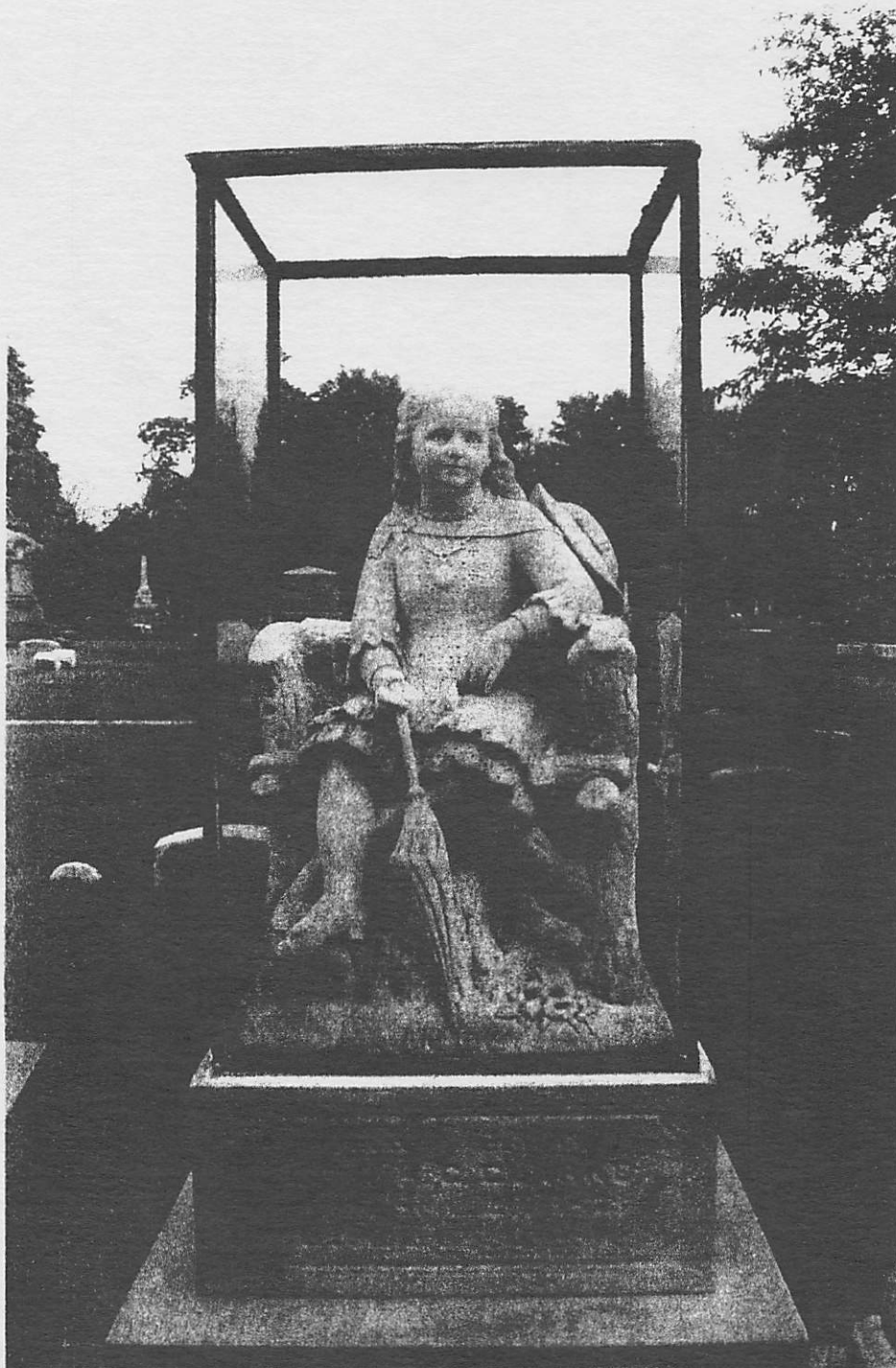
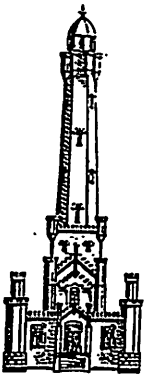


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### **The Mysterious Statue of Inez “Clarke”**

by

John J. Binder and William G. Willard

A haunting statue of a young girl, seated on a bench and holding a parasol, adorns a grave near the center of Chicago’s Graceland Cemetery. It is simply marked as “Inez” and the words “Daughter of J. N. & M. C. Clarke, Born Sept. 20, 1873, Died Aug. 1, 1880” appear on its base. Underneath it, a plaque notes the graves of John N. Clarke (1839 - 1910) and Mary C. Clarke (1856-1912), which lie just to the north. Although Graceland is rich in history and the stories of the famous Chicagoans buried there are well known, the identity of the girl in the statue and the person buried beneath it are shrouded in mystery. Based on extensive research we are able to show, despite a tangled web of marriages, divorces and remarriages – not to mention several scandals -- that the little girl is in fact Inez Briggs, the daughter of Mary C. Clarke from a previous marriage.

The young lady (long presumed to be Inez Clarke) and the statue are the stuff of legend. Some people claim that she was struck by lightning, possibly when locked outside during a thunderstorm. Others assert that she died of tuberculosis. Eerily, there are reports that people visiting the grave found the statue missing. Supposedly cemetery employees would then confirm that it was gone from its protective glass case, only for it to mysteriously return again later. A watchman is said to have fled the cemetery in terror one night when he found the enclosure empty. In some versions of the story the statue disappears only during violent storms, because Inez’s spirit (inhabiting it) becomes terrified and runs off to seek shelter. There are also reports of the statue crying.

Separately, there are claims that Inez’s ghost wanders the green lawns of Graceland on its own, without bothering to bring along the statue. Parents reportedly have been told by their children that they met a strangely dressed girl named Inez inside the cemetery. Ghost hunter Ursula Bielski has met people who insist they know someone who has seen the apparition. Bielski believes Inez’s spirit remains in the cemetery in an attempt to reveal the truth about her death. Graceland supposedly attracts numerous visitors every year who hope to catch a glimpse of the ghost in Victorian clothing wandering about. They often leave toys or coins beneath the statue.

