

Descendants of George P. Sharp

Generation No. 1

1. LT. GEORGE P.⁵ SHARP (*JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born Abt. 1747 in Germantown, Columbia County, New York, and died April 24, 1792. He married MARGARET REBECCA TEATER April 23, 1771^{1,2}, daughter of HENRICH TEATER and BELETJE NEHER. She was born October 27, 1750 in Rinebeck, Dutchess County, New York³.

Notes for LT. GEORGE P. SHARP:

George is my third great grandfather. He was born the year that John Paul Jones was born, who later became famous as a naval officer in the American Revolution. That year, Samuel Johnson began his eight year marathon creation of the "Dictionary of the English Language," which sealed his place in American history as a truly significant contributor.

Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, page 344.

George Sharp served in the Revolutionary War. George Sharp is cited in the "Calleudes of Revolutionary Manuscripts" in the office of the Secretary of State at Albany, New York (according to some private notes written in 1897). George served as a 2nd Lieutenant in Captain Herman Hoffman's Company, Colonel John Van Ness' Regiment of Minute Men.

He was also 2nd Lieutenant in Captain Andrea Herman's Company, Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment of Foot Service of the U.S. under Command of Brigadier General Clinton.

George's American Revolutionary service is documented in files at both the Daughters of the American Revolution offices and the Sons of the American Revolution offices. He is the relationship by which I was certified to become a member of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Dallas (Texas) Chapter, October 26, 1988. My sponsor was Mr. Peter W. Orlebeke, President of that Chapter. Pete also is Suzanne's seventh cousin, once removed, through her Wellborn ancestry.

He became a hardware merchant in the firm of Sharp & Sahler.

The year that George died, Kentucky became a state, and the world's first chemical society was formed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 368-369.

More About LT. GEORGE P. SHARP:

6th Regiment: 1776, Albany, NY

Baptism 1: April 14, 1748, Germantown, Columbia, New York

Baptism 2: April 24, 1748, Germantown (New York) Reformed Church

Baptism sponsor was: April 24, 1742, Jurg Scherp and wife, Barbara

Lived at 1: Kingston, Ulster County, New York

Lived at 2: 1700, Rensselaerwick, Albany County, New York⁴

More About GEORGE SHARP and MARGARET TEATER:

Marriage: April 23, 1771^{5,6}

Settled in: 1771, Red Hook on the Hudson River, just north of Rhinebeck

Children of GEORGE SHARP and MARGARET TEATER are:

2. i. CATHARINA⁶ SHARP, b. Abt. 1772.
3. ii. PETRUS G. SHARP, b. May 18, 1775; d. July 18, 1849, Kingston, Ulster County, New York?.
4. iii. ISABELLA SHARP, b. Abt. 1777; d. New York City, New York?.
5. iv. REBECCA SHARP, b. Abt. 1780; d. September 08, 1854.
- v. HEINRICH SHARP, b. Abt. 1782; d. January 25, 1830; m. HELENA HASBROUCK.

More About HEINRICH SHARP:

Baptism: September 22, 1782, St Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York

Burial: Abt. January 26, 1830, Probably Wiltwick Cemetery, Kingston Ulster County, New York

6. vi. GEORGE G. SHARP, b. Abt. 1784; d. New York City New York ?.
7. vii. JOHN ELSEFER SHARP, b. July 16, 1787, Germantown, Columbia County, NY; d. May 22, 1862, Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York.
- viii. ANNA MARIA SHARP, b. February 27, 1790, Probably Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York; m. NICHOLAS BOUCHK.

More About ANNA MARIA SHARP:

Baptism: March 28, 1790, St Peter's Lutheran Church, Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York

Notes for NICHOLAS BOUCHK:

Nicholas was a cousin to New York Governor William C. Bouck.

More About NICHOLAS BOUCHK:

Lived at: Schoharie County, New York

Generation No. 2

2. CATHARINA⁶ SHARP (*GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born Abt. 1772. She married MATHIAS CHRYSLER.

More About CATHARINA SHARP:

Baptism: December 06, 1772, St Paul's Lutheran Church Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York

Child of CATHARINA SHARP and MATHIAS CHRYSLER is:

- i. JACOB M.⁷ CHRYSLER.

More About JACOB M. CHRYSLER:

Lived at: Lockport, New York

3. PETRUS G.⁶ SHARP (*GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born May 18, 1775, and died July 18, 1849 in Kingston, Ulster County, New York?. He married JANE KIERSTED. She was born Abt. February 26, 1793, and died March 28, 1866.

Notes for PETRUS G. SHARP:

Peter was born about a week after the Second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. That was the same week that American forces under the command of Col. Ethan Allen took Fort Ticonderoga, New York. It was the year that Daniel Boone began blazing the Wilderness Road from Fort Chriswell in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, through the Cumberland Gap in Kentucky and to the Ohio River where he established a fort he named Boonesborough. It also was the year when Patrick Henry gave his impassioned speech to the Virginia House of Burgesses which concluded with "Give me Liberty or give me Death!"

Source: Gorton Carruth, "Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates," Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, 1st edition 1817, 8th edition 1987, pages 88-89

He was born one month exactly from the date that Paul Revere began his ride on April 18, 1775 from Charlestown to Lexington, Massachusetts, warning American colonists that the British were coming.

Source:<http://darter.ocps.net/classroom/revolution/revere.htm>

Peter became very successful as a businessman, becoming a man of wealth and influence in his community.

More About PETRUS G. SHARP:

Baptism: May 28, 1775, Red Hook, Dutchess, New York

Burial: Abt. July 19, 1849, Houghtaling Cemetery, Kingston, Ulster County, New York⁷

Christening: May 28, 1775, St Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York

Occupation: Merchant

Settled: Kingston, New York

Notes for JANE KIERSTED:

Just the month before her birth, King Louis XVI was guillotined in French Revolution.

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

More About JANE KIERSTED:

Burial: Houghtaling Cememtery, Kingston, Ulster County, New York

Child of PETRUS SHARP and JANE KIERSTED is:

8. i. JOHN W.⁷ SHARP.

4. ISABELLA⁶ SHARP (*GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born Abt. 1777, and died in New York City, New York?. She married ABRAHAM WOOD.

More About ISABELLA SHARP:

Baptism: November 08, 1777, St Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York

More About ABRAHAM WOOD:

Lived at 1: 1. Schoharie, New York

Lived at 2: 2. Albany, New York

Lived at 3: 3. New York City, New York

Child of ISABELLA SHARP and ABRAHAM WOOD is:

9. i. REBECCA BROAS⁷ WOOD.

5. REBECCA⁶ SHARP (*GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born Abt. 1780, and died September 08, 1854. She married HENRY WEIDMAN, son of JACOB WEIDMAN and CATHERINA NEHER. He was born Abt. 1779, and died July 18, 1844.

More About REBECCA SHARP:

Baptism: February 06, 1780, St Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York

More About HENRY WEIDMAN:

Baptism: July 27, 1779

Child of REBECCA SHARP and HENRY WEIDMAN is:

10. i. CATHERINE⁷ WEIDMAN.

6. GEORGE G.⁶ SHARP (*GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born Abt. 1784, and died in New York City New York ?.

More About GEORGE G. SHARP:

Baptism: November 28, 1784, St Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York^{8,9}

Child of GEORGE G. SHARP is:

11. i. GEORGE⁷ SHARP, b. 1813; d. September 03, 1847, Sharon Spings, Schoharie

County, New York.

7. JOHN ELSEFER⁶ SHARP (*GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born July 16, 1787 in Germantown, Columbia County, NY, and died May 22, 1862 in Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York¹⁰. He married (1) EVE MARKLE Bef. 1811. She was born May 31, 1791, and died June 10, 1826 in Sharon Springs, Schoharie County, New York¹⁰. He married (2) ELIZABETH BODINE Abt. 1812. She was born Abt. 1797 in Montgomery County, New York, and died July 07, 1860 in Sharon Springs, New York¹⁰.

Notes for JOHN ELSEFER SHARP:

John spent all of his life in New York state. He was born in 1787, cllost to when the nation was being born and was trying to learn how to govern itself.

The New York State Assembly imposed duties on foreign goods. The Philadelphia Convention met to frame what became the United States Constitution, which was signed that year and the ratification process by the states began. The United States Federal Government was formally established. Future U.S. President John Adams wrote "A Defence of the Constitution of Government of the U.S.A." Another future U.S. President, James Madison, wrote "The Vices of the Political System of the United States."

American inventor John Fitch (1743-1798) launched a steamboat in 1787 to operate on the Delaware River. The Dollar currency was introduced in the United States.

Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 364-365.

John is my great, great grandfather. Suzanne and I located the grave site of John and Elizabeth in Sharon Springs, New York while on an exploratory trip in 1988. Our photographs of this grave site represents the oldest grave markers we have discovered in my Sharpe lineage.

Actually, we located a public campground nearby and went into the little town to what may have been the only eating establishment. We had a very friendly conversation with the waitress, who learned of the genealogical interest for our trip. She immediately put us in touch with the town genealogist. She ably led us to the cemetery where we discovered our family members. Truly, it was a fun and rewarding experience, and I cannot say enough about the winsomeness of those citizens for us in that little, beautiful New York town.

More About JOHN ELSEFER SHARP:

Baptism: September 16, 1787, St Peter's Lutheran Church, Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York

Burial: Aft. May 22, 1862, Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharen Springs, New York¹¹

Census: 1840, Sharon, Schoharie County, NY, Page 122 John Sharp 1 m u/5, 1 m 5-10, 1 m 15-

20, 1 m 20-30, 1 m 50-60, 1f 50-60, 2 in agriculture

More About EVE MARKLE:

Burial: Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharen Springs, New York

More About JOHN SHARP and EVE MARKLE:

Marriage: Bef. 1811

More About ELIZABETH BODINE:

Burial: Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharen Springs, New York

More About JOHN SHARP and ELIZABETH BODINE:

Marriage: Abt. 1812

Children of JOHN SHARP and EVE MARKLE are:

12. i. JACON⁷ SHARP.
13. ii. JULIA ANN SHARP, b. Abt. 1811; d. 1901, Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York.
14. iii. PETER G. SHARP, b. November 25, 1813; d. August 15, 1893, Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York.
15. iv. REBECCA SHARP, b. Abt. 1814.
- v. HENRY SHARP, b. July 22, 1819; d. December 12, 1831, Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York^{11,12}.

Notes for HENRY SHARP:

In the year of Henry's birth, Queen Victoria (5/24/1819 - 1/22/1901), Britain's longest-reigning monarch, was born.

Source: <http://www.britannia.com/history/monarchs/mon58.html>

More About HENRY SHARP:

Burial: Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharon Springs, New York

Cause of Death: Died of Small Pox¹³

16. vi. DAVID SHARP, b. May 30, 1821.
17. vii. MARY SHARP, b. Abt. 1822.
- viii. EMILINE LEVENIA, b. Abt. 1824, Schohaire County, New York; d. March 12, 1860, Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York; m. JOHN S DOCKSTATER; b. Abt. 1808, Montgomery County, New York; d. September 10, 1858, Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York.

More About EMILINE LEVENIA:

Burial: Leesville Cemetery, Sharon Springs, Schoharie County, New York

More About JOHN S DOCKSTATER:

Burial: Leesville Cemetery, Sharon Springs, Schoharie County, New York

- ix. JOHN SHARP, b. May 1826; d. September 10, 1826¹⁴.

More About JOHN SHARP:

Burial: Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharen Springs,
New York

Cause of Death: Died in infancy

Children of JOHN SHARP and ELIZABETH BODINE are:

18. x. JOHN ELSEFER⁷ SHARP II, b. January 25, 1830, Sharon Spring, Schoharie
County, New York; d. May 18, 1897, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio.
19. xi. HENRY SHARPE, b. 1832, Sharon Spring, Schoharie County, New York; d.
October 12, 1905, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio.
- xii. ELLEN SHARP, b. 1834, Sharon Spring, Schoharie County, New York; d. Bef.
1860 - July 12 1940¹⁵; m. JAMES HUDSON.
20. xiii. THOMAS K. SHARP, b. 1837, Sharon Spring, Schoharie County, New York; d.
1899, Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York.

Generation No. 3

8. JOHN W.⁷ SHARP (*PETRUS G.⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*)

Children of JOHN W. SHARP are:

- i. PETER G.⁸ SHARP.

More About PETER G. SHARP:

Lived at: Bef. 1916, Schoharie County, New York

- ii. JULIA SHARP, d. Bef. 1924; m. (1) NILES; m. (2) JACK.

More About JULIA SHARP:

Lived at: Oake Boulevard, Illinois

21. iii. JANE SHARP, m. JACKSON.
iv. GERTRUDE SHARP.

9. REBECCA BROAS⁷ WOOD (*ISABELLA⁶ SHARP, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) She married UNKNOWN KENNEDY.

Children of REBECCA WOOD and UNKNOWN KENNEDY are:

- i. ABRAHAM W.⁸ KENNEDY.

More About ABRAHAM W. KENNEDY:

Lived at: New York City, New York

ii. SAMUEL KENNEDY.

More About SAMUEL KENNEDY:

Lived at: New York City, New York

Occupation: Port Warden's Office, New York City

iii. JOHN ELSEFFER KENNEDY.

More About JOHN ELSEFFER KENNEDY:

Lived at: New York City, New York

Occupation: Deputy Marshall of the Southern District of New York

iv. EDWARD M. KENNEDY.

More About EDWARD M. KENNEDY:

From: Brooklyn, New York

v. HENRY WHITEMAN KENNEDY.

More About HENRY WHITEMAN KENNEDY:

Lived at: New York City, New York

Occupation: Counsellor at law

10. CATHERINE⁷ WEIDMAN (*REBECCA*⁶ *SHARP*, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) She married JOHN ELSEFFER, son of DAVID ELSEVER and ELIZABETH ECKERT. He was born August 24, 1798.

Notes for CATHERINE WEIDMAN:

Information found at www.bearclaws.basken.com/henreb/ about Catherine Weidman, wife of John Elseffer

More About CATHERINE WEIDMAN:

Baptism: August 09, 1799

Notes for JOHN ELSEFFER:

After his marriage to Catherine, Henry become the owner of the old Weitman homestead in the town of Red Hook, New York.

On August 24, 79 AD, Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died. This was 1,719 years to the day of John's birthday.

Source:<http://www.harcourtschool.com/activity/pompeii/>

More About JOHN ELSEFFER:

Elected 1: Magistrate in the town of Red Hook, New York for 24 consecutive years.

Elected 2: Legislature of New York, 1843

Children of CATHERINE WEIDMAN and JOHN ELSEFFER are:

- i. HENRY D.⁸ ELSEFFER.
- ii. JACOB W. ELSEFFER.

More About JACOB W. ELSEFFER:

Lived at: Red Hook, Dutchess, New York (alternate date February 6)

Occupation: Counsellor at law

- iii. WILLIAM L. ELSEFFER.

More About WILLIAM L. ELSEFFER:

Occupation: A city engineer in New York City

11. GEORGE⁷ SHARP (*GEORGE G.*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born 1813, and died September 03, 1847 in Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York¹⁶. He married ELIZABETH.

Notes for GEORGE SHARP:

George died the year that famed American Outlaw Jesse James was born.

More About GEORGE SHARP:

Burial: Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharen Springs, New York

Children of GEORGE SHARP and ELIZABETH are:

- i. JULIA⁸ SHARP, b. October 1841; d. March 19, 1842¹⁷.

More About JULIA SHARP:

Burial: Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharen Springs, New York

Cause of Death: Died in infancy

- ii. MARY AMILLIA SHARP, b. November 25, 1844; d. January 20, 1866¹⁸.

Notes for MARY AMILLIA SHARP:

Samuel Morse sent the first telegraphic message on May 1, 1844, the year of the birth of Mary Sharp. The message said, "What hath God wrought!" It was sent from Washington D.C. to Baltimore, Maryland. The installation of real time telegraph service did not occur till October 1861. Another famed icon of American History was affected by the telegraph. The Pony Express was inaugurated April 3, 1860 for it 1,966 mile fun from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California. The pressures of the War Between the States, plus the competition of the telegraph, caused the heroic Pony Express to operate only

through October 1861.

Source: <http://www.morsehistoricsite.org/history/hist.html>
<http://www.ponyexpress.org/history.htm>

More About MARY AMILLIA SHARP:

Burial: Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharen Springs,
New York

12. JACON⁷ SHARP (*JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*)

Children of JACON SHARP are:

- i. DR. JOHN⁸ SHARP.

More About DR. JOHN SHARP:

Occupation: Physican

- ii. SARAH ORCELIA SHARP, m. WALDRON.

Notes for SARAH ORCELIA SHARP:

Mrs. Holland Sharpe Woodhull said in 1942, "As a child, I used to visit our cousin, Sarah Orcelia Sharpe Waldon, the only daughter of Jacob Sharpe in Cherry Valley, New York. At that time, I also knew a distant cousin, Louise Hutt of Cobleskill. Louise may be the grandchild of Mary Sharpe Hutt. Louise is now married, to whom I do not know, and would be a woman about 42 years old.

13. JULIA ANN⁷ SHARP (*JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born Abt. 1811, and died 1901 in Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York. She married STEPHEN MERENES. He was born Abt. 1802 in New York City, New York, and died January 13, 1880 in Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York.

More About JULIA ANN SHARP:

Burial: 1901, Leesville Cemetery, Sharon Springs, Schoharie County, New York

More About STEPHEN MERENES:

Burial: Leesville Cemetery, Sharon Springs, Schoharie County, New York

Child of JULIA SHARP and STEPHEN MERENES is:

- i. DR. HENRY⁸ MERENES.

More About DR. HENRY MERENES:

Lived at: Albany, New York

Occupation: Physican

14. PETER G.⁷ SHARP (*JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born November 25, 1813, and died August 15, 1893 in Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York¹⁹. He married CHRISTIANA BROWN. She was born Abt. May 01, 1818, and died September 23, 1865¹⁹.

Notes for PETER G. SHARP:

Peter was born the same year as was born Henry Ward Beecher (6/24/1813 - 3/8/1887), a theologically liberal American Congregational minister of renown. Rev. Beecher's sister, Harriet Beecher Stowe was the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the book published in 1852 which treats slavery as a central theme and contributed to growing public emotion that contributed to the forces which created the War Between the States.

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

Peter owned the Sharon House Hotel situated on the Northeast corner of Centre and South Streets in Sharon Springs, Schoharie County, New York. It was constructed in the early 1850's and he opened the Hotel in 1882. The hotel burned on November 21, 1926, over thirty years after his death. Suzanne and I visited its site during our visit to New York State in 1988.

Source: "New Topographical Atlas," Schohaire County, New York)

More About PETER G. SHARP:

Burial: Abt. August 16, 1893, Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharen Springs, New York

Christening: 1817, St Peter's Lutherin Church, Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York

Lived at 1: Sharon Springs, Schohaire County, New York, on Willow Street, between Pavillion and South Streets²⁰

Lived at 2: Sharon Springs, Schohaire County, New York, on Washington at Duane Streets

Occupation: Produce Dealer²¹

Notes for CHRISTIANA BROWN:

Her Christian character is given testimony on her grave marker, "A friend of the friendless, a faithful wife, an affectionate mother, a consistent Christian."

More About CHRISTIANA BROWN:

Burial: Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharen Springs, New York

Children of PETER SHARP and CHRISTIANA BROWN are:

22. i. PETER G.⁸ SHARP, JR..
23. ii. MARY JANE SHARP, b. 1846; d. 1903.
24. iii. JULIA SHARP, b. 1847; d. Bet. July 06 - August 10, 1912.
- iv. JOHN W. SHARP, b. February 25, 1850; d. March 12, 1898²².

More About JOHN W. SHARP:

Burial: Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharen Springs, New York

25. v. GERTRUDE SHARP, b. 1855; d. 1922.
vi. ALLIE SHARP, b. 1859; d. 1941.

15. REBECCA⁷ SHARP (*JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born Abt. 1814. She married SETH P. BRANCH in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio.

More About SETH BRANCH and REBECCA SHARP:
Marriage: Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio

Children of REBECCA SHARP and SETH BRANCH are:

26. i. MARY⁸ BRANCH.
ii. ELSIE BRANCH.

More About ELSIE BRANCH:
Lived at: Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio

16. DAVID⁷ SHARP (*JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born May 30, 1821.

Children of DAVID SHARP are:

27. i. BEMENT⁸ SHARP.
ii. ELIZABETH SHARP, b. Abt. 1845; d. Bef. July 12, 1940, Childless²³; m. DEAL.

17. MARY⁷ SHARP (*JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born Abt. 1822. She married UNKNOWN HUTT.

Children of MARY SHARP and UNKNOWN HUTT are:

- i. WILLIAM⁸ HUTT, b. Abt. 1862; d. Unmarried.
ii. JAMES HUTT.

More About JAMES HUTT:
Lived at: Slingerlands, New York

- iii. JOHN SHARP HUTT.

More About JOHN SHARP HUTT:
Lived at: Cobleskill, New York

- iv. MARY HUTT, d. Young and unmarried.

18. JOHN ELSEFER⁷ SHARP II (*JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born January 25, 1830 in Sharon Spring, Schoharie County, New York, and died May 18, 1897 in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio. He married (1) SARAH

LAVENNA KELLOGG²⁴ 1857 in Charleston, Portage County, Ohio²⁵, daughter of LANSING KELLOGG and CAROLINE BISHOP. She was born February 07, 1840 in Charlestown, Ohio²⁶, and died August 01, 1877 in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio. He married (2) MARY E. THOMPSON COPE July 26, 1878 in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio. She was born 1844.

Notes for JOHN ELSEFER SHARP II:

The year John was born, the 21st President of the United States, Chester A. Arthur was elected. Emily Dickinson, American poet, was born. Belva Lockwood was born. She became the first woman lawyer to practice before the Supreme Court and to be nominated for the US Presidency.

Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, page 392-395.

The first passenger railroad in the United States began service between Baltimore and Elliott's Mills, Maryland on May 24, 1830, the year of John's birth. Later in John's life, he worked for the Erie Railroad. Such was his occupation reflected in the US Census of 1880 for his household.

The family at this stage continued in the Lutheran Church. He moved his family from Sharon Springs, Schoharie County, New York to Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio about 1850. Though he was first listed as a farmer in the 1860 Census and a stone mason in the 1870 Census, it is thought that John spent most of his career working on the railroad. We have located no military record for him during the War Between the States.

Shown in the 1880 Census was a 19 year old white female servant named Phoebe Roberts living in the household, which probably indicates some degree affluence for the family.

John died the year William McKinley was inaugurated as President of the United States, later to be assassinated. The electron was discovered by J. J. Thomson that year, and it was Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee year.

Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, page 450-451.

More About JOHN ELSEFER SHARP II:

Lived at 1: June 22, 1860, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio²⁶

Lived at 2: July 27, 1870, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio²⁷

Lived at 3: June 08, 1880, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio²⁸

Moved: Bef. 1858, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio²⁹

Occupation 1: June 22, 1860, Farmer³⁰

Occupation 2: July 27, 1870, Stone Mason³¹

Occupation 3: June 08, 1880, Railroad Agent³²

Owned 1: June 22, 1860, Real Estate worth \$2,100 and Personal Property worth \$760³³

Owned 2: July 27, 1870, Real Estate worth \$3,500 and Personal Property worth \$2,000³⁴

Read & Write: June 22, 1860, Could Read and Write³⁵

Notes for SARAH LAVENNA KELLOGG:

Sarah was born the year James Fenimore Cooper's bestseller was published, "The Pathfinder." Sarah is reportedly the most frequent name used in all of American experience. Claude Monet, famous French painter, was born, as was Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky, Russian composer ... "The 1812 Overture," etc.

Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 406-407

Sarah was born just three days before Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg-Gotha.

Source: <http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/PRvictoria.htm>

Sarah's marriage into the Sharp family truly brought a strong family heritage into our family. Besides being our link to the descendants of Plymouth Colony Governor William Bradford, the Kellogg family includes Frank Billings Kellogg, a US Senator, US Secretary of State and 1929 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. The Kellogg's also have Will Keith Kellogg, the founder of the cereal company by that name. Another Kellogg relative was Charles Curtis, who was the 31st Vice President of the United States (1929-1933). He served with President Herbert Hoover.

Important to Texans is the fact that Sarah is the half fifth cousin to John (Johnny) Benjamin Kellogg, Jr., one of the valient men who died in the Battle of the Alamo on March 6, 1836, fighting for the independence of Texas from Mexico. That was less than four years before Sarah was born.

More About SARAH LAVENNA KELLOGG:

Lived at 1: June 22, 1860, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio³⁵

Lived at 2: August 09, 1850, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio³⁶

Lived at 3: July 27, 1870, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio³⁷

Occupation 1: 1860, Housekeeper³⁸

Occupation 2: July 27, 1870, Housekeeper³⁹

Read & Write: June 22, 1860, Could Read and Write⁴⁰

More About JOHN SHARP and SARAH KELLOGG:

Marriage: 1857, Charleston, Portage County, Ohio⁴¹

More About MARY E. THOMPSON COPE:

Lived at: June 08, 1880, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio⁴²

Occupation: June 08, 1880, Housekeeper⁴²

More About JOHN SHARP and MARY COPE:

Marriage: July 26, 1878, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio

Children of JOHN SHARP and SARAH KELLOGG are:

28. i. ALFRED LANSING⁸ SHARPE, b. November 21, 1858, Ravenna, Portage County,

- Ohio; d. 1916.
29. ii. DWIGHT ELSEFER SHARPE, b. 1862, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio; d. 1932.
 30. iii. HARRY SETH SHARPE, b. August 26, 1874, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio; d. March 20, 1951, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

Child of JOHN SHARP and MARY COPE is:

31. iv. CHARLES R.⁸ SHARP, b. November 23, 1880; d. December 10, 1950.

19. HENRY⁷ SHARPE (*JOHN ELSEFER⁶ SHARP, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born 1832 in Sharon Spring, Schoharie County, New York, and died October 12, 1905 in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio. He married ADDIE HUDSON. She was born 1842, and died 1940.

Notes for HENRY SHARPE:

The year Henry was born, the first streetcar - a horse-drawn vehicle called the John Mason - went into operation in New York City on November 14, 1832

Henry was a brother of John Elsefer Sharp II, and was the namesake of John's son, Henry. Henry was my grandfather, known after his 1895 move to Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas as Harry. We knew him as Papa Sharpe.

More About HENRY SHARPE:

Burial: October 1905, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio⁴³

Children of HENRY SHARPE and ADDIE HUDSON are:

- i. WILLIAM⁸ SHARPE.

More About WILLIAM SHARPE:

Lived at: Tacoma, Washington

32. ii. MARY SHARPE.

20. THOMAS K.⁷ SHARP (*JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born 1837 in Sharon Spring, Schoharie County, New York, and died 1899 in Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York⁴⁴. He married BETSEY DREW. She was born 1840, and died 1921 in Sharon Spings, Schoharie County, New York⁴⁵.

Notes for THOMAS K. SHARP:

Thomas came from New York City, but was born near Sharon, New York. In 1888, he purchased the Sharon House Hotel in Sharon, New York from his older brother, Peter G. Sharp.

The Sharon House had been built in the early 1850's by Henry Moyer. Later, Fred Eigen owned it. He sold the hotel to Peter G. Sharp and Bement P. Sharp. I cannot identify who

Bement was, but probably was kin. The hotel was owned by H. Benard Grossman when it burned in 1926, not to be restored. (Source: New Topographical Atlas, Schohaire County, New York, pp 48-50 & 55)

More About THOMAS K. SHARP:

Burial: 1899, Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharan Springs, New York

More About BETSEY DREW:

Burial: Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharan Springs, New York

Children of THOMAS SHARP and BETSEY DREW are:

- i. WILLIAM B.⁸ SHARP, b. 1864; d. 1865⁴⁶.

More About WILLIAM B. SHARP:

Burial: Leesville Cemetary - Sharon Cemetary Association, Sharan Springs, New York

- ii. ELLA SHARP, d. Unmarried⁴⁷.

Generation No. 4

21. GERTRUDE⁸ SHARP (*JOHN W.⁷, PETRUS G.⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) She married SMITH.

Children of GERTRUDE SHARP and SMITH are:

- i. HILDA⁹ SMITH, m. ARTHUR ZIEGELMEYR.

More About ARTHUR ZIEGELMEYR:

Came from: Abt. 1924, Daytone, Florida

- ii. LEWIS SMITH.

More About LEWIS SMITH:

Lived at: 1924, Datona, Florida

- iii. JAMES SMITH.

More About JAMES SMITH:

Lived at: 1924, Wishington, D. C.

22. PETER G.⁸ SHARP, JR. (*PETER G.⁷, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*)

Child of PETER G. SHARP, JR. is:

- i. PETER G.⁹ SHARP III.

More About PETER G. SHARP III:

Lived at: Fort Grove Road, Slingerlands, New York, 12159

23. MARY JANE⁸ SHARP (*PETER G.*⁷, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born 1846, and died 1903. She married UNKNOWN JENKINS.

Child of MARY SHARP and UNKNOWN JENKINS is:

33. i. CHRISTINE SHARPE⁹ JENKINS, b. 1876.

24. JULIA⁸ SHARP (*PETER G.*⁷, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born 1847, and died Bet. July 06 - August 10, 1912. She married (1) JONAS M. KILMER, son of DANIAL KILMER and MARIA SHAFER. He was born April 11, 1843 in Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York⁴⁸, and died 1912 in Binghamton, Broome County, New York. She married (2) E. H. ELLISON.

Notes for JULIA SHARP:

In the same year that Julia was born, Thomas Alva Edison (2/11/1847 - 10/18/1931), the American inventor holding 1,093 patents, was born.

Source:<http://www.thomasedison.com/biog.htm>

Julia was born the year that Joseph Pulitzer, influential 19th-century American newspaper editor and publisher, was born in Hungary, on April 10, 1847.

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

It may be conjectured that the family was Presbyterian in its Christian affiliation, since Julia left \$2,000 in her will to the North Presbyterian Church (presumably of Binghamton).

She detailed various funds and items of value to named relatives and friends that totaled over \$160,000. The residue and remainder of her estate was left to her son and only child, Willis Sharpe Kilmer. There was not public estimate of the value of that residue.

Source: Binghamton Press, August 15, 1912, article, "Mrs. J. M. Kilmer Remembers Many," about distribution of her will.

More About JULIA SHARP:

Lived at: January 05, 1920, Binghamton, Broome County, New York⁴⁹

Occupation: January 05, 1920, Housekeeper⁴⁹

Will signed: July 06, 1912, In Binghamton, New York

Will witnessed: July 06, 1912, Mr. Asbury C. Deyo and Judge H. C. Olmsted⁵⁰

Notes for JONAS M. KILMER:

Jonas was president of the patent medicine company as well as the local bank. In

additiona, he develoed real estate in the Binghamton area, according my friend, Steven Palmatier.

1888, 1889 and 1890 Bingham Telephone Directories list him at Dr. Kilmer & Company, #14 Virgil.

Source Information: Ancestry.com Binghamton, New York Directories, 1888-90. [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2000. Original data: Binghamton, NY, 1888: J. E. Williams, 1888. Binghamton, NY, 1889: J. E. Williams, 1889. Binghamton, NY, 1890: J. E. Williams, 1890.

Jonas was a graduate of the Bryant and Stratton Business College in Albany, after which he worked for a year in the general store of Joseph Taylor of Schoharie Court House, and then worked the next eighteen years in the mercantile business in New York City with several different firms, rising to important positions. His brother convinced him to move to Binghamton in 1881 where he ran the business end of the "patent medicine" business as an equal partner. In 1892 he bought out Dr. S. Andral Kilmer's interest in the company, though some would say he "swindled" his brother in the deal; the purchase price is unknown. Jonas' son, Willis Sharpe Kilmer became the Head of Advertising for the company, and business began to increase rapidly. The company was incorporated in 1909 as Dr. Kilmer & Company and had branch offices in New York, Chicago, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil and Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies.

In 1899, Jonas Kilmer was elected Director of The People's Bank of Binghamton, in which capacity he served from October 2, 1899 until February 9, 1907, at which time he was elected President; he served in this capacity until his death. On December 4, 1907 he was chosen as a trustee of Binghamton Savings Bank and also served as President of the Binghamton Press from 1904 until his death. People's Bank merged with Broome County Trust Company on April 20, 1914 and became People's Trust Company. From 1893 to 1908, Jonas Kilmer also served as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners. Jonas Kilmer died in Binghamton in 1912, but not without first giving all the credit of the success of the family business to his son, Willis Sharpe Kilmer.

Source: <http://www.antiquebottles.com/kilmer.html>

More About JONAS M. KILMER:

Business Operated: 1890, Dr. Kilmer & Company at #14 Virgil, Binghamton, New York⁵¹

Census 1: 1910, 3-WD BINGHAMTON, BROOME, New York⁵²

Census 2: June 08, 1880, Binghamton, Broome County, New York^{53,54}

Moved: 1878, From Brooklyn to Binghamton, New York⁵⁵

Occupation: 1880, Assisntnat Physician, reported in 1880 US Census⁵⁶

Child of JULIA SHARP and JONAS KILMER is:

- i. WILLIS SHARPE⁹ KILMER, b. October 18, 1868, Brooklyn, New York^{57,58}; d. July 12, 1940, Windsor, New York; m. (1) BEATRICE RICHARDSON, 1895⁵⁹; b. 1873; m. (2) SARAH JANE EMILY WELLS, Aft. 1920⁶⁰; b. Abt. 1896,

Pennsylvania⁶¹; d. Abt. 1985.

Notes for WILLIS SHARPE KILMER:

Willis was born on the first anniversary of the United States' acquisition of Alaska from Russia.

He was born in the year that the Great Train Robbery took place near Marshfield, Indiana, as seven members of the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in cash, gold and bonds.

Source: <http://home.mindspring.com/~railroadstories/rmmv1n1/great1.htm>

Willis is my half second cousin, once removed. Our ancestor in common is John Elsefer Sharp, his great grandfather and my great, great grandfather. Willis is descended through John and his first wife, Eve Markle. I am descended through John and his second wife, Elizabeth Bodine.

The Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer newspaper article by Dan Parker in the Sunday, December 8, 1946 issue provides very interesting information here on Willis Sharpe Kilmer, published some six years after his death. The heading claimed, "Everything the Patent Medicine King Touched Turned to Gold - Even Horse Racing." He was known to have amassed a \$10 million plus fortune mostly on a cure-all patent medicine known as Swamp Root, but also in newspaper publishing, real estate development and horse racing.

The greatest medicine he gave the public was what was considered a bag of bones named Exterminator, the winner of the Kentucky Derby on May 11, 1918 in a field of eight contenders. The jockey riding the winner was William Knapp, the breeder was F. D Knight and the trainer was Henry McDaniel. In 1928, Willis was the breeder for the winner of the Kentucky Derby, Reigh Count. That horse was ridden by jockey Charlie Lang, trained by Bert Mitchell, and owned by Mrs. John D. Hertz. Also in that 1928 Derby, Willis owned the 11th place horse out of 22 running, Sun Beau. The rider was jockey John Craigmyle and the trainer was Charles W. Carroll. Willis, of course, was the breeder as well. This horse racing information came from an Internet search on Willis' name.

Another major source of the Kilmer family wealth under the leadership of Willis was vast elements of real estate development. He built the first sky scraper in Binghamton, New York, a towering six stories high! It was the Kilmer Building, 141 Chenango Street, which was originally used as the home of the Kilmer product, Swamp Root.

He generally was referred to by his full name of Willis Sharpe Kilmer, with the emphasis on the middle name. This not only accounted for the strong heritage of his Mother, but a general acknowledgement about the acumen he was perceived to possess. This reflected his success in the four wildly divergent endeavors he pursued, medicine, publishing, real estate development

and horse racing.

Willis was ten when the family moved to Binghamton. His father obtained an interest in the proprietary medicine business owned by Dr. S. Andral Kilmer, Willis' uncle. Their product, Swamp Root, was reputed to be a cure-all for kidney, liver and bladder ailments. During those years, the business was mostly in and around Binghamton.

This all changed when Willis returned home from his Cornell University education in marketing. His first step was to insert advertisements in small newspapers all over the country. It was one of the first national advertising campaigns in the country, a bold act which almost drove the small company into bankruptcy. However, sales gradually increased into a steady stream of growing and significant business.

All went well with the Kilmers until the turn of the century when newspapers and magazines began to attack patent medicine firms which made extravagant claims for their products. Swamp Root, the maiden aunt's favorite beverage when she wanted to get a "glow" without losing her membership in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, was as high on the list of nostrums under fire as it was in alcoholic content - 12%.

The result of the campaign against the medicine makers was to bring about stricter regulatory laws.

By this time, young Kilmer, now in control of the company, had come to regard the City of Binghamton as his feudal estate. Many of the townsfolk worked for him and the Kilmer wealth had a powerful effect on the local politics.

Kilmer was a big, impressive looking man, six feet one inch tall, weighing 215 pounds and crowned with a shock of iron gray hair which later turned pure white. Under beetling eyebrows, he had a pair of piercing blue-gray eyes which turned dark whenever he was challenged. An immaculate dresser, he always carried a cane as his scepter of office as Baron of Binghamton. If common folk weren't frightened or at least awed by all these props, there was the Baron's deep, booming voice to keep them in line.

More extensive light is shown in the following material taken from Seward's History of Binghamton and Broome County, pages 148-149

Swamp Root is still available on the market today, and I purchased four bottles recently at over \$5 each for the four ounce bottles! I notice it is 10% alcohol, which I assume adds to its attractiveness.

In 2004, I was approached by Steven Palmatier, who lives in Greene, New York, near the Binghamton area. We plan to compare some records soon that he has. He is the grandson of a man who was an employee of Willis Sharpe Kilmer, and a distant relative of Willis. I am indebted to Steven for sharing

much of his Willia Sharpe Kilmer files, which has enabled me to enhance greatly this report on Mr. Kilmer.

Steven told me that Willis died while at his country estate, Sky Lake, out side of Windsor, NY. It is now a Methodist Camp. Willis also was a founding member of the Binghamton Country Club, being an admirer of the sport of playing golf.

There is a very interesting source on the Internet giving a narrative about Willis Sharpe Kilmer, by a Mr. John E. Golley, (e-mail: ByGolley@email.msn.com) at the web site address: <http://www.antiquebottles.com/kilmer.html>. Below is an excerpt:

"Willis Sharpe Kilmer was born in Brooklyn, New York on October 18, 1869. He graduated from Cornell University in 1880 and went to work in the family business. Willis was put in charge of the advertising department of Dr. Kilmer and Company, which lead to a swift increase in business. Advertising in the late 1800's was not the "science" that it is today and Willis Sharpe Kilmer was one of advertising's earliest pioneers. His first wife was Beatrice Richardson who's socially prominent father was one of the brightest executives in a fledgling newspaper advertising agency in New York City. Willis Kilmer had a more metropolitan upbringing than many of his peers and his relationship with Mr. Richardson and his family connections all helped benefit Willis and his new ideas. Dr. Kilmer and Company utilized all the forms of advertising of the day including painted wooden signs, posters and printed circulars, but with the entrance of Willis' leadership, began purchasing ad space in newspapers expounding the virtues of their numerous cures and they were amongst the fore-runners in printing Almanacs, which not only would list the normal items such as moon phases, best planting times and the like, but at every turn of the page, listed one or more of the products, printed testimonials for the same and helped diagnose "ailments" of which one of their products would 'cure.

