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Family Members who Served in the Military

Relatives of Mike St. Clair

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Following is summary information about each relative that I have discovered thus far who has served in the military. I have worked the hardest on the Civil War and World War II periods to date but will continue to gather information about these heroes of my family as time permits. I intend to document more detail about the military service of each based on additional research. They will be organized alphabetically by surname within the war time or non-war time periods they served during and then by given name. If you are my relative and can provide me with information about these or other participants, know where they are buried, or have photos you will be willing to share, I will greatly [appreciate your input](#). This document was primarily created to help remind me on each Veteran's, Memorial, Independence Day and other days of reflection about the sacrifices that have been made within the family to protect the freedoms I enjoy. I love and appreciate each one. **For privacy reasons, no one currently living is included on this list.** The most current copy of this document is posted publicly on the Internet at [http://www.saintclair.org/stories/Family Participants in the Military.pdf](http://www.saintclair.org/stories/Family%20Participants%20in%20the%20Military.pdf).

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**This document is especially dedicated
to my military descendant,
grandson Brandon St. Clair,
shown here becoming a Marine in June 2019**



Another dedication is coming soon – to The Bedford Boys of Operation Overlord, the Battle of Normandy, that began the invasion of Europe on D-Day - 6 June 1944, when I was about two weeks old. These brave men were the first to hit Omaha Beach, and few of them survived. The majority of them were my cousins!



Recent Updates

2013 Updates

Floyd Raymond Cook – World War II

Updates to Jeremiah Thacker – Civil War

Lewis Alfred St. Clair – WWII

Only known family military member present at Pearl Harbor – Walter Earl Witten

2014 Updates

John Leander Witten – WWII

John Thomas Wells- Philippine-American War

Clifford Witten – WWII

Wildurn Leo Eakins - WWII

Thomas George Hornbeck – Vietnam

Ida Overlie - WWI

Floyd J. Julien - WWI

Eran H. Julien - WWII

Added a bunch of insignia to other entries

2015 Updates

Byron Garfield Logan – WWI

Cleon Alverdo Jorgensen – WWII

Hal Samuel Christensen – WWII (career spanned Korean/Vietnam)

Theo Thomas Perkes – WWII (died in France)

Corrected Ernest Ferdinand Greenup – from WWII to WWI and added details

Miscellaneous enhancements and reformatting in several places

Joseph R. Smith – Civil War Union

Lorenzo D. Smith – Civil War Union

Thomas Isaac Syfert – WWII



2016 Updates

Hershel Haworth – WWII

Update to Blair Bradford – WWII

Update to Lamar Bradford – WWII

Floyd and Max Bradford – WWII

Added insignia to several individuals

James Seth Warren – WWII

Updated Chan Folsom St. Clair including adding insignia – WWII

Morris Bennett Ferrell, Jr – WWII

Joseph Leo Geddry – WWII

Bascom Oliver Berry – WWII

Rulon Alexander Beven – WWII

William Lewis Hochstrasser – WWII

Photo for Thomas George Hornbeck – Vietnam/Career Navy

Harold Dayle “Snooks” Boston – WWII

Some general cosmetic improvements



2017 Updates

Hosea Sanford Lawrence – WWII
Arthur E. Gulick – WWII
Howard E. Arthur – WWII
Truett Higdon – Vietnam
Douglas Thomas, Jr – WWII
Richard Kerr Billingslea, Jr – WWII
Ervin Wendell Jorgensen – Korean
Milton R. Graham – WWII
Ted Alden Nibley – WWII
Stanley George Baynton Powell – Spanish American
Michael John Wood – Vietnam War
Daniel Sydney Otto – Korean War
Mark C. Case – WWII
Robert Bruce Pettey – WWI
Walton Bottimore Johnston – WWI
Added insignia to other entries
Albert Thomas Audette – WWII
Jasper Luther St. Clair – WWII
Thomas Sanford Flowers – WWII
Alexander M. Smith – Civil War
Benjamin Edward Hyde – WWII, Korea, Vietnam
William Edward Kropf - WWII
insignia to other entries
Clifford Wayne Shaw – WWII
Floyd Calvin Robinson – WWII
Milo Sanford Morrison – WWII
Francis Mason Taylor – Civil War
Elton Carlyn Talley - WWII
Added insignia, photos, maps and other detail to other entries
Thomas Jefferson Greenup – Civil War
Bobby Ray Minish – Vietnam War
Walter Dean McKnight – Korean War
Oscar Eugene Eakins – WWII
Ralph Buchanan Preston – WWII
Some general cosmetic improvements and additional life and service information for many individuals were added.



2018 Updates

David Beverly Gillespie – WWII

George W. Grondorf – WWII

2019 Updates

Daniel Leroy Baker – Vietnam

Otis Ray Burton – Vietnam

James Thomas Allison – Vietnam

Howard Lewis Boone – Vietnam

Daniel Leroy Baker – Vietnam

John Hardin Campbell – Vietnam

2020 Updates

Numerous cosmetic improvements, added rank and honors images, and all those who died while in the service had the following image added.



Revolutionary War

Sabret Cecil: Born about 1723 in Prince George's County, Maryland, to John Cecil, he served with an unknown rank during the war. All his children were born before the war in Maryland. He died in Montgomery County, Maryland 12 April 1805 and was buried there.

Relationship: 5th great grand uncle.

William B. Evans: Born about 1752 in Caroline County, Virginia, to Arden Evans, he served from Georgia as a soldier during the war. He died and was buried about 1841 in Taliaferro County, Georgia.

Relationship: 4th great grandfather.

Christopher Columbus Greenup: Born about 1750 in Maryland to John Greenup, he served as a lieutenant from Virginia during the war. He later became governor of Kentucky, dying there 27 April 1818 at Blue Lick Springs, Saline County. He is buried at the state's capitol in Frankfort, Franklin County.

Relationship: 4th great grand uncle.

Sabert or Sabret Sollers: Born about 1758 in then Botetourt County, Virginia, to John Sollers, he served as a private during the war. He relocated after the war to Greene County, Tennessee, where he married and raised most of his children. He died and was buried in either Buchanan or Platte County, Missouri.

Relationship: 2nd cousin, 6 times removed.

James Benton Witten: Born 7 January 1759 to Thomas Witten, Sr., in Frederick County, Maryland, he served as a scout before and during the war.

Relationship: 4th great grand uncle.

Jeremiah Witten: Born 30 March 1749 to Thomas Witten, Sr., in Frederick County, Maryland, he served as a private in Captain William Russell's Company. I suspect this is referring to William Russell's rank before the revolution as he served during the war as a Colonel in the 13th Virginia Regiment. It is not presently known how long Jeremiah served.

Relationship: 4th great grand uncle.



Thomas Jefferson Witten: Born 23 January 1753 to Thomas Witten, Sr., in Frederick County, Maryland, he served as an Ensign. His service has been used by some to join the Sons of the American Revolution. He died 6 October 1841 in Tazewell County, Virginia and was buried at the Witten Family Farm off Route 91.

Relationship: 4th great grandfather.

Thomas Witten, Sr: Born 10 September 1719 in Maryland, he served as an Ensign during the revolution. He died before 1795 in then Wythe County, presently Tazewell County, Virginia.

Relationship: 5th great grandfather.



War of 1812

Wilson Pope Greenup: Born about 1788, the oldest child of Christopher Columbus Greenup (3rd governor of Kentucky) and Mary Catherine Pope in Barren County, Kentucky, he began his military service as a private in Lt. Col. James Simrall's 1st Regiment of Light Dragoons, Kentucky Volunteers. On 18 December 1812 he has appointed paymaster for 1st Rifle Regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Militia. He served as a 1st Lieutenant in the regular Army, 28th Infantry 20 May through 16 October 1813. After the war he served as aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Duncan McArthur, commander of the US Army of the Northwest who helped negotiate the "Treaty of the Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie with the Wyandot, Seneca, Delaware, Shawnee, Potawatomi, Ottawa, and Chippewa" [29 Sept 1817] which ceded all remaining Native American territory in what was then Ohio to the United States. In 1819 Wilson commanded a militia unit "Shelby's United Train of Artillery" as a Captain during the July 4th martial parade outside Frankfort and an incident occurred that led to the famous Holeman-Waring Duel in which he took part as Jacob Harrod Holeman's second. Greenup was tried as an accessory to murder but was acquitted. He died 9 Jul 1821 at the age of 34, not having married not leaving descendants. I am grateful to Jon Bernard for sharing the photo of the painting of Wilson in his possession and many other facts about his life and military service. Relationship: 1st Cousin, five times removed.



Mexican War

Sabret Sollers Cecil: Born 8 August 1803 to Thomas Cecil in Montgomery County, Maryland, he enlisted in Washington DC 24 April 1848 to serve in the Mexican War. Interestingly, he reported his age as only 35 at that time, rather than the correct 45. I have not been able to locate him after the war. No further details known at this time. Relationship: 2nd Cousin, five times removed.



Civil War

Although my ancestry comes predominantly from the South, many of my ancestors had moved up into more northern states (e.g. Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois) by the time the Civil War had occurred. So there are soldiers who fought for the Union and others who fought for the Confederacy. It's not always clear what the leanings of the individual were from the army they fought in. Particularly in Missouri and to a lesser extent in Kentucky and Tennessee many joined the army without wishing to, and perhaps not on the side they would chose. This document is just a skeleton at present. Further research will lead to much more detail about the military service involved. Many survived the war, but others died in battle, from wounds of war, from diseases rampant in the armies, or in prisoner of war camps of both the North and the South. And many families contributed more than one son to the effort, on one side or both. The impact of the war on our nation was mirrored by the proportionately even greater impact on individuals and families, including my own.

William Henry Harrison Campbell: Born 6 April 1839 in Frederick County, Virginia to Robert Madison Campbell and Rebecca Ann Lockhart. Dr. Campbell married Jessie Warfield Gorsuch in Maryland, 31 January 1872. He enlisted as a private in Company F, Virginia 10th Infantry Regiment on 20 Apr 1861, a confederate unit per a correspondent. 1 October 1863 he was promoted to Full Hospital Steward.

Relationship: Husband of 5th Cousin, three times removed

John Monroe Cook: Born 29 November 1844 to William McKinley Cook and Margaret Lucinda Jackson in Taney County Missouri. He married Margaret Frances Coffey in Galena, Stone County, Missouri 26 December 1867. He served together with his father in a Union Army unit, Company B, Phelps Missouri Infantry, enrolling 21 November 1861 and being discharged at Marshfield, Missouri 9 April 1862.

Relationship: Great Grand Uncle

William McKinley Cook: Born 4 March 1813 to James T. Cook and Alcy Cyrus in Grainger County, Tennessee (an area now part of Union County), was married to Margaret Lucinda Jackson. He served in a Union Army unit, Company B Phelps Missouri Infantry, during 1861-1862.

Relationship: 2nd great grandfather



David H. Croson: Born about 1837 to unknown parents in Virginia, he married and lived his life in Putnam County, West Virginia. His surname can be found in several variations: Croson, Crosen, Crosun, Crosan, etc. He served as a private in the Union Army, company G, West Virginia 11th Infantry. It is unknown when his service began, but his unit's only significant battles were all during 1864 and losses were not severe.

Relationship: Husband of 2nd Cousin, 4 times removed, Mary Ann Cyrus.

Christopher Nathan Cyrus: Born about 1838 to John William Cyrus and Nancy Elizabeth Williams in Grainger County, Tennessee, and married to Mariah Elizabeth North. He enlisted in a **Union** Home Guard unit during the Civil War, Company F of the 47th Enrolled Military Militia, and served on active duty during 1862-1863.

Relationship: 1st Cousin, four times removed.

