

A Family Tree Booklet
based on the descendants of
Johann Michael Meiser and Anna Elizabeth Sixt

Descending to George J. Reed (creator of this booklet)

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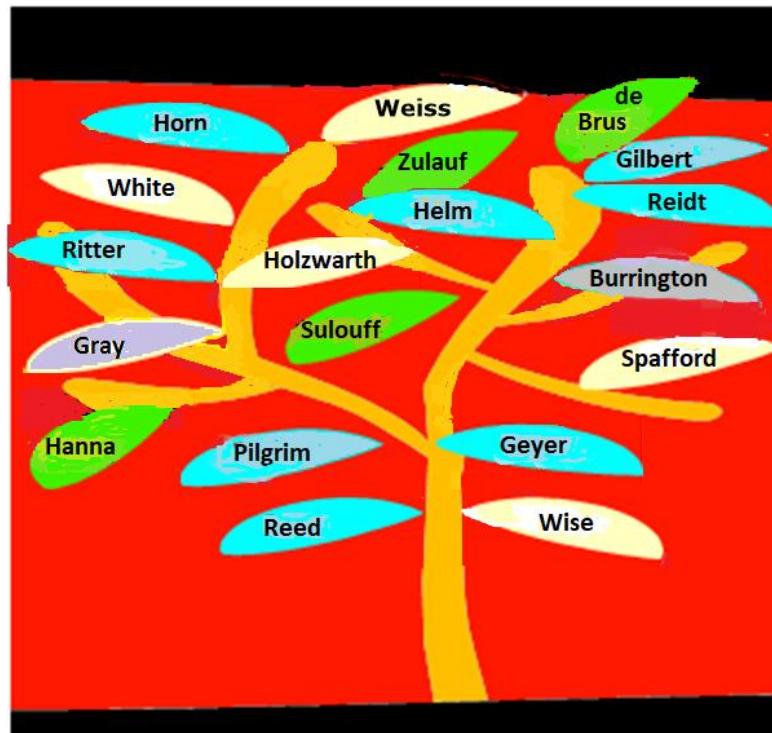
who settled in the Millbach area of Lancaster (now Lebanon) County in 1723; and

John Meiser and Catharine Strickler,

their son who was born in Lancaster (now Lebanon) County in ~1732,
and who settled with Catharine in Northumberland (now Snyder) County in ~ 1775.

(John fought for America's independence during the Revolutionary War.)

As well as numerous other family members from the past and present.



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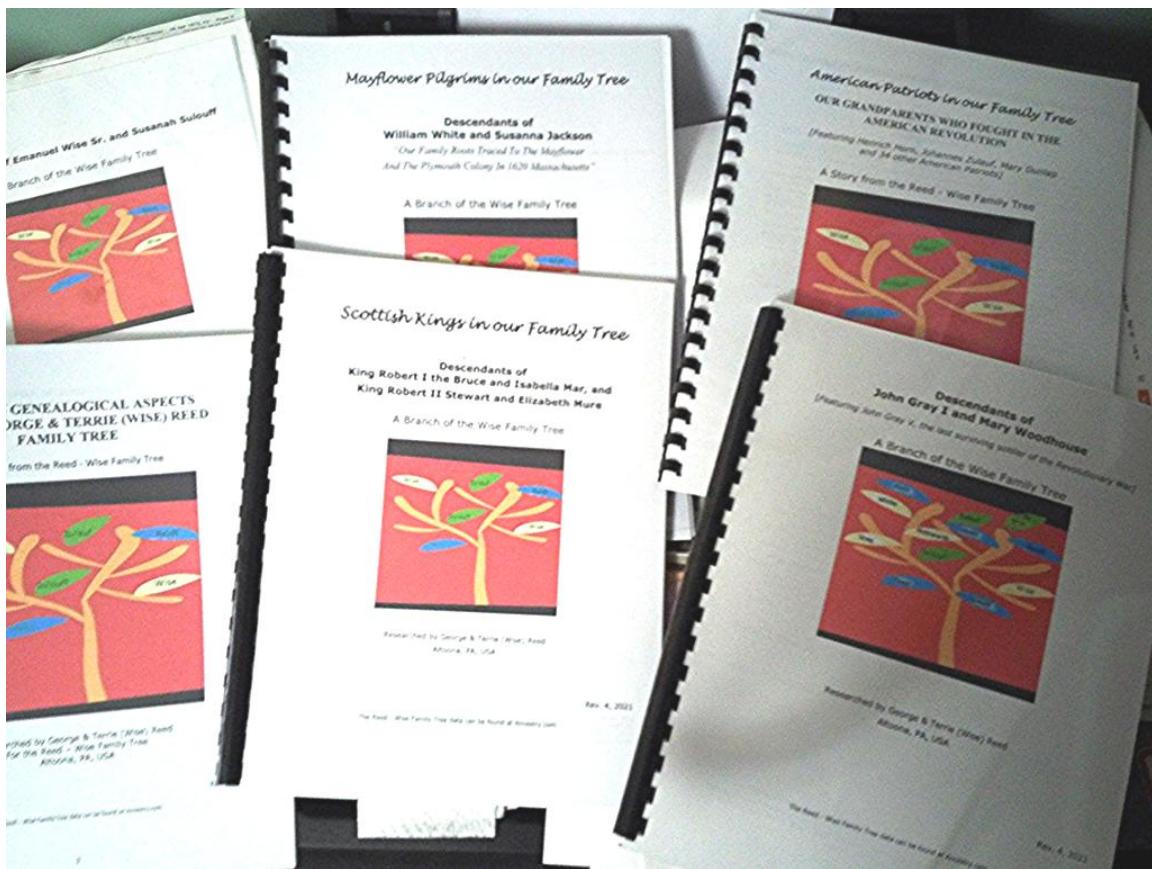
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Meiser family crest/coat of arms –



Sixt surname –

The surname Meiser is primarily of German origin, deriving from an occupational name for a fowler (a hunter of fowl) from an agent derivative of the word Meise, and could also be a topographic or habitational name for someone from a place called Mais in Bavaria.

Sixt family crest/coat of arms –



Sixt surname –

The name Sixt is primarily a German surname derived from the Latin personal name Sixtus, a variation of Sextus, meaning "sixth-born". It was adopted in honor of various early Christian saints and popes who bore the name.

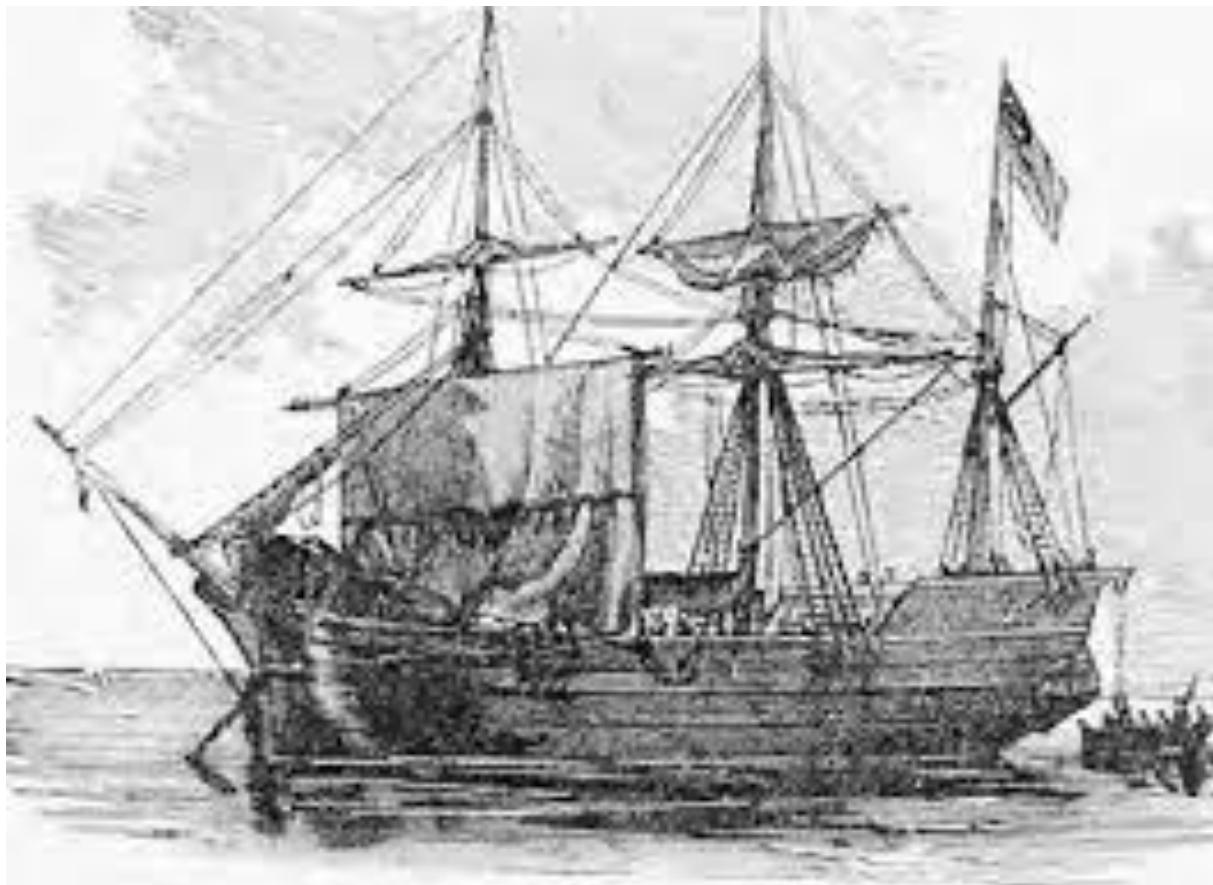
A comparatively modest present,
but the good ones which I can give.

This booklet is dedicated to all of our family members who treasure the historical value of knowing the ancestry behind who we are. We also want to thank those who have contributed information and photographs about our family to help ensure it is as accurate and informational as possible. Special thanks goes to the following individuals for their considerable efforts in providing input to the Reed - Wise Family Tree's history -

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"Only who knows his past has a future."
Wilhelm von Humboldt (1767-1835)



**An immigration ship - typical of the 1700s
that the Meiser and Sixt families would have used to cross the Atlantic Ocean in 1709**

Foreword

This book contains the facts, who, where, when, but not the complete story of our family. If you can add to our history or have an anecdote to tell, then please share it and help make our story come alive. Even little things, like your cousin the fisherman who didn't eat fish, will make our story more personal. If you can add to our story, please contact us! We would like to have a photo of everyone who is here, but realistically we know that it will be unlikely to find pictures of some of our older ancestors. However, it is somewhat amazing how often there is a close resemblance between relatives, even those who are separated by many generations.

Please send us photos or family stories you would like to share to the Email address shown below. Thanks.

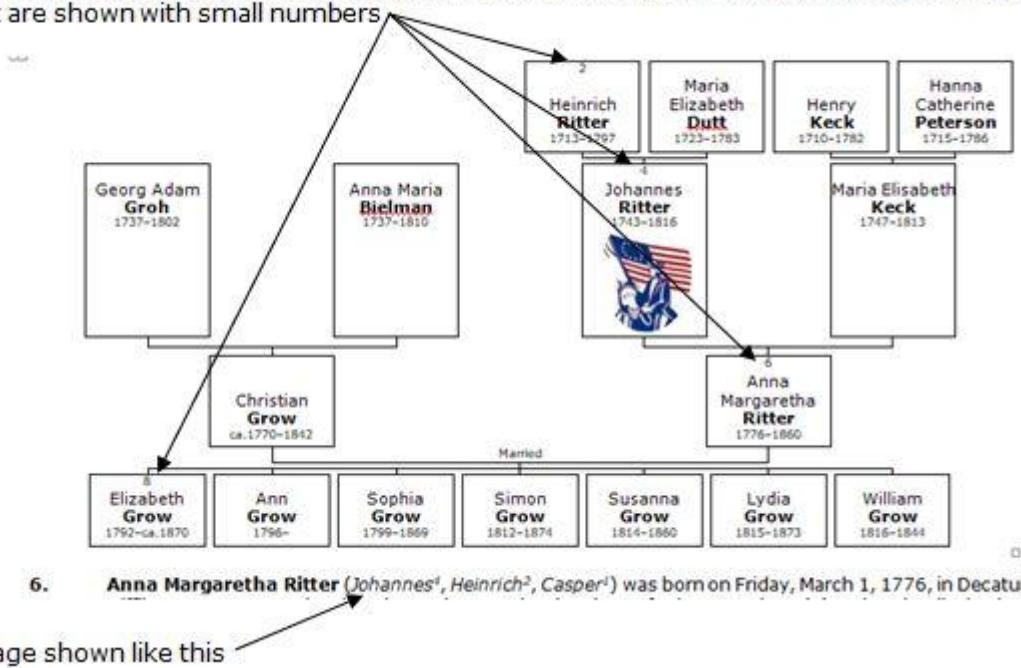
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Direct Line ancestors used to create the various generations of this branch of our family tree are designated with small generation numbers within their name box (as in the example shown below). Ancestral lineage is also shown in the first sentence of each family description.

Ancestors directly in line to George or Terrie Reed that formed the basis in which the computer software created this booklet are shown with small numbers



Historical Notes –

The Meiser and Sixt families described in this booklet were traced back to the 1600s where they lived in an area in Europe that today is known as Germany. It was considered part of the Holy Roman Empire which existed from 806 AD, after the fall of the Roman Empire, until 1806 when Emperor Francis II abdicated. This action followed Napoleon's formation of the Confederation of the Rhine, a French-controlled alliance of German states. Francis II's abdication released all the empire's members from their oaths, effectively dissolving the empire. During the 1600s, when the patriarchs of the Meiser and Sixt families lived in Germany, the region was marked by political fragmentation, religious conflict, and economic hardship, particularly due to the Thirty Years' War which caused widespread death, famine, disease, and the destruction of cities and infrastructure. It was a time of significant social and political change, with the Holy Roman Empire struggling to maintain control amidst rising regional powers and religious divisions. Is there any wonder why the sons and daughters of Johann Jurg Meiser and Johann Phillip Sixt decided to seek a better life in North America?



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Introduction

The following pages list data for all known family members contained in this branch of our family tree as of the completion of our research on September 15, 2025.

Each immediate family is presented in their own section that contains a graphical family tree as well as a description with information about each referenced person and their children. The child section provides information about the children of the preceding couple. When a child has offspring of their own this is presented in a separate family section for that child. In this case a '+' is used to denote that an individual will appear later in the book as a parent with his/her own children and there is a link to the appropriate family reference number. For children with partners but no offspring the partner data is given with the reference family. Roman numerals, followed by a period, are used to indicate the birth order.

In the chapter titled "Family of the Starting Person" the ancestors of Johann Meiser and Anna Sixt are presented in a kind of enhanced Pedigree Chart which displays the graphic representation of their direct-line ancestors and the children of the couple. This chapter contains information about the couple whose offspring are listed in the later chapters.

The chapter titled "Families of his Descendants" provides details (as known as of the publication date) for the offspring of Johann Meiser and Anna Sixt. There is a chapter for each generation. Relatives are listed in the order of the nearness of their relationship.

Sources for the information provided are given in the footnotes.

This document reports the details of 128 individuals, of whom 61 are male and 67 are female. Of the 61 individuals with recorded birth and death dates, the average lifespan was 65.6 years. Of these, 32 males averaged 65.4 years, and 29 females averaged 65.9 years. The longest living male was Jacob M. Jones (1844–1932) who died aged 88. The longest living female was Anna Elizabeth Gertrud (1658–1757) who died aged 99.

Graphics and photographs are added whenever possible to aid in explaining the historical nature and circumstances happening in the life of the individuals shown in the tree segments throughout the booklet. These include symbols indicating an ancestor's participation in the various military periods in America's history. These symbols include:



for the Revolutionary War



for King George's War



for the War of 1812



for the French and Indian War



for the Civil War



for the Korean War



for World War I



for World War II



this is a special symbol that indicates the individual associated with it is a common ancestor of both George and Terrie (Wise) Reed. This was an astonishing finding that became evident to us during our genealogical research.

State abbreviations are used extensively throughout the booklet and may include:

PA for Pennsylvania, VA for Virginia, MA for Massachusetts, CA for California,
IA for Iowa, CT for Connecticut, OH for Ohio, MI for Missouri, IN for Indiana,
WV for West Virginia, and IL for Illinois, etc.

Our Meiser - Sixt family story begins in Germany in the 1600s when it was still part of the Holy Roman Empire. But for clarification purposes, the following map provides a view of the region from today's perspective –

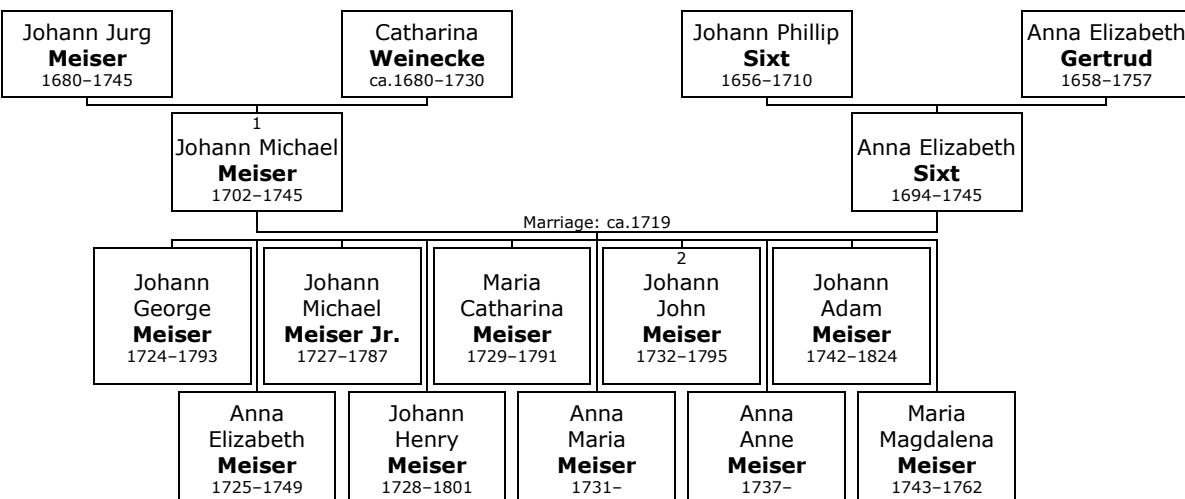


Map showing the location of the Bayern (i.e., Bavaria) area of Germany where the parents and grandparents of the Meiser and Sixt families lived.

The families were likely living closer to Cologne than Munich since they were said to be from the Palatinate region of Germany, and the Upper Palatinate was located in northern Bayern, which is the German word for Bavaria.

Family of the Starting Person

Family of Johann Meiser and Anna Sixt



1. **Johann Michael Meiser** was born in 1702 in Palatine Region, Germany (Holy Roman Empire).^[1, 2] He was the son of Johann Jurg Meiser and Catharina Weinecke.

Johann Michael (senior) arrived at the New York Colony in 1709 when he was seven years old, having traveled the Atlantic Ocean – a treacherous endeavor - with his parents and siblings. He died in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, on April 17, 1745, at the age of 43.^[1, 2]

More facts and events for Johann Michael Meiser:

Residence:	about 1720	Hummelstown, Lancaster (now Dauphin) County, Pennsylvania Colony But the Indians in the area were found to be too hostile for the family to settle down.
Residence:	1723	Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony Established a farm there where Michael was later buried.
Medical Condition:	1745	It is possible that Michael, along with his wife and father, may have died from the same disease since small pox, scarlet fever, typhus and other infectious diseases were common at the time.

Johann Michael (senior) married **Anna Elizabeth Sixt** about 1719 in West Camp Lutheran Church, Ulster County, New York Colony.^[2] They had ten children: George, Anna Elizabeth, Michael Jr., Henry, Maria Catherine, Anna Maria, John, Anna Anne, Adam, and Maria Magdalena.

Anna (the mother) was born in Nassau, Deggendorf, Bayern, Allemagne (Germany), on January 25, 1694.^[1, 2] She was the daughter of Johann Phillip Sixt and Anna Elizabeth Gertrud. She immigrated from Amsterdam to the British Colony of New York in 1710 along with her parents and siblings when she was 16 years old. Her father died not long after arriving so her marriage to Michael was probably looked upon as being very fortunate.

Anna reached 51 years of age and died in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, on July 19, 1745.^[2]

Children of Johann Michael Meiser and Anna Elizabeth Sixt:

- m I. **Johann George Meiser** was born in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, in 1724. He died in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, USA, on October 16, 1793, at the age of 69.
- f II. **Anna Elizabeth Meiser** was born in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, in 1725. She died in 1749 at the age of 24.
- m III. **Johann Michael Meiser Jr.** was born in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, on November 23, 1727. He died in PA in 1787 at the age of 59.

¹ Ancestry.com, Global, Find A Grave Index for Burials at Sea and other Select Burial Locations, 1300s-Current (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012), Ancestry.com.

² Ancestry.com, Geneanet Community Trees Index (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2022), Ancestry.com.

m IV. **Johann Henry Meiser** was born in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, on July 4, 1728.^[1] He died in Northumberland County, PA, on August 7, 1801, at the age of 73.^[1]

f V. **Maria Catharina Meiser** was born in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, in 1729. She died in PA on September 16, 1791, at the age of 62.

f VI. **Anna Maria Meiser** was born in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, in 1731.

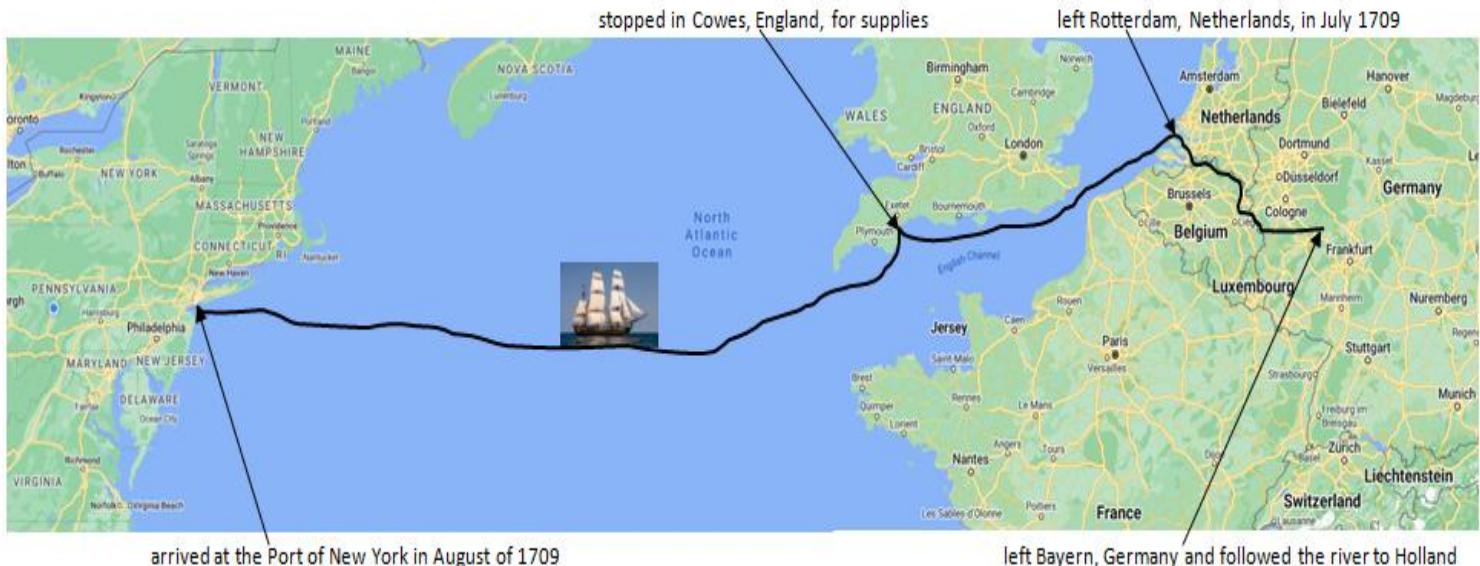
+ 2 m VII. **Johann John Meiser** was born in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, in 1732.^[2] He died in Northumberland County, PA, on November 19, 1795, at the age of 63.^[3]

f VIII. **Anna Anne Meiser** was born in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, in 1737.

m IX. **Johann Adam Meiser** was born in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, in 1742. He died in Wayne County, Ohio, on May 22, 1824, at the age of 82.

f X. **Maria Magdalena Meiser** was born in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, in 1743. She died in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, on December 30, 1762, at the age of 19.

Map depicting the Meiser and Sixt family's travel from Germany to America in 1709 & 1710



Historical notes –

Traveling by ship in the 1700s wasn't very pleasant. In order for the ships to earn the most money, they packed the people on board into tight quarters and they restricted the amount of food and water rations to be given that was far below what had been promised. Many of the travelers ended up with dysentery, scurvy, typhoid and smallpox. It was not uncommon for members of the immigrant families to die on the transit across the Atlantic and to be buried at sea. On many occasion severe storms would rock the ship for days. Also, the ship's power only came from the wind, so if the wind didn't blow, the ship could stall and stretch the trip's travel time several days or even weeks.

With the ship being fairly small in comparison to today's ocean liners, it could be easily tossed about by the ocean. Records from passengers that made such treks reported on large ocean swells that rose up like mountains and crashed down overtop of them. The people could not sit, stand or lay down such was the violence created by the storms resulting in people tumbling in all directions mixing the sick with the well, and causing many to regret that they ever left their homeland for this.

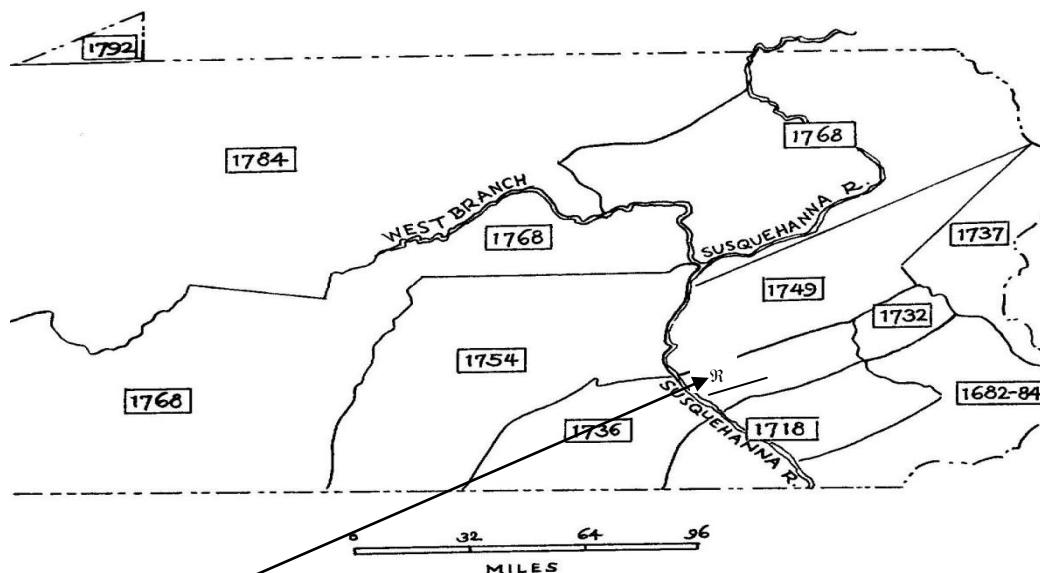
Such were the possible conditions of the voyage the Meiser and Sixt families would have had to endure in 1709.

³ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Wills and Probate Records, 1683-1993 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015), Ancestry.com, Wills, 1813-1881 ; Index to Estates, 1813-1935; Author: Lebanon County (Pennsylvania). Register of Wills; Probate Place: Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania during the time the Meiser – Ritz family was settling down in America

What we now know as the State of Pennsylvania was originally founded by William Penn, a Quaker, who in 1682 established a colony noted for religious freedom. America was very wild and undeveloped at the time and it was inhabited by numerous native American tribes of individuals commonly referred to as Indians. Penn took steps to try to remain friendly with the native inhabitants and purchased land from them before allowing any settlements to occur.

The Years in which Land Purchases from the Native Indians were made by William Penn



(Location where the Meiser family settled in 1723)

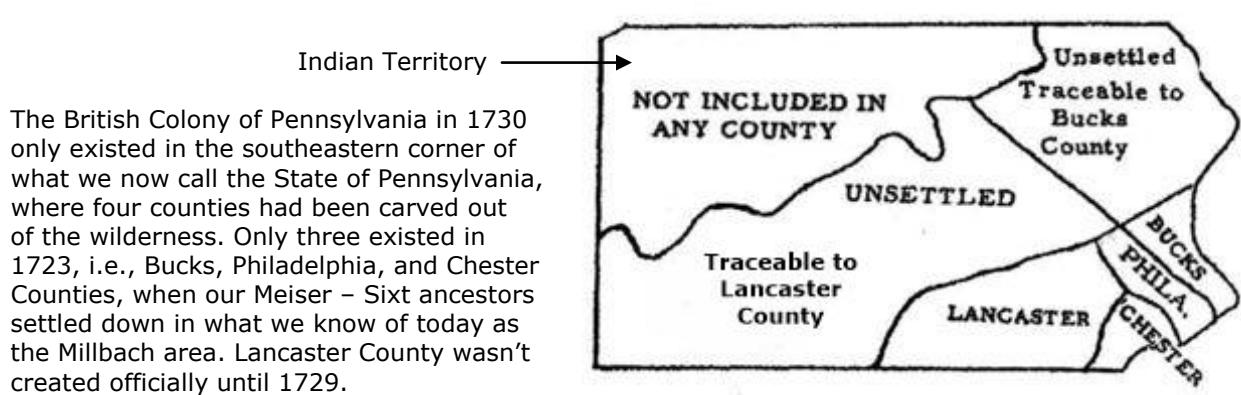
In general, the first settlers in Pennsylvania were mainly English (i.e., from Great Britain), but in the 1720s a flood of Scotch-Irish and German immigrants began to arrive.

The Scotch-Irish were the largest group of immigrants to America in the early 18th century. Almost 200,000 of these poverty-stricken people came to the British colonies. Many settled in the middle colonies like Pennsylvania, but others went farther south to the Carolinas.

The second largest group of immigrants to the colonies were Germans from the Rhineland, with a large number coming from the Palatinate region. War, hunger and persecution drove over 100,000 of these men and women to America. These people were poor, but they were better farmers than the English. They understood the laws of conservation, rotating and fertilizing their crops, and did not abuse the land.

The Pennsylvania Germans tried to maintain their own culture, but they could not entirely remain untouched due to the number of English that lived around them. By the second generation, many Germans spoke a mixture of German and English which came to be known as "Pennsylvania Dutch" (from Deutsch – meaning "German").

