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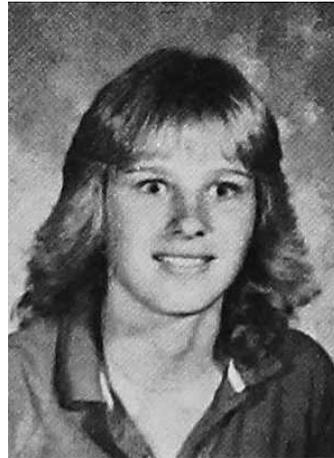
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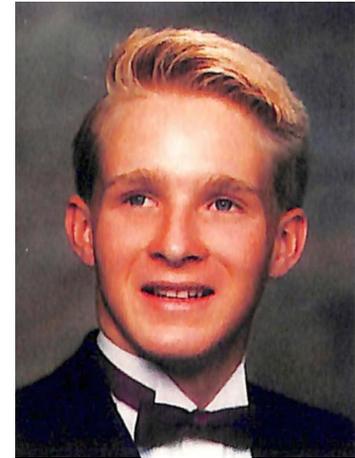
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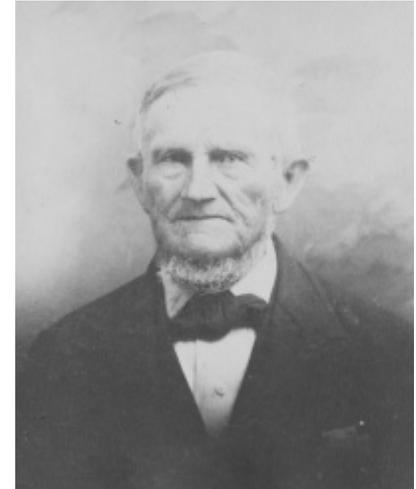
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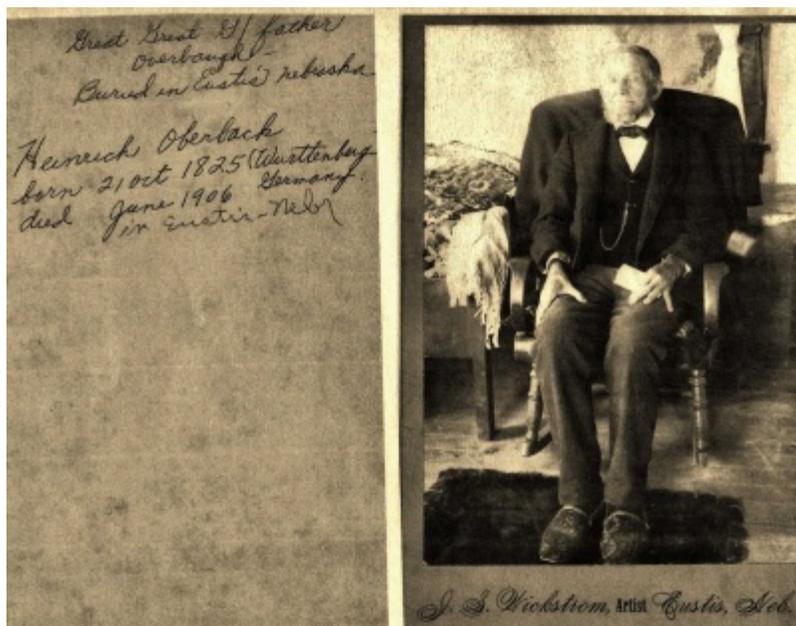
# *Genealogy of the Klotz Family*

- I. Heinrich "Henry" Oberbach (1825-1906), the maternal grandfather of [Al Klotz](#) (1901-1999) of Vacaville, was born on Oct. 21, 1825 in [Adelmannsfelden](#), which is a town in the Baden-Württemberg province of Germany that is located about 40 miles northeast of Stuttgart. He was baptized there two days later on Oct. 23rd in the local Protestant (*Evangelisch*) church of Adelmannsfelden. His parents are listed on his baptism record as Karl Oberbach (1797-1854) and Margarethe Roether (1801-1871), who were married on Feb. 16, 1824 in Adelmannsfelden. Their son Heinrich married Catherena (Katherine) Hofmann (b. 1837) on May 27, 1862 in Adelmannsfelden, and they had several children, all born and baptized in the same town. Catherena died in Germany about 1888, as her daughter Carolyn "Carrie", who was born in 1879, remembered losing her mother when she was 9-years old.



Heinrich decided, after his wife's death, to immigrate to the United States, where his son Heinrich Jr. was already living, arriving there about 1889 with his three youngest children - Barbara, Jake and Carolyn. A family story that was posted in 2012 on the internet states that Heinrich, *"may be the father of Caroline Oberbach-Smith, [who] arrived with her father by train (after sailing from Germany) to Lexington, Nebraska. The family traveled by wagon to Eustis to farm with other German settlers. Carrie's mother (Heinrich's wife) passed away in Germany before they immigrated to the U.S."*

The frontier settlement of [Eustis](#) that the Oberbach family moved to was located on the prairie in southernmost Nebraska. It sprang up in 1886 when the railroad first arrived into the area, and it was incorporated two years later as a village that was named after an official of the railroad. Heinrich probably came to Eustis to farm, and, so far as we know, he did not remarry.



Another story, one by [Martini \(undated\)](#) that is based both on family interviews and newspaper articles, relates that, *"they arrived in New York in 1889. When they arrived, name tags were pinned on them. They proceeded to Nebraska by train, where [Carolyn's] brother [Henry] had come earlier and homesteaded. Henry had come to the U.S. to avoid the draft [in Germany]. Her father had received glowing letters from him about the opportunities in America. When they arrived, they found him living in a sod house, with very little to live on. They were sure let down. The girls were farmed out to work in other families for room and board while they learned the language. In 1893, after 5 years of struggling, her*

*father decided to go on to Wyo. where Carrie's sister lived. They traveled by immigrant train with goods and furniture in a box car."*

Heinrich's three oldest children - Heinrich, Jr., Maggie, and Katherine - came to the U.S before their father, and were followed there by Heinrich and the three youngest children. The family was subsequently joined in Wyoming by Heinrich's adult daughter Anna. She appears to have come to the U.S. on her own in the early 1890s, after Heinrich and the others. She found work as a servant on ranches in Sheridan County, Wyoming, and became the wife in 1897 of German settler Charles Schreibeis. Another adult daughter Maggie (Margarethe), along with her husband Jacob Klotz and their children, had remained in Eustis, but they too came out in 1895 or 1896 to Wyoming to join Heinrich and the others. This left in Nebraska the oldest son Heinrich Jr., who had been the first to come to the U.S., and Katherine Durner, an adult daughter who came to the U.S. separate from her father Heinrich, Sr. and her younger siblings.

Remaining in Sheridan County, Wyoming were Heinrich's daughter Anna Schreibeis and her family, and also daughter Carrie, who married George Smith, and had several children of her own. Daughter Maggie Klotz and

her family moved on to Whatcom County, Washington with Heinrich's daughter Barbara. His youngest son Jake Overbaugh ended up settling in Nome, Alaska. Heinrich, Sr. remained several years in Wyoming, where citizenship papers for him that are dated Nov. 3, 1896 are on file in the Sheridan County courthouse. However, he went back at some point to Eustis, Nebraska, presumably to be near his daughter Katherine Durner. Heinrich, Sr. died on June 12, 1906 in Eustis, and he is buried there in the [Eustis East Cemetery](#).



*More families with the surname Oberbach/Overbaugh live in Adelmansfelden than anywhere else. Likewise, more families with the surname Klotz live within 25-miles of Stuttgart than anywhere else.*

*Baptism records from the town of Adelmansfelden exist for all seven of the known children of Heinrich Sr. and Catherena Oberbach that we list below. All of them eventually left Germany to immigrate to the U.S., where their descendants live today. Though they originally spelled their name "Oberbach", today it is spelled "Overbaugh".*

### **children - Oberbach (Overbaugh)**

Heinrich "Henry" Oberbach, Jr. (1864-1950) was born on Jan. 30, 1864 in Adelmansfelden, Germany, and baptized there five days later on Feb. 4th in the local Protestant (*Evangelisch*) church. He immigrated to America sometime in the 1880s to avoid being conscripted into the German army, and married Caroline "Carrie" Borkecher (1864-1945) on May 19, 1888 in the Plum Creek Township of Butler County, Nebraska. They homesteaded in the frontier town of Eustis, where they are said to have lived in a sod house out on the prairie, and where they raised a large family. They lived here until about 1901, when they moved to a wood-frame house in Leavenworth, Kansas. Carrie died on Sep. 14, 1945 in Tonganoxie, Kansas; and Henry died on May 23, 1950 in the same town. Both are buried in [Tonganoxie Cemetery](#).

Margarethe "Maggie" Oberbach (1865-1901) was born on Aug. 26, 1865 in Adelmansfelden, Germany, and baptized there five days later on Aug. 31st in the local Protestant (*Evangelisch*) church. She immigrated to the U.S. before her father, and married [Jacob Klotz](#) (1863-1935) in 1887 in Nebraska. They continue as [Generation II](#) in this lineage.

Katherine Oberbach (1871-1949) was born on Feb. 3, 1871 in Adelmansfelden, Germany, and baptized there two days later on Feb. 5th in the local Protestant (*Evangelisch*) church. She immigrated to America in the late 1880s, probably before her father, and married Charles Durner (1852-1934) on Sep. 14, 1890 in Eustis, Nebraska. They remained in Nebraska after Katherine's father and several siblings moved on to Wyoming; and Nebraska is where all of her children were born. Charles died in January of 1934 in Nebraska, probably in Lincoln County, and Katherine died on Dec. 1, 1949 in Wellfleet, which is in the same county. Both are buried in the [Wellfleet Cemetery](#).

Anna Oberbach (1873-1946) was born on April 25, 1873 in Adelmansfelden, Germany, and baptized there several days later on May 5th in the local Protestant (*Evangelisch*) church. She immigrated to America, possibly in the 1890s after the rest of her family, and settled either with or near her father in Sheridan County, Wyoming, where she subsequently found work at the Aber Ranch on Wolf Creek. She married fellow German settler Charles Jacob Schreibeis (1859-1930) on June 26, 1897 in Sheridan, Charles having homesteaded earlier on Hiddenwater Creek. He and Anna settled on his homestead, and had several children. Charles died on June 13, 1930 in Sheridan County, probably at the Schreibeis ranch, and Anna died on Jan. 1, 1946 in the same county. Both are buried in the [Sheridan Municipal Cemetery](#).

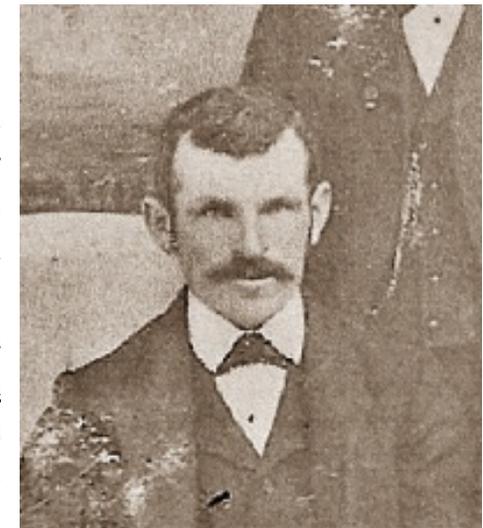
Barbara Oberbach (1874-1974) was born on Sept. 1, 1874 in Adelmansfelden, Germany, and baptized there five days later on Sept. 6th in the local Protestant (*Evangelisch*) church. She came to America in 1889 with her father and two younger siblings, and settled with them in Nebraska. She married her first husband John Haury (b. c. 1858) on Dec. 29, 1892 in Eustis Nebraska. It is not known what became of him. She next married Elmer J. Crosier (1873-1945) on June 2, 1900 in Akron, Whatcom County, Washington, having moved there earlier, probably with her father. She and Elmer had several children, all born in Whatcom County, but we list below only their first born Norman. Elmer died on Oct. 30, 1945 in Marysville, Washington; and Barbara died on Aug. 3, 1974 in Yakima, Washington, only 4 weeks shy of her 100th birthday. Both are buried in [Evergreen-Washelli Memorial Park](#) in Seattle. Barbara was the great aunt of Randy Klotz (b. 1930), and he remembers meeting her in 1947 or so, when he was 17 years old, and he and his father Albert made a trip together to Lynden, Washington to visit relatives.

- Norman Peter Crosier (1901-1995) was born on April 30, 1901 in Everson, Whatcom County, Washington, but grew up in nearby Delphi and Lynden. As such, he was born in the same county, at about the same time, as his cousin [Al Klotz](#) (1901-1999), who follows in Generation III of this lineage. However, Al in 1906 moved with his father to California, leaving Al's twin John Klotz (1901-1924) to live with friends or relatives, probably in Washington. If so, John and Norman likely spent their teenage years together, whereas Al and Norman did not. Norman died on Oct. 25, 1995 in Yakima, Washington, having lived almost as long as Al.

Jacob "Jake" Oberbach (1876-1977) was born Sept. 4, 1876 in Adelmansfelden, Germany, and baptized there on Sept. 10th in the local Protestant (*Evangelisch*) church. He immigrated to America in 1889 with his father, and lived first in Eustis, Nebraska, then later in Sheridan County, Wyoming and Whatcom County, Washington. He married Henrietta "Reka" Dreesman (1894-1968), in the 1920s in Washington, and they moved to Nome, Alaska, where their only child Lois Kay Overbaugh (1931-1980) was born. Sometime before Sept. of 1968, Jake went to live in a rest home in Alaska called the the Sitka Pioneer Home, whereas Reka remained in Nome, where she died on Nov. 5 that same year. Jake reached his 100th birthday, and died in May 1977 at the Pioneer Home, where he is buried in the [Pioneer Home Cemetery](#).

Carolina "Carrie" Oberbach (1879-1980) was born on June 10, 1879 in Adelmansfelden, Germany, and baptized there five days later on June 15th in the local Protestant (*Evangelisch*) church. She immigrated to America in 1879 with her father to Eustis, Nebraska, then moved with him to Sheridan County, Wyoming, where on May 19, 1897 she married George Robert Smith (1871-1939), when *"she was a month under the age of 18"*. They remained in Sheridan County, where all of their children were born. George died on July 19, 1939 in Sheridan, and was survived by Carrie by more than 40 years. She died on Oct. 8, 1980 in Sheridan, when 101 years old. She is buried with George in the [Sheridan Municipal Cemetery](#).

- II. Jacob Klotz (1863-1935) was born Johann Jakob Kloz on Jan. 18, 1863 in [Oberstenfeld](#), which is a town in the Baden-Württemberg province of Germany that is located about 20 miles north of Stuttgart. It is also about 30 miles west of Adelmansfelden, the home of the Oberbach family, who are Generation I of this lineage. Jacob was subsequently baptized on Jan. 21, 1863 in Oberstenfeld at the local Protestant (*Evangelisch*) church. His parents are listed on his baptism record as Johann Jakob Kloz (b. 1834) and Carolina Catharina Reser (b. 1843), who were married on March 4, 1862 in Prevorst, a village on the northeast side of Oberstenfeld. The younger Jacob was the



eldest of ten children, all born in Oberstenfeld. But he and his younger brother David (1867-1938) left for America, possibly to avoid conscription into the German Army. Jacob and David's eight siblings, so far as we know, all remained and died in Germany.

Jacob immigrated about 1885 to the United States, possibly with David, and settled first in Nebraska. Here he married [Magrede "Maggie" Oberbach](#) (1865-1901) on Sept. 4, 1887 in the town of Cozad in Dawson County. Jacob and Maggie remained in Nebraska for about ten years before moving to Wyoming, where she had family. Then sometime before 1901 they moved to Watcom County, Washington, where Maggie's sister Barbara Cosier was already living with her husband. Maggie died there, soon afterwards in 1901 in the town of Lynden, after giving birth to her twin sons John and Albert.

Interestingly, a first cousin of Jacob's, named David Klotz (1872-1949), arrived about 1904 in Eustis, Nebraska with his wife and two children. This David is not to be confused with Jacob's younger brother of the same name. Cousin David remained in Eustis, where he is buried with his wife and four children in the local [Eustis East Cemetery](#) - Albert (1899-1944), George (1900-1964), Fred (1904-1996) and Emma (1909-1995). Cousin David probably came to Eustis because of his connection to Jacob, but no details on their relationship have been found. None of David's children appear to have had children of their own.

Jacob moved in 1906 from Washington to Santa Rosa, California to be closer to family, bringing some of his children with him, sending others to be raised by friends or relatives. We know that Albert, Charles and Mary came with him, whereas Albert's twin brother John remained in Washington. We do not know where the other children were sent, but some of them over the years moved to Santa Rosa and reunited with their father.

Jacob's grandson Randy met his grandfather only once, probably in late 1934 or so, when Jacob was near the end of his days. Randy recalls that his grandfather had a magnificent white moustache, and that he lay in bed not doing much. Jacob died on Jan. 28, 1935 in Santa Rosa, at the home of his son Carl. He is buried in the [Santa Rosa Oddfellows Cemetery](#). When Jacob died he was survived by his brother **David Klotz** (1867-1938), who was living in Sacramento. David died three years later on June 2, 1938 in Sacramento, and so far as we know he never married, nor had children. He is buried in the "Potter's Field" of the [Sacramento County Cemetery](#), which means he died indigent, with no family to look after his burial arrangements.

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## JACOB KLOTZ, 72 SUCCUMBS HERE

Jacob Klotz, father of Carl Klotz, of Klotz' Meat Market, died at the home of his son here yesterday following a short illness.

Klotz was a native of Germany, 72 years of age. He had resided in California since 1906.

For the past year Klotz had been making his home with his son in this city.

In addition to Carl Klotz of Santa Rosa, Klotz is survived by the following other children: Mrs. Anna Gillen, Mrs. Emma Nolan, and Mrs. Mary Peterson of San Francisco, Mrs. Betty Clark of Grass Valley, Mrs. Carrie Verdier of Los Angeles, William Klotz of Sebastopol, and Albert Klotz of Vacaville. A brother, David Klotz, of Sacramento, also survives.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the chapel at Welti Bros., with the Rev. O. V. Wilkison officiating. Interment will be in I.O.O.F. cemetery.