Jesse Cyrus: Born 29 January 1811 to Abraham Cyrus and Sarah Bilyeu in Cabell County, West Virginia and married Nancy Curnette. He fought for the **Confederacy** in Company D, 16th Virginia Regiment.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, four times removed.

John Matthew Cyrus: Born 9 Nov 1838 in Adams County, Illinois to Henry Arnols Cyrus and Athaliah G. Ruddell and married Emma A. Maertz. He served for the **Union** as a Captain in Company E, 5th Illinois Infantry.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, three times removed.

Cushing De Garmo: Born 3 October 1825 in Virginia or Ohio to Margaret De Garmo and an unknown father. He married Malinda or Belinda Dickerson in Morgan County, Ohio, 6 January 1848. Cushing enlisted in the Union army, Company I, 12th Infantry Regiment, Wisconsin, on 23 Sep 1861 and died from wounds on 20 Sep 1864 at Rome, Georgia. Following closely after the battle where Atlanta was taken (Battle of Jonesborough, 31 August through 1 September), Cushing's wounds probably resulted from that action.

Relationship: Husband of 3rd cousin, three times removed



John H. George: Born 23 March 1846 in Tazewell County, Virginia to William Oscar George and Eleanor W. Witten. Married 16 November 1866 to Lavicie R. Witten. Served in the **Confederate** army for an unknown period. Wounded in an unknown battle but survived the war.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, three times removed.



John L. Green: Born 13 September 1818 probably in Wayne County, Kentucky to William Monroe Green and Rutha Lloyd. Married to Phereby Newkirk. Suppose to have fought during the Civil War, the side is not known.

Relationship: 1st Cousin, four times removed.

Martin S. Green: Born about 1808 in Wayne County, Kentucky to Robert Preston Green and Celia Hammonds. Married 25 September 1828 in Wayne County, Kentucky to Sally Wealthy Gilstrap. Supposed to have died during the Civil War, as a result of it but not as a combatant.

Relationship: 1st Cousin, four times removed.

Thomas Jefferson Greenup: Born about 1845 in McDonough County, Illinois to Thomas Witten Greenup and Elizabeth Ann Maury. He enlisted as a Private in Company G, Nebraska 2nd Cavalry Regiment 8 December 1862, assigned to Fort Kearney, Nebraska, and mustered out 23 December 1863. Company G was made up entirely of men from Richardson County. During that time his unit participated in the Battle of Whitestone Hill, engaging about 2,000 warriors under Chief Two Bears of the Yanktonai Sioux. He later applied for a pension based on some disability that happened during that service and he died very young, perhaps as a result of that. He married Esther Haining during his time in the service on 6 January 1863 in Richardson County, Nebraska, and together they had 4 children: Alexander, Julia Ellen, Melvin and Mary. Thomas died about 1869 in Richardson County, Nebraska. His burial place is unknown. His wife married again and had several more children with her 2nd husband.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, three times removed.



William Henry Harrison Griffin: Born 5 September 1840 in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana to George Washington Griffin and Rebecca Maria Higgins. Married 15 September 1865 in Melrose, Jackson County, Wisconsin to Jane Elizabeth Jones. Served in the **Union** Army, 1861-1864 as part of Company G, Tenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, of Black River Falls, Wisconsin. His regiment mustered in at Milwaukee 5 Oct. 1861, and he was discharged there 3 Nov. 1864. He was in battles of Perryville, Kentucky and Stone River (Murfreesboro) Tennessee. He was an ambulance teamster and quartermaster teamster and division teamster after that.

Relationship: Husband of 4th Cousin, two times removed.



Watson Grossman: Born 5 January 1846 near Franklin, Morgan County, Illinois to William H. Grossman and Elizabeth Cyrus. Married 14 October 1868 in Morgan County, Illinois to Mary Elizabeth Rimby. Also married 4 September 1873 in Murrayville, Morgan County, Illinois to Malinda Story. His military service was probably for the Union. Nothing more known at this time except that he filed for a pension.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, three times removed.



John S. McComb: Born abt 1838 in Miller County, Missouri to Jacob Evans McComb and Mary Degraffenreid. Married about 1854 in Missouri to Lydia J. B. McCubbins. After his death, his widow married Absalom Evans. Served in the Confederate army as Lieutenant, Company A, 3rd Cavalry, 8th Division, Missouri State Guard. Reputed to have died in the Civil War; date unknown.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin, three times removed.

James Spotts Peery: Born 6 June 1837 in Tazewell County, Virginia to Harvey George Peery and Rebecca Williams. Married 10 October 1865 in Tazewell, Tazewell County, Virginia to Maria M. C. Witten. He fought for the Confederacy as Captain of Company G, 45th VA Regiment.

Relationship: Husband of 2nd Cousin, four times removed.

Samuel Marion Rice: Born 31 Dec 1848 at Jenny's Creek, Johnson County, Kentucky to Isaac J. Rice and Celia M. Connelly. Married 26 August 1865 in Johnson County, Kentucky to Martha Jane Witten. A **Union** soldier for the duration of the Civil War. He gained acclaim for his valor fighting in Company "I" 14th Kentucky Infantry. Samuel and his brother Alexander fought in a skirmish near what is now the Mayo Plaza. They killed a Confederate cavalryman, shooting him off his horse. They buried the body in a sand bank on Paint Creek where old U.S. 23 crosses it. During the same skirmish he or Alexander shot a Confederate soldier through the mouth. They took the wounded man to the farm of their father Dr. Isaac Rice who nursed the soldier back to health and sent him home.

Relationship: Husband of 3rd Cousin, three times removed.



Alexander M. Smith: Born in January 1845 in Aberdeen, Scotland to George Alec Smith and Jane Ross, he emigrated to the US with his parents in 1847 (age 4). In 1862 he was living in New York and according to the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Iowa roster for 1886, he enlisted in as a private in Company F, 56 Regiment, New York Infantry at age 19 on 11 March 1862 at Wallkill, Ulster County, New York. He reenlisted 1 January 1865 and mustered out in New York City, 10 August 1865 as a corporal. He married more than once, first to Mary Jane Bostwick, 1 January 1874 in Fort Dodge, Webster County, Kansas. After her death in 1880, he married Nancy Ann Smith (Smith being both her maiden and married surname) and had four more children (Naoma, Dean, Seth and Florence), all in Kansas. His 2nd wife died in 1904, leaving him with 4 small children. He died 20 May 1915 and was buried in Maude Cemetery, Cunningham, Kingman County, Kansas.

Relationship: Husband of 3rd Cousin, three times removed.

Joseph R. Smith: Born 17 July 1840 in Linn County, Missouri to Robert Smith and Jane Belshe. He served for three years in Captain William Henstreet's Company G of the 18th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, a Union unit. This was the same company as his brother Lorenzo. He was already married when the war started. He was married to Angeline Starr, 28 October 1860, in Putnam County, Missouri. They went on to have 12 children, living and raising them in Linn County. Joseph died at age 82, 11 March 1923, in Jackson Township, Linn County, Missouri, and was buried there in the Smith Cemetery.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, three times removed.

Lorenzo D. Smith: Born 6 February 1843 in Linn County, Missouri to Robert Smith and Jane Belshe. He served for three years in Captain William Henstreet's Company G of the 18th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, a Union unit. This was the same company as his brother Joseph. He married during the course of the war. Lorenzo was captured at Pocataligo, Virginia 15 January 1865. He was then confined at Richmond starting 21 February 1865 and was paroled at Cox's Wharf, James River, Virginia on March 10, 1865. He was married to his first wife, Mary Elander Belshe, 9 June 1862, in Linn County, Missouri. Mary was probably a cousin of some degree as his mother's maiden name was Belshe, but I haven't tracked down the exact connection between the two. They went on to have 7 children, living and raising them in Linn County. After Mary's death, Lorenzo married again 24 Dec 1903, in Nebraska, to Sarah A. West. Lorenzo died at age 82, 30 September 1925, in Milford, Seward County, Nebraska.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, three times removed.

Bird S. St. Clair: Born about 1823 in Bedford County, Virginia to Christopher Hudnall St. Clair and Prudence St. Clair, and married to Emily Wells. Bird fought for the Confederacy and died during the battle of Gettysburg, 3 Jul 1863, at Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin three times removed.



Harvey St. Clair: Born 15 August 1842 in Roanoke, Virginia to Robert St. Clair and Emira H. Hewitt, appears to have never married. He fought for the Confederacy and died in battle at age 20 at Port Gibson, Claiborne County, Mississippi. No other details of his service are known at the present.
Relationship: 3rd Cousin three times removed.



James William St. Clair: Born 26 March 1820 in Kentucky to unknown parents. His father is believed to have been a son of Isaac based on DNA evidence. He may have fought for the Union as his widow applied for a pension based on that service. That pension was not granted though.
Relationship: 2nd great grandfather



Oliver Olney St. Clair: Born about 1837 in Missouri to Joseph St. Clair and Polly Gose. It is not known if he ever married. It is unknown whether he fought for the North or the South. Oliver died during the battle of Vicksburg sometime during June 1863, near Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi.
Relationship: 3rd Cousin three times removed.

Virgil Marion St. Clair: Born 10 September 1841 in Bedford County, Virginia to Winfield James St. Clair and Margaret Craft. He was a Baptist preacher when the Civil War started and he enlisted at White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier County (in what became West Virginia) to the 22nd Virginia Infantry. I'm not aware of whether this was Confederate or Union. He survived the war and lived out his life in Botetourt County, Virginia.
Relationship: 3rd Cousin three times removed.

William Franklin St. Clair: Born 19 May 1847 in Sparta, Christian County, Missouri to James William St. Clair and Sarah Elizabeth Slater and was married to Ailey Ann Cook. He fought for the Union during 1865 under Captain William L. Fenix in the Taney County Volunteer Missouri Militia unit.
Relationship: Great grandfather.

Francis Mason Taylor: Born about 1842 in Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois to Orren Taylor and Obedience Mason, he enlisted at Jacksonville 4 August 1862 as a private in Company D, 101st Illinois Infantry. This infantry unit was made up entirely of residents from Morgan County, with a few from Sangamon County. He was discharged due to disability (described as heart disease and catarrh) at Columbus, Hickman County, Kentucky on 6 November 1863. His unit took part in the successful Battle of Vicksburg under General Grant. During the later part of his service this unit was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. Later, as a widower, he resided in the U.S. National Home for Disabled



Volunteer Soldiers at Leavenworth, Kansas, from 11 May 1907 to 17 July 1908, then again from 15 August 1910 until his death 20 April 1922. He is buried in the Leavenworth National Cemetery in Section 31 Row 15 Site 4.

Relationship: 2nd great grand uncle.

Jeremiah Thacker: Born 17 January 1841 in Cabell County, Virginia (which became West Virginia) to Daniel Lee Thacker and Elizabeth Cyrus. Fought for the Union as a private in Company B., 5th Regiment, West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. Involved with the destruction of rail lines near Lynchburg, Virginia during the war. Married Sarah J. Hattan 1 Feb 1863 before his war service began. After the war he had a large family in Kentucky and Kansas. Died 8 June 1918 at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin three times removed.

Charles Vernon Thatcher: Born 16 November 1844 in Plattsburg, Clinton County, Missouri to Daniel Thatcher and Mary Ellen Searles. Married 28 August 1882 in Christian County, Missouri to Marinda Emaline Cook. Fought for the Union in Company 13, Missouri Cavalry from 1862 to 1866.

Relationship: Husband of 1st Cousin, two times removed.



Barton Witten: Born 29 March 1844 in Grayson County, Kentucky to James M. Witten and Elizabeth Jane Williams. Never married as he was only 17 years old when he died. Fought for the Union in an unknown unit, dying early in the war on 7 January 1862.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin three times removed.

