on the farm, and spent many hours in outdoor activities, causing her to sleep in till about 8:00 AM each morning, a good hour or two later than her at home routine.

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In the Christmas season of 2003 and 2004, Katie had minor roles in the local community's production of the "Nutcracker Suite."

Home schooling began in 2004 with Katie and her results always amazed her family. Here's a story her Mom told me in March of 2005 when Katie was age six:

"Katie and I were reading last night the creation story out of my Bible. I guess that most of her knowledge of the creation story up to this point was from storybooks or from kid versions of the Bible, so order of events had not posed any problems yet. We got to the day when God created the birds and the fish and Katie asked, 'How did God know what they were?'

"Being only half as smart as Katie, I didn't understand what the problem was. In case you are equally challenged, here was her thought process: Since Adam named the animals, and Adam wasn't created yet, how could God know that the creatures He had just created were named 'birds' and 'fish'?"

Wow! What a mind!

- ii. JOHN DAVID WESTMORELAND (son of Steven Odis Westmoreland and Tiffany Lenn Sharpe) was born on 27 Jul 2000 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

Notes for John David Westmoreland:

Jack has a number of identifiable immigrants to America who preceded him. He is the 10th great grandson of English immigrant Robert Bogges who came about 1650. He is the ninth great grandson of English immigrant Plymouth Colony Gov. William Bradford who came in 1620. He is the seventh great grandson of German immigrant Jacob A. Scherp who came in 1710. He is the ninth great grandson of English immigrant Joseph Kellogg who came about 1650. He is the ninth great grandson of English immigrant Dannett Abney who came before 1692. Jack is the seventh great grandson of English immigrants Thomas and John Eubank before 1715. He is the ninth great grandson of French immigrant Jean De Jarnette who arrived before 1765. Jack's very oldest ancestor of whom we have information on his Mother's side of the family is a Norwegian Viking, Halfdan Vanha Sveidasson, the Jarl (Earl) of the Uplands, born about 750 AD, who is Jack's 36th great grandfather. On Jack's Father's side of the family, the oldest ancestor is Godwulf, born about 80 AD, who is Jack's 65th great grandfather.

John David Westmoreland, destined to be called Jack, arrived in good fashion, born at RHD Hospital in North Dallas, delivered by Dr. Maxi, Katie's deliverer. The Westmoreland grandparents and Suzanne were present with Steve and Tiffany for this hot July delivery. Papa Sharpe, as I am called by my grandchildren, was on a genealogical trip to Kentucky with Great Grand Dad Boggess at the time ... the Boggess Family Association. All of us rejoiced at the arrival of the secondborn of our family in the new millennium under their family tree.

Jack's character is exemplified as a happy and joyful boy, full of curiosity. He, no doubt, will be a thoughtful scientist, like his namesake Uncle David Westmoreland. And, certainly, he will become a pilot after his father's profession.

Jack was born on the 47th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War

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armistice at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting. The Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated July 27, 1995 in Washington, D.C., by President Bill Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam.

Another historically important anniversary on his July 27 day of birth was the 1694 founding of the Bank of England. One of the founding members of the Board of Directors was Sir Thomas Abney, who is Jack's fourth cousin, ten times removed. Sir Thomas was elected Lord Mayor of London, serving as early as 1690 and certainly in 1700 and 1701. He served on the City Council as senior alderman the rest of his life, which concluded February 6, 1722.

And the really significant anniversary on Jack's birth date is the 1940 anniversary of Bugs Bunny, the Walt Disney character who made his debut in the Warner Brothers animated cartoon "A Wild Hare."

On Jack's birthday in 2003, Comedian Bob Hope died in Toluca Lake, Calif., at age 100. That same day, Lance Armstrong won a record-tying fifth straight title in the Tour de France. He went on to win his record-setting seventh straight win July 24, 2005.

Jack's birthday was really selected on purpose! July 27 was selected as the day to induce his delivery so his birthday would be 7-27. His father used to fly the Boeing 727 airplane at Kitty Hawk Air Freight Lines out of North Carolina. Of course, his father's main pilot career has been with American Airlines.

Here is a narrative that Jack's Mom sent us about his first communion:

"Last weekend, our church served communion. We include Katie and Jack in communion, but this is only Jack's second time to take communion at church.

"So I decided to give them a refresher course on communion before bringing them into the sanctuary. I read out of 1 Corinthians 11:17+. What stuck in Jack's mind was the penalty of taking communion when you are unworthy. While I was talking about the importance of communion, Jack started crying.

"I instantly ran to his comfort, and he said, "It's just that no one told me this before. What is going to happen to me?" Evidently, the last time he took communion, he did not know to examine himself before participating, and he was worried he would bring judgment and sickness on all of us.

"I told him that God knows his heart, and that his heart is pure, so there is no judgment. But what a sweet kid! The last time he took communion had to be over six months ago -- it was when we still lived in Grapevine."

I'd say that Tiffany and Steve are bringing up their children in the correct nurture and admonition of the Lord, for which Suzanne and I are very pleased and grateful.

- iii. LILY TAYLOR WESTMORELAND (daughter of Steven Odis Westmoreland and Tiffany Lenn Sharpe) was born on 15 Apr 2002 in Coppell, Dallas County, Texas.

Notes for Lily Taylor Westmoreland:

Lily, the first of the twins to be delivered, was greeted, as usual, by Dr. Maxi, along with the usual trailing family members, including Grandmother Sharpe

Descendants of William Westmoreland

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who actually lent a hand in the process. Suzanne and Dr. Maxi may become a team!

- iv. SARAH TODD WESTMORELAND (daughter of Steven Odis Westmoreland and Tiffany Lenn Sharpe) was born on 15 Apr 2002 in Coppell, Dallas County, Texas.

Notes for Sarah Todd Westmoreland:

Sarah followed Lily in the introduction to the new world, greeted by Dr. Maxi and Grandmother Sharpe. It's of interest to note that later, in 2004, Suzanne became a patient of Dr. Maxi. So, it's all in the family!

- v. SAMUEL LEE WESTMORELAND (son of Steven Odis Westmoreland and Tiffany Lenn Sharpe) was born on 12 Jun 2007 in Grapevine, Tarrant County, Texas.

Notes for Samuel Lee Westmoreland:

We first heard the gender of Samuel Westmoreland, our grandson, on February 5, 2007 when his parents had a visit to the doctor. My wife, Suzanne, stayed with the other four children back at home. We all were gladdened with the news of a boy on the way, which works toward evening the gender balance in the Westmoreland family!

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