"The packaging of their products was also easily noticed on the shelf. For ease of finding the correct cure, their Heart Remedy had an embossed heart on it, Swamp Root Kidney Cure had a kidney embossed on it and so forth, and their packaging was bright orange with the likeness of a whiskered Dr. S. Andral Kilmer printed boldly on the front. The package also invited customers to write to Dr. Kilmer for advise and prescription, which, long after Dr. S. Andral Kilmer had sold his share of the business, caused Dr. Kilmer to initiate a lawsuit against his brother and nephew in which he accused Dr. Kilmer and Company of representing him as the physician in charge of their medical department and also, that they pretended to give medical advice and prescribe medicines for diseases which they pretended to diagnose. When a lower court ruled against Dr. Kilmer and Company, Willis pursued the suit in The Appellate Court, and in 1917, the decision against the company was reversed. It was Willis Sharpe Kilmer's advertising prowess as well as his "muscle" via political and professional contacts that made Swamp Root a household word. When other patent medicines were losing popularity due to The Pure Food and Drug Act as well as an increased respect for medical science, Swamp Root was

still filling the Kilmer coffers. When asked what Swamp Root was good for, Willis Kilmer once replied, 'About a million dollars a year!'

"Patent medicine wasn't the only thing Willis Sharp Kilmer was involved in. On April 11, 1904, Mr. Kilmer founded The Binghamton Press, which became a very well-respected newspaper in the country. It has been alleged, although never proven, that he started the newspaper for the purpose of putting The Binghamton Evening Herald out of business and he could also control the advertising of various patent medicines and any articles condemning the same. There were several people such as Samuel Hopkins Adams, who were very much against patent medicines and were lobbying very hard for the passage of The Pure Food and Drug Act. Mr. Kilmer was very successful in 'squashing' their stories and did eventually put The Evening Herald, run by his long-time personal and political enemy Guy Beardsley, out of business. Mr. Beardsley later sued Willis Sharpe Kilmer charging conspiracy to put him out of business; Beardsley lost the suit.

"Willis Sharpe Kilmer was also a very fine judge of horses. The family mansion is still located on Riverside Drive in Binghamton, and on the surrounding grounds, Mr. Kilmer built Sun Briar Court, which had a 1/5 mile indoor track, an outdoor track connected to a half-mile circular track, 100 fire-proof stalls and the main stable included offices, quarters and a clubhouse. The Kilmer racing colors were brown, green and orange and he owned many fine horses; Genie- the son of Man O' War, Sun Briar, Sun Beau and Exterminator, which won the 1918 Kentucky Derby and was the leading money winner for four straight seasons. Sun Beau held the American record for money won until Sea Biscuit broke the record in 1939. Mr. Kilmer owned a large estate on the Rappahannock River in Virginia known as Remlik (Kilmer spelled backwards) as well as a game preserve near Binghamton called Sky Lake and he was a pioneer in forest and game preservation in New York as well as Virginia. He established the Kilmer Pathological Laboratory in Binghamton and started Binghamton's first nine hole golf course, which later became the Binghamton Country Club. Willis Sharpe Kilmer died of pneumonia on July 12, 1940 leaving an estate estimated at \$10 to \$15 million dollars, and is interred in the family mausoleum in Floral Park Cemetery in Binghamton, New York.

"After World War II, his second wife, Sarah Jane Wells, sold the rights to make and manufacture Swamp Root to Medtech Laboratories of Cody, Wyoming. The eight story Kilmer Building, built in 1902 after the original building was damaged by fire, still stands at 141 Chenango Street and Swamp Root was still on the shelves of the E. C. McKallor Drug Company in Binghamton in 1983 - it can still be ordered today, more than almost 120 years after it was first produced, a testament to the advertising skill of Willis Sharpe Kilmer and the strength of the Kilmer name and reputation.

Steven Palmatier loaned me a paper-bound book, well over 100 pages long, that used as the catalog for cautioning off the race horse stock of Willis' estate on October 30, 1940 at the Farm, Court Manor, near New Market, Virginia. The elaborate book gave the schedule for the day, including lunch, displayed

an inventory of all the stallions, weanlings, and brood mares, had an individual page devoted for the genealogy and pedigree of each of the 102 horses being sold, including photographs of a number of them, and a table showing the race winnings of Willis annually, totaling \$3,919,519 for the previous 18 years. This, of course were not all of his winnings, for we know he had a Kentucky Derby winner in 1918. This table of winnings begins at 1922. The book states that Willis' horses had won over 220 races in 1940 alone. The Foreward in the book thoroughly establishes the preeminence of Willis Sharpe Kilmer in the world of thoroughbred horse racing.

Here is a web site that gives a history for Exterminator, who it shows won over a quarter of a million dollars in his races:

<http://www.thoroughbredchampions.com/gallery/exterator.htm>

Bingham was an interesting town. "Located in the Southern Tier of New York state where the Susquehanna and Chenango rivers meet, the city is the birthplace of IBM, Endicott-Johnson Shoes and the Link Co., which developed flight training simulators. Binghamton is home to cartoonist Johnny Hart, creator of "B.C." and "Wizard of Id." Also born there: TV producer and "The Twilight Zone" creator Rod Serling."

Source: <http://www.gannett.com/about/map/ataglance/bingham.htm>

More About WILLIS SHARPE KILMER:

Burial: Abt. July 14, 1940, Floral Park Cemetery, Binghamton, New York⁶²

Cause of Death: Pneumonia

College Major: Bet. 1876 - 1880, Advertising⁶²

College Graduation: 1880, Cornell University⁶²

Died Childless: July 12, 1940, Binghamton, New York

Founded: April 11, 1904, The Binghamton Press, Binghamton, New York⁶²

Lived at 1: January 06, 1920, Binghamton, Broome County, New York #5
Riverside Drive⁶³

Lived at 2: June 09, 1880, Binghamton, Broome County, New York - 257
Virgil Street⁶⁴

Moved: 1878, Brooklyn to Binghamton, New York

Occupation 1: January 06, 1920, Capitalist⁶⁵

Occupation 2: June 12, 1900, Administratrating Agent⁶⁶

Property: June 12, 1900, Residence was a farm owned by Willis Sharpe
Kilmer⁶⁶

Served 1: Bet. October 02, 1899 - February 09, 1907, Director of the Peple's
Bank of Binghamton⁶⁷

Served 2: Bet. 1893 - 1908, Member of the Board of Binghamton Police
Commissioners⁶⁷

Served 3: Bet. December 04, 1907 - July 12, 1940, Director & President of
Binghamton Savings Bank, New York⁶⁷

Served 4: Bet. February 09, 1907 - July 07, 1940, President of The Bank of

Binghamton, New York⁶⁷

Won: May 11, 1918, Kentucky Derby -Exterminator was the winning horse, a 30-1 long shot

Notes for BEATRICE RICHARDSON:

Willis Sharpe Kilmer's first wife was Beatrice Richardson, whose socially prominent father was one of the brightest executives in a fledgling newspaper advertising agency in New York City.

Source: <http://www.antiquebottles.com/kilmer.html>

Beatrice 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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Source: <http://www.glswrk-auction.com/037.htm>

More About BEATRICE RICHARDSON:

Census: 1880, Ithaca, Tompkins, New York⁶⁸

Marriage Notes for WILLIS KILMER and BEATRICE RICHARDSON:

Willis and Beatrice were married the same year that baseball hall-of-famer George Herman "Babe" Ruth was born in Baltimore.

Source: <http://www.baberuth.com/flash/about/biograph.html>

More About WILLIS KILMER and BEATRICE RICHARDSON:

Divorce: Bef. 1920, 1920 Census lists Willis Sharpe Kilmer as divorced

Marriage: 1895⁶⁹

Notes for SARAH JANE EMILY WELLS:

Sarah Jane, as a Pennsylvania-born young lady, is recorded as residing in the 1920 US Census at the home of her sister, Mary and her husband, John Quinn. Florence, another sister, is also shown residing there.

We do not know why the three daughters lived there, but possibly their parents by then had become deceased. Sarah is shown as having the occupation of a Milliner.

More About SARAH JANE EMILY WELLS:

Lived at 1: #2 Hawthorne Road, Binghamton, New York⁷⁰

Lived at 2: 1920, Binghamton, Broome County, New York⁷¹

Occupation: 1920, Milliner⁷¹

More About WILLIS KILMER and SARAH WELLS:

Marriage: Aft. 1920⁷²

25. GERTRUDE⁸ SHARP (*PETER G.*⁷, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born 1855, and died 1922. She married J. ERVIN SMITH.

More About GERTRUDE SHARP:

Beneficiary of Will: August 14, 1912, Will of her sister, Julia Sharpe Kilmer provided \$10,000, a cameo brooch and amethystis⁷³

Children of GERTRUDE SHARP and J. SMITH are:

i. HILDA JANE⁹ SMITH.

More About HILDA JANE SMITH:

Beneficiary of Will 1: August 14, 1912, \$5,000 left by her Aunt, Mrs. J. M. (Julia Sharp) Kilmer⁷⁴

Beneficiary of Will 2: August 14, 1912, Solitaire diamond ring & diamond bar pin, left by her Aunt Julia Kilmer

ii. LEWIS SMITH.

More About LEWIS SMITH:

Beneficiary of Will: August 14, 1912, \$5,000 left by his Aunt, Mrs. J. M. (Julia Sharp) Kilmer⁷⁵

iii. JONAS M. SMITH.

More About JONAS M. SMITH:

Beneficiary of Will: August 14, 1912, \$5,000 left by his Aunt, Mrs. J. M. (Julia Sharp) Kilmer⁷⁶

26. MARY⁸ BRANCH (*REBECCA*⁷ *SHARP*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) She married GEORGE FRENCH.

More About MARY BRANCH:

Lived at: Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio

Child of MARY BRANCH and GEORGE FRENCH is:

i. DAUGHTER⁹ FRENCH, Adopted child.

27. BEMENT⁸ SHARP (*DAVID⁷, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*)

Child of BEMENT SHARP is:

34. i. ALFRED⁹ SHARP.

28. ALFRED LANSING⁸ SHARPE (*JOHN ELSEFER⁷ SHARP II, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born November 21, 1858 in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio⁷⁷, and died 1916⁷⁸. He married (1) ALLIE E. Bef. 1882. He married (2) ADA CROWELL May 28, 1884, daughter of FRANK CROWELL and LOUISA HILL. She was born January 28, 1866, and died June 02, 1885. He married (3) LUCY R. OAKLEY Abt. 1888. She was born October 21, 1871 in South Carolina^{79,80}, and died February 10, 1893 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. He married (4) CATHERINE LEAVELL March 28, 1895 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas⁸¹, daughter of JOHN LEAVELL and LULA HOLLAND. She was born October 21, 1873 in Centerville, Williamson County, Texas⁸², and died Bet. 1900 - 1910⁸³.

Notes for ALFRED LANSING SHARPE:

Alfred, known as Fred, began work as a boy telegraph operator for the Erie Railroad, which is natural, his father having work for that railroad as well. Following that, we as employed by the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroad, then with the Gould System.

He is named for his Uncle Alfred Lansing Kellogg, the 10 year old brother of his mother. That uncle's name was derived from two of the great uncles Alfred had in the Kellogg family.

He migrated from Ravenna, Ohio to Georgetown, Texas in 1882. By 1880, at age 22, he no longer was listed in the household headed by his father, John Elsefer Sharp II, according to the Census. He embarked in the hardware, implement and vehicle business in Georgetown in 1892.

We understand that his son, John E. "Jack" Oakley was born in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio in 1889. We do not know whether Fred and Lucy resided back in Ohio about that time, or whether the birth took place while they momentarily visited back in Ohio.

Fred's second son, Alfred Lansing Sharpe, Jr., died on Fred's 33rd birthday, when the son was just less than six months old. Fred's wife, Lucy, died nine months later. We have no information about the cause of either of the two deaths, nor whether the causes of death had any relationship.

In early 1894, Fred was included in a new six member Board of Directors to oversee the publication of the town's newspaper, the "Williamson County Sun," a publication that still publishes today. (Source: Land of Good Water, Page 263)

Fred relocated to El Paso County, Texas about 1899 to take up ranching. This was cutting edge adventure, as the county had only been organized since 1850. He became very successful at this endeavor and was particularly known for his ability to supervise effectively the many workers, young and old, that were needed. His U Bar Ranch was near the town of San Elizario

and was along the Rio Grande, the river bordering the US with Mexico. The ranch was near the small town of Ysleta, which is the oldest town recognized in what is now the State of Texas, having had its beginnings attributed at about 1682. They resided in the city of El Paso. He apparently continued a law practice in Williamson County while residing in El Paso County, as his name appeared on numerous property transactions filed there as late as 1905, showing him as a Trustee.

An aside note is appropriate at this point, to recognize that the first Thanksgiving celebration to take place on ground that ultimately became the United States happened on April 28, 1598, twenty-two years earlier than the Plymouth Colony celebration. It was a group of Spaniards, led by the Spanish explorer, Juan de Onate, that feasted on the banks of the Rio Grande River after arriving near what now is El Paso, Texas. They had just made it through a 350 mile trek from Santa Barbara, Mexico, across the Chihuahuan Desert, so they had plenty to celebrate. In 1990, the Texas Legislature passed a resolution recognizing San Elizario, Texas, on the outskirts of El Paso, as the site of the first true Thanksgiving. This is where Fred's ranch was developed and thrived.

Source: "Texas Curiosities" by John Kelso, The Globe Pequot Press, Builford, Connecticut, 2000, page 160.

It perhaps can be said (with tongue in cheek) that Fred started the Republican Party revolution in Texas. He was elected to the twenty-ninth Texas Legislature from district #100 encompassing El Paso County in 1904. He was the only Republican to win any race in El Paso County, and this Legislative position was taken with a 1,028 to 1,050 vote (22 vote margin - 50.5%). He won seven out of twelve precincts. These were the out-of-the-city precincts that carried him to victory.

Source: The El Paso Evening News, Wednesday, November 9, 1904.

I took occasion to browse the microfilm files of the El Paso Evening News for a couple of months leading up to the 1904 election day. It can be said that the newspaper was overtly a Democratic Party supporter, actually endorsing the Party as a whole in its print. There were numerous articles over those months about Democratic Party activity and meetings. However there was no mention of Republican Party candidates or activities, except for an occasional mention of the Presidential race, with Theodore Roosevelt running for what would be his successful second term. The article reporting the election news on November 9 was headlined, "Patrick A. Dwyer only Democrat who lost." The upset of Mr. Dwyer was acclaimed with awe and surprise. Words from his interview were quoted and quite a bit on narrative was given from the newspaper. Sharpe's name was mentioned only three times: (1) stating who beat Dwyer, (2) in a quote of Dwyer saying he'd sent a congratulatory telegram to Sharpe and (3) the precinct vote table. There was no lauding of Mr. Sharpe by this Democratic newspaper!

It is reported that he was the first Republican elected to a Texas state level office since the days of post Civil War Reconstruction period. It is also reported that he authored the first anti-gambling legislation adopted by the Texas Legislature. The vitality of that bill was tested and sustained by the Texas Supreme Court, thereby placing into the hands of law enforcement officers a reliable instrument to support their arrests. A water irrigation bill was also authored by Alfred and passed. Legislative commentary claims these were two of the most important

bills of that Legislative session, and that their success attested to the legislative skill plied by Representative Sharpe. There was a called session of that 29th legislature that met April 15-May 14, 1905. The Governor was S. W. T. Lanham and the Lt. Governor was George D. Neal.

Source: "Members of the Texas Legislature, 1845 - 1962, Editor Will L. Smith, publisher the State of Texas, pages 207 and 209.

He served only part of one term, as he resigned December 22, 1905 to receive an appointment from President Theodore Roosevelt to be the Collector of Customs at the Port of El Paso. This was considered one of the most important federal positions in all of Texas.

Fred continued to serve the Federal Government in the capacity of Collector of Customs at El Paso during the Presidential administration of William Howard Taft (1909-1913), a fellow Republican who, like Fred, also hailed from Ohio. Fred's re-nomination as Collector of Customs in 1910 by the Senate of the United States is documented in an issue of the Wichita Falls newspaper I read at the Archives at the University of Texas (dumb me I failed to note the date, page and publication name). President Taft's daughter-in-law, Eleanor Kellogg Chase Taft, was the sixth cousin, once removed to Fred.

A picture of 1910 El Paso seen in the pages of some of the "Times-Herald" issues show the increasing incidents of automobile accidents there. Lots of Democratic Party and Republican Party activities are reported in the paper. A census of churches in the community are shown:

- 5 Baptist Churches
- 4 Presbyterian Churches
- 3 Methodist Churches
- 2 Episcopal Churches
- 1 Congregational Church
- 1 Disciples of Christ - Christian
- 3 Roman Catholic Churches
- 2 Lutheran Churches
- 1 Non-Denominational Church
- 1 Salvation Army
- 1 Y.M.C.A

Others religions

- 2 Christian Science
- 2 Synagogues

Fred is reported as shooting his young adult daughter, Holland, wounding her in the head, though I cannot locate documentation. He is said to have turned the handgun upon himself with a fatal shot. This took place alledged in 1916 in New York state, perhaps in Binghamton where other Sharp(e) relatives resided. The oral tradition, though undocumented, is that Alfred experienced financial difficulties in Texas, and went to Binghamton, New York to work with his first cousin (once removed), Willis Sharpe Kilmer, the patented medicine success. Presumably, the financial distress was an element in the tragic shootings, though that

is not clear. Holland married a Mr. Woodhull and she lived the rest of her life in San Antonio, Texas.

However, whatever the circumstances, we really have not identified where he was when he died.

More About ALFRED LANSING SHARPE:

Bought land 1: March 04, 1889, From John C. Penn, Block 8 of Syndus addition⁸⁴

Bought land 2: June 30, 1892, Lot in Odd Fellers Cemetery⁸⁵

Bought land 3: July 31, 1899, From J. J. Robertson⁸⁶

Cause of Death: Self-inflicted gun shot wound

Elected: November 1904, Elected to the District #100 of the Texas State House of Representatives

Lived at 1: April 10, 1910, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas⁸⁷

Lived at 2: June 22, 1860, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio⁸⁸

Lived at 3: July 27, 1870, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio⁸⁹

Lived at 4: June 16, 1900, Jeff Davis County, Texas⁹⁰

Mortgage paid off: July 22, 1895, For land purchased form John C. Penn in 1889⁹¹

Moved to 1: 1882, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

Moved to 2: Abt. 1899, El Paso County, Texas

Occupation: April 20, 1910, Collector of Revenues for the United States Government⁹²

Property: September 14, 1891, Secured a mortgage to purchase property

Public Record 1: September 16, 1999, Purchases a promisory note⁹³

Public Record 2: February 26, 1900, Listed as note owners⁹⁴

Public Record 3: March 12, 1901, Note to them paid off⁹⁵

Served 1: 1891, Board of Directors of the William County Sun Newspaper⁹⁶

Served 2: Bet. January 10 - April 15, 1915, 29th Session of the Texas Legislature

Sold land 1: August 13, 1890, To John T. Mackey⁹⁷

Sold land 2: July 28, 1895, To F. O. Henderson for \$600^{98,99}

Sold land 3: March 23, 1896, To R. S. Heyer

Sold land 4: April 11, 1898, To Charles H. Delaney¹⁰⁰

Trustee 1: June 28, 1895, For a land transaction, Williamson County, Texas¹⁰¹

Trustee 2: July 22, 1895, For a land transaction, Williamson County, Texas¹⁰²

More About ALFRED SHARPE and ALLIE E.:

Marriage: Bef. 1882

Notes for ADA CROWELL:

There were no children from this marriage that lasted only a year until Ada died.

More About ALFRED SHARPE and ADA CROWELL:

Marriage: May 28, 1884

Notes for LUCY R. OAKLEY:

Lucy was born on the first birthday of David Loyd George, (1/17/1863 - 3/26/1945), who became an English Prime Minister.

Source: <http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/PRgeorge.htm>

Lucy was born the month that the Great Chicago Fire erupted on October 8th, 1871. The blaze destroyed four square miles of the city, killing about 250 people and leaving some 90,000 homeless.

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

We do not know why Lucy died early at age 28, nor do we know how that may relate to her son, Alfred, who died as a six month old infant, merely 10 months earlier. Though undocumented, it is believed that Lucy came to Texas with Alfred as his wife who probably also came from Ravenna, Ohio. Lucy was the third of four wives Alfred Lansing married.

More About LUCY R. OAKLEY:

Burial: Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

Occupation: November 1889, Music Teacher^{103,104}

Marriage Notes for ALFRED SHARPE and LUCY OAKLEY:

They were married on the same day as was born Edvard Benes (5/28/1884 - 9/3/1948), a Czech statesman, foreign minister and president in 1935.

Source: http://www.explore-biography.com/political_figures/E/Edvard_Benes.html

More About ALFRED SHARPE and LUCY OAKLEY:

Marriage: Abt. 1888

Notes for CATHERINE LEAVELL:

Kate, as she 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

According to the 1900 Census, Jeff Davis County, Texas (no city), the father of Kate was born in South Carolina and the mother was born in Alabama.

That same Census report indicates that Kate was the mother of only one child, and that she was married six years in 1900.

More About CATHERINE LEAVELL:

Bought land: April 04, 1898, From Kenneth H. Agnesworth¹⁰⁵

From: Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas
Lived at: June 20, 1900, Jeff Davis County, Texas¹⁰⁶

Marriage Notes for ALFRED SHARPE and CATHERINE LEAVELL:

Fred and Catherine were married the same year that baseball hall-of-famer George Herman "Babe" Ruth was born in Baltimore.

Source: <http://www.baberuth.com/flash/about/biograph.html>

More About ALFRED SHARPE and CATHERINE LEAVELL:

Marriage: March 28, 1895, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁰⁷

Children of ALFRED SHARPE and LUCY OAKLEY are:

- i. JOHN E. OAKLEY⁹ SHARPE, b. November 11, 1889, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas^{108,109,110}; d. February 13, 1955, Oakland, Alameda County, California; m. ANN; b. 1883, California¹¹¹.

Notes for JOHN E. OAKLEY SHARPE:

John E. Oakley Sharpe was born the month before Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans at age 81 on December 6, 1889. I am Jack's first cousin, once removed. President Jefferson Davis is the husband of my 33rd cousin, Varina Anne Banks Howell. Davis also is the Uncle of my great, great aunt Susanah Elizabeth Davis Abney, wife of James Addison Abney of Lufkin, Texas.

Jack became an actor and spend much of his life in California. He took his mother's maiden name as his stage Surname, being known as Jack Oakley.

He was born on the very same day as Washington became the 42nd state. He spent some time living with his family in Jeff Davis County and in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas. These citations were in the Census reports for those locations in 1900 and 1910, when he was ages 10 and 20. The rest of his life was on the West Coast as far as we know.

A browse through some El Paso newspapers of 1910, when Jack was age 21, showed something of the social establishment which the Sharpe family apparently enjoyed. There is a report in the El Paso Times-Herald of August 19 about a visiting New York guest Jack had out at the family's ranch by the name of Bruce Cortelyou. He was the son of former Postmaster General and Secretary of the Interior, George B. Cortelyou. At that point, the newspaper identified him still as John O. Sharpe.

Cortelyou, George Bruce (kôr't?lyu) , (1862–1940), American public official and business executive, b. New York City. He taught school, and after learning stenography, he became secretary to several New York City and federal officials. Appointed (1895) stenographer to President Cleveland,

Cortelyou became secretary to Presidents McKinley (1900) and Theodore Roosevelt (1901). He also served under Roosevelt as Secretary of Commerce and Labor (1903–4), Postmaster General (1905–7), and Secretary of the Treasury (1907–9). He then left government service and became prominent as an executive of public-utility companies. Such were the family friends of the Sharpe's.

Source: <http://www.answers.com/topic/george-b-cortelyou>

The 1920 Census shows him listed under the name of Jack Oakley. He was shown as an actor, married to an actress by the name of Ann. She had an age indicated as 37 and his age was indicated as 35. According to our knowledge, he really was age 30. One can only conjecture why the older age was given to the Census taker. It might have something to do with her age being so much older than his. The household was show in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. Their residence is show as being owned by them, rather than rented. However, it does not indicate whether any mortgage was on it or not.

More About JOHN E. OAKLEY SHARPE:

Lived at 1: 5421 Manila Avenue, Oakland, California

Lived at 2: June 16, 1900, Jeff Davis County, Texas¹¹²

Lived at 3: April 20, 1910, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas¹¹³

Lived at 4: January 05, 1920, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California¹¹⁴

Lived at 5: April 02, 1930, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California¹¹⁵

Occupation 1: January 05, 1920, Actor¹¹⁶

Occupation 2: April 02, 1930, Advertising¹¹⁷

Notes for ANN:

Ann first shows in the family as the wife of John E. Oakley Sharpe. However, the name her husband used by that time was his state name as an actor, Jack Oakley. This is what is reflected in the 1920 Census of their household in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

The Census says that she is age 37 at that point, and that she was born in California. It says that her father was born in Missouri and her mother was born in Kentucky.

More About ANN:

Lived at 1: January 05, 1920, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California¹¹⁸

Lived at 2: April 02, 1930, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California¹¹⁹

- ii. ALFRED LANSING SHARPE, JR., b. November 21, 1891; d. May 10, 1892, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

Notes for ALFRED LANSING SHARPE, JR.:

Alfred lived only about 6 months, and is buried beside his mother, Lucy, who

died only about 10 months later. He appears to be named entirely after his father, but the grave stone does not reflect a "Jr."

Child of ALFRED SHARPE and CATHERINE LEAVELL is:

35. iii. HOLLAND⁹ SHARPE, b. September 17, 1897.

29. DWIGHT ELSEFER⁸ SHARPE (*JOHN ELSEFER⁷ SHARP II, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*)¹²⁰ was born 1862 in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio¹²⁰, and died 1932. He married EVA GRACE JONES¹²⁰, daughter of DAVID W. JONES. She was born 1861 in Ohio¹²⁰, and died 1943.

Notes for DWIGHT ELSEFER SHARPE:

Dwight was born the same year that the famous Billy Sunday (11/19/1862 - 11/6/1935), American evangelist was born. Sunday was a popular professional baseball player before his fame developed as an evangelist.

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

Dwight was one of three brothers who migrated from home in Ravenna, Ohio to other states. Dwight located in Chicago, and brothers Alfred and Henry (Harry) went to Georgetown, Texas. Dates are unknown but the migrations were all thought to be in the 1890's. One interesting aspect of this family that occurred at this stage in the lineage was that all of the references to these three brothers back home in Ohio spelled their last name as Sharp. All of the references of their names recorded subsequently displayed the last name as Sharpe in most cases. However, Dwight Elsefer's name was reflected on the 1932 Census without the "e." We have no idea why the "e" was added. With a bit of humor, some of us say it's because we're from the educated part of the family!

More About DWIGHT ELSEFER SHARPE:

Employed by: Quaker Oats Company, Chicago, Illinois

Lived at: April 07, 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois¹²¹

Living In: 1880, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio¹²²

Occupation 1: 1880, Census showed Clerk in railroad office¹²³

Occupation 2: April 07, 1930, Manager of Shipping at a Department Store¹²⁴

Notes for EVA GRACE JONES:

Eve was described as a beautifully groomed stately Victorian Lady. This was by John (Jack) R. Sharp in his May 2, 1984 letter to me, recalling his Ravenna, Ohio home town experiences and the times when Uncle Dwight and Aunt Eve would come there on visits from Chicago.

More About EVA GRACE JONES:

Census 1: 1880, Wayne, Allen County, Indiana

Census 2: 1880, Living in home of father

Lived at: April 07, 1932, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois¹²⁵

Children of DWIGHT SHARPE and EVA JONES are:

36.
 - i. MAYBELLE ALBERTA⁹ SHARPE, b. February 15, 1883, Cook County, Illinois; d. June 15, 1973, Illinois.
 - ii. PEARL LEVANNA SHARPE, b. 1890, Chicago, Illinois (?); d. January 1960; m. PETTET; b. Abt. 1886.

Notes for PEARL LEVANNA SHARPE:

Pearl was born the same year as was born Vyacheslav M. Molotov (2/25/1890 - 11/8/1986), the Russian statesman and foreign minister, after whom the later-to-be-famous Molotov Cocktail explosive device used in political riots was named.

Source:

http://www.answers.com/main/ntquery;jsessionid=170s9pgsdg7be?method=4&dsid=2222&dekey=Molotov+cocktail&gwp=8&curtab=2222_1&sbid=lc04b&linktext=Molotov%20cocktail&linktext=Molotov%20cocktail

Pearl's death was reported to the law firm of Hinman, Howard & Kattell of Binghamton, New York in a letter dated September 12, 1962 from Alberta Kellie, regarding the Willis Sharp Kilmer estate that law firm was managing.

More About PEARL LEVANNA SHARPE:

Lived at: 1733 West 100th Place, Chicago 43, Illinois

37.
 - iii. DON ALLEN SHARPE, b. December 04, 1887, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio; d. January 1960.

30. HARRY SETH⁸ SHARPE (*JOHN ELSEFER⁷ SHARP II, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born August 26, 1874 in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, and died March 20, 1951 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. He married MATTIE DE NOAILLES SIMONS June 07, 1900 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹²⁶, daughter of JAMES SIMONS and CHARRIE EUBANK. She was born August 20, 1876 in Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, and died February 22, 1944 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

Notes for HARRY SETH SHARPE:

His birth record at the Portage County Courthouse in Ravenna reports his name as Henry Seth Sharp. Harry is the English diminutive for Henry, which apparently he used through out his life, and by which he named one of his two sons and by which a grand son is named. In all references to his name in Texas, Harry has been the operative name used. Harry is my paternal grandfather.

The year that Harry was born was the year that national leaders US President Herbert Hoover and English Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill were born. Sir Winston is the eleventh cousin, once removed, to US President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, my half eighth cousin. Our ancestor in common is our ninth great grandmother, Alice Carpenter Southworth Bradford. Verdi's "Requiem" was composed in Milan, Italy, as was Brahms' "Hungarian Dances" composed. And the first zoo in America was established in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 434-435

Harry was born the same year as Thomas J. Watson, Sr., (2/17/1874 - 6/19/1956), the American industrialist who built IBM (International Business Machines, Inc.). It is of interest that on Mr. Watson's 122nd birthday, World chess champion Garry Kasparov beat the IBM supercomputer "Deep Blue," winning a six-game match in Philadelphia. It took a long time to get the best of Mr. Watson's company! But, do not despair. Two years later, Deep Blue came back to beat Mr. Kasparov! Of course, I like this story, as IBM was my employer in 1957-58 and in 1962-69.

Sources: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_J._Watson
<http://www.research.ibm.com/deepblue/watch/html/c.10.html>
<http://www.research.ibm.com/deepblue/home/html/b.html>

Harry was born the same year as was John D. Rockefeller Jr. (1/29/1874 - 5/11/1960), the American philanthropist.

Harry came to Texas about 1895 at age 21, settling in Georgetown, Williamson County, a town that had been established in 1848 and still is the county seat. He worked for the Railroad Express Company a long time. A part of his later occupational life was working in the Williamson County Tax Collector's office. Five years after arriving, Harry married a local Williamson County girl from nearby Taylor, Mattie de Noailles Simons.

He served in the U.S. military in the Spanish American War. It was the conflict that marked the emergence of the United States as a world power. This brief conflict between the United States and Spain took place between April and August 1898, over the issue of the liberation of Cuba. In the course of the war, the United States won possession of Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Philippine Islands. The treaty ending the Spanish-American War was declared in effect on April 11, 1899. Harry was a Private in Company L of the Texas Infantry. He drew a pension as of November 21, 1927, Certificate #A-8-6-28, Company L, Texas Infantry

Source: General Index to Compiled Services Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War With Spain, #M871, Reel #100 and

General Index to Pensions, 1861-1934, T-288, Roll #424, Pension #1597454.

My son, Todd Wittman Sharpe, has a telescope I've handed down to him, which we believe was used by Harry in that Spanish American War. Harry is Todd's great grandfather. The telescope had been handed down to me from my father, who is the son of its original owner, Harry.

Harry was Lutheran, hearkening back to our original Sharp ancestor, Otto Scherp, and Mattie was from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). They combined their Christian practice by joining the First Presbyterian Church in Georgetown in 1903. They joined upon statement of their faith in Jesus Christ. Both of their sons were baptized there and later made teenage professions of faith in that church.

Though I don't know what his business associates called him (probably just "Harry"), he was always known in the context of the family and in my recollection as Papa Sharpe. In fact, I had such fond association with Papa Sharpe that it was chosen as the name by which I asked my grand children to address me.

The Census in 1910 for Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas sites the occupation of Harry as a Deputy Sheriff. The Census of 1920 describes his occupation as Deputy Tax Collector, Williamson County Courthouse. The 1930 Census says his occupation was that of Accountant at the City Collector's Office.

There was an out building behind their home at 1005 Main Street. It was called the Potato House. It was the place where Mattie pursued her home industry of potato chip business during the 1930's. Those were the depression years of the US economy and many people had to be creative to sustain their families. Long after needing to be used as a potato house, it became the retreat house for Papa Sharpe in his old age, particularly after he was a widower. Sort of his "office away" from the house where he could be on his own. I remember making visits to that back house to the kindly old grandfather and hearing him tell of his stories about the town and life in general. He would sit there amidst the swirl of the pipe tobacco smoke and spin his yarns.

The most fascinating place around the large back yard of Papa Sharpe was the unusually long garage. It could be entered from the back yard of the house on Main Street, but it stretched out behind the neighboring corner house and opened onto the side street. That was a shortcut through which my cousins, Harry and Johnny, and I would go to get to the public park a block or so away for fun and play. The garage was filled with treasures of old pieces of various kinds of machinery, tools and miscellaneous parts. It was a marvel in which to explore.

Papa Sharpe's son, Harry Simons (known as "Dee Dee"), and family lived with them in the old Sharpe home as one big community home. Ultimately, after Papa Sharpe died, the family relented to the urgings of the First Baptist Church next door on the north side to sell the home to the church for its expansion. Years later, that congregation relocated to the new suburbs, but a remnant of it remained and the church name was changed to the Main Street Baptist Church.

It is of interest to note that John D. Rockefeller, Sr., the world-known oil industrialist, donated the church bell to that First Baptist Church. The Sharpe's did not realize it while they were neighbors, but Rockefeller was the fourth cousin, twice removed of Harry's great Uncle Johann Philip Rockefeller, husband of Carthrina Sharp.

(Source: The First Baptist Church of Georgetown by Sharon Ducan, an article appearing in the "Williamson County, Texas Sesquicentennial History" 1986.)

The donation is also told in the "Williamson County, Texas, Its History & Its People, by Mrs. Jean Shroyer and Mrs. Hazel Hood, Williamson Genealogical Society, Inc. Round Rock, Texas, 1985, page 21.) We do not know the circumstances which brought Rockefeller to know about the need and to donate a bell to the First Baptist Church of Georgetown. My visit in 2005 to the Main Street Baptist Church offices resulted in my being told that an old time member's recollection was simply that another member took it upon his or her self to write a letter of request to Mr. Rockefeller for the bell. Must have been a well worded letter!

The church's initial use of the old Sharpe home was for its children's ministries. Later, new buildings replaced the old Sharpe home.

Harry died the year the 22nd amendment to the U. S. Constitution was passed, limiting the service in the office of President to two terms. It was the year J. D. Salinger published "The Catcher in the Rye," and the "Caine Mutiny" by Herman Wouk earned a Pulitzer Prize.

Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, page 532.

Papa Sharpe is buried at the cemetery close by the rear of Southwestern University, alongside of his wife. Subsequently, both of his sons and their wives were buried in the same plot. His grandson, Johnny, is also buried in that cemetery.

More About HARRY SETH SHARPE:

Burial: March 1951, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. It is the cemetery northeast a few blocks from Southwestern Methodist University.¹²⁷

Joined Church: June 21, 1903, First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, Texas

Lived at 1: June 08, 1880, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio¹²⁸

Lived at 2: June 09, 1900, Boarding House in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹²⁹

Lived at 3: April 21, 1910, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹³⁰

Lived at 4: September 12, 1918, Draft Card Registration for World War I¹³¹

Lived at 5: January 02, 1920, 1005 Main Street, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹³²

Lived at 6: April 03, 1930, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹³³

Moved to: Abt. 1895, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

Occupation 1: September 12, 1918, Accountant and Clerkcal Worker (unemployed at the time)¹³⁴

Occupation 2: June 09, 1900, Pacific Express Agent¹³⁵

Occupation 3: April 21, 1910, Deputy Sheriff¹³⁶

Occupation 4: January 02, 1920, Deputy Tax Collector, Williamson County Courthouse¹³⁷

Occupation 5: April 03, 1930, Accountant at the City Collector's Office¹³⁸

Owned: April 03, 1930, Home worth \$6,000 and had a radio set in the home¹³⁸

Unemployed: September 12, 1918, Draft Card Registration for World War I

Notes for MATTIE DE NOAILLES SIMONS:

Mattie was born in our nation's centennial year. Novelist Jack London was born. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, and the National Baseball League was founded.

(Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 436-437)

Mattie was born the year that Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for the telephone on March 7, 1876.

Source: <http://www.lucidcafe.com/library/96mar/bell.html>

Mattie had that beautiful French middle name of de Noailles. It apparently came from her grandmother, Anastasia de Noailles Lafayette Hewlett. Also that lovely French name was passed on to her granddaughter, Martha de Noailles Sharpe, who was my sister. Indeed, Mattie's brother, Verner, named a daughter, de Noailles Anastasias Simons. The source of that name in this non-French family is a mystery. However, oral tradition has it that the name was taken from a friend of the family. If such is true, that friend probably was a friend to Lemuel Green Hewlett or Rebecca J. Harvey, the parents living in Hopkins County, Kentucky at the time of the birth of Anastasia de Noailles Lafayette Hewlett (Fannie) and all of her siblings.

Mattie lost her Mother when she was only two months old. Her Mother was only age 20. We do not know the cause of this premature death. Mattie's Father remarried about five years later, but we do not know who, if anybody else, took up the maternal duties for Mattie and older brother, Verner, till the remarriage. It may have been totally a single-parent task by Jim Simons to care for his son and daughter.

After Jim remarried Martha Townes, they bore five sons and a daughter, which were half-siblings for Mattie and her brother, Verner. Jim, Martha and the family moved to Fort Worth in 1908, but that was eight years after Mattie married Harry Sharpe. Mattie and her family continued to live in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

Mattie was a strong wife, mother and was industrious around the house. During the 1930's, when the nation was in the throws of a national economic depression, she operated two businesses out of their home.