Francis M. Witten: Born abt 1827 in Johnson County, Kentucky to William W. Witten and Charlotte Hackworth. It is not known whether he ever married. Fought for the Union in the 14th Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers, dying 27 Jun 1824 in Georgia during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, four times removed.



George Hamilton or Tiger Witten: Born about 1824 in Johnson County, Kentucky to William W. Witten and Charlotte Hackworth. Married 23 November 1847 in Johnson County, Kentucky to Martha Ann Butler. Fought for the Union in the 14th Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers, surviving the war.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, four times removed.



Hiram H. Witten: Born about 1842 in Grayson County, Kentucky to James M. Witten and Elizabeth Jane Williams. It is not known whether he ever married. Fought for the Union in an unknown unit, evidently dying while serving 14 February 1865.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin three times removed.



Robert Belshe Witten: Born 25 October 1843 in Miller County, Missouri to George Washington Witten and Sarah Margaret Belshe. Married 20 March 1871 in Miller County, Missouri to Rebecca Jane Walls. Fought for the Union in an unknown unit.

Relationship: Great grand uncle.



Samuel Cecil Witten: Born about 1844 in Miller County, Missouri to George Washington Witten and Sarah Margaret Belshe. He never married. His military service is an enigma. Family stories say he deserted the Union army to join the confederate - his sister Martha still talked about this at her death in 1925; haven't found any evidence to confirm this. He died of wounds in a prison camp at Enterprise, Clarke County, Mississippi in August 1863. Since that was Confederate

territory at the time, it seems a prisoner of war incarcerated there would have to be a Union soldier. More research is needed on this one.

Relationship: Great grand uncle.

Thomas Floyd Witten: Born 26 May 1840 in Johnson County, Kentucky to William W. Witten and Charlotte Hackworth. Married 2 November 1867 in Johnson County, Kentucky to Lovina Ward. Fought for the Union in the 14th Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers and survived the war.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, four times removed.

William Witten: Born 14 January 1835 in Decatur, Monroe County, Tennessee to John Wesley Witten and Sally McPherson. Married 18 September 1859 in Arkansas to Agnes Jane Gilkerson who died during the war. He married again 11 November 1866 in Saline County, Arkansas to Mary Emily Jenkins. Fought in the Union army, Company Fg 24th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, Rank Induction: Private, Rank Discharge: Corporal.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, four times removed.

William Preston Witten: Born about 1837 in Floyd County, Kentucky to William W. Witten and Charlotte Hackworth. Married 10 September 1856 in Johnson County, Kentucky to Mary Jane Dixon. Fought for the Union in the 14th Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers, surviving the war.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, four times removed.



Spanish-Philippine American Wars

President McKinley asked Congress to declare war 11 April 1898, which they did 25 April 1898 and making that retroactive to 22 April 1898. Spain declared war on the US 23 April 1898. There was no draft, with the President asking for 120,000 volunteers. Spain signed the treaty of peace 10 December August 1898. An insurrection then began in the Philippines the following February and that was declared at an end 4 July 1902.

James Oscar Belshe: Born 31 March 1874 in Mercer or Grundy County, Missouri to Robert Newton Belshe and Susan May. His death certificate indicates he served in the Spanish American War from 17 April 1898 until 10 February 1899. He died 4 August 1951 in Chillicothe, Livingston County, Missouri, having never married, and is buried in the Laredo Cemetery, Grundy County, Missouri. At this point I know nothing more about his service.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, three times removed.

Stanley George Baynton Powell: Born 16 December 1879 in Monrovia, Frederick County, Maryland to unknown parents, he served as a private in the Army infantry during the Spanish American War starting 27 February 1899. No other details of his service are known at this time, but he did qualify for a pension as of 24 December 1923. After the war he married India Auleta Eiler, 12 December 1904 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and they had three children together before her death in 1916. He later married again, to Rosella R. Townsend, also in Philadelphia. They relocated to Gloucester County, Pennsylvania where he died either 5 September 1953 or 4 March 1949 – there are conflicting records. He is buried in the Beverly National Cemetery, Burlington County, New Jersey.

Relationship: Husband of 6th Cousin, two times removed.



James Thomas Wells: Born 27 Jun 1875 in Grayson County, Kentucky to Joseph Henry Wells and Laura Ann Skaggs. He enlisted in the 113th Company of the Coast Artillery 20 August 1901 and served until 17 October 1901. This was after the settlement of the Spanish American War in Cuba but during a time of national alert because of the Philippine-American War then underway. Shortly after this service he married Sarah Jane Tarrance in Butler County, Kentucky and they raised a large family there and in Grayson County. His wife requested and was granted a veteran's gravestone after his death 29 May 1949 in Leitchfield, Grayson County, Kentucky which was granted. He is buried there in Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Relationship: 4th Cousin, two times removed.



Between Spanish-American War and World War I

Clifton Belshe: Born 3 June 1884 in Moniteau County, Missouri, to James Genoa Belshe and Lucinda Bates, he is enumerated in the 1910 Census as serving in the Army as a private, stationed in Fort McKenzie, Sheridan County, Wyoming, in the period leading up to World War I. He was 26 at the time. In late 1901 he is listed as a member of the 10th Infantry. There may be more information on his service by carefully examining these reports. He was registered for the draft in September 1918 in Contra Costa, California. In the 1920 census he was in Richmond, Contra Costa County, California living with his wife Tillie and three children.
Relationship: 4th Cousin, once removed



World War I

Charles Alden Draper: Born 26 January 1894 in Denver, Colorado to Charles Draper and Effie Honor Clay, he enlisted as a Private in the US Army 14 July 1918. I haven't found anything more about his service yet. After the war he married his wife Florence. He died 24 July 1967 while they were living in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico and is buried in Section V, Site 1082, in the Santa Fe National Cemetery in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
Relationship: 5th Cousin, once removed.

James Wendell Ellington: Born 4 June 1896 in Grundy County, Missouri, to Oscar Taylor Ellington and Margaret Ellen Belshe, his gravestone says he is a veteran of the war, but no record of his service has been found. He registered for the draft at age 19 while a student at the former Wesleyan College, Cameron, Clinton County, Missouri. Sometime between 1920 and 1930 he married and unknown spouse and also divorced. He died 26 June 1979 and is buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Trenton, Grundy County, Missouri.
Relationship: 3rd Cousin, twice removed.

Ralph Belshe Ellington: Born 4 June 1896 in Grundy County, Missouri, to Oscar Taylor Ellington and Margaret Ellen Belshe, he served in the US Navy during the First World War. He enlisted 29 April 1918 and was released a little less than a year later 14 February 1919. After the war he married Trudie A. Farris and they lived for a time in Colorado. He died 20 November 1988 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona.
Relationship: 3rd Cousin, twice removed.

Ernest Ferdinand Greenup: Born 30 December 1893 in DeKalb County, Missouri to William M. Greenup and Mary L. Cody, he served as Private in the US Army during World War I. According to the application for his gravestone by the Los Angeles Veteran Administration Soldier's Home, he enlisted 18 September 1917 and was honorably discharged 13 May 1919. He entered as a Private and was a Corporal when discharged, being part of Company E, 140th Infantry, 35th Division. He was drafted again late in World War II but I suspect he was medically not able to serve. He died 20 May 1943 in Los Angeles and is buried in the Los Angeles National Cemetery, 950 South Sepulveda Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90049, Section 195 Row C Site 12. It appears that he never married.
Relationship: 3rd Cousin, twice removed.



James Elmer Greenup: Born 29 January 1902 in McDonough County, Illinois, to James L. Greenup and Myrtle Frances Cordell, he is enumerated in the 1920 Census as serving in the Army as a private, stationed in Andernach, Germany in the aftermath of the War. He was just 18 at the time. His parents had both died of the flu during the fall of 1918. I haven't found any other record of his being drafted, enlisted, etc. By 1930 he was in Glendale, Los Angeles County, California living with his younger sister Frances. He died at the age of 94 in Beaver Dam, Dodge County, Wisconsin on 4 April 1996.
Relationship: 4th Cousin, once removed.

Walton Bottimore Johnston: Born 25 December 1899 in Maryland to Dr. Charles Arthur Johnston and Laura Virginia Bottimore. He served in the Infantry as a 2nd Lieutenant during WWI, from 31 October 1918 until 10 December 1918. He died 20 November 1961 and was buried in the Restland Memorial Cemetery, Hanover, Morris County, New Jersey.

Floyd J. Julien: Born 27 February 1891 in Carroll County Indiana to Eran I. Julien and Catherine "Carrie" Ward, Floyd served in an unknown capacity during World War I. He married Bertha Ray Hornbeck 12 April 1918 in Forest County Mississippi. That is right next to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, the largest training camp established for World War I. He died 16 August 1969 in Delphi, Carroll County Indiana and is buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Delphi.
Relationship: Husband of 5th Cousin, once removed.



Byron Garfield Logan: Born 23 October 1883 in East Nissouri, Oxford County, Ontario, Canada to Andrew Logan and Jane Steele, Byron served as a private in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, 2nd Canadian Division, 28th Battalion (Saskatchewan 14 October 1915 in Belgium back the German armies. This Offensive or the 3rd Battle of Relationship: 1st Cousin, twice removed.



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Howard F. McTaggart: Born 4 November 1896 in Washington County, Ohio, he served in the US Army, Baltimore Coast Artillery Corps, Fort Howard Medical Department. He enlisted 30 May 1918 at Columbus Barracks, Ohio. Howard was promoted to PFC 17 Jul 1918, to corporal 26 Sep 1918, and to sergeant 5 Nov 1918. He received his honorable discharge 17 Feb 1919. He returned home to Washington County and about 1925 married his wife Edith. He died at Marietta, Washington County, Ohio on 25 Nov 1972 at the age of 76.
Relationship: 2nd Cousin, twice removed.





Ida S. Overilie: Born 1 January 1893 in Minnesota to Hans S. Overlie and an unknown mother, Ida enlisted in the US Army's Army Nurse Corps 8 November 1918, just three days before the armistice. Nothing more is known of her service at this time. She married Walter Lee Hornbeck about 1919 and was living with him in Carroll County Indiana in the 1920 Census. By 1930 she lived in Minneapolis and remained there for the rest of her life. She died 26 January 1956 and was interred on the 30th at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in South Minneapolis, Minnesota in Section G Site 3519. Relationship: Wife of 5th cousin, once removed.



Robert Bruce Petty/Petty: Born 23 December 1893 in Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado to Elmer Martin Petty and Lydia Ataway Dalton, he served in the US Army during WWI as a seargent, with the exact details of his service unknown. After the war he married Maude Brown in Baker County, Oregon and they raised three children together. He died 14 May 1972 in Portland, Washington County, Oregon and is buried in the Willamette National Cemetery in the Multnomah County portion of Portland. His burial spot is #164 in Section T. Relationship: 4th Cousin, one time removed.

Leonard Pigg: Born 16 November 1892 in Highlandville, Christian County, Missouri, he served during WWI in the US Army, Company M, 34th Infantry. He was inducted at Jefferson Barracks (St. Louis) on 7/14/1916 and served overseas from 8/17/1918 through 6/18/1919. He ended his service with the rank of Sergeant. Leonard is buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Francisco, California, Section F Site 596.



Relationship: Husband of 1st cousin, once removed, Anna St. Clair.

Oscar Buchannon Rogers: Born 21 June 1898 in Hood County Texas to George Buckhannon (Buck) Rogers and Martha Jane (Mattie) St. Clair, Oscar served during WWI in the US Army. He enlisted 17 October 1917 and was released 5 February 1919. No other details have been found about his active duty. A few months after returning home, he married Lillian Beatrice Lewallen, 28 June 1919, in Erath County, Texas. He died at age 86 in Terrell, Kaufman County, Texas, and is buried in the Sapoak Cemetery, Erath County, Texas. Relationship: 4th Cousin, one time removed.