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**KLOTZ** — In Santa Rosa, Monday, January 28, 1935; Jacob Klotz. Dearly beloved father of Mrs. Anna Gillen, Mrs. Emma Nolan and Mrs. Mary Peterson of San Francisco, Mrs. Betty Clark of Grass Valley, Mrs. Carrie Verdier of Los Angeles, William Klotz of Sebastopol, Albert Klotz of Vacaville and Carl Klotz of Santa Rosa; loving brother of David Klotz of Sacramento. A native of Germany, aged 72 years and 10 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral Wednesday, January 30, at 1:30 p. m. from the chapel at Welti Bros. The Rev. O. V. Wilkison officiating. Interment I. O. O. F. Lawn cemetery.

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## Final Rites Held For Jacob Klotz

Scores of friends and acquaintances of Jacob Klotz attended final rites said for him yesterday at 1:30 o'clock from the chapel at Welti Bros. The Rev. O. V. Wilkison officiated. Interment followed in Odd Fellows' Lawn Cemetery here. He died Monday following a short illness.

Klotz was the father of Carl Klotz, Santa Rosa meat dealer. He had made his home with his son for several years. A native of Germany, Klotz came to California in 1906. He was 72 years of age.

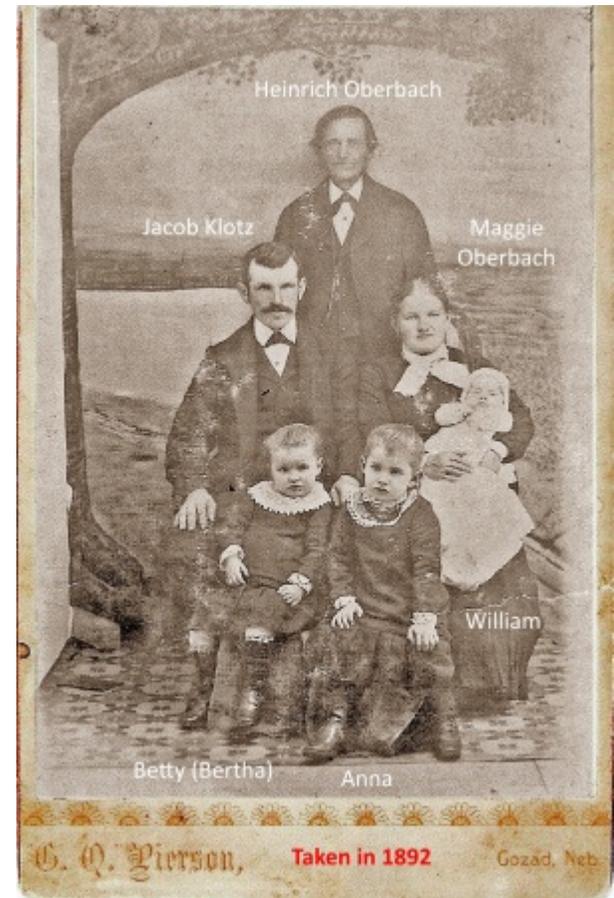
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## children - Klotz

Anna Klotz (1888-1993) was born on March 14, 1888 in Nebraska, probably in the town of Eustis. However, it is also quite possible that she was born while her family was traveling through Nebraska to reach Eustis. She moved to California as a young woman, and married Joseph Gillen (b. c.1883) on Oct. 2, 1906 in Stockton. They subsequently moved to San Francisco, where they divorced on Aug. 11, 1914, with desertion listed as the reason. We do not know what then became of Joseph, but Anna is listed in the 1930 U.S. Census as a widow. Joseph is also mentioned as deceased in the 1948 obituary of his daughter. Anna died on Dec. 23, 1993 at the age of 105 years old in Pittsburg, California; and she is buried in El Cerrito in the [Sunset View Cemetery](#). She and Joseph had the one daughter listed below.

- o Ione Gladys Gillen (1910-1948) was born on Nov. 4, 1910 in California, and married Virgil Arthur Lundquist (1909-1971). They had two daughters - Pamela Ann Lundquist (b. 1941) and Barbara Lee Lundquist, both of whom were born in California, married, and had children. Ione and Virgil divorced in June of 1948 in Contra Costa County, California. She died of tuberculosis a short time later on Oct. 11, 1948 in San Mateo County. She is buried in [Sunset View Cemetery](#) in El Cerrito.

Bertha "Betty" Kathryn Klotz (1889-1984) was born Karoline Bertha Klotz on May 18, 1889 in Nebraska, and baptized on June 17, 1889 in the town of Eustis. Although she generally went by the name Betty, sometimes she used the name Kathryn, especially in her later years. She had at least five husbands that we know about. She married her first husband Sydney Clair Ross (1887-1963) on Nov. 1, 1909 in Santa



Rosa, California, but they divorced a few years later. She then married her second husband Stanley Tyack (1888-1960) on Aug. 28, 1913 in San Francisco, but they were divorced by the time of the 1930 census. She married her third husband James M. Clark on May 18, 1931 in Carson City, Nevada, but we know nothing further of James. She then married her fourth husband Edmund J. Yunk (1899-1943) on Nov. 9, 1936 in Carson City, Nevada. Ed was a miner who worked in the Empire Mine in Nevada City. He died on Jan. 30, 1943 in Vallejo, California. Betty, who by now seems to have been using the name Kathryn, married her fifth and final husband Lloyd Steele on June 30, 1952 in Carson City, Nevada. He might be the Lloyd Steele Sr (1901-1953) who died on Feb. 20, 1953 in Reno, Nevada, and is shown with a wife named Betty Steele. However, this identification is uncertain, and needs to be confirmed with additional documentation. Kathryn died under the name of Kathryn B. Steele on Aug. 29, 1984 in Sebastopol, California. So far as we know, she had no children with any of her five husbands.

*It is no surprise that many family trees seem to confuse the above Bertha Klotz with a Bertha Mae Williams (1889-1959), who was born in California (probably in Calaveras County), and was married first to Carl Jacob Koltz (1883-1924) of Nebraska in 1910 in Sacramento, and then second to George L. Steele (b. 1882) of Australia. Despite the surprising coincidences in spouse names and birth places, these Berthas are actually two different, unrelated women. The second Bertha, who is not the one we are interested in, is buried as Bertha Steele with her first husband Carl Klotz in the [Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery](#) in Sacramento.*

William Klotz (1891-1975) was born on Oct 3, 1891 in Nebraska, and baptized on Nov. 15, 1891 in the town of Eustis. He lived for a time during his youth in Lynden, Washington, but later moved to Sonoma County, California. He served during WWI in the military, but we do not know any details. He worked as a laborer in fruit orchards immediately after the war, and worked his way up to either leasing ranches and working them, or as a ranch manager in the employ of others. He died on Sept. 23, 1975 in Sebastopol, and was cremated. He never married, nor had any children. His nephew Randy Klotz (b. 1930) remembers that William was a "really nice guy".

Caroline "Carrie" Klotz (1893-1988) was born on April 10, 1893 in Nebraska, and baptized on May 14, 1893 in the town of Eustis. She moved with her father to Lynden in Whatcom County, Washington, and later

moved to San Francisco, California. She married Bertrand Verdier on Sept. 25, 1919 in San Francisco, and later they moved Los Angeles, where their only child Shirley was born. Bertrand died on Jan. 22, 1953 in Los Angeles, and Carrie died on Aug. 1, 1988 in North Hollywood. Both are buried at [Forest Lawn Memorial Park](#) in Glendale.

- Shirley Verdier (b. 1923) was born on Dec. 31, 1923 in Los Angeles County, California; and married Norbert George Kabuss (1920-2012) on Nov. 13, 1946, probably in the same county. So far as we know, she lives today in San Diego County. Shirley and Norbert had at least one daughter, Deborah Lee Kabuss (b. 1951).

Emma Pauline Klotz (1894-1996) was born on Oct. 10, 1894 in Nebraska, and baptized on Oct. 30, 1894 in the town of Eustis. She moved with her father to Lynden, Whatcom County, Washington, and later to San Francisco, Calif. She married Charles Nolan (1890-1967), and they generally resided in San Francisco, where their daughter Lorraine (1915-1987) was born. Charles died on Jan. 6, 1967 in San Francisco, and Emma died on Nov. 15, 1996 in the same city. Both are buried in Colma in [Holy Cross Cemetery](#).

- Lorraine Virginia Nolan (1915-1987) was born on May 9, 1915, most likely in San Francisco, California. She married James DeBenedetti (1921-1980) on May 22, 1954 in San Francisco, but we are told that the marriage did not last long, and she went to live with her mother. Lorraine died on May 11, 1987 in San Francisco, and though she and James had separated, they are buried in the same plot in [Golden Gate National Cemetery](#) in San Bruno.

Mary Klotz (1897-1998) was born on Jan. 7, 1897 in Wyoming, and came with her father to Lynden, Washington, sometime after her mother died. She was married first to a man named Peterson. Then, sometime between 1944 and 1956, she appears to have married a painting contractor from Texas named Morris Shepherd Belew (1902-1986), who was a convicted bigamist with at least four previous marriages. Morris predeceased her in 1986 in San Diego; and she died as Mary Belew on Sept. 30, 1998, possibly in San Diego, which was her last known address. However, her name does not appear in the California Death Index, which makes it more likely that she died out of state.

Carl Klotz (1898-1982) was born on Aug. 17, 1898 in Wyoming, and moved with his father first to Lynden in Whatcom County, Washington, and later to Santa Rosa, California. He married his first wife Esther Augustus Trudgett (1901-1962) on Sept. 25, 1921 in Santa Rosa, but they divorced. He then married Lillian Knecht (1906-1998) in Santa Rosa. Carl became a well-known butcher in Santa Rosa, where for 40 years (c.1916-c.1956) he owned and operated the Klotz Meat Market. He then ran Klotz Meat Service until 1959, when he retired. He died on Sept. 20, 1982 in Santa Rosa, and Lillian died on Aug. 7, 1998 in nearby Healdsburg. Both are buried in [Santa Rosa Memorial Park](#). Carl's first wife Esther remarried after she and Carl parted ways, and she had at least one child with her second husband. However, Carl and his second wife Lillian never had any children.

John J. Klotz (1901-1924), the twin of Albert, was born on March 30, 1901 in Lynden, Washington. There is no documentation that we know of for his middle name, but a good guess is that it might be Jacob, in honor of his father and grandfather. When his mother Maggie died in childbirth, his biologic father Jacob was left unable to care for two newborn sons, so Jacob arranged for John to be adopted by Carl and Minnie Biehle, a local couple that Jacob probably knew from his days in the German community of Nebraska. John's name was subsequently changed to John J. Beihle, and he was raised separate from his brother Albert.

When Jacob and Albert moved in 1906 with other members of the family to Santa Rosa, California, John remained in Washington with his new family. The only time that Albert ever saw his twin brother again was on a trip that he made to Washington as a young man to revisit his roots there. The only blood relatives of John remaining in Washington were his aunt Barbara (née Oberbach) Crosier (1874-1974) and her children, who continued to live in Lynden until sometime after WWII, when Barbara relocated to Everett, Washington. Her second son Norman Crosier (1901-1994) was born exactly one month after John, and it is likely that the two of them spent time together growing up.

John's adoptive parents were Carl William Biehle (1853-1927) and his wife Ernestena "Minnie" Wilhelm Prawitz (1864-1937). Both were born in Wisconsin of Prussian parents, and homesteaded with their families in Stanton, Nebraska. They married on March 29, 1882 in Stanton, and moved with several children in 1890 to Whatcom County, Washington, where they adopted John. He grew up in Whatcom

County, and we find him at age 18 in 1919 working at a dairy there in Strandell, where he milked cows with a "Perfection" milking machine. He died on July 30, 1924 in nearby Everson, and he is buried with several members of his adoptive family in [Nooksack Cemetery](#) in Whatcom County.

Albert Klotz (1901-1999) [who follows](#):

- III. **Albert Klotz** (1901-1999), the son of [Jacob Klotz and "Maggie" Oberbach](#), was born on March 30, 1901 in Lynden, which in those days was a small town near Bellingham, in Whatcom County, Washington. He was born with a twin brother named John J. Klotz (1901-1931), who apparently had some sort of a middle name, even though Al always insisted to family that his own birth name was simply Albert Klotz, and nothing else. However, no birth certificates were issued for either twin, so these details cannot be confirmed. Years later, Al tried to get a birth certificate to apply for a passport to travel overseas, but Whatcom County could not provide documentation of his birth, so the passport was denied, even though Al's sisters Anna and Betty testified on his behalf.



Al and his brother were probably born at home, and their mother died soon after their birth. Al was raised from that point on by his father Jacob, whereas John was raised by Carl and Minnie Biehle, who were probably family friends. Carl and Minnie subsequently adopted John, gave him their last name, and raised him as their own. When Jacob moved in 1906 with three of his children - Al, Carl and Mary - to Santa Rosa in California, the twins were separated. Al then grew up in Santa Rosa, whereas John grew up in the town of Roeder, a few miles from Lynden. The two did not meet again, except for a brief visit that Al made to Whatcom County many years later to reconnect with relatives.

Al as a boy worked with his father picking hops on a farm in Sloughouse (Sacramento County), which convinced him that he did not want to be a farmer, so he trained as an engine mechanic at a school that might have been in Oakland. He then worked for a short time in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta repairing irrigation pumps, until he caught malaria. Then in 1922, at the age of 21, he moved to Vacaville, and rented the Nay Garage to work on car engines, with Oscar Madson (1897-1980) as his partner (*Automobile Topics*, v. 67, Sept. 9, 1922, p. 346; *Motor West*, v. 37, Aug. 15, 1922, p. 60). Al recalled in later years that he walked into town with a suitcase and a box of tools, went to the bank, and managed to get a business loan. The garage was located on the east side of McClellan Street, just north of Ulatis Creek, and near the east end of School Street.

Airplanes in the 1920s were new and exciting, and Al became very interested in them. This led him to buy one with a friend named "Chet" Carter, who knew how to fly. Together in 1928 they started the "*Klotz School of Aviation*" on some land that Al owned (Bowen, 1999, *Solano Historian*). There was no airport in Vacaville in those days, so Chet and Al had to construct their own runway, which the Vacaville Exchange Club in April enthusiastically voted to name "Klotz Field". However, the school was short lived and closed after Al was in a plane crash that he was fortunate to walk away from. His son Randy recalls that the plane went down on Vine Hill, which is in the Vine Street area of Vacaville, but he does not know if Al was actually in the pilot's seat. Al's daughter-in-law Ailene Klotz recalls that the crash was in an apricot orchard that is now gone, and that Al was definitely not the pilot. Al still displayed at his shop many years later a propeller from the crash to remind him of the incident.



Al met his wife Isabelle "Izzy" Shaffer (1908-1972) in Yreka through a mutual friend named Fred Spring, who later became Al's brother-in-law. Izzy and her sister Margaret were working as waitresses in a Yreka café, when Fred, who was either dating Margaret, or already married to her, brought Al to the cafe and introduced him to Izzy. One thing led to another, and they married on March 11, 1929 at the Rectory for St. Marks Church at 48 Quince Road in Medford, Oregon. We do not know why they married in Medford, when Izzy's family lived in Yreka. They made their home in Vacaville, where Al had his car repair business, and there they raised their family.

*"Russell Beelard (1906-1979) launched his service station business in 1926 when he leased a Standard Oil Station on Merchant Street. [Then] in 1930 Beelard and Elmer Burton (1902-1998) went into partnership and purchased the old Vacaville Garage on Main Street."* They also opened a Buick dealership on the site. *"Al Klotz leased the shop and ran it [for them] until World War II,"* as the "Al Klotz Garage". It was on the north side of Main Street (now Lincoln Street, back then part of U.S. Route 40), at its intersection with the old Bernard Street that no longer exists. There was a gas station in the front half of the lot, with the garage in the rear (Limbaugh and Payne, 1978, p. 217; Randy Klotz, pers. comm., 2019). Today the Pure Grain German Bakery in the Town Center Mall sits near where the garage was located.

Al at first just did car repairs, but any parts needed for the work had to come all the way from either San Francisco or Sacramento, which sometimes meant long delays in getting cars back to his customers. So Al began keeping a large inventory of parts on hand to speed things up. Then a parts salesman named Jiggs Landen convinced Al that selling car parts could be very lucrative, so Al expanded his shop with Russell Beelard's help and began selling car parts as a side line.



Al also filed a patent on April 14, 1934 for a design that he came up with for a portable highway sign that could be put up temporarily at the site of a car wreck or other road hazard (Patent No. 94,354). This was in the midst of the Great Depression, which meant that most people did not have much money. Thus, Al's car repair business was probably not as profitable as it had been in previous years, and Al may have been hoping to make some extra money from his sign idea.

When World War II broke out, *"the government bought most of the lathes, presses, metal saws, and other tools [from Al's repair shop] for the war effort (from Limbaugh and Payne, 1978, p. 217)."* Al went to work for the Navy repairing engines at the Vallejo ship yards. However, he also worked in his spare time on cars and farm equipment to make extra money. When the war ended, returning veterans created a huge demand for cars and services, which led Al to leave the shipyards and reopen his garage business.

Al and two partners - the county tax assessor and an insurance salesman named *George Lynn* - purchased the "*Triangle Building*" at 400 Main Street in 1948 as an investment. It is an historic, three-sided, brick structure that still stands in downtown Vacaville, where it is surrounded by Main, Dobbins and Merchant Streets. He then opened "*Al Klotz Auto Parts*" in the Triangle Building, and Beelard and Burton took over Al's garage operation on the other side of the street at Bernard and Main.

"*Al Klotz Auto Parts*" occupied the west side of the Triangle Building, at Dobbins and Main, where Schaffer's men's clothing store had once been. *George Lynn's* firm, J.C. Insurance, was in the middle of the building, and *James Miller's* Drug Store, and later the Vacaville Drug Company, was the tenant on the east side. Although parts sales were the mainstay of Al's business, he still kept a machine shop in back for engine repairs. He and *George Lynn* later bought out their partner's interest in the building, and Al eventually bought out *George*.

Al continued working full time at the shop until the mid 1960s, when he began letting sons Randy and Ronnie take over. He still came in from time to time after that to work the counter, always wearing a bow tie when he did - one that he tied himself, and not a pre-fashioned one. When the family made the decision in 1967 or 1968 to move the parts shop to a new location, Al had pretty much retired from the business.