First, she cooked and packaged potato chips for sale. They had a little out building behind their home that was called the Potato House. The potato chip inventor was a cook named George Crum, allegedly in August 1853. From many brief tellings, that is all I could find out about the man. But other sources mention his racial background, e.g. "Crum was part Indian, part black, a former guide in the Adirondacks, and in his own way a rather colorful figure in this area" (Gribb 1975). Other times, only his Indian heritage is mentioned (Snack Food Association 1987; Barrett 1941). He is occasionally mentioned in histories of significant African-American figures, but not as often in collections dealing with native Americans. There appears little doubt that he actually existed, was a cook at Moon's Lake House on Saratoga Lake and later purchased his own restaurant on the lake.

Source: <http://www.geography.ccsu.edu/harmonj/atlas/potchips.htm>

Next, Mattie created a boarding house setting whereby she served noon time meals to paying customers. Their home was just a few short walking blocks from the Williamson County Courthouse square, and so much of the business and courthouse community around the

county square patronized this food service. Their clientele included doctors, lawyers and judges.

Mattie lived a full and loving life. She died in 1944 when the nation was in the concluding throws of World War II. The June 6th landing on Normandy shores was made. The Battle of the Bulge took place. Tennessee Williams wrote the "Glass Menagerie." The popular songs that year were "Don't Fence me In," "Rum and Coca Cola," and "Sentimental Journey."

(Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 522-523)

I remember Mattie in a couple of my family's visits to Georgetown in the early 1940's. My recollections of her are from fond memories. Mattie was a credit, both to the Simons family and to the Sharpe family. I was only age five when she died.

She was a strong and active member of the Presbyterian Church, and had a lot to do with my father's spiritual upbringing that resulted in his going into the Presbyterian ministry.

Mattie lies beside her husband in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

More About MATTIE DE NOAILLES SIMONS:

Alt. Birth Location: August 20, 1876, Circleville, Williamson County, Texas¹³⁹

Burial: Aft. February 24, 1944, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

Joined Church: June 21, 1903, First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, Texas

Lived at 1: April 21, 1910, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁴⁰

Lived at 2: June 02, 1880, Precinct #6, Williamson County, Texas¹⁴¹

Occupation: April 21, 1910, Operated Boarding House¹⁴²

More About HARRY SHARPE and MATTIE SIMONS:

Marriage: June 07, 1900, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁴³

Children of HARRY SHARPE and MATTIE SIMONS are:

38. i. REV. DWIGHT ALFRED⁹ SHARPE, b. September 04, 1901, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas; d. August 02, 1981, Alamo Heights, Bexar County, Texas.
39. ii. HARRY SIMONS SHARPE, b. December 19, 1904, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas; d. September 23, 1977, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

31. CHARLES R.⁸ SHARP (*JOHN ELSEFER*⁷, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born November 23, 1880¹⁴⁴, and died December 10, 1950. He married HELEN. She was born 1893, and died Aft. 1983.

Notes for CHARLES R. SHARP:

Charles was born the same year as Douglas MacArthur , the American general who achieved acclaim as a grand strategist in World War II and in Korea , was born. He was born the same year that John L. Lewis (2/12/1880 - 6/11/1969), the American labor leader and founder of the C.I.O., was born in Iowa.

Source: <http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/USALewisJL.htm>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_MacArthur

Charles was Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, but the city is uncertain. Apparently he moved from his hometown of Ravenna, Ohio about 1921 to another Ohio town of uncertain spelling, "Wood..gt..e." to stay for eight years. Then, he moved to Columbus, Ohio about 1929 and had been living there 13 years when he wrote the January 22, 1942 letter to his half brother, Harry Seth Sharpe, who then resided in Georgetown, Texas. This letter mostly discussed the estate left by the July 12, 1940 death of Willis Sharpe Kilmer, who was a first cousin, once removed of these two men. It also is the source of the residential information just cited.

More About CHARLES R. SHARP:

Executor was: His wife, Helen

Lived at 1: 220 Myrtle Street, Ravenna, Ohio, 44266

Lived at 2: Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio¹⁴⁵

Occupation: Bond business

Will proved: 1951, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio

Children of CHARLES SHARP and HELEN are:

40. i. JAMES F.⁹ SHARP.

41. ii. JOHN R. SHARP, b. June 26, 1915, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio; d. June 12, 1992, Wolf Lauel, near Mars Hill, North Carolina.

32. MARY⁸ SHARPE (*HENRY⁷, JOHN ELSEFER⁶ SHARP, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) She married WOODBRIDGE.

More About MARY SHARPE:

Lived at: 1924, Oakland, Tacoma County, Washington

Child of MARY SHARPE and WOODBRIDGE is:

i. FRED SHARPE⁹ WOODBRIDGE.

Generation No. 5

33. CHRISTINE SHARPE⁹ JENKINS (*MARY JANE⁸ SHARP, PETER G.⁷, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born 1876. She married STEPHENS.

Child of CHRISTINE JENKINS and STEPHENS is:

- i. CHRISTINE JENKINS¹⁰ STEPHENS, b. 1921.

Notes for CHRISTINE JENKINS STEPHENS:

In 1921, the year of her birth, West Virginia imposed the first state sales tax.

Source:

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050503.html?th&emc=th>

Also, in the year of Christine's birth, on Aug. 11, 1921, Alex Haley, who chronicled generations of struggles and accomplishments of American blacks, was born. It turned out later, during World War II, that Mr. Haley was a next desk companion in the United States Coast Guard in New York City with my future brother-in-law, the Rev. Dr. Andrew Albert Jumper. They both were clerk typists.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alex_Haley
D. A. Sharpe, personal knowledge

34. ALFRED⁹ SHARP (*BEMENT⁸, DAVID⁷, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*)

More About ALFRED SHARP:

Lived at: Baltimore, Maryland

Children of ALFRED SHARP are:

- i. ALDRED E.¹⁰ SHARP, JR..

More About ALDRED E. SHARP, JR.:

Lived at: 1939, Baltimore, Maryland

- ii. ELSA SHARP, m. WOODAMAN.

More About ELSA SHARP:

Lived at: 1939, Annapolis, Maryland

- iii. JUNE SHARP, m. HIGLEY.

More About JUNE SHARP:

Lived at: 1939, Baltimore, Maryland

35. HOLLAND⁹ SHARPE (*ALFRED LANSING⁸, JOHN ELSEFER⁷ SHARP II, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born September 17, 1897. She married FROST WOODHULL¹⁴⁶ 1925, son of J. WOODHULL and LULU FROST. He was born Abt. 1888 in Texas¹⁴⁶.

Notes for HOLLAND SHARPE:

Four days after Holland was born, The New York Sun ran an editorial that answered a question from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon: "Is there a Santa Claus?"

Source: <http://www.stormfax.com/virginia.htm>

Allegedly, Holland was shot with a pistol by her father at some time in her late youth. Tragically, her father turned the firearm upon himself, it is said, inflicting a fatal wound. She obviously survived the wound, if there is truth to this story. We really have no documentation about any of this, as it merely is oral tradition handed down to me by my first cousin, Harry Franklin Sharpe.

Holland went to live with her uncle and aunt, George and Lula Gillette of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. Holland was still in that home at the occurrence of the 1920 US Census.

Holland married a Mr. Woodhull and resided for many years in San Antonio, Texas at 1510 Howard Street.

More About HOLLAND SHARPE:

Lived at 1: 1987, 1510 Howard Street, San Antonio, Texas

Lived at 2: April 05, 1930, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas¹⁴⁶

More About FROST WOODHULL:

Lived at: April 05, 1930, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas¹⁴⁶

Profession: April 05, 1930, Lawyer¹⁴⁶

More About FROST WOODHULL and HOLLAND SHARPE:

Marriage: 1925

Child of HOLLAND SHARPE and FROST WOODHULL is:

- i. JOHN¹⁰ WOODHULL¹⁴⁶, b. March 1930¹⁴⁶.

Notes for JOHN WOODHULL:

John died the same month as when William Howard Taft, the 27th president and a former chief justice of the United States, died in Washington, D.C., at age 72 on March 8, 1930. Taft was the father-in-law of Eleanor Kellogg Chase Taft, my sixth cousin, once removed.

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

More About JOHN WOODHULL:

Lived at: April 05, 1930, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas¹⁴⁷

36. MAYBELLE ALBERTA⁹ SHARPE (*DWIGHT ELSEFER*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ SHARP II, *JOHN*

*ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born February 15, 1883 in Cook County, Illinois, and died June 15, 1973 in Illinois. She married GUY E. KILLIE.

Notes for MAYBELLE ALBERTA SHARPE:

Maybelle was born on the first birthday of John Barrymore (2/15/1882 - 5/29/1942), the American actor.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000858/>

More About MAYBELLE ALBERTA SHARPE:

Lived at: 10883 Prospect Avenue, Chicago 43, Illinois

Social Security Number: 324-40-4466

Children of MAYBELLE SHARPE and GUY KILLIE are:

- i. LOUISE¹⁰ KILLIE, b. 1908.

Notes for LOUISE KILLIE:

Louise was born the year Ian Fleming was born (5/28/1908 - 8/12/1964), the English novelist who created James Bond character.

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

She was born also in the year that Mel Blanc (5/30/1908 - 7/10/1989) was born, the American entertainer who created voices for radio, television and film characters.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000305/>

More About LOUISE KILLIE:

Lived at: Chicago, Illinois

Occupation: Teacher of High School Botany

Published: A Botany text book for high school

- ii. ALBERTA KILLIE, b. 1910.

Notes for ALBERTA KILLIE:

Alberta's mother reported in a July 1, 1946 letter to Uncle Harry Seth Sharpe that Alberta had left the staff of the University of Chicago Press three months prior and had joined Rand McNally Company.

Alberta is the relative who provided a good deal of Sharpe ancestry in reply to my now deceased brother-in-law, Victor Marcus Ehlers, Jr. Vic located Alberta in Chicago and maintained a correspondence for a while, and some of

that material fortunately found its way into the database in my files.

More About ALBERTA KILLIE:

Lived at: 1971, At home with her mother¹⁴⁸

Occupation 1: Editor

Occupation 2: Librarian

37. DON ALLEN⁹ SHARPE (*DWIGHT ELSEFER*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹)^{149,150} was born December 04, 1887 in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio^{151,152}, and died January 1960¹⁵³. He married AUDRIE MAY PALMER^{154,155} August 18, 1910¹⁵⁵, daughter of WILLIAM PALMER and ALICE PLATTER. She was born March 06, 1888 in Hicksville, Ohio¹⁵⁵.

Notes for DON ALLEN SHARPE:

His death was reported in the September 12, 1962 letter of Alberta Killie, his sister, addressed to the law firm in Binghamton, New York that was administering the estate of Willis Sharp Kilmer. The Census of 1930 for Don's household in Cook County, Illinois indicated that he had no military service. That Census indicated the family did not own their residence, but rather they paid a monthly rental of \$100.

More About DON ALLEN SHARPE:

Lived at: April 08, 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois¹⁵⁶

Occupation 1: 1930, Assistant Cashier in the Steel Industry¹⁵⁷

Occupation 2: April 08, 1930, Assistant Cashier for the Steel Workers Union¹⁵⁸

More About AUDRIE MAY PALMER:

Graduated: 1919, University of Illinois

Lived at: April 08, 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois¹⁵⁸

Occupation: 1930, Public School teacher¹⁵⁹

More About DON SHARPE and AUDRIE PALMER:

Marriage: August 18, 1910¹⁶⁰

Children of DON SHARPE and AUDRIE PALMER are:

42.
 - i. CAPTAIN KENNETH PALMER¹⁰ SHARPE, b. August 17, 1911, Illinois; d. August 20, 1991.
 - ii. BETTIE MAE SHARPE, b. 1919; m. ROBERT W. MEISTER.

More About BETTIE MAE SHARPE:

Lived at: April 08, 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois¹⁶¹

38. REV. DWIGHT ALFRED⁹ SHARPE (*HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born September 04, 1901 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, and died August 02, 1981 in Alamo Heights, Bexar County, Texas¹⁶². He married MARTHA DIXON CHAPMAN May 31, 1926 in Lufkin, Angelinia County, Texas¹⁶³, daughter of JAMES CHAPMAN and MARGARET ABNEY. She was born April 05, 1904 in Lufkin, Angelinia County, Texas¹⁶⁴, and died August 02, 1979 in Alamo Heights, Bexar County, Texas¹⁶⁵.

Notes for REV. DWIGHT ALFRED SHARPE:

Dwight Alfred Sharpe was born the year that George Gallup (11/18/1901 - 7/26/1984), the American statistician and pioneering opinion researcher, was born. They died just less than three years apart.

This is the story of my father.

The guiding spiritual light in the family for Dwight's early years was his Mother, who saw to it that he had an involved and effective life in the First Presbyterian Church there in Georgetown. The Williamson County Sun newspaper issue of June 7, 1979, published an extensive full page article and pictures on page 11 about the 125th recognition of the church's anniversary. Dwight was cited as being one of only three members of that church who went into the pastoral ministry over the 125 year time of its existance at that time.

Dwight's approval for candidacy for the Gospel Ministry was given by the Session of that church in 1922. I have a photocopy of the Minutes of the Session meeting. This was just after the retirement of Rev. M. C. Hutton, who was cited as one of the most effective pastors in that church's history, serving some 35 years from 1886 till 1921. He was the pastor who we understand had influence and encouragement to Dwight in his thinking and feeling a call to the ministry. The Session minutes were much more descriptive about the praisable characteristics of Dwight than typical minutes are in today's world of just recording that the action was approved. Those details are a little later in this narrative.

Dwight was born in the year (in fact, just two days before) that President William McKinley was assassinated by an anarchist and was succeeded by Theodore Roosevelt. Roosevelt, is the fifth cousin to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Dwight's half seventh cousin, once removed. President William McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, was electrocuted October 29, 1901, just 55 days after the terrible event! WOW! Is that not justice faster than we see today?

It was the same year (1901) the Social Revolutionary Party was founded in Russia, later to be what we came to know as Communism. Film producer Walt Disney was born this year. Industrialist J. P. Morgan organized the U. S Steel Corporation and the first American Bowling Club tournament was held in Chicago. (Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 454-455) And he was born a few monts after England's Queen Victoria died in January.

The famous Jazz player, Louis Armstrong was born the year of Dwight's birth. Two days before Dwight was born, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt's famous advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick," was offered in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair. That was the same

day as the assassination of President McKinley.

On Dwight's 17th birthday, the beginning of his senior year in High School, September 4, 1918, there was the birth of Paul Harvey, who later would become a world-wide known radio commentator, even still broadcasting in 2006 as Paul celebrated his 88th birthday.

Dwight was President of his 1918 High School graduating class in Georgetown, Texas. He also was Business Manager of the School Annual, Salutatorian of his class, Vice President of the Literary Society, had a role in the Senior Play and lettered two years on the track team. In the yearbook, the Senior Class prophesy about him was to become a famous Texas lawyer! He created a life-long bond of friendship with fellow student Walter Johnson, a neighbor who was physically disabled and required personal tutoring during junior high and high school years. Dwight gave generously of his time. Walter married a woman who taught school and they lived a wonderful life in the Hill Country of Texas on one of those clear spring fed creeks. We visited them several times over the years while I was a young boy.

The high school data was made available to me when Mr. Tass Waterston, a member of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, visited me soon after my 1982 arrival on the staff of that church. He brought the 1918 High School Yearbook of his and I was able to photo copy relevant pages. Tass was a "best friend" and the same age as my father's younger brother as they all grew up in Georgetown. Tass has now passed on to graduation to heaven, but I was able to get to know his son, Tom Lee Waterston, and his grandsons, Tass Waterston II and Ted Waterston. Ted and his family have continued as members of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, whereas the rest of the family has moved out of town by now. Ted served that church as a Deacon.

Dwight worked in a general and grocery store, and the many migrant workers created the environment in which he learned to converse in Spanish pretty well. This enabled him in later years to preach occasionally for Hispanic congregations.

He attended for one year the University of Kentucky, the state which had been his mother's family's home from where they migrated to Texas. While attending Kentucky, he stayed with a relative of his mother's, in a sense, a man called Uncle Tom Vance. Next, he attended for a year Southwestern University, a Methodist institution located in his hometown of Georgetown. Dwight's photograph is in the 1921 Southwestern University yearbook that my niece, Nancy Lea Ehlers Reeves, now has from materials she received after her Mom, Martha de Noailles Sharpe Ehlers, died. Martha is a daughter of Dwight's and is my sister.

The 1920 U. S. Census for Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky has him living with the family of John T. Vance, age 62, whose wife's name was Glenna (legibility question), also age 62, and a 26 year old daughter named Mary. Possibly, the middle initial of "T" is for the Tom that we have understood was the home where Dwight resided while at school. This Mr. Vance would have been born in 1858. The Census entry shows Mr. Vance was born in Texas, but that his father and mother were born in Kentucky. The 1860 Census of Lexington, Burlison County, Texas shows him in the house of Charles Vance, with Tom being age three.

It is curious to know that a Mr. Charles P. Vance moved from Kentucky to Texas as around 1854, settling initially in Circleville where the Alfred Simons family settled, coming from Kentucky. James A. Simons, born in Kentucky in 1852, and whose family came to

Circleville in 1852, later, as an adult, went into mercantile business with Mr. Vance, both in Circleville and later in Taylor. Both of these towns are in Williamson County, Texas.

Since Mr. John T. Vance, with whom Dwight lived in Kentucky in 1920, was born in 1858 in Texas, it can be assumed that John T. Vance was a son of Charles P. Vance, and a brother to the Vance daughter, Sarah. If that kind of family connection does not exist, we do not have any other logical reason that Dwight went to Kentucky and lodged with the Vances in Lexington. I think the set of relationships conjectured are likely, and I am recording them in my records until and unless other proof surfaces. It is interesting that the Vance families had connections to towns named Lexington, both in Kentucky and in Texas. Since their move to Texas in the early 1850's was when so many communities were just being established, one wonders if one name influenced the other.

The Minutes of the Session, July 26, 1922, record the declarations of his presence before them, seeking endorsement for his candidacy:

"Mr. D. A. Sharpe, a communing member of this, the Georgetown Presbyterian Church (as it was called then), presented himself before the Session and communicated the fact that he felt a call from the Holy Spirit to enter the Gospel Ministry and to devote his whole time, first to the preparation for such work, and then to the active ministry in the Presbyterian Church in the United States. After an examination of Brother Sharpe, touching his determination to enter the ministry, the sureness of his call by the Holy Spirit, and his need of financial aid in prosecuting his studies and receiving the Seminary courses, the Session, by a unanimous vote, gives unanimous testimony to his good, moral character, to the fact that he is a faithful, consecrated and active communicating member of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church in good standing and we recommend him to the Presbytery of Central Texas for reception under its care as a fit candidate for the Gospel Ministry, and ask the Presbytery to furnish and secure for him such financial aid as may be required for the prosecution of his studies in the University of Texas and the Presbyterian Seminary."

Dwight graduated from the University of Texas in 1925 and from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1926.

He spent his career continuously serving, mostly in Texas, as pastor of churches in this order: Laredo (1926), Little Rock (Arkansas 1929), Ballinger (1935), Houston (1941), Sweetwater (1951), Dallas (1954), San Antonio (1958), Ruidoso (New Mexico (1963), and finally at Houston (1965) for a new church development. In several of these cities, he was a member of Rotary International, a community service organization of business and professional people associated across the world. From my memory, they included Dallas (Fair Park Club), Sweetwater and San Antonio, and probably included other communities without my recollection or knowledge.

After arriving on staff here at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in 1982, I was visited by an Elder of the church, Mr. Austin B. Watson. He gave me a telephone directory page, complete with photographs of those listed, of the 1955 Fair Park Rotary Club of Dallas. Austin, still a member of that club, had been there when my father was a member. It was so nice of him to give me the page where my Dad was listed, along with his photograph. Austin went on to join Dwight in heaven in 2003.

Dwight was a reconciler and a rebuildier of churches. Many of his calls were to churches that had experienced some sort of set back in the immediate past, and he came to help things get mended in the church's ministries.

A married couple at Trinity Church in Houston went to the mission field in the Belgium Congo 1951-1968. Eric S. Bolton was an architect and his wife, Ruth Lomig Bolton, was an administration worker. Missions was a strong emphasis for Dwight's ministry and for Texas Presbyterian Churches.

Retired missionary Winnifred K. Vass compiled a roster in 1986 of all 427 Presbyterian missionaries who had served over the years in the Presbyterian Congo Mission. Texas was represented by 65 (15%) of all who had gone from 30 states. This certainly is a disproportionately large share from Texas, representing more than twice what would be the average. Winney, spent her retired life as a member of Highland Park Presbyterian Church and she, along with her missionary husband, Lachlin Vass, live at Presbyterian Village North in Dallas, a retirement community that the people of Highland Park Presbyterian Church developed. Lach was on the HPPC Business Office staff when I arrived, then he retired in 1983. I selected his son-in-law, Mr. Todd W. Rutenbar, to take Lach's place, working with me as my Assistant Business Manager. Todd was still working with there when I retired in 2004. Lach and Winnie still lived at PVN.

My Father's last call in the ministry was to be the establishing evangelist for a new church development in Houston, Texas under what then was known as Brazos Presbytery (now known as New Covenant Presbytery). "Brazos" his Presbytery in Houston means "arms" or "hugs" in Spanish, as my niece Frances Barton Boggess tells me. He assumed the position of Evangelist and organizing pastor for the Presbytery for the church to be Gulf Meadows Presbyterian Church at 8000 Fuqua Street at Ballantine in distant southwest Houston. He assumed the post on April 3, 1966 and got a good start, even having a handful of members who formerly were at Lawndale Presbyterian Church in earlier years (1941-51) when he pastored there. Unfortunately, the pastor following him experienced misconduct problems that ultimately resulted in the church disbanding. The church had had a good start, but was not yet strong enough to survive such a bump in the road. I think that pastor got too organized. It was said he, a married man, ran away with the organist! Though I never met that pastor, he was the brother of a young lady I dated a few times while we were students at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Both she and her husband became good, productive members of a prominent church in Houston and assumed leadership roles, but I won't mention her name here after I've described unfortunate things about her brother.

The invitation letter for his retirement services, dated April 8, 1968, was received by various members of our family. It came from Reuben Meeks, Committee Chairman at the Gulf Meadows Presbytery Church and a former member of our Lawndale Presbyterian Church. His retirement reception was the afternoon of April 28, 1968 at the church. It was a wonderful occasion for our family to attend. This was the conclusion of forty two years as a Presbyterian pastor. Suzanne and I, along with our two children (Todd wasn't born yet), were there.

Dwight and Martha had purchased a home for retirement in San Antonio (Alamo Heights). Since it was purchased more than a year prior to planned retirement, it was leased to tenants. Unfortunately, when they finally retired, the renters, for some reason not acceptable to Dwight and Martha, were unable to vacate the house on time. Dwight and Martha had to make

temporary digs do till they could get over this frustration.

This was a their last home and a lovely home it was in a lovely neighborhood of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. Actually it was in a suburb named Alamo Heights, a city surrounded by San Antonio. They were just two blocks from the Alamo Heights Presbyterian Church, which they made as their church home. He was used to teach an Adult Sunday School Class up until about six months prior to his death at age 80, which have him good outlets to use his pastoral gifts. The pastoral staff also used him for visitation and other duties useful for the ministry of the church. This was volunteer work, to my knowledge, and a labor of love for him.

His primary hobby through many of the years of his life was photography. It manifested itself to most people through the hundreds of unique Christmas cards with family members that he created for over 30 years. He used the typewriter much for his correspondence, Bible study and sermon preparation. It was mostly an ancient Underwood manual typewriter, on which he typed using what we laughingly called the Bible Method he would seek and find! He may have been one of the fastest typists using only the index fingers of his two hands that I have ever witnessed. Finally, around the mid 1970's, he acquired a portable electric typewriter from Sears!

He was a prolific reader, both of periodicals and books. He held his children to high standards for academic achievement, and that was successful for his daughters.

Dwight involved himself in the communities where the family lived. He would join civic organizations and do joint ministries with other churches. He often became known in the public media, as evidenced by this delightful column by Renwicke Cary in the "San Antonio Light" newspaper issue of August 4, 1963:

"Back to the word 'breeches' (pounced britches by many Texans) and its use in several places in different versions of the Bible. Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe, pastor of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, notes there was one edition of the Geneva Bible (1560) that became popularly known as the 'breeches Bible.'" This because 'breeches' appeared in Genesis 3:7. The verse concluded: 'And they (Adam and Eve) sewed fig tree leaves together and made them breeches As a matter of fact, however, Sharpe says, the same rendering of the verse was found in Wycliffe Bible (1380).

"Still on the subject of Bibles of the centuries past, we are reminded that the first printed copy of the whole Bible was the Coverdale Bible of 1535. Sharpe says: 'It's a credit to the printers that there were few typographical errors in the early Bibles.' Even so, he reports, in the second edition of the Geneva Bible (1562), Matthew 5:9 was made to read: 'Blessed are the placemakers, instead of peacemakers.' As a consequence, collectors designated this as the 'Placemaker Bible.' Sharpe also tells of a 'Printer's Bible,' explaining: 'This was the name applied to the King James edition of 1653 because in Psalms 119:161, King David was made to say: 'Printers have persecuted me without cause.' It should have read, 'princes,' of course."

Both Dwight and Martha were very quiet regarding the subject of politics. They felt that whatever political views they held should not become known to the public of their congregation, since ministry was still to be given to people of all political persuasions. They did not even allow me to know how they voted or what political party they supported until

well into my adult life, after I became an active Republican. Dad told me that they had always voted Republican, and living in what was virtually an all Democratic Party state in Texas most of their lives, it was best for his ministry to keep that to themselves. I recall that many of our close family friends were active Democrats and Labor Union members (particularly in the Houston years of the 1940's) and that did not affect our opportunity to have close Christian relationships with them.

When Dwight died, he was found in bed on August 8, 1981. That has been the official published date of his death. However, judging from when it was reported he was last seen by neighbors and by the dates on accumulated newspapers and mail at his home, he apparently passed away in his sleep on the night of Sunday, August 2nd, two years to the day that Martha also went to be with our Lord in her sleep. He lacked a month of reaching his 80th birthday. Dwight's funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Newton Cox, pastor of the Alamo Heights Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, Texas, and assisted by an old friend of Dwight's, a retired minister, the Rev. Mr. John Parse. The funeral was at the church at 10:00 AM on August 12, and the grave side service was later in the day in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, some 110 miles away. He rested near his wife, his parents and other relatives at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, near the campus of Southwestern University, the oldest continuously operating school of higher learning in Texas, operated by the Methodist Church. This is the college where he attended his sophomore year, that his great grand daughter, Victoria (Vicky) Lea Reeves attended, having entered as a freshman in 2003.

On October 20, 1981, the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas, passed a resolution that on Sunday, November 15, Dwight would be honored and memorialized for his faithful service of ten years there with the dedication of a pew. His daughter, Martha, and her husband, Vic, attended the dedication service on November 15, 1981 at the church to represent the family. During his ministry there, according to the Sessional Resolution, Dwight received 312 members by transfer of church membership, 164 members by profession of faith in Jesus Christ (I was one of those on Palm Sunday, 1951!), baptizing 91 of those, baptizing 99 infants and receiving 11 of their parents on profession of faith at the same time. Under his ministry, three young men made commitments to the Gospel Ministry and one couple went to the mission field in the Congo. He administered infant baptism to all nine of his grand children.

Dwight lived to see one of his great grand children, Matthew, son of Kevin and Nancy Reeves. Nancy is the daughter of Dwight's daughter, Martha. We are proud of Matthew in the family sense, as he married Libby and they went on to give issue to the first eighth generation Texan member of our family in 2005, Benjamin Thomas Reeves.

Dwight Alfred Sharpe was a man of unquestioned integrity and was known as a man with a pastor's heart. He provided well for his family, raising children who were a credit to their parents' Christian values.

More About REV. DWIGHT ALFRED SHARPE:

Alternate Death Date: August 08, 1981, Alamo Heights, Bexar County, Texas¹⁶⁶

Attended 1: Bet. 1919 - 1920, University of Kentucky¹⁶⁷

Attended 2: Bet. 1920 - 1921, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Williamson County,

Texas^{168,169}

Burial: August 05, 1981, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

Census: 1920, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky¹⁷⁰

Entered: 1914, Georgetown High School, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁷¹

Graduated 1: June 08, 1925, University of Texas @ Austin, Texas, Bachelor of Arts Degree¹⁷²

Graduated 2: June 1919, Georgetown High School, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas^{172,173}

Graduated 3: 1926, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas

Graduated 4: June 1926, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Travis County, Texas

Graduation Honors: 1919, Salutatorian of the senior class of Georgetown High School, Williamson County, Texas^{173,174}

Joined Church: April 16, 1916, Georgetown Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, Texas¹⁷⁵

Lived at 1: April 21, 1910, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁷⁶

Lived at 2: January 02, 1920, 1005 Main Street, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁷⁷

Lived at 3: January 09, 1920, 454 North Broadway Street, Lexington, Lafayette County, Kentucky¹⁷⁸

Lived at 4: April 04, 1930, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas¹⁷⁹

Lived at 5: Bet. 1968 - 1981, Alamo Heights, Bexar County, Texas

Member: Bef. 1922, Georgetown Presbyterian Church, Williamson County, Texas

Occupation: April 04, 1930, Presbyterian Minister¹⁷⁹

Ordination: June 1926, West Texas Presbytery

Retirement: June 01, 1968, After forty-two years as a Presbyterian pastor

Social Security Number: 457-62-3547

Notes for MARTHA DIXON CHAPMAN:

My mother, Martha, was born the year that Theodore Roosevelt had his first election to the Presidency of the United States, after having succeeding William McKinley who was assassinated while President. This was the year that author Jack London published "The Sea-Wolf." Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" opera opened in Milan, Italy. Work began on the Panama Canal. The Rolls-Royce Company was founded in England. Helen Keller graduated from Radcliffe College and the Broadway subway opened in New York City.

(Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 456-457)

Martha was born in her Lufkin home at 419 Abney Avenue. Living on a street with your family name is a hint as to the place the family held in the eye of the community. Her church life was in the First Methodist Church. Martha was ages five and 21 when her parents died, which was a hardship. She and her younger brother, Herschell Albert Chapman, were raised after Maggie's 1909 death by their grandmother and grandfather, Martha Jane Dixon Abney and James William Abney. Dr. James Herschell Chapman, their father, resided with them in the Abney home for a while.

Martha Jane Dixon Abney, Martha's grandmother, was widowed in 1913, and Dr. Chapman soon moved out from the house. He had been much older than his wife, Maggie, actually being only one year younger than his mother-in-law, Martha Jane Dixon Abney. Family oral tradition reported that he felt it was more appropriate to move out, as it did not

reflect the proper appearances for an unmarried man and woman so close in age to be domiciled together.

Maggie continued to raise his children, Herschell and Martha, in her home. After Dr. Chapman married the third and last time, to a woman named Josephine, his contacts with the Abney family apparently became somewhat detached, or at least the recording of continuing relationship has not been identified by me.

Martha had a high school teacher of science named Mr. Blevins. It is of interest to know that he also taught me in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas during my ninth grade in 1954, at Alex W. Spence Junior High School. There is also a Miss Bess Wood of Lufkin who taught at that same Dallas school at the time, and who remembers my being there. She is Lillian's Aunt, Tempy Wood Abney's sister. Bess was born March 17, 1897. In 1987, Bess resided at the Angelina Nursing Home.

Martha attended the University of Texas at Austin, graduating in June of 1925. On the certified copy I have of the information she completed with her application to college, on the blank requesting her home address, said "No Street Address." When you live on the street bearing your family name (Abney) and you are the only "mansion" on it, apparently there is no need for an address back then. You could just address a letter to them in Lufkin! Such were the days!

She was elected a member of the honor society, Phi Beta Kappa, according to the certified college transcript copy, the first scholastic fraternity in America. Phi Beta Kappa was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia on December 5, 1776.

She had a double major in Latin and Greek. She was then engaged to fellow University of Texas student and Austin Theological Presbyterian Seminary student, Dwight Alfred Sharpe. She taught in the Lufkin Public Schools the ensuing year after graduation.

Martha's education was in the classics, which was the usual major for the very few women of that day who were privileged to attend college. Martha and her husband-to-be would be the first generation of our family to graduate from the University of Texas. Now, three generations have graduated from there and a fourth maybe is on his way!

Growing out of that refined education was her skill in writing. I cherish the one "love letter" that came into my possession only in recent years that my Mother sent to my Father during the year that she taught school in Lufkin and he completed his Seminary studies in Austin before they married. Here is how the letter of October 20, 1925 went:

"Dearest Sweetheart

"Please forgive me for writing on this paper. I'm in a powerful big hurry and can't hunt for any more. Last night I had so many papers to grade that I got sleepy and went to bed without ever writing to the sweetest person on earth. I thought about you, dearest, between papers and the last thing before I went to sleep, and the first thing this morning. Honey, you're in my heart all the time. I'm going to scribble this off just so it can be mailed this morning, and it won't be late. Tell me if you get it tomorrow morning.

"I'm the happiest thing because I had a sweet letter waiting for me from your mother yesterday when I came in from school. Dwight, already I just love her to death. Don't tell your father, but she said when he read my first letter, he said "Well, I'm kinda left out on this deal." She said he was a little jealous, but said she was to send his love anyway. Now I just believe I will write him a little note or letter all to himself. I may enclose it with your next letter and you can give it to him when you pass through Georgetown Saturday. Is that all right? You know how easy it is for women to talk to each other, but because I'd never met him, I just felt a timidity in writing.

"The funny thing about it is that I was writing to your mother the same time she was writing to me. Guess she received mine yesterday too.

"Sweetheart, love me lots and don't blame me for writing like this. I just had so much work. I'll promise never to let it happen again. I'll write again tomorrow night.

"Must hurry up and eat breakfast now. Want to eat with me? I built the fire this morning.

Lovingly, Your own Martha"

Well, how's that for good romantic gush! Wonderful!

Serving as wife of the Pastor suited Martha well. She loved living the role and the people loved her doing it. After marriage, her only gainful employment was as a public school teacher in Houston, Harris County, Texas during the World War II years when there were such shortages of people to teach. During her daughters' high school years, she served as adult sponsor for the High School Youth Fellowship at the Central Park Presbyterian Church, located in the 6900 block of Sherman, a couple of blocks east of 75th Street, near Wayside Boulevard. Fondly remembered by me are the summer trips on the weekends when the whole Sharpe family and the Youth Fellowship spent all day Saturdays at Stuart's Beach in Galveston on the Gulf of Mexico. One of my favorite memories were the many times when we went riding on the old fashioned wooden roller coaster!

Reading was also an avocation for Martha. She "screened" much material for Dwight, marking articles and books she thought it would be good for him to read. She truly was a helpmate for her husband in all of the best senses of that concept. She was a lady of the South in all of its good senses of culture and heritage. And she was a wonderful mother to me, always holding up the bar for me to climb higher for better things.

Her remains left behind when she graduated to heaven are deposited in the grave site adjacent to her husband in the Georgetown Cemetery, near Southwestern University, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

More About MARTHA DIXON CHAPMAN:

Burial: August 05, 1979, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁸⁰

Elected: Bet. 1924 - 1925, Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Society, University of Texas Chapter¹⁸¹

Entered: 1917, Lufkin High School, Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas¹⁸²
Graduated 1: June 08, 1925, University of Texas at Austin, Texas, Bachelor of Arts Degree¹⁸³
Graduated 2: 1921, Lufkin High School, Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas¹⁸⁴
Lived at: April 21, 1910, Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas¹⁸⁵
Member: Bef. 1921, Methodist Church, Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas¹⁸⁶
Social Security Number: 455-17-8818¹⁸⁷

Marriage Notes for DWIGHT SHARPE and MARTHA CHAPMAN:

Dwight was a 1925 graduated student from the University of Texas, as well as a 1926 graduated student from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Martha lived in the Scottish Rite dormitory, which was immediately next door to the seminary on 27th Street. Even today as this is being written, there are several stone benches in the beautifully shaded front yard of the dormitory, and it is upon one of these benches that Dwight is reported to have proposed marriage to Martha, who accepted.

They were married May 31, 1926 in the home of Martha's grandmother, Martha Jane Dixon Abney, who died two years later. Margaret (Maggie) Lavina Abney Chapman, Martha Dixon Chapman's mother, had died when Martha was about 5 years old, and thus her grandmother raised her.

The Abney family were staunch Methodists, and so the officiator at the home wedding was undoubtedly the local Methodist Pastor, but we do not have the name of whomever was the officiating pastor.

This was the year that French impressionist painter Claude Monet died. Author A. A. Milne published "Winnie the Pooh." Duke Ellington's first recordings appeared. The popular songs of the year were "The Desert Song," "Blue Room," "When Day is Done," "I found a Mission Dollar Baby in the Five-and-Ten-Cent Store," and "Bye, Bye, Blackbird." The population of the United States was 115,000,000 and the U.S.S.R. was 148, 000,000.

(Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 490-493)

More About DWIGHT SHARPE and MARTHA CHAPMAN:

Marriage: May 31, 1926, Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas¹⁸⁸

Children of DWIGHT SHARPE and MARTHA CHAPMAN are:

43. i. MARTHA DE NOAILLES¹⁰ SHARPE, b. September 07, 1927, Larado, Webb County, Texas; d. January 17, 2002, Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas.
44. ii. ELIZABETH ANNE SHARPE, b. August 09, 1929, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas; d. December 28, 1973, Saint Louis, Missouri.
45. iii. DWIGHT ALBERT SHARPE, b. June 24, 1939, Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.

39. HARRY SIMONS⁹ SHARPE (*HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born December 19, 1904 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, and died September 23, 1977 in

Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁸⁹. He married VIRGIE LOIS STAPP¹⁹⁰ June 25, 1926 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, daughter of JOHN STAPP and MAE DAVIS. She was born August 16, 1908 in Andice, Williamson County, Texas¹⁹⁰, and died December 02, 1988 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁹¹.

Notes for HARRY SIMONS SHARPE:

Dee Dee was born in 1904, the year the nation elected Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt to the Presidency of the United States. Marlene Dietrich was born in Germany, destined to become a world famous film actress. Jack London wrote "The Sea-Wolf," and G. K. Chesterton wrote "The Napoleon of Notting Hill." Work began on the Panama Canal. The Broadway subway open in New York City, and a policeman arrested a woman there for smoking a cigarette in public.

(Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 456-457)

Dee Dee was born the very same year as was John Sirica (3/19/1904 - 8/14/1992), the United States district court judge that presided at the trial of Watergate burglars (1973), an event that toppled the Presidency of Richard M. Nixon.

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

Dee Dee, as he was known, served in the United States Navy during World War II. After the war, he returned to Georgetown. This was his hometown and the place of his residence his entire life.

He and his wife, Lois, owned and operated the Acme Cleaners and Launderers located on the west side of the town square where the Williamson County Courthouse was the centerpiece of the square. They were affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown.

They lived in the old Sharpe home at 1005 Main Street with his parents, Papa and Mama Sharpe. It was all one big community with three generations living together. It wasn't until after Papa Sharpe died in 1951 that the home was sold to the First Baptist Church next door and a new home was constructed at 1601 Olive, just south of the Southwestern Methodist University.