Lansdale Ghiselen Sasscer: Born 30 September 1893 in Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, Maryland to Frederick Sasscer and Lucy Claggett, Lansdale enlisted in the US Army shortly after graduating from law school and being admitted to the bar. He served from 1917 through 1919, and was a 1st Lieutenant with the Fifty-ninth Artillery, and was overseas in France from late 1917 through early 1919. After the war he resumed the practice of law, marrying Mary Agnes Goffren in Manhattan just after he returned from overseas. He was a member of the Maryland State Senate from 1922 through 1938, serving as its president in 1937 and 1938. He was elected to the US House of Representatives as a Democrat in 1939 to fill a vacancy caused by the death of his predecessor and continued to be re-elected until his last term ended in January 1953. In 1952 he failed in a run for the US Senate. He resumed the practice of law and remained in Upper Marlboro for the last 11 years of his life, and died there 5 November 1964. He is buried in Trinity Cemetery in Upper Marlboro.
Relationship: 6th Cousin, twice removed.



Benjamin Jacob St. Clair: Born 15 December 1892 in Walnut Shade, Taney County, Missouri to Nathaniel H. St. Clair and Almedia Angeline Cummings, he served during WWI in the US Army, 35th Division, 129th Field Artillery. This is the same unit future president Harry S. Truman served in, and which participated in the decisive Meuse-Argonne Offensive of September 1918 in eastern France that broke the back of German resistance in the war. Benjamin was inducted at Crane, Stone County, Missouri on 3 October 1917. He served overseas from 20 May 1918 through 20 Apr 1919. He was honorably released 6 May 1919. He had a short lived marriage that began before he entered the military. A database published by the Missouri Secretary of State says he was promoted in March 1919 to service grade "WAG" but I have not determined yet what that means. In 1920 he was enumerated with his parents in Galena, Stone County, Missouri, where he was listed as married but there was no spouse or child present. About 1924 he married his 2nd wife, named Nell. After one child was born in Oklahoma, he settled in Galena where he died at the age of 80, 8 June 1973.
Relationship: 1st cousin, twice removed.

Haston Leroy St. Clair: Born 26 May 1896 in Jackson County, Missouri to Harvey Lee "Robert" St. Clair and Susan Lain Brown, he registered for the WWI draft on 5 June 1917 and entered the US Army less than two months later on 26 July 1917. He served until 5 May 1919. No other details of his service have yet been found. As of 1930 he remained single, living with his widowed mother. Haston died 31 August 1987 in Holden, Johnson County, Missouri at the age of 91.

Relationship: 5th Cousin, once removed.



Herbert Dunbar Steele: Born 8 October 1886 in Thorndale, Middlesex County, Ontario, Canada, he served from Canada during WWI. In 1917 he contracted trench fever during that service and was gassed several times, suffering from the effects for the rest of his life. He also received a shrapnel wound. After the war he married Ella Bernice Robinson of Simcoe, Ontario. Later they emigrated to the United States. His Social Security card was issued in Washington state. As near as can be determined he never had any children. Herbert died 29 August 1977 in San Luis Obispo, California and his wife lived there for another 20 years until her death.
Relationship: Grand Uncle.

Charles Weems Tongue: Born 18 Jun 1899 in Coster, Calvert County, Maryland, he served as a Private in the US Army during WWI. He was inducted 30 October 1918. He became ill with lobar pneumonia and died 27 December 1918 in Washington DC while serving honorably. He is buried in Middleham Cemetery, Lusby, Calvert County, Maryland. Based on the time and the cause it is suspected this was a result of the world-wide flu epidemic. No other information known at this time.
Relationship: 6th Cousin, twice removed.



Noel Oliver Warmouth: Born 9 December 1895 in Milwaukie, Clackamas County, Oregon, Noel served in the Navy during World War I from 1917 to 1920. He was then very active in veterans organizations throughout his life, having served as Commander, Adjutant and Service Officer of Admiral Robert E. Coontz, VFW post 239; Commander of the Navy Yard Veterans Association and an active member of the Kitsap County Veterans Council.
Relationship: 5th Cousin, once removed



Benjamin Franklin Witten: Born 23 February 1892 in Willard, Carter County, Kentucky to Dr. George Washington Witten and Mary M. Williams. I am still sorting out some conflicting information about his military service but here is what I know at present. He enlisted in the army 9 October 1917 at Fort Ogelthorpe, Georgia. Some sources say he was honorably discharged in early 1919, but 30 April 1920 I found him enumerated in the census in Germany as a private with the famous Die Hards, the first Engineer Regiment, Company B. It's not clear where they were located, identified as the Engineers Compound, headed by Captain John E. Brown. As more information is located, the details will be added. It appears that Fort Riley, Kansas is their current base, and I took the photo that forms the footer for these pages in June 2012 in nearby Junction City at a park honoring the soldiers of Fort Riley. There is an alumni website for the Die Hards at: <http://diehardengineer.com/>. Wikipedia has an article on their history at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1st_Engineer_Battalion_\(United_States\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1st_Engineer_Battalion_(United_States)). In 1929 Benjamin married Maude Easterday Manoor, with whom he had no children. He was hit and killed by a train in Marion, Ohio 10 September 1942.

Relationship: 4th Cousin, twice removed

Chester Witten: Born 7 May 1894 in Johnson County, Kentucky to Thomas Floyd Witten and Lousina Ward. Based on a short sketch by his daughter Joann, he served in the army during World War I from 1917 to 1919. He was stationed in Alabama as part of the One Pounder Platoon and served as a drill sergeant. He married Virginia Welch 21 March 1919 and died 17 September 1997 in Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin, three times removed.



Between World War I and World War II

Francis “Frank” Earle St. Clair: Born 27 October 1897 to Stephen Jonathan St. Clair and Sarah Virginia Beard in Chamblissburg, Bedford County Virginia, he served right after World War I in an unknown branch of the service. Enlisting 10 September 1919 he was released a little less than three years later 5 June 1922. He married Lucille Bachman Zimmerman as her 2nd husband and died 9 March 1975. Nothing more has been found about his military service. Relationship: 3rd Cousin twice removed.



World War II

Harold E. Arthur: Born 7 July 1909 in Hiwasee, Benton County, Arkansas to Floyd Clayton Arthur and Naomi Slinkard, he lived most of his life in McDonald County, Missouri. He married Goldress L. Moore 17 June 1928 in McDonald County. Harold enlisted in Los Angeles, California 9 April 1943. He served in the Pacific in the Indian-Burma Campaign as a cook in his unit, separating 11 October 1945 at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. He earned a good conduct medal and a bronze star during his time in the service and separated with the rank of T/4 (Technician Fourth Grade). An amazing thing is that he did this service as a married father of five, the youngest being just three years old when he enlisted. Then, five years after he left the army, he enlisted in the US Air Force on 30 August 1950 as Staff Sergeant in the 509th Food Squadron, 509th Air Base Group. While still in the Air Force he died 30 June 1951. He was buried in the White Rock Cemetery, Pineville, McDonald County, Missouri.

Relationship: 4th Cousin, once removed.



Albert Thomas “Bert” Audette: Born 12 July 1923 in Oregon to Maurice Eudore Audette and Thelma Alice Sinclair, he joined the Navy 21 January 1941 and served until 17 Oct 1945. He married three times, and their names are not included here because I don’t know whether they are deceased. Bert died 14 March 1995 in Quilcene, Jefferson County, Washington.

Relationship: 5th Cousin

Elman Roy Belshe: Born 24 April 1924 (Lauren's brother) in Henley, Cole County, Missouri, he died during his service in the army as a private at the age of 19 on 21 February 1944. He had enlisted in Seattle, Washington 11 May 1943. After the war, Elman was buried 20 July 1948 at the Jefferson City National Cemetery in Missouri, Section 12, Site 1067. The only significant Army action I can find taking place on that day was when the Infantry and Marines captured Eniwetok Atol in the Marshall Islands as part of Operation Catchpole. I wonder if that was where he died.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin, once removed.



Lauren M. Belshe: Born 6 November 1920 (Elman's brother) in Henley, Cole County, Missouri, he died during his service in the army at the age of 23 on 4 May 1944. I can’t find any significant battle action taking place on that date. After the war, Lauren was buried 30 July 1948 at the Jefferson City National Cemetery in Missouri, Section 12, Site 1060.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin, once removed.





Max Kalman Belshe: Born 8 January 1916 in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon he enlisted in the army 19 April 1942 in Portland, Oregon as a Private and served through 22 September 1943. He served as a TEC5 by the end of the war. At the time of his enlistment, he indicated he was single and without dependents. Max survived the war and married Carrie Helen Nelson, with whom he had at least two children. They lived in the Coos Bay area. He was buried in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland 6 June 1988 in section O, site 28.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, once removed.

Rulon Alexander Bevan: Born 27 February 1920 in Tooele, Tooele County, Utah to John Alexander Bevan, Jr and Annie Ellen Isgreen, he enlisted in the Navy 22 November 1943 and served through 22 December 1945. Several years prior to his enlistment, he married Wanda Marie Nielsen in Salt Lake City, Utah, 6 September 1939. He died 6 May 1982 in Fairfield, Solano County, California.

Relationship: Husband of 3rd Cousin.



Robert Kerr Billingslea: Born 24 September in Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland to Robert Kerr Billingslea and Marianna Albaugh, he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1943 during World War II. After the war, he remained in the Marine Reserves, retiring as a Major in 1981. He went on to have a distinguished career in education, serving as a teacher and as principal of several schools. He married Helen Cooke after the war in 1948. They raised two sons and a daughter. At the end of their lives, they lived in New Oxford, Adams County, Pennsylvania and he passed away there in August 2006. He was buried back in Westminster, where he grew up.

Relationship: 6th Cousin, twice removed.



Buren L. Boone: Born 19 Oct 1921 in Clarkson, Grayson County, Oregon; Staff sergeant, 30 Division, 1st Army, Company 1, 119 Infantry. Killed in action in World War II at Würselen, Aachen, Rheinland, Preußen, Germany 16 November 1944; sailed from Boston 12 Feb 1944, arriving in Liverpool 22 Feb 1944; began combat in June 1944; this unit crossed the channel and captured the city of Aachen, 16 Oct 1944, the first city in Germany to fall to the allies; it was at the battle of Ardennes at Malmedy, Belgium 17 Dec 1944; haven't been able to find its location in between but Buren's death must have occurred outside of a major battle; note that one of his fellow 119th Infantry soldiers won a Medal of Honor for the battle that killed Sergeant Boone; buried at the Little Clifty Methodist Church Cemetery in Grayson County.



Harold Dayle “Snooks” Boston: Born 30 August 1913 in Whitesboro, Grayson, Texas to Benjamin Alexander Boston and Leah Ann Chisum, he enlisted after already married 12 November 1943. He served in the infantry in the European theatre including Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He earned the purple heart for severe injuries, but returned to his family after the war and was an active member of the V.F.W and the American Legion. He married Marion Alice Chisholm 17 June 1938 and they resided in Brownfield, Texas both before and after the war until moving to Lubbock late in life to be near their children. Snooks died 21 Jun 2010 at the age of 96 in Lubbock and was buried in Terry County Memorial Cemetery, Brownfield, Terry County, Texas.

Relationship: Husband of 3rd Cousin, once removed.



Blair Hodgson Bradford: Born 29 July 1915 in Spanish Fork, Utah County, Utah to Frank Hansen Bradford and Myrtle Hales, he began his service in March 1941. He served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Army Air Corp flying bombing missions over Europe. K.I.A. on 20 May 1944 flying on a bombing mission over Montidier, France. He was a member of the 668/416 squadron.