Regardless of which version of the story people embrace, these tales have made young Inez one of Chicagoland’s premier ghosts, second perhaps only to Resurrection Mary. Interestingly, they appear to be of fairly modern origin. The earliest newspaper reference to any hauntings at Graceland is a Chicago Tribune article in 1996 concerning the Inez statue, which Ursula Bielski repeats in her 1997 book Chicago Haunts. However, Richard Crowe, in his 2000 book Chicago’s Street Guide to the Supernatural mentions that a driver on his ghost tours was also a security guard at Graceland in the early 1980s and he observed that the Inez statue was missing several nights. Crowe recounted this tale on various radio shows in the 1980s and 1990s. This publicity is likely responsible for many of the reports of paranormal activity pertaining to the statue, especially post-1996 because

such claims picked up dramatically about 12 years ago. Curiously, apparently no one can be found who directly witnessed any unusual happenings recently, including long-time cemetery staff.

These stories of the supernatural were seemingly shown, based on research by cemetery historians Helen Sclair and Al Walavich, to be completely untrue in an article in the Chicago Sun-Times in 2007. The article also cast considerable doubt on whether a girl is even buried beneath the statue. According to the cemetery's records, there is no one named Inez Clarke buried anywhere in Graceland, much less at the location in question. Instead, an Amos Briggs is listed as lying in the grave under the statue (next to an infant, Delbert Briggs). Furthermore, no one named Inez Clarke was living in the Chicago area on June 1, 1880, according to the 1880 Census, although young girls with that name lived in Virginia and Iowa at the time. More importantly, there is an affidavit in Graceland's files, issued in 1910 by Mary C. Clarke, stating that the one daughter from her marriage to John N. Clarke was still alive and that neither she nor her husband had any other children. All of which seems to indicate that there was no Inez Clarke and, if she herself did not exist, surely an apparition of her does not exist either.

Then who is the girl in the statue and, furthermore, who is buried in the grave? Sclair and Walavich conjecture that the statue is a prototype placed there by the sculptor, Andrew Gagel, in order to elicit business from prospective customers buying graves in that part of the cemetery. But why would John and Mary Clarke allow their names to be chiseled on the base of an advertisement? In some sense the recent research raises almost as many questions as it answers.

Our interest in the enigmatic statue began over twenty years ago, after a walk through Graceland, and was heightened by the work of Sclair and Walavich, which led to a check of the on-line Illinois death records. What follows has been pieced together by examining death, marriage, census, divorce, pension and other genealogical records, along with newspaper articles and old Chicago (and other) city directories. The central figure in the story of young Inez is her mother, who became Mary C. Clarke in 1880; so much of the discussion revolves around her. An abbreviated family tree, showing the important people in the life of Mary C. Clarke, appears below to help the reader navigate through the maze of information establishing young Inez's identity.

No one named Inez Clarke died in Illinois before 1916. In fact, Inez is a fairly unusual name in the United States before World War I. But an Inez Briggs, who was about seven years old, died of diphtheria at 177 Center St. (now 901 Armitage) in Chicago, Illinois on August 1, 1880, the same day as the Inez commemorated in marble (and the Amos Briggs on the record card). And her death certificate has the hand written notation "Graceland" on it, indicating surely that she was buried there. Notice that to the ear, Inez might sound like Amos and the latter may have been accidentally written down in the cemetery records. The relevant cemetery record card was in fact transcribed in 1929. Also, Graceland has no record of anyone named Inez Briggs interred there, indicating that she is

not buried elsewhere in the cemetery. And there is no Amos Briggs listed in the Illinois death records before 1916, which is consistent with this name being a transcription error.

In 1880 (as shown in the United States census) Inez Briggs lived with her grandparents David R. and Jenny (Jane) Rothrock at 177 Center St. in Chicago. In all the other sources the last name is spelled Rothrock rather than Robhrock. The Rothrocks are buried next to Delbert and "Amos" Briggs and these four plots plus the two containing the Clarkes and two more were purchased together. David R. Rothrock and Jane McClure were married in Illinois on May 28, 1872. Furthermore, in 1880 there was a fourth person in the Rothrock household in Chicago, Philander McClure, who was the son of Jane from a previous marriage and therefore the stepson of David Rothrock. According to the 1860 census, Jane McClure and her husband Amos, who died of illness during the Civil War, lived in Lansing, Michigan. They had a son Philander (whose age and birthplace are correct) and, more importantly for the current investigation, a five year old daughter named Mary. Mary McClure was, according to various census records, about the same age as Mary C. Clarke and also born in the state of Maine.

David R. Rothrock lived in Lansing, Michigan in 1870, where he was town marshal. At the time he was married to his first wife, Sarah. This union ended in a divorce granted in Illinois in 1872. David Rothrock asserted that Sarah, who was not present in court, had deserted him. Years later, when Sarah Rothrock made a legal claim for the pension of her ex-husband David, friends of hers claimed that he ran off with Jane McClure, who kept a house of prostitution in Lansing. A carpenter by trade, David Rothrock may have been drawn to Chicago by the booming construction industry after the Fire of 1871. He may also have found it expedient to depart Lansing after leaving his wife for Jane McClure.

Returning to the daughter of Jane McClure (later Rothrock), a Mary C. McClure married Wilber N. Briggs on September 24, 1872 in Cook County, Illinois about one year before Inez was born. This appears to be her second marriage. Mary C. McClure is clearly the daughter of Jane McClure/Rothrock because the transcript of her divorce case from Wilber Briggs in 1877 includes testimony by Jane Rothrock, who is listed as her mother. Wilber Briggs was accused of being drunk for weeks at a time, causing him to miss work, as the grounds for the divorce. Jane Rothrock specifically stated that she would provide for Mary C. Briggs' child Inez. The divorce was granted and in 1880 Wilber N. Briggs was living in San Francisco, with his second wife Ellen (nee Thomas).