This home eventually was inherited by their two sons, Harry and Johnny. Johnny bought out Harry's share at a time of financial need for Harry, and after Johnny's death, the home went to Wanda, Johnny's fourth wife.

More About HARRY SIMONS SHARPE:

Burial: Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

Cause of Death: Cancer

Joined Church: April 02, 1916, First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, Texas¹⁹²

Lived at 1: April 03, 1930, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁹³

Lived at 2: April 21, 1910, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁹⁴

Lived at 3: January 02, 1920, 1005 Main Street, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁹⁵

Lived at 4: Abt. 1955, 1601 Olive, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

Occupation: April 03, 1930, Dry Cleaner working at a Laundry¹⁹⁶

Rented Home: April 03, 1930, Paid \$20/month - Lived in home of his parents¹⁹⁶

Notes for VIRGIE LOIS STAPP:

Lois was born the year that Sir Rex Harrison, the Academy Award-winning English stage and film actor, was born on March 5, 1908.

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

Lois is how everybody knew here. She did not like her first name, Virgie, and probably would roll over in her grave if she knew it was included in this report.

Lois was a busy mother and working wife. She was the loyal partner of her husband in the family business, Acme Cleaners and Launderers, located on the square in downtown Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

Lois was born the year Ian Fleming was born (5/28/1908 - 8/12/1964), the English novelist who created James Bond character.

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

More About VIRGIE LOIS STAPP:

Burial: Abt. December 04, 1988, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas¹⁹⁷

Marriage Notes for HARRY SHARPE and VIRGIE STAPP:

Lois and Dee Dee married less than a month after Dwight and Martha married. So the Sharpe family promoted all of its sons to matrimony within a month. In 1926, Queen Elizabeth II of England is born. Writers Ernest Hemingway produced "The Sun Also Rises," and Franz Kafka produced, "The Castle."

(Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, page 490)

More About HARRY SHARPE and VIRGIE STAPP:

Marriage: June 25, 1926, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

Children of HARRY SHARPE and VIRGIE STAPP are:

46. i. HARRY FRANKLIN¹⁰ SHARPE, b. August 14, 1936, Georgetown, Williamson

County, Texas.

47. ii. JOHN EARLE SHARPE, b. September 24, 1946; d. January 31, 1997, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

40. JAMES F.⁹ SHARP (*CHARLES R.*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹)

Notes for JAMES F. SHARP:

Jim served overseas in World War II. He was in ninety days of battle on three fronts and was wounded in the battle of the Bulge during the first three weeks of his service there.

(Source: his father's April 15, 1946 letter to Harry Seth Sharpe). He was discharged in 1946

(Source: his father's June 29, 1946 letter to Harry Seth Sharpe)

More About JAMES F. SHARP:

Served: In the Army, was stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland¹⁹⁸

Children of JAMES F. SHARP are:

- i. DAUGHTER¹⁰ SHARP, b. 1950.
- ii. SON SHARP, b. 1951.

41. JOHN R.⁹ SHARP (*CHARLES R.*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born June 26, 1915 in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, and died June 12, 1992 in Wolf Laue, near Mars Hill, North Carolina¹⁹⁹. He married LEE November 25, 1947. She was born July 22, 1923.

Notes for JOHN R. SHARP:

Jack was born on the first birthday of Babe Zaharias, the American athlete known for her achievements in golf, basketball and track and field, was born.

Source: <http://www.theglassceiling.com/biographies/bio38.htm>

On Jack's second birthday, William Lear (6/26/1902 - 5/14/1978), American industrialist and electrical engineer, was born. You will recall his name on the brand of the jet aircraft his company developed, the Lear Jet. He also was the inventor of the eight track tape used for recorded music.

Source: http://www.todayinsci.com/cgi-bin/indexpage.pl?http://www.todayinsci.com/L/Lear_William/Lear_William.htm

Jack was born the same year as Paul A Samuelson economist (1970 Nobel, 1947 John Bates Clark Medal) was born, May 15, 1915. Samuelson was the author of the economics textbook used in the Economics 101 course I took 1957-58 at Austin College, Sherman, Texas.

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

More About JOHN R. SHARP:

Cause of Death: Cancer

Lived at 1: 1980, Route #3, Wolf Laurel, Mars Hill, North Carolina, 28754

Lived at 2: Detroit, Michigan

Lived at 3: 1970, 391 Live Oak Road, Vero Beach, Florida

Notes for LEE:

Lee was born the very same day as Bob Dole
Former Senate majority leader and presidential candidate.

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

More About JOHN SHARP and LEE:

Marriage: November 25, 1947

Children of JOHN SHARP and LEE are:

- i. JOHN R.¹⁰ SHARP, JR., b. July 04, 1949, Miami, Florida.

Notes for JOHN R. SHARP, JR.:

John 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/>

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

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

John's year of birth, 1949, was the first year that an African American was not lynched in the 20th century.

Source: "One-Night Stands with American History," Richard Shenkman & Kurt Reiger, Perennial Harper Collins Publishers, New York, NY, page 257.

- ii. RUTH NATALIE SHARP, b. July 26, 1950, Detroit, Michigan.

Notes for RUTH NATALIE SHARP:

Ruth was born the same day as was born English actress, Susan George, a social friend who dates Prince Charles upon a few occasions.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0001265/>

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42. CAPTAIN KENNETH PALMER¹⁰ SHARPE (*DON ALLEN*⁹, *DWIGHT ELSEFER*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born August 17, 1911 in Illinois²⁰⁰, and died August 20, 1991²⁰¹. He married AUBREY.

Notes for CAPTAIN KENNETH PALMER SHARPE:

On July 16, 1911, Ginger Rogers, the American actress and dancer who partnered with Fred Astaire in many Hollywood musicals, was born. Her death on April 25, 1995. She was born the year that Kenneth was born. Governor James V. Allred in 1936 may have been the first Texas Governor in giving a commission as an Admiral in the Texas Navy, and it went to dancer Ginger Rogers when she appeared in Dallas at the opening of the new Texas State Fair Grounds in Dallas which opened the Texas Centennial celebration of independence from Mexico. She was most probably the first woman, or anyone for that matter to be so honored.

Source: <http://www.texasnavy.com/history.htm>

Part of his military service, as a dentist, was to direct the dental clinic at Camp Plnche near New Orleans, Louisiana. A newspaper social report, April 5, 1922 in the "Decatur Review" (Illinois) indicates that Kenneth and Aubrey Sharpe were visited in their home by John and Harold Barkhurst, thus indicating tht the Sharpe's lived in Decatur in 1922. In the "Decatur Review" of March 26, 1926, a social column reported that Kenneth and Aubrey attended an affair on March 20 in the home of Joe Johnson, two miles north of Lakewood, Illinois.

More About CAPTAIN KENNETH PALMER SHARPE:

Lived at 1: 10445 South Kenneth AVenue, Oaklawn, Illinois

Lived at 2: April 08, 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois²⁰²

Occupation: Dentist²⁰³

Children of KENNETH SHARPE and AUBREY are:

- i. VICKI ANN¹¹ SHARPE, b. 1943, Illinois; m. ROBERT WHIPPLE.

Notes for VICKI ANN SHARPE:

Vicki Ann Sharpe 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.

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

Vicki Ann is my second cousin, once removed.

More About VICKI ANN SHARPE:

Lived at: 10445 S. Kenneth Avenue, Oaklawn, Illinois

- ii. BETTY MAY SHARPE, m. ROBERT W. MEISTER²⁰⁴.

More About BETTY MAY SHARPE:

Lived at: 2239 Market Street, Blue Island, Illinois

Notes for ROBERT W. MEISTER:

Bob served in the military during World War II in Germany first, then in Japan.

43. MARTHA DE NOAILLES¹⁰ SHARPE (*DWIGHT ALFRED*⁹, *HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born September 07, 1927 in Larado, Webb County, Texas, and died January 17, 2002 in Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas. She married VICTOR MARCUS EHLERS, JR. September 06, 1947 in Central Park Presbyterian Church, Houston, Harris County, Texas. It later became Trinity Presbyterian Church, son of VICTOR EHLERS and EDITH AMBERG. He was born May 25, 1923, and died April 26, 1985 in Austin, Travis County, Texas,.

Notes for MARTHA DE NOAILLES SHARPE:

The 1927 year of Martha's birth was a whirlwind year for the nation. Frank Billings Kellogg, U.S. Secretary of State, proposed a pact for reunification of the world powers to conclude the loose strings remaining from World War I. It was finally agreed to the following year and became known as the Kellogg-Briand Pact. His accomplishments with that pact earned him the 1929 Nobel Peace Prize. Frank is Martha's sixth cousin, twice removed.

It also was the year Ernest Hemingway wrote his "Men without Women" short stories, Franz Kafka wrote "Amerika," Upton Sinclair wrote "Oil" and Sinclair Lewis wrote "Elmer Gantry." The theater world was stunned with the first talkie movie, "The Jazz Singer," starring Al Jolson. That exciting introduction to audio thrill began with the curtain raising to an empty dark screen, the audience embracing a stillness of silence, which was shattered with the golden-throated voice of Al Jolson saying from the blank screen, "You ain't heard nothing yet!"

For the musical lovers, Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II wrote "Show Boat." Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart wrote "A Connecticut Yankee." The popular songs for 1927 were "Old Man River," "My Blue Heaven," "Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella" and "Blue Skies."

And Charles Lindbergh flew into the history books of eternity with his non-stop trans-Atlantic flight to France.

Source: "Time Tables of History," Bernard Grun, pages 490-493

On the very day of Martha's birth, TV pioneer Philo T. Farnsworth succeeded in transmitting an image through purely electronic means by using a device called an image dissector.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20040907.html?th>

Martha was born on the 394th birthday of English Queen Elizabeth I, daughter of King Henry VIII and his second of six wives, Anne Boleyn. Martha's sister was Elizabeth Anne. Anne Boleyn's sister, Mary, married William Cary, who would be Elizabeth's uncle. William Cary is Martha's 20th cousin, 13 times removed on our mother's side of the family. On our father's side, he is the seventh cousin, five times removed of Edward Southworth, the first husband of Alice Carpenter, Martha's eighth great grandmother on our father's side. Alice's second husband was of historical significance, being William Bradford, the Goerner of Plymouth Colony in the New World for 33 of the first 35 years after their 1620 arrival on the Mayflower.

William is the second great grandfather of Herbert Pelham, the very first Treasurer of Harvard College in the English Colonies about 1643.

Martha was born in Laredo, Texas where her father was in his first pastorate as a Presbyterian Minister. It was the First Presbyterian Church.

Martha's middle name, de Noailles, is a strangely beautiful middle name found in this very non-French family. The source of it really is a mystery. However, oral tradition has it that the name was taken from a friend of the family. The name appears as the middle name for Martha's grandmother, Mattie de Noailles Simons Sharpe, as well as in her second great grandmother, Anastasia (Fannie) de Noailles Lafayette Hewlett. If the friend of the family story is correct, the friend was probably that of the parents of Fannie, who were Lemuel Green Hewlett and Rebecca J. Harvey, the parents living in Hopkins County, Kentucky at the time of the birth of Anastasia de Noailles Lafayette Hewlett (Fannie) and all of her six siblings.

Before Martha was three, the family moved to Little Rock, Arkansas in 1929. Her father's call to his third pastorate was to Ballinger, Texas, 1935. These were the depths of the depression days, yet God's providence continued to give adequate sustenance for the family, including having a maid to help with the children and domestic chores of the home and for what was expected of a pastor's home.

By 1941, when the children were three in number, the family moved to Houston, Texas. Martha faired well in school, graduating from San Jacinto High School as Magna Cum Laude. Her academic acumen brought her entrance to Rice Institute, a school of great renown in academics. After a year there, her desire to branch out in life led her to the University of Texas at Austin, the school from which both of her parents had graduated.

It was at Austin that Martha met Victor Marcus Ehlers, Jr. in the context of activities at the Westminster Student Fellowship at the University Presbyterian Church. Vic had completed military service in World War II, and the young couple wanted to marry and get on with life,

even before graduation, which they did. What brought me, Martha's little brother, to accepting Vic on to the scene dating her was his bright shiny Ford Coupe convertible! Boy, was it classy. Martha was a member of the Phi Mu Sorority Alumnae and participated in its activities most of her life.

She was a life long Presbyterian, serving in later years as an ordained Elder. She participated in her church's life where ever she lived, such as in Sunday School, Presbyterian Women, etc. She was a member of the Mothers' Club of Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Gamma Delta Sororities, and served on the Panhellenic Council. Her love for history was lived out somewhat in her activities as a Docent at the LBJ Library in Austin.

Martha enjoyed domestic engineering, raising her two daughters, both of whom were very talented girls. Martha was widowed over fifteen years. She experienced dementia and coming to live with Nancy's family was necessitated. They lovingly took care of her through the home and through several institutions. She lived back home for much of the last year of her life, though it may have been a couple of years since family members had been able to exchange meaningful conversation. One thing the family did learn was the singing of old time hymns brought a response of seeming gratitude to her, and so we sang a lot for Martha. She really could not be aware that her daughter, Lynne, succumbed from cancer three months before Martha died.

Her last few years were spent home-based in the residence of her daughter, Nancy and her family. The Reeves family were so generous in providing an apartment built into their home. Their care was so meaningful to Martha and to the rest of us in the family. They lived in the next county north of where Martha and Vic had raised their family, it there was a closeness there.

Her going home service was a celebration of a Christian life with many family and friends together. The woman conducting the service, the Rev. Ms. Kelly Chadwick, was a family friend. I gave a eulogy about Martha. The service was held at the Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home in Austin.

More About MARTHA DE NOAILLES SHARPE:

Burial: January 25, 2002, Austin Memorial Park, Austin, Travis County, Texas

Funeral: January 25, 2002, Rev. Kelly Chadwick officiated in service at the Weed Corley-Fish Funeral Home Chapel, 3125 North Lamar Street.

HS Graduation: June 1944, San Jacinto High School, Houston, Harris County, Texas

Medical Information: Suffered from dementia. Bedridden last 3 or 4 years of life. Died in her sleep @ 4:30 AM

Notes for VICTOR MARCUS EHLERS, JR.:

About five weeks before Vic was born, the first game was played at Yankee Stadium in New York City, with the Yankees beating the Boston Red Sox 4-1.

Vic was born the same day as was born Alicia de Larrocha, Pianist.

Source: <http://freespace.virgin.net/christa.phelps/larrocha.htm>

Six days later, famous movie and TV actor, Clint Eastwood, was born. Clint is the half eighth cousin, once removed to Vic's wife (my sister), Martha de Noailles Sharpe Ehlers.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050531.html?th&emc=th>

Vic grew up in Austin, Travis County, Texas, and was in a prominent Austin family. His father headed the Texas Department of Health for many years, and was a friend of governors and other political personalities. Vic graduated from Austin High School.

When Vic first entered college at Arlington State College, Tarrant County, Texas, he had a roommate named James Robert (Jim Bob) Simons from Fort Worth. Though Vic was several years yet to meet his wife, my sister, Vic's roommate was a half first cousin, once removed to his future bride! The ancestor in common for Jim Bob and Martha was James (Jim) Alford Simons, Sr. Jim was the grandfather of Jim Bob through Jim's second marriage, and Jim was the great grandfather of Martha through Jim's first marriage!

He served in the Navy during World War II in the Pacific theater. Post war times brought him back home to Austin and to enroll at the University of Texas. It was the fellowship of the Westminster Fellowship at University Presbyterian Church that he met his wife to be. Providentially, it was that church where their second daughter, Nancy, served in her first call as an Associate Pastor.

Vic and his friends instantly won the acceptance and admiration of Martha's family as they visited Houston where her family then resided. Vic was a fine young man, richly approved by her parents, and his 1946 Ford convertible won the heart of Martha's 8 year old brother (this writer!).

They were married at the Central Park Presbyterian Church in Houston, which then was situated in the 6900 block of Sherman Avenue in east Houston, near the shipyards. Martha's father officiated at the wedding. Vic took his bride off to a lovely cabin at the Bastrop State Park in central Texas.

Vic's major in college, both for his bachelor's degree and his master's, was in the School of Social Work. He was in the first class at the University of Texas School of Social Work that awarded a master's degree. Actually, some years later when their first daughter, Lynne, achieved her master's degree, the school recognized them with honor at an academic banquet as the first parent/child combination to acquire a master's degree there.

Vic's initial work was as a juvenile delinquency officer in moving around from Houston to Tyler to Bryan. He was called to Austin as Director of the Austin Community Council, January 1, 1959 (usually known in later years as the United Fund). Vic was the first executive director of the War on Poverty when the Community Council, as a delegate agency, brought this federal program to Travis County in 1965. The "Austin American Statesman" carried an article July 4, 1969 about Vic's announced resignation to take place September 1. He was to serve as an Assistant Professor on the faculty of the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Texas, an announcement made public by Dr. Jack Otis, Dean of the School of Social Work. . He was on the staff of the Texas State Department of Health when

he died of cancer. He was an Evaluation Specialist for the Research & Demonstration Division of the Office of Research, Demonstration and Evaluation of the Texas Department of Human Resources in the John H. Winters Human Services Center! What a title! No wonder people think government is complicated!

His church life was always active and responsible where ever they lived. He became the Elder of most renown, serving several terms, a reputation earned in the eyes of the members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Austin.

One story of God's provision at the end of his life had to do with the employee life insurance policy with the State of Texas, his last employer. The policy extended life insurance only 60 days beyond when all illness and vacation leave was exhausted and technically he became unable to continue work as an employee. His graduation to heaven occurred on that very last day of policy effectiveness! God's providence is wonderful and without bounds! Martha recieved as his widow \$60,000 more than she had thought was due her in life insurance proceeds.

Vic was a dedicated and sensitive husband and father. He was always thoughtful and enjoyed vigorous debate and discussion over social and political issues (usually the same things). He was a life-long Democratic Party adherent, and work in its liberal side throughout the years. In later years, he did seem to take on some more conservative views, but he would not have wanted to admit that publicly (in this writer's opinion).

More About VICTOR MARCUS EHLERS, JR.:

Cause of Death: Prostate Cancer

Elder: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas

Graduated 1: 1949, University of Texas, Bachelors degree in Government

Graduated 2: 1941, Austin High School, Austin, Travis Couty, Texas

Graduated 3: 1952, University of Texas, Masters degree, School of Social Work

Medical Information: Physicial was Dr. Richard Chopp, board certified in Urology from Sloan-Kettering Tumor Institute in New York ²⁰⁵

Social Security Number: 466-07-7892

Marriage Notes for MARTHA SHARPE and VICTOR EHLERS:

They were married the same yeat that Tom Clancy, best selling author of American spy thrillers, was born.

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

Martha's father conducted the marriage ceremony, which was a significant social occasion at the family's home church, Central Park Presbyterian Church in Houston, Harris County, Texas at 6914 Sherman Avenue. The rehearsal party was hosted by Aunt Edna Dawson, who lived near, a matter of several blocks from the Sharpe's home. The Sharpe's lived in the church manse immediately next door to the Church.

Many years later, when I was well advanced in life, having children in college by then, I met someone who was a guest at the rehearsal dinner and a part of the wedding party. This

man claimed that he remembered the young eight year old boy that I was, because I pulled the chair out from under him when he was trying to sit at the dinner table! What an embarrassment for me to be reminded of that kind of activity in my boyhood!

More About VICTOR EHLERS and MARTHA SHARPE:

Marriage: September 06, 1947, Central Park Presbyterian Church, Houston, Harris County, Texas. It later became Trinity Presbyterian Church

Children of MARTHA SHARPE and VICTOR EHLERS are:

48. i. MARTHA LYNNE¹¹ EHLERS, b. December 30, 1950, Austin, Travis County, Texas, Seaton Hospital, 2601 Rio Grande; d. October 20, 2001, Warner Robbins, Georgia.
49. ii. NANCY LEA EHLERS, b. February 26, 1956, Bryan, Texas at St. Joseph's Hospital.

44. ELIZABETH ANNE¹⁰ SHARPE (*DWIGHT ALFRED*⁹, *HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born August 09, 1929 in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, and died December 28, 1973 in Saint Louis, Missouri. She married REV. DR. ANDREW ALBERT JUMPER August 14, 1948 in Central Park Presbyterian Church, Houston, Harris County, Texas.²⁰⁶, son of WILLIAM JUMPER and IRMA NASON. He was born September 11, 1927 in Marks, Quitman County, Mississippi, and died May 28, 1992 in Saint Louis, Missouri²⁰⁷.

Notes for ELIZABETH ANNE SHARPE:

Though she was born in Arkansas, she based her claim of being a Texan on the fact that she was conceived while the family still resided in Texas.

Elizabeth's 1929 birth year was stormy. The big economic news was the famous Black Friday when, on October 28, the New York Stock Exchange plummeted by some \$26 billion in value of stocks owned by Americans. That was the one event that painted the profiles by which citizens would live for the next decade. America had become the world's leading industrial producer, having a 34.4% of the pie. Second place England come up with 10.4% and third place Germany with 10.3%. And this was the year of Saint Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago where gangland pundits machine gunned each other on February 14.

Bell Laboratories began their experiments with color television, and Kodak introduced 16 mm color movie film. The popular songs were "Stardust," "Tiptoe Through the Tulips," and "Singin' in the Rain." Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse films that year effectively killed off any further business for the outdated silent movies. Ernest Hemingway published "A Farewell to Arms." Actress Audrey Hepburn was born in England. Frenchman Erich Maria Remarque wrote "All Quiet on the Western Front." And Albert B. Fall, Secretary of the Interior under Calvin Coolidge, was convicted of accepting a \$100,000 bribe from Edward L. Dohemy in the famous Teapot Dome scandal. He was sentenced to one year in prison and fined \$100,000. Maybe that's where the term "fall guy" is derived?

Source: Time Tables of History, Bernard Brun, pages 496-499

Her early growing up years were in Little Rock, then back to Texas in Ballinger and in Houston. She graduated from San Jacinto High School in Houston as Valedictorian of her class.

She entered Rice Institute in Houston, following her sister. Having two children in the family to gain entrance at Rice was an accomplishment and an honor for the Sharpe family, as the entrance requirements were and have always been very high. Her musical talent included being an organist for the church where her Dad was Pastor.

One Sunday night when she was a Rice Freshman, a Coast Guard sailor visited the service with his roommate. That Coast Guardsman spotted Elizabeth playing the organ and the other sailor spotted a young lady in the choir. They both boasted to each other that they would marry these girls! What is fun is that they both did marry them later. The story is that Andy asked to walk Elizabeth home that night after the service. She laughed at the question, but willingly went with him. Unbeknownst to him, the parsonage was just right next door to the church, just a few feet away from where he asked her!

Andy was a Mississippi boy, so after their marriage, each finished their college education at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. Elizabeth worked much of the time in various administrative and secretarial positions. Like her mother, Elizabeth did well serving the role of a Presbyterian Pastor's wife. Her educated experience allowed her to be a counselor and advisor to her husband in the things of ministry and of life.

She contracted cancer circa 1970, while they lived in Lubbock Texas. Later that year, the family moved to Saint Louis, Missouri, She died just after Christmas in 1973. The hospital where she died was in the city of Saint Louis, but the family lived out in the County of Saint Louis. That's one of those strange situations where the city is independent and is not in a county.

Her funeral was to be December 30, but ten inches of snow fell the evening before. Finally, a few days after New Year's Day, the family put her to rest. The church was filled to overflowing. The grave side service for the family and close friends was very cold, with much of that snow still on the ground and the wind blown temperature in the teen's.

Elizabeth was a credit to her family. A devoted mother and wife, she lived life to the fullest and with the most detail.

More About ELIZABETH ANNE SHARPE:

Burial: January 02, 1974, Oak Grove Cemetery, Saint Louis County, Missouri

Cause of Death: Cancer

Graduated 1: 1946, San Jacinto High School, Houston, Texas Valedictorian

Graduated 2: 1950, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

Lived at: 1930, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas²⁰⁸

Medical Information: Died of cancer, having contracted it about 1970

Notes for REV. DR. ANDREW ALBERT JUMPER:

Andy lost his father to an automobile accident when Andy was only 8 months old. He and his brother, Bill, were raised by his mother and her second husband, Lawrence Owens, affectionately known to the family as "Daddy O." They lived in relative poverty during the 1930's, scratching out their living operating small county stores from place to place, beginning in Darling, Mississippi.

The 1930 US Census for Quitman County, Mississippi shows that the Andy's widowed mother and his brother were in the household of Andy & Bill's Nason grand parents, Albert Lancaster Nason and Ila Bell Ramsey.

It is of interest to see that Andy's name in this 1930 US Census was Albert A. Jumper, which was what his mother says she named him. She addressed him as Albert, but he did not like that name, much preferring his middle name, Andrew and liked being called Andy. He grew up having people call him Andy. It was to his great delight when he entered the Coast Guard when it was the first time for him ever to have his birth certificate requested, that his name had been recorded contrary to his Mother's wishes. He was officially Andrew Albert Jumper! Of course, in the military, they would permit use only of the first name, which was great for him. However, his Mother called him Albert till the day she died!

After Andy's mom remarried, the family located in Parkin, Arkansas, where he finished high school, managing to be selected an all-state football player. Andy went to Mississippi State University on a football scholarship in 1943.

Bill, Andy's older brother, is a good story teller, and here is more of his telling to me in 2003:

"On a dreary, wet Sunday afternoon on December 7, 1941, Andy and I and about a dozen other town kids were down at the school football field playing a game of touch football (I was 15 and Andy was 13) back then no TV and darn little radio. My step father walked down and called all us kids over and told us about the report of the attack on Pearl Harbor just in over the radio. Well, being country kids and knowing little of world affairs, we thought it was bad. But really, we had little idea that our world was in for a big change that, at that moment, we could not foresee it's impact.

"In 1942 I (Bill) was in the 12th grade and doing badly, as I was a poor student and really never applied myself. Most of my pals were a little older than me and were starting to be called up for military service. So, not wanting to miss out on the war, I joined the U. S. Navy in May 1943. That same summer my folks had a job opportunity in the Parkin, Arkansas area. It was a large country store owned by a large landholding company out of Chicago, Illinois. They moved there and were furnished a house in conjunction with the store. Andy went to Parkin High School. As well as being a good student, he was a great football player. In his senior year they won the state championship. He and a kid named John Hannah made all state awards. John Hannah went on to play for Arkansas University, made All American, was drafted by the Greenbay Packers and made all pro several times. Andy was courted by a number of colleges and made recruiting trips to Kentucky, Arkansas, Ole Miss and Mississippi State. As it turned out Mississippi State offered the best opportunity.

"Schools could get away with a lot of things back then, and, as long as it was not too overt, no one complained. For Andy he was to get \$500 per year clothing allowance to be used at Bonds Clothing Store in Memphis and five round trip bus tickets home. He had an on campus job that paid a stipend as well. In 1945, realizing he was about to be drafted, he joined the Coast Guard. At one point he was stationed in New York City and I happened to be in at the Philadelphia yard. I caught the train and spent the weekend with him in New York City. Andy later went to Houston and that's where he met Elizabeth.

"I remember during the time in 1947 that he was in Houston and the fertilizer ship blew in the harbor of the port of Texas City, killing over 100 and nearly blowing the entire port and town off the map, There was a long investigation by the U.S. Coast Guard and evidentiary hearing lasting for months. Andy had, on his own, learned to use the shorthand machine that you still see used in courtrooms. He took the entire testimony for that long hearing, then had to transcribe it. It was a monumental task.

"Of course Andy and Elisabeth got married, and she transferred from Rice Institute to Ole Miss. Andy had some health problems and had chosen not to return to Mississippi State, nor to play any more football. By the time he finished at Ole Miss, I was living in Memphis and attended his graduation ceremony. As an aside, when Andy went to Miss State, he played some ball as a freshman due to the war having taken so many players. There was a player who was a freshman by the name "Shorty" McWilliams. He also joined the Navy and played at the Naval Academy and then came back to Mississippi State and made All American. He was a running back."

I'm grateful to Bill for his vignettes to fill in our our family story. After a year in college, he entered the Coast Guard during World War II, serving in New York, New York and in Houston, Texas. It was in Houston that he met Elizabeth and their love flourished. It was in New York that he worked in the same bull pen office of typists with Alex Haley (8/11/1921 - 2/10/1992), noted author of "Roots" and benefactor of black studies in America. On January 23, 1977, the TV mini-series "Roots," based on the Alex Haley novel, began airing on ABC.

It also was from New York that he proposed marriage to Elizabeth by long distance phone call, having equipped her Mother to have the engagement ring handy, assuming the positive reply, which, of course, did come.

After marriage and return to pursuing college education, they both graduated from the University of Mississippi at Oxford, Mississippi. He'd originally had his sights set on the law profession. He even hinted that his ambition was to be Governor of Mississippi someday. However, while at Ole Miss, he sensed a calling of God on his life. He did some lay preaching in small country churches near Oxford. They moved after graduation to Austin, Texas, where he graduated from the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1954.

He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in the United States (called the Southern Presbyterian Church). In later life, after some church controversies, he joined the newly-formed Evangelical Presbyterian Church. He served that church with leadership, including being its General Assembly's Moderator for a one-year term. He was honored as one of the founders of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

The churches he served were Christ Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas; West Shore

Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas; First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas; and Central Presbyterian Church, Clayton, St. Louis County, Missouri, from where he retired. His pastoral career included giving leadership to a number of events and movements in the denominations over the years, including being on the Joint Committee for Union, that resulted in the Southern Church reuniting with the Northern Church, officially the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. The reunited church became known as the Presbyterian Church USA.

He wrote at least two books of significance in the Presbyterian Church (PCUS). "Chosen to Serve" was a training book for Deacons and the "Noble Task" was a training book for elders. They became the standard for local Presbyterian Churches in the South to use for officer training from the 1960's through the 1970's. Authors receive royalties for such publications, modest though they are. However, it is of interest that in the late 1970's, the publisher told Andy that his accumulated royalties on those two books represented the most that Presbyterian publisher had ever paid to any one author.

Andy exhibited strength in his leadership and preaching, and enjoyed a well earned reputation as a pastor. He began in deprived settings and gravitated to significance and accomplishment in his life's calling.

More About REV. DR. ANDREW ALBERT JUMPER:

Burial: June 01, 1992, Oak Grove Cemetery, Saint Louis, Missouri

Cause of Death: Cancer

Graduated 1: 1951, University of Mississippi, Bachelor of Arts Degree²⁰⁹

Graduated 2: 1943, Parkin (Arkansas) High School

Graduated 3: 1954, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas. ²⁰⁹

Lived at 1: April 17, 1930, Quitman County, Mississippi²¹⁰

Lived at 2: Bet. 1948 - 1951, Oxford, Lafayette County, Mississippi²¹¹

Lived at 3: Bet. 1951 - 1954, Austin, Travis County, Texas²¹²

Lived at 4: Bet. 1954 - 1962, Houston, Harris County, Texas²¹²

Lived at 5: Bet. 1962 - 1970, Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas²¹²

Lived at 6: Bet. 1970 - 1974, Creve Coeur, Saint Louis County, Missouri²¹²

Lived at 7: Bet. 1974 - 1992, 14585 Harleston Village, Chesterfield, Saint Louis, Missouri²¹²

Military service: Bet. 1945 - 1947, U. S. Coast Guard

Ordination: July 04, 1954, Brazos Presbytery (Houston, Harris County, Texas)²¹³

Marriage Notes for ELIZABETH SHARPE and ANDREW JUMPER:

Central Park Presbyterian Church changed its name when a move was made from the 6900 block of Sherman Avenue over to 7000 Lawndale Street with a new name as Trinity Presbyterian Church.

More About ANDREW JUMPER and ELIZABETH SHARPE:

Marriage: August 14, 1948, Central Park Presbyterian Church, Houston, Harris County, Texas.²¹⁴

Married by: August 14, 1948, The bride's father, the Rev. Dwight Alfred Sharpe.²¹⁵

Children of ELIZABETH SHARPE and ANDREW JUMPER are:

50. i. COMMANDER MARK ANDREW¹¹ JUMPER, b. May 01, 1954, Austin, Travis County, Texas, Seaton Hospital at its former location in the 2600 block of Rio Grande.
51. ii. PETER SHARPE JUMPER, b. April 04, 1956, Houston, Harris County, Texas.
52. iii. CAROL ANNE JUMPER, b. February 05, 1960, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, Baylor Hospital.
53. iv. KATHRYN ELIZABETH JUMPER, b. June 14, 1958, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas at Baylor Hospital.

45. DWIGHT ALBERT¹⁰ SHARPE (*DWIGHT ALFRED*⁹, *HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born June 24, 1939 in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas²¹⁶. He married SUZANNE MARGARET BOGGESS²¹⁷ September 30, 1962 in Canal Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, daughter of THOMAS BOGGESS and ALICE MCELROY. She was born April 02, 1938 in Griffin, Spaulding County, Georgia.

Notes for DWIGHT ALBERT SHARPE:

As a fifth generation Texan, I was born in 1939 and raised in Texas in the family of a Presbyterian minister.

English King George VI and his daughter, Queen Elizabeth II, visited Washington, D.C. the month I was born to become the first British sovereigns to visit the United States. This was the year Nylon stockings first went on sale and Bryon Nelson won the U.S. Open golf tournament June 12.

Source: "Encyclopedia of American Facts and Dates," Corton Carruth, Harper & Row, Publishers, New York 1817 (first edition), 1987 (eighth edition) Pages 516-519.

The source of much sense of much privilege in family relationships is embodied in the serious of relationships I have to United States Presidents:

George Washington, 26th cousin, seven times removed

John Adams, 24th cousin, four times removed of his wife

Thomas Jefferson, 28th cousin, five times removed

James Madison, 30th cousin, three times removed

James Monroe, 31st cousin, twice removed

John Quincy Adams, 30th cousin, three times removed

Zachary Taylor, 32nd cousin, once removed; father-in-law to the uncle of my great, great aunt

Abraham Lincoln, 30th cousin, three times removed

Theodore Roosevelt, 5th cousin, to my eighth cousin

William Howard Taft, Father-in-law to my seventh cousin, once removed

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, half eighth Cousin

Gerald Rudolph Ford, 17th cousin, four times removed to my 31st cousin, twice removed

George Herbert Walker Bush, 0th cousin, seven times removed to my 26th cousin, seven time removed

George W. Bush, 10th cousin, eight times removed to my 26th cousin, seven times removed.

It is interesting to note that there is relationship to all four of the Presidents featured in the 60 foot high sculptures of Mount Rushmore in South Dakota: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

For my growing up years in Texas, I lived in Ballinger, Houston, Sweetwater, Dallas San Antonio and Austin. My first name comes from my father and my great Uncle Dwight Sharpe of Chicago, whom I never saw. My middle name, Albert, is immediately from my Uncle Herschell Albert Chapman, but it also goes back to my great grand father, William Albert Abney, Sr. The only time I ever saw Uncle Herschell was when mother visited him and his wife, Gertrude, in Oakland, California in 1940, about my first birthday. They all visited the World's Fair of San Francisco that was exhibiting at the time.

The Sharpe's moved to Houston, Harris County, Texas in 1941, living first in Central Park at 6916 Sherman, not far from the Houston ship yards. D. A. (as I was called to differentiate from my father, who was called Dwight) entered Hood Elementary School for the first through the fourth grades. The fifth grade was at Park Place Elementary School and we lived at 8010 Grafton, just west of Broadway. The sixth grade was at Brisco Elementary near the newly constructed Trinity Presbyterian Church at 7000 Lawndale where my father was the pastor. We lived on Erath Street.

The sixth grade in Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas was at Philip Nolan School. Reagan Junior high was next, followed by part of the 9th grade year at Sweetwater High School. We lived at 601 Crane Street.

During the decade the family lived in Houston, there were many occasions for them to visit my mother's relatives in Lufkin, Texas. My particular favorite was great Uncle Jim. James A. Abney owned a hardware store (a merchant pursuit seen for several general generations of Abney's there). Uncle Jim would take me to his store to see the many marvelous things there. The highlight was when Uncle Jim reached up to the gun racks in the store and gave me my first Daisey Red Rider BB gun!

In Sweetwater, I was introduced to hunting by Mr. Johnson, a member at the First Presbyterian Church where my Dad was Pastor. We hunted mainly rabbit, but the outings

were such fun. I bought my first firearm, a single-shot breach loading 20 gauge shotgun from another man in our church, a Mr. Jennings. I played junior high football. Though I was slight of height and weight, compared to the older boy who played his same defensive end position, I did play on the winning team of the 1951 Pee Wee Bowl of Colorado City, Texas, a competition among the top four teams of west Texas. My one star play for this short lived football career was to block a punt in that championship game.

My high school years were in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas while Dad was pastor of the John Knox Presbyterian Church. We moved there in March of 1954, occupying the first new home our family was ever to have, at 2207 Major Drive in Pleasant Grove, in the first block north of Bruton Road and just a few blocks west of Buckner Boulevard. I finished the ninth grade at Alex W. Spence Junior High before entering Woodrow Wilson High School. My first date was with Linda Wilson, a young girl I'd met at summer Presbytery Camp. I rode the bus across Dallas to fetch her and we spent the day at the Texas State Fair of 1955. This young lady, unfortunately, died of cancer before completing high school.

My high school friends were Dick White and Steve Green, even though I attended a different high school than did they. Steve and my families were in the John Knox Presbyterian Church, and Dick's family were Episcopalians. We three boys held part time grocery store jobs together, and enjoyed social life together. Dick and I competed in dating Jewell (Judy) Shoup, from another family at that church. Judy's parents were good friends with my parents, even after both moved from Dallas and settled in retirement years down in central Texas.

I graduated 1957 from Woodrow Wilson High School. Constructed in 1928, this school is significant as an excellent example of the Jacobean Revival Architectural Style. Architects for the school were Roscoe P. DeWitt and Mark Lemmon. This high school boasts nearly 24,000 graduates who include seven Dallas area mayors, two Heisman Trophy winners, and numerous other political and commercial leaders in the City of Dallas. Architech Mark Lemmon has a major street in Dallas named for him, and he was a very active member of Highland Park Presbyterian Church from where I eventually retired after 22 years of administrative service 1982-2004. Mr. Lemmon also was the architech for the sanctuary for that church. And Mr. Lemon was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School as well. In the year of my graduation, Vanna White, the famous game show host ("Wheel of Fortune"), was born.

I attended Austin College (Sherman, Texas) for two years. Graduation was from the University of Texas at Austin in 1962 with a BBA degree, majoring in Personnel Management and Industrial Relations.

I have been employed almost continually since 1951 at age 12, beginning to work at the Sunset Market grocery store, owned by the Leland Glass family, members of the First Presbyterian Church in Sweetwater; and continuing at the Wyatt Food Stores in Dallas, 1954 through high school graduation in 1957. I have filed my own federal income tax return every year since age 12! My first part time college work was at an IBM Corporation plant in Sherman 1957-1958, where I first began working with computers. This plant manufactured the famous IBM punch cards at the rate of about 20 million per week.