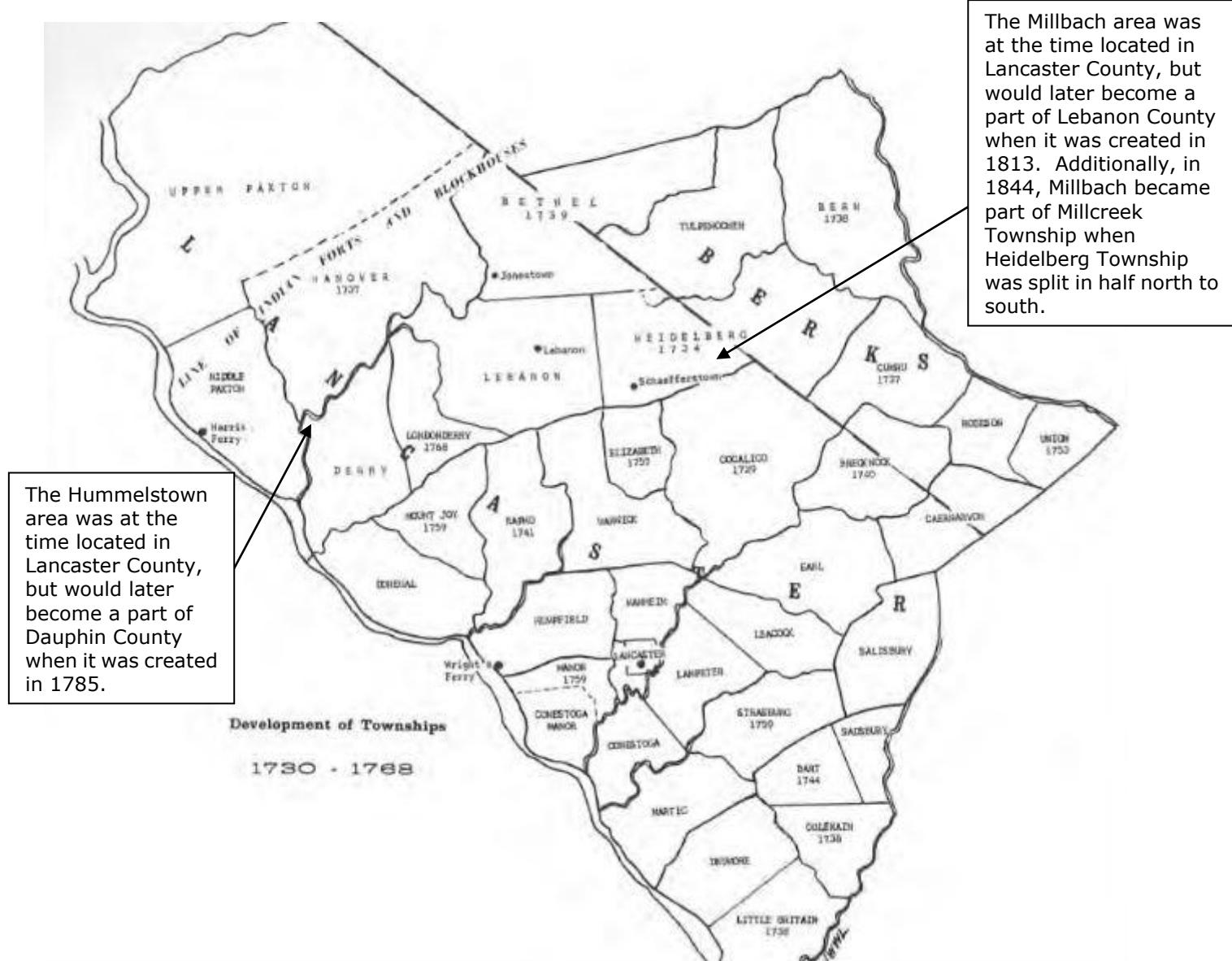
Many immigrants moved westward in what became Lancaster County in 1729, but by the 1730s some had reached the Cumberland Valley with settlements at Carlisle, Shippensburg and Chambersburg. During these early times, families moved into the wilderness following the Indian paths and Trader routes.



Clarification of the Meiser Family movements in early North America

We know that Johann Jurg Meisser brought his family to the new world in 1709. Along with many other German families from the Palatinate, they settled in the Schoharie Region of the British Colony of New York. Researchers then have indicated that around 1720, Jurg's son Johann Michael Meiser decided to move his family down the Susquehanna Valley to the Hummelstown area of what was then Lancaster County in the Colony of Pennsylvania. Despite having a line of forts to protect the lower portions of the county, the Indians were too hostile, making the living environment excessively threatening to the Meiser family. For this reason, around 1723 they moved back eastward into Heidelberg Township to an area that would become known as Millbach.

It's notable that in 1729, Lancaster County was the fourth County to be established in Pennsylvania and it was huge. Around 1755, large chunks of it were given up to form the York and Cumberland Counties (who would later also be chopped up to form other counties). Then in 1785, the northern portion (of the Lancaster map shown below) was given up to create Dauphin County, and finally in 1813 the middle portion was used to create Lebanon County.

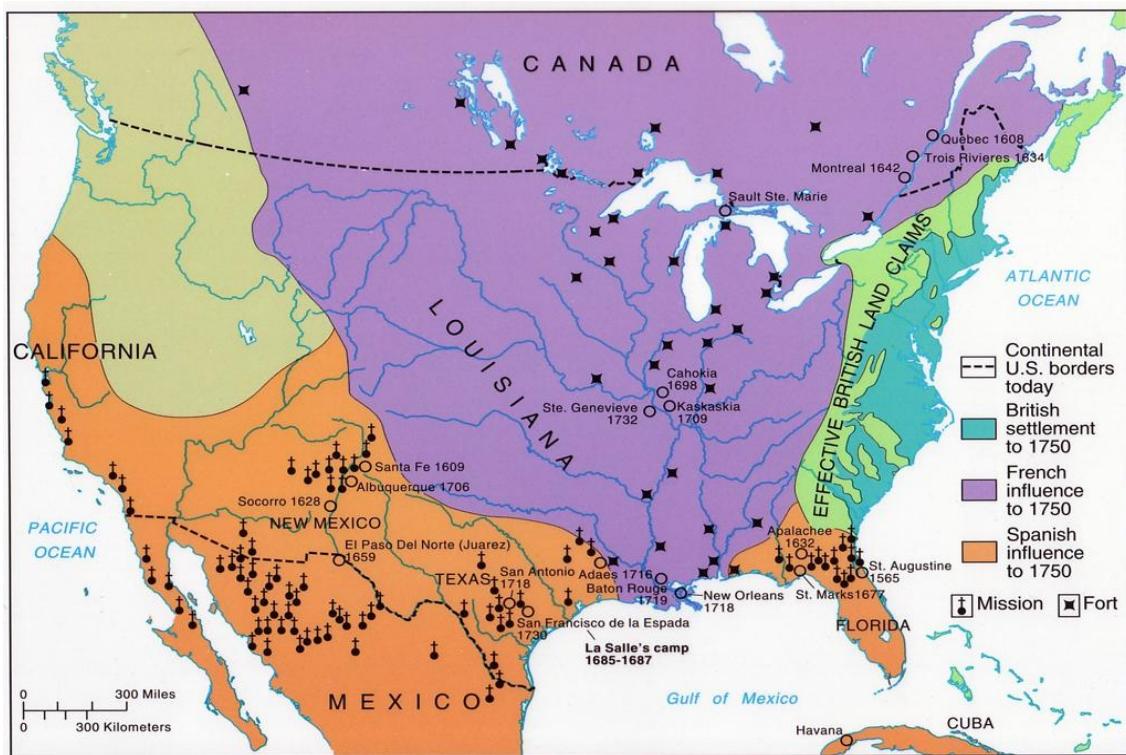


So as indicated, the Meiser family didn't move to that many places. It's just that the names of the places kept changing over time as the country became more and more organized and the geopolitical boundaries better defined.

One other item of note. The location at Millbach where the Johann Michael Meiser family settled was not far from the historically significant location where large numbers of German immigrants established their homes during the early 1700s. It was known as the Tulpehocken Region of Pennsylvania. Initially part of Lancaster County, it eventually became part of Berks County in 1752.

Since they arrived in North America in 1709, our Meiser and Ritz great-grandparents were here and involved when the original 13 colonies in America were being formed by the British. The French and the Spanish were also making claims to various parts of America.

North America in 1750



Tensions between the British and French led to King George's War that occurred from 1744 to 1748. It was the third in the four French and Indian Wars that took place in the early stages of the settlement of the North American continent. It is believed that some of the Meiser family fought for the British in this war.



American Colonists in King George's War

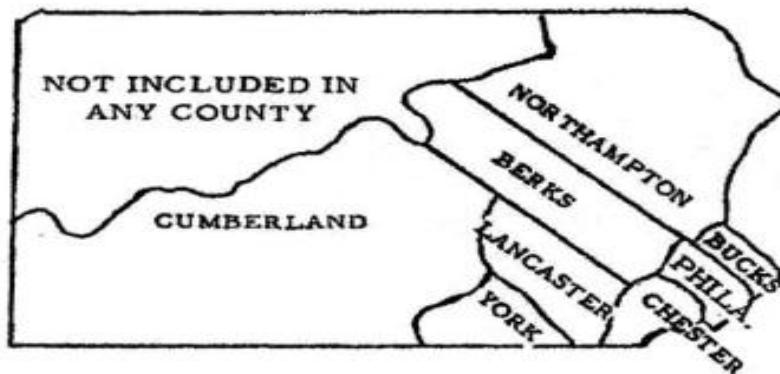
It was during this war period that Anna and her husband Michael along with his father Jurg may have all succumbed to disease when curiously they all died in 1745. This left their oldest son George, at 21 years young, to raise the remaining Meiser children, some of whom were very young at the time. Along with famine and war, disease decided who survived and expanded the colonies. Small pox, while perhaps the most feared disease, was not the major killer. Malaria took more lives than any other disease, mostly because it did not grant immunity like small pox and measles did. Dysentery was the number two killer of colonists. The next most fatal illnesses were the respiratory ailments: influenza, pneumonia, pleurisy, and colds. After that, the ranking would be small pox, yellow fever, diphtheria and scarlet fever, measles, whooping cough, mumps, typhus, and typhoid fever.

Source: Disease in Colonial North America, by Larisa R. Shumann, dated July 25, 2003

The many changes that have occurred in township and county lines in Pennsylvania make historical and genealogical research difficult if not confusing. Records for a single piece of land for example may be found in several courthouses. Early boundary lines were based largely on topography, and the dates of formation of counties and townships depended mainly on inland movement of the European immigrants and the dates of settlement and growth within a particular region.

Land in western Pennsylvania was purchased from the Indians in 1736, 1754 and 1768. The first purchase officially opened up the Cumberland Valley; the second opened up the area west of the Valley to the Allegheny Mountains and north to Centre County; and the third opened up lands west of the Alleghenies. Although a few townships were formed by 1754, Indian wars from 1755 to 1764 restricted settlement and the formation of new townships.

Pennsylvania Counties in 1755

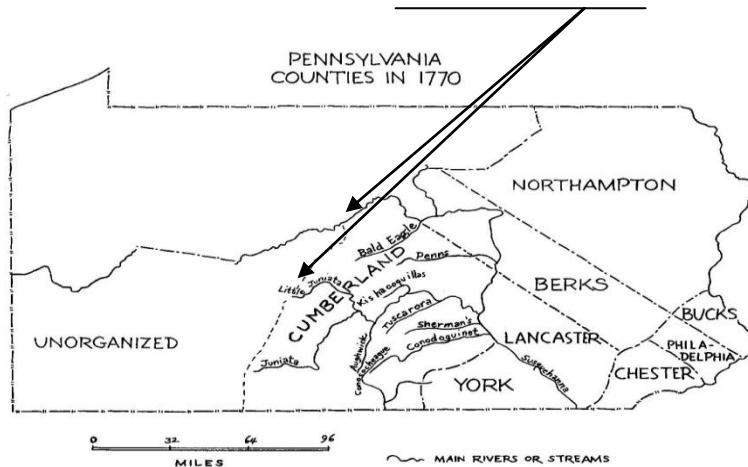


Land grants were slow due to trouble with the Indians. The Swanees, Delawares and Munsees were incensed at the Six Nations for selling their land out from under them. They had been previously promised this land by the Six Nations upon their removal from the eastern part of Pennsylvania and from the Ohio River Valley. This sparked the subsequent French and Indian War, which took place from 1754 to 1763, creating chaos along the Pennsylvania frontier.

Settlers on the frontier, and especially those beyond were under duress with Indian massacres, burnings, plunder and pillage occurring throughout. Frontier families fled to the nearest forts for protection or they moved out entirely to the eastern parts of Pennsylvania and the more heavily protected settlements.

On October 16, 1755, the Lenape (Delaware) Indian tribe, allied with the French in the French and Indian War, raided a settlement along Penns Creek in what is today Snyder County.

The Lenape killed 14 and took 11 captive (one man was wounded but managed to escape). Three of the preteen girls who were taken captive regained their freedom only after years of slavery.



The Treaty of Paris in 1763 officially ended the French and Indian War, but it did not end all of the Indian trouble. There were many fort sieges, expeditions that had to be made into Indian territory, further hardships and depredations too numerous to mention that continued for several years. Things finally simmered down with the treaty negotiated at Fort Stanwix on November 5, 1768, in which Thomas and Richard Penn consummated a treaty of peace with the Six Nations.

Relative peace again reigned on the frontier and settlers drifted back to their former claims.

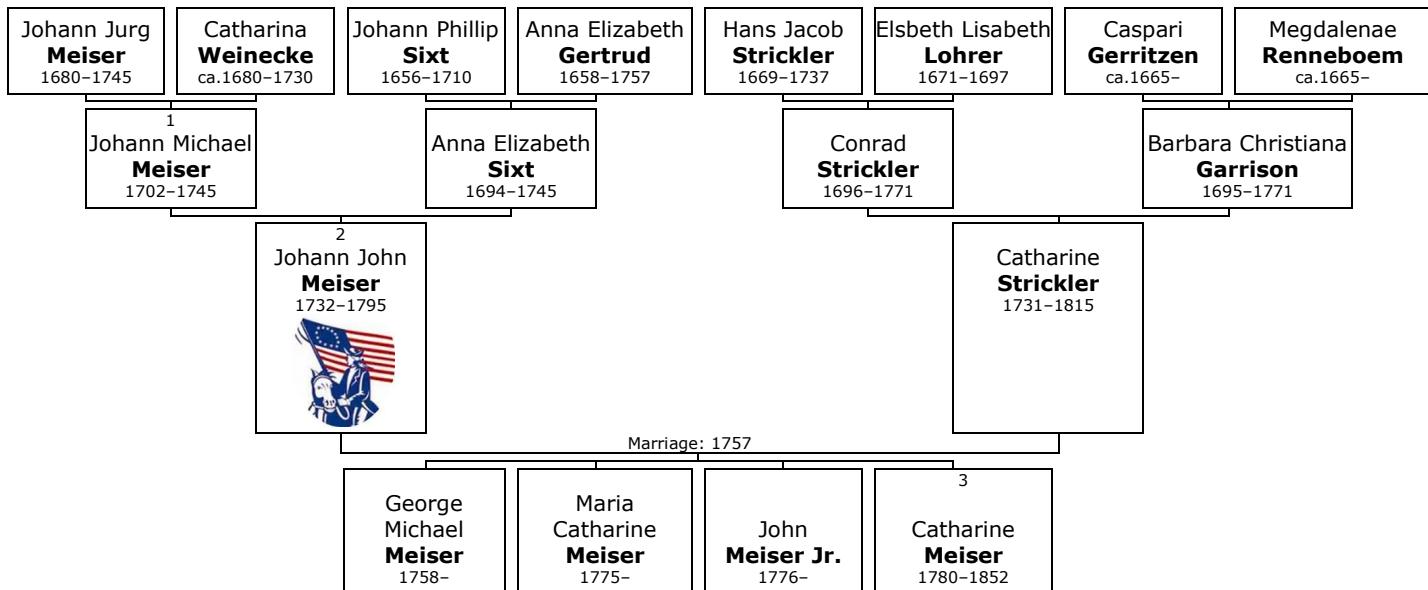
However, flare ups occurred after 1775 during the Revolutionary War when the British turned to the Indians (such as the Iroquois) for allies to raid the colonists who were now rebelling against their English Monarch's rule.

Terrie and I found that several of our Great (times 4, 5, or 6)-Grandfathers, and even some of our Great-Grandmothers, were part of the American Revolution. This time period begins around 1765 and ends with the British signing the Treaty of Paris in 1783. The constitution of the new United States of America was then adopted in 1787; making the latter part of the 18th century a significant time in America's history. Today we know that Johann and Anna (Sixt) Meiser's family lived at a momentous time in history, and that their son John especially was an American Patriot and believed in the need for freedom from Britain enough to fight for it.

Families of his Descendants

1st Generation

Family of Johann Meiser and Catharine Strickler



2. **Johann John Meiser** (*Johann Michael¹*) was born in 1732 in Millbach, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony.^[4-8] He was the son of Johann Michael Meiser (1) and Anna Elizabeth Sixt.

John worked as a Road Supervisor in Penn Township, Northumberland (now Snyder) County, PA, in 1778. He also served in the military as a Private in the Northumberland Militia under Captain John Snyder and additionally as a Frontier Ranger during the American Revolution between 1778 and 1783.

John died in Northumberland County, PA, on November 19, 1795, at the age of 63.^[6]

More facts and events for Johann John Meiser:

Residence: 1758 Heidelberg Township, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony^[8]

Residence: about 1775 Northumberland County, Pennsylvania Colony

Residence: 1781 Penn Township, Northumberland (now Snyder) County, PA^[5]

John married **Catharine Strickler** in 1757 in Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony. They had four children: George, Maria, John and Catharine.

Catharine (the mother) was born in Lancaster (now York) County, Pennsylvania Colony, in 1731. She was the daughter of Conrad Strickler and Barbara Christiana Garrison. She was also known as **Anna**

Catherine Strickler. Catharine's parents had immigrated from Germany, leaving from Amsterdam and arriving in the British claimed New York Colony at around 1724. Three of Catharine's older siblings, Anna, John, and Henrich, who were born in Germany, came with them.

Catharine reached 84 years of age and died in Northumberland County, PA, on December 24, 1815.

More facts and events for Catharine Strickler:

Residence: 1758, Heidelberg Township, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony^[8]
1775 &
1776

⁴ Ancestry.com, Geneanet Community Trees Index (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2022), Ancestry.com.

⁵ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, U.S., Tax and Exoneration, 1768-1801 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011), Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission; Records of the Office of the Comptroller General, RG-4; Tax & Exoneration Lists, 1762-1794; Microfilm Roll: 328. In 1781, John Meiser was assessed on 100 acres of land and personal property.

⁶ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Wills and Probate Records, 1683-1993 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015), Ancestry.com, Wills, 1813-1881 ; Index to Estates, 1813-1935; Author: Lebanon County (Pennsylvania). Register of Wills; Probate Place: Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

⁷ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, U.S., Veterans Card Files, 1775-1916 (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2021), Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania State Archives; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Revolutionary War Military Abstract Card File; Series Number: 13.50.

⁸ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Church Records - Adams, Berks, and Lancaster Counties, 1729-1881 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004), Ancestry.com.

Children of Johann John Meiser and Catharine Strickler:

m I. **George Michael Meiser** was born in Heidelberg Township, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, in 1758. He was baptized there on March 27, 1758.^[8]

f II. **Maria Catharine Meiser** was born in Heidelberg Township, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, in 1775. She was also baptized there on January 22, 1775.^[8]

m III. **John Meiser Jr.**, was born in Heidelberg Township, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, in July 1776.^[8] He was also baptized there on August 4, 1776.^[8]

+ 3 f IV. **Catharine Meiser** was born in Heidelberg Township, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony, on March 11, 1780.^[9, 10] She died in Lebanon County, PA, on March 12, 1852, at the age of 72.^[9] Catharine was buried in Millbach, Lebanon County, PA, on March 15, 1852.^[9]

Figure 1: Pennsylvania, U.S., Tax and Exoneration, 1768-1801
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission;
listing John Meiser;
Records of the Office of the Comptroller General, RG-4;
Tax & Exoneration Lists, 1762-1794; Microfilm Roll: 328

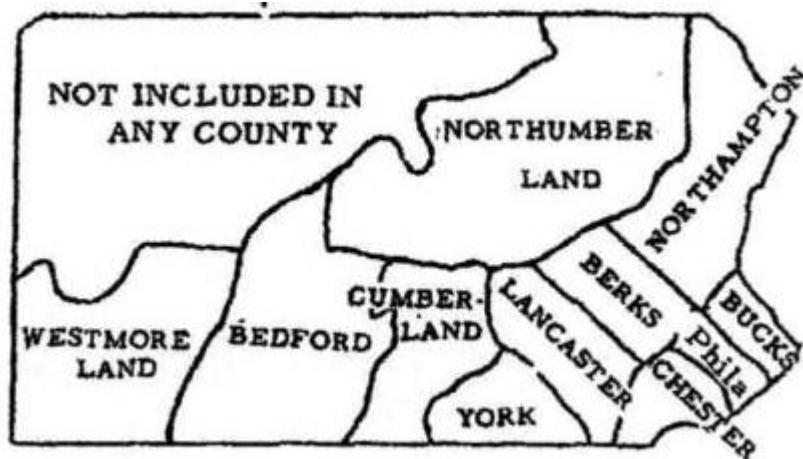
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¹⁰ Ancestry.com, 1850 United States Federal Census (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009), Ancestry.com, The National Archives in Washington D.C.; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of the Census; Record Group Number: 29; Series Number: M432; Residence Date: 1850; Home in 1850: Millcreek, Lebanon, Pennsylvania; Roll: 791; Page: 35b.

Do you think they knew how important a time in history this was?

In 1775, when **John Meiser** and his wife, **Catharine Strickler**, moved to Northumberland County, which was still considered a British Colony, significant unrest was taking place throughout the thirteen colonies.

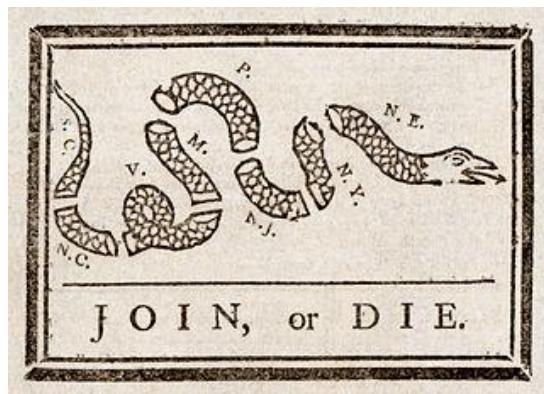
Pennsylvania around 1775



The history of the American Revolution really begins with the French & Indian War (1754-63), without which no rebellion would have taken place when it did. The British took over North America at the end of the war, ruling the region north of Florida and west to the Mississippi River. Colonists wouldn't have broken from Britain if they still needed their protection from the French, who'd blocked western expansion in the Ohio Valley. Americans and Redcoats fought together against the French but, as the saying goes, familiarity breeds contempt, and colonial militias resented the contempt of their superiors in the British military.

More importantly, some colonists didn't think that they needed the British anymore and the population inhabiting these growing, resource-rich colonies had virtually just emigrated from European regions of great turmoil to seek peace and freedom from monarch injustices, and they didn't want to return to that kind of environment. They also bristled under British attempts to keep them near the East Coast and quarreled over financial issues regarding taxes and trade. By 1763, it was time to dust off the Join, or Die. woodcut Ben Franklin had printed in 1754 (that time to rally colonists on behalf of the British against the French); but, this time, they would use it to rally against their own rulers – the British.

So by 1775, things were ready to pop and **John** and **Catharine Meiser** had to worry about surviving another conflict while making a home in a relative wilderness.



Woodcut by Benjamin Franklin, 1754

Eastern coast of North America around 1775

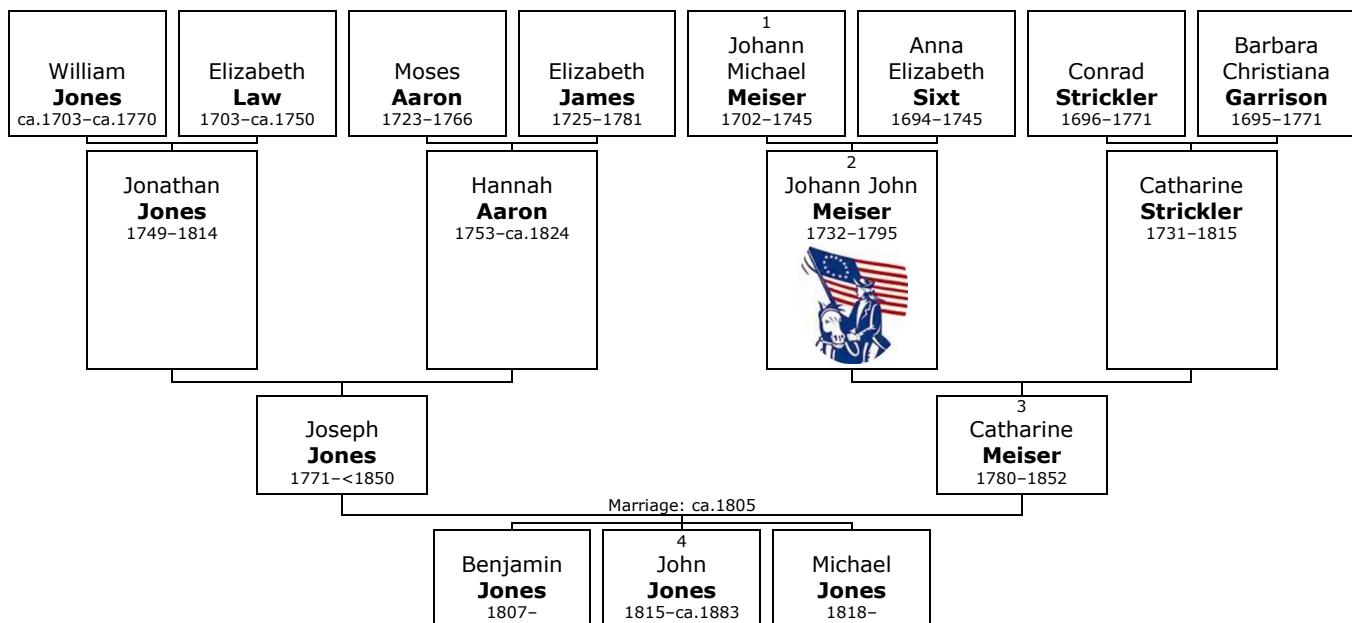


Hostilities with the Indians were beginning to wane and for a few years peace prevailed on the frontier and settlers who had been driven from their homesteads were finally able to drift back to their former claims. However, flare ups occurred after 1775 brought about by the Revolutionary War when the British turned to the Indians (such as the Iroquois) for allies to raid the colonists in order to help put down the rebellion. It was continually necessary to man the forts on the frontier against Indian attacks until around 1782. Battalions of Militia were necessary to defend the settlers. Since the men in the militia had to also run their farms, it was not possible to send all of a battalion out at one time. No more than two companies were in service at any one time and each period of service was for just two months. This enabled some of the men to stay home and protect the settlers against possible attack as well as to carry on the needs of the community's farming. From 1778 to 1783, **John Meiser** volunteered to serve in the military as a Private in the Northumberland Militia under Captain John Snyder. Additionally he would respond as a Frontier Ranger when called upon to defend his new country. A true American patriot!

Note: John Meiser is listed in the Sons of the American Revolution registry as NSSAR # P-247677.

2nd Generation

Family of Catharine Meiser and Joseph Jones



3. **Catharine Meiser** (*Johann John*², *Johann Michael*¹) was born on Saturday, March 11, 1780, in Heidelberg Township, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, Pennsylvania Colony.^[11-13] She was the daughter of Johann John Meiser (2) and Catharine Strickler.

Catharine died in Lebanon County, PA, on March 12, 1852, at the age of 72.^[11] She was buried in the Millbach Cemetery in Millbach, Lebanon County, PA, on March 15, 1852.^[11]

More facts and events for Catharine Meiser:

Residence: 1815 & 1818 Heidelberg Township, Lebanon County, PA^[13]

Residence: 1850 Millcreek, Lebanon County, PA^[12]

Catharine married **Joseph Jones** about 1805 in Lancaster County, PA. They had three sons: Benjamin, John and Michael.

Joseph was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Colony, on Sunday, January 27, 1771.^[14] He was the son of Jonathan Jones and Hannah Aaron.

Joseph died in Lebanon County, PA, before 1850.

More facts and events for Joseph Jones:

Residence: 1800 Earl Township, Lancaster County, PA^[15]

Residence: 1807 Heidelberg Township, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, PA^[13]

Residence: 1815 Heidelberg Township, Lebanon County, PA^[13]

Sons of Catharine Meiser and Joseph Jones:

m I. **Benjamin Jones** was born in Heidelberg Township, Lancaster (now Lebanon) County, PA, in 1807.^[13]

¹¹ Ancestry.com, U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012), Ancestry.com.

¹² Ancestry.com, 1850 United States Federal Census (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009), Ancestry.com, The National Archives in Washington D.C.; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of the Census; Record Group Number: 29; Series Number: M432; Residence Date: 1850; Home in 1850: Millcreek, Lebanon, Pennsylvania; Roll: 791; Page: 35b.

¹³ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Church Records - Adams, Berks, and Lancaster Counties, 1729-1881 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004), Ancestry.com.

¹⁴ Ancestry.com, U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014), Ancestry.com, Swarthmore College; Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

¹⁵ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Septennial Census, 1779-1863 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012), Ancestry.com.

+ 4 m II. **John Jones** was born in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon County, PA, on April 21, 1815.^[11, 13, 16, 17] He was also known as **John George Jones**. He was buried in Pleasant Hall, Franklin County, PA, in 1883.^[11] John died in Pleasant Hall, Franklin County, PA, about 1883 at the age of 67.^[11]

m III. **Michael Jones** was born in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon County, PA, in 1818. He was baptized in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon County, PA, on October 24, 1818.^[13]



Figure 2: Catharine (Meiser) Jones headstone



Figure 3: Millbach Cemetery in Lebanon County, PA

¹⁶ Ancestry.com, 1860 United States Federal Census (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009), Ancestry.com, Year: 1860; Census Place: Letterkenny, Franklin, Pennsylvania; Roll: M653_1111; Page: 450; Family History Library Film: 805111.

¹⁷ Ancestry.com, 1850 United States Federal Census (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009), Ancestry.com, Year: 1850; Census Place: Letterkenny, Franklin, Pennsylvania; Roll: M432_782; Page: 309A; Image: 116.