A mechanic friend of Al's named *Frank Dimodica* moved into the west side of the Triangle Building and started "*Frank's Mower and Cycle*", but that business was soon bought by *Col. Ray Posey, Sr.*, who renamed it to "*Ray's Mower and Cycle*", and later to just "[\*Ray's Cycle\*](#)". *Posey* eventually bought the Triangle Building as well, and today *Col. Posey's* sons still own both the cycle shop and the building.

*Klotz Auto Parts* moved to a new location at 300 Davis Street, just around the corner from the Triangle Building. It also incorporated, with Randy as President. Later, Randy bought out Ronnie's interest in the business. When the family made a difficult decision to sell the Davis Street lot to the city, "*Al Klotz Auto Parts*" closed its doors for the last time on Nov. 30, 1996, some 48 years after it first opened.

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*Early 1920s photos of the Main Street entrance to the Vacaville Garage (left side of photos), where Beelard and Burton starting in 1930 had a gas station and Buick dealership. Al Klotz Garage was also here from 1930 to 1948 in the back part of the building.*



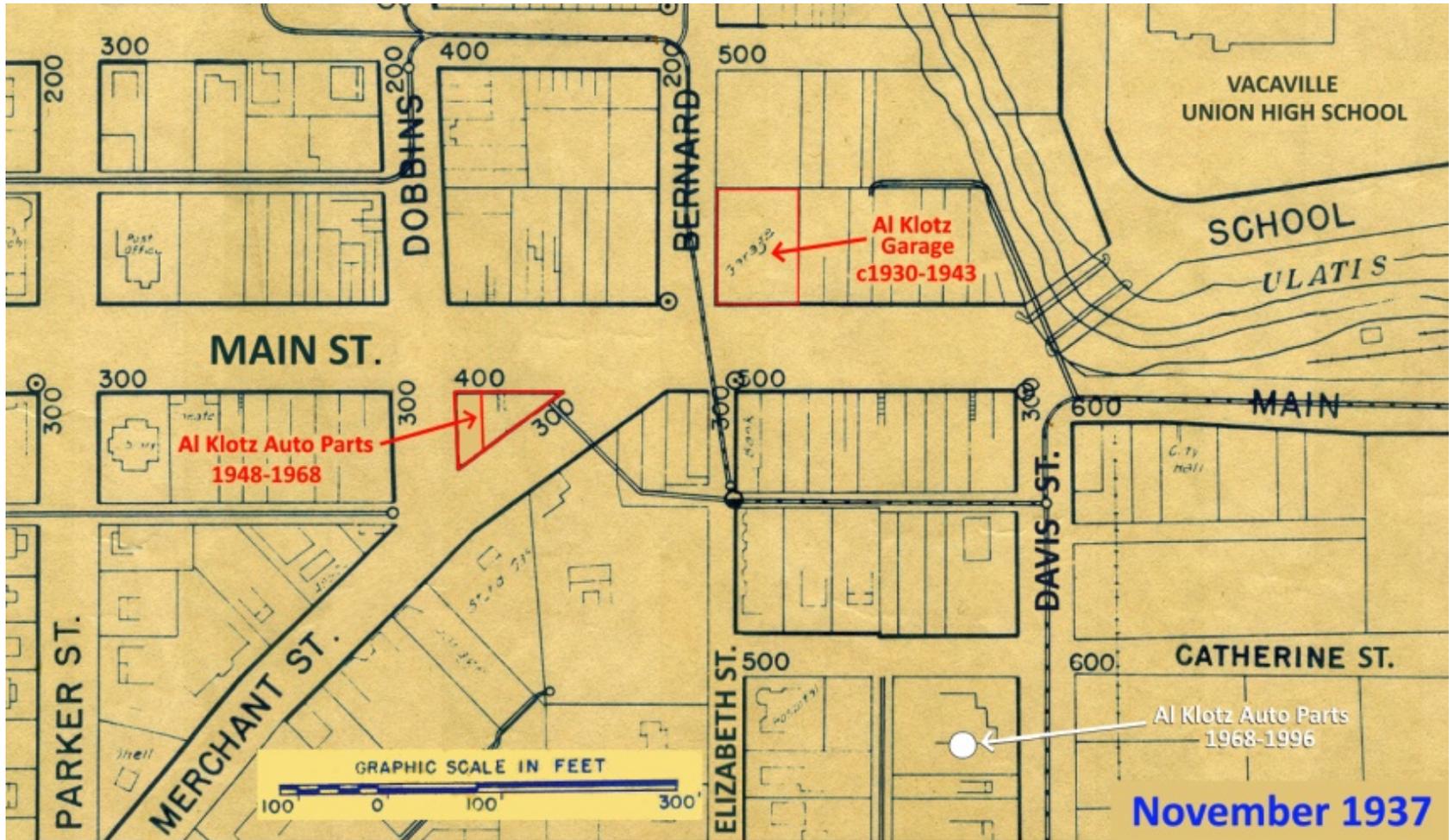
*An early 1950s photo of the Beelard and Burton gas station on the corner of Bernard (which no long exists) and Main. Al Klotz Garage a few years earlier was associated with this garage, and was located in the back part of the building.*



*Al and Izzy Klotz with the boys in the July 4<sup>th</sup> 1940 parade riding on Main Street in a 1913 Buick Touring Car that Al owned. Today T. J.'s Tavern is located where the Brook Pool Hall appears in the background (554 Main Street near Main and Davis).*



*The Triangle Building at 400 Main St. along the Old Highway 40 in downtown Vacaville. Al Klotz Garage from 1930 to 1948 was located at Main and Bernard at position A in the photo, and Al Klotz Auto Parts from 1948 to 1966 was at Main and Dobbins on the right-hand corner of the Triangle Building at position B.*



*An old map of Downtown Vacaville showing the locations of the Al Klotz Garage and Al Klotz Auto Parts*

Some memories of Grandpa Al and Grandma Izzy follow. Granddaughter Kelly Klotz remembers that Al *"told me he worked as a paper boy - selling papers on a corner of Market Street in San Francisco when he was 7-8 years old. They lived in SF and he would take a horse and buggy down to the spot where he worked and would yell 'Extra! Extra! Read all about it!'"* Grandson Don recalls hearing that Al spent a lot of time as a boy working with his father on a farm at Sloughhouse, which is located a few miles west of Rancho Murieta in Sacramento County. Although Al claimed in later years that this experience convinced him to never be a farmer, he always had a garden at home where he grew asparagus and other vegetables. In fact, tending his garden was his main hobby in his retirement years.



Grandma Izzy was a fun-loving person, who at 4'11" tall was very petite. Unfortunately, she suffered from severe arthritis, so she and Al made frequent trips to Calistoga, where she felt that bathing in the hot springs there soothed her aches and pains. She was also a heavy smoker. Al and Izzy about 1963 are shown in the photo on the right.

Izzy died suddenly from a massive heart attack on April 2, 1972 in Clovis, California at an Easter Sunday family dinner held at the home of her brother Bob Shaffer (1910-2006). She was 63-years old, having been born to parents Francis Shaffer (1872-1948) and Annie Schnebele (1880-1929) on May 10, 1908 in Snowden, which is near Yreka. Izzy is of German ancestry, which we cover in more detail under the [Genealogy of the Shaffer Family](#). Al survived Izzy by more than 20 years, and died on June 22, 1999 in a rest home in Vacaville, almost two months after his 98th birthday. Both Albert and Izzy were [cremated](#), and their ashes scattered at sea.

### **children - Klotz**

Albert Randolph "Randy" Klotz (b. 1930) [who follows](#):

Alvin Ronald "Ronnie" Klotz (1935-2001), the fraternal twin of Rollie, was born on July 9, 1935 in Vacaville, California in the Walker Mansion on the corner of Elizabeth and Catherine Streets, which from

1932 to 1945 was the Vacaville General Hospital. He went to Vacaville High School, where his class was the first to graduate after the school moved to its present location from the old School Street campus that is now Andrews Park. He joined the Marines after graduation, and subsequently went to work with his bother Randy for their Dad at Al Klotz Auto Parts. He married Mabel Elizabeth Stephen (b. 1938) on July 25, 1956 in Reno, Nevada, but they divorced after their son Kevin R. Klotz (b. Sept. 9, 1959) was born. He then married Reda Ailene Durrett (b. 1939) on Aug. 5, 1962 in Hayward, California. Ailene became very close to her sister-in-law Sally Klotz (néé Freeman), and when Sally died unexpectedly at a young age, Ailene helped with Sally's kids until Sally's husband Randy remarried. Ronnie and Ailene's four children are listed below. Ronnie died on Jan. 18, 2001 in Vacaville from complications related to a kidney transplant he had many years before.

- Wendy S. Klotz (b. Sept. 26, 1965) is married to Sean Griffin, and they have a son named Nolan Patrick, and a daughter named Riley Ailene.
- Kristina "Tina" L. Klotz (b. Nov. 21, 1966) is married to Charles Metzinger, and they have a daughter named Zoe, and a son named Blake.
- Kelly A. Klotz (b. March 18, 1969) is married to Bob Graweleski and they have three boys - Tucker, Grady and Jack.
- Eric Paul Klotz (b. April 14, 1971) is married to Tracey Caren Cassela, and they have a son named Ethan. Tracey also has a son named Christian Dean Chandler.

Allen Roland "Rollie" Klotz (b. 1935), the fraternal twin of Ronnie, was born on July 9, 1935 in Vacaville, California in the Walker Mansion on the corner of Elizabeth and Catherine Streets, which from 1932 to 1945 was the Vacaville General Hospital. He graduated from Vacaville High School with his brother Ronnie, and then did a tour of duty in Germany with the U.S. Army. He went back to school after his discharge and obtained a Ph.D. in Education, going on to work as a high school History and English teacher, and school administrator for the Beverly Hills Unified School District. He never married, and retired to southern California, where he lives today.



*The three sons of Al and Izzy - Randy in 1962 (left), and twins Ronnie in 1962 (center) and Rollie in 1973 (right).*

- IV. **"Randy" Klotz** (b. 1930), the son of [Albert Klotz and "Izzy" Shaffer](#), was born Albert Randolph Klotz on Feb. 16 1930 in San Francisco, California at Mount Zion Hospital, where both parents had been admitted - Izzy for the birth, and Al for a recurring bout of malaria from his days repairing irrigation pumps in the San Joaquin Valley. Randy was then baptized on Sunday, Sept. 17, 1933 at the Epiphany Episcopal Church in Vacaville. He attended Vacaville High School, back when it was still located on School Street (Andrews Park), and lettered in varsity basketball and baseball. He also became an Eagle Scout on June 7, 1946 with Vacaville Boy Scout Troop 74. He spent much of his free time working at his father's garage, and later the auto parts shop. When the parts business started up in 1948 in the old brick *"Triangle Building"* in downtown Vacaville, Randy helped a carpenter build wood parts bins for the store.



Randy enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1948 immediately after graduating from high school, and was assigned for 42 weeks to Treasure Island in San Francisco, where he trained as an Electronics Technician. He was then sent to Japan, and stationed on a radio transmission facility in a remote area near Tokyo, during which time he climbed Mt. Fuji. When the Korean War broke out in the summer of 1950, he was immediately reassigned to San Diego, where he worked for several weeks on recommissioning the [U.S.S. Ulvert M. Moore \(DE-442\)](#), a John C. Butler class, WWII era Destroyer Escort (306 ft, 215 men) that had been placed on reserve. He then sailed with the ship on April 26, 1951 for North Korea, where during an Oct. 17 bombardment of the coast, an engine room was hit by returning enemy gunfire that killed two sailors. The ship also sank a submarine before returning on Nov. 26, 1951 to San Diego, and then on to San Francisco for an overhaul.

Randy, while back in California with the Navy, met [Sarah "Sally" Carol Freeman](#) (1929-1971), who had recently finished her schooling and was working as a secretary. Shortly before his Navy discharge, he and Sally married on July 26, 1952 at the Congregational Church of the Chimes in Van Nuys, California. Their wedding was held on the 59th anniversary date of when Sally's maternal grandparents [Edgar and Carrie Shane](#) were married. Sally's ancestry is covered in the [FREEMAN and SHANE Genealogies](#).

Randy and Sally settled in Vacaville, where he went back to working at his father's auto parts store. When his father retired in the mid-1960s, Randy and his brother Ronnie took over the business. They then incorporated on May 26, 1966 as *Al Klotz Auto Parts* with Randy as president, and moved the store to a new location at 300 Davis Street. Randy later bought out his brother's interest in the shop. Although the business took much of his time, he still participated with family on 4-H Club projects, and served as a counselor during summers at the La Honda 4-H Camp, south of San Francisco.

Sally passed away from lung cancer on Feb. 28, 1971 in Vacaville. Randy then married [Marita Joanne Olson Rowell](#) (b. 1935) on Sept. 26, 1972 in Vacaville, Marita being a widow with three children from her previous marriage with Thomas Gerald Rowell (1935-1971). Randy's children with Sally, and his stepchildren with Marita are listed below. He continued running *Al Klotz Auto Parts* until late 1996 or so, when he retired. The family soon afterwards closed the business, and sold the property to the city, where the site is now a city parking lot.



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ON THIS DAY

Sunday, February, 16, 1930.

at  
Mt. Zion Hospital San. Francis<sup>co</sup>  
California

AT

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KLOTZ—At Mount Zion hospital  
San Francisco, February 16th, to  
the wife of Albert Klotz, a son.

In the Name  
Of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,  
Amen.

This is to certify that  
Albert Randolph Klotz  
Born February 16, 1930

Received

**Holy Baptism**

in Epiphany Church Vacaville  
on Sunday  
the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September

In the Year of our Lord 1933.

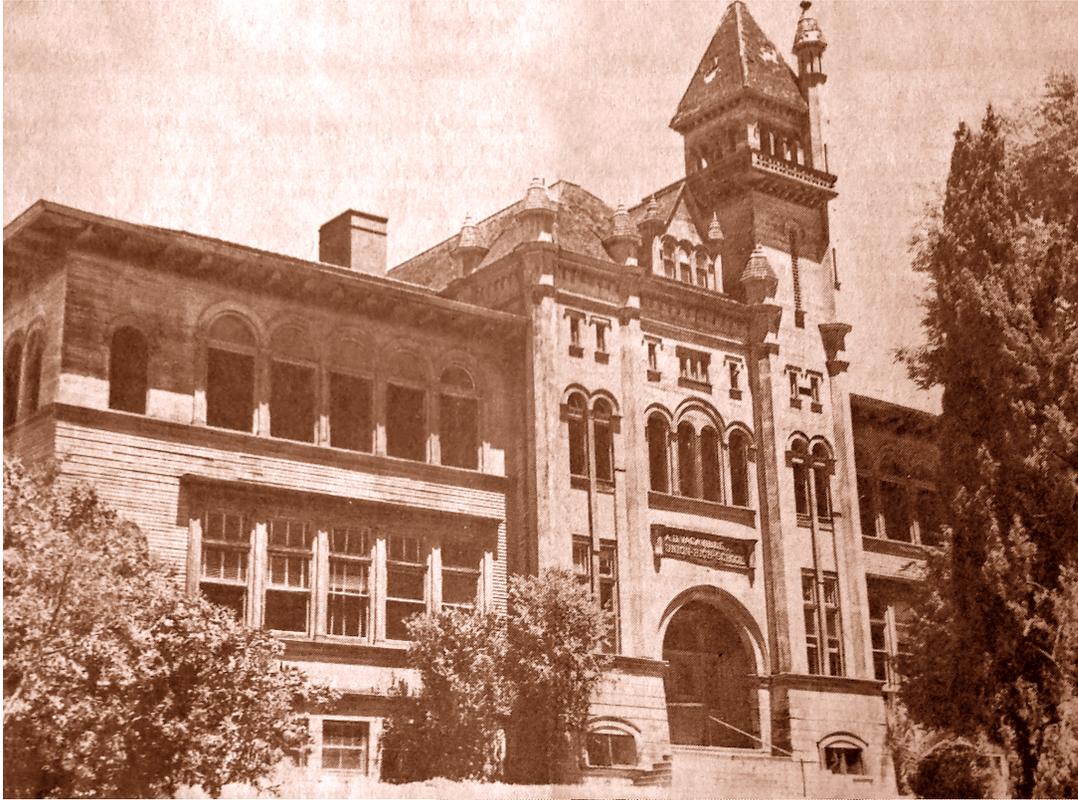
Albert Klotz  
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Henry D. Maybury } Sponsors  
Mary L. Maybury } or  
Witnesses.

Attest: + Noel Porter Rector  
Bishop of Sacramento

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*Above is the old Vacaville High School on School Street that Randy Klotz graduated from. His was the last class to graduate there before the building was torn down in 1948 or 1949 and replaced.*

*Below is the Triangle Building on Main Street in the late 1940s or early 1950s when Randy Klotz was working there for his Dad in Al Klotz Auto Parts. The store was located on the far right-hand corner of the building.*



### **children (with 1st wife Sally Freeman)**

Donald Albert Klotz (b. 1954) [who follows](#):

Kenneth Hugh Klotz (b. 1956) was born on Nov. 14, 1956 in Vacaville, California. He married Mary Anne Murphy (1955-1993) on March 17, 1984 in Sierra Madre, California, and subsequently trained to become a registered nurse. Mary Ann died from skin cancer on April 21, 1993 in Los Angeles, and was survived by Ken and their two young sons - Nicholas Haley Klotz (b. Sept. 25, 1987) and Casey Orman Klotz (b. Sept. 7, 1989), both born in the Sierra Foothills.

Ellen Marie Klotz (b. 1958) was born on May 29, 1958 in Vacaville, California. She married Daniel Lobay (b. 1950) on Sept. 29, 1979 in Sacramento County, California, but they divorced after the birth of their son Brian Michael Lobay (b. June 6, 1983). She then married Paul Vincent Lippolis (b. 1953) on Aug. 22, 1992 in Washoe County, Nevada.

Thomas Edward Klotz (b. 1960) was born on Feb. 10, 1960 in Vacaville, California. He married Michelle Martha Lang (1962-1994) on Feb. 20, 1982 in Monterey County, California; and they had two sons - Ian Albert Klotz (b. Oct. 26, 1983) and Patrick William Klotz (b. Nov. 19, 1985). Michelle became a homicide victim on Dec. 29, 1994 in Pacific Grove, California, leaving behind her husband and young sons. Tom then married Debra Lynn Rust (b. 1962) on May 6, 2000 in Douglas County, Nevada. Debra has a daughter Jennifer Anne Miller (b. 1988).