My second summer college job was at the Model Market grocery store in northeast San Antonio, where my parents then resided. One of my steady customers at the grocery store was Mrs. Anthony Berry, who took such a liking to me that she invited me to their home to meet

their family. I enjoyed some nice times around their swimming pool and ended up dating their high school age daughter for the summer, Linda. Her brother, Tony, made sure I treated his sister properly, and his upper classman status in College over me helped enforce that status!

My job of my last two college summers was at Camp Longhorn, an athletic camp for children near Burnet, Texas, in the beautiful Hill Country of Texas. It was owned, principally by Tex Robertson, famous swimming coach of Olympic swimmers from the 1930's at the University of Texas. Some of them were partners in the Camp Longhorn operation, including Bill Johnson and Bob Tarlton.

My high school friend, Dick White, had a roommate in the dormitory at the University of Texas named Mike Holland who introduced Dick and me to the employment opportunities at Camp Longhorn. We both were appreciative of Mike and that introduction. The last summer at Camp Longhorn was 1961 when I was the instructor for trampoline lessons for all of the boys in grades 1 through 5.

My first post college occupation was with IBM Corporation. Hired in Austin, the company immediately assigned me to New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, beginning in June 1962. This fortunate occasion led to my meeting of Suzanne there at a social occasion she was hosting.

Training by IBM for me took place in New York City in July 1962, where I graduated from a highly professional 28 member Marketing Class #16208, documented via the class photograph on the wall in my office now at home.

My marriage was to Suzanne Margaret Boggess, a Georgia-born and Mississippi-raised young lady, whose initial professional experience was as a medical technologist, and who later was a residential real estate agent. We met on Sunday evening, June 17, 1962. I had just arrived in New Orleans earlier that month. The only person in New Orleans I knew living there was James Walls, a former fellow student at Austin College. Jim knew Suzanne and took me to a social occasion being hosted by Suzanne at her apartment with perhaps 30 or 40 people there. We had our first date the following Friday, June 22. We went to the movie, "Elephant Walk." The Hungarian medical student to whom she was engaged, informally, was out of town on a job for the summer. It was a whirlwind courtship for the summer, and we married September 30.

Our three children are Taylor Marcus (1965); Tiffany Lenn (1966) and Todd Wittman (1969).

I worked for IBM corporation in New Orleans for 1962-69, serving in sales, training, and later in administrative positions. I was elected a Deacon in 1962, then an Elder in 1963, soon becoming the Clerk of Session at the Canal Street Presbyterian Church. 1969, brought full-time Christian work as Administrator of the Trinity Christian Community, an inner city ministry originated by Canal Street Church, which later became a New Orleans Presbytery outreach, then finally an interdenominational work that still exists in 2004.

God's hand was moving in the lives of Suzanne and me particularly in those days, and we sought to find His meaning and directions for our lives. It was then that our participation and interest in the inner city ministry of Canal Street Presbyterian Church drew us to the

conviction that we should buy a home and move into that neighborhood. It was a five year experience which included my leaving my work at IBM after a couple of years there and thus began my career in Christian ministry. We purchased the home with another couple, Dr. Joseph A. and Charlotte Snead. Sharing home ownership is a very interesting experience.

My relationship with IBM continued for a while, as their office wanted to reach out to an inner city neighborhood such as where we were working. It was a blessing that my former employer wanted to involve themselves in the new work to which I had felt called.

We assumed this was a temporary work in Christian ministry, and that we would return to regular secular work in a few short years. That was wrong! That temporary tenure in Christian work lasted through 37 years and in three different Christian ministries before my 2004 retirement.

This was a crime-ridden area with five bars within a block of our house, and there were five instances of gun fire or gun fights in our immediate block in the five years of our residence. After a while, we became known as residents there who sought to for the benefit of the neighborhood, and acceptance by the neighbors enable our Christian witness to grow. We learned much through the experiences God led us and allowed us to have. Our church, Canal Street Presbyterian, called onto its staff the Rev. Mr. William (Bill) J. Brown, part of whose duties were to work in the neighborhood there we were. Finally, through Bill's vision, the ministry became Trinity Christian Community.

We did learn that the thing in life that mattered most was to be in God's will. If we would be in His will, we would have nothing to fear and that appropriate provision and protection would always be made for us. And, we do affirm that. We also had the Biblical principal of tithing confirmed in our experience. We had begun to give 10% of our income to God in his causes and even more before coming down to that neighborhood. But living there in poverty and changing work to the Christian ministry meant living on an economic shoestring. Even so, we always pulled out our 10% of everything to give to God's Kingdom, no matter how little we had. It never failed! We always were enabled to live on the remainder. It just works out that way in God's kingdom.

By age 30, I had served in the Presbyterian Church as a Deacon, Elder, Clerk of Session, was moderator of a major standing committee of New Orleans Presbytery, and was a member of its Presbytery's Council. Shortly, I was elected an alternate to the 1972 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. I coordinated the publicity office for communications for the successful General Assembly Moderatorial elections of Dr. L. Nelson Bell in 1972 and of Mr. Jule Spach in 1976 for the Presbyterian Church, US (the Southern Presbyterian Church). They both had served missionary careers for the PCUS.

In 1972, new work was begun for a decade as Managing Editor of THE OPEN LETTER, the publication of the Covenant Fellowship of Presbyterians (CFP), living in St. Louis, Missouri. There, I served as a Deacon, Elder and Clerk of Session at the 2,500 member Central Presbyterian Church in the suburb of Clayton, moderating several committees and actively represented the Session at Presbytery.

My work with CFP took, me to ten annual General Assemblies in our Presbyterian denomination as a press representative. I have been a part of many behind-the-scenes

workings that go into developing the mission of our church as expressed through the General Assembly. I attended most of the meetings of the Mission Board of the PCUS from 1973 through 1979 as a press representative. In so doing, I became acquainted with many of the leadership people of the denomination in those years.

I witnessed the development of plans for proposed denominational union with the United Presbyterian Church in the United States (UPCUSA), and have a working knowledge of the events shaping the plan that was adopted in 1983. I served as Director of the Christian Life Conference at Montreat for seven years during the 1970's.

During 1981-82, I was marketing administrator for the advertising division of a St. Louis business communications manufacturer, Missouri Encom, as well as serving as a word processing consultant. Upon leaving the staff of CFP, I was elected to its Board of Directors. Before that organization disbanded a couple of years later following denominational union in 1983, I had the distinction of being the only person to serve all four officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and was the only layman ever to serve as President, all other Presidents having been Presbyterian ministers. I was the President that oversaw the orderly dissolution of the corporation and the distribution of its assets.

While in St. Louis, my interest in public affairs led me to participate in the following ways: Chairman of the Traffic Commission of University City, Republican Election Judge Supervisor for the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissions, Chairman of the Hadley Township Republican Presidential Convention (1980), Delegate to the Missouri State Republican Convention and the First Congressional District Republican Convention (both in 1980). I served on a University City Bond Election Proposal Committee (1979) that produced 13 proposals. The only proposal to win voter approval was a fire department equipment financing method that I developed. Part of my interest here was my activity as a member of the University City Volunteer Fire Department.

There was nine years of service in several of the usual parent/teacher organization officer roles at Flynn Park Elementary School, the public grammar school where our three children were in a student body that was 50% Jewish. Some of the family's closest friends developed were Jewish families, particularly Ben Herman (who sold us lots of fresh eggs) and our immediate next door neighbor, Marvin Polinski, who wrote perhaps the most heart-warming letter of neighbor appreciation upon the occasion of departure to Dallas in 1982.

My re-entry to the business community was short lived. The project was a brand new division for a company. The economic timing was not good, and unemployment in the immediate Metropolitan St. Louis area rose up to 15%. I had quite a number of mid-career friends who had already lost their jobs and finding replacement jobs was bleak. This was when I received the news that the new division would need to be shut down in order for the primary envelope manufacturing aspect of their business to be able to survive.

Suzanne and I resolved that St. Louis seemed to be "our home" for now and that we should seek God's guidance in finding work there. We would not plan to look for work elsewhere. However, I did have some free time on my hands and could attend the Labor Day Weekend Conference CFP sponsored at Montreat, North Carolina. My first morning there had me run across the path of then President of CFP, our former pastor in New Orleans, Robert (Bob) T. Henderson. After hearing of my situation, he suggested that he take me into a CFP Executive

Committee meeting about to convene. He would have me share my needs to find a job in St. Louis and have them pray for me. It was a group of about a dozen, mostly Presbyterian ministers meeting.

After my sharing and their praying for me, I arose to depart so they could begin their business. A waved hand caught my eye. The Rev. Dr. B. Clayton Bell, son of the former Moderator of the General Assembly for whom I'd worked, signaled to me and whispered to see him at the coffee break time. It was a strange feeling. It was like an arrow pierced me. I knew that I was going to work at something with Clayton. Even though I was looking for new work only in St. Louis, a month later, I was on the job with Clayton at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas where he was the Senior Pastor. Interestingly, Clayton's sister Ruth Nelson, married a young preacher years ago named Wiliam F. Graham. Most folks know him today as the world wide known Evangelist Billy Graham. So, it was our privilege to meet Rev. Graham upon occasion, him being my boss's brother-in-law. God's hand in our lives knows so much more that our plans are, and I rejoice in His provision for our family at that time.

My first assignment was the position of Business Manager for Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas, on October 1, 1982. In 1996, my assignment became Director of Stewardship and Support Services for Highland Park Church. In 2001, my assignment assumed the position of Executive Administrator for the Senior Pastor, who then was the Rev. Dr. Ronald (Ron) W. Scates.

I have been an active member, both of the local and national organizations, of the National Association of Church Business Administration, including having served as President of the Dallas Chapter in 1990 and in 2001-2002. I was an active member of the Presbyterian Church Administrators Association. I served for four years in the 1990's on the planning team of the Renewal Conference at Mo Ranch, sponsored by the Synod of the Sun and was its 1994 director. I served as Moderator of the Resource Network Committee of Grace Presbytery, and was a member of the Grace Presbytery Council and did a few other Presbytery tasks.

My hobby is genealogical research. My memberships include the Sons of the American Revolution, served as Editor of the Dallas chapter's monthly journal, served one year as its secretary (1989-90 term), and am a life member of the Dallas Genealogical Society, since 1988. I have published articles in several genealogical publications. I also am a member of the Chapman Family Association, the Boggess Family Association, the Wise County (Texas) Historical Society, the Noxubee County (Mississippi) Historical Society and the Sharp Family Association.

Perhaps my most appreciated membership was to join that proud elite of Texans known as the Sons of the Republic of Texas on October 27, 2005. To qualify in it, you must document that your ancestor was a citizen of the Republic of Texas, which existed from April, 1836 through February 19, 1846. My great, great grandfather, through a series of maternal connections, is my lineal ancestor who qualified me for this distinction. He was Judge Felix Benedict Dixon, an Ohio-born man who took an immigration oath to become a citizen of Texas in May of 1841, purchased 1,000 acres of land there in 1842, ran for and was elected to the office of County Surveyor for San Augustine County, Texas in 1844 and had a marriage certificate issued in January of 1846. Four documentations were developed, when only one was necessary!

Another outside interest has found me on the stage. All the world is a stage, as I believe Shakespeare proclaimed. Highland Park Presbyterian Church Music Department produced various Broadway musical type of productions over 1980's and the 1990's. It was my privilege and honor to have minor speaking roles in the following productions: "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," "The Sound of Music (twice)," "Fiddler on the Roof," "My Fair Lady" and "Hello Dolly." Usually at least one of my children joined me with roles of singing and dancing. In fact, all five members of our family were on the stage with "Fiddler on the Roof." It may have been broken by now, but for a few years after that 1989 production, we were the only family unit at the church that had all members at once in an HPPC Musicals cast.

For many years, I was a Precinct Chairman in our neighborhood near the church for the Dallas County Republican Party, and had service on the Executive Committee of the County Republican organization. Suzanne served, on the successful campaign committees in 1993 and 1994 for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and we both attended her Senate swearing in ceremonies at the Capitol in Washington, D. C. on June 14, 1993.

At Senator Hutchison's first election victory party, many happy voters awaited the Hutchison's arrival. The large reception hall had no chairs, so many of the people crossed their legs and sat down on the floor in circles of celebration and fun. One man did sit next to me and proclaimed how happy and encouraged he was to taste this sweet victory, having in mind the bitter losses of the previous election in 1992. The man was really having fun, slapping me on the back. Little did either of know that he would be the next Governor of Texas, then President of the United States seven years later! George W. Bush was then General Manager of the Texas Rangers Baseball Organization, sitting with Suzanne and me on the floor!

Suzanne and I have hosted two home receptions in the Park Cities for Congressman Sam Johnson, including one Sam requested to be an old fashioned summer time ice cream party. Sam had served his country as a decorated Air Force Pilot shot down over Viet Nam and who was incarcerated in a POW Camp for over seven years. He testifies to his Christian faith that sustained him during that ordeal. After he was freed, he served in the Texas Legislature. During that time, he had small air plane trouble one day and was forced to make a spectacular landing on the North Dallas Tollway! Under God's grace, there were no injuries and no vehicles collided! What a miracle! Praise God. Sam certainly does.

The University Park City Council appointed me as its Election Judge in charge of municipal elections and as a Police Block Captain. I was a delegate from Dallas County to the 1992, 1994, 1996 and 1998 state conventions of the Republican Party of Texas, including Suzanne who was a delegate as well each time. I have served for Dallas County Courts as a Commissioner in arbitrating property condemnation disputes. We skipped 1990's State Convention to be on a European Choral Tour with the Chancel Choir of our Church.

In 1999, the Sharpe's relocated to Aurora, Wise County, Texas as a retirement site in the near future years. This is some 25 miles northwest of Fort Worth. Still commuting 50 miles to work in Dallas, then we involved ourselves in the Wise County community.

In June 2000, I was appointed Leader for the Delegates of Wise County to the Texas State Republican Convention at Houston, Texas. In September 2000, I was elected by the Executive Committee as Chairman of the Republican Party in Wise County to fill a vacancy.

The successful election year of 2000 and the closely counted election of Gov. George W. Bush as President concluded with our being invited to and we did attend the Presidential Inaugural Ball in Washington, D.C. as well as the Inauguration Ceremony the following day (boy, was it cold outside).

I was re-elected in the Republican Primary election of March, 2002 and in 2004, with no opposition on the ballot. In 2002, I was appointed by the State Republican Committee to serve as Temporary Chairman of the Senate District #30 Caucus at the Texas Republican State Convention at Fort Worth. This state convention is the largest delegated political convention in the world, having some 17,000 delegates and alternate delegates eligible to be elected to represent their home constituencies. After the Convention, I was asked to fill a newly created position to serve as Communications Director for the Senatorial District #30 (State Senator Craig Estes).

To cap off the good election of 2002, Suzanne and I were invited to and attended the Inaugural Ball for Gov. Rick Perry, as well as his Inauguration the following day, which we did, along with several friends and other elected officials from Wise County. The Governor included Suzanne and me in the 2002 and in the 2005 Christmas Party at the Governor's mansion. Our local newspaper, the "Wise County Messenger," published a photograph of the Governor and his wife with us around the fire place in the mansion. The honor again was given to be the Chairman of the Senate #30 Caucus at the State Convention in 2004 at San Antonio. In 2005, again Suzanne and I participated in the various activities of the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

A friend I met at the 2004 Texas State Republican Convention, Mr. Roger Williams, was appointed Texas Secretary of State. He began February 8, 2005. My son Todd and I were privileged to have a private dinner with him on February 16 in Austin where we learned a lot and built some good bridges.

The reader should understand that I feel awkward detailing all of these events and happenings in my life. It would seem that bragging is a nomenclature for it all, but I hope and trust it would not be taken that way. As you probably can detect, family heritage is important in my mind to pass on to other generations, and this detail is a way that I can capture some of the fun and excitement of those things with which God has blessed our lives so that our grand children, our great grand children and others can see. At this writing, Suzanne and I have 24 great nieces and nephews and four grand children. and one great, great nephew, Benjamin Reeves.

It has been my commitment to strive to be a Christian man doing significant things in my worship and church life, as well as in the community around, even in the secular community. I advocate commitment of time, talents and money in our relationship with Jesus Christ. This means to invest in the corporate life of the church, to invest in private devotion and spiritual development time, and this means to invest a tithe and more of our income into God's Kingdom and in His call on our lives.

As I embark upon the time of retirement, I look upon it as a mere change of careers. A really nice entry, including a tuxedo-clad photographic portrait, was listed in the September/October 2004 issue of "The Alcalde," the alumni publication of the University of Texas, page 97:

"Dwight Albert Sharpe, BBA '62, Life Member, Aurora, plans to retire November 1 from his position as executive administrator for the senior pastor of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church of Dallas. Sharpe has served several positions at the church for 22 years. As a fifth-generation Texan (great-grandfather Felix Benedict Dixon was a citizen of the Republic of Texas in San Augustine County in 1841) and a proud parent of children who are third-generation graduates of The University of Texas. Sharpe says he is blessed to be a Texas Ex Life Member. He also has been elected Wise County Republican Party chairman. He looks forward to retirement so he can write and participate more in politics."

My membership in the Life Member roster for the Ex-Students' Association of The University of Texas is # 742 out of over 44,000 at the time of my retirement. I joined in 1963 when it began.

The staff of Highland Park Presbyterian Church hosted a retirement party for me, and it's highlight was to present me with the certificate signed by Rick Perry, the Governor of Texas, indicating my Commission as an Admiral in the Texas Navy. Carolyn Orlegeke, the administrative assistant to the Senior Pastor, was an admiral in her how right and had run the process early on to encourage my State Senator, Presbyterian Craig Estes of Wichita Falls, Texas, to nominate me to the Governor.

Later, on January 21, 2006, Suzanne and I were present at the charter meeting of the Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Squadron of the Texas Navy as it met in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas to organize. It is a deep honor in Texas to have the moniker of being an Admiral in the Texas Navy.

I expect to occupy myself with economically gainful pursuits as well as volunteer activities. I'll probably show up more on political scenes now. I even took a professional actor's course recently about doing TV commercials! Ah, the call of the stage! It's ever so fun and ever so sweet. Such a clown I am! Maybe I'll sell you some tooth paste on TV! I went back to college for a course of American History, beginning at Weatherford College's satellite campus in Decatur, Wise County, Texas.

It is a blessing to be a part of five generations of Presbyterians, and part of over 1,400 years of Christian heritage in our ancestry. However, it cannot be said that it is "unbroken" heritage, as the evidence is revealed. My goal, as a Christian man, is to serve the cause of Jesus Christ and to serve my family, my fellow men, women and children who are my God given neighbors. The life's mission I seek to claim is that of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

More About DWIGHT ALBERT SHARPE:

Appointed: May 2004, Temporary Caucus Chairman for the Texas Senate Districe #30 for the June 3-5, 2004 State Republican Conventin in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

Attended: Bet. 1957 - 1959, Austin College, Sheman, Texas

Baptism: September 11, 1939, First Presbyterian Church, Ballenger, Runnels County, Texas²¹⁸

Born Facility: June 24, 1939, Halley Love Hospital²¹⁹

Elected 1: December 16, 1962, A Deacon at Canal Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, to a two-year unexpired term in the class of 1964

Elected 2: December 04, 1963, As an Elder, Canal Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans,

Louisiana, class of 1966²²⁰

Elected 3: May 16, 1965, First as a Clerk of a Congregational meeting, having been recently elected by the Session to be Clerk of Session, Canal Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, Louisiana²²⁰

Elected 4: May 26, 1965, Elected a member of the Pulpit Nominating Committee to replace the departing Dr. Robert A. Pitman for the Canal Street Presbyterian Church²²⁰

Elected 5: October 22, 1967, Office of Elder, class of 1970, Canal Street Presbyterian Church²²⁰

Elected 6: November 14, 1971, Office of Elder, class of 1974, Canal Street Presbyterian Church²²⁰

Elected 7: August 07, 2000, Wise County Republican Party Chairman by the Wise County Executive Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of James Matthews

Elected 8: March 12, 2002, Wise County Republican Party Chairman by a vote of 1,694 to 5

Elected 9: March 09, 2004, Wise County Republican Chairman by a vote of 2,302 to 0

Elected 10: June 03, 2004, Permanent Caucus Chairman for the Texas Senate District #30 for the June 3-5, 2004 State Republican Convention in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas²²¹

Elected 11: March 07, 2006, Wise County Republican Party Chairman by a vote of 1,592 to 0

Graduated 1: May 27, 1957, Woodrow Wilson High School, Dallas, Texas

Graduated 2: June 1962, University of Texas @ Austin, Texas, BBA Degree, Major in Personnel Management & Industrial Relations

Joined Church 1: February 13, 2005, Eagle Mountain International Church, Fort Worth, Texas

Joined Church 2: October 24, 1982, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, University Park, Dallas County, Texas

Lived at 1: Bet. June 24, 1939 - June 1941, Ballanger, Runnels County, Texas²²²

Lived at 2: Bet. June 1941 - June 1948, Houston, Harris County, Texas - 6916 Sherman Avenue²²²

Lived at 3: Bet. June 1948 - June 1949, Houston, Harris County, Texas - 8010 Grafton Avenue²²²

Lived at 4: Bet. June 1949 - March 1951, Houston, Harris County, Texas - Erath Street²²²

Lived at 5: Bet. March 1951 - March 1954, Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas - 601-Crane Street²²²

Lived at 6: Bet. March 1954 - 1959, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas - 2207 Major Drive²²²

Lived at 7: Bet. 1959 - 1962, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas @ 1821 Hicks Street²²²

Lived at 8: June 1962, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana 201 South Gayolo Street²²²

Lived at 9: Bet. August 1962 - January 1963, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana²²²

Lived at 10: July 1962, 813 North Alexander, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana²²³

Lived at 11: Bet. January - December 1963, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, 4317 Baudin Street²²⁴

Lived at 12: Bet. January 1964 - May 1967, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, Clayborne Avenue @ Broadway²²⁴

Lived at 13: Bet. January - December 1964, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, 4212 Palmara²²⁴

Lived at 14: Bet. May 1967 - March 1972, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, 1619 Prytania Street²²⁴

Lived at 15: Bet. March 1972 - September 1982, University City, Saint Louis County, Missouri, 7044 Northmore Drive²²⁴

Lived at 16: Bet. October 1982 - December 1996, University Park, Dallas County, Texas, 3829 McFarlin Boulevard

Lived at 17: Bet. January 1997 - March 1998, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, 4539 Willow Lane

Lived at 18: Bet. March 1998 - February 2000, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas - 8618 Baltimore Drive, #201²²⁴

Lived at 19: Bet. March 2000 - March 2001, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas - Windsor House Apartments, 5900 East University Boulevard

Lived at 20: March 2001, Aurora, Wise County, Texas, 805 Derting Road East 76078-3712
Medical Information: Successfully used prescription treatment to control high blood pressure condition, beginning in 1983

Occupation 1: Bet. 1962 - 1965, Salesman for International Business Machines, Inc - New Orleans, Louisiana²²⁵

Occupation 2: Bet. 1966 - 1969, Administrator @ International Business Machines Inc, New Orleans, Louisiana

Occupation 3: Bet. 1970 - 1972, Administrator of Trinity Christian Community, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Occupation 4: Bet. 1972 - 1981, Administrator for the Covenant Fellowship of Presbyterians, Clayton, St. Louis County, Missouri

Occupation 5: Bet. 1981 - 1982, Consultant for Missouri Encom, Inc., St. Louis County, Missouri

Occupation 6: Bet. 1982 - 2004, Administrator for Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Ordination: January 20, 1963, As a Deacon, Canal Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, La

Property: December 08, 1999, Purchased 10 acres in Aurora, Wise County, Texas from Joe & Karen Warkentine²²⁶

Retirement: November 01, 2004, After 22 years and two months service at Highland Park Presbyterian Church, University Park, Dallas County, Texas

Time: June 24, 1939, Born at 12:04 PM (just in time for lunch)²²⁷

Won: December 13, 2004, Honorable Mention (2nd place) in the Division I Family History Writer's Contest of the Dallas Genealogical Society²²⁸

Notes for SUZANNE MARGARET BOGGESS:

The year Suzanne was born, Pearl S. Buck won the Nobel Prize for literature. Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning drama "Our Town" was published. The film, "Pygmalion" was produced, destined to be reproduced in later years as "My Fair Lady." Popular songs that year were "Flat Foot Floogie with a Floy Floy," "September Song," "A Tisket, A Tasket," and "Falling in Love with Love." The SS Queen Elizabeth was launched to sail the seas.

(Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 514-515)

Suzanne was born on the 674th birthday of Charlemagne (April 2, 742 - 814 AD). French King Charlemagne is the 41st great grandfather of our son-in-law, Stephen O. Westmoreland.

Suzanne was the eldest child, and seemed usually to be competitive in the challenges of life. She was born at 12:20 AM on April 2, 1938. As a young girl, she accomplished many honors and awards, such as raising and showing dairy cows; riding Tennessee Walking horses for her Grandfather Boggess in County Fairs; making numerous musical accomplishments;

and being drum major leading the Macon High School Band. Though born in Georgia, most of her growing up years were in and around Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. The farm land that belonged to her father and grandfather actually goes back to 1842 in the ownership of their family.

Music was dear to her heart, and the engendering of such training was under the tutelage of Mrs. Whitten, the source of Macon's cultural and musical heritage for decades. Her name was Mary Lillian Peters Ogden Whitten (two marriages). We were friends of her daughter, Charlotte Ogden, until Charlotte's death around 2000. We continued a friendship with Charlotte's first cousin in Macon, Mississippi, John Peters, an active member of the First Baptist Church. John's dad was the brother to Mrs. Whitten.

Being a Christian was also near and dear to Suzanne, having responding to an invitation to accept Jesus Christ at the First Baptist Church in Macon at her tender age of nine.

Suzanne was talented in music, excelling in voice, but also learning to play several musical instruments. She was the high school drum major for the band. Her solo quality voice was used many years in church choirs and special occasions, such as weddings and community events. She also participated in competitive recitals during her youth and considered pursuing music as a career.

She went to Mississippi Southern University, Harrisburg, Mississippi, initially as a music major, but concluding with a 1961 graduation as a major in biology, prepared to be a medical technologist.

Her senior year was an internship in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana at the Ochsner Clinic. Upon graduation, she took a medical technologist position at Mercy Hospital in New Orleans. A young Texan came to New Orleans, also in his first post college work, and met Suzanne on Sunday evening, June 17, 1962. She agreed to marry Dwight Albert Sharpe that summer (that's me). The time from introduction to marriage was 105 days.

Her next work as a medical technologist was at the Cancer Research Center at Tulane Medical School in New Orleans. She became a domestic engineer upon the arrival of their first child, Taylor. She and I were active at Canal Street Presbyterian Church, particularly working with the high school youth. Both sang in the church choir, but my contribution was mainly just to be with Suzanne. She was the musical talent.

Nine months after Tiffany was born, the family moved into the Irish Channel section of New Orleans. It was to be a part of the Christian work their church was doing in that crime infested and transitional neighborhood. They purchased a home jointly with Dr. Joseph A. Snead and his wife, Charlotte. They occupied it in May of 1967. It was built in 1866, was built of Cyprus wood and had 16 rooms, one of which was a kitchen and two were bathrooms. I built a kitchen out of one of the rooms and they were able to divide the house equally to become a duplex. I surely did learn a lot about plumbing at that time.

While Joe was taken off to the Viet Nam war and Charlotte resided back at her home in Virginia, the Sharpes took in the family of the minister working in that inner city ministry, the Rev. Mr. William J. Brown. His wife was Mary Lou and their children were Kevin, Sondra, Karie and Jonathan. The work of the Browns, the Sharpes and others brought a vast variety of

people through the home and around the dinner table. Suzanne cooked for 12 to 18 people most evenings for a good while. These people were African American children and teenagers, and quite a number of white men and women, former drug addicts, many who were ex-convicts. God taught the family many things during these experiences.

There was about a year when Suzanne joined Rev. Brown and others to teach a very early Sunday morning Sunday school at a detention center for female juvenile delinquents. That gave me the occasion to prepare Taylor and Tiffany for Sunday and get them to the church via the street car and bus combination. Even though it rained a number of those days (as it often does in New Orleans), not once in that year did it rain on them while walking to the street car stop or waiting for the bus transfer. God's providence! And I learned yet another reason fully to appreciate what Suzanne did as a mother. The third and last child, Todd, was born in 1969 on Taylor's 4th birthday! What a close family!

Our home at 1619 Prytania Street had five bars within a block of it that never closed (no closing hours were required in New Orleans for such establishments). Juke boxes sounded with regular volume, a thing to which they just got used to hearing. There were six gun fights or occasions of hand gun discharge over the five years they lived there. The family never again lived in such an exciting neighborhood. The neighborhood was along side the Mississippi River, about 16 blocks up river from the central business district of New Orleans and the French Quarter. Lots of ship dock workers, etc. populated the area, as well as quite a number of winos residing in almost abandoned flop houses.

We moved to Saint Louis in March of 1972, purchasing a home at 7044 Northmoor Drive in the suburb of University City. It was a half a block from the Washington University campus, which had been the site of the famous World's Fair of 1904. That was the Fair featured in the musical film of "Meet Me in Saint Louis." It also was the Fair where it is claimed that the first offerings to an international market of the ice cream cone and the hamburger (which claimed to come from Athens, Texas). Suzanne's life was busy with the children, with activities of teaching, singing and participating in the Central Presbyterian Church of Clayton, Missouri, and in being a volunteering mom at the children's public elementary school, Flynn Park.

Though the grammar school experience with the children was very positive, school after that was disappointing as to its quality, which led the family to enroll the children in private schools. Suzanne went back to work to help with the financial weight of private education and became a licensed realtor, dealing with residential properties. Her office was in the neighborhood in which the "Meet Me in Saint Louis" movie was filmed. This work was very fulfilling for her, with good results. It was the Ira E. Berry Real Estate firm. She pursued this till the family moved to Dallas in 1982.

In Dallas, Suzanne surrounded herself with the lives of the children and with participation in the life of Highland Park Presbyterian Church very similarly to what she did in Saint Louis. She participated in several civic organizations, all of which she served as an elected officer. She was asked to serve as president or was groomed for a presidency in all of them. However, various reasons prevailed each time wherein she declined the privilege. However her leadership value was recognized in the Park Cities Republican Women, the Prudence Alexander Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Women of Rotary for the Dallas area.

For 14 years, we lived at 3829 McFarlin Boulevard, immediately behind the church, which owned the house. Though the mailing address was Dallas, actually it was located in University Park. In late 1996, we purchased a home jointly with Tiffany in North Dallas at 4539 Willow Lane. As Tiffany's occasion developed to marry Steven Westmoreland in March of 1998, Suzanne and I. moved to a condo behind the Pink Wall at 8618 Baltimore to bide time until we could decide the next move. Steve and Tiffany bought our property interest.

After being in Dallas a while, Suzanne returned to her realtor profession, working with the Henry Miller Realtors. She did this through 1987. The 1990's were some restless years for the family. My work had some ups and downs, which caused reconsideration about where the family ought, in God's providence, to be. Suzanne located a church Northwest from Dallas about 50 miles away, Eagle Mountain International Church, whose worship and ministry practices beckoned her heart. With much thought and prayer, I agreed that she should unite with that church.

With my retirement on the horizon for 2004, we began looking for a residence to settle. It was desired to be out toward her new church, and an out in the country setting seemed good. After about a year and a half of Suzanne's driving for miles through the country side, the ideal place was located. It was 10 acres in Aurora, Texas with a new small two-bedroom house at a price which his tax sheltered savings of 25 years just enabled them to acquire without any financing necessary. So, in December of 1999, they moved from the condo on Baltimore in Dallas out to Wise County, to Aurora. This is their home at this writing, and has proved to be a choice with much gratification and blessing. Suzanne has found a niche of significance in the ministry at Eagle Mountain International Church and among a growing number of new friends in Wise County.

Where we live in Wise County has really been in four different counties throughout the history of Te8xas. Originally it was a part of Red River County, organized March 17, 1836, the year Texas came into the United States. Clarkesville was its County Seat. Subsequently, Red River was divided into five counties, adding these county names:

Bowie Fannin Lamar Titus.

Fannin was our county, organized December 14, 1837, with Bonham being the County Seat. Still a large area, Fannin was subdivided and added these Nineteen names:

Archer	Cooke Hunt	Wheeler
Baylor	Denton King	Wichita
Childress	Grayson Knox	Wilbarger
Collin	Hardeman Stonewall	Young
Collingsworth	Haskell	Throckmorton

We then were in Cooke County, as of March 20, 1848, with Gainesville being the County Seat.

Then, at several different dates, Cooke subdivided into:

Clay Jack Montague Wise

Wise was organized January 23, 1856, with Decatur being the County Seat. So, Wise County was in four different counties in only the first 20 years of Texas Statehood.

Source: "Republic of Texas Second Class Certificates 1836 - 1837," compiled by Benjamin F. Purl (1904) and transcribed by Alma Nettie Wilson Barnes (1974), Limited Edition #65, San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, 1974, pages 257 - 264.

Roman Catholic Pope John Paul II died on Suzanne's 67th birthday, April 2, 2005. He was age 84 and was noted in many ways. He began his 26 year tenure at age 58 as the youngest Pope ever to begin that office. He became the most widely travelled Pope in history and perhaps was the most popular and revered in terms of world wide acknowledgement.

Wise County is a good place for the Sharpe's to end up life, as Suzanne certainly is a wise lady in our partnership together and in our spiritual bond to serve our Lord.

More About SUZANNE MARGARET BOGGESS:

Graduated: 1961, Mississippi Southern University

Licensed 1: 1979, Realtor, State of Missouri

Licensed 2: 1984, Realtor, State of Texas

Marriage Notes for DWIGHT SHARPE and SUZANNE BOGGESS:

Suzanne, a soloist in the chancel choir of the Canal Street Presbyterian Church, sang in the choir the Sunday morning that was our wedding day, went home to dress as a bride, and rushed back to church in a Triumph TR3 sports car belonging to Maid of Honor, Waynette Norman, to be married at 1:00 PM there at the church. The wedding service was conducted jointly by my father, the Rev. Dwight Alfred Sharpe (honorably retired from the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS) of San Antonio, Texas, and the host pastor of the Canal Street Presbyterian Church in charge of the ceremony, the Rev. Dr. Robert A. Pitman. By the way, we did keep up with Bob Pitman over the years. He moved to California and ultimately directed a ministry called Knox Fellowship and on who board I sat in 2000 - 2002.

This was a wedding of modest plans. Flowers to decorate the sanctuary were not ordered. However, miraculously, at the time of the wedding, the sanctuary was adorned with a beautiful set of flowers! It was later learned that one of the dearest pillars of that church, Maese Falcon, had taken the initiative to see to it that flowers were there! What a love gift! The wedding plans anticipated that only the approximate 30 family members and friends who had travelled to New Orleans would be there. However, an announcement was in the Sunday worship bulletin that day that members were invited to stay in the sanctuary for the 1:00 PM wedding. There was perhaps 200 people at the "small" wedding. Members of the church, particularly those who admired Suzanne's musical contributions to the church, were a wonderful group of support and encouragement in this time of joy.

There were about 30 people in the party. Both sets of parents were there, as well as Suzanne's newly married brother and wife, Tommy and Lindley, and Suzanne's Aunt and

Uncle, Margaret and George Reed from Ottumwa, Iowa. My sisters, Elizabeth and Martha were there, along with Martha's family, Vic and daughters Lynne and Nancy. Of course, D. A.'s Mom, Martha was there, as was Suzanne's Mom, Alice. My college friends, Dick White and Willie Mynar attended, as well as high school friend Steve Green. The weather was perfect and all was delightful. James Wall was the best man, being the one who introduced Suzanne to me. This gift of the dinner from Suzanne's parents, T. S. & Alice Boggess, was truly delightful and was at the beautiful tropical patio of Commander's Palace, the really upscale old world uptown New Orleans place to dine.

Late that Sunday afternoon, Suzanne and I departed the city, driving to the Mississippi Gulf coast for a few days of honeymoon. We stayed at the Holiday Inn in Pass Christian. I had been employed by IBM Corporation such a short time that there was only three days vacation due. So, the honeymoon was three days and I returned to work on Thursday. Unfortunately, that motel was blown away by hurricane Camile in 1969, we discovered when revisiting that area some 20 years later, hoping to stay again at their honeymoon hotel.

This was the year that John Steinbeck was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. Russian novelist and freedom lover, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, published "One day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich." Films that year included "Lawrence of Arabia," "Cleopatra," and "The Manchurian Candidate." (Source: "The Timetables of History" 3rd Revised Edition, Bernard Grun, Simon & Schuster, New York 1991, pages 548-551)

The very day of our marriage, Black student James Meredith succeeded on his fourth try in registering for classes at the University of Mississippi. (Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20040930.html?th>)

More About DWIGHT SHARPE and SUZANNE BOGGESS:

Marriage: September 30, 1962, Canal Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Children of DWIGHT SHARPE and SUZANNE BOGGESS are:

- i. TAYLOR MARCUS¹¹ SHARPE, b. January 26, 1965, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, @ 7:30 PM on Tuesday night.

Notes for TAYLOR MARCUS SHARPE:

Taylor was born just two days after England's Sir Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

Source: http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/churchill_winston.shtml

Taylor Marcus Sharpe is characterized as a thoughtful and winsome child and man throughout his life. He was baptized by his Grandfather Dwight Alfred Sharpe in the spring of 1965 at the Canal Street Presbyterian Church.

This was the year that the musical movie, "My Fair Lady" won the Academy

Award for the best picture of 1964. It was also the year that the very first covered professional football stadium opened, the Astrodome in Houston, Texas. The opening was attended by Texan Lyndon Johnson, who was President of the United States at the time. Taylor was born on the day of the 20th anniversary of Soviet troops liberating the Nazi concentration camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

Taylor attended his first Mardi Gras parade when he was three weeks old! One of the traditional parades came by our church, Canal Street Presbyterian Church, each year on a particular Sunday. The congregation brought their picnic lunches to church to enjoy eating together and to enjoy the parade after worship service.

Taylor was physically well balanced. His father, his siblings and he often played doing flips on the king size bed they had. He attended Valencia Day School over on Valence Street in uptown New Orleans when he was three. They told us that the problem was he kept jumping off the tables. We suggested to them that they just tell him he had to mind or he'd suffer consequences. They told us they didn't do school that way, so he was expelled from school when he was three.

He next went to St. George's Episcopal School, where they knew something a little more about instructing students. He went to Garden Nursery last for nursery schooling. It was operated by a couple of little old lady spinster sisters operating out of their large home in the Garden District. It was there that he made friends particularly with John Louis Valadarez, a trilingual child whose American citizen parents were native French and Honduran. All three languages were spoken in their home, and John Louis would sometimes use all three languages in a single sentence, which made it interesting listening when he came over to play with Taylor.