Number of Family and of Person in Family	Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family	Relationship of Person to Head of Family	INFORMATION			Place of Birth Name of State, Territory, or Country	Value of Personal Property and Value of Real Property and Value of Wheat and Other Kind of Grain, property or commodities
			1	2	3		
1	John Meiser	20th	1	4	5	Pennsylvania	1
2	David Meiser	15.0	2	6	7		2
3	Rachel	30.0					3
4	Franklin	7.0					4
5	Eliza	6.0					5
6	George	2.0					6
7	Johnathan Meiser	16.0	3	8	9		7
8	Paul	16.0					8
9	Samuel	10.0	4	10	11		9
10	Emily	11.0					10
11	Mary	17.0					11
12	Elizabeth	15.0					12
13	Anna	11.0					13
14	Rebecca	2.0					14
15	Sarah	8.0					15
16	Christian	4.0					16
17	Catherine Jones	49.0	5	17	18		17
18	Elizabeth	25.0					18
19	Maria	11.0	6	19	20		19
20	Sarah	4.0					20
21	George	1.0					21
22	Elizabeth	18.0	7	22	23		22
23	John Shantz	12.0	8	24	25		23
24	Elizabeth	15.0					24
25	Virginia Shantz	11.0	9	26	27		25
26	John Shantz	15.0					26
27	Sarah	10.0					27
28	Sarah	4.0					28
29	George Shantz	4.0	10	29	30		29
30	Mary	6.0					30
31	Elizabeth	15.0	11	31	32		31
32	Elizabeth	11.0					32
33	Rebecca Hobbs	11.0					33
34	John Shantz	10.0	12	34	35		34
35	Mary	3.0	13	35	36		35
36	Edward Gitts	10.0	14	36	37		36
37	John Gitts	11.0					37
38	John Gitts	11.0	15	38	39		38
39	John Gitts	11.0					39
40	John Gitts	11.0	16	40	41		40
41	John Gitts	11.0					41
42	John Gitts	11.0	17	42	43		42

Figure 4: 1850 United States Federal Census; showing the widow Catherine (Meiser) Jones and children; The National Archives in Washington D.C.; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of the Census; Record Group Number: 29; Series Number: M432; Residence Date: 1850; Home in 1850: Millcreek, Lebanon, Pennsylvania; Roll: 791; Page: 35b

German George	Hambright Henry	Kingsley John	Lummern Leonard
Eliza Leonard	Hoffman George	Kingsley John	Lewis George
Josh Philip	Hector Martin	Kingsley Michael	Lewis Graham
Graff John	Hough John	Kingsley George	Lighthill Daniel
German Louis	Horky George	Kingsley George	Loving Robert
German John	Hottel Philip	Killian Abraham	Loach John
Kast George	Hottel Henry	Killian Philip	Lennard John
German Leonard	Hottel John	Kling Abraham	Lewis Daniel
Gallaway Robert	Hottel Jacob	Kohr John	Lewis William
Groh David	Hottel Daniel	Kohr Samuel	Martin Martin
Groh Henry	Hottel John	Kohr John	Martin David
Gymmer David	Hottel John	Kohr George	Martin George
Gust George	Hottel John	Kiefer Henry	Martin Henry
210 Graff Henry	Hottel Jonathan	Kieffer Peter	Martin Jacob
Graff Peter	Hottel Samuel	Klemes John	Martin Jacob
Golden John	Hottel Jacob	Kuthler Jacob	Martin James
Hottel Jacob	Hagenberger Jacob	Killian Andrew	Martin Martin
Hottel John	Hagenberger John	Killian Andrew	Martin Abraham
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Hottel John	Hagenberger Jacob	Kiefer Samuel	Martin Henry
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Hottel John	Hagenberger John	Kingsley George	Mayer John
Hottel John	Hagenberger John	Kingsley David	Mayer Leonard
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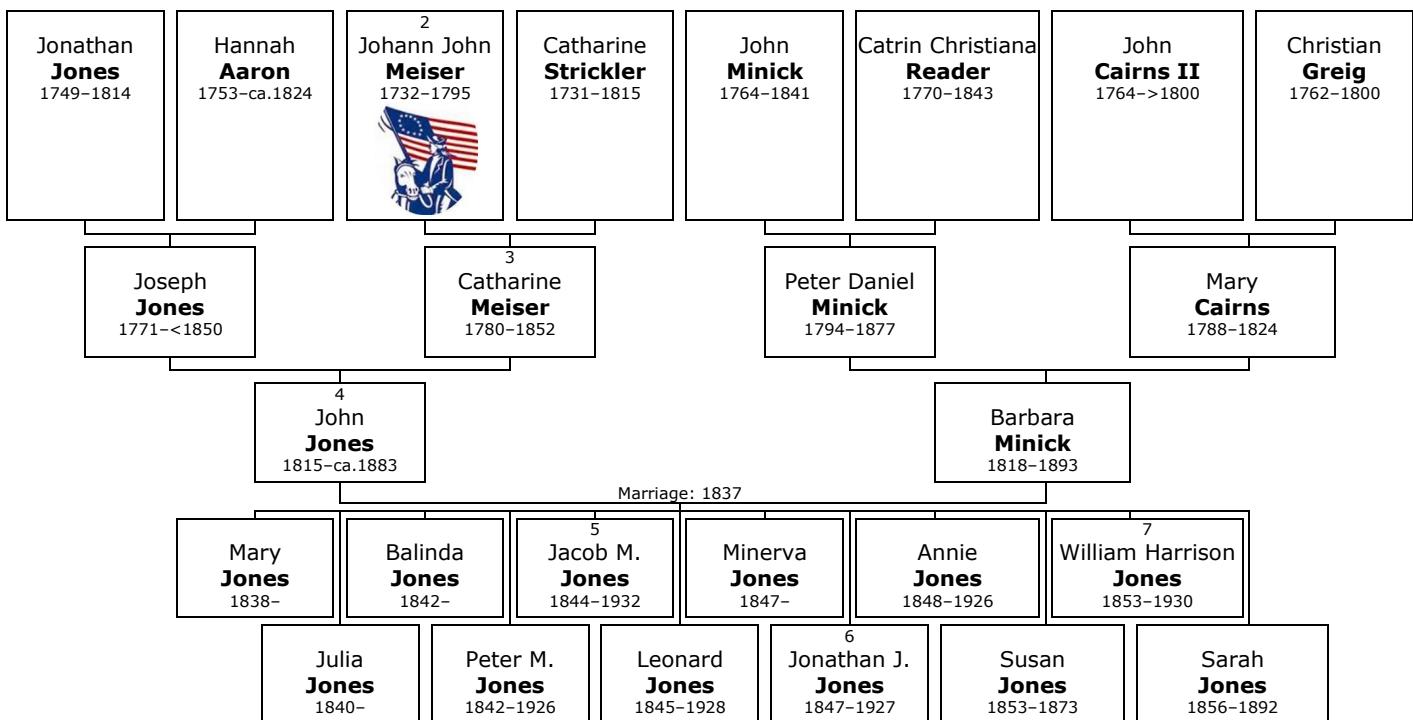
Figure 5: Pennsylvania, Septennial Census, 1779-1863; year 1800; showing Joseph Jones

<p style="text-align: center;">130</p> <p><i>Births of the children of Thomas Mathur and Rachel his wife of Cheltenham</i></p> <p>Isaac Luck Mathur born 4th mo 5. 1780 Martha. born 4th Month 15. 1782 Bartholomew born 9th Month 16. 1784</p> <p><i>Births of the children of Levi Tyson and Hannah his wife of Cheltenham -</i></p> <p>George born 8th Month 10. 1786 - Daniel. born 3rd Month 18. 1788 - Ann. born 9th Month 20. 1789 - Robison. born 2nd Month 18. 1791 - Hannah. born 4th Month 11. 1796 Charles. born 10th Month 27. 1798</p> <p><i>Births of the children of John & Mary Livozy of Lower Dublin</i></p> <p>John was born 1st Month 2nd 1795 Sarah. born 9th Month 17th 1798 Mary. born 9th Month 26th 1800 Nathan. born 9th Month 3rd 1802 Jacob. born 1st Month 1st 1806 Lydia. born 9th Month 3rd 1807 Elizabeth. born 8th Month 13. 1809</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Sister Mary Dool</p>	<p>Benjamin Rowland son of John and Ann Rowland was born 8th Month 2nd 1766. Mary Rowland wife of Benjamin Rowland and daughter of George and Catherine George was born 14th Month 20th 1761.</p> <p><i>Births of their children</i></p> <p>Samuel was born 12th Month 29th 1782 Catherine. born 12th Month 7th 1784 Ann. born 8th Month 19th 1786 Thomas. born 3rd Month 13th 1788 Mary. born 10th Month 3rd 1792 Hannah. born 5th Month 30th 1795 Benjamin born 4th Month 3rd 1798 Elizabeth. born 11th Month 20th 1800</p> <p><i>Births of the children of Jonathan & Hannah Jones of Cheltenham -</i></p> <p>Joseph was born 1st Month 27th 1771 ← Rachel. born 6th Month 20th 1776 Sarah. born 1st Month 12th 1779 Hannah. born 4th Month 6th 1781 Solomon C. born 6th Month 30th 1783</p>
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Figure 6: U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935;
 listing the birth of Joseph Jones in 1771;
 Swarthmore College; Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

3rd Generation

Family of John Jones and Barbara Minick



4. **John Jones** (Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹) was born on Friday, April 21, 1815, in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon County, PA.^[18-21] He was the son of Joseph Jones and Catharine Meiser (3). He was also known as **John George Jones**.

John died in Pleasant Hall, Franklin County, PA, about 1883 at the age of 67.^[21] He was buried in Pleasant Hall, Franklin County, PA.^[21]

More facts and events for John Jones:

Residence: 1850 Letterkenny, Franklin County, PA^[19]

Residence: 1860 Letterkenny, Franklin, Pennsylvania, USA^[18]

Residence Post Office: Orrstown

At the age of 22, John married **Barbara Minick** on Thursday, December 14, 1837, in PA when she was 19 years old. They had twelve children: Mary, Julia, Balinda, Peter, Jacob, Leonard, Minerva, Jonathan, Annie, Susan, William and Sarah.

Barbara was born in Carlisle, Cumberland County, PA, on Sunday, August 16, 1818.^[21, 22] She was the daughter of Peter Daniel Minick and Mary Cairns. She was also known as **Barb**.

Barbara reached 74 years of age and died in Fayetteville, Franklin County, PA, in 1893.^[21] She was buried in Pleasant Hall, Franklin County, PA.^[21]

More facts and events for Barbara Minick:

Residence: 1880 Fostoria, Seneca County, Ohio^[22]

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head: Wife

¹⁸ Ancestry.com, 1860 United States Federal Census (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009), Ancestry.com, Year: 1860; Census Place: Letterkenny, Franklin, Pennsylvania; Roll: M653_1111; Page: 450; Family History Library Film: 805111.

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²¹ Ancestry.com, U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012), Ancestry.com.

²² Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1880 United States Federal Census (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010), Ancestry.com, Year: 1880; Census Place: Fostoria, Seneca, Ohio; Roll: 1065; Page: 122c; Enumeration District: 198.

Children of John Jones and Barbara Minick:

f	I. Mary Jones was born in PA in 1838.
f	II. Julia Jones was born in PA in 1840.
f	III. Balinda Jones was born in PA in 1842. ^[22]
+ 5	m IV. Peter M. Jones was born in PA in 1842. He died in 1926 at the age of 84.
m	m V. Jacob M. Jones was born in PA in 1844. He died in Franklin County, PA, in 1932 at the age of 88.
m	m VI. Leonard Jones was born in PA on April 16, 1845. ^[23] He died in Letterkenny, Franklin County, PA, on June 7, 1928, at the age of 83. ^[23]
f	VII. Minerva Jones was born in PA in 1847. ^[22]
+ 6	m VIII. Jonathan J. Jones was born in PA on December 18, 1847. ^[21] He died in Hartley, O'Brien County, Iowa, on April 15, 1927, at the age of 79. ^[21] Jonathan J. was buried in Hartley, O'Brien County, Iowa. ^[21]
f	IX. Annie Jones was born in PA in 1848. She died in Franklin County, PA, on July 8, 1926, at the age of 78.
f	X. Susan Jones was born in PA in 1853. She died in Franklin County, PA, on December 15, 1873, at the age of 20.
+ 7	m XI. William Harrison Jones was born in Pleasant Hall, Franklin County, PA, in October 1853. ^[24] He died in Quincy, Franklin County, PA, in 1930 at the age of 76.
f	XII. Sarah Jones was born in PA in 1856. She died in Franklin County, PA, on July 8, 1892, at the age of 36.

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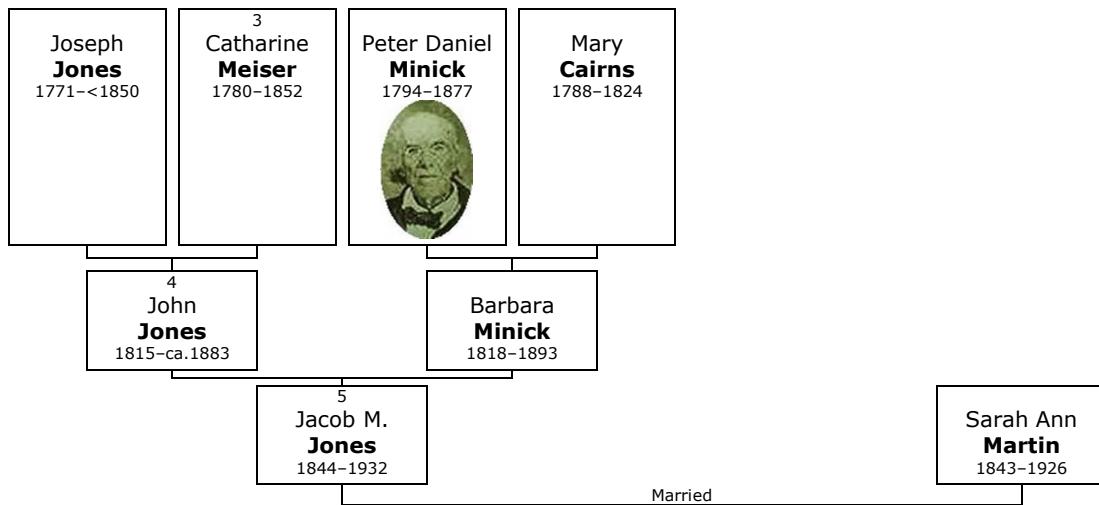
Figure 7: 1850 United States Federal Census; showing the John and Barbara Jones family;
Year: 1850; Census Place: Letterkenny, Franklin, Pennsylvania;
Roll: M432_782; Page: 309A; Image: 116

²³ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1966 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014), Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission; Pennsylvania, USA; Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1965; Certificate Number Range: 062501-065500.

²⁴ Ancestry.com, 1900 United States Federal Census (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004), Ancestry.com, Year: 1900; Census Place: Greene, Franklin, Pennsylvania; Page: 17; Enumeration District: 0042.

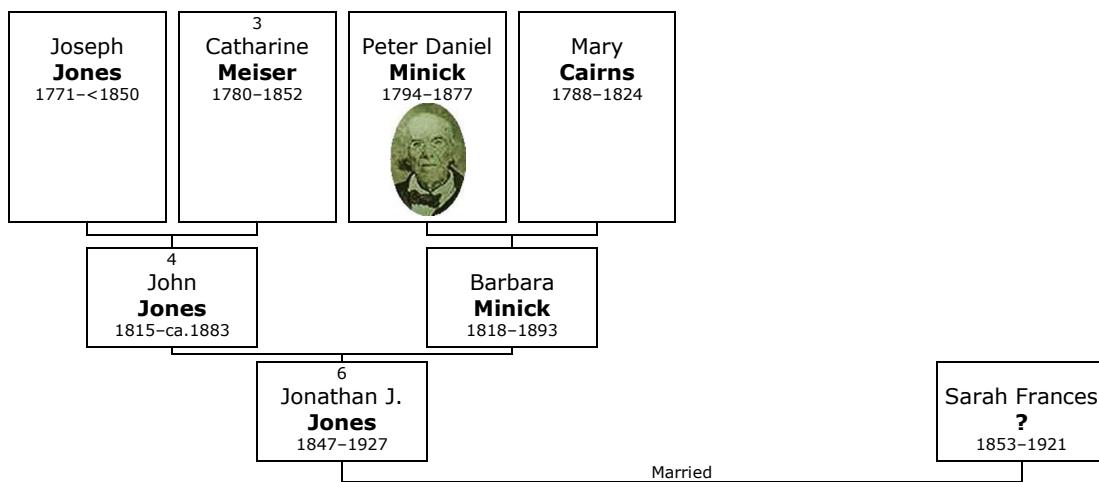
4th Generation

Family of Jacob Jones and Sarah Martin



5. **Jacob M. Jones** (*John*⁴, *Catharine*³ *Meiser*, *Johann John*², *Johann Michael*¹) was born in 1844 in PA.^[25] He was the son of John Jones (4) and Barbara Minick.
Jacob died in Franklin County, PA, in 1932 at the age of 88.
He married **Sarah Ann Martin**. They had no known children.
Sarah was born in 1843. She reached 83 years of age and died in 1926.

Family of Jonathan Jones and Sarah ?

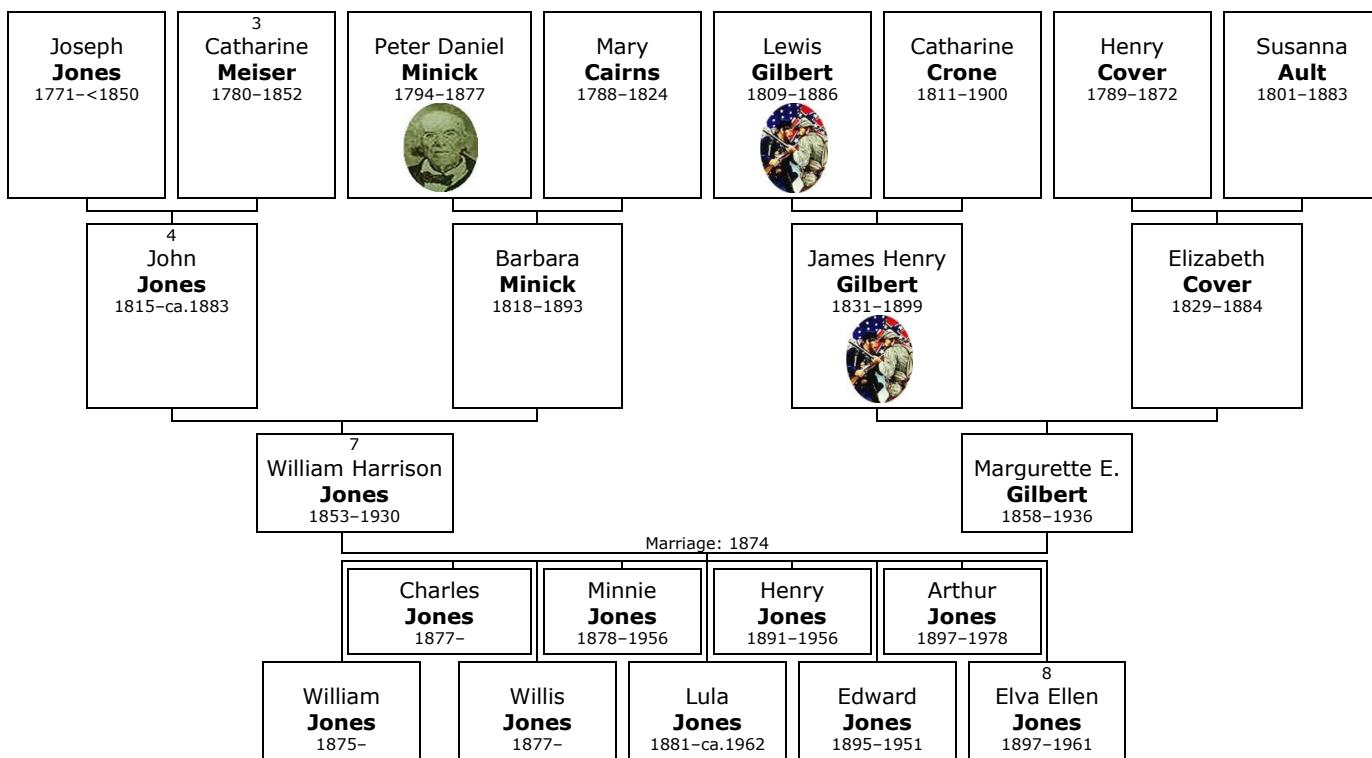


6. **Jonathan J. Jones** (*John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Saturday, December 18, 1847, in PA.^[26] He was the son of John Jones (4) and Barbara Minick. Jonathan died in Hartley, O'Brien County, Iowa, on April 15, 1927, at the age of 79.^[26] He was buried in Hartley, O'Brien County, Iowa.^[26] He married **Sarah Frances ?**. They had no known children. Sarah was born in Hamilton, Hamilton Municipality, Ontario, Canada, on Tuesday, September 27, 1853.^[26] She reached 67 years of age and died in Hartley, O'Brien County, Iowa, USA, on March 15, 1921.^[26] Sarah was buried in Hartley, O'Brien County, Iowa.^[26]

²⁵ Ancestry.com, U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012), Ancestry.com.

²⁶ Ancestry.com, U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012), Ancestry.com.

Family of William Jones and Margurette Gilbert



7. **William Harrison Jones** (*John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born in October 1853 in Pleasant Hall, Franklin County, PA.^[27-29] He was the son of John Jones (4) and Barbara Minick.

William Harrison died in Quincy, Franklin County, PA, in 1930 at the age of 76.

More facts and events for William Harrison Jones:

Residence: 1900 Greene Township, Franklin County, PA^[27]

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head: Head

William (senior) married **Margurette E. Gilbert** in 1874 in PA.^[27] They had nine children: William, Charles, Willis, Minnie, Lula, Henry, Edward, Arthur and Elva.

Margurette was born in Lurgan Township, Franklin County, PA, on Wednesday, June 16, 1858.^[27, 29-32] She was the daughter of James Henry Gilbert and Elizabeth Cover. Of note is that Margurette's father and grandfather, James and Lewis Gilbert, served in the Union Army during America's Civil War.

Margurette reached 78 years of age and died in Swatara Township, Dauphin County, PA, on June 30, 1936.^[29]

More facts and events for Margurette E. Gilbert:

Residence: 1860 Lurgan Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, USA^[32]

Residence Post Office: Orrstown

Residence: 1880 Letterkenny Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, USA^[30]

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head: Daughter-in-law

²⁷ Ancestry.com, 1900 United States Federal Census (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004), Ancestry.com, Year: 1900; Census Place: Greene, Franklin, Pennsylvania; Page: 17; Enumeration District: 0042.

²⁸ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1966 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014), Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission; Harrisburg, PA; Pennsylvania (State). Death Certificates, 1906-1968; Certificate Number Range: 022951-025650.

²⁹ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1966 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014), Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission; Harrisburg, PA; Pennsylvania (State). Death Certificates, 1906-1968; Certificate Number Range: 057501-060500.

³⁰ Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1880 United States Federal Census (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010), Ancestry.com, Year: 1880; Census Place: Letterkenny, Franklin, Pennsylvania; Roll: 1131; Page: 136B; Enumeration District: 094.

³¹ Ancestry.com, 1910 United States Federal Census (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006), Ancestry.com, Year: 1910; Census Place: Green, Franklin, Pennsylvania; Roll: T624_1347; Page: 14B; Enumeration District: 0016; FHL microfilm: 1375360.

³² Ancestry.com, 1860 United States Federal Census (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009), Ancestry.com, Year: 1860; Census Place: Lurgan, Franklin, Pennsylvania; Roll: M653_1111; Page: 499; Family History Library Film: 805111.

Residence: 1900 & Green Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, USA^[27] ^[31]
 1910 Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head: Wife

Children of William Harrison Jones and Margurette E. Gilbert:

- m I. **William Jones** was born in Franklin County, PA, in 1875.
- m II. **Charles Jones** was born in Franklin County, PA, in 1877.
- m III. **Willis Jones** was born in Franklin County, PA, in 1877.
- f IV. **Minnie Jones** was born in Franklin County, PA, on December 21, 1878. She died in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, PA, on August 30, 1956, at the age of 77.
- f V. **Lula Jones** was born in Franklin County, PA, on September 21, 1881. She died in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, PA, about 1962 at the age of 80.
- m VI. **Henry Jones** was born in Franklin County, PA, on July 11, 1891. He died in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, PA, on October 17, 1956, at the age of 65.
- m VII. **Edward Jones** was born in Smoketown, Franklin County, PA, on October 16, 1895. He died in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, PA, on September 30, 1951, at the age of 55.
- m VIII. **Arthur Jones** was born in Smoketown, Franklin County, PA, on April 8, 1897. He died in Cumberland County, PA, in August 1978 at the age of 81.
- + 8 f IX. **Elva Ellen Jones** was born in Greene Township, Franklin County, PA, on August 31, 1897.^[28, 33] She died in Carlisle, Cumberland County, PA, on March 1, 1961, at the age of 63.^[28] Elva was buried in Cumberland County, PA, on March 3, 1961.

Figure 8: 1860 United States Federal Census; showing Margurette at 2 years old in the James Gilbert and Elizabeth Cover family;

Year: 1860; Census Place: Lurgan, Franklin, Pennsylvania;

Roll: M653_1111; Page: 499; Family History Library Film: 805111

³³ Ancestry.com, 1920 United States Federal Census (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010), Ancestry.com, Year: 1920; Census Place: Southampton, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Roll: T625_1557; Page: 14B; Enumeration District: 42.

Local Reg. No. <u>81</u>		COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
Primary Dist. No. <u>21001-210</u>		A23373-61		
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. County <u>Cumberland</u> b. City, Borough or Township <u>Carlisle</u> c. Length of stay in 1b. d. FULL NAME (If NOT in hospital, give street address) or INSTITUTION <u>Carlisle hospital</u> e. Is Place of Death Inside Municipality Limits? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (where deceased lived, if institution: residence before admission) a. State <u>Pennsylvania</u> b. County <u>Cumberland</u> c. City, Borough or Township <u>Southeaston Township</u> d. Street Address or Location <u>K.D.I. Shippensburg</u> e. Is Residence Inside Municipality Limits? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <u>Elva Ellen Helm</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) <u>3 1 1961</u>		
5. SEX <u>Female</u> 6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> 7. MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>		8. DATE OF BIRTH (Year) <u>8-31-1897</u> 9. AGE (in years at last birthday) If under 1 year Months Days Hours Min. <u>63</u>		
10. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE <u>Bruce McGeary Helm</u>		11. BIRTHPLACE (Name, state or foreign country) <u>Green Twp. Franklin Co.</u> 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY <u>U.S.</u>		
13. FATHER'S NAME <u>William Jones</u>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Margaret Gilbert</u>		
15. USUAL OCCUPATION (even if retired) <u>Housewife</u>		16. Social Security No. <u>03 Helm - Newville, Pa.</u>		
17. INFORMANT <u>03 Helm - Newville, Pa.</u>		ADDRESS		
18. CAUSE OF DEATH [Enter only one cause per-line for (a), (b) & (c)] PART I. Death was caused by: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>Carbovascular accident</u>		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <u>1 week</u>		
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) <u>Arterioscler. C.V.D.</u> DUE TO (c) <u>Diabetic complications</u>		?		
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS [contributing to death but not related to the terminal disease given in Part I (a)]		19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
20a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE	20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED.	20c. TIME OF INJURY	Hour, Month, Day, Year	
□ □		in E.S.T.		
20d. INJURY OCCURRED While at <input type="checkbox"/> Not while <input type="checkbox"/> at work <input type="checkbox"/>	20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., home, farm, factory, street, etc.)	20f. CITY, BOROUGH, TOWNSHIP	COUNTY STATE	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the above named deceased and that death occurred at <u>1:15 P.M. E.S.T.</u> , from the causes and on the date state above.				
22a. SIGNATURE <u>J. McDaniel</u> M.D. or D.O.		22b. ADDRESS <u>313 S. Hanover St.</u>	22c. DATE SIGNED <u>3-3-61</u>	
23a. BURIAL <input type="checkbox"/> CREMATION <input type="checkbox"/> DATE <u>3-3-1961</u> 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORIES <u>Clyburnburg</u>		23d. LOCATION (City, Boro, Twp. & County) <u>R.R. Shippensburg, Pa.</u>		
24. DATE RECD BY <u>Marie 3 1961</u> 25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>Ruth V. Helfbauer</u>		26. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <u>J. Dennis Van Hyge Shippensburg, Pa.</u>		

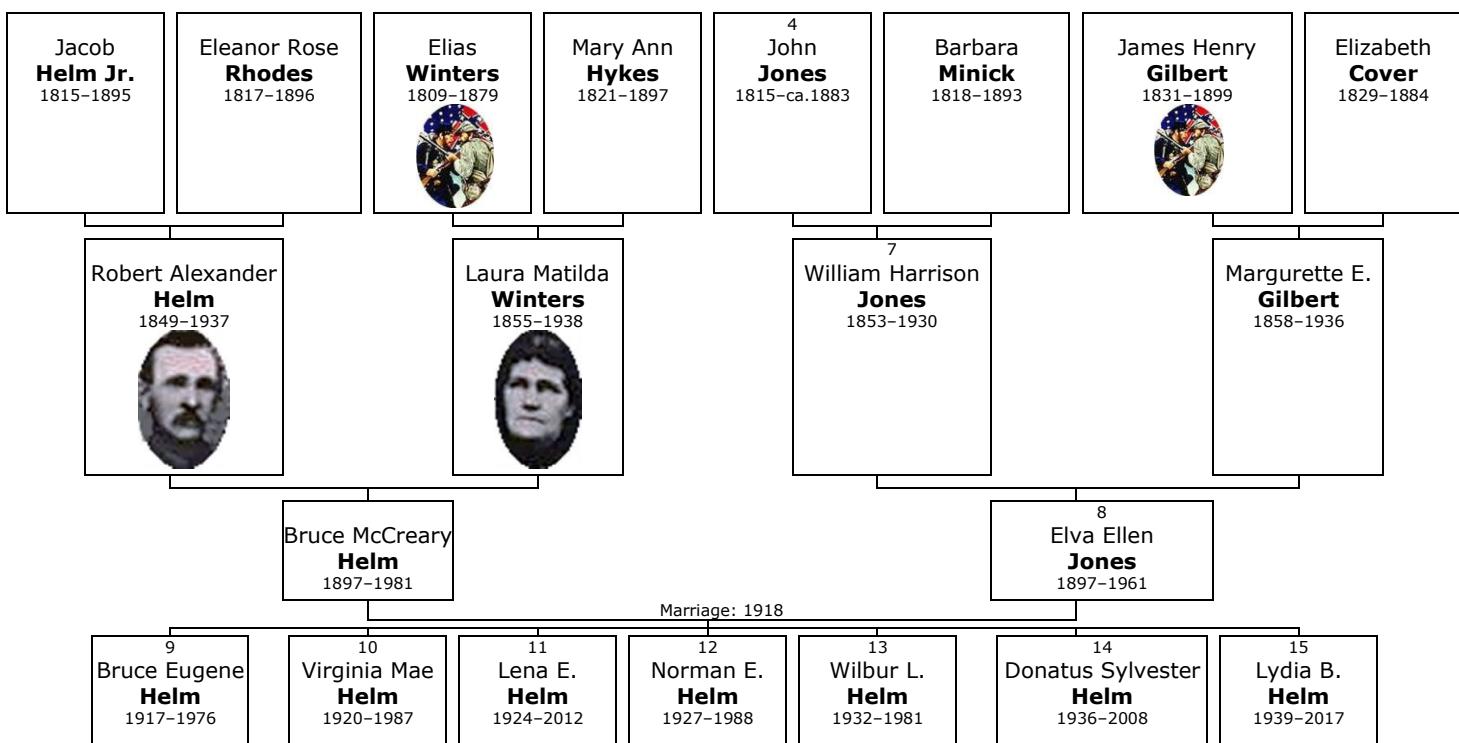
Figure 9: Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1966
 Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission; Harrisburg, PA;
 Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1968; Certificate Number Range: 022951-025650

Form V. S. No. 5		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
1. PLACE OF DEATH County of <u>Dauphin</u> Township of <u>South</u> or Borough of <u></u> or City of <u></u>		COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS		
2. FULL NAME <u>Margarette C. Jones</u> (a) <u>Residence No. 101</u> (Usual Place of Abode) Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. da.		File No. <u>58627</u> Primary Registration District No. <u>22-06-61</u> Registered No. <u>829</u> If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution give name and address of street and number.		
3. SEX <u>Female</u> 4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> 5. MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>Widowed</u>		6. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 16. DATE OF DEATH <u>June 18</u> (Month) <u>30</u> (Day) <u>1936</u> (Year)		
5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of <u>William</u> (or) WIFE of <u></u>		I HEREBY CERTIFY. That I attended deceased from <u>June 18</u> , 1936, to <u>June 30</u> , 1936, that I last saw her alive on <u>June 30</u> , 1936, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>8:10 P.M.</u> The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <u>Arterioscler. disease of the heart and other complications</u>		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) <u>June 16-1858</u>		(Duration) yrs. mos. days		
7. AGE Years <u>78</u> Months <u>0</u> Days <u>14</u> IF LESS than 1 year or hrs. or min.		CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary)		
8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work (b) General nature of industry business or occupation in which employed (or employer) (c) Name of employer		(Duration) yrs. mos. days		
9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Pa</u>		16. Where was disease contracted If not at place of death? <u>92a</u>		
10. NAME OF FATHER <u>James Gilbert</u>		Did an operation precede death? Date of		
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Pa</u>		Was there an autopsy? Date of		
12. NAME OF MOTHER <u>Mary Coker</u>		What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>D.M. Gaffey</u> (Signed) <u>D.M. Gaffey</u> M.D. (Address) <u>Franklin Co.</u>		
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or Country) <u>Pa</u>		17. STATE THE DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, OR IN DEATHS FROM VIOLENT CAUSES, STATE (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, AND (2) WHETHER ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)		
14. Informant <u>Henry Jones, Jr.</u> (Address) <u>Highway Men Shippensburg</u>		18. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL <u>July 3</u> (Date) <u>1936</u> (Year)		
15. Filed <u>June 20 1936</u> <u>Highway Men Shippensburg</u> (Address) <u>Franklin Richardson Shippensburg, Pa.</u>		19. UNDERTAKER <u>Franklin Richardson Shippensburg, Pa.</u>		

Figure 10: Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1966
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5th Generation

Family of Elva Jones and Bruce Helm



8. **Elva Ellen Jones** (*William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Tuesday, August 31, 1897, in Greene Township, Franklin County, PA.^[34, 35] She was the daughter of William Harrison Jones (7) and Margurette E. Gilbert.

Elva died in the Carlisle Hospital in Carlisle, Cumberland County, PA, on March 1, 1961, at the age of 63.^[34] She was buried in the Cleversburg United Methodist Church Cemetery in Cumberland County, PA, on March 3, 1961.

At the age of 20, Elva married **Bruce McCreary Helm** on Wednesday, May 8, 1918, in Fayetteville, Franklin County, PA, when he was 20 years old. They had seven children: Bruce, Virginia, Lena, Norman, Wilbur, Donatus and Lydia.

Bruce (senior) was born in Cleversburg, Cumberland County, PA, on Tuesday, July 27, 1897.^[35] He was the son of Robert Alexander Helm and Laura Matilda Winters. He was also known as **Dewey**.

Bruce McCreary worked and was a retiree from the Pennsylvania Railroad. He reached 83 years of age and died in the Cumberland County Nursing Home, Carlisle, PA, on January 19, 1981. He was buried in the Cleversburg United Methodist Church Cemetery in Cumberland County, PA, on January 22, 1981.