### **stepchildren (from Marita Olson's 1st marriage)**

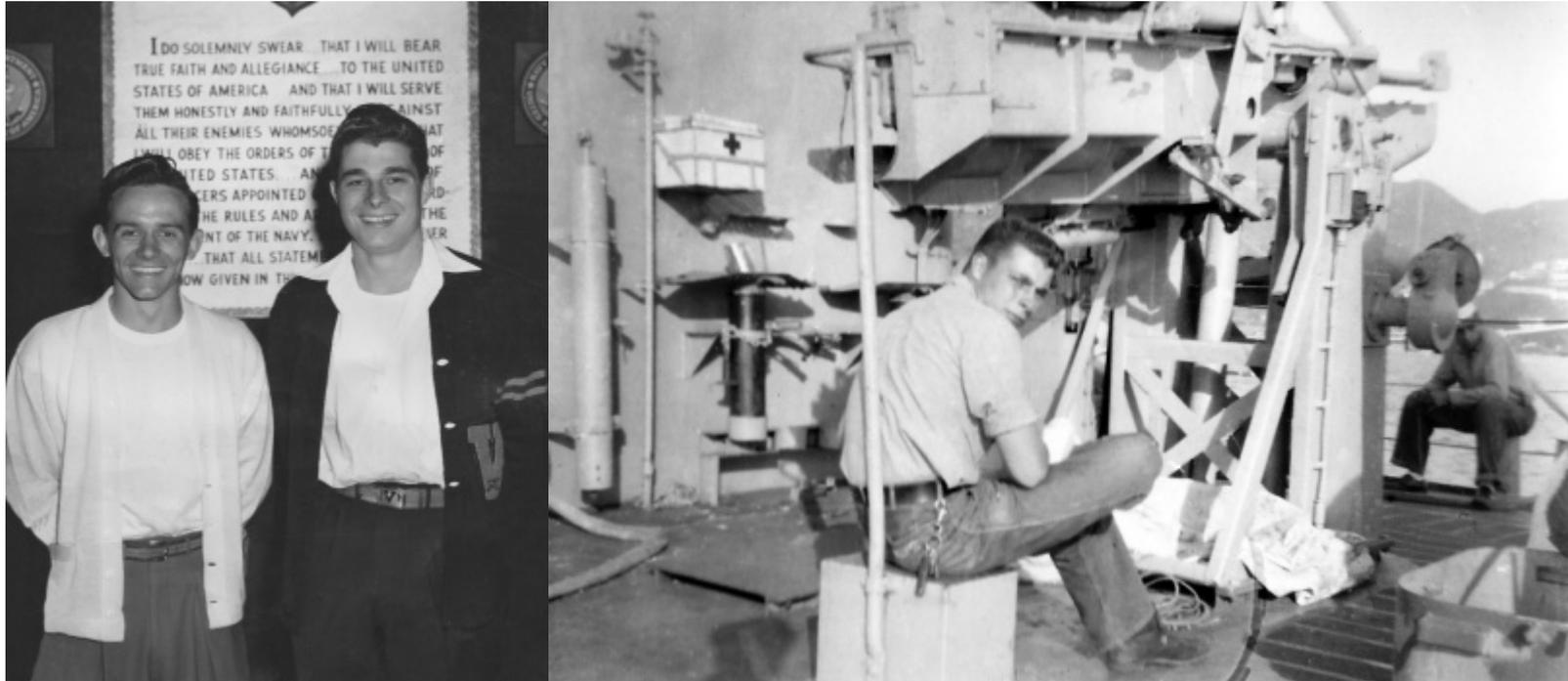
Connie Elaine Rowell (b. 1956) was born on Oct. 14, 1956 in Vacaville, California. She married David James McCall (b. 1954) on Aug. 26, 1978 in Solano County, California. They divorced, having had no children, and she then married Ronald Willingmyre (b. 1961) on Nov. 8, 1987 in Solano County. She and Ronald have two sons - Thomas Ronald Willingmyre (b. March 23, 1988) and Garret Douglas Willingmyre (b. Feb. 11, 1991).

Douglas Raymond Rowell (1958-1989) was born on Sept. 13, 1958 in Vacaville, California. He obtained a degree in photography from a southern California college, and was working as a professional photographer when he developed liver cancer, and died suddenly on June 15, 1989 in New York City, after an operation related to his illness. He is buried with his father in the [Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery](#).

Kenneth Alan Rowell (b. 1963) was born on July 2, 1963 in Vacaville, California. He married Jodie Moehrke (b. 1962) on May 9, 1986 in Nevada. They have two sons - Kevin Douglas Rowell (b. May 8, 1990) and John Thomas Rowell (b. Oct. 26, 1992).



*Left: Randy Klotz about 1936 when he was six-years old. This picture was subsequently used in a newspaper article about a bicycle accident that he had. Middle: Randy in the late 1940s at home in Vacaville. Right: Ronnie in the early 1950s in his Marine uniform.*



*Left: Randy and a friend enlisting in the Navy. Right: Randy on board the U.S.S. Ulvert M. Moore in May or June 1951 in Hong Kong.*





*Randy & Marita  
Christmas 2001*



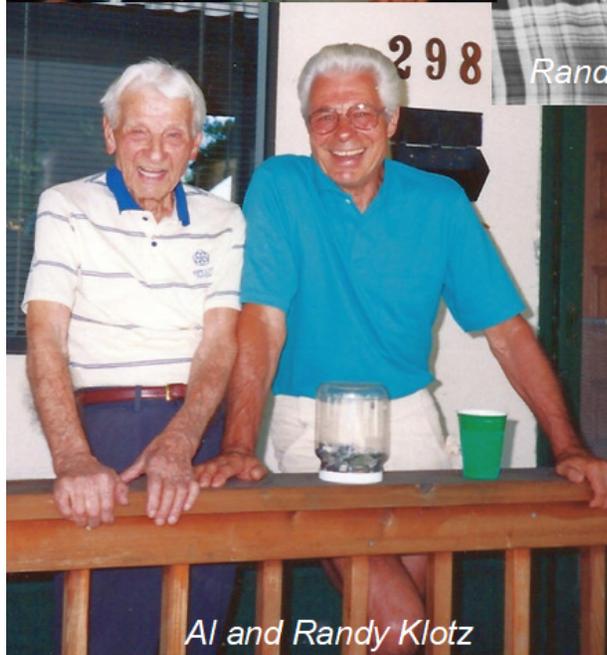
*Randy*



*1972 Parks & Rec Award*



*Randy 1980*



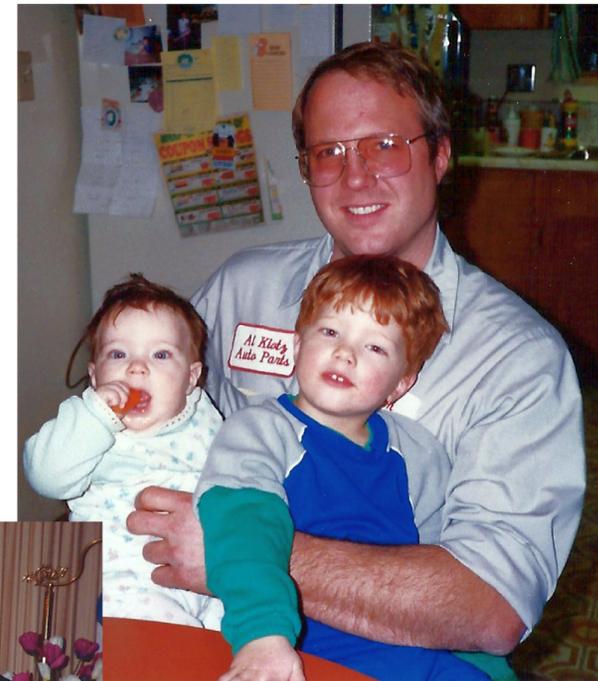
*Al and Randy Klotz*



*Randy & Marita  
Mother's Day 2011*



*The Klotz family on March 30, 1991 at Grandpa Al's 90th birthday. Back Row: Don Klotz, Sean Griffin, Eric Klotz, Tom Klotz, Ken Klotz, Mary Ann Klotz, Ron Willingmyre (holding Thomas). Middle Row Standing: Jane Klotz (holding Sara), Tina Klotz, Wendy Griffin, Kelly Klotz, Michelle Klotz, Ellen Lippolis, Connie Willingmyre (holding Garret), Jodi Rowell (holding Kevin). Middle Row Sitting: Ronnie Klotz, Ailene Klotz (holding Casey), Grandpa Al Klotz, Ronnie Klotz, Marita Klotz, Randy Klotz. Front Row (on grass): Nick Klotz, Brian Lobay, Andrew Klotz, Ian Klotz, Patrick Klotz. The picture was taken by Paul Lippolis.*



*Upper Left Photo (L-R): Randy, Al and Sara Klotz on Aug 1998 (three generations). Upper Right Photo: Don Klotz with Sara and Andrew on Dec 1990. Lower Photo (L-R): Randy, Sara, Grandpa Al, Andrew and Don Klotz on Dec 1990 (four generations).*



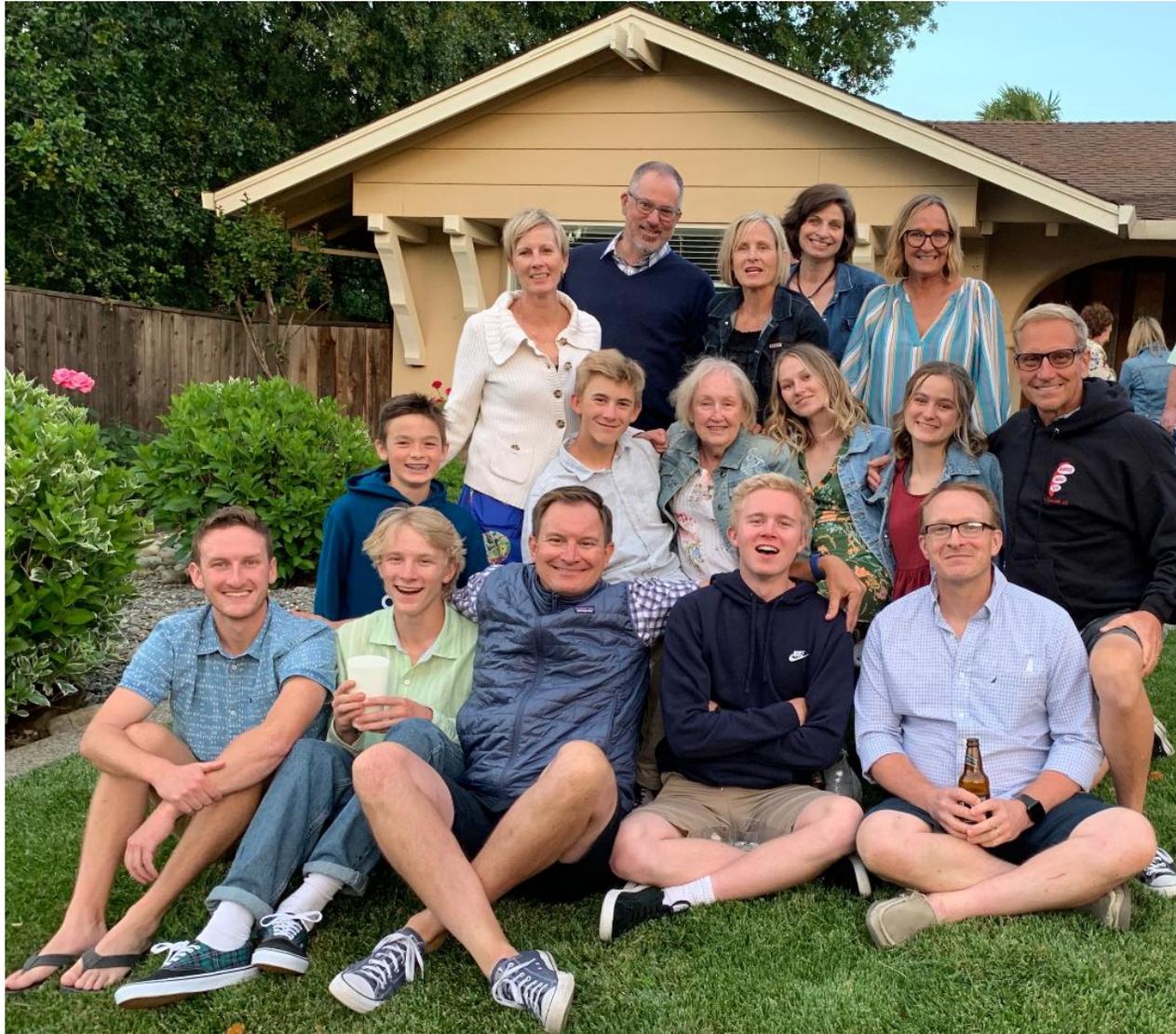
*Upper left: Ronnie Klotz, Emma Nolan (Al's sister), and Al Klotz. Upper Right: Photo taken by Randy Klotz on Sept. 24, 1989 of five of his grandsons – (L-R) Andrew Klotz, Brian Lobay, Patrick Klotz, Ian Klotz and Nicholas Klotz. Lower Left: Kelly, Kristina and Wendy Klotz (about 1999). Lower Right: Mary Anne and Ken Klotz (about 1991).*



*A Klotz family gathering on Christmas Eve, 2018 with Randy and Marita (seated center right).*



*A Klotz family gathering on Christmas Eve, 2018 with Randy and Marita (seated center left).*



*A Klotz family gathering on April 27, 2019 at Ailene Klotz's 80th birthday. Back Row: Kelly Grawleski, Charles Metzinger (Kristina's husband), Tina Metzinger, Tracy Klotz (Eric's wife), and Wendy Griffin. Middle Row: Blake Metzinger, Jack Grawleski, Ailene Klotz, Riley Griffin, Zoe Metzinger, and Sean Griffin (Wendy's husband). Bottom Row: Nolan Griffin, Grady Grawleski, Bob Grawleski (Kelly's husband), Tucker Grawleski, and Eric Klotz. Eric and Tracy's son Ethan Klotz is missing.*



*Above Left: Randy and Sally Klotz about 1962 with (left-to-right) Don, Tommy, Ellen and Ken.*

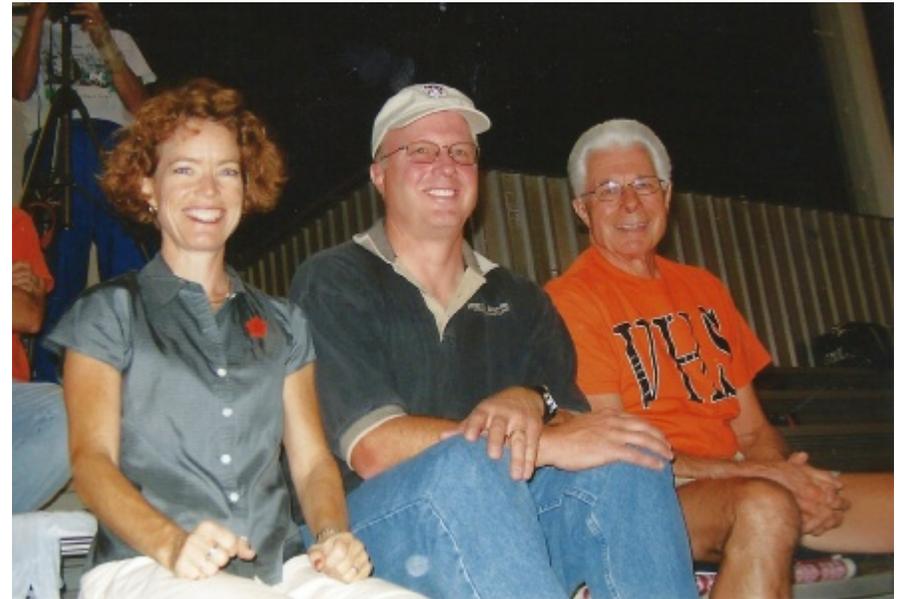
- V. **Donald Albert Klotz** (b. 1954), the son of "[Randy](#)" Klotz and [Sally Freeman](#), was born on Nov. 28, 1954 in Vacaville, California. He served in the U.S. Army after high school, and then trained as a diesel mechanic at Klamath Community College in Oregon. He held a few sort-term jobs, such as working as a commercial diver in the Vallejo shipyards, and also as a field assistant for a mining company that was prospecting for uranium in Iran. He then worked for several years as a machinist at Al Klotz Auto Parts in Vacaville. When the family in 1996 decided to close the parts business, he worked for a time building custom personal computers, and retired working as a draftsman for Wunder-Bar in Vacaville, a company that makes commercial drink dispensers.

Don married [Jane Alice Carty](#) on July 4, 1980 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fairfield, California. Jane was born on Dec. 31, 1956 in Hollywood, California. They have the two children listed below. Both children grew up in Vacaville, attended school there, and played on local soccer teams.

Andrew James Klotz was born on Nov. 10, 1987 in Vallejo, California. He obtained a degree in Spanish from St. Mary's College in Moraga, and spent a year abroad in Seville, Spain, where he met Caroline Eddy. They subsequently married on July 23, 2016 on Camano Island (near Seattle), Washington. Caroline was born on Feb. 5, 1988 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Sara Elizabeth Klotz was born on June 23, 1990 in Vallejo, California. She obtained a degree in Global Studies, and then spent two years with the Peace Corp in Morocco. She subsequently earned an MPA degree from the University of Washington.





Above and Center (L-to-R): Hugh Freeman with grandsons Tom, Don and Ken Klotz (1979). Lower Left: Four generations of Klotz men - Randy, Al, Andrew and Don (1988). Lower Right: Jane, Don and Randy Klotz (2004) at a Vacaville High School soccer game.



*Jane and Don Klotz in 2017 with (left-to-right) Caroline (Andrew's wife), Andrew and Sara.*

## *German-born Brothers and Sisters of Jacob Klotz (1863-1935)*

[Jacob Klotz](#), the father of Al Klotz (1901-1999), had a brother David who, like Jacob, immigrated to the U.S. Besides Jacob and David there were also several siblings who stayed in Germany, and probably died there. Below is a list of those brothers and sisters. Their parents are [Johann Jakob Kloz, Sr.](#) (b. 1834) and [Carolina Catharina Reser](#) (b. 1843), who married on March 4, 1862 in Gronau u. Prevorst, which are two adjoining villages on the NE side of [Oberstenfeld](#) in the Baden-Württemberg province of Germany. The German baptism records for Johann and Carolina's children give their surname as Kloz. However, Johann's record, and those of subsequent generations, spell their last name as Klotz.