His remains were not returned to Pomona, California until 27 May 1949. He never married. He is a brother to Floyd, Lamar and Max.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin.



Floyd Hansen Bradford: Born 121 April 1914 in Spanish Fork, Utah County, Utah to Frank Hansen Bradford and Myrtle Hales, he served in the army from 18 February 1941 until 3 May 1944. No more is known about his service, but he did survive the war. He died 18 February 1990 in Los Angeles, California. I haven't been able to find a marriage.



Lamar Frank Bradford: Born 29 December 1916 in Springfield, Bingham County, Idaho Utah to Frank Hansen Bradford and Myrtle Hales; served as a Technical Sergeant, enrolling in the army in 1941; died during WWII 13 Oct 1944 at an unknown location. He is a brother to Blair, Floyd and Max.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin.



Max Hales Bradford: Born 27 August 1911 in Spanish Fork, Utah County, Utah to Frank Hansen Bradford and Myrtle Hales, he served in the army starting in 1941. I've found hints that he was in the infantry in Europe but have no further details of his service. He survived the war and died 4 January 1972 in Los Angeles, California. He is a brother to Blair, Floyd and Lamar.
Relationship: 3rd Cousin.



Harry Lee Buis: Born 23 November 1922 in Tazewell, Claiborne County, Tennessee, he enlisted in the US Army in Georgia, 5 January 1944. He died in action as a private with Patton's Third Army, 2nd Infantry, 5th Division (Red Diamonds) 15 September 1944 as part of the Lorraine campaign, which on this day crossed the Moselle, Germany's last line of defense before the German border. Harry is buried in Lorraine American Cemetery, St. Avold, France in plot b 16 47.

Relationship: 5th Cousin, once removed.



Mark C. Case: Born 22 August 1912 in Silverton, Marion County, Oregon to Harold Grove Case and Carrie Cummings. After his marriage to Lois Jean Pettey, 20 September 1940 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, he enlisted in the US Army in 1944. He served in Northern France and Germany. He earned a Purple Heart for injuries suffered during the last major German offensive on the Western Front, the Battle of the Bulge, and was honorably discharged in 1945. He and his wife had one son, Steven Dexter Case (deceased). Mark died 12 May 2003 in McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon, and he was buried in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Plot: SECTION COL-3 ROW 204 SITE B, GPS (lat/lon): 45.46389, -122.53036

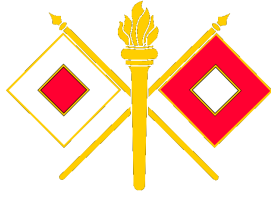
Relationship: Husband of 5th Cousin



Donald Needham Christensen: Born 6 June 1919 in Lehi, Utah County, Utah, he enlisted as a private in the US Army in Salt Lake City, 23 April 1941. At that time he was single and had completed three years of college. I haven't been able to determine the circumstances of his death but he died in California 20 May 1943 and is buried in Provo, Utah. His [gravestone there](#) indicates he was an Aviation Cadet. According to his brother Philip's obituary he died while flying his final training mission at Leemore Field in Kings County, California.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin.





Hal Samuel Christensen: Born 17 October 1922 in Logan, Cache County, Utah to Lars Samuel Christensen and Alvaretta Jorgensen. He honorably served his country in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during WWII (Office of Strategic Services [OSS], precursor to the CIA), Korea and Vietnam conflicts, serving in the military from 1942 to 1979, retiring as a full colonel. His distinguished military service was recognized with numerous awards including the Bronze Star and several Legion of Merit Awards. He married first Eva Joy Wallgren, 17 Jul 1946. After her death in a difficult child birth, he married second, Julia Theurer, 26 December 1954, in Providence, Cache County, Utah. He died 15 April 2011 after living long term in Fairfax, Virginia and is buried in Providence, Cache County, Utah.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, once removed.



Philip James Christensen: Born 4 March 1923 in Lehi, Utah County, Utah, he graduated from Brigham Young High in Provo, Utah in 1941. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp as a private in Salt Lake City, 5 January 1942. His service number was 2056183. At that time he was single and a fairly new high school graduate. He died in action in Italy as a 2nd Lieutenant, 17 April 1944. His [grave was relocated to Provo City Cemetery](#), 4 December 1948. He began his combat career as co-pilot of a B-17, participating in 34 missions in Africa and Italy. He then became a P-38 fighter pilot, dying in his fourth or fifth mission in Italy. I believe he was part of Doolittle's 15th Air Force and likely died as part of the Allied campaigns to occupy Rome, which happened in June 1944.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin.



Ernest Carl Clemence:

Born 11 December 1921 in Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan to Henry Melvin Clemence (who had immigrated from English Canada) and Maude, he enlisted in the US Army 21 September 1942 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. While at Fort Polk, Vernon Parish, Louisiana for training he married Virginia Edwards 24 September 1943 in nearby Leesville. He was assigned as a medic and spent the end of the war doing the heart-rending job of assisting the survivors of German concentration camps. He was honorably released from the army 11 January 1946. Returning home, he and his wife raised a family of four in the Grand Rapids area. He died 11 February 2003 in Trenton, Wayne County, Michigan.

Relationship: Husband of 1st Cousin (Virginia Edwards).



Floyd Raymond Cook: Born 11 July 1905 in Stone County, Missouri to William David Cook and Maud Ethel Snodgrass,

he enlisted in the US Navy, In late December 1945 he was assigned to a ship identified as LCT-1009 (Landing Craft

Tank LCT6) Class, part of LCT Flotilla 16 operating in

the Pacific and was then a Seaman Class 1, one of the beginning ranks for enlisted personnel in the navy. I suspect that means he had just finished his basic training and that this was his first duty station. In March he was transferred to LCT-1017 which was in the Philippines during that part of the war. In April, as a Seaman Class 2, he was transferred to serve in the Tokyo Bay area. Nothing further is known of his military service. Before the war began he was living in San Diego, California and there he married Jennie Hazel McMilon and they had two children before he joined the Navy: Cleda and JoAnn. Floyd died 15 March 1989 in San Diego, San Diego County, California and was buried in Bellevue Mausoleum, Ontario, San Bernardino, California, United States. (In the photo, LCT-1017 was being carried on the deck of another LCT in Leyte Bay, Philippines in late 1945.)



Relationship: 2nd Cousin, once removed



James David Croson: Born 26 August 1923 in Hurricane, Putnam County, West Virginia, he enlisted in the US Army, 1 April 1943 at the age of 19. He advanced to the rank of Staff Sergeant in the US Army Air Corp. After the war he worked for Union Carbide. Dying 12 November 2003, he is buried at Tyler Mountain Memory Garden, 5233 Rocky Fork Road, Cross Lanes, Kanawha, West Virginia.

Relationship: 4th Cousin, twice removed.



Oscar Eugene Eakins: Born 15 May 1909 in Christian County, Missouri to Alvin Homer Eakins and Pearl Ann Meadows. I haven't been able to find any particulars of his service but his gravestone indicates he served during WWII as a Private in the US Army. I did find a photo of his dog tag, included here. He and Wildurn were brothers, Oscar being much older. As near as I can determine, Oscar never married. He died 15 February 1978 in Ozark, Christian County, Missouri and is buried there with other family members in the Ozark Cemetery. Relationship: 2nd Cousin, once removed.



Wildurn Leo Eakins: Born 6 September 1921 in Christian County, Missouri to Alvin Homer Eakins and Pearl Ann Meadows, his service in the US Army began 16 Jul 1942 less than an month after his marriage to Nadine Mincks, 28 Jun 1942 in Christian County, Missouri. He served until 1 November 1945 at unknown locations during the War. He died 10 January 1980 and is buried in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Springfield, Greene County, Missouri. Relationship: 2nd Cousin, once removed.

Morris Bennett Ferrell, Jr: Born 1 July 1921 in Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia to Morris Bennett Ferrell and Rachel White Witten, he served during World War II as a Corporal in the Marine Corp. During the war, 10 May 1947, he married Rebecca Tarter Hurt in Tazewell County Virginia. He died 7 March 2005 (two years after his wife) in Tazewell County, Virginia, and was buried there in Maplewood Cemetery. No other details are known at present about his military service. Relationship: 5th Cousin, once removed.



Thomas Sanford Flowers: Born 15 February 1927 in Vinton, Roanoke, Virginia to John Houston Flowers and Susie Runella Peters. He served in the US Navy as a Seaman 1st Class during WWII. After the war he married Ruby Mae Wheeler, 1 March 1946 in Bedford, Virginia. He died 31 March 1999 in Vinton, Roanoke, Virginia and was buried in the Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Thaxton, Bedford County, Virginia. Relationship: Husband of 5th Cousin (Ruby Mae Wheeler)



DeWilton E. Fjeldsted: Born about 1919 in Oregon, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp 31 May 1941 in Salt Lake City Utah as an Aviation Cadet. At the time of his enlistment he was single without dependents and had completed two years of college, working as an actor. He was then a resident of Weber County. No further details of his service are known at this time. Relationship: 2nd Cousin.



Mark K. Fjeldsted: Born 13 April 1919 in Idaho, he enlisted in the army 6 January 1942 as a private in San Pedro California and later served as a Captain during World War II. At the time of his enlistment he was single and had completed 4 years of college, working as an electrician. He is buried in the Riverside National Cemetery, section 42, site 2754. No other details of his service are known at this time.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin.



Joseph Leo Geddry: Born 19 September 1920 in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts to George Francis Geddry and Annie M. Galvin, he enlisted in the army at Fort Myer, Virginia in March 1943 (various sources say either the 10th or the 17th). During his service he was promoted to Corporal. He married Billie Marie Beard a couple of months earlier, 13 January 1943 in Washington DC. They had two daughters together. He died 31 July 1968 in Somerville, Massachusetts and is buried in Culpeper National Cemetery in Virginia.

Relationship: Husband of 1st Cousin



David Beverly Gillespie: Born 17 April 1908 in Virginia to William Wilkerson Gillespie and Caroline L. Harry, he was inducted into the US Army 12 June 1942 in Roanoke, Virginia, and was discharged 8 October 1945. His unit landed on Utah Beach 12-14 of June and entered combat on the 19th, taking Cherbourg on the 25th. They continued on through

France and into Germany for the rest of the war in Europe. He served as a sergeant in Branch 2, Battalion HQ, 314th Infantry, part of the 79th Infantry Division. was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. No record has been found of any marriage. He died in Seattle, King County, Washington 23 November 1955 and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Renton, King County, Washington.

Relationship: 4th Cousin, twice removed.





Milton R. Graham:
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20 September 1940.



Born 28 September
Canyon County,
Rush Graham and
enlisted as a private
National Guard on
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in the US Army. On 26



March 1942 he was accepted as a cadet
graduation from pilot training, he was appointed a Second Lieutenant and assigned to the 429
Fighter Squadron, 9th Air Force, in England. During his European Tour, he flew 68 missions as a
P-38 Lightning pilot in France, Belgium, and Germany. In March 1945 he was shot down and
taken prisoner in Germany. About three weeks before VE day he was liberated when his POW
camp was overrun by US Troops. He then returned to his unit and



resumed combat flying until the end of the war.

Upon returning home, he joined the newly formed
California Air National Guard. He was promoted in

1972 to
During his

participated in five world-wide
and the F-86 Sabre Jet, winning 1st
3rd in the other two. He married

Relationship: 4th Cousin, Once Removed.



Brigadier General.
ANG career he

gunnery competitions in the P-51 Mustang
on three occasions and coming in 2nd and
twice, having children by his first wife.