More facts and events for Bruce McCreary Helm:

Residence: 1920 Southampton Township, Cumberland County, PA^[35]

Marital Status: Married; Relation to Head: Head

Residence: November 1950 Cleversburg, Cumberland County, PA^[36]
home damaged during severe storm

Children of Elva Ellen Jones and Bruce McCreary Helm:

+ 9 m I. **Bruce Eugene Helm** was born in Cleversburg, Cumberland County, PA, on November 15, 1917.^[35] He died in Johnson County, Iowa, on June 29, 1976, at the age of 58. He was buried in Cumberland County, PA, in July 1976.

³⁴ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1966 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014), Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission; Harrisburg, PA; Pennsylvania (State). Death Certificates, 1906-1968; Certificate Number Range: 022951-025650.

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³⁶ Reporter, Newspaper Article, Historical Society, Valley-Times Star newspaper from Newville, Pennsylvania. Record storm occurred on November 29, 1950, damaging the Helm home in Cleversburg, Pennsylvania.

+ 10 f II. **Virginia Mae Helm** was born in Cumberland County, PA, on June 30, 1920. She died in Cumberland County, PA, on January 14, 1987, at the age of 66.

+ 11 f III. **Lena E. Helm** was born in Cumberland County, PA, on November 5, 1924. She died in Camp Hill, Cumberland County, PA, on November 25, 2012, at the age of 88.

+ 12 m IV. **Norman E. Helm** was born in Cumberland County, PA, on January 10, 1927. He died in Chambersburg, Franklin County, PA, on December 1, 1988, at the age of 61.

+ 13 m V. **Wilbur L. Helm** was born in Cumberland County, PA, in 1932. He died in Conrail's Rutherford Yards, Dauphin County, PA, in 1981 at the age of 49.

+ 14 m VI. **Donatus Sylvester Helm** was born in Cleversburg, Cumberland County, PA, on July 13, 1936. He was also known as **Don Helm**. Donatus died in Orlando, FL, on December 8, 2008, at the age of 72.

+ 15 f VII. **Lydia B. Helm** was born in Cumberland County, PA, on March 21, 1939. She died in Shippensburg, PA, on April 19, 2017, at the age of 78.

Death Claims Mrs. B. M. Helm

Death Wednesday claimed Mrs. Elva Ellen Helm of Shippensburg R. D. 2, wife of Bruce McCreary Helm. She died following a two month illness in the Carlisle Hospital. She was 63 years of age.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. from the Van Scyoc Funeral Home with Rev. Archie Ridall officiating. Interment will be in Cleversburg Cemetery.

Friends were to be received at the funeral home Thursday after 7 p.m.

Mrs. Helm was born Aug. 31, 1897 in Green Township, Franklin County, the daughter of William and Margaret Gilbert Jones.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four sons, Bruce E. Helm, of Harrisburg; Norman E. Helm of Chambersburg, Wilbur L. Helm of Shippensburg R. D. 2 and Donatus J. Helm of Newville; three daughters, Mrs. Bruce M. Naugle of Shippensburg R. D. 2, Mrs. Carl E. Gsell of Camp Hill and Mrs. Paul Durf of Shippensburg R. D. 2; one sister, Mrs. Lulu Barklow, of Harrisburg; one brother, Arthur Jones of Carlisle, and 19 grandchildren.

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Figure 11: Elva Helm obituary

Bruce M. Helm

Bruce M. Helm, 83, formerly of Shippensburg R. D. 6 (Cleversburg), died Monday morning at the Cumberland County Nursing Home, Carlisle, where he was a guest.

Born July 27, 1897, in Cleversburg, he was a son of the late Robert A. and Laura M. Winters Helm. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elva Ellen Jones Helm, who died March 1, 1961.

Mr. Helm was a member of Cleversburg United Methodist Church.

He was a retired employee of the former Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mr. Helm is survived by three daughters and two sons, Mrs. Carl (Lena) Gsell, Camp Hill, Mrs. Bryce (Virginia) Naugle, Shippensburg R. D. 6, Norman Helm, Chambersburg, Donatus S. Helm, Titusville, Fla., and Mrs. Paul (Lydia Belle) Durf, Walnut Bottom; a brother, Walter E. Helm, Ontario, Canada; 23 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Bruce E. Helm, who died in June 1976, and Wilbur L. "Chub" Helm, who died Jan. 2.

Services were held today at 2 p.m. at the Fogelsanger Funeral Home, 112 West King St., Shippensburg, with the Rev. Merle H. Saxman officiating. Interment was in Cleversburg Cemetery.

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Figure 12: Bruce M. Helm obituary

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RECORD STORM:

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Helm House Damaged

At Cleversburg, the house of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Helm was pretty badly demolished. The roof was blown off and considerable other damage was done. Mr. and Mrs. Helm and seven children are for the present reported to be staying with neighbors at Cleversburg.

Figure 13: Helm home damaged by a storm in Nov 1950

More figures:

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6th Generation

Bruce Helm

9. **Bruce Eugene Helm** (*Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Thursday, November 15, 1917, in Cleversburg, Cumberland County, PA.^[37] ^[38] He was the son of Bruce McCreary Helm and Elva Ellen Jones (8).

Bruce drove big rigs, i.e., tractor-trailers, and was also a part-time bartender. He served in the military as a member of the US Navy during World War II and was overseas on March 31, 1944.^[38]

Bruce died at the University Hospital, Iowa City, following a traffic accident in Johnson County, Iowa, on June 29, 1976, at the age of 58. He was buried in the Ridge Church of the Brethren cemetery in Cumberland County, PA, in July 1976.

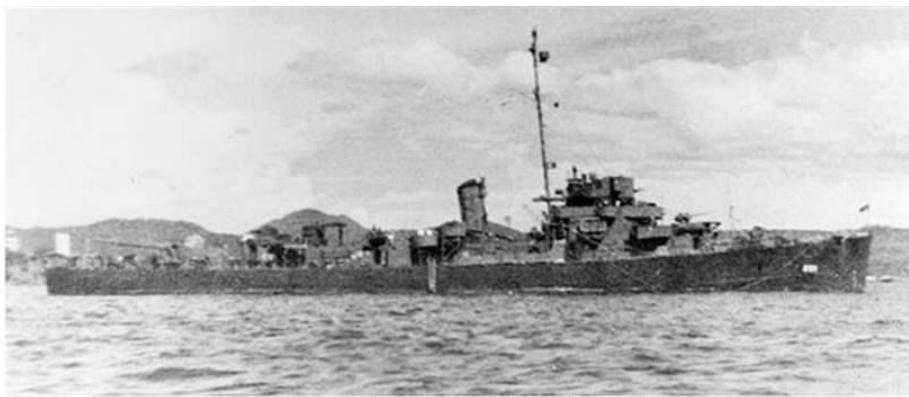
More facts and events for Bruce Eugene Helm:

Hobby: Liked to hunt and fish. Had a beautiful singing voice and liked to read western novels, especially Zane Grey.

Relationships with Mary Frances Reed and Leila G. Gutshall are known.

Personal Note

At the time of his relationship with Mary Reed, Bruce was already married to Leila Gutshall who is known to have had five children with him. It is believed that Bruce did not intend for Mary to become pregnant. Thus when he was presented with the newborn baby George, he turned away and didn't want anything to do with him. Because of this, the baby was named George Reed instead of George Helm.



USS James E. Craig (DE-201)

As a member of the U.S. Navy Reserves, Bruce E. Helm served as a Seaman Second Class aboard the Buckley Class destroyer escort ship, the USS James E. Craig (DE-201), during World War II. Bruce enlisted in the Navy on June 4, 1943, and after completing boot camp and occupational training was assigned to the newly constructed USS James E. Craig. It is possible that Bruce was a plank owner and part of the crew that commissioned the Craig on November 11, 1943.

One of the first missions for Bruce and his new ship was to pass through the Panama Canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean and escort the United States' troop transport ship the SS Azalea City to the island of New Caledonia, a French territory in the South Pacific. They stopped at Bora Bora on the way there and passed through a typhoon that pounded the ships with fifty foot waves. About a week later they passed through a second typhoon with winds greater than 90 mph. Luckily they completed their mission successfully. The Craig went on many other missions during the war, which included escorting ships, bombarding numerous enemy positions in the Pacific, and performing several anti-submarine patrols. For her actions, the USS James E. Craig received four battle stars and was honorably decommissioned in July of 1946.

Sadly, the SS Azalea City (mentioned above) did not fare so well. Not long after completing her transit with the Craig in the Pacific, Azalea City came back to the Atlantic for another war effort task. Unfortunately she crossed paths with the German submarine (U-432) off the East Coast of the United States near Ocean City, Maryland, and was sunk by torpedo fire. All hands were lost.

Figure 14: Bruce Helm's Navy experience on USS James E Craig - 1943-1944

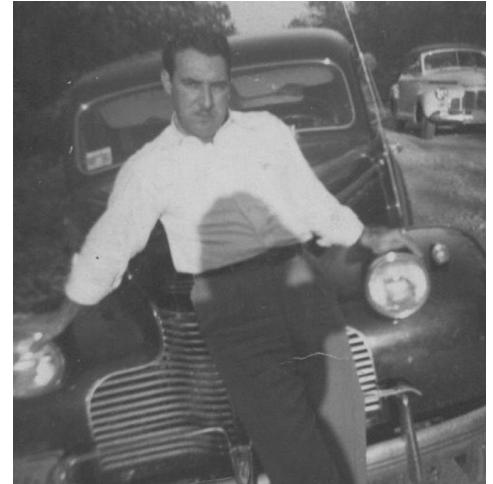


Figure 15: Bruce E. Helm in 1951

³⁷ Ancestry.com, 1920 United States Federal Census (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010), Ancestry.com, Year: 1920; Census Place: Southampton, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Roll: T625_1557; Page: 14B; Enumeration District: 42.

³⁸ Ancestry.com, U.S. World War II Navy Muster Rolls, 1938-1949 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2011), Ancestry.com, National Archives at College Park; College Park, Maryland, United States; Muster Rolls of U.S. Navy Ships, Stations, and Other Naval Activities, 01/01/1939 - 01/01/1949; Record Group: 24, Records of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, 1798 - 2007; Series ARC ID.



Figure 16: Bruce E. Helm (on right) with son Stephen Helm and grandsons



Figure 17: Bruce E. Helm headstone



Figure 18: Bruce Helm headstone visited by his son, George Reed * - April 2019

* Co-creator of this booklet.



Figure 19: Ridge Church of the Brethren cemetery near Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Bruce E. Helm
 Bruce E. Helm, 58, of 3895 North Front St., Harrisburg, died Tuesday, June 29, at 1:30 p.m., as the result of a highway accident on Interstate 80, one mile west of the Iowa 1 Interchange.

Authorities say Helm was traveling east in a semi-trailer truck when it apparently crossed the median on the highway just north of Iowa City and crashed head-on into a car driven by Michael Guzak, Fort Pierce, Fla. The truck also struck another car. Seven other persons were injured as a result of the crash.

Helm was born on Nov. 15, 1917, in Shippensburg. He was the son of Bruce M. and Elva Jones Helm.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 1001, Harrisburg, and the Teamsters Union Local 776. Helm was employed by the Truall Trucking Company of Middletown.

He is survived by his widow, Lella Helm, Chambersburg; his father, Bruce M. Helm of Camp Hill; two sons, Steven W. Helm, Shippensburg R. D. 1, and Ted Helm, 477½ East King St., Shippensburg; two daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Janet) Lloyd, Carlisle, and Mrs. Gene (Betty) Burkholder, Chambersburg.

Also, three brothers, Norman Helm, Chambersburg; Wilbur Helm, Shippensburg R. D. 2 and Don Helm, Maryland; three sisters, Mrs. Carl Gsell, Camp Hill; Mrs. Bryce Naugle, Shippensburg R. D. 2, and Mrs. Paul Durf, Walnut Bottom.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. from the J. William Barbour Funeral Home, 142 East King St., Shippensburg, with Rev. Perry Liske officiating. Interment will be in the Ridge Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday evening.

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Figure 20: Bruce E. Helm obituary

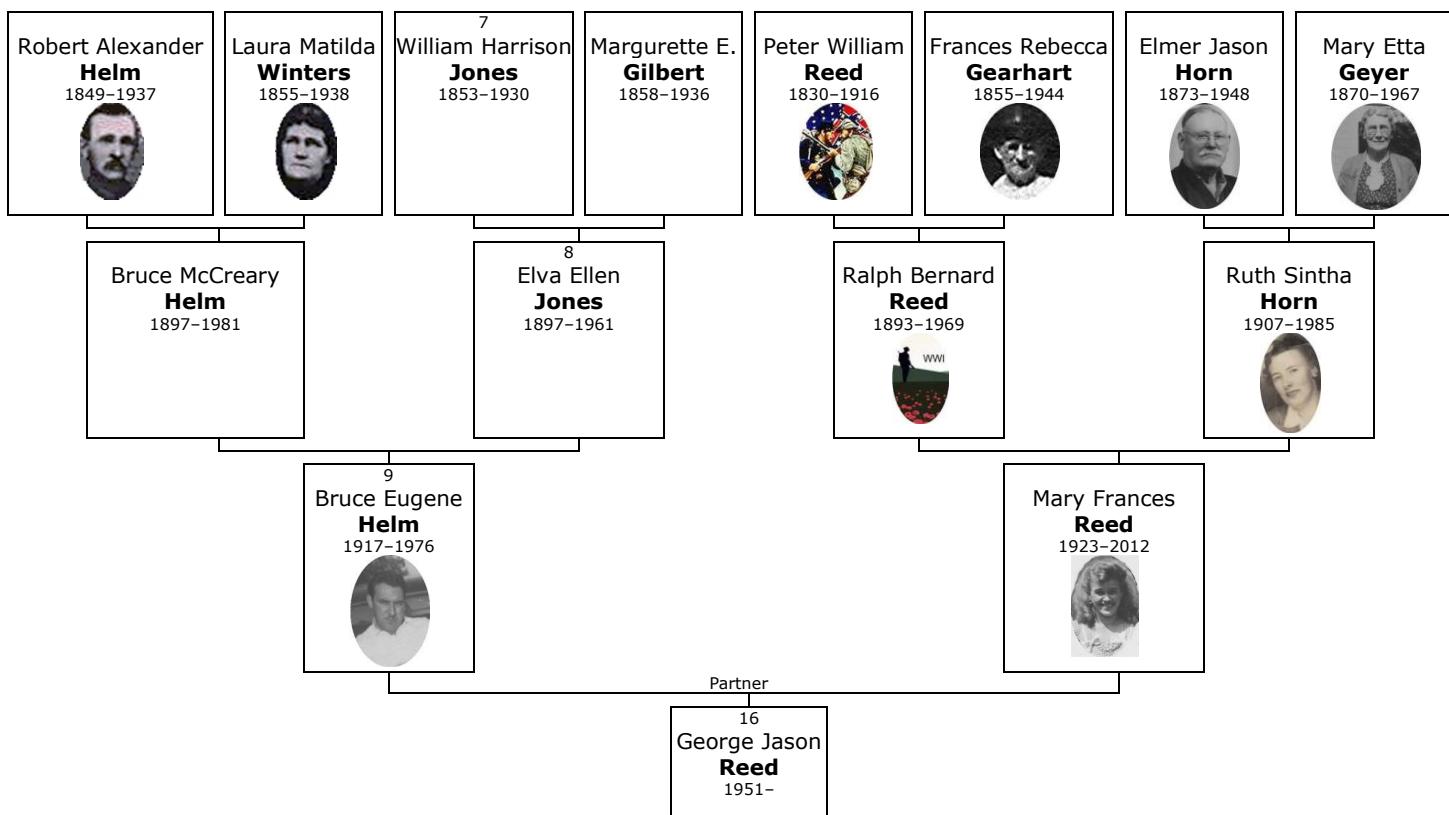
MUSTER ROLL OF THE CREW
 of the U. S. S. JAMES E. CRAIG (HE-2011)
 for the quarter ending 31 March 1944

NAME	GRADE NUMBER (Classification number and rate or position for enlisted men)	PRESENT RATING	DATE OF ENLISTMENT			Date first reported on board
			Day	Month	Year	
Helm, Bruce Eugene	620 74 65	Se2 USNR	4	June	43	11-1-43
Hicks, George Edward	137 40 98	Se1c USNR	9	Oct.	40	do
Hicks, Robert Martin	622 45 44	Se2c USNR	29	Dec.	41	do
Hill, Roy Elmer	835 15 86	Pr2 USNR	11	June	43	do
Hodge, Elie Franklin	359 68 98	Se1c USNR	21	Nov.	41	do
Houston, William Mangan	666 57 21	WT3c USNR	15	Sept.	42	do
Hugh, Richard (in)	666 28 74	Se2c USNR	13	Feb.	43	do
Huff, Lamont Stetson	801 95 22	Se2c USNR	5	May	43	do
Humphrey, Bruce (in)	301 17 13	Se2c USNR	2	March	43	do
Capate, Crazio Stephen	601 21 30	Se2c USNR	15	Dec.	42	do
Fox, Orlando Carlos	205 15 19	Se1c USNR	6	Nov.	42	do
Garrison, Roy Wesley	630 78 28	Se1c USNR	30	Oct.	42	do
Geffers, James Howard	832 72 47	Se2c USNR	15	April	43	do
Gessling, Frank (in)	811 02 71	Se2c USNR	20	May	43	do
Gibson, Russell Eugene	850 74 24	Se2c USNR	4	March	43	do
Johnson, Raymond Edward	753 09 55	Se2c USNR	5	June	43	1-3-44
Jones, Frederick Robert	607 56 28	WT2c USNR	17	Aug.	42	11-1-43
King, George (in)	859 41 20	Se1c USNR	26	May	43	do
Karnowki, John Albert	457 65 92	Se2c USNR	19	June	43	do
Ladd, Robert James	640 00 23	Se2c USNR	3	June	41	do
Leibner, Lawrence Ambrose	710 49 49	Se2c USNR	14	Dec.	42	do
Reoli, Demon Stanislaus	858 71 34	Se1c USNR	1	June	43	do
Rubel, Norman Bartell	809 32 39	Se2c USNR	13	Feb.	43	do
Slack, Walter Francis	707 43 72	Se2c USNR	30	Sept.	42	do
Slack, George Warren	830 04 03	Se1c USNR	17	June	43	do
Landis, Eugene (in)	852 54 02	Se2c USNR	25	Feb.	43	do
Lapachuk, Andrew James	244 16 58	Se1c USNR	23	July	42	do
Linson, Seymour (in)	655 28 42	WT2c USNR	2	Oct.	42	do
Lipton, Harry (in)	607 38 36	WT2c USNR	4	Aug.	42	do
Laurentian, Julius Alex	266 29 73	WT2c USNR	22	Dec.	41	do
Lyons, John Michael	655 04 01	Y3c USNR	31	Aug.	42	do
McKenna, William Joseph	709 17 53	Se2c USNR	22	Feb.	42	do
Macpherson, Harold William	365 35 31	WT2c (SA)	2	April	42	do
Matto, Dominick Joseph	800 09 50	WT2c USNR	22	Feb.	43	do

Figure 21: U.S. World War II Navy Muster Rolls, 1938-1949; listing Bruce Eugene Helm;

National Archives at College Park; College Park, Maryland, United States; Muster Rolls of U.S. Navy Ships, Stations, and Other Naval Activities, 01/01/1939 - 01/01/1949; Record Group: 24, Records of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, 1798 - 2007; Series ARC ID

Bruce Helm and Mary Reed



Here are the details about **Bruce Eugene Helm's** relationship with Mary Frances Reed.

Bruce Eugene Helm was partnered with **Mary Frances Reed**. They had one son: George.

Mary was born at home at 330 Center Street in Chambersburg, PA, on Friday, November 2, 1923. She was the daughter of Ralph Bernard Reed and Ruth Sintha Horn. Of note is that Mary's father Ralph served as a Sergeant in the Army during World War I, and her grandfather Peter served in the Union Army during America's Civil War.

She was educated in Chambersburg, Franklin County, PA, between 1937 and 1940 (graduated from Chambersburg High School).^[39] Mary reached 88 years of age and died at the Mercy McAuley Nursing Home in Urbana, OH, on September 23, 2012. She was buried in the Milford Center Cemetery in Milford Center, Union County, OH, on September 27, 2012.

Son of Bruce Eugene Helm and Mary Frances Reed:

+ 16 m I. **George Jason Reed** was born in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, PA, on November 11, 1951.^[40]



Figure 22: Mary Reed birthplace at 330 Center St, Chambersburg, PA



Figure 23: A young Mary Reed ~ 1927

³⁹ Ancestry.com, U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-1999 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010), Ancestry.com, Chambersburg (PA) High School Yearbook, dated 1940, page 77. Mary Reed is pictured in the first seat on the left in row 1.

⁴⁰ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Birth Certificates, 1906-1911 (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015), Ancestry.com, PA Birth Certificate No. 347700. File No. 201594-51, Primary District No. 21-06-83. George Jason Reed; date of birth 11-11-1951; Shippensburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.



Figure 24: Mary Reed in 1954



Figure 25: Everett & Mary (Reed) Holt headstone at the Milford Center Cemetery in Milford Center, Union County, OH

Mary Holt Obituary

Mrs. Mary Frances Holt, 88, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, died at 11:10 PM Sunday at the McAuley Center Nursing Home, Urbana, Ohio. She had suffered a stroke in November 2011 and rehabilitation was unsuccessful to return her to an independent living setting she so longed for.

She was born November 2, 1923, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Ralph and Ruth (Horn) Reed. She was the widow of Everett C. Holt, who preceded her in death on November 19, 1992.

She was a member of the Caldwell Memorial United Methodist Church of Irwin, Ohio, for the past 35 years.

Surviving are two sons, Scotty R. (Marsha) Reed of West Farmington, Ohio, and George J. (Terrie) Reed of Woodstown, New Jersey; twelve grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister-in-law, Ms. Jean Holt of Irwin, Ohio. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sally A. Holt.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM Wednesday, September 26, 2012 in the Skillman, McDonald & Vernon Funeral Home, Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Thursday in the funeral home with the Reverend Hoon Park officiating. Burial will be performed at the Milford Center Cemetery in Milford Center, Ohio.

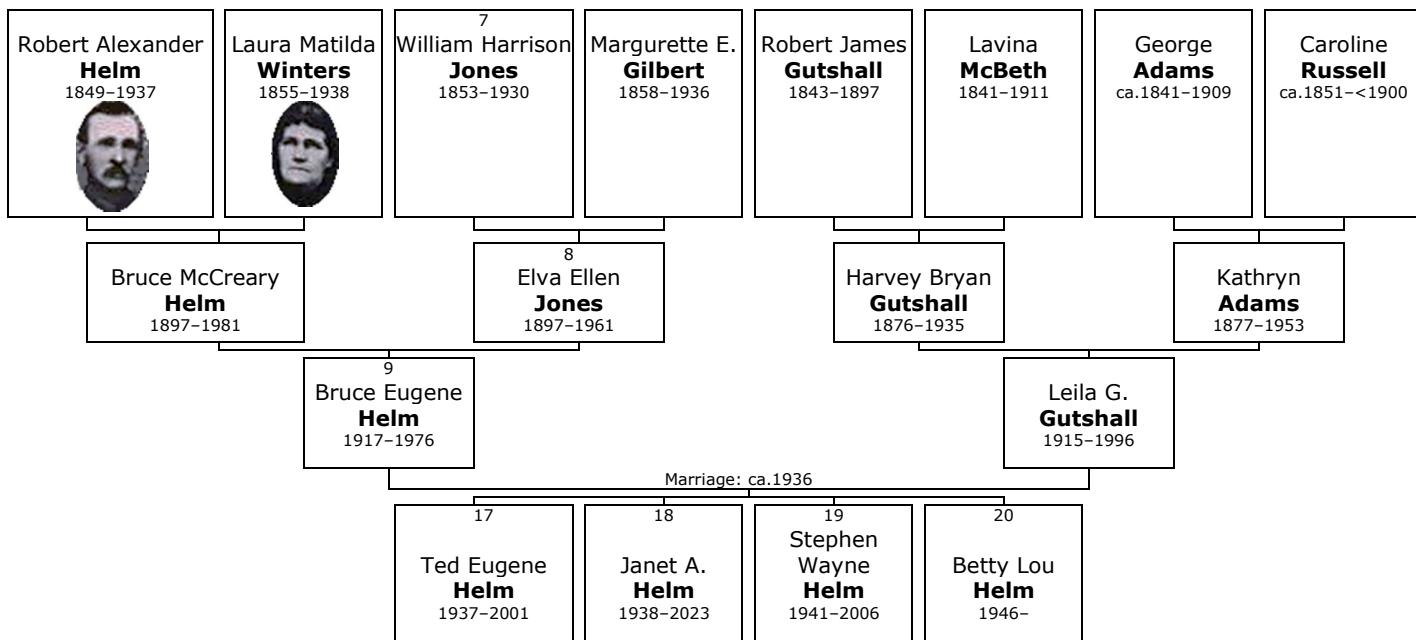
In lieu of flowers, donations to the Caldwell Memorial United Methodist Church 24277 St. Rte. 161, Irwin, Ohio 43029 is preferred. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.vernonfh.com

Figure 26: Mary Holt obituary



Figure 27: Mary Reed with son George and mother Ruth (Horn) Reed in 1952 at a restaurant run by George Tanneyhill in Darien, Georgia

Family of Bruce Helm and Leila Gutshall



Here are the details about **Bruce Eugene Helm's** relationship with Leila G. Gutshall.

Bruce Eugene Helm married **Leila G. Gutshall** about 1936 in Franklin County, PA. They had four children: Ted, Janet, Stephen and Betty.

Leila was born in Southampton Township, Cumberland County, PA, on Friday, March 12, 1915.^[41] She was the daughter of Harvey Bryan Gutshall and Kathryn Adams.

Her religious affiliation was Attended the First Assembly of God Church, Shippensburg. Leila worked and retired from the Marden Clothing Factory with more than 40 years of service in 1977.

Leila had previously been married to Harold Jacoby (1910-2000) and they had a daughter, Patricia Jacoby, who was born July 26, 1934. She has since passed in 2018.

Leila reached 81 years of age and died in the Health Care Center, Shippensburg, PA, on April 10, 1996. She was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Shippensburg, PA, on April 13, 1996.

More facts and events for Leila G. Gutshall:

Residence: 1920 Southampton, Cumberland, Pennsylvania, USA^[41]

Relation to Head: Daughter; Residence Marital Status: Single

Children of Bruce Eugene Helm and Leila G. Gutshall:

+ 17 m	I. Ted Eugene Helm was born in Southampton Township, Cumberland County, PA, on May 19, 1937. He died in Shippensburg, PA, on October 14, 2001, at the age of 64. Ted was buried in Ridge Church of the Brethren cemetery on October 18, 2001.
+ 18 f	II. Janet A. Helm was born in Cleversburg, PA, on August 12, 1938. She died in Carlisle, PA, on March 18, 2023, at the age of 84. Janet was buried in Carlisle, Cumberland County, PA, on March 24, 2023.
+ 19 m	III. Stephen Wayne Helm was born in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, PA, on February 17, 1941. He died in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, PA, on February 10, 2006, at the age of 64. Stephen was buried in Cumberland County, PA, on February 13, 2006.
+ 20 f	IV. Betty Lou Helm was born in Shippensburg, PA, on November 26, 1946. She is also known as Betts .

⁴¹ Ancestry.com, 1920 United States Federal Census (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010), Ancestry.com, Year: 1920; Census Place: Southampton, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Roll: T625_1557; Page: 15A; Enumeration District: 42.

Leila G. Helm

Leila G. Helm, 81, of 215 E. King St., Shippensburg, died Wednesday, April 10, 1996, in the Shippensburg Health Care Center.

Born March 12, 1915, in Southampton Township, Franklin County, she was a daughter of the late Harvey and Kathryn Adams Gutshall.

She attended the First Assembly of God Church, Shippensburg.

She retired from the Marden Clothing Factory in 1977 with more than 40 years of service, and was a member of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union.

She is survived by two sons, Ted E. Helm of Newburg, and Stephen W. Helm of Shippensburg; four daughters, Patricia A. (Mrs. William F. Jr.) Washinger of Shippensburg, Janet Lloyd

or Shippensburg, Janet Lloyd of Carlisle, Betty L. Burkholder of Fayetteville, and Judy K. Helm of Chambersburg; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 13, in the Fogelsanger-Bricker Funeral Home Inc. The Rev. Howard Beaver officiated. Burial was in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania, 4813 Jonestown Road, Suite 101, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

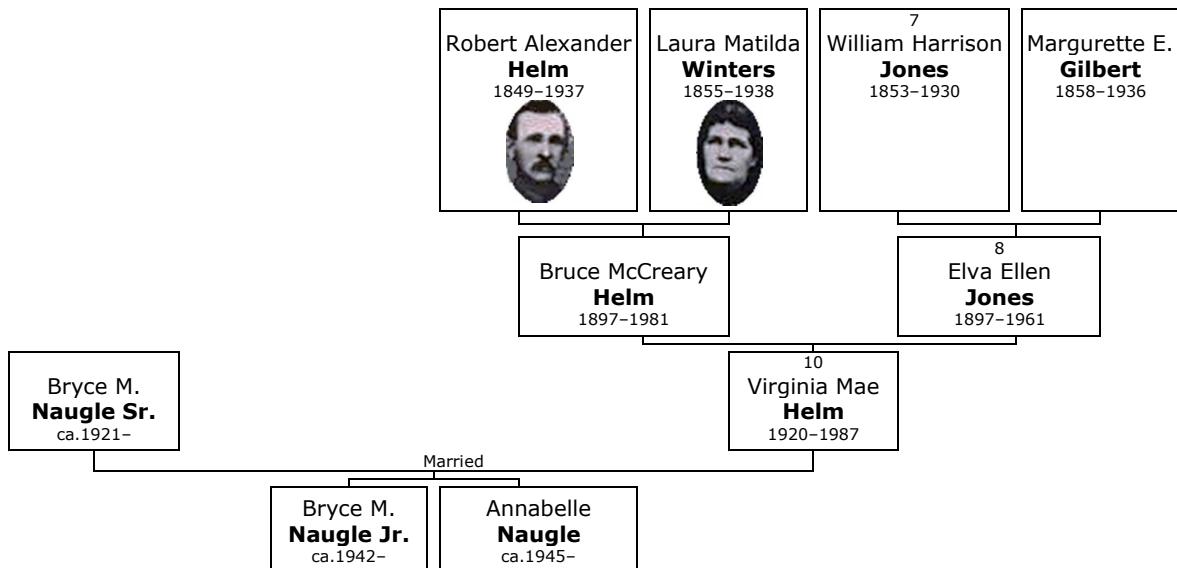
4 - News-Chronicle, Shippensburg Monday, April 15, 1996



Ted, Patricia and Stephen Helm

Figure 28: Leila Helm obituary

Family of Virginia Helm and Bryce Naugle



10. **Virginia Mae Helm** (*Elva Ellen*⁸ *Jones*, *William Harrison*⁷, *John*⁴, *Catharine*³ *Meiser*, *Johann John*², *Johann Michael*¹) was born on Wednesday, June 30, 1920, in Cumberland County, PA.^[42] She was the daughter of Bruce McCreary Helm and Elva Ellen Jones (8).

Virginia died in Cumberland County, PA, on January 14, 1987, at the age of 66.

More facts and events for Virginia Mae Helm:

Residence: 1950 Southampton, Cumberland County, PA
Relation to Head: Wife; Marital Status: Married

She married **Bryce M. Naugle Sr.** They had two children: Bryce and Annabelle.