His early New Orleans beginnings found him to be the only Anglo student in his first grade class at the public elementary school down in the crime ridden and rough Irish Chanel. His teacher, Ms. Fran Reed, was unusually gifted and did great things for Taylor's learning. She was the one who recognized his dyslexic tendencies and early resolvment was sought. She was a Christian woman who was a member, with our family, at the Canal Street Presbyterian Church. Taylor did not really learn to read till the third grade. At that time, his reading took off and he read much, including the famous C. S. Lewis series, "The Tales of Narnia" several times.

In junior high, it was decided to get tutoring help for him. One of his best grammar school teachers had a husband who was a professor in French at St. Louis University. He was known to tutor at times, so he was approached. Dr. Marcus Allen said he'd do it only if Taylor paid for the services, rather than his parents! This was worked out by his having Taylor do lawn care and other household chores for their family. Dr. Allen's hobby was photography, so he taught that to Taylor as an extra. This was the genesis of Taylor's life long expertise in photography. This was an excellent opportunity for Taylor to

develop a collegueship with a man of such strength of character, such culture and such creativity. He was a superb example of a positive male image for young Taylor and a great occasion for him to know all of those features to be seen in an African American man.

Taylor liked to help me close up the election polls after elections, and got to be friends with the election clerks who worked with me. Growing out of that interest, it was arranged for him to be an election clerk for the first election after he became eligible to vote as an 18 year old. This was at the voting poll at the Our Lady of the Lourdes Elementary School on our home street, Northmoor Drive, in University City, Saint Louis County, Missouri.

Taylor developed interest in computers, and I taught him to work on them in my office evenings when work had been necessary. He was particularly good at typing and began attracting jobs to type college level papers. By the time he graduated from high school, he had typed five masters theses and one doctoral dissertation. Quite an accomplishment for such a young man, and an excellent opportunity to expose him to see just how such works of writing are composed.

The family moved to Dallas in October of his senior year of high school. He pleaded with us to allow him to finish at Chamanade, the Roman Catholic school of excellent reputation he had attended since the eighth grade. It was the oldest continuously operating secondary school in the state of Missouri. It was a hard decision for the family to make, but it was decided to let him stay. He lodged with about a half dozen families among our friends. Though he lived with adults, he did not have the kind of hovering over his studies he would have had with us. He came and went pretty much as he decided. Because of the dyslexic condition, he had always had to work hard for his grades, which were somewhat average. The serendipity of this decision to let him finish high school in St. Louis was that he earned the highest grades of his high school career when he was left to manage his own life.

Taylor graduated from the University of Texas as a chemical engineer. His first position was in Houston, Texas with Fina Petroleum, a Dutch company. After a couple of years, he joined the staff of the U.S. Federal Government in the Environmental Protection Agency as an enforcement officer in water pollution responsibilities. His work there has been very successful, and he has won several awards or recognitions of accomplishments on a national scope with the EPA.

His community activities have shown much of his giving character. He served as several officers, including President, of the North Texas Group of Apple Computer Users. He is on the Board of the Texas Rail Advocates. He teaches seminars and courses for industry, including continuing education courses for the certification of attorneys in environmental law for the Texas Bar Association. He is an active member of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, having served on several committees and assisting greatly in technical and computer needs of the church, particularly in its contemporary worship

services called Pursuit. He's been instrumental in getting the live services of the church streamed onto the Internet for real time viewing.

He conducts a side business at the Windsor House Apartments where he resides. He is an Internet Service Provider for those residents, wiring them up for use in his T1 internet access. Always, an innovative man!

All in all, he's a fine man.

More About TAYLOR MARCUS SHARPE:

Baptised by: February 28, 1965, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (grandfather)

Baptism: February 28, 1965, Canal Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Graduated 1: 1983, Chaminade High School, Saint Louis County, Missouri

Graduated 2: 1989, University of Texas @ Austin

Occupation: Chemical Engineer

Weighed: January 26, 1965, 5 pounds, 12 ounces

- 54. ii. TIFFANY LENN SHARPE, b. August 04, 1966, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana.
- 55. iii. TODD WITTMAN SHARPE, b. January 26, 1969, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana.

46. HARRY FRANKLIN¹⁰ SHARPE (*HARRY SIMONS*⁹, *HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born August 14, 1936 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. He married (1) BARBARA JEAN MORRIS²²⁹ 1955. She was born Abt. 1937. He married (2) WANDA LEE WHARTON²²⁹ 1965. She was born August 17, 1944 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He married (3) JESSIE ALLINE FLOYD²²⁹ Abt. 1968. She was born June 06, 1939²³⁰.

Notes for HARRY FRANKLIN SHARPE:

Harry is my first cousin. Our ancestors in common are our grandparents, Harry Seth Sharpe and Mattie de Noailles Simons. We called them Papa Sharpe and Mama Sharpe.

The day Harry was born was the first anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt signing the Social Security Act into law, creating unemployment insurance and pension plans for the elderly on August 14, 1935. Roosevelt is the eighth cousin of Harry's and mine.

Harry, in his growing up years, was always the little man of the house, and kept himself plenty busy managing his younger brother, Johnny. Their parents labored long and hard at operating their dry cleaning and laundry business up on the south side of the square in downtown Georgetown, known as Acme Cleaners & Laundry. Shortly after entering Southwestern University in Georgetown, he married Barbara and they initially settled for a short term in Dallas, Texas, near the family of his Uncle Dwight. Family responsibilities did not permit Harry to return to a college education.

Harry worked at Wyatt Food Stores on South Buckner Boulevard in the Pleasant Grove part of Dallas, which was I worked as a teenager and as his first cousin. Their first child, Steven, was born while they lived in Dallas. They later returned to Georgetown.

Harry worked most of his career in the Chevrolet automobile dealership business around Williamson and Travis Counties. He even had a successful, but somewhat brief career at telemarketing, as salesmanship was a forte of Harry's.

At one point, Harry and Alline formally adopted the two grandchildren who were children of Steven Franklin Sharpe, to raise in their home. They are Steven Franklin Sharpe II and Melissa Sue Sharpe.

Health conditions caused Harry to slow down prematurely, and he benefited from disability benefits through Social Security. The growing cost of living in Georgetown, his first love of places to live, caused him to relocate in San Saba, Texas. However, that did not last but about a year, and he returned to Georgetown, like a homing pigeon!

Harry was fortunate in the inheritance of some land from an estate on his mother's side of the family, which enabled him to purchase a nice little home in Georgetown to secure his future there.

He has provided to me much genealogical information about our grand parents and their ancestors, for which I am very grateful.

More About HARRY FRANKLIN SHARPE:

Baptised by: March 28, 1937, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (Uncle)²³¹

Baptism: March 28, 1937, First Presbyterian Church of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas²³²

Heart Attack: April 20, 1995, Survived²³³

More About HARRY SHARPE and BARBARA MORRIS:

Divorce: Aft. 1962

Marriage: 1955

Notes for WANDA LEE WHARTON:

Her daughter, April, told me that her Mom's family background was English and French.

More About WANDA LEE WHARTON:

Moved to: Bet. 1976 - 1977, Moved to California²³⁴

Marriage Notes for HARRY SHARPE and WANDA WHARTON:

They were married the year England's Sir Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

Source: http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/churchill_winston.shtml

More About HARRY SHARPE and WANDA WHARTON:

Divorce: Bet. 1967 - 1968, Divorced

Marriage: 1965

More About HARRY SHARPE and JESSIE FLOYD:

Marriage: Abt. 1968

Children of HARRY SHARPE and BARBARA MORRIS are:

56.
 - i. STEVEN FRANKLIN¹¹ SHARPE, b. July 02, 1955, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.
 - ii. DAVID BRADLEY SHARPE²³⁵, b. June 01, 1956, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas²³⁵.

Notes for DAVID BRADLEY SHARPE:

Lisa Hartman Black, noted actress and musician, was born the very same day as was David.

Source: <http://www.tvtome.com/tvtome/servlet/PersonDetail/personid-6833>

David also was born the year that the Lerner and Loewe musical "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway on March 15, 1956. That musical went on to become the longest running Broadway musical in its day, ending in June of 1962. It so happened that I was in New York City on business and attended the very last showing of that long run.

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

- iii. JERRY NEILL SHARPE²³⁵, b. January 29, 1960, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas²³⁵.

Notes for JERRY NEILL SHARPE:

Jerry was born the very same day as was Greg Louganis, the Olympic gold-medal diver.

Source: <http://www.geocities.com/hotsprings/3257/greg.html>

- iv. MYRA SUSAN SHARPE²³⁵, b. November 17, 1961, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas²³⁵; m. MURLEY.

Child of HARRY SHARPE and WANDA WHARTON is:

57.
 - v. APRIL LEE¹¹ SHARPE, b. November 05, 1966.

47. JOHN EARLE¹⁰ SHARPE (*HARRY SIMONS*⁹, *HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born September 24, 1946, and died January 31, 1997 in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

He married (1) VICKI JOHNSON Abt. 1965. He married (2) PAT Abt. 1970. He married (3) MARSHA Abt. 1980. He married (4) WANDA Abt. 1985.

Notes for JOHN EARLE SHARPE:

Johnny was born the year that Sir Winston Churchill delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri on March 5, 1946.

Source: <http://history1900s.about.com/library/weekly/aa082400a.htm>

Johnny served in the U.S. Navy and was employed by Sears and Roebuck Company for 20 years before involuntary retirement in its layoffs of 1992. He was not able again to attain regular reliable work, and his terminal illness incapacitated him for quite some time.

Johnny and Harry, as brothers, inherited the family home, built by their parents at 1601 Olive, after their mother passed away in 1988. Harry, having fallen on unfortunate economic times, sold his half to Johnny for what Harry described as far more than fair. However, some sibling strains apparently existed as Harry felt that Johnny did not adequately appreciate the opportune purchase he had made, somewhat at Harry's expense.

Johnny had had his childhood connection to the First Presbyterian Church in Georgetown, but in latter years, it had not been a focus for him. His children and their family did not associate with a church. So, as those parents did not have interest in having their child baptized, Johnny sensed a spiritual desire to have his grand child baptized, even though the parents would not be present. He was disappointed when the Presbyterian pastor tried to explain why the presenting for infant baptism was an act of parents, and not grand parents or other friends concerned for the child. Johnny discussed this with me, but I was not successful in helping Johnny to understand the import of what he was asking of the pastor.

This was viewed as rejection, and it alienated Johnny from the Presbyterian Church. However, we can rejoice in that the pastor of the St. Johns United Methodist Church developed a spiritual relationship with Johnny later that brought Johnny into that church. It is the church the old folks in town call the Swedish Methodist Church. It was this pastor who conducted Johnny's funeral service that afternoon on February 3rd at the Gabriel's Funeral Chapel. The chapel name comes from being located between the North and the South forks of the Gabriel River. This is the river in which my father learned to swim, and probably most of the Sharpe folks of Georgetown heritage.

Late July 1995, Johnny, went to dentist with wisdom tooth trouble, and it was discovered he has bone cancer in the jaw. Survival changes given were 50/50. On September 10, 1996, Harry, his brother, phoned me to say that Johnny's jaw had swelled much, and the cancer apparently had spread in his body. He was so close to terminal that his claim for life insurance proceeds to help with medical expenses has been honored. Harry asked me to phone Norma Jean about it, which I did that evening.

Johnny held on till January 31, 1997 before he expired. Suzanne and I attended the funeral, along with my sister, Martha Sharpe Ehlers.

The home on Olive went to Wanda and her children from her former marriage experience.

More About JOHN EARLE SHARPE:

Burial: February 03, 1997, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas²³⁶

Cause of Death: Cancer, primarily of the jaw bone

More About JOHN SHARPE and VICKI JOHNSON:

Marriage: Abt. 1965

Notes for PAT:

Wanda was Johnny's fourth wife. Kim and T. D. Taylor were fathered by an earlier husband of Wanda, so Kim and T. D. were Johnny's step-children.

Marriage Notes for JOHN SHARPE and PAT:

Johnny and Pat were married the year that Bertrand Russell died (5/18/1872 - 2/2/1970). Russell was the English philosopher and logician who was awarded Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950. Among many other items of note, his being a self-proclaimed atheist or agnostic, he is associated with the creation of the crowfoot version of the Peace Symbol. The design for the familiar crow's-foot-in-a-circle we know as the Peace Symbol was completed February 21, 1958, by British commercial artist Gerald Holtom. Holtom had been commissioned by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. The CND, headed by philosopher Bertrand Russell, was planning an Easter march to Canterbury Cathedral to protest the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston. Being the Christian that I am, I find it not attractive to place much allegiance to the Peace Symbol that developed out of the leadership of such an outspoken international leader who claimed that the existence of God could not be known or proved.

Sources: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertrand_Russell

http://www.straightdope.com/classics/a2_149.html

<http://www.cnduk.org/index.html>

More About JOHN SHARPE and PAT:

Marriage: Abt. 1970

More About JOHN SHARPE and MARSHA:

Marriage: Abt. 1980

More About JOHN SHARPE and WANDA:

Marriage: Abt. 1985

Children of JOHN SHARPE and PAT are:

- i. JENNIFER¹¹ SHARPE.
- ii. KELLY SHARPE, Adopted child.

Generation No. 7

48. MARTHA LYNNE¹¹ EHLERS (*MARTHA DE NOAILLES*¹⁰ SHARPE, DWIGHT ALFRED⁹, HARRY

SETH⁸, JOHN ELSEFER⁷ SHARP II, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹) was born December 30, 1950 in Austin, Travis County, Texas, Seaton Hospital, 2601 Rio Grande, and died October 20, 2001 in Warner Robbins, Georgia. She married DR. FOSTER SCOTT BRIN in Austin, Texas, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He was born May 23, 1948.

Notes for MARTHA LYNNE EHLERS:

Lynne was a student at the University of Texas, School of Social Work, and garnered both her bachelors and her masters degree there. She always seemed to be fun loving, yet quiet and reserved. It was my pleasant surprise to see her father cite her in his letter to us of July 6, 1969 that Lynne was just finishing a run of "Guys and Dolls." She was in a group that was performing at Zilker Park Hillside Theater there in Austin, Texas. Lynne was on the stage and set design crew at age 18.

Lynne was the first student to receive a masters degree from the Graduate School of Social Work of the University of Texas whose parent had also received such degree. To add to the unusual nature of that feat, they both received their masters degrees together at the same ceremony! Her father, Vic, had been in the first class at the graduate school that began awarding masters degrees in social work.

Professionally, she was a social worker, and pursued her career in quite a number of locations, mostly in Texas and in Georgia. Before her marriage, she worked and lived a while in Dallas in the 1970's. She joined Highland Park Presbyterian Church where I would be employed after she moved on. She lived in the same apartments on Northwest Highway, between Preston Road and Hillcrest, where at various times our children lived, Tiffany and Todd, as well as where Suzanne and I lived before moving out to our current ranch.

While working in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, she met Foster Scott Brin, a medical student at the time. They married and gave issue to one child, Andrew. Lynne had several bouts with cancer over the years. She died two months short of her 50th birthday.

More About MARTHA LYNNE EHLERS:

Baptised by: 1952, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (grandfather)

Burial: October 24, 2001, Warner Robbins, GA

Cause of Death: Cancer

Christian Commitment: May 12, 1972, Lay Renewal @ St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas

Funeral: October 24, 2001, Trinity United Methodist Church, Warner Robbins, GA

Medical Information: Lynne faced several cancers for more than a decade.

Occupation: Professional Social Worker

Notes for DR. FOSTER SCOTT BRIN:

Scott, as he used his middle name, was raised in Florida, met Lynne in San Antonio, Texas while he was a medical student. He became a psychiatrist.

More About DR. FOSTER SCOTT BRIN:

From: Florida

Practiced: Psychiatry

More About FOSTER BRIN and MARTHA EHLERS:

Marriage: Austin, Texas, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Officiated wedding: Dr. Andrew A. Jumper²³⁷

Child of MARTHA EHLERS and FOSTER BRIN is:

- i. ANDREW VICTOR¹² BRIN, b. July 08, 1989.

Notes for ANDREW VICTOR BRIN:

Andrew is a young man sensitive to the arts. By the time he hit teenage years, he was an accomplished musician, able to play several instruments, and had mastered the electronic keyboard. He had responsibility thrust upon him early as his mother passed away to the church triumphant when Andrew was 12. He is a mature young man with much potential to soar to great heights of accomplishment.

49. NANCY LEA¹¹ EHLERS (*MARTHA DE NOAILLES¹⁰ SHARPE, DWIGHT ALFRED⁹, HARRY SETH⁸, JOHN ELSEFER⁷ SHARP II, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born February 26, 1956 in Bryan, Texas at St. Joseph's Hospital. She married KEVIN GRADY REEVES June 11, 1977 in Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Austin, Travis County, Texas. He was born January 14, 1956 in Augsburg, Germany.

Notes for NANCY LEA EHLERS:

Nancy was born the year that the Lerner and Loewe musical "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway on March 15, 1956. That musical went on to become the longest running Broadway musical in its day, ending in June of 1962. It so happened that I was in New York City on business and attended the very last showing of that long run.

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

Nancy started off life with the family really holding our breaths. When she was two days old, emergency surgeons removed her right kidney that was polycystic, which means there were multiple tumors, causing the kidney to be the size of a grapefruit. She also had liver and heart problems. Her Mom, Martha, prayed that if God would just save her precious baby, she would dedicate her to full time Christian service. Martha did not share that information until the day Nancy was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament. Her frail little body fought back for survival and, through much prayer and excellent medical care, she survived to be the outstanding woman leader she is today.

Nancy is a sixth generation Texan! Her Mom was born in Laredo, her grandmother Martha Dixon Chapman Shape was born in Lufkin, her great grandmother Margaret Lavina Abney was born in Lufkin, her great, great grandmother Martha Jane Dixon was born in San

Augustine, and lastly to her great, great, great grandfather Judge Felix Benedict Dixon, an Ohio born man who took an oath of immigration into the Republic of Texas in May of 1841.

Most of her growing up years were in Austin, Travis County, Texas where she graduated from elementary school, Junior high, high school and the University of Texas with a degree in Education. Their home for most of those years was at 3003 Skylark Drive in the Northwest part of Austin, near Anderson Lane and Shoal Creek. The family was active members of the Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church on Koenig Lane, a constituent congregation of the United Presbyterian Church USA (Northern Presbyterian Church) before the 1983 denominational reunion with the Presbyterian Church in the US (Southern Presbyterian Church). It was there that she married her high school sweetheart, Kevin Reeves.

She and Kevin raised three fine children. Her qualifications in education and her desire to serve in the church led her to be a dollar-a-year type staff member of her home church, in effect, serving like a director of Christian education. That experience evolved into her becoming a full time student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary there in Austin. She graduated from seminary and accepted a call as an Associate Pastor at the University Presbyterian Church. This was so providential in God's Kingdom, for it was the church where her parents met, as students at the University of Texas, way back in 1945.

A time came after a few years of service at the University Church, when the Senior Pastor took a call elsewhere and Nancy took that occasion to depart that staff and begin exploring into the possibility for a new church development out in the suburb where she and her family then lived, Round Rock, just over the Travis County line into Williamson County. From her early days in seminary, Nancy felt a passion for evangelism. During her time at University Presbyterian Church, she explored her gifts in this area, finally stepping out in faith to start a new congregation reaching out to the unchurched folks of Round Rock. This is a historic county in our family, as it is the county where my Ohio born grandfather and great uncle first settled in the late 1800's.

Mission Presbytery, the regional church authority of which she was a member as a pastor, did not have funds for her vision, nor were their particular goals for new church development focused in that area. Actually a new church in Southeast Round Rock had been part of a 10 year plan approximately a decade prior to this. When Nancy talked with the Church Development Division of the Presbytery, they were excited about her dream of reaching the unchurched, but did not have any funds. So the Presbytery gave her permission to try and see what happened. Within six months, the presbytery had recognized them as a "fellowship" and in another year they were a "new church development."

It began in their home and around the neighborhood swimming pools. For a long time, their worship time was Sunday evenings only, as the constituency was one that mostly spent weekends at one of the nearby lakes and did not come back into town till Sunday evening. Next they worshipped under a pavilion in a neighborhood park. Next they rented a house close to downtown Round Rock. Finally they purchased several acres on what was to become a strategic corner property on Gattis School Road. The property had a house on it where they worshipped for several years. The church finally was recognized by Mission Presbytery as an organized congregation and it was chartered in services in 1999. It was my privilege to participate as a member of the Presbytery Commission that conducted the chartering worship service. I read the scripture for the service. They erected the first section of their building

program in 2003.

Just after the turn of the century, their church won a large prize as the most outstanding new church development in the PCUSA denomination that year, as judged by the General Assembly at its annual legislative meeting. The prize was something on the order of \$40,000. The new small and growing congregation was truly jubilant!

Nancy is passionate in her ministry and has won the hearts of a very loving congregation at Grace Presbyterian Church. You can get a glimpse of her personality through her greeting published on the church's web site:

"Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church! We are a young congregation that was chartered by Mission Presbytery in October of 1999. With a vision 'to create a joyful community of faith that welcomes all people to share their faith and doubts while celebrating the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, study and service,' we have encouraged one another to discover and use their unique God-given gifts. The year 2003 has been an exciting one for our church family as we have been constructing our new facility. In November we completed the first stage, a multipurpose building to be used for worship, education, and fellowship activities. But not only have we been building a physical church home, we have been building a church family. Our congregation enthusiastically gathers for mission outreach projects, while also meeting to study the scriptures and discover their message for us today. Each week on Sunday we come together to worship God and celebrate the countless ways in which we have been blessed. Whether you are a lifelong Presbyterian, someone new to the Christian walk, or someone who is exploring their faith and doubts, we encourage you to visit us in our new building. We would love for you to join us as we grow in our life of faith here in Round Rock."

Nancy is more than just the pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church. Kevin and all three of their children have had some much to do with various kinds of participation and leadership for the development of that congregation that I think of them as the pastoring family for the church. She has carried on another fine chapter of Christian commitment that so often has appeared in our family lineage and to which I am blessed to give emphasis.

Now that her children are essentially out of the nest (one is married, two are well on in college), she is living her transportation dream by driving a two-seater Audi TT foreign sports car convertible! It's a special sight to see in the church parking lot!

More About NANCY LEA EHLERS:

Baptised by: 1956, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (grandfather)

Christian Commitment: May 12, 1972, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas @ a Lay Renewal

Weighed: February 26, 1956, 8 lb., 5 oz - 20 inches long

Notes for KEVIN GRADY REEVES:

Kevin was born in Augsburg, Germany, son of a career military man. They retired to Austin, Travis County, Texas as Kevin entered high school. Nancy and Kevin met when Kevin's family joined St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and they soon began dating.

Kevin owns a glass and roofing company in Round Rock. He is very active at Grace Presbyterian where he is an Elder and he plays the bass guitar in the praise band. He has also taught Disciple Bible Study and various classes for kids of all ages. He also serves on the Emmaus board for their area, often working on Walk to Emmaus Teams.

Marriage Notes for NANCY EHLERS and KEVIN REEVES:

They were married the year the TV mini-series "Roots," based on the Alex Haley novel, began airing on ABC. It is of my interest that Mr. Haley was in the United States Coast Guard, stationed in New York City during World War II as a clerk typist. His next desk co-worker was Andrew Albert Jumper, later to become my brother-in-law who married my sister, Elizabeth Anne Sharpe Jumper. Elizabeth was Nancy's aunt, who unfortunately was deceased by the time of this marriage.

Source: <http://www.kirjasto.sci.fi/ahaley.htm>

More About KEVIN REEVES and NANCY EHLERS:

Marriage: June 11, 1977, Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Austin, Travis County, Texas

Children of NANCY EHLERS and KEVIN REEVES are:

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 - i. MATTHEW SCOTT¹² REEVES, b. May 15, 1980, Austin, Travis County, Texas.
 - ii. CHRISTOPHER THOMAS REEVES²³⁸, b. September 11, 1982²³⁸; m. SARAH ALEXIS SHANEY, July 02, 2005, First Presbyterian Church, 104 South Twelfth Street, McAllen, Hildago County, Texas; b. May 01, 1984²³⁹.

Notes for CHRISTOPHER THOMAS REEVES:

Christopher's first notable profile in the public domain was the selection of him for a photograph promoting information about the Texas Drivers License Division to be on posters all over the state! This was in 1984 when Christopher was two years old. This is documented in his father's letter of April 25, 1984 generally sent to all the family for the purposes of updating them on Vic's cancer situation.

Christopher is a seventh generation Texan. In 2005, he graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, Travis County, Texas in Computer Science. He worked part time designing web pages and doing programming for a gaming resource company.

Just prior to his marriage. Chris landed a job in the computer industry that enabled them to live in the Austin area for now.

Chris' courtship of Sarah went back a little more than three years before their wedding. He was giving leadership in a Conference Planning Committee at the Presbyterian Conference Center in the Hill Country of Texas in Kerr

County, known as Mo Ranch. It so happened that Sarah was a member of that planning team as well, and apparently they later made more plans than just for the conference!

More About CHRISTOPHER THOMAS REEVES:
Graduated: May 25, 2001, Round Rock High School

More About SARAH ALEXIS SHANEY:
Drivers License: August 26, 2002, Texas # 019164173 renewed this date²³⁹
Lived at: August 02, 2002, 816 BC Avenue, McAllen, Hildago County, Texas²³⁹

Marriage Notes for CHRISTOPHER REEVES and SARAH SHANEY:

Their 6:00 PM wedding on July 2, 2005 was at the First Presbyterian Church of McAllen, Texas, 104 South Twelfth Street, Sarah's home town. A reception immediately followed at the Monarch Ballroom in the Country Inn & Suites, 1921 South Tenth Street. However, due to some noted participants in the service being delayed arriving, the service actually began about 6:30 PM.

It was the honor and privilege for Suzanne and me to attend the wedding and reception. Chris' Mom, the Rev. Mrs. Nancy Lea Ehlers Reeves, officiated the wedding ceremony. The centerpiece candle at the front of the church where the wedding party gathered was burning in loving memory of Gaylen, Sarah's father, who had graduated to heaven about three years earlier. The candle was appropriately lighted by Pat, Gaylen's loving wife.

The service was bi-lingual. Every few phrases were repeated by as translator into Spanish. Why? Sarah's family is primarily from Mexico. In fact, her Mom, Pat, has only been a U.S. Citizen less than a decade. A number of their large family attending spoke no English. So, it truly was an international affair.

Music for the church service was provided by the guest musicians from Mexico City. They also provided the music for the reception.

This seven member musician team was astounding in its vigor and joyful enthusiasm they created among the wedding guests. The lead female singer is a cousin of Sarah's Mom. The band started music by 8 PM and went with only two very brief breaks till midnight! The Latin flavor was so invigorating that the wonderful inter-generational spirit of family love and joy was outstanding. Even Suzanne and I were seen prancing around on the dance floor, wearing the wild party hats and other decorations provided by the band for the party goes to wear. It was so much fun!

More About CHRISTOPHER REEVES and SARAH SHANEY:
Marriage: July 02, 2005, First Presbyterian Church, 104 South Twelfth Street,
McAllen, Hidalgo County, Texas

iii. VICTORIA LEA REEVES, b. August 10, 1985.

Notes for VICTORIA LEA REEVES:

Vicky is named for her grandfather Victor Marcus Ehlers, Jr. She graduated from High School in Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas and attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, the oldest continuously operating school of higher education in Texas. She is a seventh generation Texan.

In 2004, Vicky is a student at Southwestern University in Georgetown, studying Psychology. She also is an elected Elder on the Session at Grace Presbyterian Church in Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas. Her officer leadership responsibilities include being the Moderator of the Children's Ministry Team.

More About VICTORIA LEA REEVES:

Entered: August 2003, Southwestern University in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

50. COMMANDER MARK ANDREW¹¹ JUMPER (*ELIZABETH ANNE*¹⁰ *SHARPE*, *DWIGHT ALFRED*⁹, *HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born May 01, 1954 in Austin, Travis County, Texas, Seaton Hospital at its former location in the 2600 block of Rio Grande. He married GINGER LOU JONES November 23, 1991 in Clayton, Saint Louis County, Missouri, Central Presbyteian Church.. She was born December 23, 1958 in Orlando, Florida.

Notes for COMMANDER MARK ANDREW JUMPER:

Mark was born in the same Austin hospital as was his first cousin, Martha Lynne Ehlers. It was just across the street from where I later lived in a rooming house while I was a student at the University of Texas. Actually that rooming house was the home in which my brother-in-law, Victor (Vic) Marcus Ehlers, Jr. was raised, and his widowed mother still lived there as my landlady in my college days. From 1959 till 1961, I paid \$25 per month to have that upstairs bedroom as home.

Mark was born the same year as Condoleezza Rice, who subsequently served our nation as United States Secretary of State. She is the African American, raised in a family that worshipped as Presbyterians in Birmingham, Alabama. She climbed a career later in academia, which led into Government service.

Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals on April 23, 1954, just eight days before Mark's

birth.

Source:

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060423/LIVING/604230314/1007/LIVING>

On the very day of Mark's birth, the 80th Kentucky Derby was won by Raymond York aboard Determine who won in 2:03 minutes. Mark's half second cousin, twice removed, Willis Sharpe Kilmer, was the owner of the 1918 winner of the 44th Kentucky Derby, Exterminator, winning in 2:10 minutes!

Source:http://www.brainyhistory.com/events/1954/may_1_1954_115653.html
http://www.brainyhistory.com/events/1918/may_11_1918_79244.html

Mark learned to play the violin in his grammar school days, but he never fiddled around with it much after that. He ultimately was the best bow for Ginger, his future wife, and he really did not fiddle around too much.

His secondary education was in Saint Louis County, Missouri. He lost his mother to cancer while he was in college.

After graduating from Oral Roberts University (Tulsa, Oklahoma) and Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, Georgia), he was pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, down on the Gulf Coast. Subsequently, he entered the Chaplaincy in the United States Navy. He was based in a number of places in the Pacific and in the United States.

A hobby of his, developed in his military years, was sky diving. He broke a hip (or some important bone) in a fall once, but otherwise came through unscathed.

Mark excelled as a father (he had to, with all those children). His skills as a clergyman became recognized as he grew and honed these skills in the ministry. In the steps of his father, he was a good and strong preacher. One of his years in the military, he was acclaimed the top Chaplain for the year! A practice he followed with his seven children was to have a private breakfast out at a nice place for each of their birthdays. He was good at developing ways like that to be a good father.

Thought his military assignments kept Mark living far and wide across the nation and the world, he did a good job of keeping in touch with our part of the family, for which we always were appreciative. In April 2006, he paid a visit to Peter, his brother, in Carrollton, Texas, near where we live (about 60 miles away). So, we had occasion for Suzanne and I, along with our son, Taylor, to visit in the home of Peter and Nancy in Carrollton. Later, Mark and Nancy came out to our little ranch house for an evening of really good family catching up while Peter had to head off to San Antonio for his military duty.

At this stage in life, Mark was about to retire from the Navy after 24 years (20 years active duty and four years reserve duty). He was in the process of seeking a call to serve an Evangelical Presbyterian Church. At this time, he was concluding his military career as the Commander in charge of Chaplains at the Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut. He left some

material for me about his history that had been composed in this process of various church committees interviewing him, and I lay out here his composition of his history in the Presbyterian church. I quote it word for word:

"Baptized by maternal grandfather, the Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (PCUS) at Christ Presbyterian Church (PCUS), Houston, Texas, 1954. Father, the Rev. Andrew A. Jumper, had just graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (PCUS) and was the newly ordained pastor of that congregation. Member, 1954-1958.

"Member, West Shore Presbyterian Church (PCUS), Dallas, Texas, 1958-1962.

"Member, First Presbyterian Church (PCUS), Lubbock, Texas, 1962-1970. Confirmed, 1967. Attended Presbytery and Synod camps in Texas and New Mexico, and Montreat youth conference.

"Member, Central Presbyterian Church (PCUS), St. Louis, Missouri, 1970-1982. Attended Presbytery camps in Missouri, and Montreat youth conferences.

"(Student, University of Missouri, Columbia, 1972-1973)

"Came under care of Southeast Missouri Presbytery (PCUS) as a candidate for the Gospel ministry, Spring 1973. Advisors: Andrew Jumper, 1973-1980 and Bill Flannagan, 1980-1982.

"Submitted term paper, "Politics in the Southern Presbyterian Church" for political science class at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Spring 1973.

"Attended 1973 PCUS General Assembly, Fort Worth, Texas, as an observer.

"Served on Lay Renewal Mission at First Presbyterian Church (PCUS), Osceola, Arkansas, Summer 1973 (Bob Fenn, Coordinator).

"(Student, Oral Roberts University, 1973-1978; Bachelor of Arts, History, 1978)

"Member, Presbyterian Charismatic Communion (PCC) (later Presbyterian and Reformed Renewal Ministries International (PRRMI)), 1974-1990.

"Affiliate Member, First Presbyterian Church (UPCUSA), Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1973-1974 (Bill Wiseman, Pastor).

"Affiliate Member, John Knox Presbyterian Church (UPCUSA), Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1974-1975 (Scottie Griffin, Pastor). Taught college Sunday School class.

"Youth Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUS), Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Summer 1975 (Bill McCutchen, Pastor).

"Youth Advisory Participant, 1975 PCUS General Assembly, Charlotte, North Carolina. Elected Chairperson of Youth Caucus, addressed Assembly, and led closing prayer for an Assembly session.

"Participant, Christ Presbyterian Church (RPCES), Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1975-1977 (Bob Petterson, Pastor).

"Intern Pastor, Potosi Presbyterian Church (PCUS), Potosi, Missouri, Summer 1976.

"Represented Covenant Fellowship of Presbyterians working with Youth Advisory Participants at 1976 PCUS General Assembly, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

"Named by Moderator Jules Spach to serve on PCUS General Assembly Ad Interim Committee on the Church and Higher Education, Atlanta, Georgia, 1976-1977.

"(Worked at Mallinckrodt Radiopharmaceuticals, St. Louis, Missouri, Winter/Spring 1977. Worked selling books door to door, Northwest Georgia, living in Bremen, Summer 1977.)

"Participant, Chapel Woods Presbyterian Church (PCUS), Decatur, Georgia, Summer 1977 (Chuck McGowan, Pastor).

"(Returned to ORU, Fall 1977.)

"Submitted senior thesis for history major, "Presbyterians North and South" (addressing history, process and prospects of reunion) at Oral Roberts University, December 1977.

"Enrolled Columbia Theological Seminary (PCUS), Decatur, Georgia, February 1978.

"Affiliate Member, First Presbyterian Church (PCUS), Atlanta, Georgia, 1978-1982 (Paul Eckel, Pastor). Participant in singles ministry. Member, choir. Occasional supply teaching Sunday School and preaching at weekday services.

"Youth Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUS), Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Summer 1978 (John Dudley, Pastor).

"Youth Pastor, First Presbyterian Church (PCUS), Cedartown, Georgia, 1979-1980 (Sam Harris, Pastor).

"Sported Georgia automobile license tag, "PRESBY", 1979-1982.

"Preached at various PCUS churches (and one EPC (Rome)) in Georgia, 1980-1982.

"Editor, The Seminary Cistern, an Evangelical magazine for Presbyterian seminarians, sponsored by the Covenant Fellowship of Presbyterians and producing one issue, 1980.

"(Left seminary campus for one year of supervised ministry credits, 1980-1981.)

Intern Pastor, Georgetown Presbyterian Church (PCUS), Savannah, Georgia, Summer 1980.

"Intern Pastor for Pineville Presbyterian Church (PCUS), Pass Christian, Mississippi and also for Diamondhead Community Church (PCUS) (new church development), Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 1980-1981 (Dwynn Mounger, Advisor). Pineville church built new fellowship

hall, Winter 1981. Diamondhead church purchased land, Spring 1981; was chartered with 67 members and built its first building, Fall 1981.

"(Returned to Columbia Theological Seminary, Fall 1981.)

"Endorsed by Presbyterian Council for Chaplains to serve as a Navy chaplain, Fall 1981.

"Received Master of Divinity, Columbia Theological Seminary (PCUS), May 1982.

"Ordained by South Mississippi Presbytery (PCUS), June 1982.

"Pastor, Diamondhead Community Church (PCUS, then PCUSA), Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 1982-1985. Exceeded 100 members in 1985.

"Participant at First Presbyterian Church (UPCUSA), Newport, Rhode Island during Navy Chaplains School, Summer 1982 (Tyler Johnson, Pastor).

"Served in South Mississippi Presbytery (PCUS then PCUSA) as follows:

"Preached and taught in various congregations.

"Member and sometime Clerk, Special Administrative Commission on Withdrawing Churches, 1983. Drew the unfortunate duty of debating R. C. Sproul (he won)!

"Chairman, Special Disciplinary Committee (re. Helena Presbyterian Church), 1983.

"Recording Clerk for Presbytery, 1984-1985.

"Moderator, Committee on National and International Mission, 1984-1985.

"Moderator, PCA Response Committee (re. McComb, Mississippi), 1985.

"(Entered active duty service as a Naval chaplain, September 1985. Served with the Third Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan, 1985-1986.)

"Enjoyed the fellowship of South Korean Presbyterians: at Young Nak Presbyterian Church (the world's largest Presbyterian congregation) in Seoul, 1985; and in the countryside, 1986.

"Called and convened fellowship meeting of about a dozen Presbyterian chaplains and missionaries on Okinawa--whimsically named the "Presbytery of Okinawa"--1986.

"(Assigned to Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, 1986-1988.)

"Participant, National Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Washington, DC, 1986-1988 (Louis Evans, Jr., Pastor).

"Corresponding Member, National Capital Presbytery (PCUSA), 1986-1988. Preached at various PCUSA congregations in Maryland and Virginia.

"Participant, Fourth Presbyterian Church (EPC), Bethesda, Maryland, 1986-1988 (Rob Norris, Pastor). Participant in singles ministry. Chairman, Refugee Resettlement Committee, 1987-1988.

"(Assigned to Navy Family Service Center, then Naval Air Station, Agana, Guam, 1988-1990.)

"Enjoyed fellowship with pastor and people of Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church (CRC), Agana, Guam, 1988-1990 (Neil Culbertson, Pastor).

"Taught youth Confirmation course for the Protestant Congregation at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, NAS Agana, Guam. The youth received membership in National Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Washington, DC.

"(Assigned to USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55), home ported in Mayport, Florida, 1990-1993, including service in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.)

"Participant, Highlands Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Jacksonville, Florida, 1990-1992 (Don Harris, Pastor). Member, choir.

"Enjoyed fellowship of French Reformed believers in Marseilles, France, Spring 1991.

"Addressed Presbyterian Chaplains Retreat re. experiences in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Golden, Colorado, Summer 1991. Informed Endorser of possible transfer to EPC.

"Married the former Ginger Lou Jones at Central Presbyterian Church (EPC), St. Louis, Missouri, November 1991. Officiants, Andrew Jumper (EPC), John Pope (PCUSA) and Bill Gothard (Bible Church). Ginger joined Central the day after our wedding and maintains her permanent membership with that congregation during our nomadic military service.

"Participant, Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church (PCA), Ponte Vedra, Florida, 1992-1993 (A. B. Scott, Pastor).

"Daughter Christina Joy baptized by John Pope (PCUSA) on USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55) in Mayport, Florida, 1992.