Francis Albert Greenup: Born 17 October 1913 in Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Kentucky, he had a distinguished career in the US Navy that began during World War II and continued into the Korean War. He graduated from the US Naval Academy with the class of 1938 and retired as a Rear Admiral. The president awarded him two silver stars for conspicuous gallantry. The first was for his



service as a Torpedo Data Computer Operator aboard the submarine, USS Seal, from February to April 1942. The second was during his command of the submarine USS Hardhead between October and December 1944. He commanded the submarine USS Hardhead for several war patrols in the Philippines, Gulf of Siam, and South China Sea from 24 October 1944 to 17 July 1945. During that time the USS Hardhead sank at least nine Japanese vessels with either torpedoes or gunfire. Francis is buried in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland Oregon, Section O, Site 3811.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin, twice removed

Julian Campbell Greenup: Born 26 August 1916 in Los Angeles, California, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp 3 March 1945 as a Private in the Panama Canal Zone. That means he was working there, or perhaps serving already in the service. He reported three years of college at the time, and that he was married.



Relationship: 4th Cousin, once removed.



Roscoe K. Greenup: Born 30 November 1921 at Eldon, Miller County, Missouri to Thomas Theodore Greenup and Mary Jane Wood. The year after Pearl Harbor he enlisted in the Marine Corps 17 August 1942 as a private. During his service he was promoted to Private First Class (1945), Corporal (Jan 1946), and Staff Sergeant (October 1946), leaving the service after the war in December 1946. He became an engineer for the Lake Erie Railroad and was active in the VFW in Albion, Pennsylvania. He married Willowbell Richardson prior to his military service and had an unknown number of children. He died at age 60 in the VA hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania 3 September 1982 and was buried in the Dooley Cemetery, near Eldon, Miller County, Pennsylvania. No further details of his service are known at this time.

Relationship: 4th Cousin, once removed.



Wilber J. Greenup: Born 25 June 1924 in Berthold, Ward County, North Dakota, he enlisted in the army 17 January 1945 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota as a private, serving his tour of duty at Fort Sill, Okla., until his honorable discharge on Sept. 11, 1946. He indicated at enlistment that he was single without dependents. He married Doris Deaver on 22 October 1922 with whom he had four children. Wilber died 21 November 2009. No further information is known at this time.

Relationship: 5th Cousin



George W. Grondorf: Born 12 July 1919 in Los Angeles, California to John William Gondorf and Matilda O'Tillie Asel, he enlisted in the US Army 6 July 1944 in Los Angeles. He was assigned as a Private to the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment (the paratroopers) which was the first such unit assigned to the Pacific Theatre of operations. Early in his service the 503rd parachuted onto Corregidor and liberated that island from the Japanese, receiving a Presidential Unit Citation and earning their nickname, "the Rock Regiment." In early April they landed amphibiously in the central Philippines and fought



there against fanatical Japanese resistance. Later that month, on 28 April 1945, he was killed during those operations. He is buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo County, California. He left behind a young widowed wife, Albertha Strunk.

Relationship: Husband of 10th Cousin, once removed.

Arthur E. Gulick: Born 25 Oct 1918 in Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri to Arthur Carr Gulick and Anna Gertrude Albus, he enlisted in the Army 10 November 1942 at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. He was separated from the service after World War II at Fort Riley, Kansas on 23 Oct 1945. I haven't been able to determine other details about his service yet. He married Betty Mae Stadler 5 July 1946 in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri. His wife died while they were living in Adams County, Illinois. He passed away in Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri 22 June 2002 and was then buried in New Providence Cemetery, Ursa, Adams County, Illinois where his wife had earlier been buried.

Relationship: Husband of 4th Cousin, once removed.



Elmer Blair Hackworth: Born 4 December 1913 in Byington, Knox County, Tennessee, he served during World War II as a private in the US Army's 70th Tank Battalion and died 9 November 1942 during action in North Africa. He had enlisted 20 April 1942 at Fort Ogelthorpe, Georgia. Based on his date of death, it is believed he perished during Operation Torch, which was commanded by General Eisenhower. His body was never found.

Relationship: Husband of 1st Cousin, once removed (Hazel McNew)



Hershel "Speedy" Haworth, Jr.: Born 16 May 1922 in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri to Herschel Haworth and Nancy Martha Wilson, he enlisted in the US Army 6 September 1942 at Jefferson Barracks for the duration of the war. He served in active duty until 1 Dec 1945. His enlistment was just a few months after he had married Wanda Faye Blackwell 11 July 1942 in Springfield, Missouri. Already an accomplished musician at the time, I suspect his army career involved music. Later he played with Porter Waggoner's first band, and performed with many groups, recording more than 60 songs in Nashville. He was a virtuoso on the electric guitar and is a member of the Missouri Country Hall of Fame. After the war he and Wanda had a family of four children. He recorded in Nashville, but preferred living in Springfield, where he died 26 February 2008, being buried in Springfield's Eastlawn Cemetery. I haven't yet found the actual details of his military service.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin

Stansel H. Hansen: Born 11 August 1924 in Weiser, Washington County, Idaho not long after his parents and grandmother moved down from the Cardston Alberta area. When still in his teens he enlisted in the US Naval Reserve, serving as a Motor Machinist's Mate 3rd Class. He disappeared and is presumed dead at age 19, 11-12 June 1944, on the beaches of Normandy, France. He was awarded the Purple Heart. This was a big sacrifice at an early age from my mother's Canadian relatives.

Relationship: 1st Cousin, once removed.



Witten Wayne Higdon: Born 25 January 1915 in Grayson County, Texas, he served in the US Navy during World War II. He was on the aircraft carrier Intrepid throughout 1944 and at least part of 1945. He died in Alameda County, California 24 October 1970 at the age of 55.

Relationship: 4th Cousin.

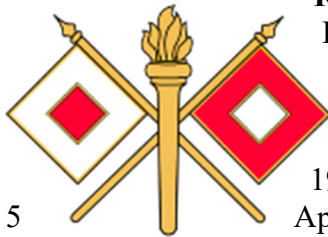


William Lewis Hochstrasser: Born 9 March 1928 in Boise, Ada County, Idaho, he began his military service in the US Army at age 18 on 6 September 1946 and served until 18 December 1947. 29 December 1948 he married Verda Lee McCurdy in Ada County, Idaho. Lew died 3 June 1993 in Boise, Ada County, Idaho and is buried there in the Dry Creek Cemetery. Relationship: 2nd Cousin, once removed.



Benjamin Edward Hyde: Born 1 June 1929 in Harris County, Texas to Elmore Truman Hyde and Bernice Blanche McComb, he served during WWII, Korea and Vietnam in the US Air Force. He first enlisted 17 April 1944, before the Air Force was officially formed and served through 30 December 1944, I presume in the Army Air Corps. Ben reenlisted 13 March 1948 and served more than 20 years until 31 March 1969, retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant. I haven't yet learned more detail about his service, nor have I found a marriage. He died 8 April 1997 in Tampa, Hillsborough, Florida, and was buried in the Bay Pines National Cemetery, Bay Pines, Pinellas, Florida in Plot 61, 4,35.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin



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Raymond Daniel Juhl: Born 29 August 1907 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, he enlisted in the US Army.

He was part of the landing of the Army Okinawa. 1945, and Raymond April. At the time he



final amphibious war, when the 10th US This began 1 April disappeared at sea on was a Technician Operating Company. A



monument memorializing him and the other casualties there has been erected in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Relationship: 5th Cousin

Cleon Alverdo Jorgensen: Born 14 Nov 1917 in Hyde Park, Cache County, Utah to Lola Everett Jorgensen and Maria Elizabeth Waite, he was inducted at Fort Douglas, Utah 10 February 1945 and released there 18 January 1946. At the time he was already married to Margaret Larsen. He died 15 September 1996 in Salt Lake City and was buried in Tremonton, Box Elder County, Utah. No other details about his military service have yet been found.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, once removed.





Eran H. Julien: Born 13 February 1924 in Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana to Floyd J. Julien and Bertha Rae Hornbeck, Eran enlisted in the Army immediately after graduating from high school. He trained in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and served as a radio operator serving with 71st Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the 5th Armored Division. The 5th Armored Division landed at Utah Beach



after the initial Allied invasion in Normandy and pushed on into France. He fought at St. Lo and his division liberated LeMans, France, from German forces. Eran was part of the Allied forces that liberated Paris. Eran participated in the liberation of Luxembourg and had the honor of meeting the Grand Duke when he and his wife, Margaret, returned for the 45th anniversary of the liberation. He was part of the 5th Armored's hard fighting in the Hurtgen Forest. The 5th Armored was the first American division to set foot on German soil during the war and met the eastward moving Russian forces at the Elbe River. His division continued on to Aachen, Germany, before he was sent home after V-E day and the end of conflict in the European theater. He was discharged from the Army in 1945.

Relationship: 6th Cousin.



Hosea Sanford Lawrence: Born 11 December 1907 in rural southern Stone County, Missouri to William Samuel Lawrence and Winnie Belle Bilyeu, he enlisted in the army in San Francisco, California 28 December 1943. He was assigned to Company G, 358th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division. After intensive training for a few months, his unit was assigned in the Normandy invasion to land at Utah Beach on June 4th, 1944. A few weeks later, on July



22nd, in the last assignment in the Normandy hedgerow country, the 358th was ordered to capture the Isle of Seves in the Seves River, known as the Island of the White Witches. Hosea died during the ensuing successful capture of their target, on 23 July 1944. He was buried back home in Stone County, in the McCullough Cemetery in Lampe. He never married.

Relationship: 5th Cousin, once removed.

Warren Edward Kropf: Born 13 December 1921 in Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa to William Kropf and Mary Francis Howell, he enlisted in the Army 1 August 1942 and served through 11 January 1946. I haven't been able to find any other information about his service other than these basic facts in the Department of Veterans Affairs death file. The day after his release he married Nellie Maxine Leeper. Warren died 4 March 1997 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington and was buried there in Mountain View Cemetery.

Relationship: Husband of 5th Cousin





John Wentworth Merrill: Born 1 March 1912 in New York, John served during World War II. He died in combat in France, 24 Jun 1943, 18 days into the allied invasion of occupied France. The exact location and battle is not known at this time, but this was just before Cherbourg was liberated and during the time the battles in Normandy raged.

Relationship: 1st husband of 7th cousin, once removed



Milo Sanford Morrison: Born 23 December 1916 in Texas to his unknown father and Lena Higdon, he entered the army during WWII on 12 July 1945 and served until 16 April 1946. He was already married to his wife Billie Nubie Shoemake at the time, which took place 24 December 1936 in Bryan County, Oklahoma. By 1941, he and his wife were living in San Diego California where he worked as a mechanic. He died in San Diego 4 September 1975. So far I have been unable to find any additional details about his service.

Relationship: 4th Cousin



Theo Thomas Perkes: Born 10 July 1912 in Hyde Park, Cache County, Utah to Thomas Williard Perkes and Rhoda Eva Jorgensen, he enlisted at Fort Douglas, Utah 27 June 1942 as a Private. He died during his service 24 July 1944 at La Bessière, Aveyron, Midi-Pyrénées, France. That happens to be the day when US bombers mistakenly bombed American troops. I'm not sure if that is how he died. Theo never married. His body was reinterred in Hyde Park 8 May 1948.



Relationship: 2nd Cousin, once removed.



Ralph Buchanan Preston: Born 9 November 1907 in Emma, Johnson County, Kentucky to Forest Buchanan Preston and Alice B. Leslie. He was drafted and inducted at the age of 38, entering the army at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis 19 June 1944 as a Private. At the time he had already been married for 15 years to Lillie Mae



Witten, whom he wed 8 November 1929 in Paintsville, Johnson County, Kentucky. He died 2 October 2000 in Paintsville and was buried in the Litteral Cemetery, Oil Springs, Johnson County, Kentucky. I haven't been able to find any other details about his military service.

Relationship: Husband of 5th Cousin, once removed.