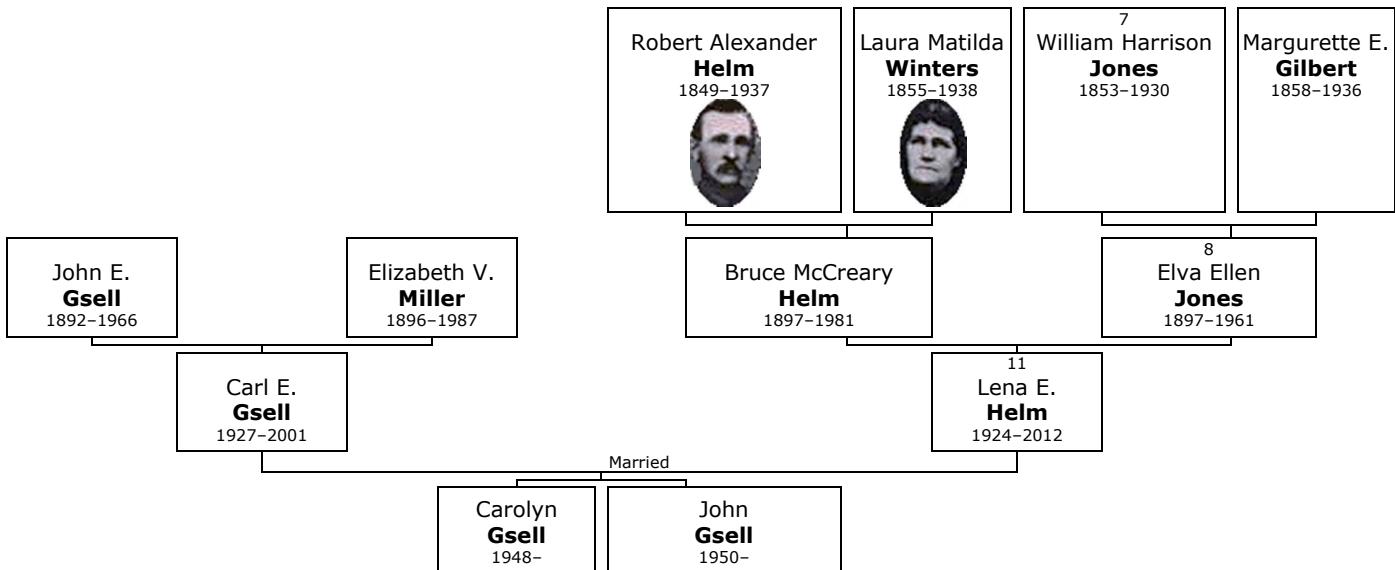
Bryce M. was born in PA about 1921.^[42]

Children of Virginia Mae Helm and Bryce M. Naugle Sr.:

m I. **Bryce M. Naugle Jr.** was born in PA about 1942.
f II. **Annabelle Naugle** was born in PA about 1945.

⁴² Ancestry.com, 1950 United States Federal Census (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2022), Ancestry.com, United States of America, Bureau of the Census; Washington, D.C.; Seventeenth Census of the United States, 1950; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790-2007; Record Group Number: 29; Residence Date: 1950; Home in 1950: Southampton, Cumberland.

Family of Lena Helm and Carl Gsell



11. **Lena E. Helm** (*Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Wednesday, November 5, 1924, in Cumberland County, PA. She was the daughter of Bruce McCreary Helm and Elva Ellen Jones (8).

Lena died in Camp Hill, Cumberland County, PA, on November 25, 2012, at the age of 88.

She married **Carl E. Gsell**. They had two children: Carolyn and John.

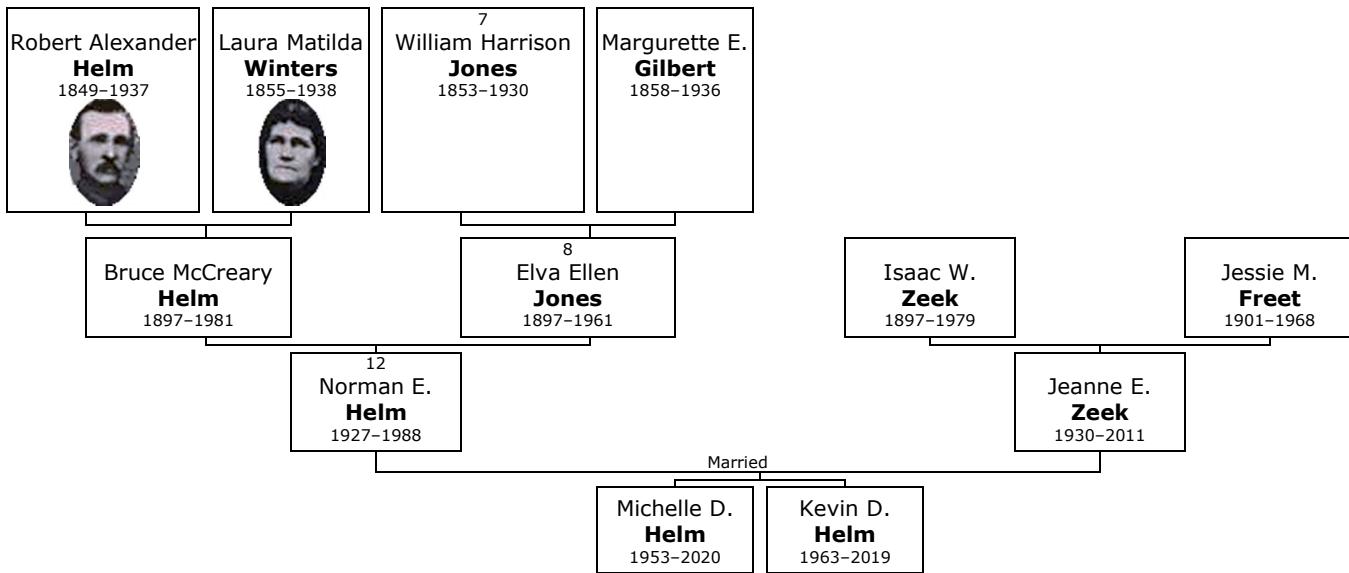
Carl was born in Franklin County, PA, on Sunday, June 26, 1927. He was the son of John E. Gsell and Elizabeth V. Miller.

Carl reached 74 years of age and died in Camp Hill, Cumberland County, PA, on October 17, 2001.

Children of Lena E. Helm and Carl E. Gsell:

f I. **Carolyn Gsell** was born in PA in 1948.
m II. **John Gsell** was born in PA in 1950.

Family of Norman Helm and Jeanne Zeek



12. **Norman E. Helm** (*Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Monday, January 10, 1927, in Cumberland County, PA. He was the son of Bruce McCreary Helm and Elva Ellen Jones (8).

Norman died in Chambersburg, Franklin County, PA, on December 1, 1988, at the age of 61.

He married **Jeanne E. Zeek**. They had two children: Michelle and Kevin.

Jeanne was born in Franklin County, PA, on Saturday, May 10, 1930. She was the daughter of Isaac W. Zeek and Jessie M. Freet.

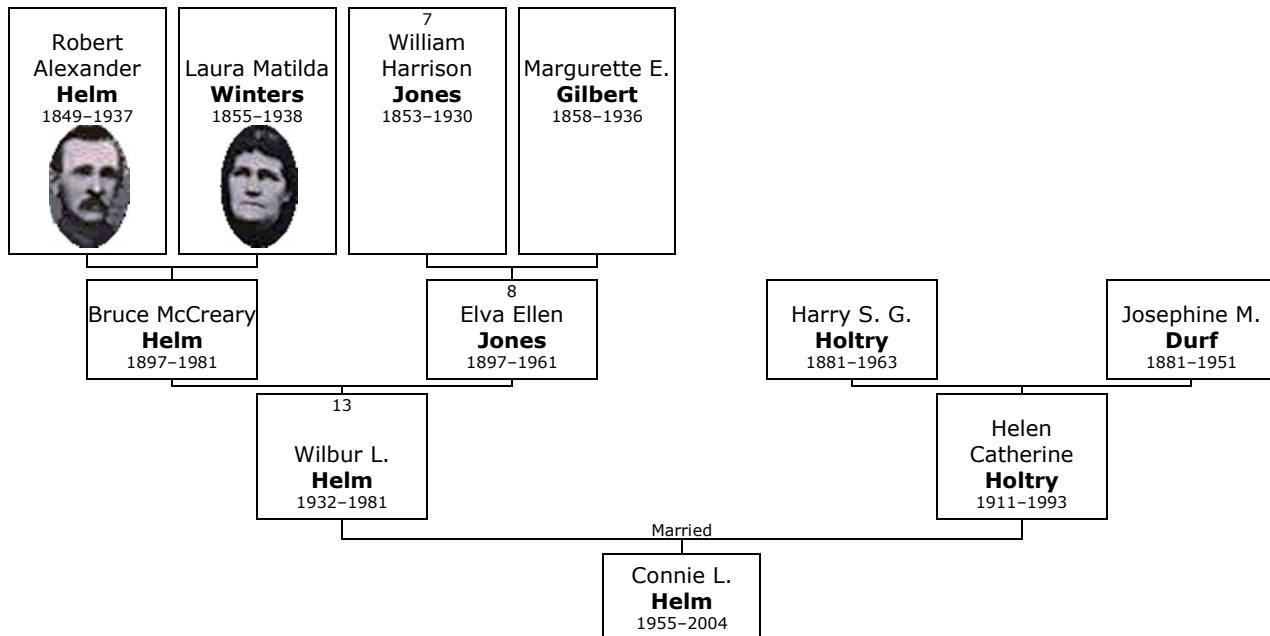
Jeanne reached 81 years of age and died in Chambersburg, PA, on September 11, 2011.

Children of Norman E. Helm and Jeanne E. Zeek:

f I. **Michelle D. Helm** was born in PA in 1953. She died in PA in 2020 at the age of 67.

m II. **Kevin D. Helm** was born in PA in 1963. He died in PA in 2019 at the age of 56.

Family of Wilbur Helm and Helen Holtry



13. Wilbur L. Helm (*Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born in 1932 in Cumberland County, PA. He was the son of Bruce McCreary Helm and Elva Ellen Jones (8).

Wilbur died in Conrail's Rutherford Yards, Dauphin County, PA, in 1981 at the age of 49.

He married **Helen Catherine Holtry**. They had one daughter: Connie.

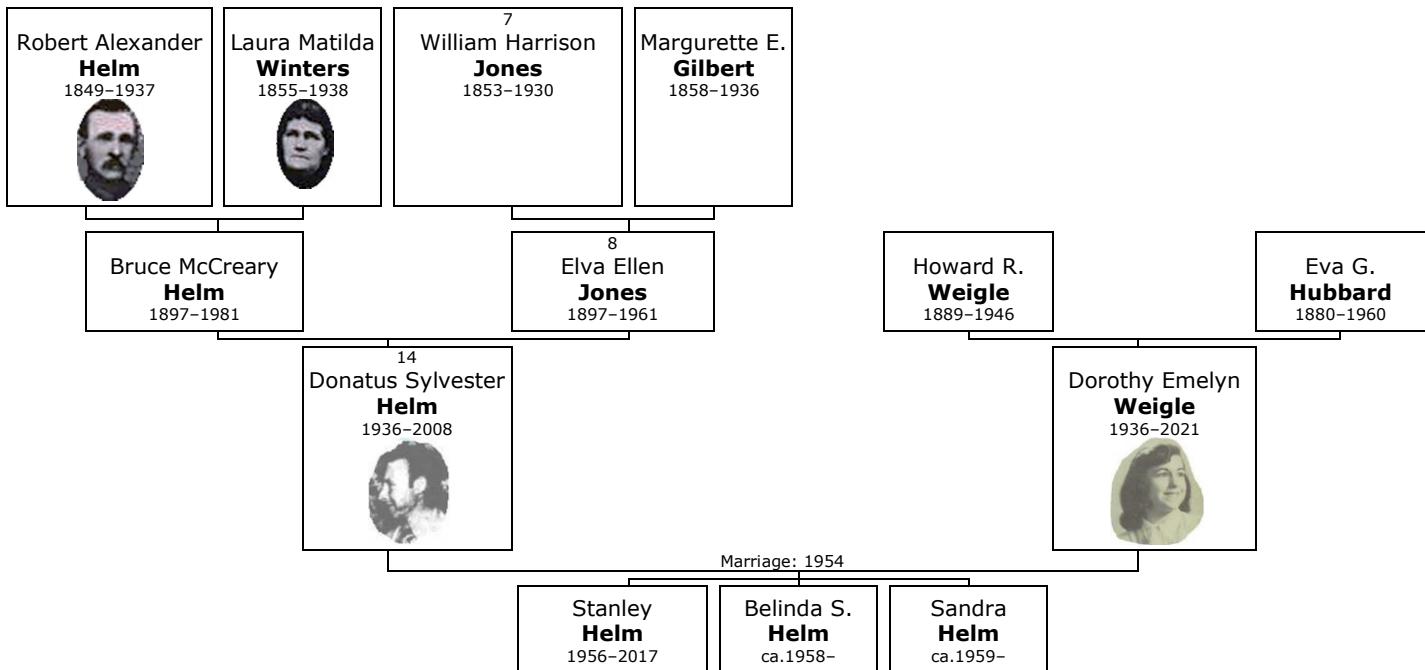
Helen was born in Cumberland County, PA, on Saturday, December 23, 1911. She was the daughter of Harry S. G. Holtry and Josephine M. Durf.

Helen reached 81 years of age and died in Shippensburg, PA, on April 4, 1993.

Daughter of Wilbur L. Helm and Helen Catherine Holtry:

f I. **Connie L. Helm** was born in PA in 1955. She died in PA in 2004 at the age of 49.

Family of Donatus Helm and Dorothy Weigle



14. **Donatus Sylvester Helm** (*Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Monday, July 13, 1936, in Cleversburg, Cumberland County, PA. He was the son of Bruce McCreary Helm and Elva Ellen Jones (8). He was also known as **Don Helm**.

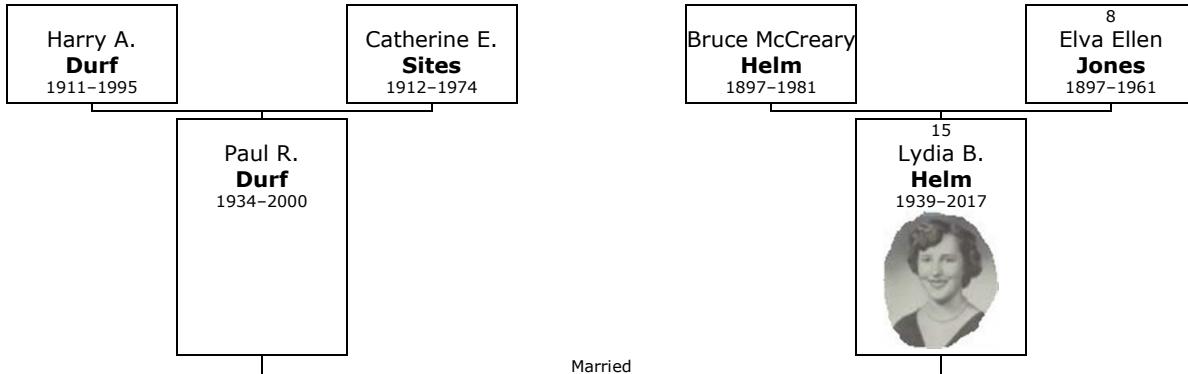
Donatus died in Orlando, FL, on December 8, 2008, at the age of 72. At the age of 18, Donatus married **Dorothy Emelyn Weigle** on Thursday, July 15, 1954, in PA when she was 18 years old. They had three children: Stanley, Belinda and Sandra.

Dorothy was born in Hillsboro, OR, on Tuesday, July 7, 1936. She was the daughter of Howard R. Weigle and Eva G. Hubbard. Dorothy reached 84 years of age and died in Chambersburg, PA, on March 11, 2021.

Children of Donatus Sylvester Helm and Dorothy Emelyn Weigle:

- m I. **Stanley Helm** was born in Carlisle, PA, on August 9, 1956. He died in Carlisle, PA, on June 26, 2017, at the age of 60.
- f II. **Belinda S. Helm** was born in PA about 1958.
- f III. **Sandra Helm** was born in PA about 1959.

Family of Lydia Helm and Paul Durf



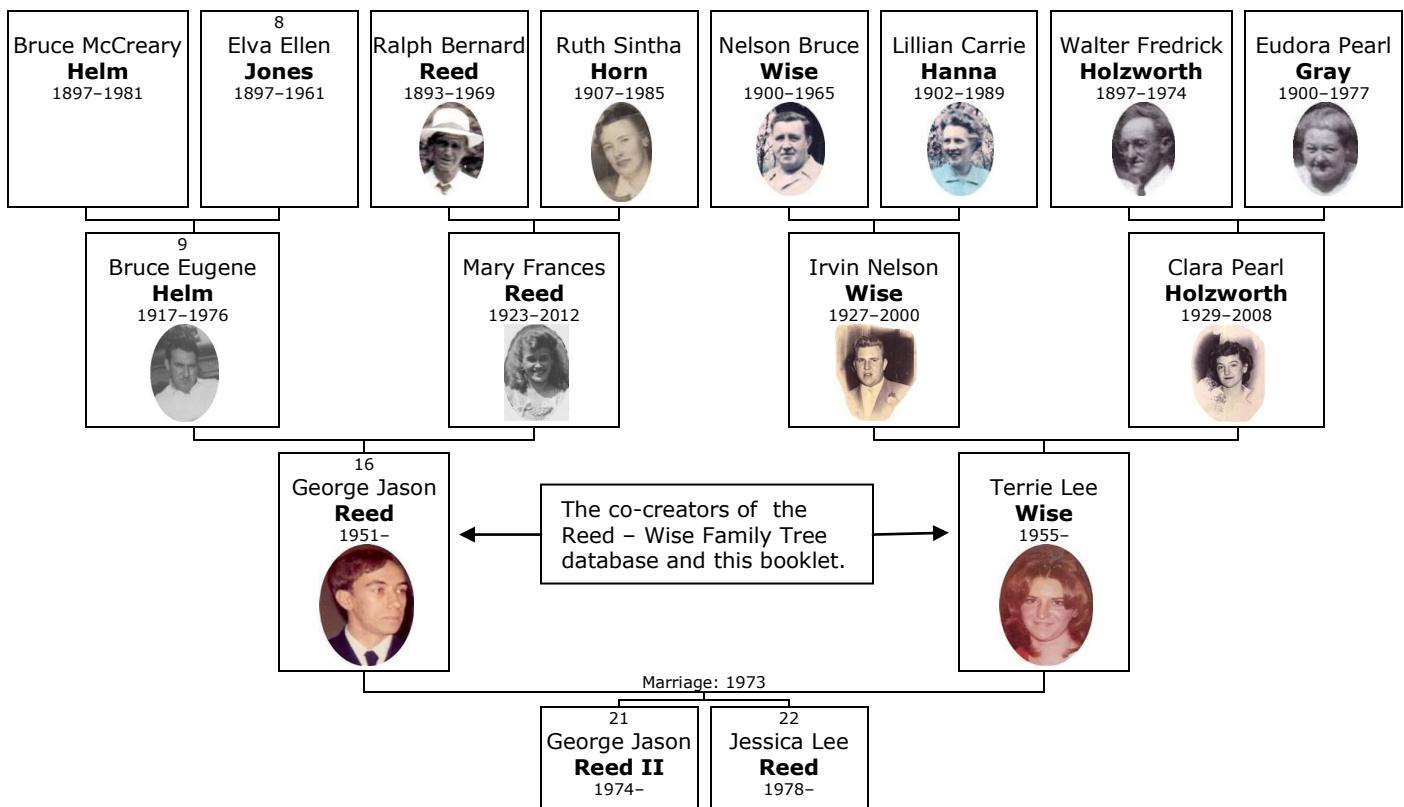
15. **Lydia B. Helm** (*Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Tuesday, March 21, 1939, in Cumberland County, PA. She was the daughter of Bruce McCreary Helm and Elva Ellen Jones (8).

Lydia died in Shippensburg, PA, on April 19, 2017, at the age of 78. She married **Paul R. Durf**. They had no known children. Paul was born in Newville, Cumberland County, PA, on Tuesday, April 17, 1934. He was the son of Harry A. Durf and Catherine E. Sites.

Paul reached 66 years of age and died in Greencastle, Franklin County, PA, on December 11, 2000.

7th Generation

Family of George Reed and Terrie Wise



16. **George Jason Reed** (*Bruce Eugene⁹ Helm, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Sunday, November 11, 1951, at his home in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, PA.^[43] He is the son of Bruce Eugene Helm (9) and Mary Frances Reed.

George worked as a Nuclear Operator/Machinist/Chemistry & Radiation Protection Technician/Engineer/QC Inspector and Nuclear Program Manager between 1972 and 2017. He served in the military and was honorably discharged in Groton, CT, in 1978; his military service information can be found on the www.navymemorial.org website.^[44]

George retired on February 1, 2017, and moved back to Altoona, Pennsylvania, to spend the remainder of his years.

More facts and events for George Jason Reed:

Fact 1: 1955 - 1968 Grew up on Circle W Farm next to Gates Mills, OH
Home of the White family who were very wealthy and associated with White Motor Company, White Sewing Machine Company, etc.

Fact 2: 1965 - 2023 Ohio - Pennsylvania
Played trumpet in high school bands; self-taught to play guitar and played in numerous bands during his life; wrote his own music and posted some for fun.

Fact 3: Jul 1972 Groton, CT^[45]
Enlisted in the Navy and served as a submariner during the Cold War and the Vietnam War until July 17, 1978.

Fact 4: 1973 Burlington County Airport in NJ^[46]
Sky dived at the Ripchord Paracenter.

⁴³ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Birth Certificates, 1906-1911 (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015), Ancestry.com, PA Birth Certificate No. 347700. File No. 201594-51, Primary District No. 21-06-83. George Jason Reed; date of birth 11-11-1951; Shippensburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

⁴⁴ "Military Records", Honorable Discharge DD-214 record. Documents U.S. Navy service of George J. Reed from July 1972 to July 1978; National Archives.

⁴⁵ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Marriages, 1852-1968 (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016), Ancestry.com.

⁴⁶ George and Terrie (Wise) Reed, , Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601, Firsthand knowledge; Ripchord Paracenter certificate of parachute jump. George J. Reed participated in a parachute jump on July 14, 1973.

Fact 5: 1983	Altoona, PA Started his own consulting company which provided services to nuclear plants around the U.S. for about 10 years.
Fact 6: 1994	Richland, WA Ended consulting work and took a management position at WNP-2, a nuclear station in the state of Washington.
Fact 7: 1997	Hancocks Bridge, NJ Left WNP-2 and went to work at Salem - Hope Creek nuclear station in New Jersey.
Fact 8: 2020 - 2022	Altoona, PA Authored and published two nonfiction books; one about his career called "Happiness is a Cool Reactor" and the other about his submarine, Billfish, called "The Real Night Order Book."
Hobbies:	Doing genealogy research with his wife Terrie, and also writing and recording his own music (some of which was posted on SoundClick.com).

At the age of 22, George married **Terrie Lee Wise** on Saturday, November 24, 1973, at the Salem United Church of Christ in Altoona, Blair County, PA, when she was 18 years old.^[47] They have two children: George II and Jessica.

Terrie was born at the Berea Hospital in Berea, Cuyahoga County, OH, on Thursday, September 22, 1955.^[48] She is the daughter of Irvin Nelson Wise and Clara Pearl Holzworth.

Terrie is known to be a kind, funny, and loving individual who has numerous friends around the country. She raised two principled public service oriented children and worked various jobs to help support the family over the years, including Sales Clerk, Librarian, and Pharmacy Technician. She also served as Corporate Secretary for Reed Consulting Services, a business that she and her husband created and operated for ten years from 1983 to 1993. She was adept at traveling and saw many landmarks, including the Grand Canyon, Meteor Crater, Mount Rushmore, the Little Bighorn, Mount Saint Helens, and numerous other historical locations around the country. She even traveled overseas, which included a month-long tour of China in 1985, as well as a cruise of the Caribbean in 1991.

More facts and events for Terrie Lee Wise:

Fact 1: April 1965	Moved from Olmsted Falls, Ohio, to Altoona, Pennsylvania, where she met her future husband.
Fact 2: 1968 - 1969	Altoona School District Received Presidential Physical Fitness Award and was a Logan School Cheerleader.
Fact 3: June 1973	Blair County, PA Graduated from Altoona Area High School.
Fact 4: 1990 - 1994	Altoona Vo-Tech Received Medical Secretary/Transcriptionist certificate and worked at the Altoona Hospital.
Fact 5: 2004 - 2014	University of Pennsylvania Medical Center in Philadelphia, PA Due to a viral heart infection, Terrie began to suffer from congestive heart failure that continued to worsen over time. Initially she received a heart pacemaker with a built-in defibrillator, which lasted for a few years; but it had to be replaced since the first one was wearing out and she wasn't high up on the transplant list. Then in October of 2013, while home alone, she had a heart attack that she survived solely as a result of the automatic action taken by her defibrillator. Luckily in the Spring of the following year, on April 1, 2014, her medical team located a replacement heart and that same day she received a heart transplant. After weeks of physical therapy, repetitive medical tests, and getting use to an extensive array of new medicines, Terrie was finally given a fairly good prognosis for the future, and so far her new heart has been working well.

Hobbies:
She was prolific at sewing and making clothes, and has also enjoyed quilting. During the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic she made dozens of masks for family and friends. Working with George she has also enjoyed genealogical research and learning about her ancestors.

⁴⁷ Clergy, Church Record; Salem United Church of Christ in Altoona, PA. Marriage certificate for George J. Reed and Terrie Wise dated November 24, 1973.

⁴⁸ Ancestry.com, Ohio, Birth Index, 1908-1998 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012), Ancestry.com, Ohio Birth Registrar No. 2225; Registration District No. 1812; in Berea, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Terrie Lee Wise; born 9-22-1955 to Irvin Nelson Wise and Clara Pearl Holzworth.

Children of George Jason Reed and Terrie Lee Wise:

+ 21 m I. **George Jason Reed II** was born in Altoona, PA, on August 26, 1974.
+ 22 f II. **Jessica Lee Reed** was born in Altoona, PA, on June 14, 1978.



Figure 29: George Reed & Terrie Wise wedding -1973



Figure 30: George & Terrie Reed (on the left) on the Great Wall of China - 1985



Figure 31: George Reed playing guitar in band during High School in Altoona, PA - 1970



Figure 32: Four generations - Clara (Holzworth) Wise holding baby Arielle Adams, Jessica (Reed) Adams, and Terrie (Wise) Reed - 1997

This is the ship George Reed served on and the boat he served on (for 4 years).



USS Truckee (AO 147)



USS Billfish (SSN 676)



This is where George & Terrie spent 3 of their 6 years - July 1972 thru July 1978 - in the US Navy.



George Reed, George Reed II & Terrie (Wise) Reed
(Your typical military family.)

Figure 33: George & Terrie Reed military service – 1972 to 1978



From 1997 to 2017, George Reed worked here at the Salem Unit 1, Salem Unit 2, and Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plant site near Hancocks Bridge, New Jersey. He served as the Quality Assurance Manager responsible for the QA and QC programs for all three units. It's the second largest nuclear station in the U.S. In the Winter and Summer months when all three units were on line, it generated over 3,750 megawatts of electricity per hour.

Figure 34: Salem & Hope Creek nuclear station where George Reed worked for 20 years

G. J. Reed pictured with the Museum's Director -



St. Marys Submarine Museum
March 14 at 11:46 AM

RECENT VISITOR - Submarine Veteran and author George Reed

This week on Wednesday 12 March 2025 we were privileged to have Submarine Veteran George Reed, who recently published a book about the USS BILLFISH, both the diesel boat (SS 286) and the nuke boat (SSN 676), visit our Museum.

George donated two copies to our Library and we thank him very much for that, and thank him for his awesome visit with us!

BZ Shipmate!

Figure 35: St Marys Submarine Museum post on Facebook - 2025

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(Fee for this certificate, \$1.00)

This is to Certify, That the following is a correct certification of birth as filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Primary Dist. No. 21-06-83
File No. 201594-51
No. 347700
Registered No. 32
Date Filed 11 19 51

1. PLACE OF BIRTH
County CUMBERLAND
Township SHIPPENSBURG
Borough
City

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH
Date Filed 11 19 51

2. Full Name of Child
GEORGE JASON REED

3. Date of Birth 11 11 , 1951
(Month, Day, Year)

Secretary of Health
C. L. Willard Jr.
SEP 4 1958
Date

Do not accept this certification unless the raised seal of the Department of Health is affixed hereon.

Figure 37: George Reed birth certificate

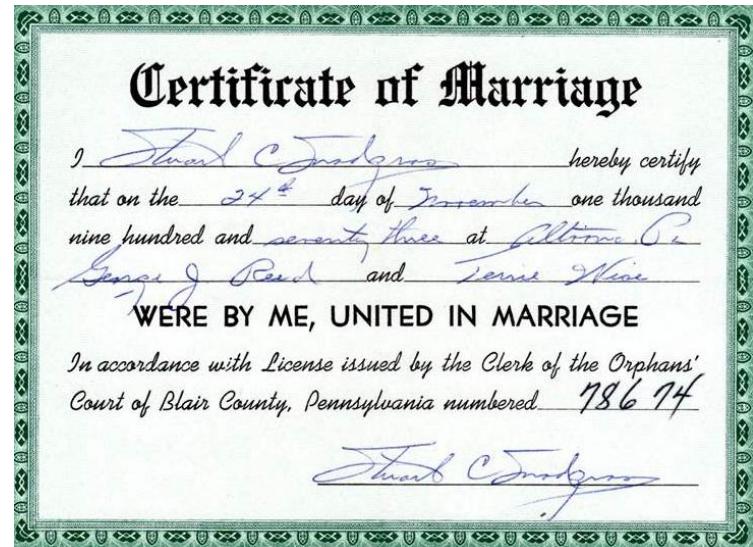


Figure 36: George Reed & Terrie Wise Marriage Certificate

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH
Reg. No. 2025
Birth No. 134

1. PLACE OF BIRTH
a. COUNTY 1812
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write BIRTHING place and give township)
c. VILLAGE BEREAL
d. HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER (Where does mother live?)
a. STATE Ohio
b. COUNTY Cuyahoga

3. CHILD'S NAME
a. (First) Terrie
b. (Middle) Lee
c. (Last) Wise

4. SEX F
5. THIS BIRTH
a. (First) Irvin
b. (Middle) Nelson
c. (Last) Wise
white

6. IF TWIN OR TRIPLET (This child born)
1st
2nd
3rd

7. FATHER OF CHILD
a. (First) Irvin
b. (Middle) Nelson
c. (Last) Wise
white

8. AGE (At time of this birth)
28
YEARS
9. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country)
Altoona, Pa.
10. JEWISH OCCUPATION
Plasterer
11. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
V. W. Banks

12. MOTHER OF CHILD
a. (First) Clara
b. (Middle) Pearl
c. (Last) Holzworth
white

13. COLOR OR RACE
white

14. AGE (At time of this birth)
25
YEARS
15. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country)
Berea, Ohio

16. CHILDREN PREVIOUSLY BORN TO THIS MOTHER (Do NOT include this child)
a. How many OTHER children were born alive but are now dead?
1
b. How many children are now living?
0

17. INFORMANT'S NAME OR SIGNATURE
Clara Pearl Wise
I hereby certify that this child was born alive on the date above stated at 6:21 A.M.

18. SIGNATURE
C. L. Willard Jr.
Date 9-29-55

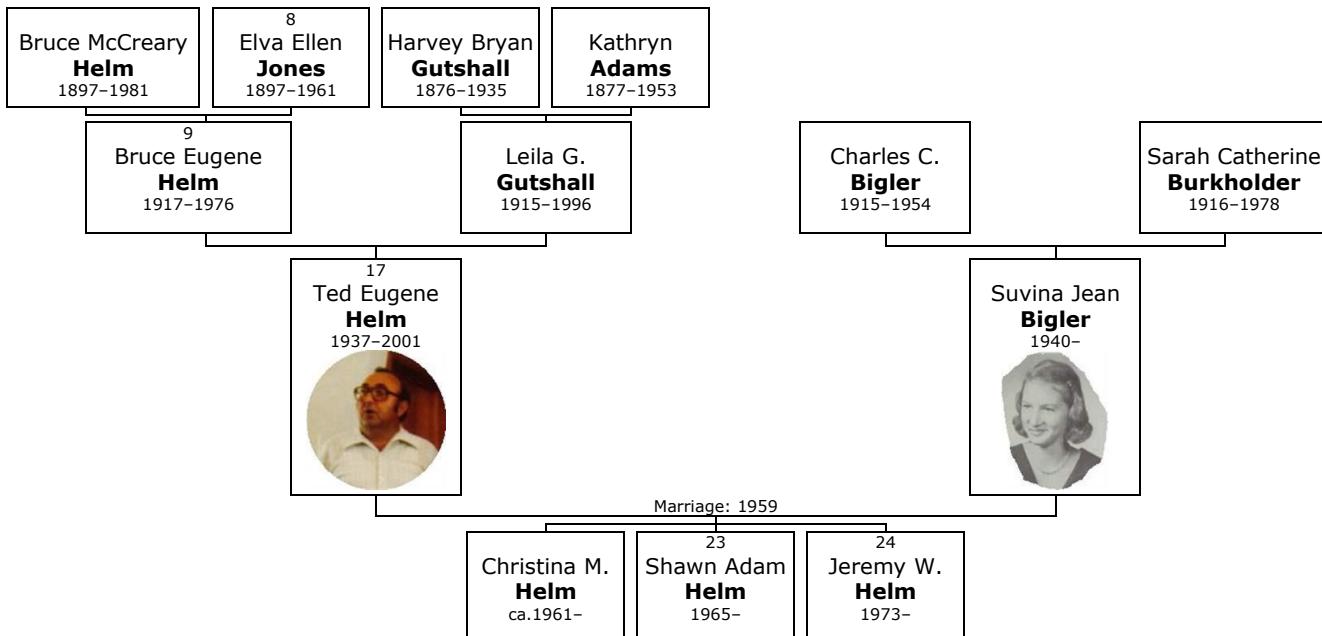
19. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REC 9-29-55

20. MEDICAL SIGNATURE
E. R. Geeskenbush
Date 5/3/55

21. DATE SEROLOGIC TEST FOR SYPHILIS

Figure 38: Terrie Wise birth certificate

Family of Ted Helm and Suvina Bigler



17. **Ted Eugene Helm** (*Bruce Eugene⁹, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Wednesday, May 19, 1937, in Southampton Township, Cumberland County, PA. He was the son of Bruce Eugene Helm (9) and Leila G. Gutshall.