[Johann Jakob Kloz, Jr.](#) (1863-1935) was born on Jan. 18, 1863, and baptized on Jan. 21, 1863 in Oberstenfeld. He immigrated to the U.S., and married Margaretta Oberbach (1865-1901) on Sept. 4, 1887 in Cozad, Nebraska. He died on Jan. 28, 1935 in Santa Rosa, California. He is covered in more detail as [Jacob Klotz](#) in Generation II of the above lineage.

[Wilhelm Kloz](#) (1864-1914) was born on April 6, 1864, and baptized on April 10, 1864 in Oberstenfeld. He married Rosina Karoline Spörle (b. 1870) on March 14, 1891 in Oberstenfeld; and died on April 26, 1914 in Nassach (Spiegelberg), Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

[Caroline Friedrike Kloz](#) (1865-1949) was born on May 5, 1865, and baptized on May 14, 1865 in Oberstenfeld. She married Georg Gottlieb Schick (1861-1937) on Nov. 2, 1886 in or near Oberstenfeld; and died on May 12, 1949 in nearby Gronau u. Prevorst, Germany.

[David Kloz](#) (1867-1938) was born on April 10, 1867, and baptized on April 12, 1867 in Oberstenfeld, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. He immigrated to the U.S., and probably never married. He died alone on June 2, 1938 in Sacramento, California, where he is buried in the [Sacramento County Cemetery](#). He is also mentioned as [David Klotz](#) in Generation II of the preceding lineage.

[Christine Catherine Kloz](#) (1869-1950) was born on May 2, 1869, and baptized on May 9, 1859 in Oberstenfeld, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. She married Paul Friedrich Mozer (1866-1933) on April 15, 1895 in Oberstenfeld; and died on Nov. 22, 1950 in nearby Gronau u. Prevorst, Germany.

Johann Gottlieb Kloz (1871-?) was born on June 8, 1871, and baptized on June 18, 1871 in Oberstenfeld, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. He married Luise Friedrike Weber (b. 1876) on May 1, 1900 in Oberstenfeld. It is not known what ultimately became of him and his wife, but they probably died in Germany.

Christian Kloz (1873-?) was born on May 3, 1873, and baptized on May 11, 1873 in Oberstenfeld, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. Nothing further is known about him.

Carolina Kloz (1874-?) was born on June 2, 1874, and baptized on June 7, 1874 in Oberstenfeld, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. She married Wilhelm Schick (b. 1870) on April 15, 1895 in Oberstenfeld. It is not known what ultimately became of Carolina and her husband, but they probably died in Germany.

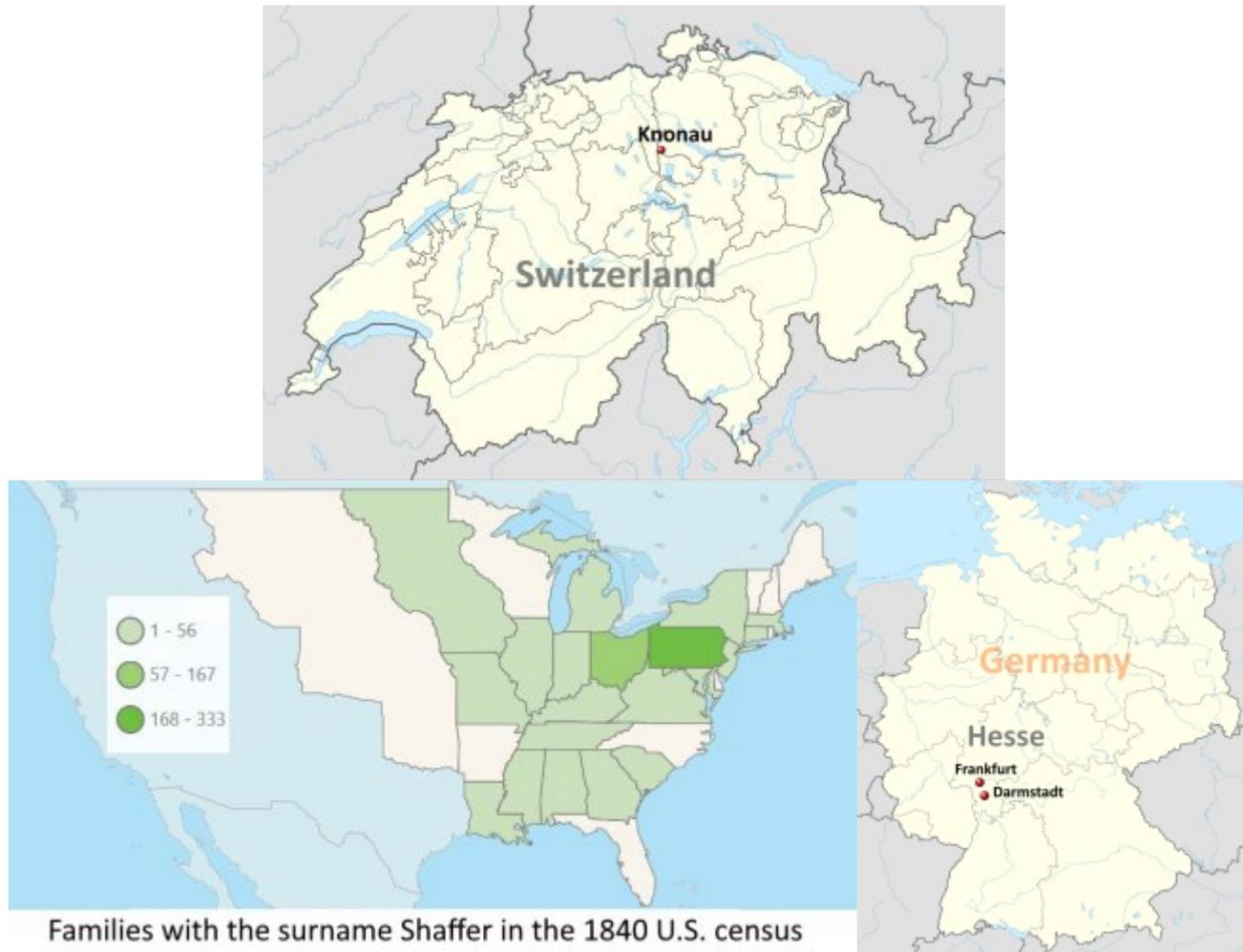
Christoph Friedrich Kloz (1878-1941) was born on June 10, 1878, and baptized on June 16, 1878 in Oberstenfeld, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. He married a woman named Wilhelmine Caroline (maiden name unknown); and died on Jan. 31, 1941, probably in Weinsberg, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, as he was buried there on Feb. 2, two days later.

Carl Otto Kloz (1883-1946) was born on April 21, 1883, and baptized on May 1, 1883 in Oberstenfeld, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. It is not known if he married, but he died on Dec. 18, 1946 in Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

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*There is also a David Klotz (1872-1949), who is the son of Georg David Klotz (b. 1836), and a nephew of Johann Jakob Kloz, Sr. (b. 1834), the patriarch of the above list of children. Therefore, this David Klotz is a first cousin of the above Kloz family siblings. He was born on Jan. 10, 1872, and baptized on Jan. 12, 1872 in Gronau u. Prevorst, which as we have already noted are a pair of adjoining villages that belong to the town of Oberstenfeld. He came to the U.S. around 1888-1890 and settled initially in Prowers County, Colorado. There he married Caroline Ploppert (1870-1949) in the town of Lamar. They subsequently settled about 1904 in Eustis, Nebraska, a few years after Jacob Klotz and his family had left. David Klotz and his wife are buried with their four children (all unmarried) in the [Eustis East Cemetery](#).*

# *Genealogy of the Shaffer and Schnebele Families*



*Schnebele family origins in Switzerland (above center), Shaffer family origins in the U.S. (left), and Ruhl family origins in Germany (right).*

The Klotz family is German in origin, with Generations 1 and 2 all born in Germany. Al Klotz of [Generation III](#) was born in the U.S., and married Isabelle "Izzy" Shaffer, whose ancestry is also German, but less so than Al's. Although Izzy's father Francis Edward "Frank" Shaffer (1872-1948) came from Ohio, he is of Pennsylvania-German extraction ([see the \\* note below](#)). Izzy's mother Annie Schnebele (1880-1929) came from Yreka, California, but Annie's mother was born in Germany, and her father was born in a German-speaking province (canton) of Switzerland. The story of Annie Schnebele's German and Swiss-German immigrant parents follows.

*\* Frank Shaffer's grandparents John Shaffer (b. c.1815) and Delilah Dearth (c.1820-1883) were born in Pennsylvania, and came about 1840 to Ohio. Then they moved after the end of the Civil War to California and settled in Yreka. Their parents and ancestry are not known, but the Shaffer surname is said to have originated in Hesse, Germany. Many Shaffers immigrated from Hesse to Pennsylvania in the early 1800s, and more families with the Shaffer surname (333 families total) lived in Pennsylvania during the 1840 U.S. census than anywhere else in the U.S. ([see the U.S. map above](#))*

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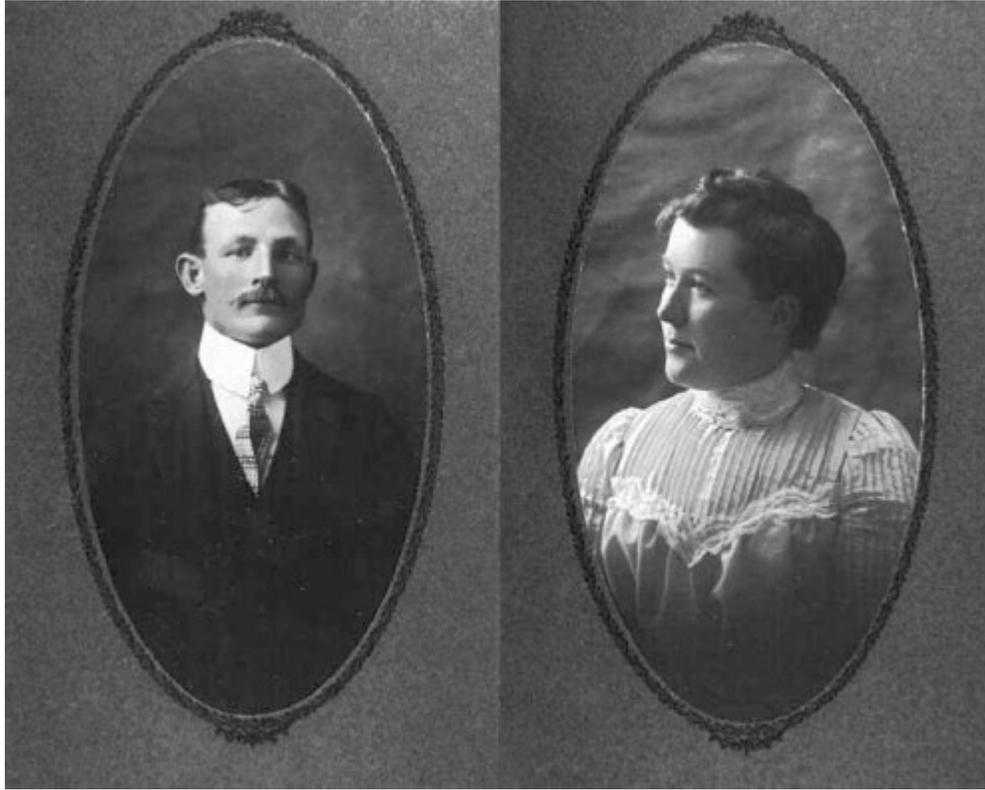
Annie's father **Johann Jakob Schnebele** (1829-1905) was born on July 3, 1829 in [Knonau](#) in the German-speaking canton of Zürich, Switzerland. He married Maria Habegger (b. 1830) on July 21, 1852 in Switzerland, and they emigrated with two Swiss-born daughters to the United States, departing on a ship named the *Guttenberg* from La Havre, France to arrive on Oct. 30, 1856 in New Orleans Harbor. They settled in St. Louis, Missouri, where a third child was born, and sometime after the 1860 U.S. Census Maria apparently died.

Johann then married Swiss-born Johanna Stoekle on May 12, 1861 in St. Louis. The American Civil War had started only the month before, and Johann, at some point in 1861, enlisted as a sergeant in the Union Army in Company B of the 2nd Regiment of the Missouri Light Artillery. His was charged with the defense of the city, but otherwise Johann was probably able to spend much of his time with his family. Because Johann came into his regiment as a sergeant, we suspect that he probably had some prior experience in an artillery unit of the German Army. He and Johanna had three more children after the war ended, and she died in St. Louis, sometime after the 1871 birth of their third daughter Bertha. Johann next married **Annie Elizabeth Ruhl** (1849-1923) on Nov. 19, 1873 in St. Louis.

Annie Ruhl, Johann's third wife, was born on March 30, 1849 in [Darmstadt](#) in the German province of Hesse, which was actually a separate German state when Annie was born. She came alone on the *S.S. Europa* from Bremen, Germany to the United States, arriving on June 5, 1866 in New York Harbor. Although she would have been less than 17 years and 3 months old on her arrival, the ship's passenger register shows her age as 18 years and 3 months, which implies that she lied about her true age in order to get passage as a minor. Her stated destination in the register is Ohio, which indeed is where we find her there during the 1870 census working as a servant. She subsequently landed in St. Louis, where she married Johann, who was twenty years her senior.

Soon after Johann and Annie married they moved west to Yreka in Siskiyou County, California, with two of Johann's daughters from his previous marriage. Here Johann and Annie had four children of their own. Annie's father Johann died on April 18, 1905 in Yreka, and her mother, also named Annie, died on Nov. 22, 1929 in the same town. Both are buried there in [Evergreen Cemetery](#).

Johann and Annie's daughter Katie (1877-1961) married Charles Henry Shaffer (1870-1901) on March 8, 1896 in Yreka. He died prematurely in 1901 at the age of only 31 years, after which Johann and Annie's youngest daughter **Annie Schnebele** (1880-1929) married Charlie's younger brother **Frank Shaffer** (1872-1948) on March 11, 1903 in Yreka - the younger Annie, of course, was the mother of Izzy Klotz. The 1903 wedding portraits of Izzy's parents are shown on the next page. Frank eventually got a job working as an employee for the city of Yreka, where he worked for many years until his retirement. Katie, Charlie, Annie and Frank are all buried in Evergreen Cemetery with Katie and Annie's parents (i.e., Izzy's grandparents).



*Frank Shaffer (left) was born May 23, 1872 in Livermore, California, and died Nov. 7, 1948 in Yreka. His wife Annie Schnebele (right) was born April 19, 1880 in Yreka, and died there on Nov. 22, 1929. Their 1903 wedding portraits are above. They are buried in [Evergreen Cemetery](#) with Annie's parents.*

**children - SHAFFER** (Listed below are the children of the above Frank and Annie Shaffer. It includes Al Klotz's wife Izzy, and Izzy's many siblings.)

Elizabeth "Betty" Caroline Shaffer (1903-1972) was born on Nov. 22, 1903 in or near Yreka in Siskiyou County, California. She was a twin, but her unnamed twin sister died at birth. She married Henry John Lange (1890-1953), and they had two children. The 1966 obituary of her brother Stanley Shaffer

indicates that she married a man named Calkins after the death of her first husband, but we know no details. She died on Nov. 1, 1972 in Yreka, and is buried there with Henry in [Evergreen Cemetery](#).

- [Gerald Henry Lange](#) (1925-2003)
- [Albert Fred Lange](#) (1928-1993)

[Margaret Shaffer](#) (1906-2001) was born on March 26, 1906 near Yreka in Siskiyou County, California. She married Fred Spring (1890-1959), and they had one daughter. Margaret died on Oct. 23, 2001 in Humboldt, California; and she is buried with Fred in [Golden Gate National Cemetery](#) in San Bruno.

- [Fredyne Ayn Spring](#) (b. 1947)

[Isabelle "Izzy" Shaffer](#) (1908-1972) was born on May 10, 1908 in Snowden in Siskiyou County, California. She married Al Klotz on March 11, 1929 in Medford, Oregon. She died on April 2 (Easter Sunday), 1972 in Clovis, California. Please see the [KLOTZ GENEALOGY](#) for more on Izzy's story.

[Anita Dorothy Shaffer](#) (1910-1982) was born on Aug. 3, 1910 in Edgewood in Siskiyou County, California. She married Baker Bush Whitney (1904-1972) on Nov. 27, 1927, and they had five children. They evidently divorced, as she later married Donald Maurice Hansen (1921-1978). She died on April 23, 1982 in Auburn, California; and she is buried with Donald in [Todd Valley Cemetery](#), which is near Auburn.

- [Marjorie Ann Whitney](#) (b. 1929)
- [Beverly Jean Whitney](#) (1931-1998)
- [Emma Lou Whitney](#) (1932-2005)
- [Donald Baker Whitney](#) (1926-1992)
- [Paul B. Whitney](#) (b. 1948)

Helen Shaffer (1913-1996) was born on Jan. 11, 1913 in Little Shasta in Siskiyou County, California. She married Daniel Richard Quittner (1908-2002), and they had three children. She died on Feb. 11, 1996 in Walnut Creek, California; and she is buried with Daniel in [Oakmont Memorial Park](#) in Lafayette, California.

- Geraldine Louise Quittner (1931)
- Caroline Jane Quittner (1936) twin
- Clifford James Quittner (1936-1985) twin

Frank Edward Shaffer (1915-2007) was born on July 11, 1915 in Edgewood in Siskiyou County, California. He married Evelyn Delores Castro on July 12, 1939 in Carson City, Nevada, and they had two children. Because Frank had a wife and children, he did not have to serve in the military during WWII, as did his brothers. He retired from Pacific Bell Telephone in Fresno, California, after working as a lineman for 46 years. He died on April 20, 2007 in Fresno, and both he and Evelyn were cremated by the Neptune Society.