Ted Alden Nibley: Born 24 March 1926 in Teton, Fremont County, Idaho to Charles Henry Nibley and Mary Alice Pincock, He enlisted the Navy shortly before his 18th birthday on 15 February 1944. He served during World War II on the U.S.S. North Carolina, the first battleship to enter service in WWII. Her 15 battle star made her the most decorated American battleship of the war. He was released from service 17 April 1946. After the war he married Anna Laura Thompson and they had a daughter, Mary Ellen Nibley, who died tragically at age 35, a victim of domestic violence. Ted

passed away 24 August 1990 in Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho. He is buried in the Teton-Newdale Cemetery, Teton, Madison County, Idaho.

Relationship: Husband of 3rd Cousin.



Wayne Clarence Presley: Born 18 March 1916 in Bingham Canyon, Salt Lake County, Utah, he served during World War II in the US Navy as a Lieutenant Jr. Grade, flying fighters from an air craft carrier. He was lost in combat about 16 September 1943 or 1946 and is memorialized on the Fort William McKinley Memorial, Manila, Philippines. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and other

awards. I have some photos coming of him and his plane!

Relationship: He was the step son of Walter Hochstrasser (1 cousin, 2 times removed), son of Nephi Hochstrasser and Jane Fullmer. Wayne was the son of Walter's first wife, Sarah Edna Shelley and her first husband, Joseph Presley.



Floyd Calvin Robinson: Born 7 May 1915 in Telephone, Fannin County, Texas to unknown Robinson and Ida Jane Covington, he enlisted in the US Navy 21 January 1944 after having been registered for the draft 16 October 1940. He served as a Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class Petty Officer. He was released from service 11 December 1945.





Clifford Wayne Shaw: Born 16 February 1920 in Capulin, Union County, New Mexico to William Marion Shaw and Paralee Emirine Witten, he enlisted 7 January 1944, after having 1941. He was



time. While serving as a Bomber Group, his B-17 bomber was shot down over Nuremberg, Stadtkreis, Bavaria (Bayern), Germany 20 February 1945 and he was killed. He was buried in the Lorraine American Cemetery and Departement de la Moselle, Lorraine, France. This bombs during the war and had the highest accuracy Clifford earned the Air Medal with Oak Leaf before the deactivation of the group in April 1945.



Sergeant in the 527th Bomber Squadron, 379th was shot down over Nuremberg, Nürnberg 1945 and he was killed. He was Memorial, Saint-Avold, group dropped more tonnage of of any WWII bombing group. Cluster, dying about 2 months

Relationship: 3rd Cousin, once removed.

Alfred Lewis “Alf” St. Clair: Born 17 April 1922 in Bedford County Virginia to Lewis Albert St. Clair and Mina Estelle Carter, he enlisted in the Army 3 February 1941 and served there through 25 Jun 1945. He then transferred to the US Air Force where he served through 30 September 1962. He married first, Betty Jo Mills about 1946 and a second time to Myra Belle Thomas. Alf died 17 November 1988 in Grandy, Currituck, North Carolina. No other information is known about his military service at present.

Relationship: 5th Cousin, once removed.



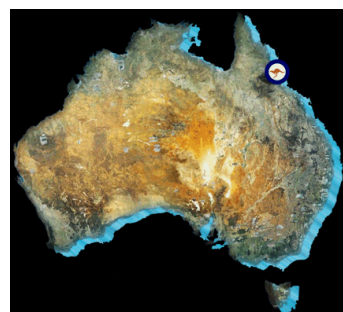
Chan Folsom St. Clair: Born 3 June 1917 in Notch, Stone County, Missouri, he was a career US Army Officer who served during World War II. He enlisted 20 November 1945 in Denver in the Medical Department with the rank of Staff Sergeant. This must have been a reenlistment, as he had just recently arrived in New York from Europe on the Queen Elizabeth (11 August 1945) which was being used to ferry soldiers between Europe and the US. He seemed to be on a Hospital Staff at that time. Chan was the younger brother of my father, Noah M. St. Clair, Sr.

Relationship: Uncle.



Charles Leonard St. Clair: Born 18 August 1915, in Day, Taney County, Missouri, to James Alvis St. Clair and Lillian Lucettie Evans,

he enlisted in the Army Air Corps 11 Jun 1941. He was separated from the service 18 May 1945 at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri as a Sergeant. Through a good part of this time he was assigned to the RAAF Base Townsville in Queensland, Australia as a cook, in support of the US Fifth Air Force's V Bomber Command



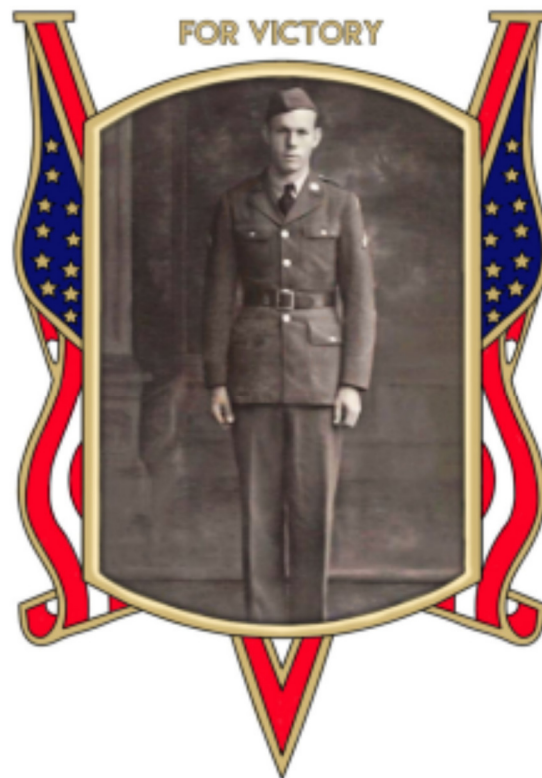
that was heavily involved in the Pacific theatre of operations, both reconnaissance and combat operations, and the Fourth Air Corps Depot,

responsible for assembly, repair, and servicing of aircraft from throughout the southwest Pacific. He also spent time as an automotive mechanic. After returning from the war, he married Dorothy Jean McCullough 31 August 1946 and they went on to have two children. Charles was the younger brother of my father, Noah M. St. Clair, Sr.

Relationship: Uncle

Jasper Luther St. Clair: Born 21 November 1907 in Bedford County, Virginia to Edward Luther St. Clair and Nellie Caroline Quarles, he enlisted in the army 3 July 1942 as a private for the duration of the war. He was already married at the time. He died at the age of 39, 6 May 1947 in Virginia. He is buried in Mt. View Cemetery, Vinton, Roanoke, Virginia.

Relationship: 4th Cousin twice removed.



Thomas Isaac Syfert: Born 17 October 1921 to Jacob Ross Syfert and Rachel H. Perry in Franklin County, Ohio, he joined the US Army either 1 January 1941 or 28 January 1942 (there are conflicting dates in the records) and served as a First Lieutenant during WW II. Shortly before his enlistment, he married Lilla Agnes “Pat” St. Clair 10 January 1942 in Franklin County, Ohio. No further information is known at this time.

Relationship: Husband of 6th Cousin.



Elton Carlyn Talley: Born 23 Jun 1914 in Madill, Marshall County, Oklahoma to Elbert Cleveland Talley and Effie Olivia Higdon, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces as a private, 2 December 1942 in Houston, Texas. According to his obituary, he served for two years. He had already been married about 5 years at the time to Eunice Alta Truit, whom he married 5 September 1937 in Madill, Marshall County, Oklahoma and had completed four years of college, having earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma A&M. While still resident at Oklahoma A&M, he registered for the draft, 16 Oct 1940. During 73 years of marriage, he and his wife had five children, three of which (Timothy, Marilyn and Teresa) preceded him in death. He died in the Comanche County Memorial Hospital, Lawton, Oklahoma 15 March 2012 and is buried at the Altus City Cemetery, Jackson County, Oklahoma. I haven't been able to find any further detail about his service.

Relationship:





Douglas Thomas, Jr.: Born 21 June 1924 to Douglas Thomas and Catherine Bowie Claggett in Baltimore County Maryland, he enlisted in the US Army Air Forces (USAAF) 19 February 1943 in Miami Beach, Florida as a private after his first year of college. While training in Oklahoma, flying out of Muskogee AAB in Oklahoma in a Warhawk P-40R after receiving his wings and the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, was killed in a crash 5 miles NNE of Porum, Oklahoma. That was the last model of the Curtiss P-40 produced, and those 123 planes had expected to be outfitted with the latest Merlin engines, but a decision was made to put all additional Merlin production (built by Packard) into the newer and more promising Mustang P-51s. This meant these planes were powered by the earlier and less powerful Allison engines. This plane was impressive in speed and altitude, but was notorious for poor stability at take off, landing, and during dives. Douglas' death left his widowed mother alone, being the only remaining child. He must have been at the top of his class, because the 2nd Lieutenant rank was only awarded to such, instead of the normal Flight Officer or warrant officer.

Relationship: 7th Cousin, once removed



William H. Bing Thode: Born 20 April 1897 to Herman J. Thode and Margaret Peters in Idaho, he graduated from New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell in 1917 (a junior college program), enlisting in the military 13 December that year. He was serving as a Captain in Regiment 148 F A, Battery C in Payette in the Idaho National Guard in 1925. He was later a career Air Force officer, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in May 1957. He married Melvina Hansen and died 1 July 1988 in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas. He commanded the Alamo Wing in San Antonio, Texas during the summer of 1954. He is buried in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas in Section PF, Site 429. Nothing more has yet been found about his military service. I'm still looking for more.

Relationship: Grand Uncle.



James Seth Warren: Born 14 Mar 1928 to Carl Lester Warren and Wilma Leone Adams in Christian County Missouri, he graduated from Palestine High School and attended Nixon Business College, studying accounting. He served as a Seaman 1st Class in the US Navy during World War II. After the war he worked for Tidewater Oil and Getty Oil, retiring as a plant operator after 41 years. He died 2 July 2009 in Waco, McLennan County, Texas and is buried in Selmore Cemetery, Christian County, Missouri. No further details known about his military service at present.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin.



Clifford Witten: Born 26 June 1927 to John L. Witten and Laura Rice in Greenup County, Kentucky. He enlisted 17 November 1945 at Camp Atterbury, Columbus, Indiana and was assigned to the Panama Canal Zone. He was single at the time. He died 27 April 1994 in Wurtland, Greenup, Kentucky. No further details about his service are known at this time.

Relationship: 5th Cousin, once removed.

Floyd Fieldon Witten: Born 17 September 1914 in Garber, Taney County, Missouri, he enlisted in the Phillipines Department of the US Army Infantry on 27 September 1940 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Nothing more is known about his service at this point.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, once removed

John Leander Witten: Born 25 April 1922 to Lewis Clark Witten and Anne Irene Durbin in Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, Jack served as a Sargeant in the US Army during World Ward II. He died in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia 19 May 2002 and was buried there in Sunset Memorial Park. Nothing more is known about his service at this time.

Relationship: 5th Cousin, once removed.