If Mary C. Clarke can be shown to be the daughter/stepdaughter of David and Jane Rothrock, the chain of evidence proving that Inez Briggs was her daughter is complete. Until early 1880 John N. Clarke was married to Sophia (nee Topp). The couple lived, according to the 1880 Census, at 166 Fremont (now 2029 Fremont), just around the corner from the Rothrocks, and apparently also Mary Briggs, and had no children. John Clarke, who was a clerk and later bookkeeper, is listed in every Chicago city directory published from 1864 until his death. John Clarke's obituary in 1910 is very brief, as they tended to

be in that age, with no discussion of next of kin. Similarly, Mary Clarke's obituary sheds no light on the subject at hand.

However, marriage, divorce and other public records are quite informative. Sophia Clarke was granted a divorce in Chicago from John N. Clarke on May 25, 1880 on the grounds of adultery. Although the transcript of the divorce proceeding can not be located, almost certainly Mary C. Briggs was the object of John Clarke's affections. Five days later she married John N. Clarke (the last name is spelled Clark in the marriage records) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This marriage produced a daughter, Beatrice N. Clarke, in 1881 and her birth record lists her mother's maiden name as McClure. Also, in the Wisconsin marriage record Jane and David Rothrock are listed as the parents of Mary C. Briggs. Similarly, Mary C. Clarke made the following statement in an affidavit found in David Rothrock's pension file:

"I have been acquainted with above named soldier ever since his discharge from the service in 1865, during the first four years of our acquaintance he was quite intimate with our family and then he married my mother, and I have resided in the same house with him ever since."

The city directory for 1882 lists the residences of both David R. Rothrock and John N. Clarke as 177 Center Street. Two years later both men lived at 203 Center Street. In 1892 both men lived at 201 Center (now 825 Armitage), which was built by David Rothrock in 1891. The fact that the two families lived together and are buried together – with the word "Mother" chiseled on Jane Rothrock's headstone – along with the evidence in the public records proves that Mary C. Clarke was formerly Mary McClure/Briggs and the mother of Inez Briggs.

Who is Delbert Briggs, buried next to Inez? Cook County death records show that he died on August 20, 1876 at 177 Center St. (the address of the Rothrocks and the Briggs) of "inanitions", indicating that he was in a listless state which may have been due to malnutrition. It seems clear then, based on the evidence, that he was the brother of Inez. But why did Mary C. Clarke deny the existence of Inez and Delbert (as she also does in the 1900 and 1910 censuses where she claims to only have had one child)? Was she embarrassed by the failure of her marriage to Wilber Briggs or was this an attempt to somehow otherwise expunge her past? Or does it come back to John N. Clarke, who was the son of a Baptist preacher in Indiana? The Clarkes clearly had some wealth later in life, based on the sale in 1907 of the building at 201 Center, which they probably inherited from the Rothrocks, for \$19,200. So perhaps they were overly conscious of their position in society. Someone, probably the Rothrocks, was obviously fairly affluent in 1880 because the statue of Inez would have been expensive to commission – which conflicts dramatically with the later denial of her by Mary Clarke (after David and Jane Rothrock were dead).



The reasons behind Mary C. Clarke's statement will probably never be known. The affidavit filed by her in 1910 is apparently quite brief, stating that neither of the Clarkes had children from previous marriages – even though the birth record of Beatrice Clarke indicates that she is the third child of Mary Clarke. But there is no discussion of why this information was presented to the cemetery. Similarly, the living Clarke descendants seem to be totally unaware of who young Inez was or why the statue is at that location.

However, based on the available information, the person buried beneath the mysterious statue in Graceland is almost certainly Inez Briggs. Those who believe in the supernatural, and that such activity is spawned by traumatic events which do not allow the dead to rest, need search no further for an explanation of the unusual events reported around Inez's grave. Having your very existence denied by your own mother is reason enough (although it appears that it took the ghost of Inez a long time to respond).

Those seeking a more logical explanation, at least for the one phenomenon that appears to be documented (the "disappearance" of the statue from its case reported by night security guards), may want to consider a simple alternative. Glass fogs when, for example, warm, moist air on the inside meets cold air from the outside. If after a warm, humid day in Chicago the exterior temperature fell rapidly during the evening, the glass surrounding the Inez statue would fog over and it might appear to a watchman walking by in the dark (who did not check carefully) that the enclosure was empty. Just as some one standing outside an automobile would not be able to see the people inside if the glass was fogged over.

Consistent with this theory, the statue has been reported most convincingly to disappear only at night, when the exterior and interior temperatures are more likely to diverge, and then reappear in the morning, after the temperatures equalize. None of the day time staff of the cemetery, who leave at dusk, have ever found it missing during their shifts. And these nocturnal occurrences appear to have been somewhat infrequent, probably because a rapid drop in temperature is required for this effect to occur. Nor have any of the hundreds of other monuments in Graceland, none of which are in glass cases, ever been reported to vanish temporarily. Also, if the protective glass case was put around the monument fairly recently, it would explain why the stories of it vanishing are a more recent phenomena. Finally, the fact that the enclosure now has plexiglass on at least several sides explains why there have been no recently reported disappearances of the statue. Plexiglass does not fog over when cold air meets warm, moist air. Therefore, there may be a simple, natural (as opposed to supernatural) explanation for the reported vanishing of the statue. It was an optical illusion caused by the weather and misreported by security guards who did not look closely at the glass case.

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### **Genealogy of Mary C. Clarke (nee Briggs, McClure)**

Jane Arnold – 1835-1893

m.1 Amos McClure – 1823?-1864

m.2 David Rothrock – 1830?-1897

David Rothrock – 1830?-1897

m.1 Sarah Henderson – 1830? - ??