- Sharon Kay Shaffer (b. 1941)
- Gary Edward Shaffer (b. 1944)

John Harral Shaffer (1918-1984) was born on Dec. 30, 1918 in Edgewood in Siskiyou County, California. He served during WWII as a corporal in the Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater, and either he or one of his brothers fought in the battle of Iwo Jima. He was discharged in 1945 and worked afterward as a heavy equipment operator for the U.S. Forest Service. He married Marguerite May Edmonds (1918-1985) of Canada. but they did not have any children. He died on Dec. 24, 1984 in Jackson County, Oregon, and he is buried with Marguerite in the [Fort Jones Cemetery](#) in Siskiyou County, California.

Robert "Bob" Marion Shaffer (1920-2006) was born on Feb. 15, 1920 in Edgewood in Siskiyou County, California. He served during WWII in the Pacific Theater as a private in the Marine Corps. He subsequently married Charlotte Wilma Wright (1925-2006). Bob died on Sept. 4, 2006 in Boise, Idaho, and Charlotte died there three days later, which indicates they may have been in an accident. Bob and Charlotte did not have children.

Stanley Clinton Shaffer (1924-1966) was born on July 19, 1924 in Yreka in Siskiyou County, California. He served during WWII as a staff sergeant in the 2nd Division of the Marine Corps, where he was in the communications branch of the Marine Air Force. He took part in the battles of Guadalcanal, Tarawas and Marianas, which left him suffering from post traumatic stress syndrome (PTS). He married Vera Bockman on March 21, 1959 in Carson City, Nevada. However, theirs was an off and on relationship, possibly due to his PTS. They did not have children, and they eventually divorced. Stanley died on March 6, 1966 in Sacramento County, California. He is buried in [Golden Gate National Cemetery](#) in San Bruno.



## *Sally Freeman Chooses Date of Grandparents*

Wearing a diamond solitaire on her fourth finger is popular Miss Sally Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh I. Freeman, 7031 Woodman Ave., and residents of Van Nuys 18 years.

Both Sally and her fiance, Randolph Klotz, are first generation Californians. They have decided on a family anniversary date—July 26—as their wedding day. Simultaneously, Sally's maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shane of Van Nuys, will be celebrating their 58th wedding date.

Sally is a graduate of Van Nuys High School where she was a member of Ladies and president of the Girls Athletic Association. She finished at University of California, Santa Barbara, and Wright-MacMahon, Beverly Hills, taking a position with Rand Corp., Santa Monica.

Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klotz of Vacaville where he was schooled and has since been serving in the Navy, first Japanese occupation and now at San Diego where he will terminate soon.

Sally's mother is a past commander of Van Nuys Navy Mothers Club and active in patriotic circles.

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**IN VAN NUYS Miss Sally Carol Freeman exchanged nuptial vows with Albert Randolph Klotz recently.**

Harold Hall photo

## *Sally Freeman Says 'I Do' to Albert Klotz*

Miss Sally Carol Freeman walked down the aisle of the Congregational Church of the Chimes, Van Nuys, to become the bride of Albert Randolph Klotz. Of special significance was the fact that it was the 59th wedding anniversary of the bride's maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shane of Van Nuys.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh I. Freeman of Van Nuys. Mrs. Hugh E. Freeman of Pomona was her only attendant.

Lt. Comdr. John A. Ingham was best man. The ushers were twin brothers of the bridegroom, Ronald and Rolland Klotz. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klotz of Vacaville.

# *Genealogy of the Freeman Family*

*The next two sections look at the history of the [Freeman Family](#) and [Shane Family](#) ancestors of [Sally Freeman](#) (1929-1971). It is based largely on family group sheets that Sally's brother Hugh Freeman (1920-2007), a history teacher, wrote down on forms he got from the Southern California Genealogical Society. We can verify almost all of what is in Hugh's group sheets, which gives us reasonable confidence that whatever we could not verify from Hugh's research is still nonetheless grounded in fact.*

*John Freeman of Surry County, Virginia is thought by some to be the earliest-known ancestor of the Freeman family of Paragould in Greene County, Arkansas. However, we have not seen any real evidence that convincingly links him to any descendants leading from him to his postulated great-grandson Anderson Freeman. This John Freeman lived in that part of Surry County that later became Sussex County, and he received there in 1701 a land patent (deed to a homestead). He subsequently worked a plantation and grist mill that was located on the north bank of the Nottoway River, near where Freeman's bridge crosses the river into Sussex County (Freeman, 2014). He died in 1725/1726 in Virginia. His son [William Freeman](#) (b. c.1692) is thought, by some, to have left Sussex County and moved to North Carolina, from whence his descendants supposedly moved west about 1800 to settle in Tennessee, and later Arkansas. William's supposed grandson [Anderson Freeman](#) is Generation I in the lineage that follows.*

- I. [Anderson Freeman](#) is the earliest Freeman ancestor for whom we have found any real evidence. He was born in the late 1700s, possibly in Tennessee, as that is where he seems to have spent most of his life, and where he died. However, he may have also arrived there from Virginia or North Carolina. Various family trees confidently place him in one of these three places, but we are not aware of any evidence in any of these trees. There are records to show that he resided in, and/or owned land at various times in Rutherford County in central Tennessee, and later Haywood County in western Tennessee. There is also the record of his marriage to [Delilah Yearnel](#) (1796?-1873) on Dec. 23, 1813 in Wilson County (central Tennessee). The obituary of his daughter

Nancy Marble (1827-1900) states that, *"She [Nancy] belonged to a large and influential (Methodist) family. Her father, Anderson Freeman and many of the family have been and are ministers of the gospel, being widely known over Tennessee and North Mississippi"*. However, we know nothing of the churches with which Anderson was associated. He is not to be confused with the same-named, and much better-known, Rev. Anderson Freeman, D.D. of Maryville College in eastern Tennessee.

The only other information we have on Anderson are some notes that his granddaughter Delilah McKay (1856-1955) left us on her life and family. She writes, *"My mother Nancy's mother, my grandmother was also named Delilah, Delilah Yarnell and she was born in Kentucky in 1785. Her mother's maiden name was Baird. She married Anderson Freeman, a Methodist minister, and had the following five children:*

*William* [who follows in the [next generation](#)]

*Louis*

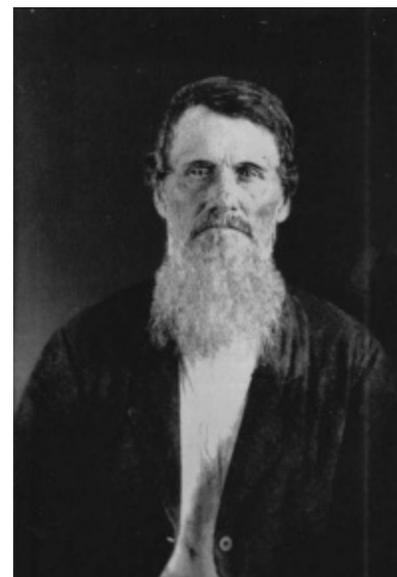
*Martha Freeman who married a McFarland*

*Elvis Freeman who married a Van Dyke*

*Nancy Freeman who married Ira Jones Marble"*

Although Anderson's and Delilah's birth and death dates are poorly known, there are some facts to consider. First, the 1830 U.S. Census places Anderson in Haywood County, Tennessee. Then his wife Delilah was a widow when she married her second husband Armistead Poole (1794-1862) on March 15, 1838 in Tennessee. These facts mean that Anderson must have died sometime between 1830 and 1838 somewhere in Tennessee. Delilah and her second husband Armistead then moved about 1844 to Mississippi, from where he originally came. Armistead died in 1862 in Mississippi, and Delilah died on Aug. 31, 1873 in either Claiborne or Copiah County, Mississippi. Granddaughter Delilah McKay in her narrative gives 1785 as Delilah Yearnell's birth date, whereas Boddie (1960) in *Historical Families of Southern Virginia, IV*, p. 167 gives July 25, 1796 as her birth date. We suspect that the later birth date is more reliable, as it would mean she was 17 years old when she married Anderson, whereas the earlier birth date would mean she was 28 years old when she married, which would make her a bit of an "old maid" for the times.

II. William B. Freeman (b. c.1817) is probably the son of [Anderson Freeman](#) and [Delilah Yearnel](#). Census returns show that he was born about 1817 in Tennessee, and resided in Haywood County and Dyer County, both of which are near the Mississippi River in the westernmost part of the state. He married his first documented wife, Nancy Miller (b. c.1819), sometime before 1840 in Tennessee, and they were residing that same year on a 100-acre homestead on Pond Creek in Haywood County that William's younger brother Louis/Lewis (b. c.1819) had purchased from the original homestead claimant Alfred Freeman (b. 1806). This Alfred and his neighbors Cato Freeman (b. c.1790), Green Freeman (b. c.1794) and Ashbury Freeman (b. c.1798) are shown in some family histories to be uncles of William and Louis/Lewis, but the evidence to document this has not been found.



William and Nancy moved with their family about 1859 to Greene County, Arkansas, where Nancy died sometime after the 1860 U.S. Census. William then married his second documented wife Emaline Ledbetter (b. c.1837) about 1868 in Tennessee. Emaline was a widow with young children, and whose previous husband Mark Kelly may have died in 1864 as a Confederate soldier being held prisoner in Andersonville Prison. William appears to have had at least three children with Emaline. He probably died sometime before the 1880 U.S. Census, which shows Emaline living without him.

Some family trees on the internet quote stories that portray William's eldest "daughter" Mary J. Barton (néé Freeman) as a Cherokee Indian, who came into the family. However, there are also statements that DNA evidence does not support this, the argument being that Mary's descendants are genetically linked to the descendants of William's other children. However, if William was Mary's biologic father, but her mother was Cherokee, then an Mt-DNA analysis would be needed to show evidence of her Indian ancestry, and we are not sure this was done. Thus, the possibility that those family stories are grounded in truth cannot be discounted.

Above and right is a daguerreotype (tintype portrait) of William, with "*Lizzie Lee Murphy's Grandpa Freeman*" handwritten on the back. Lizzie is the daughter of the Sarah Freeman below who married John Murphy.

### **children - Freeman (with 1st wife Nancy Miller)**

Ann Eliza Freeman (1842-?) is presumed to have been the eldest child of William and Nancy Freeman. She was born in Oct. 1842 in Tennessee, and came with her parents to Arkansas. She married William Worrell (b. 1839), not long after her arrival on July 7, 1859 in Greene County, Arkansas, and they had at least four children that we know of.

Sarah Ellen "Sallie" Freeman (c.1849-1881?) was born about 1849 in Tennessee, and came as a little girl with her parents to Arkansas. She married John Crawford Murphy (1840-1914) on Sept. 30, 1868 in Madison County, Tennessee. They had at least four children that we know of, including their youngest child Lizzie Lee Murphy (1880-1971). Sallie is shown in some family histories to have died in 1881 in Main Shore, Arkansas, but this has not been verified. Her husband survived her, and remarried. He died on Feb. 21, 1914, and is buried in Greene County, Arkansas in the [Crockett Cemetery](#), but we do not know where Sallie is buried.

Marion Jackson "Jack" Freeman (1856-1922) was born on April 25, 1856 in Tennessee, and came with his parents when he was 3- or 4-years old to Greene County, Arkansas. He married Nannie Poston (1857-1844) on Jan. 28, 1877 in Crockett County, Tennessee, and they had a large family. Jack died on April 10, 1922 in Alamo, Tennessee. He was survived by 20 years by Nannie, who died on April 1, 1944 in Pulaski County, Arkansas. Both are buried in Alamo in the [Pond Creek Cemetery](#)

*additional children are shown in the census returns of 1850, 1860 and 1870 as members of William B. Freeman's household, Some are his children with first wife Nancy Miller, and some are children with second wife Emaline Ledbetter. Others may be stepchildren, such as the two listed below.*

### **stepchildren - Freeman**

Mary J. Freeman (1839-1892) is said in family stories to have been a Cherokee Indian. This probably precludes Nancy Miller from being Mary's mother, but Mary could still be a daughter of William B. Freeman and an unnamed Indian woman. She was married first to Samuel Barton (c.1839-1884), and

second to Edmund Pickney Holt (c.1844-1919). Some family trees also show a marriage to Jesse Miller before she married Sam Barton, but we have not seen any evidence for this earlier liaison. There are children from her marriage to Sam Barton, but we do not know of any that she had with Ed Holt. She died on Feb. 3, 1892 in Arkansas, and she and Ed Holt are buried in [Hartsoe Cemetery](#) in Marmaduke, Arkansas.

Isaac Anderson Freeman (1843-1923), [who follows](#).

III. Isaac Anderson Freeman (1843-1923) was born on November 23, 1843 in westernmost Tennessee, and raised in the household of William B. Freeman (b. c.1817) and William's wife Nancy Miller. Consequently, Isaac is assumed in most genealogies, to be the biological son of William and Nancy. However, his death certificate, for which his daughter Mrs. Ed Cooper (Fardelia Freeman) is the informant, clearly states that his parents are Thomas and Gertie Freeman, which makes William B. Freeman the stepfather of Isaac. Nonetheless, DNA evidence from the Freeman DNA project indicates a family connection between their respective descendants. Because Isaac's middle name of Anderson is the same as the first name of William's father, we suspect that William is probably an uncle, or at least a cousin, of Isaac. Marion Jackson Freeman (1856-1922) is a known son of William, and Isaac's granddaughter Thelma Freeman writes that Isaac "*had a half brother named Jack Freeman*". This indicates that even though the two may not be biologic brothers, they are still close relatives.



Isaac moved in 1859 with William and Nancy Freeman to Greene County, Arkansas, where he was living two years later at the onset of the Civil War. He subsequently served in Company K of the Confederate [7th Arkansas Cavalry Regiment](#) under the command of Col. John Fry Hill. Most likely, he enlisted first with a Missouri cavalry battalion that was organized in Greene County, Arkansas in April 1863 by Col. Solomon Kitchen. Then his unit

merged on either June or July of 1863 with Hill's 7th Cavalry. Isaac's unit fought in several engagements before he mustered out in April 1865, just before surrender of the 7th Cavalry to Union Troops on June 3, 1865 in Galveston, Texas.

Isaac married Patience Alabama "Bama" Patton (1844-1910) in 1866, probably in Greene County, Arkansas, where they settled down to raise their family. Bama died in 1910 in Paragould, Arkansas, according to family group sheets for the Freeman family that were put together by Isaac's descendant Hugh Edward Freeman (1920-2007). Isaac eventually married his second wife Belle on Oct. 11, 1911 in Baxter County, Arkansas. Belle is said by Isaac's granddaughter Thelma Freeman to have been, "*a widow with grown children.*" Her surname on her marriage record in the county archives appears to be Loman, which may be her maiden name, given that most family trees seem to identify her with a widow named Belle Hoffman, who appears in the 1910 U.S. Census in Baxter County. She died on May 26, 1915 in Johnson County, Arkansas.

Isaac died on April 8, 1923 in Paragould, where his death certificate in the county archives shows that he is buried in the [Pine Knot Cemetery](#) in Paragould. Hugh Edward Freeman's family group sheets indicate that Isaac's first wife Bama is also buried in the Pine Knot Cemetery. Isaac's granddaughter Thelma Grable (1965) remembered that, "*Grandpa was a wonderful story teller.*"

#### **children - Freeman (with first wife Bama Patton)**

Fardelia Gertrude Freeman (1866-1949) was born in Nov. 1866 in Arkansas. She generally went by her middle name of Gertrude. She married the Rev. Edward D. Cooper (1866-1942) on Oct. 7, 1883 somewhere in Arkansas, and they had several children, all born in Arkansas. Rev. Cooper died on Oct. 24, 1942 in Greene County, Arkansas; and Gertrude died on June 1, 1949 in the same county. Both are buried in the [Linwood Cemetery](#) in Paragould, Arkansas.

Augustus Jackson Freeman (1867-1932) was born in July 1867 in Arkansas. He married four times. His first wife was Rebecca "Betty" Herron (c.1875-1896?), whom he married on Nov. 23, 1893 in Arkansas. She probably died giving birth in March 1896 to their only child. He then married his second wife Sallie Johnson on Sept. 5, 1896 in Little Rock, Arkansas. So far as we know, he and Sallie did not have any

children. We do not know what happened to her, but Augustus married his third wife Betty Willibanks (v.1884-1920) on Nov. 17, 1901 in Arkansas. They had several children, before Betty died on March 1, 1920 in Desha County, Arkansas. Augustus then married fourth wife Anna McCaskill on May 10, 1928 in Arkansas. We know nothing more about Anna. Augustus died on Feb. 20, 1931 in Lonoke County, Arkansas.

Emerson Jethro Freeman (1872-1913), [who follows](#).

- IV. Emerson Jethro Freeman (1872-1913), the son of [Isaac Anderson Freeman](#) and Patience Alabama Patton, was born Nov. 7, 1872 in Arkansas. He married Sarah Louvenia "Sallie Lou" Vanover (1877-1958) on Sept. 25, 1897 somewhere in Arkansas. He was killed on Nov. 2, 1913, when he was working as a switchman in the Iron Mountain railroad yards, and fell beneath the wheels of a train. He is buried in [Linwood Cemetery](#) in Paragould.

Sallie carried on, raising her family alone in Paragould. Then, she moved in the 1930s to Detroit, Michigan, where her sons Eddie, Frank and Harry had moved with their families. She died on Jan. 15, 1948 in Trenton, Michigan, but she is buried in [Linwood Cemetery](#) in Paragould with her husband.

#### **children - Freeman**

Hugh Idle Freeman (1898-1982), [who follows](#).

Eddie Cline Freeman (1900-1970) was born on Aug. 7, 1900 in Hornersville, Missouri. He worked on oil-well drilling rigs as a young man, and ended up in Michigan, where he married Fay Dorothy Beauregard (1904-1959) on Nov. 23, 1927 in Grosse Pointe Park, near Detroit. He and Fay settled in Detroit, where he was working in the 1930s and 1940s in an auto factory. He and Fay had several children, before she died on May 8, 1959 in Wyandotte, Michigan. She is buried in [Michigan Memorial Park](#) in Flat Rock. Eddie died on May 7, 1970 in Trenton, which is nearby, but we do not know where he is buried.

Thelma Mae Freeman (1904-1972) was born on April 1, 1904 in Paragould, Arkansas. She grew up in Paragould, and married Fred Leigh Grable (1901-1951) on Jan. 12, 1924 in her home town, after which they moved to Trumann in adjacent Poinsett County. They then divorced on March 12, 1937 in Poinsett County. Thelma apparently collected a few notes on the family history, mainly quotes from her grandfather Isaac Anderson Freeman that appear from time to time on the internet, but we have never seen anything more substantial than those brief quotes. She died single on Feb. 20, 1972 in Trumann, and she is buried under her maiden name in [Linwood Cemetery](#) in Paragould. So far as we know, she died without issue.