Kenneth Edward Witten: Born 12 October 1915 in Gonzales County, Texas, he enlisted 19 April 1945 as a private in the army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Nothing more is known about his service at this point.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin, once removed

Simpson Cecil Witten: Born 27 February 1907 in Sanger, Denton County, Texas, he enlisted 17 Aug 1942 as a private in ordnance department of the US Army at Lubbock, Texas.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin, Once removed



Walter Earl Witten: Born 14 January 1920 in Berkeley, Alameda County, California, he survived Pearl Harbor, retiring after 26 years in the US Navy as a Hospital Corpsman, Master Chief. Assigned to the just constructed [light cruiser Biloxi](#), he spent the rest of the war on her, participating in many crucial Pacific battles including those for the Marshall Islands, the Marianas, the Philippines, the Ryukyu Islands, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, being attack from sea and by kamikaze planes many times but surviving and continuing the fight, earning nine battle stars. At some point between Pearl Harbor and his service on the Biloxi, he also was on [the Republic](#), a troop carrier with very light armament that was used to carry troops to various areas in the Pacific. He married Mary Josephine O’Keefe about the end of the war and they raised three children in California.
Relationship: 4th Cousin, Once Removed



Korean War

Francis Albert Greenup: Although his service continued from World War II into the Korean War, see his earlier entry for information about his distinguished career in the Navy.

Landon Lee Greenup: Born 10 December 1927 in Oklahoma to William Harry Greenup and Marie (unknown last name) he enlisted in the US Army 1 September 1948 and served in Korea. He continued his service for almost 20 years, retiring 31 August 1967 with the rank of SP6. He died 9 November 2008 and is buried in Millers Grove Cemetery, Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas. No other details are known at present.

Relationship: 5th Cousin Once Removed

Robert Greenup: Born 22 December 1929 near Berthold, Ward County, North Dakota, he enlisted in the army 17 October 1951 at as a private, serving his tour of duty in Korea until his honorable discharge on 26 May 1952 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After the war he married Beatrice Hagen on 27 January 1957 in Berthold with whom he had three children. Robert died 11 April 2007.

Relationship: 5th Cousin



Donald Lavern Haworth: Born 16 September 1936 in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri to Elmer Efton Haworth and Rena Irene Daily, he enlisted in the Air Force after graduating from Central High about 1954 and served for 14 years as a jet mechanic during both the Korean and Vietnam wars. He married twice, having children from both marriages. After his Air Force career, he became a long haul trucker, which he enjoyed a great deal. He died 25 August 2013 in Mt. Vernon, Greene County, Missouri.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin

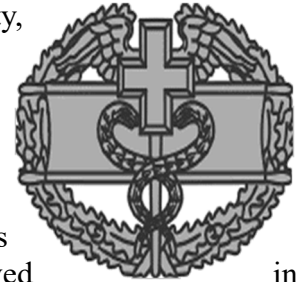
Ervin Wendell Jorgensen: Born 28 January 1928 in Leota, Uintah County, Utah to Oliver Wendell Jorgensen and Ina Elizabeth Ellsworth, he served in the army during the Korean War. He had previously served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Texas Louisiana Mission. He married in 1958 in the Salt Lake Temple and raised two sons and daughters with his wife. He retired from the Uintah School District in 1989. He loved his service in the LDS Church, his family, and farming.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin, once removed.



Fred James Kelley: Born 16 of June 1934 in Zanesville, Muskegon County, Ohio to unknown parents, he served in the US Army during the Korean War. No other details known at present.
Relationship: Husband of 2nd Cousin, Darlene June St. Clair

Walter Dean McKnight: Born 24 June 1934 in Acme, Hardeman County, Texas, United States to William Davis McKnight and Erma Bell Loviette. He served as a medic jeep driver in Korea from 15 January 1952 to 31 October 1953. There are some indications that he served some of his time in Korea as part of the 65th Infantry Battalion, which was primarily made up of soldiers from Puerto Rico, even though he was from Southern California, but he may just have made some friends in this unit through his work as a medic. His obituary also mentions that he served in the Air Force but I have been unable to find any details. He married twice and had two children. He spent time after the service working at Seaside Hospital in Long Beach, California and most of his working career was at Kaiser-Gypsum in Long Beach. Dean died 6 November 1991 in Danville, Hendricks County, Indiana and is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Plainfield, Hendricks County, Indiana.



Relationship: Brother-in-law.

Daniel Sydney Otto: Born 2 September 1933 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California to Daniel Vastine Otto and Margaret Naomi Lenkner, he served in the Navy during the Korean War as a Storekeeper Seaman. His service began 4 September 1952. After the war he first married Beulah Lee Donley 3 October 1958 in Los Angeles and they had one son, Daniel Leroy Donley. Secondly he married Mary Leota St. Clair 13 October 1962 in Los Angeles and they also had one son. He died 14 April 2004 and was buried in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Riverside County, California.

Relationship: Brother-in-law

Alexander Gordon St. Clair: Born 5 January 1928 in Tazewell, Tazewell County, Virginia, Alexander served in the US Army during the Korean War. He died 21 November 2008 in Ukiah, Mendocino County, California. No further details known at this time.

Relationship: 4th Cousin, once removed

Vernon Franklin Warmoth: Born 5 March 1932 in Missoula, Missoula County, Montana, Frank served in the US Marines during the Korean War. No further details are known at this time.

Relationship: 6th Cousin



Vietnam War

Although we generally think of the Vietnam War as happening in the mid-1960s to mid-1970s, the official war started in 1955 and the first American advisors began arriving in 1950. It was broadly unpopular, and unfortunately members of the military who served in Vietnam were not honored and celebrated as early veterans were. Although I came close to being drafted and serving, my marriage and arrival of children dropped me from the top of the list, but I had many friends who did serve and I was able to experience second hand their terrible reception back home. Many were much more wounded by that reception than by their direct experiences in the ward. I love, honor and respect everyone who has ever served in the military, whether as volunteers or draftees!

James Thomas Allison: Born 23 in San Mateo County, California, to James F. Allison and Mary McQuade, he served during the very early part of our involvement in Vietnam. No further details about his service are known at this time. He died very young on 18 June 1962, also in San Mateo County, California. I have to wonder whether his military involvement didn't somehow lead to his death at the age of 22.

Relationship: 5th Cousin

Daniel Leroy Baker: Born 23 February 1938 in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana to Thomas Elwood Baker and Mary B. Phillips, he served in the US Marine Corps as a PFC in Vietnam. He was married to Alma Jean Bastien. He died 18 December 1997 in Pinellas County, Florida, and was buried in Bay Pines National Cemetery, Bay Pines, Pinellas, Florida in Section 61 Row 10 Site 67. No further details about his service are known at this time.

Relationship: 9th Cousin, Once Removed

Harold Lewis Boone: Born 27 January 1947 to Samuel Lewis Boone and Edna Belle Garland in Akron, Summit Couty, Ohio, he served in the US Army in Vietnam from 28 April 1966 to 27 April 1968. He died 14 December 2004 in Oakwood Village, Cuyahoga County, Ohio and was buried at an unknown location outside the state of Ohio. He was married to an unknown spouse. No further details about his service are known at this time.

Relationship: 11th Cousin



Otis Ray Burton: Born 10 October 1938 in Floyd County, Kentucky, to Bernard N. Burton Anna May Cecil, he was a career member of the US Air Force, retiring after 14 years in 1971 as a Technical Sargeant, having served two tours in Vietnam. After his military service he spent 28 years in construction management, and died 3 November 2008 in Galloway, Franklin County, Ohio. He is buried in Concord Cemetery in Grove City, Franklin County, Ohio. He was married and raised a family with his wife Margaret Joann. Relationship: 6th Cousin



John Hardin Campbell: Born 28 September 1943 in Crossville, Cumberland County, Tennessee to James Truan Campbell, Jr., and Mary Pauline Hardin, he served in the US Air Force during the Vietnam era. He died during his service as an Airman First Class as the result of an auto accident in the Azores. 23 October 1966 at the age of 23. He is buried in the Knoxville National Cemetery, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee in Section C Site 4959. Relationship: 5th Cousin, Once Removed



Hal Samuel Christensen: Born 17 October 1922 in Logan, Cache County, Utah to Lars Samuel Christensen and Alvaretta Leora Jorgensen, Hal was a career US Army officer who began his service in 1942, during World War II in the Signal Corps OSS and continued serving during the Korean and Vietnam wars, retiring in 1979 as a full Colonel. His awards included the Bronze Star and several Legion of Merits awards. While he was earning a Masters degree at Utah State University, he also taught in the ROTC program there. He first married Eva Joy Wallgren. Joy passed away during a difficult 2nd childbirth, and he married 2nd Julia Theurer. He died 15 April 2001 in Fairfax, Fairfax County, Virginia, having served as the bishop of the Fairfax Ward and as a sealer in the Washington DC Temple. He is buried in the Providence Cemetery, Providence, Cache County, Utah.



Relationship: 2nd Cousin, Once Removed

Thomas George Hornbeck: Born 3 May 1930 in Wayne County, Michigan to George Theodore Horbeck and Martha Arelia Seaver, he was a career Navy officer. He enlisted 15 January 1956, a few years after the armistice in the Korean War, and served through 15 September 1974, which included the Vietnam war. He was a saxophonist with the Navy band and became an elite musical instrument repairman, running some music stores after his retirement. He died 24 February 2009 while living in Chesapeake City, Virginia. Relationship: 6th Cousin





Ernest Lee Pyne: Born 31 March 1930 in Wendell, Gooding County, Idaho, Ernie was a career Air Force officer retiring as a Colonel. He served in Vietnam and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is buried in the Riverside

National Cemetery, Section 58B, Site 1261.

Relationship: Uncle, husband of my mother's sister Colleen.



Truett Higdon: Born 9 June 1925 in Hagerman (now under Lake Texoma), Grayson County, Texas to John Wayne Higdon and Myrtle Shires, Truett served twice in the Army. The first time was from 20 May 1958 to 21 May 1961. The second time ran from 29 May 1967 through 30 September 1975. He died in Bibb County, Georgia 7 June 1979, at which time he was a resident of Fayetteville, Fayette County, Georgia. No further details about his service or his life are known at this time.

Relationship: 4th Cousin

Vance Holmes Higdon: Born 22 November 1917 in Hagerman (now under Lake Texoma), Grayson County, Texas to John Wayne Higdon and Myrtle Shires, Vance enlisted in the Army Air Corp 24 September 1946 in Dallas Texas. He was given the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Hawaiian department. Twelve years later he joined the Air Force 28 January 1958 where he served as Staff Sergeant. He is [buried in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery](#), Fort Gibson, Oklahoma at Section 10 Site 289. It's possible that his service included time in the Vietnam War.

Relationship: 4th Cousin



Bobby Ray Minish: Born 19 May 1933 in Greenwood, Greenwood County, South Carolina to Roy Littlejohn Minish and Ellen Marie Turner. He served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War as a river boat captain and achieving the rank of receiving a Bronze



During that service he McKnight, 6 July 1964 in Las Vegas, his Navy Service he worked on jet Allison Division of General Motors. He died 23 March 2016 in Moore, Spartanburg County, South Carolina and was buried in Heritage Memorial Gardens, Roebuck, Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

Relationship: Brother-in-law.

as an aircraft mechanic, Chief Petty Officer and Star Medal with Combat V. married Jacqueline Joyce Clark County, Nevada. After engines as an engineer with the



Terry Eugene St. Clair: Born 3 May 1945 in Tulare County, California to Ranza Orville St. Clair and Louise Estella Thompson, Uncle Joey (as he was known) served in Vietnam in the Navy. I am still searching out more details on his service. After his return from Vietnam he married his sweetheart, and just a few days after his fifth wedding anniversary he died in a tragic accident when his big rig truck came into contact with a live wire and he was electrocuted. He died 8 April 1974 and is buried in Woodlake Cemetery, Tulare County, California.

Relationship: 2nd Cousin

Michael John Wood: Born 23 June 1953 to John Syrenus Wood and Velma Rose Tagg. After graduating from Pleasant Grove High School he served in the US Navy from 1971 to 1975 during the Vietnam War. After returning, he married and had children, and had a career with Delta Air Lines. Mike died 22 August 2017 and was buried in the Camp Williams Cemetery, Utah County, Utah.

Relationship: 3rd Cousin, twice removed.





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