Tamer Gaskill ? – 1814-??

m. John Briggs – 1812-1880

Daughters of Jane Arnold and Amos McClure

Philander McClure – 1850?-1913

Mary C. McClure – 1856?-1912

m. 2 Wilber Briggs – 1844?-1898

m. 3 John N. Clarke – 1839-1910

John N. Clarke

m. 1 Sophia Topp (later Sophia Dusing) 1842?-1900

Children of Mary C. McClure Briggs

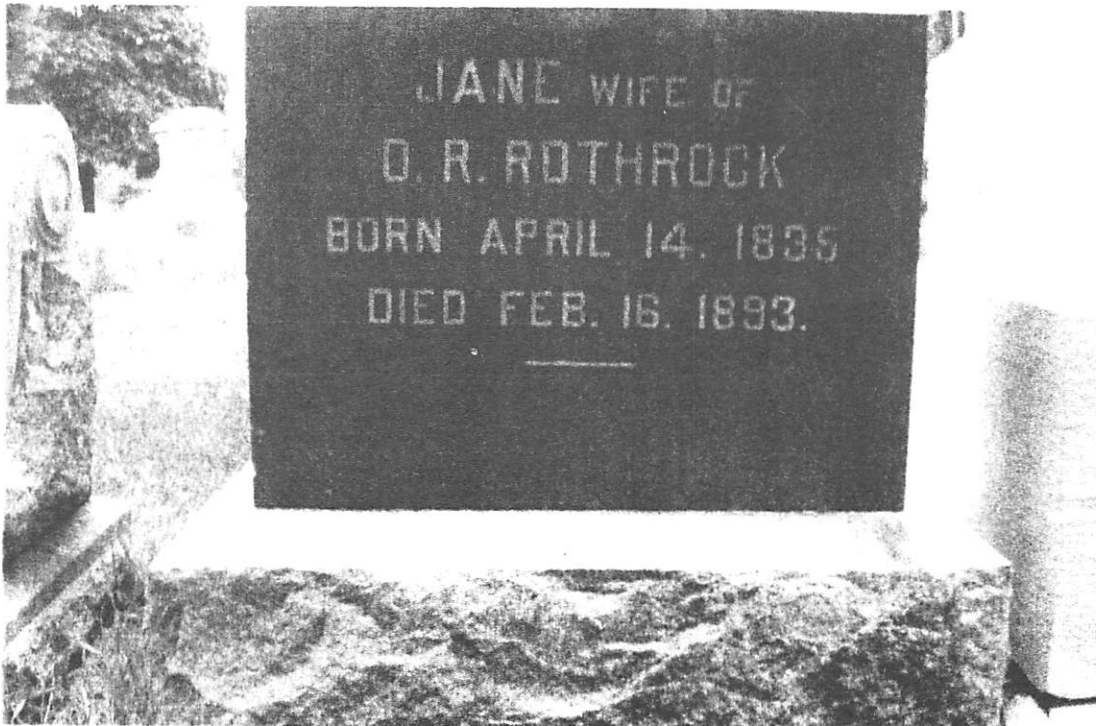
Inez Briggs 1873-1880

Delbert Briggs 1876-1876

Child of Mary C McClure Briggs and John N. Clarke

Beatrice N. Clarke 1881-1977 (later Beatrice N. Crowell)

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## Avoiding Wrong Track Research: Identifying the Wives of David H. Driver<sup>1</sup>

by Janis Minor Forté

Every genealogist has experienced researching someone who turns out not to be their ancestor. This 'wrong track' research makes for hard lessons learned. It slows down our study, but speeds up our learning curve. To assure we don't repeat, 'wrong track' research, we must use a variety of identification markers to ascertain the 'right track' ancestor. Over census years, these markers include names of household members, variations in name spelling, and names of spouse/children. Additionally, we note significant variations in birth year/place? Ancestors without children further complicate the mystery and tracking a married female is made difficult by the loss of her maiden name. In rural research and segregated communities, we also use neighbors as collateral markers. These collateral markers are often key community anchors which enable us to narrow the search location. Continuity in these markers helps take the mistakes and mystery out of the research. Identity mysteries may be further confusing when there are multiple marriages. Such was the case with my great uncle David H. Driver. Born in 1868 in Memphis, Tennessee, he was the first son and second of fifteen children born to William G.P. and Sallie (Campbell) Driver. My research of him was complicated by the fact that, he was married more than once, used multiple spellings for his first name, migrated several times and



never had children. In order to avoid 'wrong track' research, one marker in assuring his identity would be verifying who was his wife when. This article will describe two techniques used to resolve the mystery and verify we were conducting 'right track' study.

**Chronology of Two Wives-** Following years of research using fundamental guidelines, I had identified Great Uncle David's multiple residences following his departure from his parent's 1870<sup>2</sup> and 1880<sup>3</sup> federal census home in Memphis, where he resided until 1892.<sup>4</sup> From 1894 through 1896 Chicago City directories show him as a resident.<sup>5</sup> However, in spite of a diligent nation-wide search, I was unable to locate him on the 1900 census. Subsequently on the 1905 Duluth, Minnesota State Population Census, he is residing in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct of that city.<sup>6</sup> Conducted June 23, 1905, this 'every person' count, does not show a spouse or children residing with David. Years later, he is recorded residing with two different named women each identified as 'wife'. On the 1910 St. Paul, Minnesota Census, 'Anna' is identified as

his wife. Born in Missouri, she is age 40, and works as a 'Pvt. Cook'. Her parents were born in Kentucky. At this count she and David have been married ten years and this was a first marriage for both.<sup>7</sup> There are no children in their household. Later, a 1916 Duluth (Minnesota) City Directory list Cora Driver and David Driver as residents at the same address. In this city directory relationship is not identified.<sup>8</sup> On the 1920 Duluth, federal census, David's wife's name is now 'Cora'. (There are no children in this household.) She is age 41 and was employed as 'Head Usher' in a 'theater'. She and her parents were born in Missouri.<sup>9</sup> Could this change in name represent a change in spouse? Or could 'Ann' and 'Cora' be one in the same person? Could the name really be 'Cora Ann'? Because of the similarity of information on these females and other issues in Great Uncle David's life, it was imperative that we know just who was his wife when.