Harry Scott Freeman (1906-1999) was born on July 31, 1906 in Paragould, Arkansas. He moved as a young man to Detroit, which was where his older brother Eddie lived. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during WWII, and was admitted in May 1942 to a military hospital in Iceland, while serving there as a quartermaster. Then after his discharge, he married Jane Rose Brooks (1913-2008) in Detroit on April 1, 1944. He and Jane remained in Michigan, where they raised at least two children. However, we know nothing further about their family. Harry died on Jan. 13, 1999 in Stockbridge, Michigan; and Jane died on Feb. 16, 2008 in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Frank M. Freeman (1909-1977) was born on Aug. 21, 1909 in Cotter, Arkansas; and married Eleanor Frances McHaney (1909-1972) on Nov. 30, 1939 in Paragould. We are not aware that they had any children. Frank and Eleanor moved at some point after the 1940 census to Michigan, where they appear in the 1945 city directory for Battle Creek. Eleanor died on Oct. 6, 1972 in Battle Creek, and Frank died there on Dec. 20, 1977, but both of them are buried in Paragould in [Linwood Cemetery](#).



Frank 'Pete' Freeman - Hugh Freeman - Thelma Freeman - Sallie Vanover Freeman - Scott Freeman - Eddie Freeman

- V. Hugh Idle Freeman (1898-1982), the oldest son of Emerson Jethro Freeman and Sallie Lou Vanover, was born on Oct. 1, 1898 in Hornersville, Missouri. He married Frances Edith "Fannie" Shane (1901-1978) on Dec. 19, 1919 in Paragould, Arkansas, where they settled initially. They moved in 1922 to southern California, when their first child Hugh, Jr. was just two-years old, and settled in the San Fernando Valley.



Hugh, Sr. worked various jobs in southern California, including working in a grocery store, with a radio station, and as a carpenter. Then he and Fannie moved during their retirement years to Vacaville, California, where their daughter Sally (1929-1971) was living. Fannie died on Nov. 21, 1978 in Vacaville, where she is buried in the [Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery](#). Hugh died on Aug. 22, 1982 in Pomona, which was where his son was living in retirement, but he is buried with wife Fannie in Vacaville.

### **children - Freeman**

Hugh Edward Freeman (1920-2007) was born on May 23, 1920 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and grew up in the San Fernando Valley of southern California. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII as an officer, having joined the Naval Reserves while in school at UCLA. He was called into active duty in 1943 when he graduated, and served in the Mediterranean, where he commanded an air-sea rescue boat. He went to the Claremont Graduate School after the war, and earned a Masters degree in Education, prior to marrying Sylvia Kelly (1922-2010) on Aug. 5, 1948 in Pomona. He subsequently worked for the Alhambra City School District, where he taught history, and held various administrative positions. After his 1981 retirement, he pursued many interests, one of which was putting together the Freeman and Shane family group sheets that much of this lineage is based on. He died on March 7, 2007 in Pomona, and Sylvia died there on April 4, 2010. Both are buried at [Oak Park Cemetery](#).

- Roger Paul Freeman (b. 1946) was born on March 27, 1946 in Pomona, and married Joyce Bell on Jan. 3, 1976 in Los Angeles County.
- Alan Patrick Freeman (b. 1948) was born on Dec. 16, 1948 in Pomona, and married Mary Kathleen Forcey on June 24, 1972 in Pomona.
- Jon Christopher Freeman (b. 1955) was born on Aug. 22, 1955 in Pomona.

Sarah "Sally" Carol Freeman (1929-1971), [who follows](#).

VI. Sarah "Sally" Carol Freeman (1929-1971), the daughter of [Hugh Idle Freeman](#) and [Frances Edith Shane](#), was born on Sept. 25, 1929 in Glendale, California. She graduated from Van Nuys High School in southern California, and took classes ("finished") at the University of California at Santa Barbara, before earning a certificate from the Wright-McMahon Secretarial School in Beverly Hills. She was working for the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, when she married [Randy Klotz](#) (b. 1930) on July 26, 1952 at the Congregational Church of the Chimes in Van Nuys. Their wedding date had special significance, as it was also the 59th wedding anniversary for Sally's [maternal grandparents](#) Ed and Carrie Shane. Sally and Randy settled in Vacaville, California, where Randy went to work at Al Klotz Auto Parts, a family business that his father had founded just three years earlier. Randy and Sally had four children, all born in Vacaville, and all four graduated from Vacaville High School, the same school that Randy had graduated from. Sally passed away unexpectedly from lung cancer, when she was just 41 years old, on Feb. 28, 1971 in Vacaville. She was survived by her husband and children, and both her parents. Sally was cremated at Fairmont Memorial Park in Fairfield, and she is buried next to her parents in [Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery](#). Please see the [KLOTZ GENEALOGY](#) to learn about Randy and Sally's children.





*Sally and Hugh Freeman, Jr. in 1942 with their parents Hugh, Sr. and Fannie.*



*Sally Freeman at a lawn party about 1943 with her Dad Hugh Freeman.*



*Randy and Sally on a date at the beach.*



*Cutting the cake July 26, 1952 after their wedding at the Congregational Church of the Chimes, Van Nuys.*



*Left-to-Right: Hugh and Fannie Freeman, Sally and Randy Klotz, Izzy and Al Klotz.*



*Sally and Randy in 1954 at home in Vacaville.*



*Sally in 1954 in Vacaville with mother-in-law Izzy Klotz.*



*Sally with her mother Fannie Freeman (néé Shane) and grandmother Carrie Shane (néé Steele).*

## *Genealogy of the Shane Family*

- I. Robert Shane (1769-1847), the patriarch and immigrant ancestor of the Shane family of this lineage, was born on March 1, 1768 in County Down, Ireland (Northern Ireland). He arrived about 1800 in Alabama, and settled a short time later near Medina in Gibson County, Tennessee. There he married Elizabeth (1772-1852), whose maiden name we do not know. He died on May 19, 1847 in Gibson County, where he is buried with Elizabeth in the [Mount Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery](#) in Medina. Their tombstones are shown below.

Shane is revered as a benefactor and founding member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church. A church history, written in 1932 by Sarah Clement, records that the land where the church now stands, and the original part of the church cemetery, was a gift, given about 1832 from Shane. A deed states that this land was given for church school and burial purposes. The history then relates how Shane, who was born in Down County, Ireland, came to America in the early part of the eighteenth century, and is buried in the church cemetery. His great-great-grandson, Cecil Hemphill (1886-1939), was a member at the time of the church congregation.

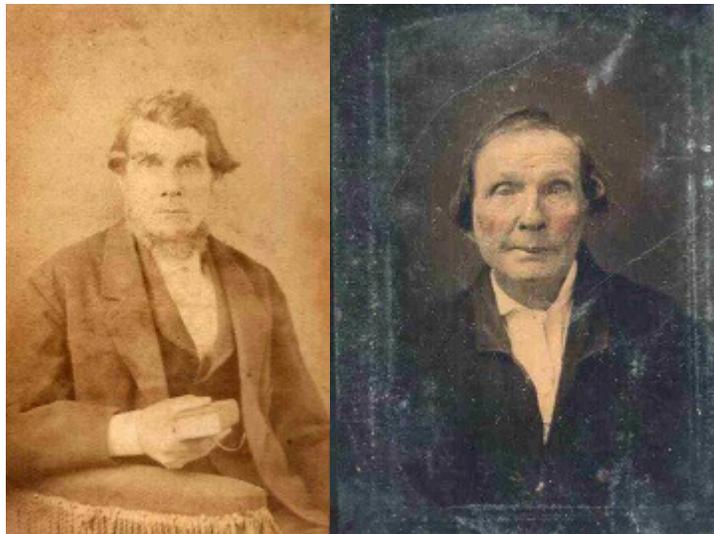


## children - Shane

William Shane (1807-1889), [who follows](#).

*There are additional children, including six more sons and at least five daughters that we know about. The eldest son may have been born in Ireland, but this is not certain. The others were probably all born in Gibson County, Tennessee at the Shane family homestead near Medina. Many of them are buried in the Mount Zion Methodist Church Cemetery in Medina.*

- II. William Shane (1807-1889), one of the seven sons of [Robert and Elizabeth Shane](#), was born on Jan. 7, 1807 in Gibson County, Tennessee. He married Louisa Lyons (1815-1847) on Feb. 19, 1831 in Gibson County, Tennessee. They had several children before she died on Feb. 16, 1847 in Gibson County. William, a few years later, married Matilda Ann Delph (1824-1897) on Jan. 24, 1859 in the same county, and they had at least one daughter. William died on May 8, 1889 in Gibson County, where he is buried with both wives in the [Centerville Cemetery](#). His widow Matilda then married J.A. Clay on Aug. 23, 1893 in Gibson County, so she is buried as Matilda Clay.



*Two portraits of William Shane (1807-1889)*

### children - Shane

John Powell Shane (1838-1879), [who follows](#).

*There are additional children, including at least six born to William Shane and first wife Louisa. Another daughter was born to William and second wife Matilda. Many of them are buried in the [Mount Zion Methodist Church Cemetery](#) in Medina, Tennessee..*

- III. John Powell Shane (1838-1879), the son of [William Shane](#) and Louisa Lyons, was born on Aug. 12, 1838 in Tennessee. He is shown in some Family Trees and on Findagrave.com to have been born in Davidson County. However, we have yet to see any evidence to confirm this, and he just as likely could have been born in Gibson County, as that is where his parents appear to have lived their entire lives. He served as a young man in the Confederate Tennessee Infantry during the Civil War, but we have no dates for his service. He is probably the John Shane in the [NPS Civil War Soldier Database](#), who served in the 31st Regiment of the Tennessee Infantry that was commanded by Col. A. H. Bradford. He married Clara Ann Day (1843-1934) after the war on Sept. 4, 1866 in Madison County, Tennessee, which is where Clara was from. They subsequently made their home in Tennessee, where three of their children were born. They then moved to Greene County, Arkansas about 1878, before the birth of their daughter Annie. There they seem to be associated with both of the towns of Friendship and Paragould, which may indicate that lived in the country in between the two places. John died on April 18, 1889 in Greene County, and Clara died on March 26, 1934 in the same county. They are buried with their grandson William in the [New Friendship Cemetery](#) in Paragould.

### children - Shane

Thomas Shane (1867-1897) was born on Aug. 9, 1867 in Tennessee, married Ara Shaffer (1876-1953), and died in 1898, according to Hugh Edward Freeman's Family Group Sheets. He is almost certainly the Thomas R. Shane who is buried in the [Old Bardwell Cemetery](#) in Bardwell, Tennessee, with *BORN AUG. 12. 1867. DIED OCT. 8. 1897.* inscribed on his tombstone. His widow Ara married Edward Menees (1879-

1928) on April 5, 1911 in Faulkner County, Arkansas, but we know of no children. She died on July 3, 1953 somewhere in Arkansas, and she is buried in the [Quitman Cemetery](#) in Cleburn County.

Mary Lou Shane (1869-1917) was born on March 9, 1869 in Tennessee, and grew up near Paragould in Greene County, Arkansas. She married Samuel Stutes (1853-1892) on March 14, 1885 in Greene County, but he died only a few years later on Jan. 7, 1892 at the age of 21, leaving her a widow with three young children. She raised her children alone - John Bun Stutes (1886-1937), Roy Stutes (1888-1919), and Clara Reb Stutes (1891-1927). She died on Jan 7, 1917 at the age of 47, and she is buried with Sam Stutes in the [Paragould Cemetery](#).

Eva Shane (b. 1870) was born in 1870, and probably died young. She is known only from Hugh Edward Freeman's Family Group Sheets, unless she is to be identified with a Sarah Shane who is mentioned "History & Families of Greene County, Arkansas" (v. 1, p. 332), and said to have died an infant.

Christopher Shane (1872-1949) was born on March 18, 1872 in Tennessee, and grew up near Paragould in Greene County, Arkansas. He married Lena Steele (1877-1954) on May 9, 1894 in Arkansas, probably in Paragould. Lena may have been a relative of Chris' sister-in-law Carrie Shane (né Steele), but we do not know any details. So far as we know, Chris and Lena did not have any children. Chris died on May 26, 1949 in Greene County, where he is buried in [Linwood Cemetery](#) in Paragould. Lena then moved to southern California, where she died on May 13, 1954 in Los Angeles County. She is buried there in the same grave as her sister Lula Landrum (1875-1956) in the [Inglewood Park Cemetery](#) in Inglewood.

Joecephas Edgar Shane (1874-1956), [who follows](#).

Fannie Hicks Shane (1876-1967) was born on Oct 3, 1876 in Tennessee, and grew up near Paragould in Greene County, Arkansas. She married her first husband John R. Weatherly (1865-1904) on May 24, 1893 in Arkansas. After he passed away in 1904 in Greene County, she married Kervev Nade McKelvey on July 17, 1904 in Arkansas. She had several children with each of her husbands. Nade McKelvey died on May 11, 1950 in Flint, Michigan; and Fannie died on Jan. 12, 1967 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Both are buried in the [Gainesville Cemetery](#) in Gainesville, Arkansas.

- **children - first marriage (Weatherly)**
- Clarence Ray Weatherly (1894-1968)
- Lillie Agnew Weatherly (1897-1981)
- Letha Lorene Weatherly (1900-1994)
- Bobbie Lee Weatherly (1902-1981)
  
- **children - second marriage (McKelvey)**
- Lera McKelvey (1905-1906)
- Fannie McKelvey (1907-1935)
- Elva Dean McKelvey (1911-1995)
- Annie Josephine McKelvey (1916-2005)
- Wava Imogene McKelvey (1919-2005)

Annie Shane (1879-1957) was born on Jan. 30, 1879 near Paragould in Greene County, Arkansas. She married Thomas J. Bentley (1873-1948) on Nov. 26, 1899 in Arkansas, and they had at least two children - Winnie Bentley (1911-1920) and Macia Bentley (b. c.1914). Tom died on July 3, 1948, probably in Greene County; and Annie died on July 8, 1957, most likely in the same county. Both are buried in [Linwood Cemetery](#) in Paragould, Arkansas with their daughter Winnie.

Samuel Monroe Shane (1881-1963) was born on Feb. 26, 1881 near Paragould in Greene County, Arkansas. He married Artie Thompson (1890-1961) on May 19, 1907 in Arkansas. Artie died on June 19, 1961, probably in Greene County; and Sam died on April 9, 1963 in Arkansas, probably also in Greene County. Both are buried in [Linwood Cemetery](#) in Paragould. Sam and Artie do not appear to have had any children.

William Shane (1882-1903) was born on Aug. 4, 1882 near Paragould in Greene County, Arkansas; and died in 1903 on his 19th birthday. He is buried near his parents in the [New Friendship Cemetery](#) near Paragould, whereas most of his siblings are buried nearby in the Paragould Cemetery.

John Cecil Shane (1887-1942) was born on Feb, 12, 1887 in Paragould, Arkansas, and went by his middle name of Cecil. He obtained a law degree in 1913 from Cumberland University, and returned to Paragould to start his own firm. He then married Pauline Augusta Bush (1895-1979) on Oct. 26, 1915 in Birmingham, Alabama, but they made Paragould their home. He next served overseas in France during WWI as a Captain in the Arkansas National Guard, returning to Paragould after the war to be elected City Attorney. He then moved his family during the Depression to nearby Blytheville, for greater opportunities, and became city mayor. He was president of the local chapter of the American Bar Association, when he died suddenly on Feb. 26, 1942 in Blytheville. Pauline died there in Jan. 1979; and she, Cecil and their only child Patricia Shane Fendler (1919-2003) are all buried in Blytheville's [Elmwood Cemetery](#).

- IV. Joecephas Edgar "Ed" Shane (1874-1956), the son of [John Powell Shane](#) and Clara Ann Day, was born on May 17, 1874 in Gibson County, Tennessee. He moved as a boy with his parents to Greene County, Arkansas, where they settled in or near the town of Paragould. He married Cary Ann "Carrie" Steele (1875-1969) on July 26, 1893 in Paragould. Carrie was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Steele of Haywood County, Tennessee, and she is probably somehow related to Lena Steele (1877-1954), who married her husband's older brother Chris Shane.

Ed and Carrie settled in Greene County, where all four of their children were born, probably in or near the town of Paragould. We then find them in the 1930 U.S. Census in Blytheville, Arkansas (Mississippi County), but sometime during the 1930s they moved to Los Angeles, California, where three of their four children had already moved. Ed died on Nov. 14, 1956 in Los Angeles County; and Carrie died on Jan. 27, 1969 in Van Nuys. Both are buried in [Oakwood Memorial Park](#),

which is in Chatsworth in L.A. County. The photo on the right shows Ed and Carrie in their 60s in 1942 on Mothers Day at their daughter Fannie's place.



## children - Shane

Bertha Mae Shane (1894-1965??) was born about May 1894 in Arkansas, according to the 1900 U.S. Census, and Alabama marriage records. However, some family trees give a June 1, 1892 birth date for her, but provide no evidence. She probably grew up in Paragould, Arkansas; and married George Washington Bush (1891-1960??) on Oct. 26, 1915 in Birmingham, Alabama. They appear to have generally resided in Paragould, where their daughter Constance Jean Bush (1921-2007) was born. Although the same aforementioned family trees give an unverified death date for George of June 1, 1960 in Barnwell County, South Carolina, and an unverified death date for Bertha of June 1, 1965 in the same county, the three-fold repetition of the June 1 date in these trees is questionable, and may be transcription errors.

Frances Edith "Fannie" Shane (1901-1978), [who follows](#).

Lucy Elizabeth Shane (1904-1976) was born on Jan 3, 1904 in Little Rock, Arkansas. She married Darrell Burton Crook (1900-1987) on June 11, 1921 in Arkansas, but they moved at some point to California, where their daughter Cynthia Ann Crook (1928-2007) was born. Lucy died on May 12, 1976 in Los Angeles, California; and Darrell died there on June 2, 1987. Both are buried in [Forest Lawn Memorial Park](#) in Glendale, California.