"Transferred my ordination to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Florida Presbytery) from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Mississippi Presbytery), May 1993.

"(Assigned to Chaplain Advanced Course in Newport, Rhode Island, 1993-1994.)

"Preached at CRC churches in Connecticut and Massachusetts, and a PCUSA church in Providence, Rhode Island, 1993-1994.

"Son Andrew Albert II baptized by Tim Brewer (EPC) at Central Presbyterian Church (EPC), St. Louis, Missouri, 1994 during that congregation's 150th anniversary celebration.

"Chairman of standing committee on Ministerial Vocations at 1994 EPC General Assembly, Pompano Beach, Florida.

"(Assigned to Naval Air Station, Dallas, Texas and Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas, 1994-1997.)

"Transferred presbytery membership to Central South Presbytery (EPC), Fall 1994. Member, Ministerial Committee, 1995-1997 (Chairman Bob Petterson, then Sandy Wilson).

"Participant (evening services) and occasional preacher, Cross Pointe Community Church (EPC), Carrollton, Texas, 1994-1997 (Rhett Payne, Pastor).

"Daughter Caroline Grace baptized by Rhett Payne (EPC) at Cross Pointe Community Church (EPC), Carrollton, Texas, 1995.

"Son Jonathan Mark baptized by cousin Nancy Reeves (PCUSA) at the Chapel, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas, 1996.

"Chairman, Chaplains Subcommittee and member, General Assembly Ministerial Vocation Committee (EPC), Livonia, Michigan, 1996-2002 (Bill Moore, Chairman). As the EPC's Assistant Endorser for Chaplains (under Endorser Ed Davis), addressed the General Assembly in 1996, 1997 and 1999. Represented the EPC at the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (NCMAF) and the Endorsers Conference for Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy (ECVAC) in Washington, DC in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000..

"Preacher, five-day Lay Renewal Mission, Trinity Presbyterian Church (EPC), Florence, South Carolina, November 1996 (Bob Fenn, Coordinator; Bill Meyer, Pastor).

"(Assigned to Seventh Coast Guard District, Miami, Florida, 1997-2000.)

"Transferred presbytery membership to Florida Presbytery (EPC), Fall 1997. Preached at several churches throughout the presbytery.

"Participant, First Presbyterian Church (EPC), Homestead, Florida, 1997-2001 (Bob Hess, Pastor). Taught Sunday School (adult Bible survey course; youth Confirmation course) and preached on occasion.

"Attended dedication of the Andrew Jumper Graduate Theological Center (IPB) in the John Calvin Building at the Mackenzie Presbyterian Institute in São Paulo, Brazil, July 1998. My son, Andrew Albert Jumper II, namesake of my father, pulled the curtain from the name plaque as part of the inaugural ceremony.

"Son David Joseph baptized by Bob Hess (EPC) at First Presbyterian Church (EPC), Homestead, Florida, 1998.

"Elected by the Presbytery of Florida (EPC) to serve on the EPC General Assembly's Ad Interim Committee dealing with the church's nature, mission and future, October 1999.

"Elected Moderator, the Presbytery of Florida (EPC), for a one-year term, October 1999.

"Daughter Bonnie Fay baptized by myself at First Presbyterian Church (EPC), Homestead, Florida, 2000.

"(Assigned as first Director of CREDO Center of Excellence, Navy Region Northeast, Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Connecticut, 2001-2004.)

"Member, Presbytery of the East (EPC), 2001-present.

"Member, Committee on Ministry, Class of 2007 (Chairman George Yates).

"Participant, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Groton, Connecticut, 2001-2004 (Mark Porizky, Pastor). Sang in choir, preached on occasion.

"Daughter Elizabeth Anne (named after my mother) baptized by Mark Porizky (PCUSA) at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Groton, Connecticut, 2002.

"Occasional attendance, Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA), Ledyard, Connecticut, 2001-present (Greg Pilato, Pastor). Preached on occasion.

"(Assigned to U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, 2004-2005.)

"Preached at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) for Memorial Day weekend, 2003 and 2005.

"(Assigned to the Naval Chaplains School, Newport, Rhode Island, 2005-2006.)

"Our family has committed to be regular participants at Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA), Ledyard, CT. We expect our children to be examined for Christian experience and received as associate members.

"Abbreviations

"CRC - Christian Reformed Church

"EPC - Evangelical Presbyterian Church

"IPB - Igreja Presbiteriana do Brasil (Presbyterian Church of Brazil)

"PCA - Presbyterian Church in America

"PCUS - Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern)

"PCUSA - Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Merger of PCUS and UPCUSA)

"RPCES - Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod (Francis Schaeffer's denomination--later became part of PCA)

"UPCUSA - United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (Northern)"

Well, this is the conclusion of quite a bit of Mark's personal history, and I am grateful to him in providing it for use in these genealogical stories.

Sometime in the 1995 - 1997 ear (I really forget when), Mark received recognition in being nominated for Navy Chaplain of the Year (nominated from 12 chaplains in claimancy, one of 12 nominees from about 1,000 Navy chaplains). Well, I think you can see that we can feel proud and blessed to have a family member recognized for such good work in an organization as important as the United States Navy Chaplaincy.

Mark's description of his work toward the end of his career: "I was a Staff Chaplain there (US Coast Guard Academy), and also the Protestant Pastor of the U.S. Coast Guard Memorial Chapel. That assignment was from January 2004 through September 2005. Since October 2005, I have been a Staff Chaplain and Special Projects Officer at the Naval Chaplains School, Newport, Rhode Island."

More About COMMANDER MARK ANDREW JUMPER:

Baptised by: 1954, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (grandfather)

Graduated 1: Oral Robert University, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Graduated 2: Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia

Graduated 3: 1972, Parkwest High School, Saint Louis County, Missouri

Notes for GINGER LOU JONES:

Ginger was a Florida girl. While in her 30's, she was the administrative assistant for Bill Gothard, a man who headed up a Christian teaching ministry through a series of seminars, typically in large auditoriums or sports stadiums. It was known as "Basic Youth Conflicts," and thousands of people would attend at a time, meeting in large convention centers and stadiums. She was doing this work when she and Mark met.

Ginger is an endless resource for creativity, and her small stature did not reflect the strength and stamina she had in being a marvelous wife and mother. She particularly excelled by home schooling their children. She has been an endless source of reference for my own daughter, Tiffany, the mother of four children whom she also is home schooling.

Marriage Notes for MARK JUMPER and GINGER JONES:

The marriage of Mark to Ginger represented to his father, who officiated at their wedding, the last of his children to wed, even though Mark is the eldest of the children. The congregation of friends and loved ones at the Central Presbyterian Church in Clayton, Missouri was large and very celebrated.

More About MARK JUMPER and GINGER JONES:

Marriage: November 23, 1991, Clayton, Saint Louis County, Missouri, Central Presbyterian Church.

Married by: His father, Dr. Andrew A. Jumper.

Children of MARK JUMPER and GINGER JONES are:

- i. CHRISTINA JOY¹² JUMPER, b. July 17, 1992, Jacksonville, Florida (Baptist Hospital).
- ii. ANDREW ALBERT JUMPER II, b. February 02, 1994, Newport, Rhode Island (Newport Hospital).
- iii. CAROLINE GRACE JUMPER, b. May 22, 1995, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

Notes for CAROLINE GRACE JUMPER:

Caroline was born on the 254th anniversary of the issuing of the very first life insurance policy in America. It was issued by the Presbyterian Ministers Fund!

Source:

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20050522.html?th&emc=th>

Caroline, like her brother, Jonathan, is a seventh generation Texan. That heritage goes back to her great, great, great, great grandfather, Ohio born Felix Benedict Dixon, who migrated to Texas and took an immigration oath in 1841 in San Augustine County, Texas.

- iv. JONATHAN MARK JUMPER, b. September 11, 1996, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

Notes for JONATHAN MARK JUMPER:

Jonathan, like his sister, Caroline, is a seventh generation Texan. That heritage goes back to his great, great, great, great grandfather, Ohio born Felix Benedict Dixon, who migrated to Texas and took an immigration oath in 1841 in San Augustine County, Texas.

- v. DAVID JOSEPH JUMPER, b. June 27, 1998, Miami, Dade County, Florida (Jackson Memorial Hospital).

Notes for DAVID JOSEPH JUMPER:

David was born at 10:46 PM on Saturday after 13 hours of labor.

- vi. BONNIE FAY JUMPER, b. June 01, 2000, Miami, Dade County, Florida (Jackson Memorial Hospital).

- vii. ELIZABETH ANNE JUMPER, b. May 14, 2002, New London, Connecticut, at the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

Notes for ELIZABETH ANNE JUMPER:

Elizabeth was named for her grand mother who graduated to heaven almost 29 years earlier.

More About ELIZABETH ANNE JUMPER:

Baptised by: June 09, 2002, Rev. Mark Porizky

Baptism: June 09, 2002, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church PCUSA, Groton, Connecticut.

Length: May 14, 2002, 19 inches

Time: May 14, 2002, 4:32 PM

Weighed: May 14, 2002, 7 lbs, 5 oz

51. PETER SHARPE¹¹ JUMPER (*ELIZABETH ANNE*¹⁰ *SHARPE*, *DWIGHT ALFRED*⁹, *HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born April 04, 1956 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He married NANCY LOUISE ROBINSON July 29, 1978 in Raytown, Missouri, a suburb of Kansas City, at the Christian Church. She was born December 04, 1955 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Notes for PETER SHARPE JUMPER:

Peter was born the month that actress Grace Kelly was married on April 19, 1956 to Prince Rainier of Monaco.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000038/bio>

Peter began his education in Lubbock, Texas and his secondary education was in Saint Louis County, Missouri. During his college days, one of the interesting labors he undertook was the paving of driveways. Needless to day, he was often tared, but fortunately not feathered! In fact, this was an endeavor he did in partnership with his wife to be, Nancy Robinson, whom he met in college.

Born the very same day as was Peter was writer-producer David E. Kelly.

Source: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0005082/>

Peter was born the year that the Lerner and Loewe musical "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway on March 15, 1956. That musical went on to become the longest running Broadway musical in its day, ending in June of 1962. It so happened that I was in New York City on business and attended the very last showing of that long run.

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

Peter achieved a bachelors and a masters degree in social work and counseling. He also was trained as a pilot in the United States Air Force, serving later in the Air National Guard. He, Nancy and the boys moved to the Dallas suburb of Richardson, Texas about 1990. He worked a several positions in his field of social work, then was called to active duty in 2001.

In 2003, he returned to his family in Richardson, Texas where he was took up a new position for a company as a pilot and also as a personnel manager ... a real blend of his experiences and expertise. He was unfortunate to contract a malignancy. However, he was fortunate to be in the military on that occasion, so the Government medical care took are of all the provision and expense for it. He concluded the experience with a clean bill of health.

Peter and their family have been active members and leaders in the CrossPointe Community Church, Carrollton, Dallas County, Texas. Peter has served several times as an elected elder in that congregation. It is a constituent member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church denomination, a development off the former United Presbyterian Church, USA. Peter's father gave leadership to the forming of that denomination circa 1980.

More About PETER SHARPE JUMPER:

Baptised by: 1956, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (grandfather)

Graduated: University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri

Moved: 1989, From St. Louis, Missouri to Richardson, Texas

Notes for NANCY LOUISE ROBINSON:

Nancy was born just three days after 42 year old African American Rosa Parks sparked the effective beginning in the United States of the Civil Rights Movement on December 1, 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama by refusing to relinquish her seat on the bus in the "whites only" section of the front. Ms. Parks died October 24, 2005, recognized as a national hero.

Source: <http://www.madtimes.com/mwe.html>

Nancy grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, in a suburb named Ray Town. She met her husband, Peter, in college at the University of Missouri.

Before their marriage, they partnered in an asphaltting of driveways business in the summers. Boy, did they need cleaning at the end of the day! One summer, Nancy lived in our home, in University City, St. Louis County, Missouri, and was a roommate with our daughter, Tiffany.

After the family relocated to Richardson, Texas, a northern suburb of Dallas. Nancy worked at several positions. Her most recent and significant position is as an office manager for Acoustic Dimensions, a really high tech sound technology design company that does sound system projects over the world, including one in the Vatican in Rome. They did a system in 2003-2004 at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas where I served on the staff for a 22 years.

The family moved to Carrollton, Texas, another Dallas suburb, in September 2005 and have enjoyed the new home while beginning to experience the beginnings of empty nest syndrome quite pleasantly. Both sons still are working their ways through college.

More About NANCY LOUISE ROBINSON:

Occupation: 2000, Office Manager at Acoustic Dimensions, an audio sound systems company of international scope

Marriage Notes for PETER JUMPER and NANCY ROBINSON:

It was a fun family time that our family joined there at the Robinson's home church in Raytown, Missouri on that hot summer day July 29, 1978. We all had lots of fun being there with them.

On July 29, 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. So Peter and Nancy enjoyed sharing wedding anniversary dates with a world famous couple. However, Peter and Nancy's ability to carry out a good marriage certainly surpassed that of the royal couple!

More About PETER JUMPER and NANCY ROBINSON:

Marriage: July 29, 1978, Raytown, Missouri, a suburb of Kansas City, at the Christian Church
Married by: His father, Dr. Andrew A. Jumper.

Children of PETER JUMPER and NANCY ROBINSON are:

- i. BENJAMIN DAVID¹² JUMPER, b. January 18, 1984, Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

Notes for BENJAMIN DAVID JUMPER:

Ben graduated from Richardson High School (Richardson, Dallas County, Texas) on May 24, 2002 at Moody Coliseum on the Southern Methodist University Campus in Dallas. It was my pleasure to attend, along with all of the multi-generational family of his Mom, Nancy Robinson Jumper. Nancy's parents, Frank and Irene, as well as her brothers, Cliff and Ed, along with their wives and six children made the trek down from Kansas City area to join in. Ben also garnered another honor the following day when he was recognized at a ceremony in his church for his Eagle Scout Award! My, my.

Ben spent his freshman year at Le Tourneau College in the East Texas town of Longview. Subsequently, he registered for college at the University of Texas at Dallas on August 12-13, 2002. He held down a job at Acoustic Dimensions while a college student. This is the company where his Mom served as an office manager.

More About BENJAMIN DAVID JUMPER:

Commencement: May 24, 2002, Moody Auditorium, Campus of Southern Methodist University

Eagle Scout Award: May 25, 2002, Boy Scouts of America Troop #720. Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the Cross Pointe Community Church, Carrollton, Texas.

Graduated: May 24, 2002, L. V. Becker High School of the Richardson Independent School System.

- ii. DANIEL SHARPE JUMPER, b. April 06, 1987, Chesterfield, Saint Louis County, Missouri.

Notes for DANIEL SHARPE JUMPER:

Daniel was born the year the musical "Les Miserables" opened on Broadway.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Les_Mis%C3%A9rables_\(musical\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Les_Mis%C3%A9rables_(musical))

His middle name was taken from that of his grandmother's maiden name, Elizabeth Ann Sharpe Jumper.

52. CAROL ANNE¹¹ JUMPER (*ELIZABETH ANNE*¹⁰ *SHARPE*, *DWIGHT ALFRED*⁹, *HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born February 05, 1960 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, Baylor Hospital. She married BRUCE ALAN ROBERTSON August 09, 1980 in Clayton, Saint Louis County, Missouri, Central Presbyteian Church., son of NEWTON ROBERTSON and LEONA CAMPBELL. He was born October 23, 1956 in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Notes for CAROL ANNE JUMPER:

Carol's middle name, Anne, is her mother's middle name. She is a wonderful and inspiring niece. Her secondary education was in Saint Louis County. Her college education, at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri, prepared her for the high school teaching profession.

The United States Census reported our nation's population the year of Carol's birth to be about 179,245,000. U. S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his annual State of the Union message to Congress, proclaimed that 1960 promised to be the most prosperous year in our history. He projected a \$200,000,000 surplus in the Government Budget! However, the AFL-CIO Labor Union Council proclaimed that rescission loomed on our horizons. Our flag of the United States became a 50 star flag in 1960, recognizing the 1959 entrance into the union of the State of Hawaii. "Ben Hur" was the Academy Award winner for best movie in 1960 and its star, Charles Heston was best actor in it. And most sadly, Casey Stengel, manager of the New York Yankee baseball team since 1949 was fired!

Source: Encyclopedia of American Facts & Dates, Gorton Carruth, 8th edition, Harper & Row,

Her veterinarian husband, Bruce, established his practice in Fulton, Missouri, where Carol settled in on a long and successful teaching career in the public high school there. In time, the family acquired two hundred seventy five acres of farm land and raised cattle, among other agricultural pursuits. They are very active in the Baptist Church.

Bruce was ordained as a deacon and they both held leadership positions in several areas (e.g. Sunday School directors/teachers, Stewardship Chairman, Trustee Chairman, Personnel Committee. Chair, etc.). At one point Carol was considered a staff member, in that the church paid her for leading choruses with guitar on Sunday mornings in the early service.

Carol mastered a number of athletic skills, leading her to coach and to hunt. Some of Carol's hobbies were being an avid photographer and songwriter. Along with writing songs for weddings, funerals, or other special occasions she was also commissioned by their church to write an anthem for the 40th anniversary of the church's founding.

In terms of coaching, she coached the boys in soccer and baseball for several years and was head volleyball coach at Fulton High School, where she taught Biology and Genetics. Carol began at FHS in 1984, with a 4-year hiatus to stay at home with the boys when they were younger. She also worked part-time at Bruce's clinic during those four years.

Carol writes of her time in meeting Bruce: "I attended the University of Missouri-Columbia on volleyball scholarship and originally was a pre-vet major. During the 2nd semester of my freshman year, I happened to have a General Psychology class with a handsome senior guy named Bruce Robertson (Bruce had attended the University of Missouri Saint Louis and transferred to the University of Missouri to finish his degree and was applying to vet school. He was accepted that spring, by the way)!

"He happened to see me on campus one day and, recognizing me from class, came up to talk and walked me to my next class. We ended up dating all summer, since we were both from St. Louis, and the dating continued into the fall semester. The fall of 1979, I returned to Mizzou (local nomenclature for the University of Missouri) as a sophomore and Bruce began his first year of vet school. On the autumnal equinox in 1979, Bruce Robertson proposed marriage to me (and I promptly accepted!). The next summer, on the date of my mother's birthday, we were married by my father at Central Presbyterian Church on August 9, 1980. During my sophomore year I had changed my major to Science Education and I graduated on May 15, 1982 from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Bachelor of Science in Education with lifetime certification to teach Biology and Chemistry. (NOTE: I continued to play volleyball on scholarship all four years at Mizzou). While Bruce finished his last year of vet school, I taught at Hallsville High School."

Carol speaks to us in 2004, the year they became empty nesters:

"I continue to teach at Fulton High School and thorough enjoy the students and teachers there! This year is a little easier with only two preparations (Honors Biology and Honors Genetics) and smaller class sizes. This past school year, I was honored to be chosen third quarter as the 'Teacher of the Quarter.' Along with farm work, I kept busy this summer as I accepted an invitation to be one of the Master Teachers at the Summer Institute for Genetics at

the University of Missouri (a two-week intensive program for high school teachers). We had a wonderful summer vacation to see my sister, Amy, and her family in New York and my brother, Mark, and his family in Connecticut. The biggest change has come in the way of being empty nesters this fall. You know, we miss the boys, but it is kind of fun to enter this new state of life! It has been exciting to see them go off to college. They have grown into fine young men!! Change has also come with me no longer coaching volleyball. I am currently looking into working on a Masters in Biology at the University of Missouri, something I put off while the boys were home. We'll see if that works out. I still enjoy leading music at church and hunting/fishing on the farm. I also purchased a nice digital camera to take that hobby to a new level."

In the family's Christmas letter of 2005, Carol shares with us that she was named "Teacher of the Year" for the Fulton (Missouri) Public Schools! WOW, what an accomplishment! That same year, she was chosen as the one from Missouri for a Fellowship working in the summer of 2006 with researchers in plant genetics. Her genetics classes and the work they did was featured in the Winter 2006 issue of "School and Community" magazine. Growing out of all this, Carol was then enrolled in the Missouri University Masters of Science Education program, taking classes in the evenings. She said it was interesting being a coed after so many years, and at the same time and campus as her younger son, Jeff.

More About CAROL ANNE JUMPER:

Baptised by: 1960, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (grandfather)

Graduated: May 15, 1982, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri

Notes for BRUCE ALAN ROBERTSON:

Bruce was born on the same day as an anti-Stalinist revolt began in Hungary. This was the same day as American Jazz singer Dianne Reeves was born and that American Country & Western singer Dwight Yoakam was born.

Bruce and Carol met while they both were students at the University of Missouri. He became a Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine.

He was native to Missouri, and they spent most of their married life in and near Fulton, Missouri. They maintained a near-by working farm where they lived, and he operated a Veterinary Clinic in Fulton. His work there was long tenured and successful. In 2004, he took on a partner who purchased 25% of the clinic, Dr. Cindy Vedder, thus making Bruce's work load much more manageable.

Bruce provided active leadership in their local Baptist Church, including serving the office of Deacon.

More About BRUCE ALAN ROBERTSON:

Graduated: 1983, University of Missouri Veterinary School - Columbia, Missouri

Marriage Notes for CAROL JUMPER and BRUCE ROBERTSON:

The marriage was at beautiful Central Presbyterian Church, in Clayton, Saint Louis County, Missouri. The date was on Carol's mother's birthday, seven years after Elizabeth had died.

Bruce and Carol spent their 25th wedding anniversary in Branson, Missouri. It was a special time, described in their family Christmas letter for 2005.

More About BRUCE ROBERTSON and CAROL JUMPER:

Marriage: August 09, 1980, Clayton, Saint Louis County, Missouri, Central Presbyteian Church.

Married by: Her father, Dr. Andrew A. Jumper

Children of CAROL JUMPER and BRUCE ROBERTSON are:

- i. SAMUEL ADAM¹² ROBERTSON, b. November 15, 1983, Boone Hospital in Columbia, Boone County, Missouri.

Notes for SAMUEL ADAM ROBERTSON:

Sam was quite active in sports during high school: football, basketball and baseball. Both he and Jeff were inducted into the National Honor Society and are outstanding students.

Sam was appointed to the United States Air Force Academy truly is an honor to him and his family. He was one of 1,200 accepted out of 16,400 applicants!

In the family's 2005 Christmas letter, Sam reported his graduation plans in 2006 from the Academy. Pilot training is immediately following graduation. In the summer of 2005, Sam earned his jump wings (parachuting), spent two weeks in England and learned how to SCUBA dive. He continues being an instructor pilot for gliders (that's air planes with no engines!)

His graduating ceremony, awarding a Bachelor of Sciences degree, was May 31, 2006, at which time he also received his commission as a 2nd Lt. in the Air Force.

More About SAMUEL ADAM ROBERTSON:

Graduated: May 31, 2006, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado²⁴⁰

HS Graduation: 2002, Fulton High School, Fulton, Missouri

Military service: 2002, Admitted to the Air Force Academy.

- ii. JEFFREY ALAN ROBERTSON, b. December 18, 1985, Boone Hospital in Columbia, Boone County, Missouri.

Notes for JEFFREY ALAN ROBERTSON:

Jeff was a 4 lb 4 oz premature baby and is now a big guy at 6'2" and 200 lbs! He was quite active in sports during high school- football, wrestling, and baseball. Both Jeff and his brother, Sam, were inducted into the National Honor Society and are outstanding students.

Jeff's high school graduation ceremony was held at Westminster College in Fulton Missouri in May 2004. This college is known world wide as the site where Sir Winston Churchill, in a speech accepting an honorary degree, coined the phrase, "the Iron Curtin" for that wall was the wall erected by the Communists to separate their captive peoples from the freedom loving Westerners in Europe. Of course, Jeff is distantly related to Sr. Winston. Jeff is the eighth half cousin, twice removed, to United States President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who was an eleventh cousin, once removed to Sir Winston Churchill.

The family Christmas letter of 2005 cited Jeff as a sophomore at the University of Missouri, majoring in mechanical engineering. As a student, he is active in the Baptist Student Union, and is a Community Leader in his residential hall on the campus.

More About JEFFREY ALAN ROBERTSON:

Graduated: May 28, 2004, Fulton High School, Fulton Missouri

53. KATHRYN ELIZABETH¹¹ JUMPER (*ELIZABETH ANNE*¹⁰ *SHARPE*, *DWIGHT ALFRED*⁹, *HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹) was born June 14, 1958 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas at Baylor Hospital. She married LT. COL. GARY EDWARD CARLTON April 30, 1983 in Clayton, Saint Louis County, Missouri, Central Presbyteian Church.. He was born October 19, 1957 in Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida.

Notes for KATHRYN ELIZABETH JUMPER:

Kathy shares birthdays with famed author, Harriet Beecher Stowe (born in 1811), the American writer of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," a book that stirred deep public sentiment about the plight of African Americans chained by slavery.

Kathy was born at Baylor Hospital in Dallas while her father was pastor of the West Shore Presbyterian Church. The family lived in Lubbock, Texas circa 1963-1970, then moved to St. Louis County, Mo. Kathy graduated from Parkway Central Senior High School in Chesterfield on June 4, 1976. She graduated from the University of Missouri in December, 1980, majoring in Fashion Merchandising in the Department of Clothing & Textiles in the School of Home Economics.

From Kathy's own words, "My career is as a wife, mother and volunteer extraordinaire! But before that, my first real job after college was in sales for Xerox Corp. After marriage and kids, I only took occasional part-time jobs in sales, substitute teaching, clerical ... whatever. As a volunteer, I was very involved in Girl Scouts, helping at the kids' schools, President of

the Parent/Teacher organization at one school for two years, and very involved in all sorts of church activities."

Kathy married her brother's Air Force fellow pilot, Gary Carlton, and they lived initially in Enid, Oklahoma. Subsequently they lived a few years in the Phillipine Islands while being based at Clark Air Force Base. Upon returning to the United States, the family located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where their daughters went through their schooling years. Gary assumed a civilian pilot's position flying for the US Government, and occasionally is called to active service. His flying expertise are the very large transport jets for the moving of military equipment and quantities of soldiers.

More About KATHRYN ELIZABETH JUMPER:

Baptised by: 1958, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (grandfather)

College Major: Fashion Merchandising, Dept of Clothing & Textiles

College Graduation: December 1989, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

HS Graduation: June 04, 1976, Parkway Central Senior High School, Chesterfield, St. Louis County, MO

Married by: April 30, 1983, Dr. Andrew A. Jumper (father) & Lt. Mark A. Jumper, Chaplain, USN (brother)

Notes for LT. COL. GARY EDWARD CARLTON:

Gary graduated from Bucholz Senior High School in June, 1975. He graduated from Santa Fe Community College with an Associate of Science and Pre-Advertising major in May of 1977. He graduated from the University of Florida in Gainesville with a degree in Advertising from the School of Journalism in December, 1979.

His military career is reflected in his graduation from Officer Training School, USAF in April, 1982. Her graduated USAF Pilot Training at Vance AFB, Oklahoma (Enid, Oklahoma) in April, 1983. He served as an Instructor Pilot for T-37's at Vance Air Force Base. Then served as a C-130 pilot at Clark Air Force Base, The Philippines (which no longer exists), and left active duty in March, 1990.

His United States Air Force Reserve activities began in April 1990 as an Air Reserve Technician (ART). This is a position in which he really is a full time civil servant at his reserve unit in his capacity as a Reservist C-130. His first ART was at the 64th TAS in Chicago Illinois Reserve Unit. Then he transferred to what is now the 731st ALS at the Reserve unit in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1998, his current rank is Major and he is an Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot and an Evaluator Pilot in the C-130 aircraft. The 731st was activated for Desert Shield and Desert Storm (the Gulf War in 1990).

More About LT. COL. GARY EDWARD CARLTON:

Graduated: June 1975, Bucholz Senior High School

Marriage Notes for KATHRYN JUMPER and GARY CARLTON:

The marriage ceremony at Central Presbyterian Church was conducted by Kathy's father, the

Rev. Dr. Andrew Albert Jumper, and her brother, Lt. Mark Andrew Jumper, Chaplain, USN.

More About GARY CARLTON and KATHRYN JUMPER:

Marriage: April 30, 1983, Clayton, Saint Louis County, Missouri, Central Presbyterian Church.

Married by: Her father, Dr. Andrew A. Jumper

Children of KATHRYN JUMPER and GARY CARLTON are:

- i. LAURA ELIZABETH¹² CARLTON, b. September 06, 1985, Enid, Garfield County, OK; m. CORBIN J. LAMBETH, June 17, 2006, Cuchara, Colorado.

Notes for LAURA ELIZABETH CARLTON:

Laura was born at St. Mary's Hospital. When she was in the 8th grade, she did a long distance telephone interview on October 28, 1998, with me for a family interest project for her school work.

Marriage Notes for LAURA CARLTON and CORBIN LAMBETH:

Their marriage took place at the Cuchara Chapel, which is on the east side of Highway #12, just south of mile marker 16 (in the southeast portion of Colorado). The Reception was at the Cuchara Community Center in the next building south of the Chapel. The Pastor officiating the ceremony was Corbin's long-term friend, the Rev. Chip (probably Charles) Ewald.

The Bride's family resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado, but they have a mountain cabin in the Cuchara Community where the chapel is located where the wedding took place. The Groom's parents hail from Springfield, Missouri. Larry and Cathy Lambeth, parents of the Groom, hosted the Reception Dinner for the Wedding Party at a nice eating establishment nearby after the early evening rehearsal at the chapel.

It is a 120 seat chapel that was filled to capacity for this memorable and beautiful wedding. The Maid of Honor was Emily Carlton, younger sister of the bride. The Best Man was Corbin's brother, Eric. Eric's son, Stone, was the youngster serving as the ring bearer. The Groomsmen were Mike Killebrew and Stacy Tedrick. The Groomsmen and officiating Pastor are all a band of four friends who had been together about four years from a Christian wilderness out-of-doors fellowship and experience. The Bridesmaids were friends of the Bride, Derika Howard, and Karissa Erickson.

The Bride's uncle, Commander Mark Andrew Jumper, USN, opened the service with a prayer in which much beautiful nomenclature was evident. Seated with the usual honor and pomp were the Bride's mother, Kathryn (Kathy) Elizabeth Jumper Carlton and the Groom's parents, Larry and Cathy Lambeth. Also seated by the ushers were the Bride's grandparents, Sydney Jumper and Robert Schmidt (these really are step grandparents, as the actual grandparents were deceased). Of course, Larua, a very beautiful bride in an all white dress with appropriate train, was escorted down the aisle by her father, Lt. Col. Gary Carlton.

The ushers were first cousins of the Bride, Sam and Jeff Robertson of Fulton, Missouri and Ben Jumper of Carrollton, Texas. Sam was somewhat hobbled for the occasion, as he had a minor accident that morning on his motorcycle, inviting some six stitches in his knee. The Reception Host was Peter Sharpe Jumper, uncle of the Bride and father of Ben, the usher. Peter's wife, Nancy Robinson Jumper was present as well.

The departure for the Bride and Groom at the end of the afternoon when the Reception was concluded was in a bright red restored Model A Ford automobile, the prized possession of the owner of a neighbor cabin of the Carlton's. The real departure was from their car stored away at the cabin so they could make a "clean" getaway.

Impromptu social occasions developed on the evening prior to the wedding and the evening of the wedding, all at the rented cabin where I lodged. It was about a block from the chapel and large enough to accommodate perhaps 30 or 40 people each of those evenings. Those were some of the best occasions for the wedding experience, from my perspective, as I was able to meet and get to know quite a few friends of the family, especially of the Carltons. It was an honor to represent my family at this wonderful occasion and to witness the beginning of a glowing Christian marriage between two great young people.

After their honeymoon, they will be headed to seminary for Corbin's training for the pastorate and where Laura will invest herself into that seminary education with her labors to support the family for those seminary years.

More About CORBIN LAMBETH and LAURA CARLTON:
Marriage: June 17, 2006, Cuchara, Colorado

- ii. EMILY ANNE CARLTON, b. April 27, 1988, Clark AFB, Angeles City, the Republic of the Philippines..

Notes for EMILY ANNE CARLTON:

Emily shares the same birthday as Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, who was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio in 1822. She also shares a famous birthday, with Samuel Morse (4/27/1791 - 4/2/1872), the American painter and developer of the telegraph and its code of dots and dashes. I think that's why Emily is such a dashing character, and dot's right!

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/20040427.html>

The very next month after Emily was born, President Ronald Reagan began his first visit to the Soviet Union as he arrived in Moscow for a superpower summit with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Source:

54. TIFFANY LENN¹¹ SHARPE (*DWIGHT ALBERT¹⁰, DWIGHT ALFRED⁹, HARRY SETH⁸, JOHN ELSEFER⁷ SHARP II, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born August 04, 1966 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. She married (1) STEPHEN DUNHAM May 31, 1987 in University Park, Dallas County, Texas, son of OLIVER DUNAHM and MARLENE SWANSON. He was born September 19, 1963. She married (2) STEVEN ODIS WESTMORELAND March 21, 1998 in Highland Park Presbyterian Church, University Park, Dallas County, Texas²⁴¹, son of HERBERT WESTMORELAND and BETTY COVINGTON. He was born January 06, 1962 in Durant, Oklahoma.

Notes for TIFFANY LENN SHARPE:

Tiffany, 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, and it was when the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. adopted "The Confession of 1967," the first confessional document adopted by Presbyterians since the Westminster Confession of Faith was adopted in England in 1647.

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.

The family's St. Louis experience, beginning in 1972, provided a wonderful environment for her. Flynn Park Elementary School was a model school, and Tiffany excelled there in many ways. Actually, they 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. 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% were African American students, mostly 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. Tiffany learned to play some musical instruments, and took small roles 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. She 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 CPA firm whose principals she had know earlier at Coopers and Lybrand. That firm worked exclusively in sales tax problem resolvment 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 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!

In the fall of 1997, providence had Tiffany meet Steve Odis (Steve) Westmoreland. It was the right combination for the two of them, and they married in March the following year. We did not know at the time, but subsequent research has allowed us to realize that Steve and Tiffany were 34th cousins, four times removed to each other before they married! The ancestor in common for them was Eystein Glumra, a man of Norway (a Viking) who lived in the 800s AD.

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.

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 a new home there.

More About TIFFANY LENN SHARPE:

Baptised by: September 11, 1966, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (grandfather)

Baptism: September 11, 1966, Canal Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Graduated 1: 1984, Highland Park High School, Dallas, Texas, Graduated Magna Cum Laude

Graduated 2: 1989, University of Texas at Dallas, Cum Laude

More About STEPHEN DUNHAM and TIFFANY SHARPE:

Divorce: December 1990, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Marriage: May 31, 1987, University Park, Dallas County, Texas

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 engineering and served as a 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 Raburn, born in 1882. Sam, a revered leader in the Democratic Part of his day, died in November of the year after Steve was born.

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

Steve's young life had his focus on wanting to fly early on, and he did acquire a pilot's license while a teenager. After graduating from the University of Missouri, he became a Navy Fighter 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, particularly to South America.

I was so excited when Steve's Mother showed me that their 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 royal family!

Actually, the ancestor in common to Steve and Tiffany is Eystein Glumra, 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'; poss. aka Eystein of ORKNEY. Eystein Glumra is the 25th great grandfather of the first President of the United States, General George Washington. He 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, and became very active participants and leaders. Steve was on a team of church members who went to the New Orleans, 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 that I was able to be. I am truly blessed to have him as a son-in-law.

Marriage Notes for TIFFANY SHARPE and STEVEN WESTMORELAND:

Steve and Tiffany were married in Wynne Chapel of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church @ 3821 University Boulevard, Dallas, Texas. The service was officiated by Sharpe family friend, the Rev. Dr. Harry Sharp (no relation known) Hassall, the Senior Associate Pastor at that church, a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation and where I served on the staff before retiring in 2004 after 22 years.

The service was at 2:00 P.M., with a capacity congregation in the 144 seat chapel, followed by a wedding reception in the church's formal parlor. Food Service Director of the Church, Druselda Solomon, oversaw a delightful reception. The wedding cake was a "Tiffany" cake design, taken from an idea from the retail outlet, Tiffany's of New York, to have a cake in series of squares, topped by a present wrapped in the traditional blue signature presentation of Tiffany's presents.

The dinner and evening event was for relatives and out of town visitors at the Sharpe home at 4539 Willow Lane. About 75 persons were there for beef brisket, chili and all of the fun things to eat and drink. Tiffany's cousin, Lt. Mark Andrew Jumper, a chaplain in the Navy, recited his composure of a blessing for the house.

This house was purchased the prior year by Suzanne and me, together with Tiffany to share in ownership. It was decided that the newly married couple would take over full ownership, and that the parents would "downsize" to a condominium rental.

It was altogether a delightful experience for a wedding, and all were happy.

It is of interest for us to have discovered in 2005 that Steve actually is related to Tiffany. They are 34th cousins, four times removed, through King Edward I of England. Steve is in a direct lineal descent as the 24th great grandson of King Edward I, whereas Tiffany is only the 12th cousin, 22 times removed of King Edward I.

So, we are pleased that our daughter got the royal treatment!

More About STEVEN WESTMORELAND and TIFFANY SHARPE:

Marriage: March 21, 1998, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, University Park, Dallas County, Texas²⁴¹

Wedding Reception: March 21, 1998, Church Parlor in the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas

Children of TIFFANY SHARPE and STEVEN WESTMORELAND are:

- i. KATHERINE MICHELLE¹² WESTMORELAND, b. January 17, 1999, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas²⁴².

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 1880 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.

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!

More About KATHERINE MICHELLE WESTMORELAND:

Graduated: May 20, 2004, Living Word Preschool, Living Word Lutheran Church, Grapevine, Tarrant County, Texas

- ii. JOHN DAVID WESTMORELAND, b. July 27, 2000, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas²⁴².

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's 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, Haldane, 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 second born 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 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 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.

- iii. LILY TAYLOR WESTMORELAND, b. April 15, 2002, Coppell, Dallas County, Texas²⁴³.

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

- iv. SARAH TODD WESTMORELAND, b. April 15, 2002, Coppell, Dallas County, Texas²⁴⁴.

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!

55. TODD WITTMAN¹¹ SHARPE (*DWIGHT ALBERT¹⁰, DWIGHT ALFRED⁹, HARRY SETH⁸, JOHN ELSEFER⁷ SHARP II, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born January 26, 1969 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. He married (1) SHEILA FAYE CAPPS June 30, 2001 in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, daughter of NORMAN CAPPS and MARY SISK. She was born June 04, 1967 in Dallas, Texas. He married (2) CARRIE ANN MAXWELL September 17, 2005 in Caldwell County, Texas²⁴⁵, daughter of JAMES MAXWELL and FRANCES STEVENS. She was born July 13, 1978 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

Notes for TODD WITTMAN SHARPE:

Todd was born 8 pounds, 1 ounce, Sunday morning, 3:35 AM at Touro Infirmary, 3501 Prytania, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. He was delivered by Dr. Sustendahl (sp?). He was a fine Roman Catholic physician who delivered all three of our Presbyterian children in that Jewish hospital! All is well for ecumenism.