**Alternative Study** – Our mission now is how to distinguish David's named spouse one from named spouse two? To resolve this wife dilemma, we implement a research strategy using tools other than census documents. First, we create a chronology of events chart to display identify markers for each of the women. This chart presents at a glance critical variables in each female's life.

**Charting the Wives of David H. Driver: A Chronology**

Document/ Year	Wife's name	color	Age (year born)	Mari- tal status	Years married	State Born	Father Born	Mother Born	Employ- ment
1910 Census St. Paul, Mn.	Driver, Anna	Mu	40 (b. 1870)	M1	10 (m. 1900)	Mis- souri	Ky.	Ky.	Pvt. Cook
1916 Duluth, Mn City Directory	David & Cora reside at 109 ½ 2 <sup>nd</sup> ave E.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	He was 'Porter for J.D. Murphy. She was 'Usher at Rex Theater'
1918 Duluth, Mn	W.W. I Draft Registra- tion	--	--	Wife	--	--	--	--	
1920 Census Duluth, Mn.	Driver, Cora	B	41 (b. 1867)	M	--	Mis- souri	Missouri	Missouri	Head Usher
1930 Census Chicago, Ill.	Driver, Cora	Neg.	59 (b. 1871)	M (first married 1889)	--	Mis- souri	U. S.	U.S.	none

From this chart we see that wife 'Anna' is identified only once. Beginning 1916 forward, only wife 'Cora' is listed. To be sure of how many wives David had, we still need more information.

Our second strategy is to study the archives of a local newspaper. From prior study we know that David Driver died August 15, 1944 at Manteno State Hospital, where he had been hospitalized

for over two years.<sup>10</sup> This facility was located in Manteno, Illinois – a south suburb of Chicago. His death certificate indicates that at death, he was ‘widowed’ and lists his wife’s name as ‘Cora’. There is no further information on this document about her. Since David died near Chicago and we know he resided in that city consistently for over two decades, our strategy is to search the archives of the Chicago Defender Newspaper for his obituary. Organized in 1905, this historic ‘negro’ newspaper was a major communication organ of the ‘colored’ population nationwide. An ongoing feature of this weekly publication was its funeral columns sponsored by local colored burial directors. Each week these funeral homes published the names, dates and locations of their weeks burials.

**Search for Obituary of David H. Driver** - Our newspaper research revealed Great Uncle David’s funeral notice. The notice confirmed his nativity and place of internment. It identified

David H. Driver, Obituary, Chicago Defender, Sept. 2, 1944, page 2

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MRS. KATHERINE CLARK, born in Richmond, Ky., wife of Joseph Clark, 4111 Prairie avenue, died Aug. 11, in Provident Hospital. Funeral services were conducted in our chapel on Aug. 14. Burial in family lot in Barr Oak cemetery.

MRS. ADA CARTER REARDEN, born in Edwards, Miss., sister of Eva Woods, 2455 So. Parkway, died Aug. 11. Funeral services were conducted in our chapel on Aug. 14. Burial in family lot in Mt. Greenwood cemetery.

MRS. M/LENE WHITE, born in New Orleans, La., wife of Ned White, 3822 Tremball avenue, died Aug. 10. Funeral services were held from Wheeler's Chapel C.M.E. church on Aug. 12.

our chapel on Aug. 12. Burial in Lincoln cemetery.

LOUIS RAY, born in St. Louis, Mo., husband of Sarah Ray, 6155 So. Parkway, died Aug. 12. Funeral services were conducted in our chapel on Aug. 14. Burial in family lot in Lincoln cemetery.

MRS. MOLLIE ROUNDE, born in Monroe, La., mother of Willie Walker, 5451 Langley avenue, died Aug. 14. Funeral arrangements incomplete.

MRS. LOURAINS BUCKNER, daughter of Orville Buckner, 328 E. 41st street, died Aug. 16. Funeral services were conducted in our chapel on Aug. 17. Burial in Barr Oak cemetery.

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GEORGE DAWKINS, born in Greenville, S. C., brother of Clarence Dawkins, died suddenly Aug. 15, at his home, 728 E. 42nd street. Funeral services were conducted in our chapel on Aug. 15. Burial in family lot in Lincoln cemetery.

his brother John but did not identify a wife.<sup>11</sup> For the next newspaper search, I entered the name, Cora Driver. The result was the Oct. 26, 1940 ‘burial notice’ of Mrs. Pinkie Aitch. I did not know who this person was, but in reading the burial notice learned she was the “...sister of Cora Driver....” Further that she was “... of St. Louis, Mo...”<sup>12</sup> The funeral notice did not state she was a ‘native’ of St. Louis, and there was no mention of Pinkie’s parents or the name of her husband. I needed more information.

Appreciating that ‘Pinkie Aitch’ was an unusual name; I entered this name into FamilySearch.org. The results were the details of her Oct. 13, 1940 Chicago, Illinois death certificate.<sup>13</sup> From this two step newspaper search I had gained much genealogical information. The document stated

she was born in St. Louis, was the wife of William and the daughter of Mariah White. I now had Pinkie’s maiden names, but this was no guarantee that Cora’s maiden name was the same as her sisters.

Searching Ancestry.com, revealed a ‘Pinkie White’ on the 1880 census for St. Louis, Missouri. Residing in the home of her Uncle, Isham Bailey, his wife, Josephine and several other individuals, in addition to Pinkie, (born about 1871) included in the household was her older sister, Cora White, age 11 (born about 1869).<sup>14</sup> Both girls were attending school. With this find! I now had a second confirmation that Pinkie and Cora were sisters as the newspaper indicated.

Pinkie Aitch Oituary, sister of Cora Driver, Oct. 26, 1940, Chicago

**Burials From Metropolitan Funeral Parlors**

The following funerals were held from the Metropolitan Funeral Parlor 4445 South Parkway, between October 12 and October 19

MRS. CORRINE LEWIS of Middleburg, Va., died October 12 in the Cook County hospital. Funeral services were held in our chapel on October 16. Burial in Lincoln cemetery.