Verna Margaret Shane (1908-1999) was born on Sept. 15, 1908 in Arkansas, and was known to the family by her middle name of Margaret. She moved to California as a young woman, possibly before her parents, and married Harold Hebron Maddock (1905-1991), about a month before her 18th birthday on Aug. 12, 1926 in Los Angeles County. They made Los Angeles their home, and the one daughter of theirs that we know about, Joanne "Joan" Louise Maddock (1929-2011), was born there. Harold died on Oct. 19, 1991 in Riverside County, California; and Verna died on July 9, 1999 in Sun City, which is also in Riverside County. Both are buried in [Forest Lawn Memorial Park](#) in Glendale, California.



*Ed and Carrie Shane on  
Mother's Day 1942 in Vacaville.*



*Ed and Carrie Shane at the 1952  
wedding of their granddaughter Sally.*



*Carrie Shane's Sept. 24, 1966 birthday with  
daughters Lucy and Margaret, and great  
granddaughter Ellen Klotz.*

- V. Frances Edith "Fannie" Shane (1901-1978), the daughter of [Joecephas Edgar Shane](#) and Carrie Steele, was born on Feb. 7, 1901 in Paragould, Arkansas. She married [Hugh Idle Freeman](#) on Dec. 19, 1919 in Paragould, which is where they settled initially. They moved at some point in the 1920s to California, and settled in the Los Angeles area, then later moved to Vacaville, California, where their daughter Sally was living. Fannie died on Nov. 21, 1978 in Vacaville, where she is buried in the [Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery](#). Hugh died not long after her on Aug. 22, 1982 in Pomona, and he is buried with Fannie in Vacaville. For the children of Edith and Hugh please see the [FREEMAN GENEALOGY](#).



March 1980 - Klotz Auto Parts championship vollyball team



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Carrie was born Carolina Oberbach on June 10, 1879, in Germany. Her home [in Germany] was a quite large two-story house with stables on the first floor, and at one end there was a loft over it. There were two cows, she said, in the stable. A man lived on the first floor who raised canaries and made brooms. The house had a cess pool and toilet facilities, because she did not remember an outhouse. The upper level was living quarters with two fireplaces, one for cooking with an oven and one for warmth. Someone

came to their house to make their clothes and a shoemaker made their shoes. She went to school in Germany for about two years at *Geishaut Adelmansfelde*. She didn't have to walk far to school or town.

Carrie's mother died when she was about 9. After her mother died, her father sold everything; and she and her father, Barbara, Carolyn, and Jake came by ship to the U.S. She came on a boat that took 30 days. In a newspaper article, she stated, *"It took us a month to come across in one of those big sailing ships with all the sails. I was a little seasick."*

They arrived in New York in 1889. When they arrived, name tags were pinned on them. They proceeded to Nebraska by train, where her brother had come earlier and homesteaded. Henry had come to the US to avoid the draft. Her father had received glowing letters from him about the opportunities in America. When they arrived, they found him living in a sod house, with very little to live on. They were sure let down. The girls were farmed out to work in other families for room and board while they learned the language. In 1893, after 5 years of struggling, her father decided to go on to Wyoming where Carrie's sister lived. They traveled by immigrant train with goods and furniture in a box car. She was about 14 at that time. Carrie worked at housekeeping for people until her marriage in 1897.

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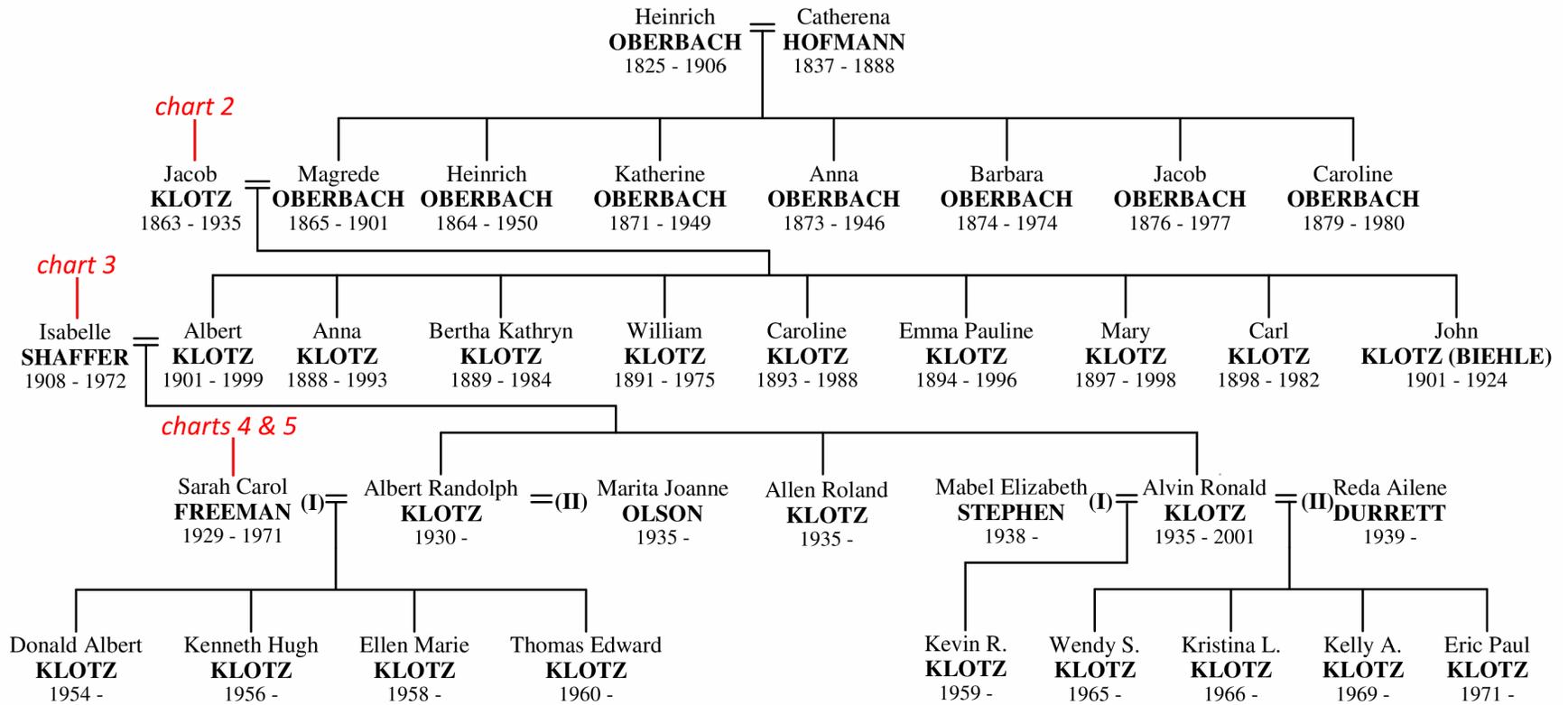
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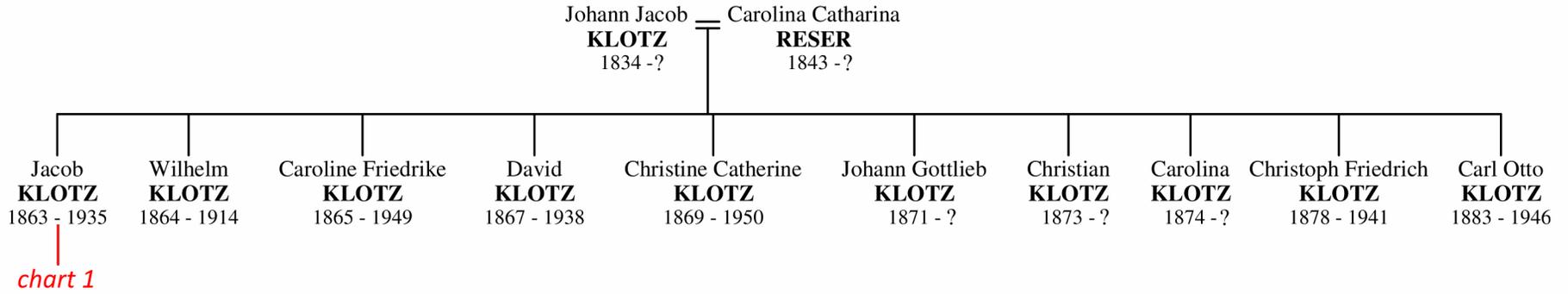
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**Descendants of Heinrich OBERBACH Sr.**



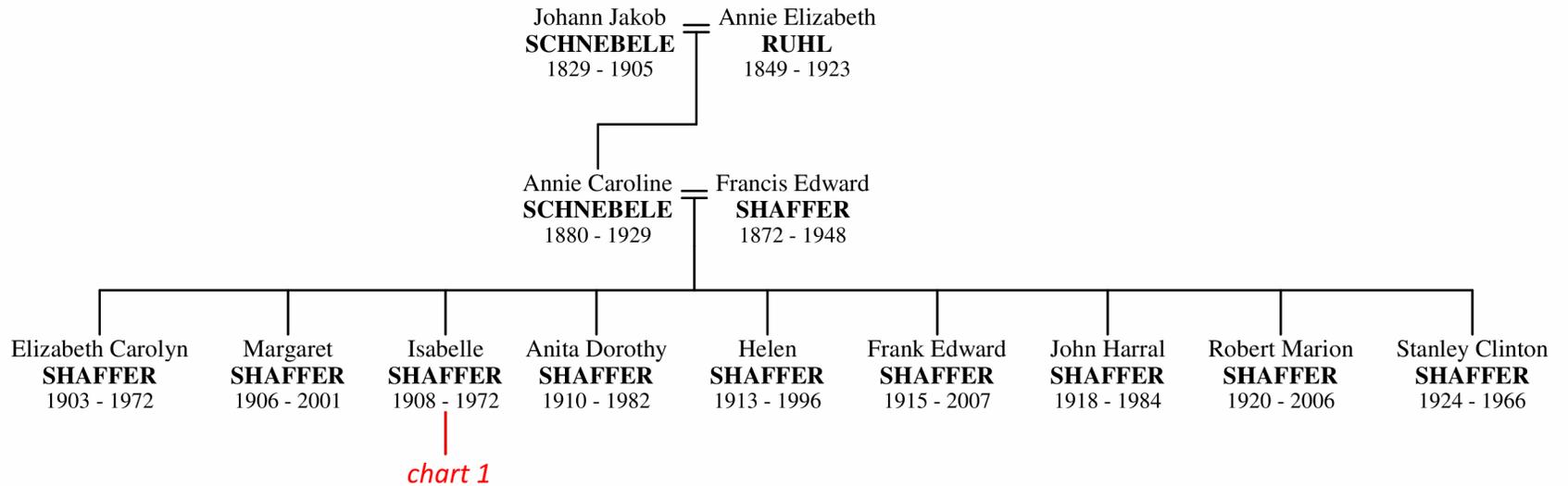
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**Descendants of Johann Jacob KLOTZ**



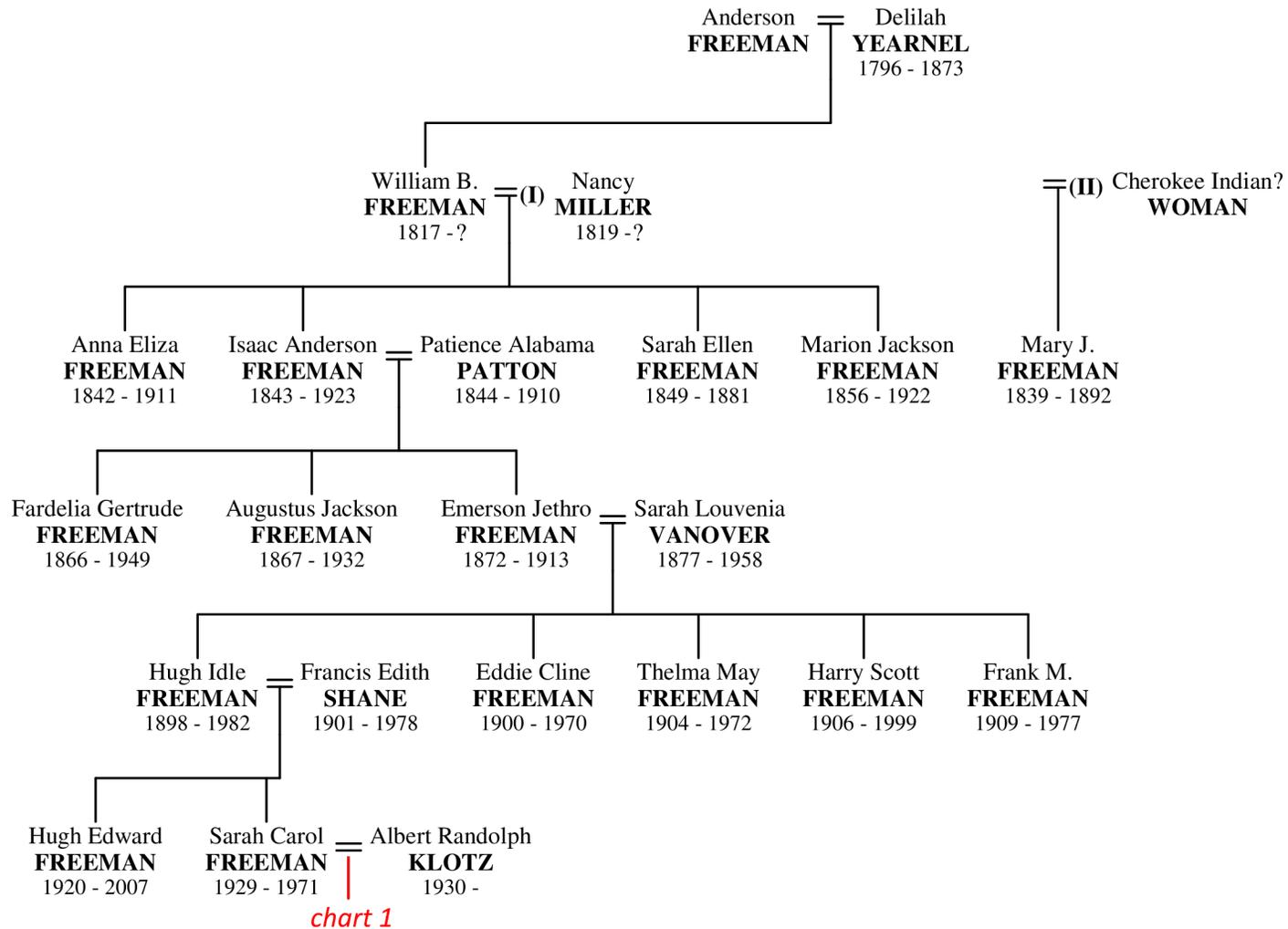
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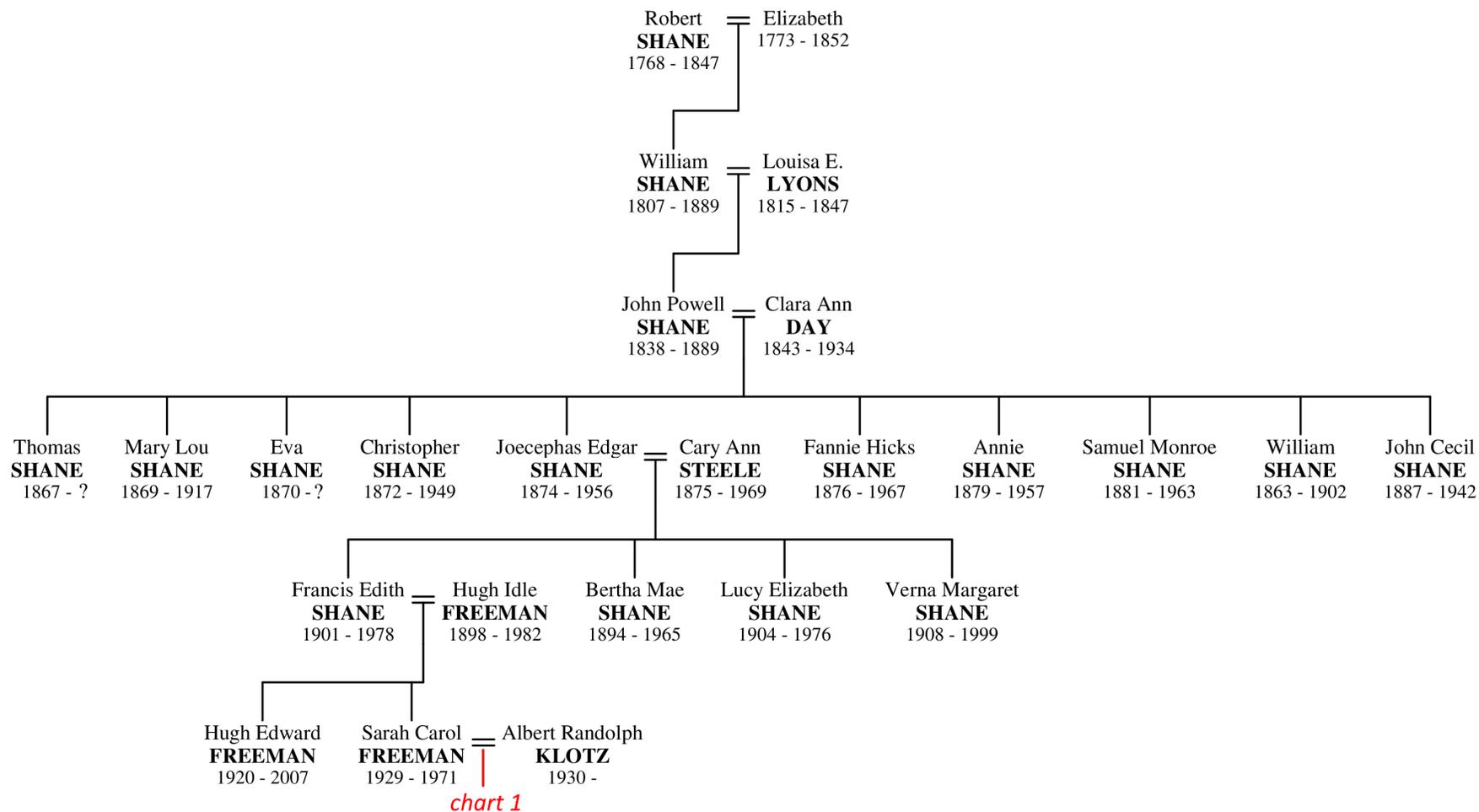
**Chart 4**

**Descendants of Anderson FREEMAN**



**Chart 5**

**Descendants of Robert SHANE**





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