Ted served in the US Navy during the Korean War and was overseas in 1958. He died in his home in Shippensburg, PA, on October 14, 2001, at the age of 64. Ted was buried in Ridge Church of the Brethren cemetery on October 18, 2001.

At the age of 21, Ted married **Suvina Jean Bigler** on Friday, March 13, 1959, in Franklin County, PA, when she was 18 years old.^[49] They had three children: Christina, Shawn and Jeremy.

Suvina was born in Newburg, PA, on Friday, August 9, 1940. She is the daughter of Charles C. Bigler and Sarah Catherine Burkholder.

Children of Ted Eugene Helm and Suvina Jean Bigler:

f	I. Christina M. Helm was born in Shippensburg, PA, about 1961.
+ 23	II. Shawn Adam Helm was born in Shippensburg, PA, on August 2, 1965.
+ 24	III. Jeremy W. Helm was born in Shippensburg, PA, on September 1, 1973.

4 - News-Chronicle, Shippensburg Friday, Oct. 19, 2001



Figure 39: Ted E. Helm headstone

Ted E. Helm Shippensburg

Ted E. Helm, 64, of 70 Mount Rock Road, Lot 116, Shippensburg, died Sunday morning, Oct. 14, 2001, at his home.

Born May 19, 1937, in Southampton Township, Cumberland County, he was a son of the late Bruce and Leila Gutshall Helm.

For 25 years he was a store manager in Harrisburg for the former Food Fair grocery stores. He was also a former Washington National Life Insurance agent. Prior to his illness, he worked for D&L Gulf, Shippensburg.

Mr. Helm was a U.S.

Mr. Helm was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of the Ridge Church of the Brethren and Oscar M. Hykes American Legion Post 223, Shippensburg.

He is survived by two sons, Shawn A. Helm and Jeremy W. Helm, both of Shippensburg; one daughter, Christina M. Helm of Chicago, Ill.; one brother, Steve Helm of Shippensburg; four sisters, Patricia (Mrs. William Jr.) Washington of Shippensburg.

burg, Janet Lloyd of Carlisle, Betty (Mrs. Ellis) Fox of Fayetteville and Judy Helm of Chambersburg; three grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday in the Ridge Church of the Brethren. The Rev. Harold E. Yeager officiated. Burial was in Ridge Cemetery, Hopewell Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, Professional Arts Building, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Fogelsanger-Bricker Funeral Home Inc., Shippensburg.

Figure 40: Ted E. Helm obituary

⁴⁹ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Marriages, 1852-1968 (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016), Ancestry.com.

Janet Helm

18. **Janet A. Helm** (*Bruce Eugene⁹, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Friday, August 12, 1938, in Cleversburg, PA. She was the daughter of Bruce Eugene Helm (9) and Leila G. Gutshall.

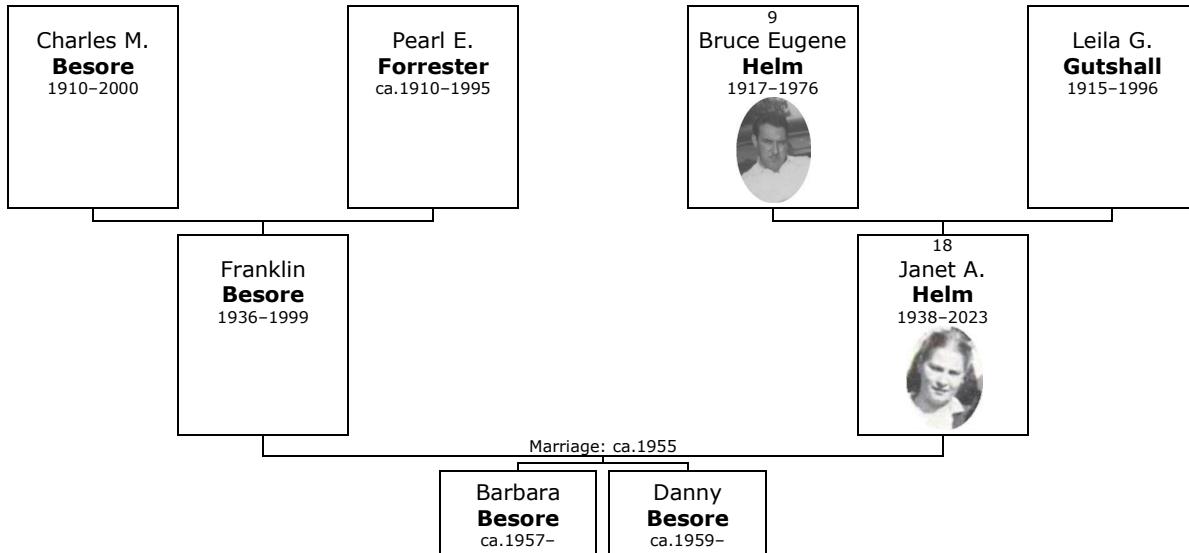
Janet died in Carlisle, PA, on March 18, 2023, at the age of 84. She was buried in the Cumberland Valley Memorial Gardens cemetery in Carlisle, Cumberland County, PA, on March 24, 2023.

More facts and events for Janet A. Helm:

Residence: 1995 Carlisle, PA^[50]

Marriages with Franklin Besore and Ronnie R. Lloyd are known.

Family of Janet Helm and Franklin Besore



Here are the details about **Janet A. Helm's** first marriage with Franklin Besore.

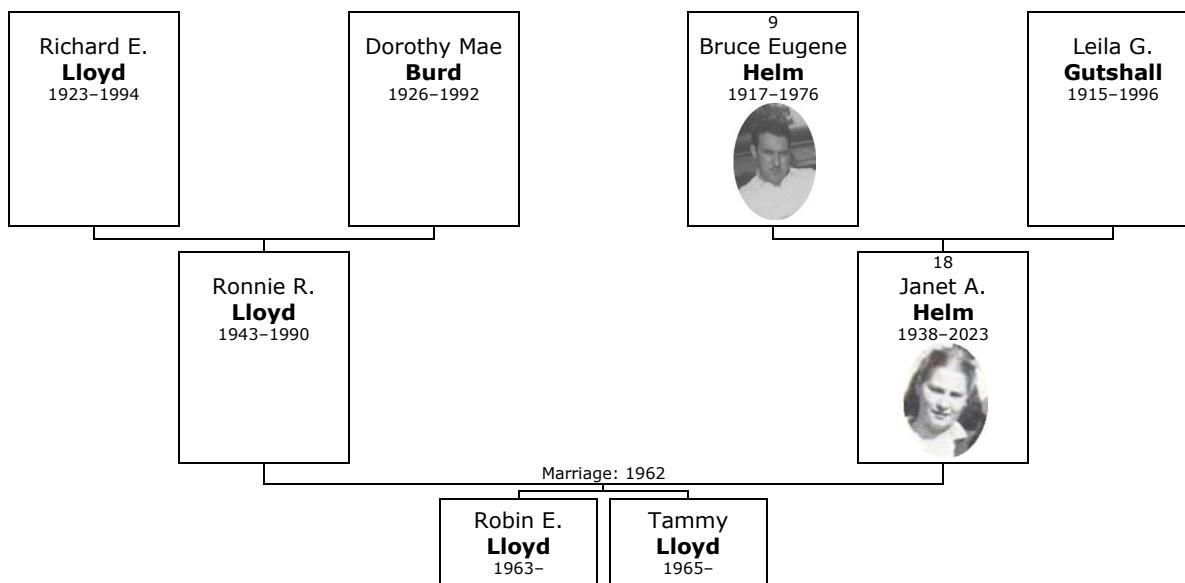
Janet A. Helm married **Franklin Besore** about 1955 in Pennsylvania. They had two children: Barbara and Danny.

Franklin was born in Franklin County, PA, in August 1936. He was the son of Charles M. Besore and Pearl E. Forrester. He was also known as **Frank**.

Franklin reached 62 years of age and died in PA in 1999.

Children of Janet A. Helm and Franklin Besore:

- f I. **Barbara Besore** was born in PA about 1957.
- m II. **Danny Besore** was born in PA about 1959.

Family of Janet Helm and Ronnie Lloyd

Here are the details about **Janet A. Helm's** second marriage with Ronnie R. Lloyd.

Janet A. Helm married **Ronnie R. Lloyd** in 1962 in Cumberland County, PA. They had two children: Robin and Tammy.

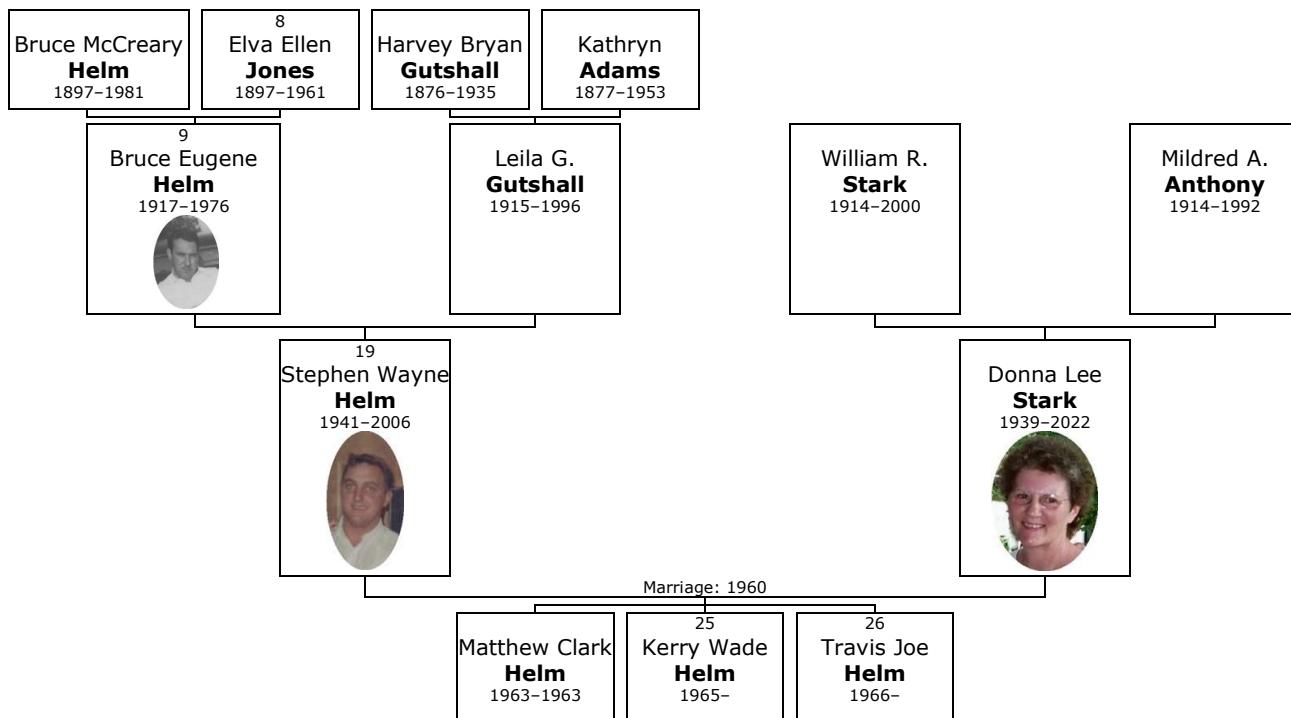
Ronnie was born in Carlisle, PA, on Thursday, March 25, 1943. He was the son of Richard E. Lloyd and Dorothy Mae Burd.

Ronnie reached 46 years of age and died in Cumberland County, PA, on February 15, 1990.

Children of Janet A. Helm and Ronnie R. Lloyd:

- m I. **Robin E. Lloyd** was born in PA on March 21, 1963.
- f II. **Tammy Lloyd** was born in PA in July 1965.

Family of Stephen Helm and Donna Stark



19. **Stephen Wayne Helm** (*Bruce Eugene⁹, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Monday, February 17, 1941, in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, PA.^[51] He was the son of Bruce Eugene Helm (9) and Leila G. Gutshall.

Stephen died in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, PA, on February 10, 2006, at the age of 64. He was buried in the Ridge Church of the Brethren cemetery in Cumberland County, PA, on February 13, 2006.

At the age of 19, Stephen married **Donna Lee Stark** on Saturday, September 24, 1960, in Cumberland County, PA, when she was 20 years old. They had three sons: Matthew, Kerry and Travis.

Donna was born in Cumberland County, PA, on Saturday, October 21, 1939. She was the daughter of William R. Stark and Mildred A. Anthony.

Donna reached 82 years of age and died in Shippensburg, PA, on September 30, 2022. She was buried in the Ridge Church of the Brethren cemetery in Cumberland County, PA, on October 5, 2022.

Sons of Stephen Wayne Helm and Donna Lee Stark:

		m	I. Matthew Clark Helm was born in Chambersburg, PA, on November 15, 1963. He died in Chambersburg, Franklin County, PA, on November 18, 1963. ^[51] Matthew was buried in the Ridge Church of the Brethren cemetery in Shippensburg, PA, on November 21, 1963.
+	25	m	II. Kerry Wade Helm was born in Shippensburg, PA, in November 1965.
+	26	m	III. Travis Joe Helm was born in Shippensburg, PA, on December 16, 1966.

HVS-2043 REV. 11/59		437		COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	
PRIMARY REG. NO. 38001-269				DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
DIST. NO.				VITAL STATISTICS	
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH					
1. DEATH OCCURRED a. County Franklin		b. City or Borough Chambersburg, Pa.		2. OCCURRED'S a. Street address, P. O. or Box Number 115 S. Washington	
c. If death did not occur in City or Borough, give name and address of place where death occurred (use street and house number)				b. Post Office, Zone, and State Shippenburg, Pennsylvania	
d. Full Name of Hospital or Medical Facility (If not in hospital, give street address)				3. VETERAN a. Which War b. Serial No.	
4. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) Matthew Clark		c. (Last) Heaton		4. DATE (Month, Year) OF DEATH 11 18 1963	
5. WHERE DID DECEASED ACTUALLY LIVE? a. State Pennsylvania		d. Did deceased live in a hospital? No		5. DEATH a. Hospital b. County Cambria	
6. COLOR OR RACE Y. MARRIED W. WIDOWED D. DIVORCED		e. DATE OF BIRTH 11/16/1895		6. AGE IN YEARS at death b. Under 1 year Months Days Hours Minutes	
7. SER Male		f. PLACE OF DEATH Shippenburg		7. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? United States	
12. USUAL OCCUPATION (even if retired)		13. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		14. BIRTHPLACE a. State or foreign country Shippenburg	
15. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE Newbold		16. MOTHER'S MARRIED NAME Donna Stark		15. S. WASHINGTN 16. S. WASHINGTN 17. MOTHER'S MARRIED NAME Donna Stark	
18. FATHER'S NAME Steven W. Heaton					
19. INFORMANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS Mr. & Mrs. Donna Stark					
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE (Items 20 through 23 must be completed by physician only)					
20. CAUSE OF DEATH: Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b) & (c).					
PART A. Death was caused by: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <i>Influenza</i> <i>pneumonia</i>					
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (b) <i>stated the underlying cause, then</i>					
DUE TO (b)					
DUE TO (c)					
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS contributing to death but not related to the immediate cause given in Part I (a)					
21. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
22. a. ACCIDENT Ten <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		22. b. DESCRIBE HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED		22. c. TIME OF ACCIDENT E.S.T.	
22. d. ACCIDENT OCCURRED What work <input type="checkbox"/> while at work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> while at home <input type="checkbox"/>		22. e. PLACE OF ACCIDENT (e.g., home, farm, street, etc.)		22. f. CITY, BOROUGH, TOWNSHIP COUNTY STATE	
23. I hereby certify that I attended the above named deceased and that death occurred from the cause and on the date stated above at 7 a. m. E.S.T. Allen W. Hartman M. D. a. Physician b. Address					
24. b. DATE 11/20/1963					
24. c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR Crematory Rich Church <i>Shippenburg, Pa.</i> Star 2					
24. d. LOCATION (CITY, BORO., & COUNTY) (State) 25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Signature and Address of Funeral Director Levin Van Pelt, Chambersburg, Pa.					
26. DATE REC'D BY REG. 11/19/63					

Figure 41: Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1966
Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission;
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Death certificates, 1906-1967;
Certificate Number Range: 105901-108750

⁵¹ Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1966 (Provo, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014), Ancestry.com, Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania (State). Death certificates, 1906-1967; Certificate Number Range: 105901-108750

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Figure 42: Stephen Helm and George Reed, sons of Bruce E. Helm

Stephen W. Helm

Stephen W. Helm, 64, of 12 Byers Road, Shippensburg, died at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, in the Chambersburg Hospital. He had been critically ill for the last four weeks.

Born Feb. 17, 1941, in Southampton Township, Cumberland County, he was a son of the late Bruce and Leila Gutshall Helm.

He retired on disability in June 2002 from the Shippensburg News Chronicle, with 40 years of service as an ad salesman and later ad manager.

He was involved with Churches of God and the Ridge Church of the Brethren. He was an avid Bible reader and lover of Southern gospel music. He formed the Christian Quartet, which recorded a record in the 1980s. He loved playing his guitar and singing.

In the 1960s he was a member of the Shippensburg Jaycees and coached Little League Baseball, taking his team to the playoffs in Williamsport, Pa. He was a sports lover and especially enjoyed baseball and wrestling.



Helm

He was a 1959 graduate of Shippensburg High School.

His greatest joy and interests were his sons and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Donna L. Stark Helm; two sons, Kerry W. (husband of Lessa) Helm, Newport, and Travis J. (husband of Lisa) Helm, Shippensburg; grandchildren, Schuyler, Emily, Abby, Skye and Grace; four sisters, Patsy Washington, Shippensburg; Janet Lloyd, Carlisle; Betty Lou Fox, Fayetteville, and Judy Helm, Chambersburg.

He was preceded in death by one infant son, Matthew, and one brother, Ted.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m. in the Ridge Church of the Brethren. The Rev. Harold E. Yeager will officiate. Burial will be in Ridge Cemetery.

Viewing will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Fogelsanger-Bricker Funeral Home Inc., Shippensburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ridge Church of the Brethren, 1095 Ridge Road, Shippensburg 17257; Pregnancy Ministries, P.O. Box 941, Chambersburg 17201; or Gospel for Asia, 1800 Golden Trail Court, Carrollton, Texas 75010-9954.

Figure 43: Stephen W. Helm obituary



Figure 44: Stephen Helm headstone at the Ridge Church of the Brethren Cemetery in Cumberland County, PA



Steve and Donna Helm descendants photo taken in 2021

From left to right: Emily (Helm) Yelton, Steven Yelton, Claire Gross, Kerry Helm, Lessa (Johnson) Helm, Isaac Helm, Travis Helm, Grace (Helm) Whisler, Kyle Whisler, Lisa (Kauffman) Helm, Faith Helm, Abby Helm holding baby Johnathan Heller, Sophia Heller, Schuyler Helm, and Lillian Heller.

Figure 45: Descendants of Steve & Donna Helm

Betty Helm

20. **Betty Lou Helm** (*Bruce Eugene⁹, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Tuesday, November 26, 1946, in Shippensburg, PA. She is the daughter of Bruce Eugene Helm (9) and Leila G. Gutshall. She is also known as **Betts**.

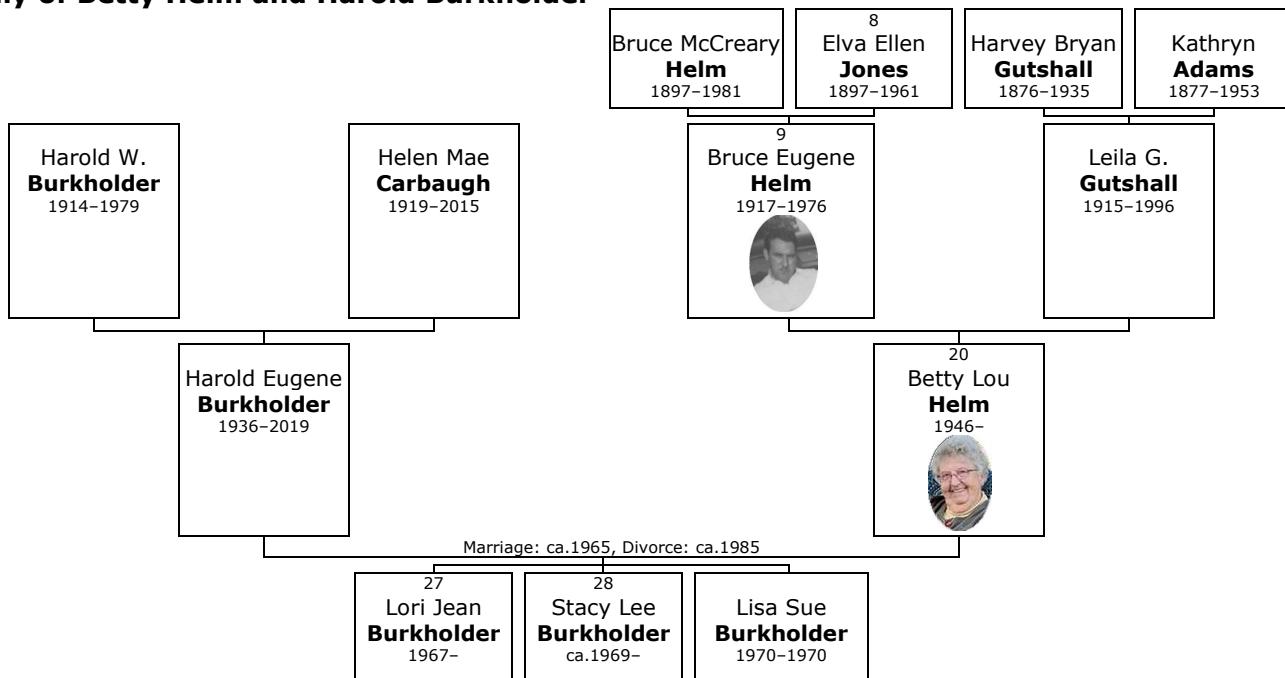
More facts and events for Betty Lou Helm:

Residence: 1999 Chambersburg^[52]

Marriages with Harold Eugene Burkholder and Ellis Reed Fox Jr., are known.

⁵² Ancestry.com, U.S., Newspapers.com Marriage Index, 1800s-current (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2020), Ancestry.com, Public Opinion; Publication Date: 29/ Apr/ 1999; Publication Place: Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, USA; URL: <https://www.newspapers.com/image/453344960/?article=3c7f4781-dde0-4761-8bab-a55198cab14f/8c9aeacd-5129-401b-ba8c-e54684af7576&focus=0.5081363,0.806189>

Family of Betty Helm and Harold Burkholder



Here are the details about **Betty Lou Helm's** first marriage with Harold Eugene Burkholder.

Betty Lou Helm married **Harold Eugene Burkholder** about 1965 in Franklin County, PA. They were divorced in Shippensburg, PA, about 1985. They had three children: Lori, Stacy and Lisa.

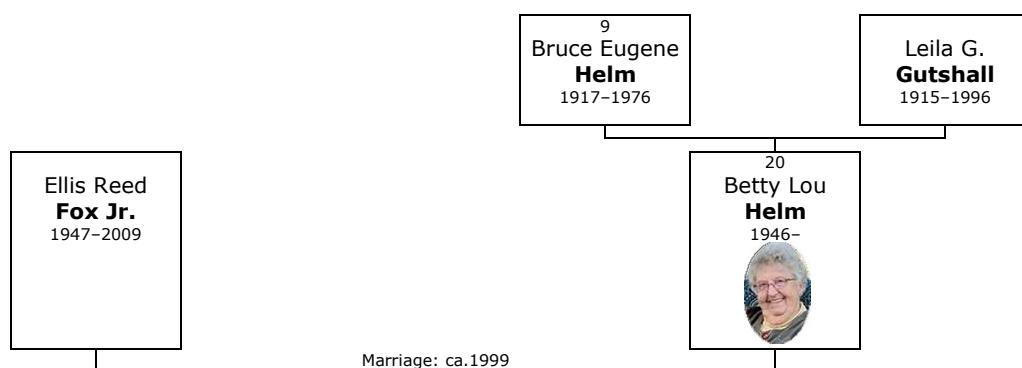
Harold was born in Shippensburg, PA, on Thursday, September 3, 1936. He was the son of Harold W. Burkholder and Helen Mae Carbaugh. He was also known as **Burky**.

Harold reached 82 years of age and died in Harrisburg, PA, on February 12, 2019. He was buried in Shippensburg, PA, on February 17, 2019.

Children of Betty Lou Helm and Harold Eugene Burkholder:

- + 27 f I. **Lori Jean Burkholder** was born in PA in August 1967.
- + 28 m II. **Stacy Lee Burkholder** was born in PA about 1969.
- f III. **Lisa Sue Burkholder** was born in PA on November 8, 1970. She died in PA on December 7, 1970.

Family of Betty Helm and Ellis Fox



Here are the details about **Betty Lou Helm's** second marriage with Ellis Reed Fox Jr.

Betty Lou Helm married **Ellis Reed Fox Jr.** about 1999 in Chambersburg, PA.^[52] They had no known children.

Ellis was born in Gettysburg, PA, on Friday, March 28, 1947. He was also known as **Red**.

Ellis reached 62 years of age and died in Fayetteville, PA, on August 19, 2009. He was buried in Shippensburg, PA, on August 23, 2009.

8th Generation

George Reed II

21. **George Jason Reed II** (*George Jason¹⁶, Bruce Eugene⁹ Helm, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Monday, August 26, 1974, in Altoona, PA. He is the son of George Jason Reed (16) and Terrie Lee Wise.

George II was born in 1974 when the family had nearly four more years in the U.S. Navy, so much of his early years he traveled around quite a bit. Eventually the family decided to establish roots and settled in Scotch Valley at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from Hollidaysburg High School. He then spent some time at the Allegany Community College in Maryland before dropping out to join the U.S. Marine Corps. He ended up spending time in the 2nd Battalion 11th Marines in Okinawa, Japan, between 1994 and 1995. After the Marine Corps stint, George II found employment in security working as an armed guard for an armored car company. Then around 2001, a family friend enticed him into working as a Police Officer in Georgia. He applied and after a thorough background check and successful completion of the rigorous Georgia Police Academy, he began his new career in law enforcement.

More facts and events for George Jason Reed II:

Fact 1: January 1994 Hollidaysburg, PA

Joined Marine Corps; boot camp at Parris Island, SC.

Fact 2: 1994

Oklahoma and California

Attended firearms, artillery, and other combat training at Fort Sill, OK and Camp Pendleton, CA.

Fact 3: 2002

Georgia

Attended Police Academy and became a Police Officer (Badge 823) at Gwinnett County, GA.

Fact 4: 2020

Gwinnett County, Georgia

Became a Deputy Sheriff; then retired from law enforcement in August 2025.

Marriages with Sarah Reese Kohlmeyer, Kendra Lynn Morris and Tracey Michelle Hall are known.



Figure 46: George Reed II in his Marine uniform with his Sister Jessica Reed - 1994



Figure 47: George Reed II in his Police Officer uniform - 2004

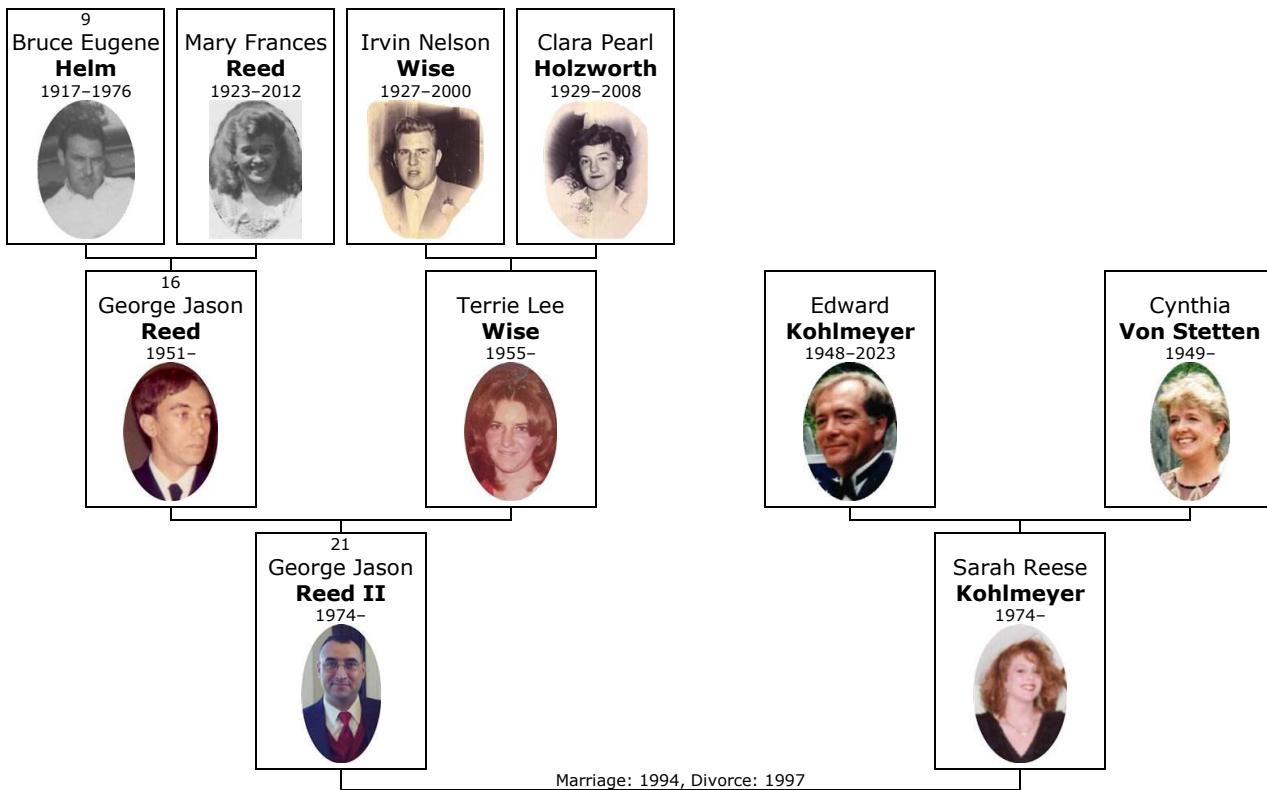


Figure 48: George II, Tracey (Hall) & Trey Reed - 2014



Figure 49: George Reed II and his kids Emma, Clara & Trey - 2015

Family of George Reed II and Sarah Kohlmeyer

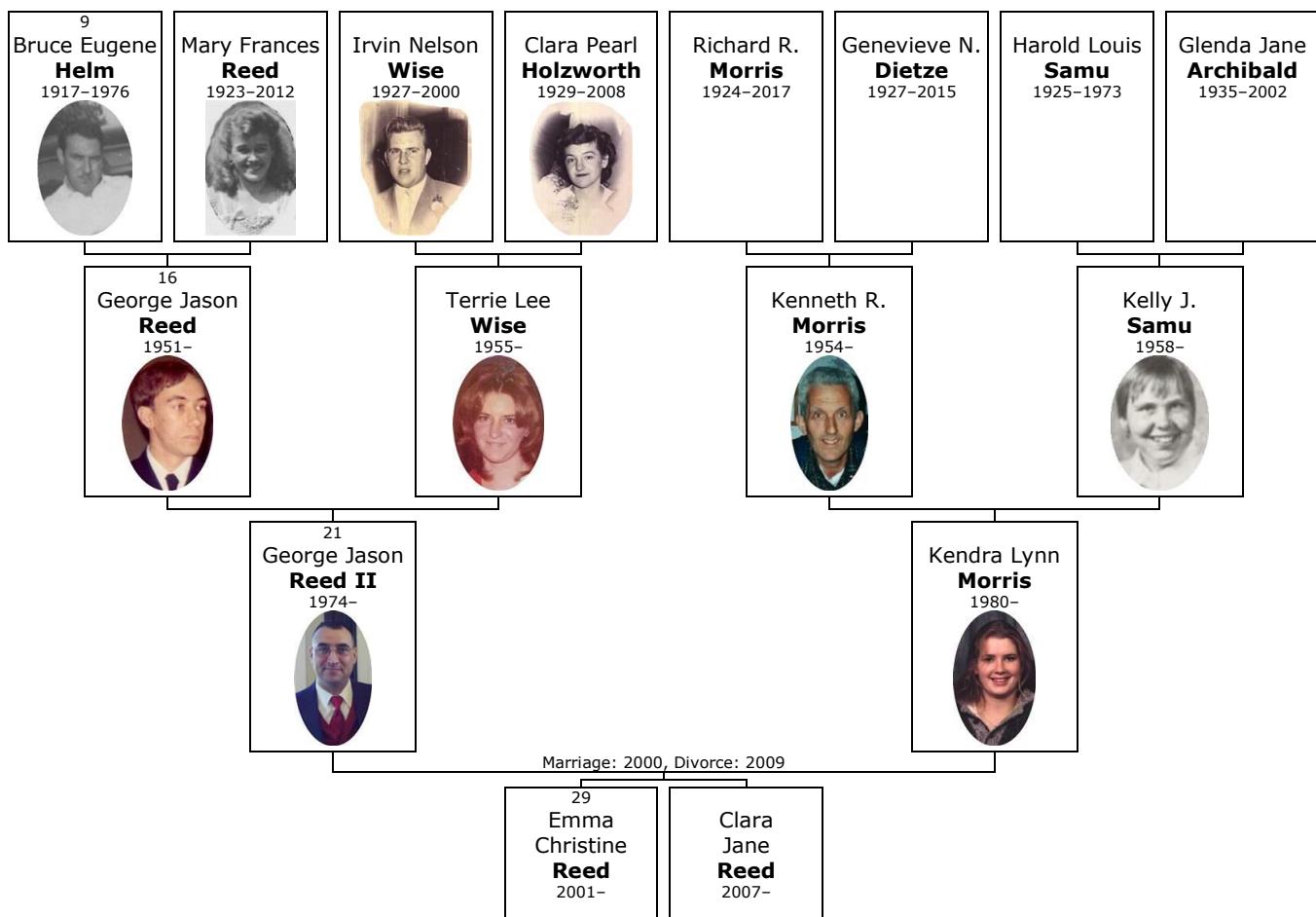


Here are the details about **George Jason Reed II's** first marriage with Sarah Reese Kohlmeyer.