MRS. BESSIE WHITE of Uniontown, Ala., daughter of Bessie Freeman, 6521 Langley avenue, died October 13 at her home, 2835 Lafayette avenue. Funeral services were conducted in our chapel on October 19. Burial in Lincoln cemetery.

MRS. PINKIE AITCH of St. Louis, Mo., sister of Cora Driver, 308 East Fifty-ninth street, died October 13 in the Cook County hospital. Funeral services were held in our chapel on October 16. Burial in Burr Oak cemetery.

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ALLEN WHIPPLE, brother Alonzo Bazell, 4707 Michigan avenue, died October 14 in the Cook County hospital. Body shipped Dublin, Ga., for funeral services and burial.

WILLIE CHANEY of Montgomery, Ala., died suddenly October 10 in the Cook County hospital. Funeral services were conducted in our chapel on October 17. Burial in Lincoln cemetery.

WALTER ROSS of Gary, Ind., son of Bertha Williams, 4520 Champaign avenue, died October 15 in the Cook County hospital. Funeral services were held in our chapel on October 19. Burial in family in Burr Oak cemetery.

MRS. ARWILDA JOSEPH

Further, I had confirmation of Cora's maiden name. Continuing with Ancestry.com, I conducted a national search for Pinkie's husband, William Aitch and for her mother, Mariah White. These searches returned no positive results.

**Search for obituary of Cora Driver-**

Returning to the Chicago Defender newspaper obituary research I located the Nov. 1941, burial notice of Cora Driver. This article identified her husband and her city home address. It also identified her membership in Chicago's prestigious Pilgrim Baptist Church.<sup>15</sup> Cora's newspaper obituary gave no parentage but did identify her nativity as 'born in St. Louis, Mo'.

**Narrowing the search for which wife when?**

From my research, I

know that over the course of his life,

David Henry Driver resided in five cities – Memphis, Duluth, St. Paul, Chicago and Manteno. However, researching these cities I was unable to locate either a marriage or divorce records for him. Nor did we find a death record for a Ann Driver.

Cora Driver obituary, Chicago Defender, Nov. 1, 1941, page 4.

Our original hypothesis that wife 'Ann' might have been miss-named, 'Cora Ann' is disputed by the preponderance of the evidence displayed in the chronology in that 'Ann' was not used on any post 1910 census document. Thus, we feel confident that Great Uncle David was married twice. Married to wife #1: Ann about 1900 and then prior to 1916, he married wife #2: Cora. Years later, the 1946 Cook

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**METROPOLITAN FUNERAL PARLORS**  
AIR-CONDITIONED THROUGHOUT

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"A METROPOLITAN FUNERAL FOR YOUR LOVED ONES IS A LASTING CONSOLATION FOR YOU."

The following funerals were held from the Metropolitan Funeral Parlors 4445 South Parkway between October 18 and October 25

CRAWFORD SMITH, born in Memphis, Tenn., died Oct. 21 at his home, 4839 Prairie avenue. Funeral services were held in our chapel on Oct. 24. Burial in Burr Oak cemetery.

CHARLES ANDERSON, born in Quitman County, Miss., husband of Annie Anderson, 3119 South Parkway, died Oct. 22 in the Cook County hospital. Body shipped to

WILLIAM A. SMITH died Oct. 17 in the Cook County hospital. Body shipped to New Orleans, La., for funeral services and burial.

MRS. CORA DRIVER, born in St. Louis, Mo., wife of David Driver, 308 E. 59th street, died Oct. 17 in Cook County hospital. Funeral services were held from Pilgrim Baptist church on Oct. 20. Burial in Burr Oak cemetery.

GLENN DENNIS, born Holly Springs, Miss., son of L. Pitts, died Oct. 18 in the Cook County hospital. Body shipped to

Belleville, 6641 Eberhart avenue, Oct. 18 in the Cook County hospital. Body shipped to New Orleans, La., for funeral services and burial.

The Metropolitan Quietest renders music for all services.

Air conditioned Funeral Cars for the use of those we serve.

1946 Cook County (Illinois) Probate file of Dave H. Driver would state that he was married twice, and had no children. This court records does not give the wives names or dates of marriages.<sup>16</sup>

**SUMMARY** – To avoid ‘wrong track’ research genealogists must be vigilant in assuring the identity of their ancestors. Developing alternative research methodologies increase probability of affirming identity markers and ‘right track study. Great Uncle David’s multiple marriages, frequent moves and no children complicated assuring which female was his wife when. Uncovering the maiden name of one of the women was critical in determining spousal dates. To assure each woman’s identity, we developed two research strategies: a named wife chronology and an in-depth study of a historical newspaper. The chronology provided a overview of each wife’s life events. The use of newspaper obituaries linked three individuals, aided in identifying the maiden name of two females and launched a new genealogical track. To gather content information and assure identity, genealogists will be wise to identify and search the communications tools of their ancestor’s residential regions. Avoid ‘wrong track’ research with ‘right track study.

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## ADDITIONAL LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY CHICAGOANS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

by  
Craig Pfannkuche

The photographs of Chicagoans listed below were researched since the last listing in the Volume 40, #2 (Summer 2008) of the "Chicago Genealogist." Carte de Visite (business card sized) and Cabinet card photographs of 19<sup>th</sup> century Chicagoans with identifying names found on them continue to turn up in area antique malls. The following people have been "researched" and are waiting for their family to "rescue" them. Detailed information about them and their families can be obtained from Craig Pfannkuche through the Chicago Genealogical Society.

CARA ABBOTT c. 1897

Born February 1897 in Chicago. She may have married a man named MORRISON. She may have died in either Springfield, Illinois (1937) or Downers Grove, Illinois (1985).

ERASTUS O. BARNARD c. 1869

AMY LYDIA BARNARD c. 1872

WILLIAM W. BARNARD c. 1874

Born in Massachusetts in 1833, Erastus Barnard came to Chicago in the early 1860s locating on the far south side. He was a pioneer resident of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood. He died in Chicago in November 1915. The only child of Erastus and Alice Barnard, Amy Lydia Barnard, was born in 1868. She died in 1888. William W. Barnard was a nephew of Erastus Barnard and son of William Barnard. He was born in Chicago in 1858 and died in Chicago in 1921. He never married. These and other Barnard family members are buried in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery.