Todd was always a technical child in the family. He excelled at investigating things and finding solutions. That explains his college major as mechanical engineer. He also developed the most musically of the family's three children.

He began his life in 1969 as Richard Nixon assumed the Presidency of the United States.

It was the year that New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller donated his collection of primitive art to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Todd's fourth grand uncle, Johann Phillip Rockefeller, was also the fourth grand uncle of Gov. Rockefeller, who later became Vice President of the United States. Todd was born on the day of the 24th anniversary of Soviet troops liberating the Nazi concentration camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland. Finally, he was born in the year that "Sesame Street" made its debut on PBS (November 10).

While the family lived in University City, Saint Louis County, Missouri, Todd attended Flynn Park Elementary School. He attended Central School for the Young Years at Central Presbyterian Church in Clayton, Missouri, where the family were members.

Todd was taught piano by his mother the first couple of years in grammar school. He learned a little about playing several wind instruments. He became quite accomplished at improvising music for his and the family's personal enjoyment. One interesting time was when the Junior High Department of our church scheduled an amateur music contest. He had no intention to enter the competition, but on the night of the event, his peers prevailed upon him. So, he played a piece on which he'd lately been practicing. "Chariots of Fire" was the theme song of the 1981 British movie by that name which won four Academy Awards that year, including best movie. Without advance special preparation for the contest, Todd took first place in the competition! Boy, were we all proud of him!

Todd was a member of the prestigious chorale group at Highland Park High School in Dallas, Texas, the Lads & Lassies, following in his sister's steps in that group. He learned to play the pipe organ at Highland Park Presbyterian Church (5,400 pipes) under the tutelage of Dr. E. Davis Wortman, II. He took parts in community Broadway musicals, including dancing in the bottle dance in "Fiddler on the Roof." He also had roles in "Sound of Music" and the "Unsinkable Molly Brown."

During high school, he traveled to the Dominican Republic on a mission work trip. He also visited England with a youth chorale group from Highland Park Presbyterian Church. He happened to be on the curbside with his telephoto lens camera when Queen Elizabeth's parade of cars going across the city came by. He captured a wonderful close photographic shot of the queen for the family album. Todd achieved good grades in high school, and won the \$1,000 scholarship voted each year by the faculty for a graduating college-bound senior.

Todd's basic self confidence and sense of trying always to do the right thing really showed in those dark days. The family rallied around Todd, and we all respect him for the character by which he bore this heavy burden. The events were covered extensively in newspapers over the year before resolution, and the TV local news highlighted the trial's not guilty verdict on the broadcast that evening. The story was the front page headline of the Saturday morning newspaper.

Todd spent his freshman year of college awaiting the trial. He went on to accomplish good results as an engineer. He worked on the maintenance staff at Highland Park Presbyterian Church during his late high school and his college summers. He graduated as a mechanical engineer from the University of Texas at Austin. His masters Degree was earned at the University of Texas at Arlington. He did significant work toward a Ph. D. degree at the University of Texas at Arlington, but stopped short of completing. He sensed he wanted to get

at the working world and, not intending to go into teaching, would not need that degree.

He did show aptitude at teaching in graduate school by being an instructor for mature engineers coming back to the graduate school for continuing education. One project in the graduate school was his team creating a mechanical robot to be used in the manufacture of weapons systems, such as rocket launchers, missiles, etc. In the course of that work, he earned his name being on a patent for a complicated universal joint used in the robot.

The 1991 Christmas that he graduated from college was spent in South Africa. His roommate Mick, was born there of British and Dutch parentage. By the college years of these boys, Mick's parents had moved to Australia. However, a family reunion had been scheduled in South Africa and Todd was delighted to be invited. Our family purchased a 600 mm telephoto lens for Todd's Nikon camera as a graduation present, and he captured some marvelous scenery and wild life pictures. He spent about six weeks there, coming and going by spending a few days in Amsterdam. In those days, American airlines were not permitted by our government to fly to South Africa, as an objection to that nation's racial policies. So, Todd had to travel there through Europe.

Todd received his Masters of science and mechanical engineering in the fall of 1994 at the University of Texas at Arlington. His work a while on a doctoral study was only for a couple of years. In 1997, he spent a month touring Europe, renting a motorcycle for much of the way. He went through the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Austria, the Czech Republic, Italy, France and Switzerland. His wisest actions were to phone home on Easter Sunday and on his Mom's birthday!

Todd went to work for Applied Materials, a firm noted for being the world's largest manufacturer of equipment that is used to manufacture computer chips. Though he had to endure one layoff of massive cuts not long after first going there, he was brought back and did endure other significant layoffs that were a result of the wildly fluctuating technological economy. He developed into an engineer on whom the company demonstrated more and more reliance and appreciation. His work has included his name again appearing on patents belonging to the company. Since then, he survived quite a number of employee layoffs that occurred, due to the roller coaster pathway of that industry.

He settled down on a 13 acre section of land about 25 miles southeast from downtown Austin in Crawford County. The home on the property was erected in the 1960's and was a fine three bedroom starter home. He maintained his agricultural exemption on the land by renting it out for cattle grazing. The post office address was Dale, Texas.

We were very pleased that his circumstances at work greatly improved by 2004 and he received a significant promotion. Of course, as proud parents, we think that Applied Materials is very fortunate to have Todd in their employ.

On May 17, 2005, the family and many friends had great concern growing out of the motorcycle accident he had on his commute to work one day. His travel on a highway speed road was the scene where someone slowly pulled out from a side road on a curve, just in time to get in his path. He had the foresight to leap up, which hurled him over the car and down the highway some 50 or 75 feet. His helmet and riding leather jacket protected him from a lot, but he did sustain broken bones in his arm, hand, pelvis and foot. He had excellent medical care

and successfully returned to work in about eight weeks. We were all grateful for the blessings of his protection and recovery.

This was a time when Suzanne and I first had opportunity to spend time around Carrie Maxwell, who became his wife on September 17. So you can see that something good can come out of many occasions.

It was with great thrill and celebration that we received a phone call Thanksgiving eve 2005 from Todd while Suzanne, Taylor and I were spending Thanksgiving at the Bogges Family Farm in Noxubee County, Mississippi, announcing that they were pretty sure they were pregnent with their first child! Todd talked with his Grandfather, T. S., who brought the news in to Taylor and me.

More About TODD WITTMAN SHARPE:

Baptised by: May 04, 1969, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe (grandfather)

Baptism: May 04, 1969, Canal Street Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Graduated 1: 1987, Highland Park High School, Dallas, Texas

Graduated 2: December 1991, University of Texas @ Austin

Majored: Mechanical Engineering

Masters Degree: 1994, University of Texas at Arlington

More About SHEILA FAYE CAPPS:

Moved: August 16, 2003, to an apartment in Austin, Texas

Marriage Notes for TODD SHARPE and SHEILA CAPPS:

Their wedding in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico was really an interesting occasion for the family. There were 38 family, friends and loved ones who attended!

It was unfortunate that the marrige ended in divorce in 2003.

More About TODD SHARPE and SHEILA CAPPS:

Divorce: December 16, 2003, Travis County, Texas²⁴⁶

Marriage: June 30, 2001, Playa del Carmen, Mexico

Wedding Reception: August 25, 2001, At Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, Dallas, about 100 Dallas & out of town friends.

Notes for CARRIE ANN MAXWELL:

Carrie was born and raised in Tarrant County, Texas. The family always residing in the town of Keller in the northeast part of the county. She graduated from Keller High School. She worked as an assistant in a veterinarian clinic, both in Keller and in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

She moved to Caldwell County, Texas when she and Todd married. She took a positon in Travis County at a veterinarian clinic. She woked in a veterinarian clinic till they were blessed

with their first child, Luke.

She brought a delight and sense of happiness in the home and made a positive partner with Todd. Our family was blessed and delighted to have Carrie come into our family.

Marriage Notes for TODD SHARPE and CARRIE MAXWELL:

The wedding was in the home that Todd had owned for several years, out in Caldwell County, Texas. It's a nice 13 acre place where the family gathered. It's a less than 20 minute drive from there to downtown Austin.

Carrie's parents, Steve and Elaine Maxwell, were there, as was Suzanne and I. Todd's brother, Taylor, and his sister, Tiffany were there, along with Tiffany's four children, Katie, Jack, Lily and Sarah. Carrie's brother, Jay and his wife, Lisa, were present as well. .

The minister officiating the ceremony was the Rev. Nancy Lea Ehlers Reeves is a first cousin of Todd's. She is pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas. Her husband, Kevin, also was present.

Carrie's dress was a beautiful white slender dress which highlighted her beauty and radiance as a new bride. Todd's mother, Suzanne, made the wedding cake. The bride's father, Steve, provided the whole family with a wonderful meal of Lockhart Bar-b-cue beef, a famous delicacy of the area, Smity's, served afterward at the home.

Their wedding was on the 218th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States by those 39 signatories of famous American history.

More About TODD SHARPE and CARRIE MAXWELL:

Marriage: September 17, 2005, Caldwell County, Texas²⁴⁷

Child of TODD SHARPE and CARRIE MAXWELL is:

- i. LUKE MAXWELL¹² SHARPE, b. July 26, 2006, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Notes for LUKE MAXWELL SHARPE:

Luke 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. Luke is the ninth great grandson of French immigrant Jean De Jarnette who arrived before 1765. He is the ninth great grandson of English immigrant Dannett Abney who came before 1692. Luke is the seventh's great grandson of English immigrants Thomas and John Eubank before 1715. Luke's very oldest ancestor of whom we have information is a Norwegian Viking,

Haldane, the Jarl (Earl) of the Uplands, born about 750 AD, who is Luke's 36th great grandfather.

Luke was born at Seaton Southwest Hospital, Austin, Travis County, Texas on July 26, 2006 at 11:33 AM. He weighed 7 pounds, 8.4 oz. He came after about 13.5 hours of labor for Carrie, his Mom, being in labor with Dad helping in the labor room. All came out well. Mother and baby were just perfect. Both grandparents were able to be present the first three days of Luke's life, and that was a real treat. Dr. Schneider was the woman doctor who delivered Luke. Though born in Travis County, his parents live in Caldwell County at a 13 acre country residence to the southeast of Austin.

56. STEVEN FRANKLIN¹¹ SHARPE (*HARRY FRANKLIN*¹⁰, *HARRY SIMONS*⁹, *HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹)²⁴⁸ was born July 02, 1955 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas²⁴⁸.

Notes for STEVEN FRANKLIN SHARPE:

Steven was born with a foot not formed properly, resulting in his having to wear corrective braces and shoes for many years.

Children of STEVEN FRANKLIN SHARPE are:

- i. MELLISSA SUE¹² SHARPE^{248,249}, b. 1980²⁵⁰.
- ii. STEVEN FRANKLIN SHARPE II^{250,251}, b. January 10, 1985^{252,253}.

57. APRIL LEE¹¹ SHARPE (*HARRY FRANKLIN*¹⁰, *HARRY SIMONS*⁹, *HARRY SETH*⁸, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁷ *SHARP II*, *JOHN ELSEFER*⁶, *GEORGE P.*⁵, *JOHANN PETER*⁴ *SCHERP*, *JACOB A.*³, *PETER*², *OTTO*¹)²⁵⁴ was born November 05, 1966²⁵⁴. She married RONALD MCNEILL Bef. 1996, son of MCNEILL. He was born November 28, 1964.

Notes for APRIL LEE SHARPE:

April, whose family moved to California when she was about 10 years old, was raised mostly in Escondido, California. She initially communicated with me in an August 8, 2004 e-mail.

In her e-mail, she had a delightful story about her first meeting with her Dad, Harry Franklin Sharpe, my first cousin:

"I don't know if my Dad told you the story of how we finally met. It's a pretty amazing story actually. I was raised by my mother, and didn't even see my Dad until I was a junior in high school. I remember that somehow my Mom and Dad had got back in touch with each other, and decided that he and I should meet. I flew to Texas for the first time since I was a baby, to meet my Dad. My Dad said he would be wearing a suit and would have a newspaper

under his arm. I got off the plane, and what do you know? Every man in the airport had a suitcase on and a newspaper under his arm! Talk about nervous! After walking straight ahead for a bit, I caught eye contact with a man, whom I knew at that first instant was my father! I have always thought that I look so much like my Mom, but you would not believe how much I look like my Dad. The rest of the family did double takes when they saw me, they couldn't get over the resemblance either. I know it is kind of a strange story, but somehow God put my Dad back in my life, and I am so grateful to him for that. It was odd at first getting to know my Dad, but I now feel like we have never been separated. He is so very special to me."

April is an escrow officer, who works for Chicago Title, on the escrow side. She mostly handles residential "subdivision" escrows. Her company targets the builders or developers and then handle all the escrows in that subdivision. Her comment in 2004 about her work is, "I've been doing escrow for about 18 years now. It is a very stressful job, but I do enjoy a challenge!"

More About APRIL LEE SHARPE:

Moved to: Bet. 1976 - 1977, California²⁵⁵

Occupation: 1986, Escrow Officer for a financial institution in San Diego, California

More About RONALD MCNEILL and APRIL SHARPE:

Divorce: Aft. 1998, Divorced

Marriage: Bef. 1996

Children of APRIL SHARPE and RONALD MCNEILL are:

- i. BROOKE¹² MCNEILL, b. July 04, 1996, San Diego, California.

Notes for BROOKE MCNEILL:

Brooke was described by her mother as "our little firecracker." (in an August 30, 2004 e-mail to me)

- ii. COURTNEY MCNEILL, b. March 03, 1998, San Diego, California.

Generation No. 8

58. MATTHEW SCOTT¹² REEVES (*NANCY LEA¹¹ EHLERS, MARTHA DE NOAILLES¹⁰ SHARPE, DWIGHT ALFRED⁹, HARRY SETH⁸, JOHN ELSEFER⁷ SHARP II, JOHN ELSEFER⁶, GEORGE P.⁵, JOHANN PETER⁴ SCHERP, JACOB A.³, PETER², OTTO¹*) was born May 15, 1980 in Austin, Travis County, Texas. He married ELIZABETH KAY HENDERSON June 22, 2002 in Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas. She was born February 20, 1981.

Notes for MATTHEW SCOTT REEVES:

Matthew was the only one of his siblings or first cousins that his great grandfather, Dwight Alfred Sharpe, lived to see. Matthew is a seventh generation Texan.

His Mom was born in Brian, his grandmother Ehlers was born in Laredo, his great grandmother Martha Dixon Chapman Shape was born in Lufkin, his great, great grandmother Margaret Lavina Abney was born in Lufkin, his third great grandmother Martha Jane Dixon was born in San Augustine, and lastly to his fourth great grandfather Judge Felix Benedict Dixon, was an Ohio born man who took an oath of immigration into the Republic of Texas in May of 1841.

Matt works as a software developer for Hewlett Packard. He completed his Masters in Computer Science in December, 2004. He and his wife Libby live in North Round Rock, along with their two dogs and turtle!

One of the great accomplishments in the family for this young couple is to produce the first great, great nephew for us! In fact, Benjamin (Ben) Christopher Reeves is an eighth generation Texan!

More About MATTHEW SCOTT REEVES:

Graduated: May 1999, Round Rock High School, Round Rock, Texas

Marriage Notes for MATTHEW REEVES and ELIZABETH HENDERSON:

Matthew's mother was the officiating pastor for their marriage. It was held at the Round Rock Presbyterian Church, as their home church, Grace Presbyterian, was not large enough to host this wedding. It is located at 4010 Sam Bass Road, a main thoroughfare named after the famed outlaw of that area from the 1800's legends.

The couple departed for the port of Galveston for a lovely honeymoon cruise. Their initial living quarters were in Leander, Texas on land with her parents, while both pursued further graduate education.

The wedding took place on the very day that Syndicated advice columnist Ann Landers died at age 83.

Source:

http://www.creators.com/Lifestyle_Shell.cfm?pg=statement.html&ColumnsName=alc

More About MATTHEW REEVES and ELIZABETH HENDERSON:

Marriage: June 22, 2002, Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas

Child of MATTHEW REEVES and ELIZABETH HENDERSON is:

- i. BENJAMIN CHRISTOPHER¹³ REEVES, b. June 17, 2005, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Notes for BENJAMIN CHRISTOPHER REEVES:

Early on the morning of Benjamin's birth, we received the following e-mail from his Grandmother Nancy Reeves:

"Benjamin Christopher Reeves was born at 12:47 a.m. on Friday, June 17 at North Austin Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Everyone is doing AWESOME!!! He was welcomed into the world at the hospital by Dad Matt, Grandparents Kevin and Nancy Reeves, David and Celeste Yeakley, Sam and Cheryl Henderson, Aunts and Uncles Chris Reeves, Vicky Reeves, Sarah Shaney, Matt Henderson and Alisha, Bryan Henderson, Jason Yeakley, and Celeste Shaney. It was a wonderful celebration!!! They expect to go home on Saturday. Praise God!!!! Grace and peace, Nancy Reeves"

Nancy, of course, is Benjamin's grandmother! She also is the Pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Round Rock. This is the first grandchild of Nancy & Kevin, and they are so proud! Fortunately for Suzanne and me, we were visiting with our son, Todd, in the Austin area, so we were able to visit little Benjamin later on in the day of his birth.

Benjamin represents the first great, grand nephew for Suzanne and me. He also represents the first member of our related family who becomes an eighth generation Texan! We are so pleased to be in the midst of such an historical person!

Additionally, we are pleased that Benjamin arrived on June 17th, as it is the 43rd anniversary of the date on which Suzanne and I met in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana back in 1962!

Truly, this day of birth is a great day for historical references. You might remember that today is the 281st birthday of Ann Rockenfeller. She is of the famous American family of the Rockefellers. She was the second cousin, once removed, of Johann Philip Rockefeller, the husband of Cartharina Sharp, who is Benjamin's sixth great grand aunt.

Many of you should remember England's King Edward I, known as "Longshanks," due to his great height. Today is his 766th birthday. He was portrayed, unfortunately in a bad light, in the Mel Gibson movie a few years ago, "Braveheart," the story of a little Scottish rebellion against England. Edward I is the last of the three generations of Kings that issued versions of the Magna Carta, the series of 17 such issuances that represented the first instances of human and civil rights appearing in official government papers. A copy of that is owned by the Perot Foundation here in America, and I am privileged to have a copy of it framed and hanging on the walls at home. King Edward is Benjamin's 12th cousin, 24 times removed through my Mother's family line. He also is, in my father's family line, the 11th great grandfather of the 1st husband of Alice Carpenter, Benjamin's eleven times great grandmother. In addition, King Edward I is the 24th great grandfather of our

son-in-law, Steve O. Westmoreland, meaning that our daughter, Tiffany, married well into Royalty!

Benjamin was born on the 170th wedding anniversary of when Sarah Knox Taylor married Jefferson Davis. At the time of the marriage, Jefferson was in the U.S. Army under the command of Colonel Zachary Taylor. The Colonel went on to become President of the United States. Jefferson went on to become the Secretary of Defense for the United States before he joined the breakaway rebellion of the Southern States. He became President of the Confederate States of America. After the War Between the States, during his retirement years, Jefferson actually was offered the Presidency of Texas A&M University at the time when it was first being organized. He declined the honor and remained in retirement until his death. Jefferson is the Uncle of Benjamin's great, great, great great grand aunt, Susanna Elizabeth Davis, wife of James Addison Abney of my mother's ancestry.

So, it should be with a great deal of historical pride and blessing that Benjamin joins this long line of historically significant events for having his birthday.

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 101. Williamson County, Texas Deed Book 13, 315.
 102. Williamson County, Texas Deed Book 13, 340.
 103. Elizabeth Longford, *The Oxford Book of Royal Anecdotes*, (Oxford University Press, 1991).
 104. Texas Vital Statistics, Birth Recrod Book A, Page 13., On the Birth certificate of John E. Oakley Sharpe, the occupation of his mother, Lucy R. Oakley, was indicated as a Music Teacher.
 105. Williamson County, Texas Deed Book #84, 452, Purchased for \$400 cash from her separate estate.
 106. *Census*, 1910, Census Listing for Jeff Davis County, Texas (No city) for Alfred Shaarpe, Supervisor District #5, Enumeration Distg. #36, Sheet #8.
 107. Williamson County, Texas General Index to Marriages, Page 494, Book 8, page 398, License #905,.
 108. *Census*, 1920, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, Ward #253, Supervisor Dist. #8,

Enumerator Dist #434, Sheet 4B, for Jack Oakley indicates his father was born in Ohio and his mother was born in South Carolina. It indicates Jack was born in Texas.

109. California Death Index, 1940-1997, Indicates his death on February 13, 1955 and his birth as November 11, 1889 in Texas. It says the name of his father was Sharp. Death location is Alameda, which is assumed Alameda County. That county has cities in it named both Alameda and Oakland. We believe he died in Oakland.

110. Texas Vital Statistics, Birth Record Book A, Page 13, Copy on file at the Records Department of the Williamson County, Texas Courthouse.

111. *Census*, 1920, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, Assembly Dist #74, Ward #253, Supervisor Dist. #8, Enumerator Dist #434, Sheet 4B, for Jack Oakley (his stage name, rather than John E. Oakley Sharpe) indicates his father was born in Ohio and his mother was born in South Carolina. It indicates Jack was born in Texas. His wife, Ann, was indicated born in California, her father was born in Missouri and her mother in Kentucky.

112. *Census*, 1900, Justice Precinct 1, Jeff Davis, Texas; Roll: T623 1648; Page: 8A; Enumeration District: 36.

113. *Census*, 1910, The Census listing for El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, Sheet #9, lists Alfred L. Sharpe's occupation.

114. *Census*, 1920, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, Assembly Dist #74, Ward #253, Supervisor Dist. #8, Enumerator Dist #434, Sheet 4B, for Jack Oakley indicates his father was born in Ohio and his mother was born in South Carolina. It indicates Jack was born in Texas. He was listed as Jack Oakley, his stage name. .

115. *Census*, 1930, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California, Assembly Dist #15, Enumeration Dist #34-77, Supervisor Dist #3, Sheet 1 B, Household of John and Ann Oakley, ages 48 & 52 respectively (he should have been 40), his occupation was Advertising.

116. *Census*, 1920, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, Assembly Dist #74, Ward #253, Supervisor Dist. #8, Enumerator Dist #434, Sheet 4B, for Jack Oakley indicates his father was born in Ohio and his mother was born in South Carolina. It indicates Jack was born in Texas and his occupation was an actor. He was listed as Jack Oakley, his stage name.

117. *Census*, 1930, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California, Assembly Dist #15, Enumeration Dist #34-77, Supervisor Dist #3, Sheet 1 B, Household of John and Ann Oakley, ages 48 & 52 respectively (he should have been 40), his occupation was Advertising.

118. *Census*, 1920, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, Assembly Dist #74, Ward #253, Supervisor Dist. #8, Enumerator Dist #434, Sheet 4B, for Jack Oakley indicates his father was born in Ohio and his mother was born in South Carolina. It indicates Jack was born in Texas. His wife, Ann, was indicated born in California, her father was born in Missouri and her mother in Kentucky.

119. *Census*, 1930, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California, Assembly Dist #15, Enumeration Dist #34-77, Supervisor Dist #3, Sheet 1 B, Household of John and Ann Oakley, ages 48 & 52 respectively (he should have been 40), his occupation was Advertising.

120. *Census*, 1932, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Ward 19, Block 41, Supervisor District #7, Enumerator District #16-750, Precinct #53, page 165, Household headed by Guy & Marbelle Killie.

121. *Census*, 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Ward 19, Block 41, Supervisor District #7, Enumerator District #16-750, Precinct #53, page 165, Household headed by Guy & Marbelle Killie.

122. *Census*, 1880, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, Page 42, Living as a son in the household headed by John E. Sharp.

123. *Census*, 1880, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, Page 42.

124. *Census*, 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Ward 19, Block 41, Supervisor District #7, Enumerator District #16-750, Precinct #53, page 165, Household headed by Guy & Marbelle Killie.

125. *Census*, 1932, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Ward 19, Block 41, Supervisor District #7, Enumerator District #16-750, Precinct #53, page 165, Household headed by Guy & Marbelle Killie.

126. Williamson County, Texas General Index to Marriages, Book 10, Page 240, Married by J. W. Lowley.

127. *Personal visit by D. A. Sharpe*, Many visits over the years.

128. *Census*, 1880, Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, Page 42.

129. *Census*, 1900, Year: 1900; Census Place: Georgetown, Williamson, Texas; Roll: T623 1679;

Page: 14A; Enumeration District: 123.

130. *Census*, 1910, GEORGETOWN 1 J-PCT, Williamson, Texas, Series: T624, Roll: 1597, Part: 2, Page: 282A, Year: 1910 .
131. Military Draft Registration Records, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, Draft Board #2.
132. *Census*, 1920, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, J.P. #1, Supervisor Dist #10, Enumerator #153, sheet #1-A, 01/02/1920.
133. *Census*, 1930, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas Enumeration District 242-2, Supervisor's District #24, Sheet #1-B.
134. Military Draft Registration Records, Draft Card Registration indicated unemployed condition, but that occupation was this.
135. *Census*, 1900, Year: 1900; Census Place: Georgetown, Williamson, Texas; Roll: T623 1679; Page: 14A; Enumeration District: 123.
136. *Census*, 1910, GEORGETOWN 1 J-PCT, Williamson, Texas, Series: T624, Roll: 1597, Part: 2, Page: 282A, Year: 1910.
137. *Census*, 1920, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, J.P. #1, Supervisor Dist #10, Enumerator #153, sheet #1-A, 01/02/1920.
138. *Census*, 1930, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas Enumeration District 242-2, Supervisor's District #24, Sheet #1-B.
139. Lambert, Ireta Simons.
140. *Census*, 1910, GEORGETOWN 1 J-PCT, Williamson, Texas, Series: T624, Roll: 1597, Part: 2, Page: 282A, Year: 1910.
141. *Census*, 1880, Precinct #6, Williamson County, Texas, Page 2, Supervisor's District #5, Enumerator's District #161, George W. Logan, Enumerator.
142. *Census*, 1910, GEORGETOWN 1 J-PCT, Williamson, Texas, Series: T624, Roll: 1597, Part: 2, Page: 282A, Year: 1910.
143. Williamson County, Texas General Index to Marriages, Book 10, Page 240, Married by J. W. Lowley.
144. Sharp, Charles R. Correspondence, 2, June 29, 1946 letter to Harry Seth Sharpe of Georgetown, Texas.
145. Sharp, Charles R. Correspondence, November 8, 1948 letter to Harry Seth Sharpe in Georgetown, stated he'd enjoyed living in hotels for 30 years. This is one of recent years.
146. *Census*, 1930, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, Justice Precinct #1, Mr. Annie C. Mills, Enumerator Dist #76, Supervisor Dist. #22, Sheet 6-A, HH headed by Lula L. Woodhull.
147. *Census*, 1920, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, Precinct #19, Supervisor Dist. #14, Enumerator Dist. #53, sheet #2-b. Household head by George & Lula Gillett, a son, a daughter and a niece, Holland Sharpe, along with one laborer.
148. *Sharpe, Martha Dixon Chapman letter of Oct 18, 1970*, Addressed to her daughter, Elizabeth Anne Sharpe Jumper of St. Louis, Missouri.
149. Ancestry. com, <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=15583322>.
150. *World War I Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918*, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Precinct #14-32, June 5, 1917.
151. Ancestry. com, <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=15583322>.
152. *World War I Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918*, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Precinct #14-32, June 5, 1917.
153. Ancestry. com, <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=15583322>.
154. *Census*, 1930, Unincorporated place, Cook County, Illinois, Ward #17, Block #214, Frank H. Robertson, Enumerator, April 8, 1930, Sheet #9A.
155. Ancestry. com, <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=15583322>.
156. *Census*, 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Ward 17, Block 214, Supervisor Dist #7, Enumerator District #16-642, Sheet 9-A.
157. *Census*, 1930, Unincorporated place, Cook County, Illinois, Ward #17, Block #214, Frank H. Robertson, Enumerator, April 8, 1930, Sheet #9A.
158. *Census*, 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Ward 17, Block 214, Supervisor Dist #7, Enumerator District #16-642, Sheet 9-A.

159. Census, 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Ward #17, Block #214, Frank H. Robertson, Enumerator, April 8, 1930, Sheet #9A.
160. Ancestry. com, <http://trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=15583322>.
161. *Census*, 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Ward 17, Block 214, Supervisor Dist #7, Enumerator District #16-642, Sheet 9-A.
162. Sharpe, D. A., Phone call to me from my brother-in-law, Victor M. Ehlers, Jr. in the early morning hours that he had died. Our family was at a Christian youth conference on the Atlantic coast of Georgia at the time. .
163. *Census*, 1930, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, April 4, Enumeration District #60-40, Sheet 5B, Supervisor District #6.
164. County Birth Records, Book 18, P. 302, Angelina County, Texas (certified copy in my records).
165. Sharpe, D. A., Phone call to me from my brother-in-law, Victor M. Ehlers, Jr. in the early morning hours that she had died. Our family was at a Christian youth conference on the Atlantic coast of Georgia at the time.
166. Sharpe, D. A., His death certificate says August 8, which is when his body was discovered and he was proclaimed deceased. From the accumulated newspaper dates and mail, it is conjectured that he died in his sleep August 2, 1981.
167. University of Texas, Transcript - certified copy of May 24, 2005.
168. *1921 Southwestern University Yearbook*, This is a yearbook possessed by my niece, Nancy Lea Ehlers Reeves, which was handed down by her Mother, Martha, who had been the executor of Dwight's estate.
169. University of Texas, Transcript - certified copy of May 24, 2005.
170. *Census*, 1920, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
171. University of Texas, Recorded on the Information Card that students submitted along with their entrance application for college.
172. University of Texas, Transcript - certified copy of May 24, 2005.
173. University of Texas, Recorded on the Information Card that students submitted along with their entrance application for college.
174. Yearbook, The 1919 Yearbook of Georgetown High School, Williamson County, Texas, cites Dwight as the Salutatorian for the senior graduating class.
175. First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, 52, Register of Members joining, line #696.
176. *Census*, 1910, GEORGETOWN 1 J-PCT, Williamson, Texas, Series: T624, Roll: 1597, Part: 2, Page: 282A, Year: 1910.
177. *Census*, 1920, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, J.P. #1, Supervisor Dist #10, Enumerator #153, sheet #1-A, 01/02/1920, listed as a son listed in home of Harry & Nola Sharpe.
178. Census, 1920, 3rd Magistrate District, Lexington City, Lafayette County, Kentucky, Supervisor Dist #7, Enumerator Dist #56, 3rd Ward, Sheet 8-A, listed as a nephew in the home of John T. Vance
179. *Census*, 1930, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, April 4, Enumeration District #60-40, Sheet 5B, Supervisor District #6.
180. Sharpe, D. A., Service was attended personally by me.
181. University of Texas, Recorded on the certified transcript of Martha Dixon Chaplman provided me, dated May 24, 2005.
182. University of Texas, Information Card completed by students with their application to college.
183. University of Texas, Recorded on the certified transcript of Martha Dixon Chaplman provided me, dated May 24, 2005.
184. University of Texas, Information Card completed by students with their application to college.
185. *Census*, 1910, Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas, Precince #1, Supervisor's District #2, Enumerator District #3, Sheet #11A, Edna Clark Abney, being the enumerator. This entry is the household headed by William A. Abney, Sr. and his wife, Martha Jane Dixon Abney. Martha is present as a grandchild. .
186. University of Texas, Information Card completed by students with their application to college.
187. Social Security Death Index, <http://www7.publicdata.com/cgi-win/pd.exe/Detail?db=USSSDM&rec=47378237&dlnumber=012086942&dlstate=TX&id=24332457>.

188. *Census*, 1930, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, April 4, Enumeration District #60-40, Sheet 5B, Supervisor District #6.
189. Sharpe, D. A., I attended the funeral and burial services.
190. *Sharpe, Harry Franklin*, Letter to me dated September 13, 1994.
191. Sharpe, D. A., I attended the funeral and burial services.
192. First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, 52, Register of Members joining, line #695.
193. *Census*, 1930, Georgetown, Willimason County, Texas Enumeration District 242-2, Supervisor's District #24, Sheet #1-B.
194. *Census*, 1910, GEORGETOWN 1 J-PCT, Williamson, Texas, Series: T624, Roll: 1597, Part: 2, Page: 282A, Year: 1910.
195. *Census*, 1920, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, J.P. #1, Supervisor Dist #10, Enumerator #153, sheet #1-A, 01/02/1920.
196. *Census*, 1930, Georgetown, Willimason County, Texas Enumeration District 242-2, Supervisor's District #24, Sheet #1-B.
197. Sharpe, D. A., Attended service personally.
198. Sharp, Charles R. Correspondence, April 15, 1946 letter to his half brother, Harry Seth (Papa) Sharpe in Georgetown, Texas.
199. Sharp, Lea [Mrs. Jack], Her phone call to me June 30, 1992 reporting her husband's recent death and confirming his birth date.
200. *Census*, 1930, Unincorporated place, Cook County, Illinois, Ward #17, Block #214, Frank H. Robertson, Enumerator, April 8, 1930, Sheet #9A.
201. Social Security Death Index, Soc. Sec. Card Number 333-16-9523 , issued in Illinois prior to 1951.
202. *Census*, 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Ward 17, Block 214, Supervisor Dist #7, Enumerator District #16-642, Sheet 9-A.
203. Killie, Mabelle Sharpe correspondence, July 1, 1946 letter to her uncle, Harry Seth Sharpe in Georgetown, Texas. It described Kenneth's military service and his occupation.
204. Killie, Mabelle Sharpe correspondence, June 1, 1946 letter to her uncle, Harry Seth Sharpe about who Betty Sharpe's husband was.
205. Ehlers, Jr., Victor Letter of April 25, 1984, General letter to many family members describing his cancer situation.
206. Sharpe, D. A., I was the Best Man in this marriage ceremony.
207. Sharpe, D. A., Phone call from his son, Mark, on the day of his death.
208. *Census*, 1930, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, April 4, Enumeration District #60-40, Sheet 5B, Supervisor District #6.
209. Witherspoon, Jr., Rev. E. D., *Ministerial Directory of the Presbyterian Church, US, 1961-1975*, (Darby Printing Company, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, 1976), Page 324.
210. *Census*, 1930, Beat 1, District #60-3, Quitman County, Mississippi, April 17, 1930, Mrs. Irma B. Jumper, Enumerator.
211. Sharpe, D. A., Lafayette County.
212. Sharpe, D. A., Personal knowledge.
213. Witherspoon, Jr., Rev. E. D., *Ministerial Directory of the Presbyterian Church, US, 1961-1975*, (Darby Printing Company, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, 1976), Page 324.
214. Sharpe, D. A., I was the Best Man in this marriage ceremony.
215. Sharpe, D. A., I attended this wedding ceremony.
216. Birth Certificate of Dwight Albert Sharpe, Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, documented copy is in my personal files
217. *Birth Certificate*.
218. Register of Baptisms, First Presbyterian Church, Ballinger, Texas, Cited on the ledger sheet for 1933 through 1941.
219. *Birth Certificate of Dwight Albert Sharpe*, Certificate #51424, register #892, filed Aug 9, 1939 with the Texas Department of Health.
220. Canal Street Presbyterian Church Congregational Minutes.

221. Minutes, June 3, 2004, The Minutes of the Senate District #30 Caucus were approved and filed with the Texas Republican Party Headquarters, indicating a unanimous election to this role.
222. Sharpe, D. A., Personal Recollection.
223. Sharpe, D. A., Person recollection.
224. Sharpe, D. A., Personal Recollection.
225. Sharpe, D. A., Personal recollection.
226. Deed, My personal files contain the Deed of purchase for the 10 acres at 805 Derting Road East, Aurora, Wise County, Texas.
227. *Birth Certificate of Dwight Albert Sharpe*, Certificate #51424, register #892, filed Aug 9, 1939 with the Texas Department of Health.
228. Dallas Genealogical Society, "DGS Newsletter," *Monthly publication by the Society*: Volumn 29, Numberf 2, Issue 253, February 5, page 27.
229. *Sharpe, Harry Franklin*, Letter to me dated September 13, 1994.
230. Public Data Search, <http://www20.publicdata.com/cgi-win/pd.exe/Detail?db=TXDL&ed=6&rec=9458470&dlnumber=012086942&dlstate=TX&id=95AA3BAFA29D0AA63802B9CF581FD7F8>.
231. *Minutes of the Session, First Presbyterian Church, Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas*, Congregational Minutes of March 28, 1937.
232. Register of Baptisms, First Presbyterian Church, Ballinger, Texas, Cited on the ledger sheet from 1933 through 1941.
233. Sharpe, D. A..
234. McNeill, April Sharpe.
235. *Sharpe, Harry Franklin*, Letter to me dated September 13, 1994.
236. Sharpe, D. A., I attended the funeral and burial services.
237. Sharpe, D. A., Personal witness at the wedding.
238. Sharpe, D. A., Personal knowledge at his birth.
239. Drivers License Records, Texas, www20.publicdata.com .
240. Announcement Printed, Invitation mailed by Sam Robertson to Mr. & Mrs. D. A. Sharpe, May 2006.
241. Sharpe, D. A., Personal presence at the wedding.
242. Sharpe, D. A., Personal witness at the day of birthday.
243. Sharpe, D. A., Personal visit on the day of the birth. The family lived in Southlake, Tarrant County, Texas at the time of birth, which is immediately west of Dallas County.
244. Sharpe, D. A., Personal witness at the day of birthday.
245. Sharpe, D. A., Attended personally the wedding held in Todd Sharpe's living room with the close family in attendance.
246. Sharpe, Todd Wittman, Todd said to me that the divorce was in Travis County, rather than Caldwell County, because it cost less there than to have the attorneys involved to travel to Caldwell County to transact the matter.
247. Sharpe, D. A., Attended personally the wedding held in Todd Sharpe's living room with the close family in attendance.
248. *Sharpe, Harry Franklin*, Letter to me dated September 13, 1994.
249. *Sharpe, Harry Franklin*, Letter to me dated September 13, 1994, Harry and Jesse adopted the two children of Stephen Franklin Sharpe, Stephen Franklin Sharpe II and Melissa Sue Sharpe.
250. *Sharpe, Harry Franklin*, Letter to me dated September 13, 1994.
251. *Sharpe, Harry Franklin*, Letter to me dated September 13, 1994, Harry and Jesse adopted the two children of Stephen Franklin Sharpe, Stephen Franklin Sharpe II and Melissa Sue Sharpe.
252. *Sharpe, Harry Franklin*, Letter to me dated September 13, 1994.
253. Public Data Search, <http://www20.publicdata.com/cgi-win/pd.exe/Detail?db=TXDL&ed=6&rec=9458470&dlnumber=012086942&dlstate=TX&id=95AA3BAFA29D0AA63802B9CF581FD7F8>.
254. *Sharpe, Harry Franklin*, Letter to me dated September 13, 1994.
255. McNeill, April Sharpe, Reported in her August 30, 2004 e-mail note to D. A. Sharpe.