At the age of 19, George Jason Reed II married **Sarah Reese Kohlmeyer** on Saturday, July 2, 1994, in the All Faiths Chapel, Penn State Campus - Altoona PA, when she was 19 years old. They were divorced in June 1997. They have no known children.

Sarah was born in PA on Thursday, August 29, 1974. She is the daughter of Edward Kohlmeyer and Cynthia Von Stetten.

Family of George Reed II and Kendra Morris



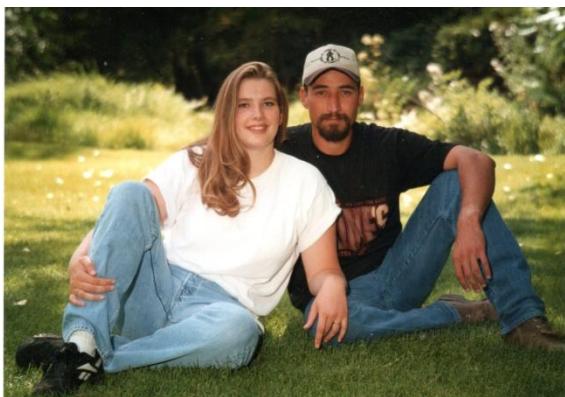
Here are the details about **George Jason Reed II**'s second marriage with Kendra Lynn Morris.

At the age of 26, George Jason Reed II married **Kendra Lynn Morris** on Saturday, October 21, 2000, in the home of Jason's Grandparents in Altoona, PA, when she was 20 years old. They were divorced in Gwinnett County, Georgia, in 2009. They have two daughters: Emma and Clara.

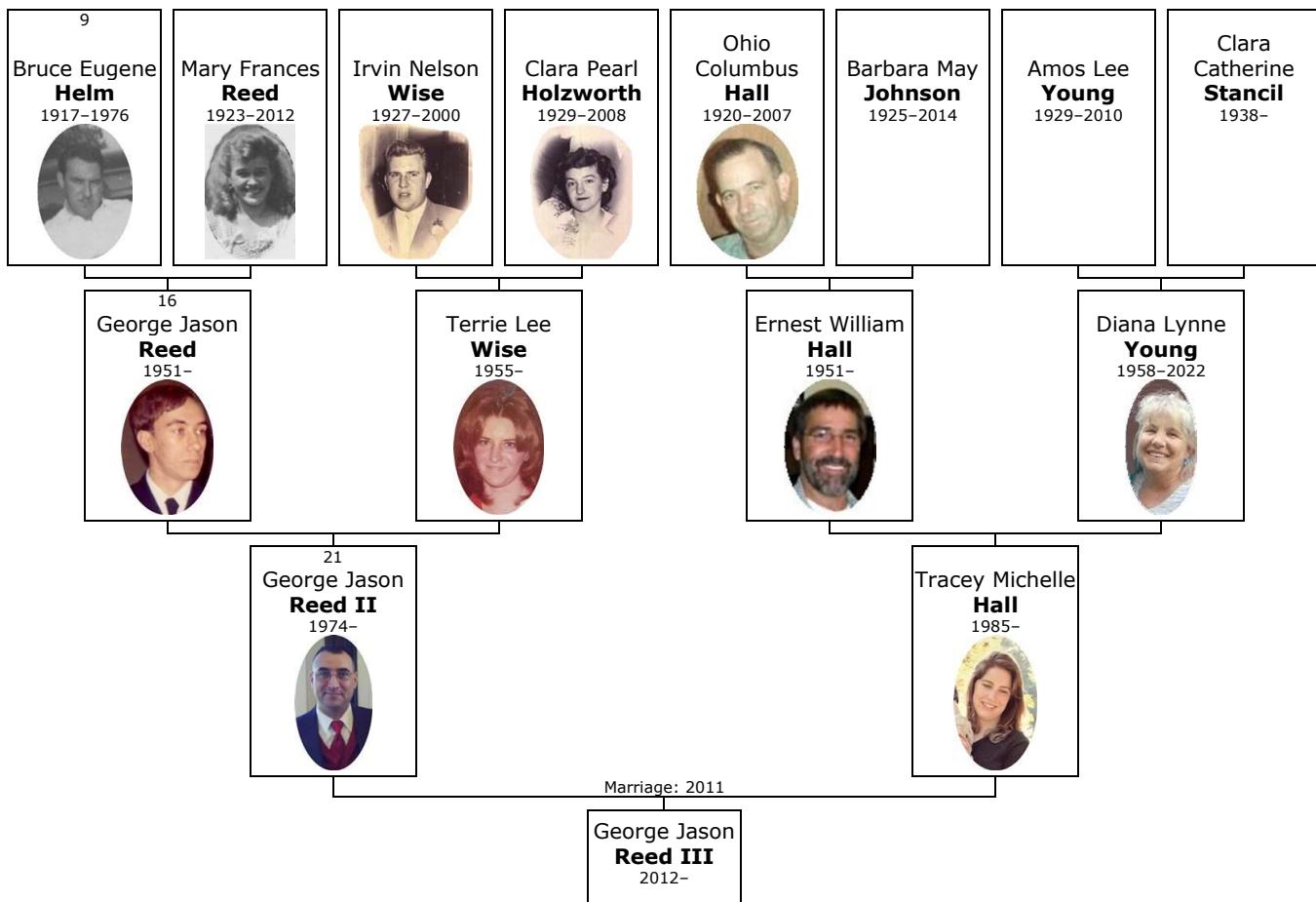
Kendra was born in Kennewick, Benton County, WA, on Monday, February 11, 1980. She is the daughter of Kenneth R. Morris and Kelly J. Samu.

Daughters of George Jason Reed II and Kendra Lynn Morris:

+ 29 f I. **Emma Christine Reed** was born in Woodbury, NJ, on March 23, 2001.
 f II. **Clara Jane Reed** was born in Gwinnett Medical Center, Lawrenceville, GA, on November 20, 2007.



G Jason Reed II & Kendra Morris - 2000

Family of George Reed II and Tracey Hall

Here are the details about **George Jason Reed II**'s third marriage with Tracey Michelle Hall.

At the age of 37, George Jason Reed II married **Tracey Michelle Hall** on Thursday, November 10, 2011, in Hoschton, GA, when she was 26 years old. They have one son: George.

Tracey was born in Hayesville, NC, on Saturday, November 2, 1985. She is the daughter of Ernest William Hall and Diana Lynne Young.

Son of George Jason Reed II and Tracey Michelle Hall:

m I. **George Jason Reed III** was born in Winder, GA, on December 3, 2012. He is also known as **Trey**.



Figure 50: Tracey (Hall), Emma, Clara, George II & George III Reed - Christmas 2017

Jessica Reed

22. **Jessica Lee Reed** (George Jason¹⁶, Bruce Eugene⁹ Helm, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹) was born on Wednesday, June 14, 1978, in Altoona, PA. She is the daughter of George Jason Reed (16) and Terrie Lee Wise.

Jessica grew up in Scotch Valley at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, where the family settled down after completing a US Navy enlistment. She completed her high school education and worked various jobs until eventually getting work as an armed Security Guard at a nuclear power station in New Jersey. It was during this time that she completed her initial college education receiving a bachelors degree in criminal justice. Afterwards she got involved in community service activities and became a Program Manager at People's Place, a company that assisted individuals affected by sexual assault. She then moved on becoming a Coordinator, then Manager, and now a Director of the YWCA's Sexual Assault Response efforts across the state of Delaware.

More facts and events for Jessica Lee Reed:

Fact 1: 2001 Greenwood, PA
Completed Medical Transcriptionist training.

Fact 2: 2009 New Jersey
Received her Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and Forensic Science from the accredited American Intercontinental University.

Fact 4: 2022 Delaware
Became a Manager at the Delaware YWCA Sexual Assault Response Center; she was then promoted to a Director in January of 2025.

Marriages with Nathan Scott Adams and Chad Timothy Gindlesperger are known.

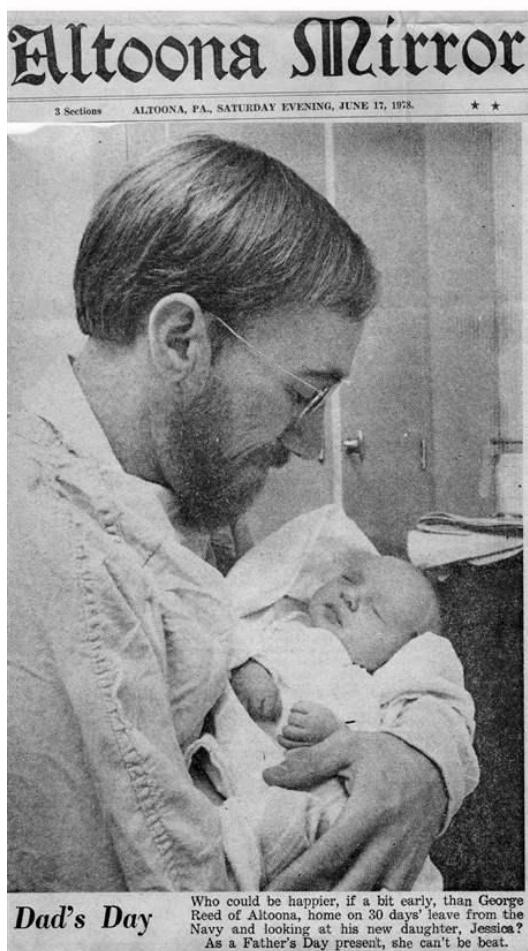


Figure 51: Jessica Reed birth on front page of the Altoona Mirror - 1978



Figure 52: Jessica Reed with her big brother George at the Toledo zoo - 1981



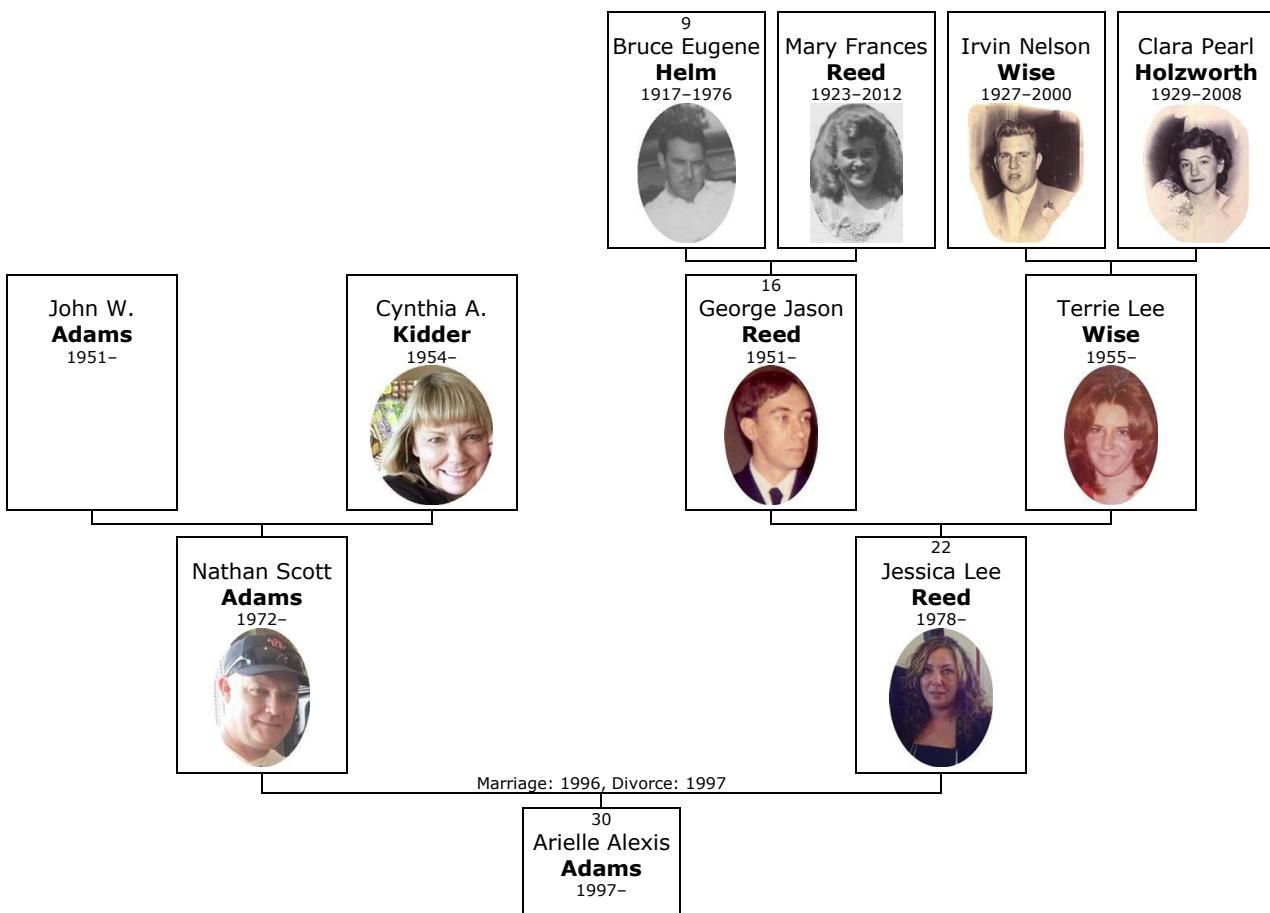
Figure 53: Jessica Reed and her kids
Arielle, Samantha & Sierra - 2005



Figure 54: George Reed, Arielle, Samantha, Mary (Reed) Holt,
Jessica Reed & Sierra – 2004

A four generations photo.

Family of Jessica Reed and Nathan Adams



Here are the details about **Jessica Lee Reed's** first marriage with Nathan Scott Adams.

At the age of 18, Jessica Lee Reed married **Nathan Scott Adams** on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, in Vancouver, Washington, when he was 24 years old.^[53] They were divorced in Benton County, Washington, on March 13, 1997.^[54] They have one daughter: Arielle.

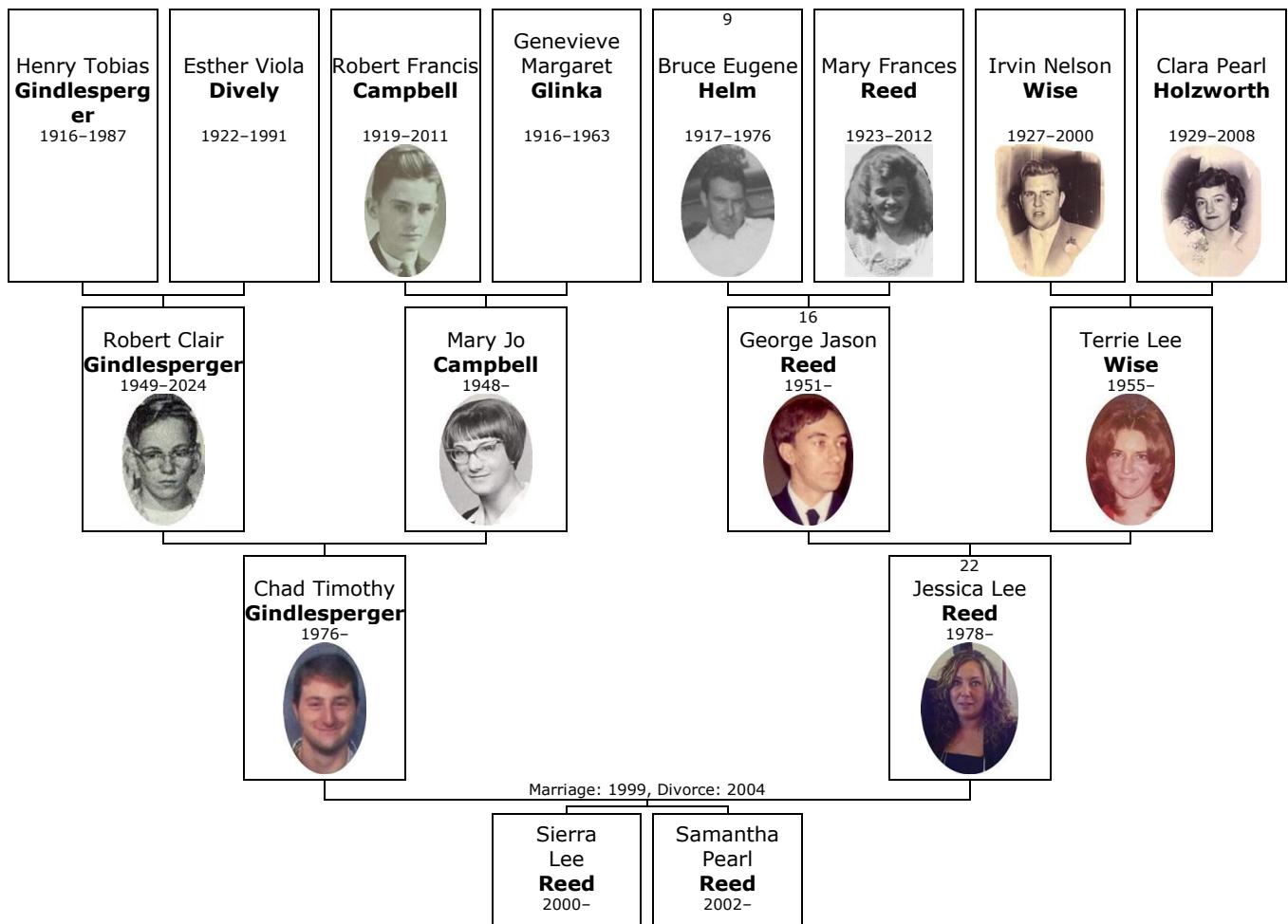
⁵³ Ancestry.com, Washington, Marriage Index, 1969-2014 (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2017), Ancestry.com, Washington State Archives; Olympia, Washington.

Nathan was born in Richland, WA, on Monday, March 13, 1972. He is the son of John W. Adams and Cynthia A. Kidder.

Daughter of Jessica Lee Reed and Nathan Scott Adams:

+ 30 f I. **Arielle Alexis Adams** was born in Altoona Hospital, Blair County, Altoona PA, on January 23, 1997.

Family of Jessica Reed and Chad Gindlesperger



Here are the details about **Jessica Lee Reed's** second marriage with Chad Timothy Gindlesperger.

At the age of 21, Jessica Lee Reed married **Chad Timothy Gindlesperger** on Tuesday, August 10, 1999, in Winchester, VA, when he was 23 years old. They were divorced in Blair County, PA, in 2004. They have two daughters: Sierra and Samantha.

Chad was born on Wednesday, April 21, 1976. He is the son of Robert Clair Gindlesperger and Mary Jo Campbell.

Daughters of Jessica Lee Reed and Chad Timothy Gindlesperger:

f I. **Sierra Lee Reed** was born in Altoona Hospital, Blair County, Altoona, PA, on September 6, 2000. She was born as Sierra Gindlesperger, but then legally changed her surname to Reed on July 30, 2018.

f II. **Samantha Pearl Reed** was born in Altoona Hospital, Blair County, Altoona PA, on March 14, 2002. She was born as Samantha Gindlesperger, but then legally changed her surname to Reed on July 30, 2018.

⁵⁴ Ancestry.com, Washington, Divorce Index, 1969-2014 (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2017), Ancestry.com, Washington State Archives; Olympia, Washington.

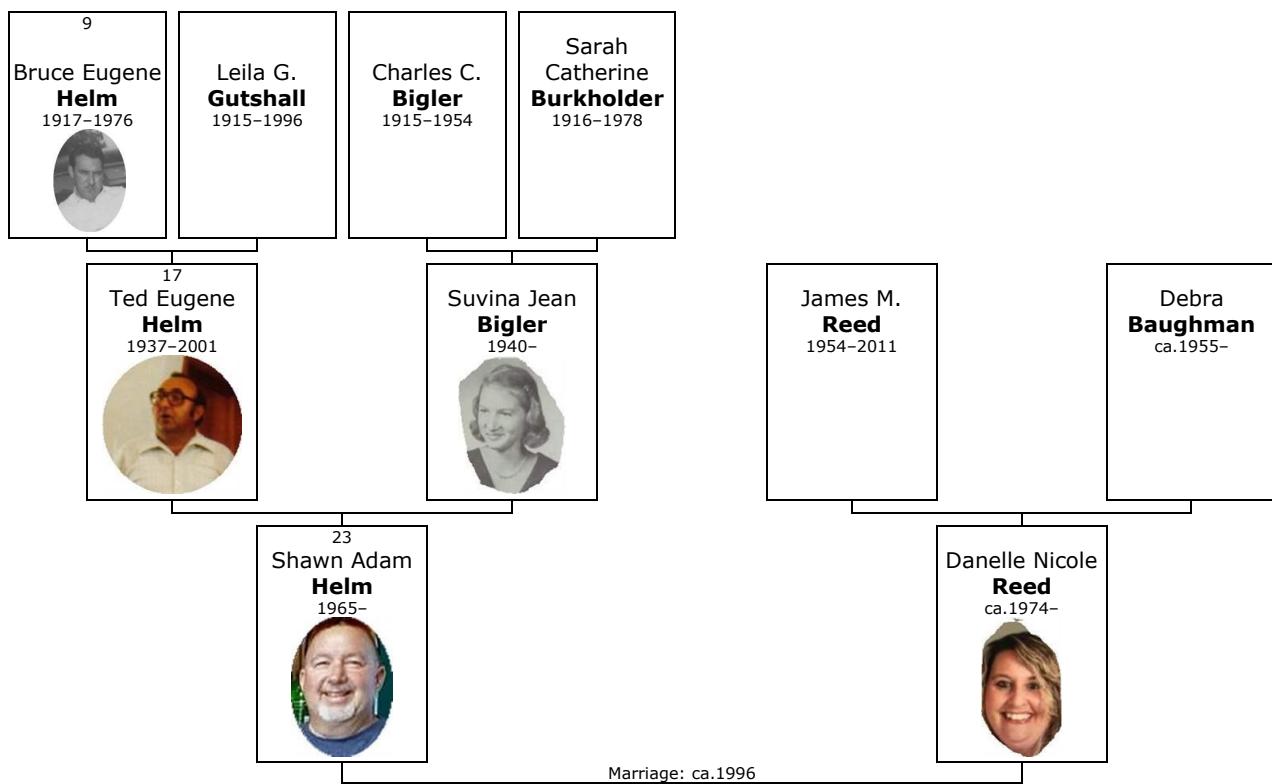
The Reed – Wise Family Tree's immediate family in November 2022 –



Top row – Samantha, Jessica, Arielle (Adams) Vogel, Sierra, Alberto Dent, Emma (Reed) Dent, Clara, George II, and Tracey (Hall) Reed
Bottom row – Ella Vogel, George Reed*, Terrie (Wise) Reed* holding our Yorkie, then George "Trey" Reed III

* Co-creators of this booklet.

Family of Shawn Helm and Danelle Reed



23. **Shawn Adam Helm** (*Ted Eugene¹⁷, Bruce Eugene⁹, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Monday, August 2, 1965, in Shippensburg, PA. He is the son of Ted Eugene Helm (17) and Suvina Jean Bigler.

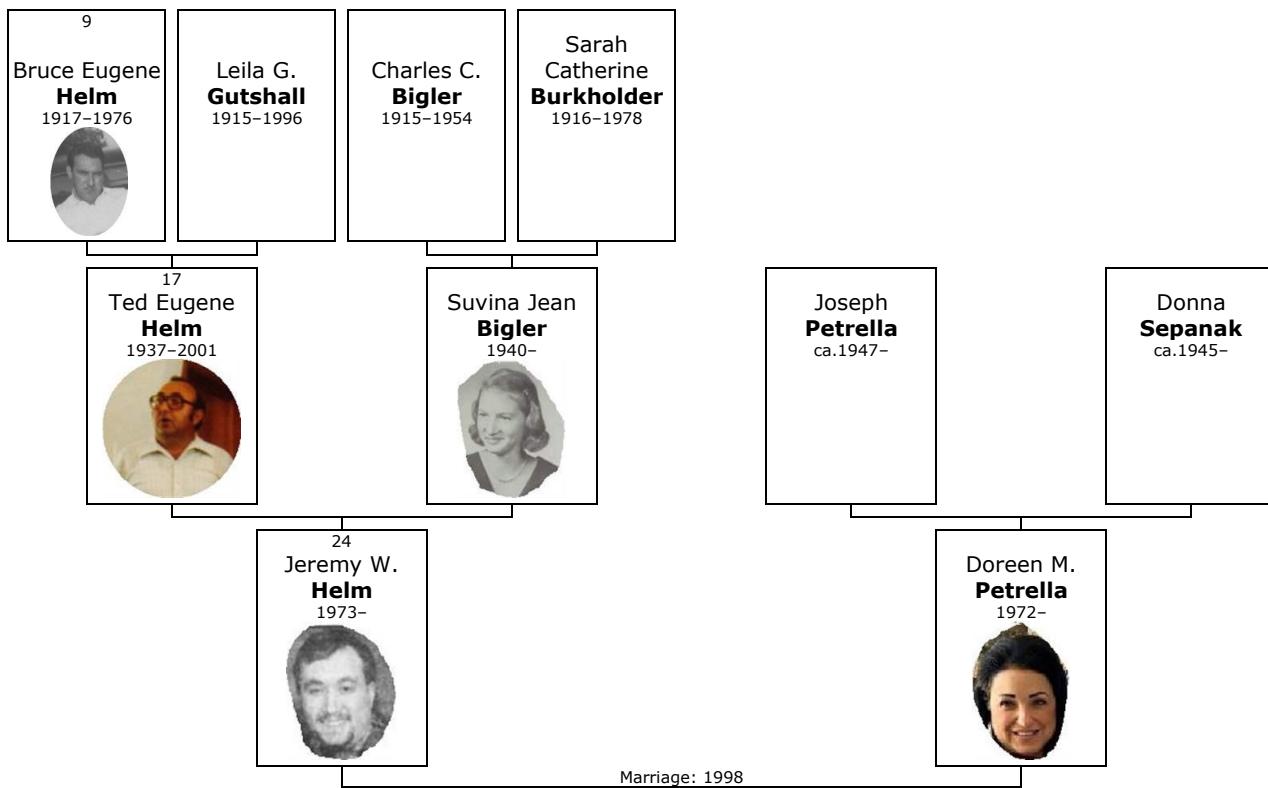
Shawn married **Danelle Nicole Reed** about 1996 in PA. They have no known children.

Danelle was born in PA about 1974. She is the daughter of James M. Reed and Debra Baughman.



Figure 55: Shawn & Danelle (Reed) Helm

Family of Jeremy Helm and Doreen Petrella



24. **Jeremy W. Helm** (Ted Eugene¹⁷, Bruce Eugene⁹, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹) was born on Saturday, September 1, 1973, in Shippensburg, PA. He is the son of Ted Eugene Helm (17) and Suvina Jean Bigler.

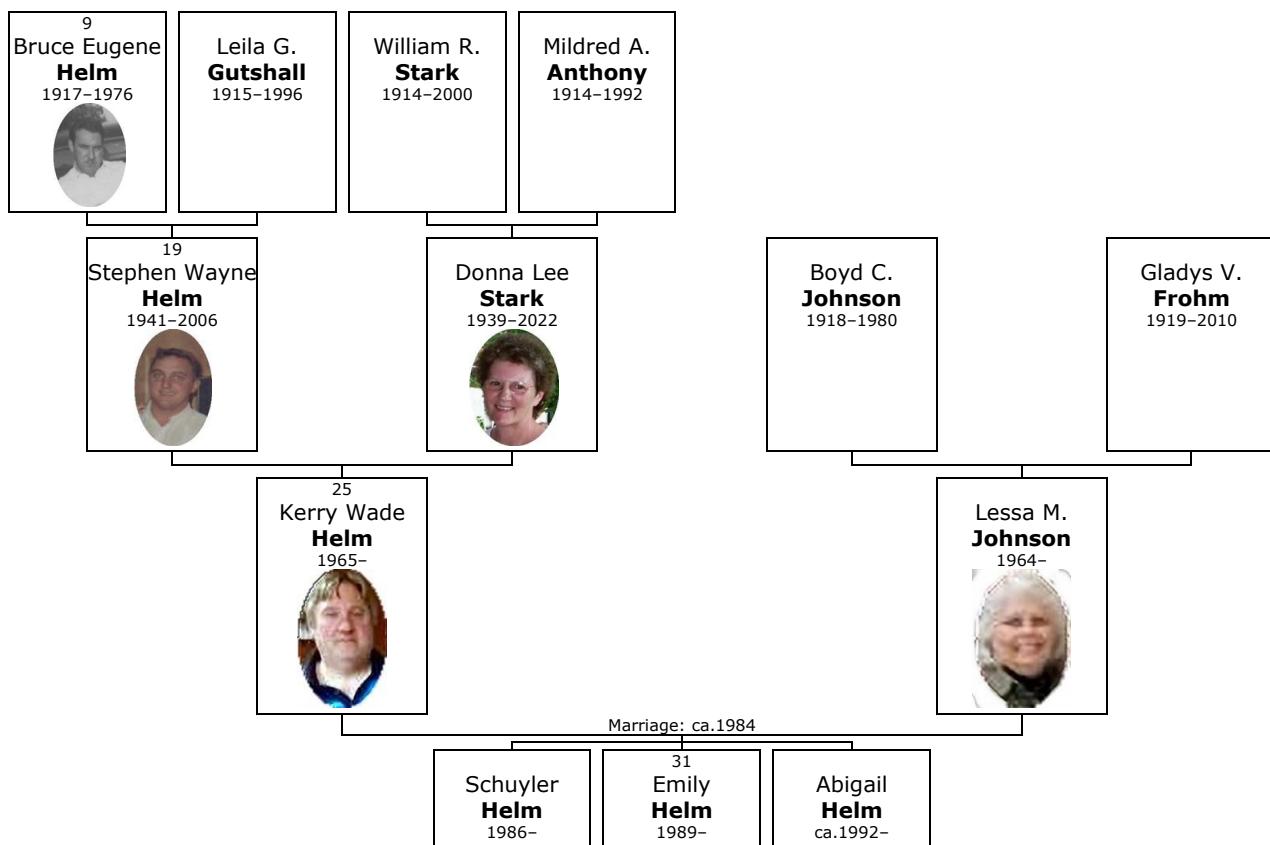
At the age of 25, Jeremy married **Doreen M. Petrella** on Saturday, October 10, 1998, in Shippensburg, PA, when she was 26 years old. They have no known children.