WILL BARNETT (Two photographs) c. 1892 and c. 1890

A son of George W. and Elizabeth Barnett, he was born in Chicago in 1869. The 1911 probate packet of an uncle, John H. Barnett, states that William H. Barnett was living in Denver, Colorado with a wife named Maude. His name and birth date are carved on the Barnett obelisk in Rose Hill Cemetery but no death date is listed.

NED BAUGHER c. 1900

Ned Baugher was a brother of Louise Baugher BLISS. Nezhiah and Louise Baugher Bliss were living in Chicago as of the 1900 Federal census of the city. Louise Baugher Bliss was a daughter of Ann Baugher. She was born in Maryland in 1848. Her brother, Ned, was listed with her in the 1860 Federal census of Fredrick, Maryland. No other information could be found concerning Ned Baugher.

MARY BIRGE c. 1880

Mary Birge was the wife of Manning Birge. Manning Birge was a major in the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. Maria Birge is listed with her husband in the 1880 Federal census

of Chicago. She was, in 1880, age 36 and born in Michigan. She may have died near Dillon, Montana about 1898.

ALBERT BROWN c. 1880  
EDNA ANNA BROWN September 1883

Albert Brown was living at 373 Elm Street in Chicago as listed in the 1900 Federal census. His daughter, Edna, was listed as living with him and his wife, Jessie. Albert Brown died on 6 May 1902 and is buried with his mother and brother in Graceland Cemetery. Edna Brown may have married William ELDREDGE in Chicago in 1906. No data can be found concerning that family after 1920.

HATTIE BYERS 1891

Hattie Byers was born in Chicago on 26 September 1873, a daughter of Daniel and Susan Byers. She married Walter GIVLER about 1894. She moved with her husband and children to Naperville, Illinois before 1910. Hattie Byers Givler died in Naperville on 18 May 1938.

WILFRED GEORGE COLES November 1891

Wilfred Coles was born in Chicago in May 1891, a son of George T. and Ellen M. Coles. Some time before 1920 with a wife, Sana, and a daughter, Pauline, Wilfred Coles moved to Madison, Wisconsin. He seems to have died in Madison, Wisconsin in December 1967.

MIRIAM H. COURTRIGHT 1876

Miriam Courtright was born about 1858 in Chicago, a daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Courtright. While data on the parents can be found into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, no additional data can be found concerning Miriam.

ARTHUR GEORGE CULP February 1910

Arthur Culp was born in Chicago in 1910, a son of Joseph and Ida Culp. He seems to have died in Chicago on 13 February 1911. His parents died in 1929 and 1935.

BRADLEY M. DAVIS c. 1872

Bradley Davis was born in Chicago on 19 November 1871, a son of Lt. Col. Charles W. Davis. Bradley Davis became a botany professor teaching at the University of Michigan in 1920. He seems to have died in Portland, Oregon on 13 March 1957.

MARION DAVIS c. 1900

Marion Davis was born in October 1886 in Wales, a daughter of Edward G. and Mary Davis. The family was still living at 2436 South Millard as of 1910. Marion was then known as "Minnie." No further data could be found concerning this family after 1916.

EARL DEMING

ELSIE DEMING Wedding photo c. 1906

Earl Deming married Anna PETERSON in Chicago on 9 August 1906. He was born in Kansas in 1878. She was born in Norway in 1884. The family moved to Montcalm County, Michigan

before 1920. They were living in Jackson, Michigan in 1930. Earl Deming may have died in Michigan in March 1957.

**ANNA DUTKIEWICZ** Confirmation photo 1910

Annie Dutkiewicz was born in Chicago in 1897, a daughter of Felix and Julia Dutkiewicz. Anna Dutkiewicz married Leon LOREK. She died in Chicago on 16 September 1975.

**RALPH ELY**

**BERTHA EMILY ANNA ELY** c. 1890

A Ralph Ely was listed in the 1892 Chicago City Directory as living at 103 Bismarck Court, the same address as listed on the reverse of the photograph. Ralph A. Ely married EMILY B. THOMPSON in Chicago on 25 February 1880. Ralph Ely died in Melrose Park, Illinois on 7 June 1916. His death notice states that he had been married to "Amelia, nee Thompson." Amelia Thompson Ely probably died in Melrose Park, Illinois in September 1949.

**FRANK FEELY** c. 1888

Frank Feely was born about 1860, a son of John and Mary Feely. Frank Feely was a Chicago policeman in 1889 and 1890 living at 5930 State Street. He died from complications from typhoid fever on 9 November 1891. He was not married at the time of his death.

**CAROLINE FENSKE** c. 1896

Caroline Fenske was born in Germany in February 1841. She was married in Germany to Albert Fenske. Her maiden name was BORTH. The family was living at 544 Evergreen in Chicago by 1900. Caroline Borth Fenske died in Chicago on 10 March 1912. Caroline Fenske's son, Fritz, died in McHenry County, Illinois in April 1948. Caroline Borth Fenske's son, Robert, died in Chicago on 30 November 1968. Caroline Borth Fenske's son, Gustave, died in Chicago on 21 August 1960.

**CAROLINE GODENRATH** c. 1888

Caroline Godenrath was born in Germany in September 1826. She was the wife of JOHN GODENRATH. She died in the family home at 1440 Melrose on 4 February 1910. She is buried with her husband in St. Lukas Cemetery. Her son, Max, died in Chicago on 16 November 1947.

**WERNER GUENTHER** c. 1903

Werner Guenther was born in Chicago about 1899, a son of Herman and Elizabeth Guenther. The family was living at 6916 North Medill in the city in 1930. By that time Werner Guenther was a Niles, Illinois policeman. Werner Guenther died in Tucson, Arizona in February 1963. He is buried with his parents in Acacia Park Cemetery.