Doreen was born in NJ on Saturday, July 15, 1972. She is the daughter of Joseph Petrella and Donna Sepanak.



Figure 56: Jeremy & Doreen (Petrella) Helm

Family of Kerry Helm and Lessa Johnson



25. **Kerry Wade Helm** (Stephen Wayne¹⁹, Bruce Eugene⁹, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹) was born in November 1965 in Shippensburg, PA. He is the son of Stephen Wayne Helm (19) and Donna Lee Stark.

Kerry married **Lessa M. Johnson** about 1984 in PA. They have three children: Schuyler, Emily and Abigail. Lessa was born in Shippensburg, PA, on Friday, April 24, 1964. She is the daughter of Boyd C. Johnson and Gladys V. Frohm.

Children of Kerry Wade Helm and Lessa M. Johnson:

	m	I. Schuyler Helm was born in Shippensburg, PA, in 1986.
+	31	f II. Emily Helm was born in Shippensburg, PA, in 1989.
	f	III. Abigail Helm was born in Shippensburg, PA, about 1992. She is also known as Abby .

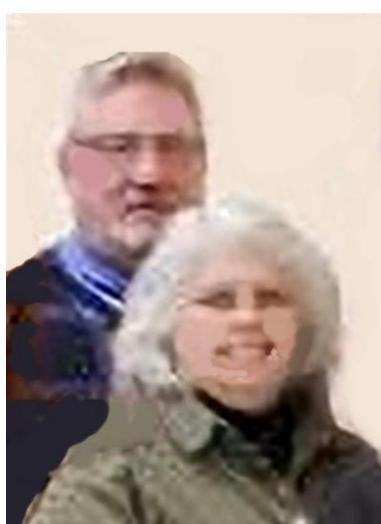
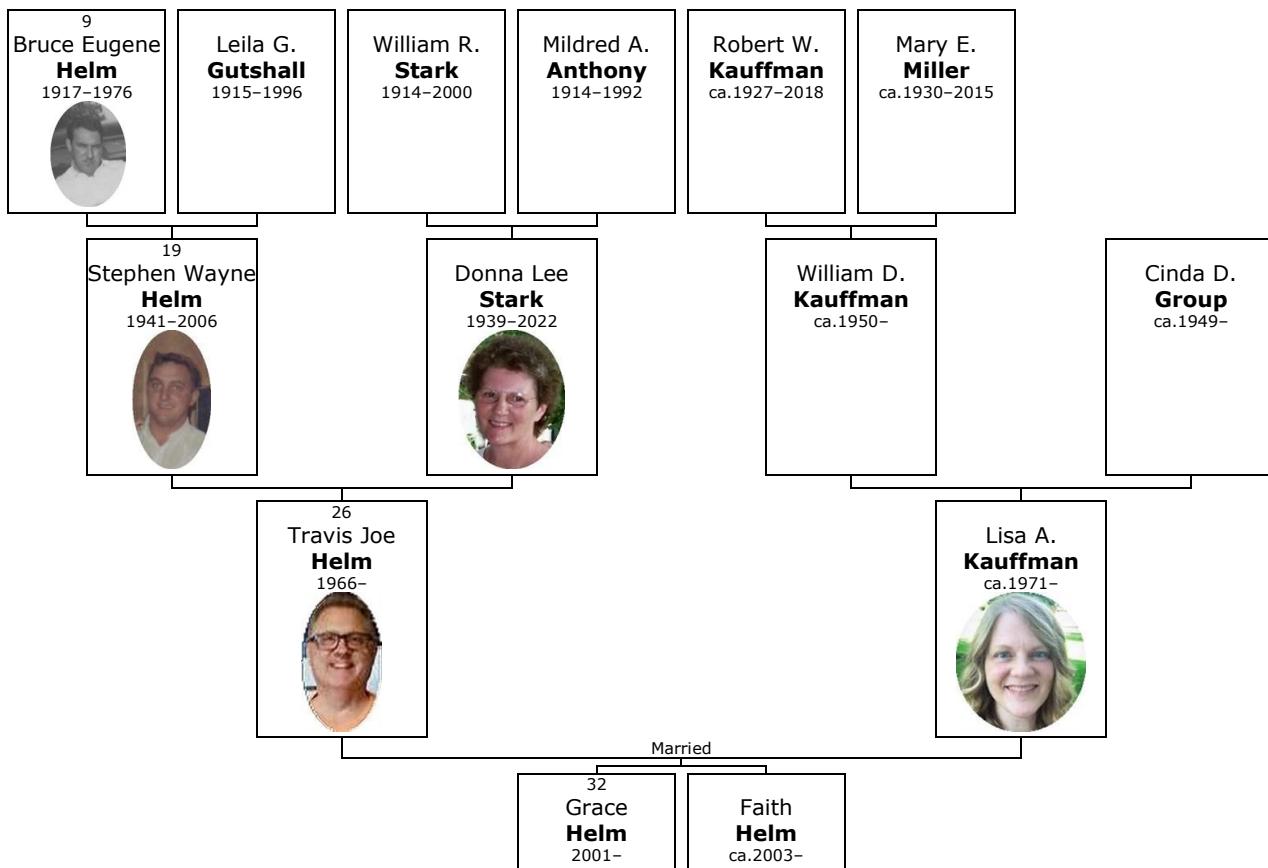


Figure 57: Kerry & Lessa (Johnson) Helm

Family of Travis Helm and Lisa Kauffman



26. **Travis Joe Helm** (Stephen Wayne¹⁹, Bruce Eugene⁹, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹) was born on Friday, December 16, 1966, in Shippensburg, PA. He is the son of Stephen Wayne Helm (19) and Donna Lee Stark.

Travis married **Lisa A. Kauffman**. They have two daughters: Grace and Faith.

Lisa was born in PA about 1971. She is the daughter of William D. Kauffman and Cinda D. Group.

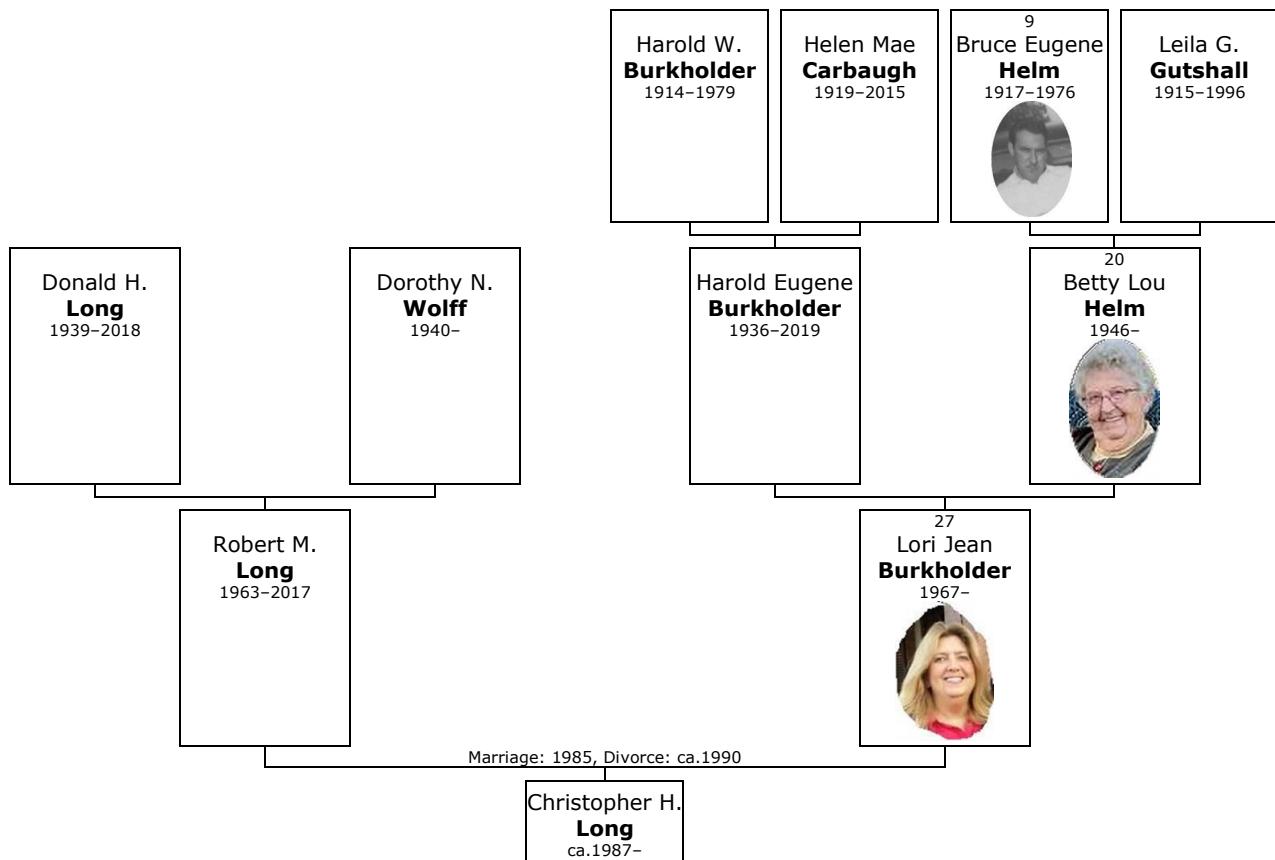
Daughters of Travis Joe Helm and Lisa A. Kauffman:

+ 32 f I. **Grace Helm** was born in Shippensburg, PA, on September 3, 2001.
f II. **Faith Helm** was born in Shippensburg, PA, about 2003.



Figure 58: Travis and Lisa (Kauffman) Helm & kids

Family of Lori Burkholder and Robert Long



27. **Lori Jean Burkholder** (Betty Lou²⁰ Helm, Bruce Eugene⁹, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹) was born in August 1967 in PA. She is the daughter of Harold Eugene Burkholder and Betty Lou Helm (20).

Lori married **Robert M. Long** in 1985 in PA. They were divorced in PA about 1990. They had one son: Christopher.

After Robert Long, Lori married Todd Hornbaker on December 17, 1992. This marriage lasted until May of 2007. Lori later married Richard Roche.

Robert was born in Blair County, PA, on Tuesday, September 10, 1963. He was the son of Donald H. Long and Dorothy N. Wolff.

Robert reached 53 years of age and died in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, PA, on January 12, 2017.

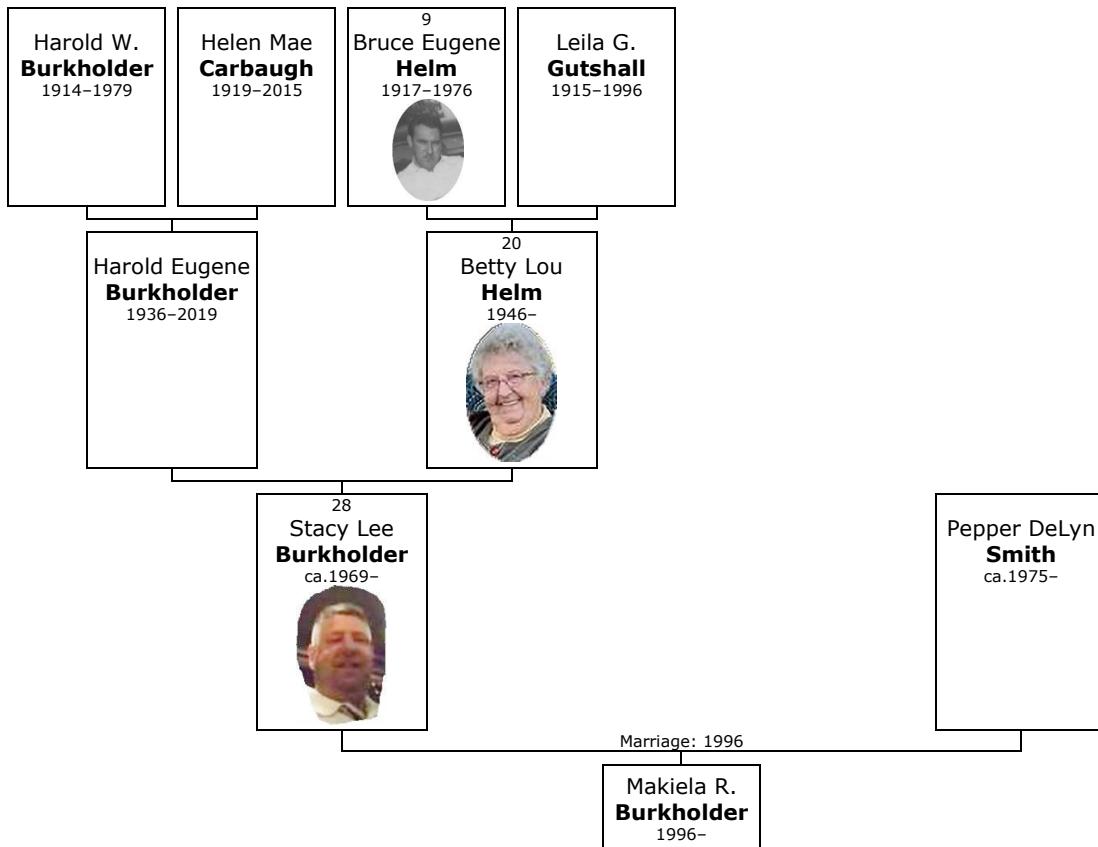
Son of Lori Jean Burkholder and Robert M. Long:

m I. **Christopher H. Long** was born in Cumberland County, PA, about 1987.



Figure 59: Betty (Helm) Fox with Richard and Lori (Burkholder) Roche

Family of Stacy Burkholder and Pepper Smith



28. **Stacy Lee Burkholder** (*Betty Lou²⁰ Helm, Bruce Eugene⁹, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born about 1969 in PA. He is the son of Harold Eugene Burkholder and Betty Lou Helm (20).

Stacy married **Pepper DeLyn Smith** in July 1996 in Chambersburg, PA. They have one daughter: Makiela.

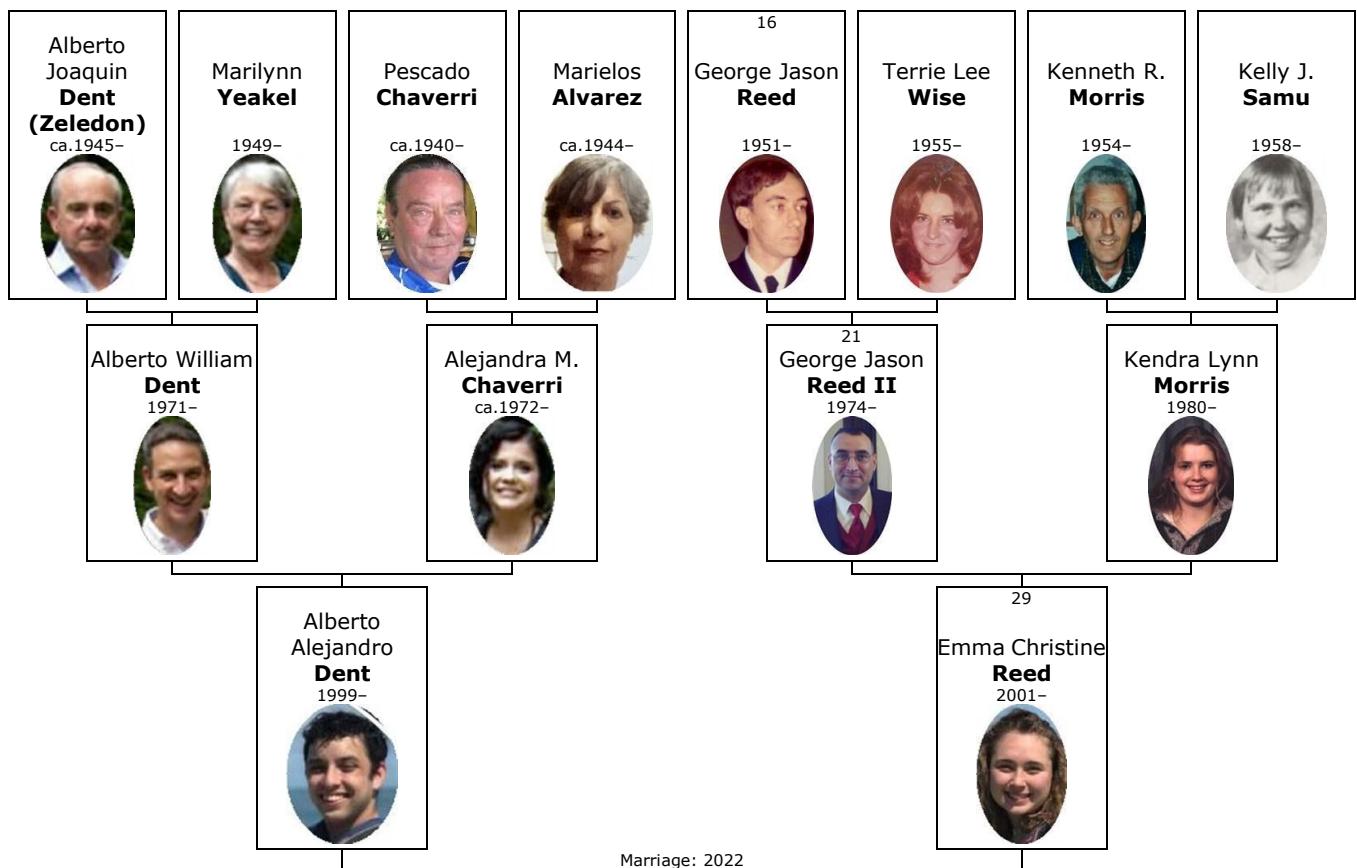
Pepper was born in PA about 1975.

Daughter of Stacy Lee Burkholder and Pepper DeLyn Smith:

I. **Makiela R. Burkholder** was born in PA in 1996.

9th Generation

Family of Emma Reed and Alberto Dent



29. **Emma Christine Reed** (George Jason²¹, George Jason¹⁶, Bruce Eugene⁹ Helm, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹) was born on Friday, March 23, 2001, at the Underwood Memorial Hospital in Woodbury, NJ. She is the daughter of George Jason Reed II (21) and Kendra Lynn Morris.

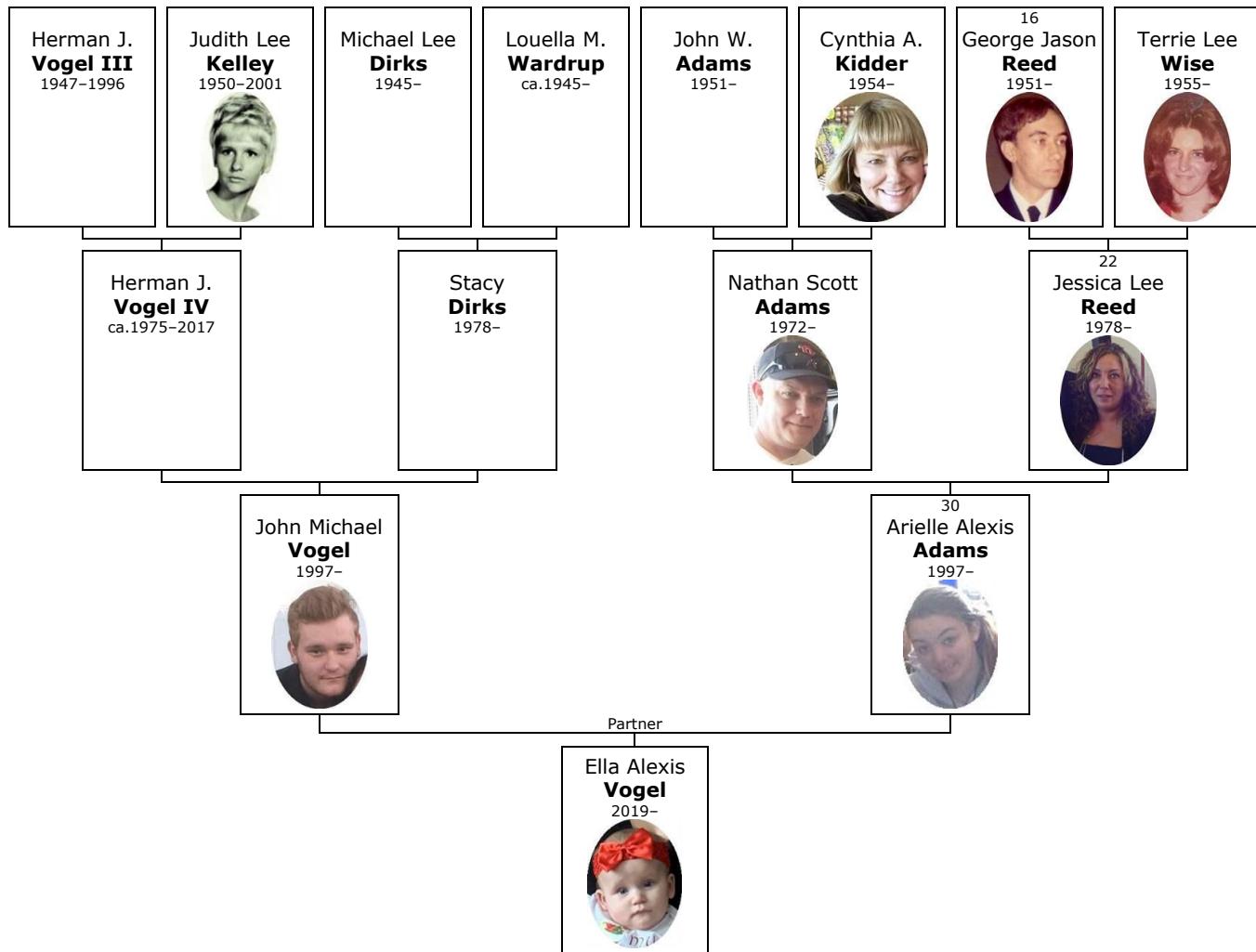
At the age of 21, Emma married **Alberto Alejandro Dent** on Saturday, July 9, 2022, in Atlanta, GA, when he was 23 years old. They have no known children.

Alberto was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on Thursday, January 28, 1999. He is the son of Alberto William Dent and Alejandra M. Chaverri.



Alberto & Emma (Reed) Dent

Arielle Adams and John Vogel



30. **Arielle Alexis Adams** (Jessica Lee²² Reed, George Jason¹⁶, Bruce Eugene⁹ Helm, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹) was born on Thursday, January 23, 1997, in Altoona Hospital, Blair County, Altoona PA. She is the daughter of Nathan Scott Adams and Jessica Lee Reed (22).

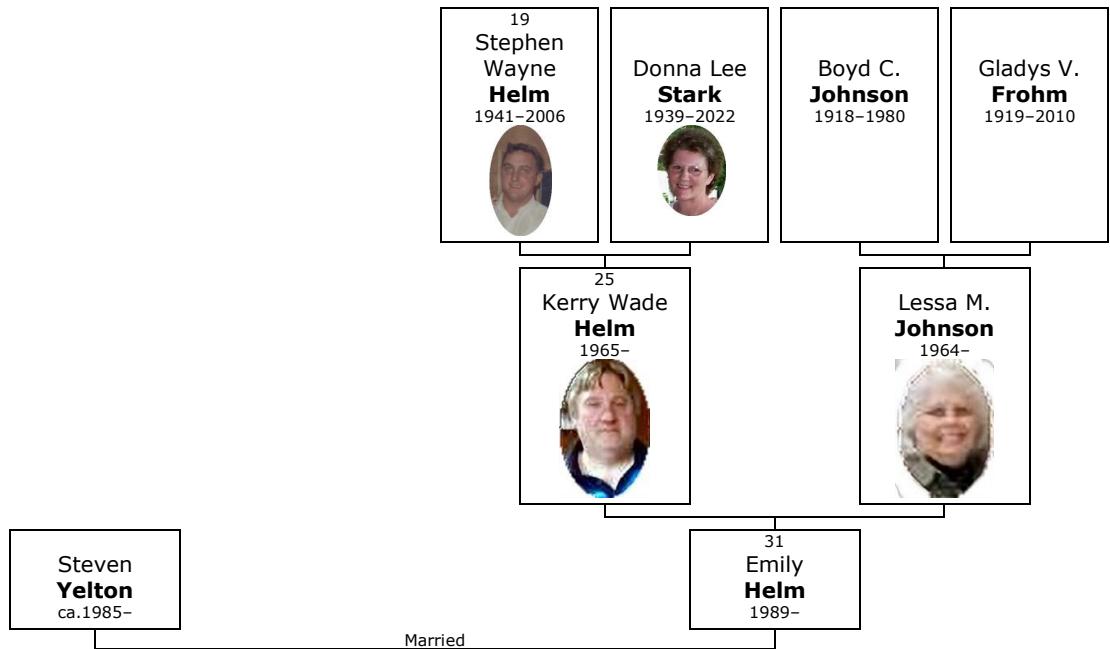
Arielle partnered with **John Michael Vogel**. They have one daughter: Ella.

John was born at the Christiana Hospital in Newark, Delaware, on Friday, August 8, 1997. He is the son of Herman J. Vogel IV and Stacy Dirks.

Daughter of Arielle Alexis Adams and John Michael Vogel:

f I. **Ella Alexis Vogel** was born in Harrington, Kent County, DE, on May 26, 2019.

Family of Emily Helm and Steven Yelton

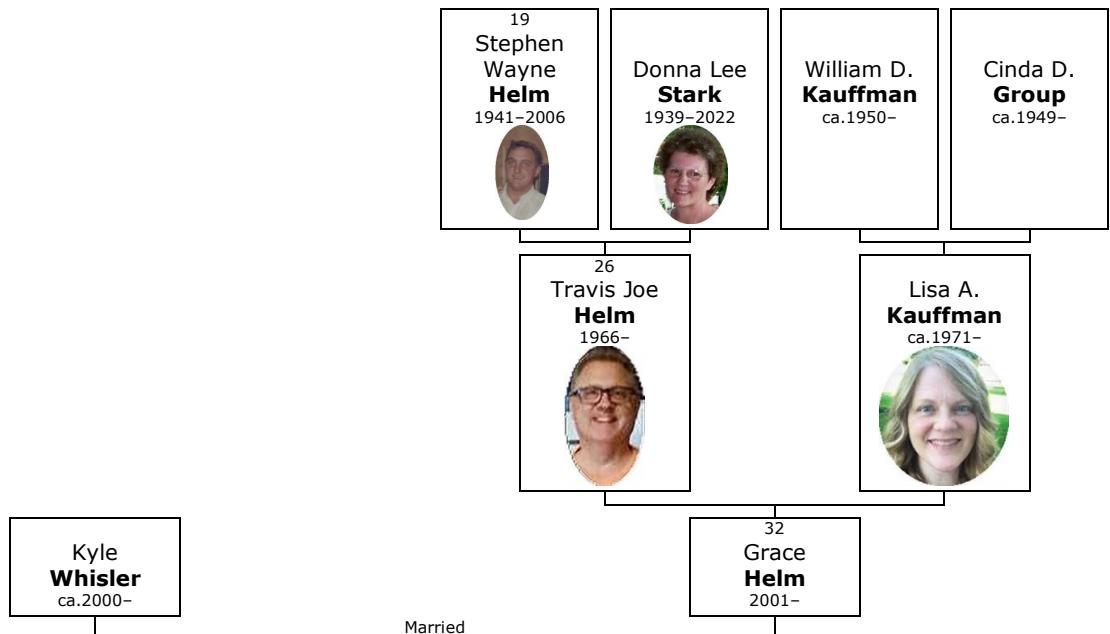


31. **Emily Helm** (*Kerry Wade²⁵, Stephen Wayne¹⁹, Bruce Eugene⁹, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born in 1989 in Shippensburg, PA. She is the daughter of Kerry Wade Helm (25) and Lessa M. Johnson.

Emily married **Steven Yelton**. They have no known children.

Steven was born in PA about 1985.

Family of Grace Helm and Kyle Whisler



32. **Grace Helm** (*Travis Joe²⁶, Stephen Wayne¹⁹, Bruce Eugene⁹, Elva Ellen⁸ Jones, William Harrison⁷, John⁴, Catharine³ Meiser, Johann John², Johann Michael¹*) was born on Monday, September 3, 2001, in Shippensburg, PA. She is the daughter of Travis Joe Helm (26) and Lisa A. Kauffman.

Grace married **Kyle Whisler**. They have no known children.

Kyle was born in PA about 2000.



Kerry, Travis and Shawn Helm at the
Helm reunion on October 16, 2022



Betty (Helm) Burkholder and half-brother, George Reed, at the
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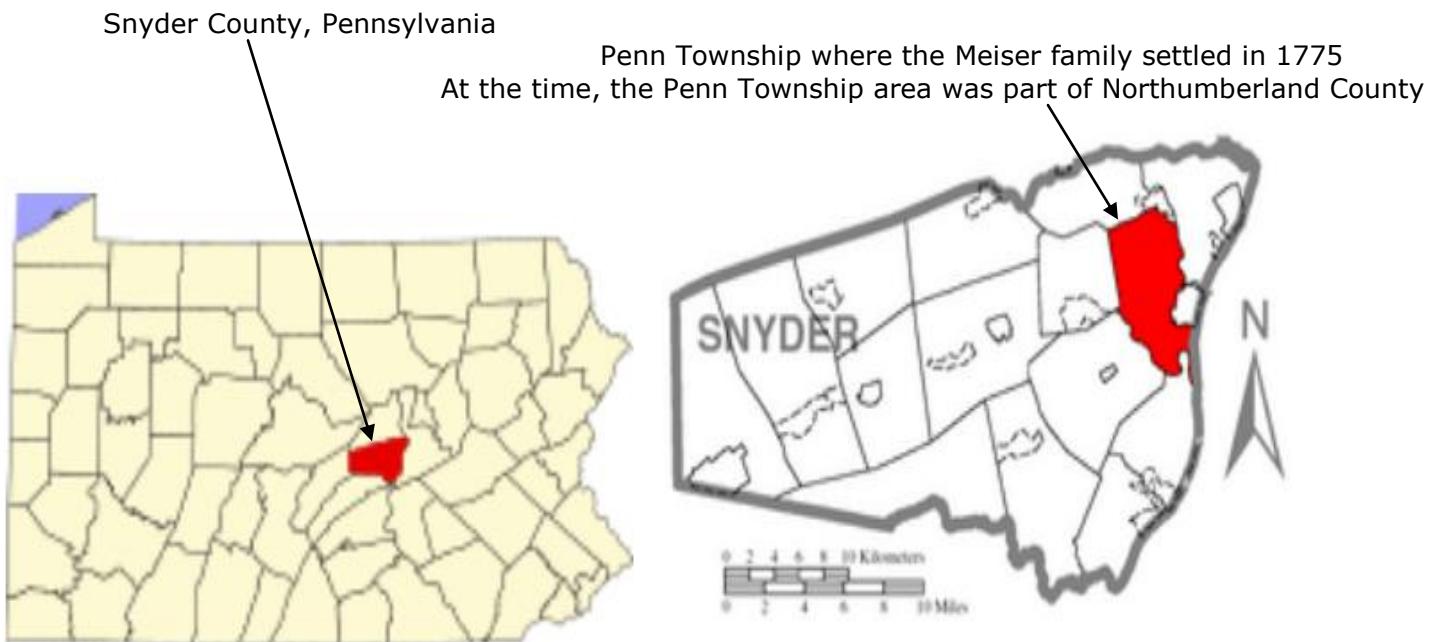
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