**NELLIE GURNEA** c. 1881

**MINNIE GURNEA** c. 1883

Both Nellie and Minnie Gurnea were born in LaSalle, County, Illinois (1861 and 1864). they were daughters of George G. and Mary Gurnea. George and Mary Gurnea were living in Wheaton, Illinois before 1890. The daughters were probably visiting in Chicago when their

photographs were taken. Nellie Gurnea married Jonathan P. Winslow before 1884 in Putnam County, Illinois. She died in Payette County, Idaho in April 1949. Minnie Gurnea married Chauncey L. Hayes in LaSalle County, Illinois in 1885. As of 1930, the Hayes family was living in Long Beach, California.

MARY HAUTT c. 1900

Mary Hautt was born in Bohemia in 1885, a daughter of Frank and Marie Hautt. The family came to Chicago before 1890. She married Anton TRIKRYL in Chicago some time before 1915. She died in Berwyn, Illinois on 25 January 1946. She and her husband are buried in Acacia Park Cemetery.

CHARLES HECK c. 1891

EMILY HECK c. 1891

ADDIE HECK Two photographs c. 1899 and c. 1891

Charles Heck was born in Bietchein, Germany on 24 December 1823. He married Emily (Sanger?) about 1857 in Chicago. Emily Heck was born in Tisbury, England on 18 November 1825. Their daughter, Adelaide Heck, was born in Chicago about 1869. Adelaide Heck died in Chicago on 21 October 1900. Emily Heck died in Chicago on 15 January 1903. Charles Heck died in Chicago on 15 March 1915. All three are buried together in Rose Hill Cemetery. A grandson, Harry, may have died in Chicago on 13 December 1975.

TIMOTHY HERRICK Photograph of four men

WILLIAM HERRICK c. 1904

JOHN HERRICK

JAMES "JIM" HERRICK

These four men were brothers, sons of Timothy and Maria Herrick. They were all born in Newport, New Hampshire. Timothy Herrick, born in 1875, died in Newport, New Hampshire in 1906. He never married. William Herrick, born in 1873, lived in Chicago into the 1930s. He died at Hamilton, Ohio in 1958. John Herrick, born in 1864, lived in Chicago and Berwyn, Illinois into the early 1940s. He died in Berwyn in 1942. James Herrick, born in 1871, lived in Chicago into the 1920s. He died in 1927. A descendant lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

MYRON J. HOWELL c. 1890

Myron Howell, a carpenter born in New York in 1831, was living in Chicago in 1890. He was a private in Company "F" of the 7<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer infantry in the Civil War enlisting at Bunker Hill, Illinois. He died in December 1891 and is buried in Forest Home Cemetery.

MAUDE HOWLAND c. 1899

Maude Howell was born in Chicago in September 1891, a daughter of Judson and Sophia Howland. She moved with her parents to Alvin, Texas before 1910.

INGRID JOHNSON c. 1892

Ingrid Johnson was born in Sweden in 1842. She was married to John Johnson in Sweden. They came to the United States about 1869. In 1900, they were living at 817 North Maplewood in

Chicago. Ingrid Johnson died in Chicago in August 1906. She is buried with her husband and two of her children in Rose Hill Cemetery.

EDWARD JOHNSON c. 1892

ALBERT JOHNSON

Edward and Albert Johnson were sons of Ingrid and John Johnson. Edward was born in Chicago in 1878. He was living in Chicago into the 1920s. Albert Johnson was born in Chicago in 1880. He was a "saloon owner" living in Chicago through 1910.

CHARLES KEMPER Wedding Photograph 1895

JENNIE KEMPER

Charles Kemper married Jennie MUNSON in Chicago in June 1895. Shortly after that time, they moved to McHenry County, North Dakota. Charles "Charley" Kemper, a son of John and Rosina Kemper, was born in Wheeling Township, Cook County, Illinois about 1874. Jennie Munson Kemper, a daughter of Leroy and Betsey Munson, was born in Deerfield, Michigan about 1865. They were living in McHenry County, North Dakota as late as 1930.

EVERETT J. KIDD c. 1888

Everett, J. Kidd, a son of James and Mary Kidd/Kydd, was born in Chicago in 1888. He married a woman named Ethyl. He died in Chicago in December 1971 and is buried in Forest Home Cemetery.

HARRY KUPER First Communion June 1909

Harry Kuper, a son of John G. and Louisa Kuper was born in Chicago in September 1895. He moved to New Milford, New Jersey before 1930 and married a woman named Helen. He died in Paramus, New Jersey in April 1959. His son, Donald, died in Appleton, Wisconsin in December 2006.

ALMA C. LOEFFEL March 1891

Alma Loeffel was born in Chicago in 1866, a daughter of August and Minna Loeffel. Alma Loeffel married O. Lawrence OLESEN before 1910 and moved with him to Highland Park, Illinois. She died in Hollywood, California in August 1951. She is buried with her husband in Rose Hill Cemetery.

JOHN McGUIRE c. 1894

John B. McGuire was born in Ireland about 1834. He married Ellen AHERNE in Ireland. He died in Chicago in April 1906. He is buried in Mt Olivet Cemetery with his wife.

SARA McKENNA c. 1887

This is PROBABLY the Sara McKenna who was born in Ireland in 1862, a daughter of Joseph and Jane McKenna. The family moved to Chicago before 1870. Sara McKenna MAY have died in Chicago in February 1939.

ADDIE McKENZIE c. 1895

This is PROBABLY a woman who married Thomas McKenzie. She had a formal name of "Frieda." The family was in Chicago from just after 1880 until at least 1930.

LOUIS MEYER c. 1895

This is POSSIBLY a son of Louis W. and Catherine Meyer, born in Chicago about 1892. He was living with his wife, Lorraine, in Chicago as late as 1921.

JOE MICHELS c. 1895

This Joseph Michels is POSSIBLY a grandson of the Joseph Michels who lived at 5830 Wentworth in the city in 1900.

PETER MODINE c. 1881

Peter Modine was born in Sweden about 1838. He was married to a woman named Ellen. They came to Chicago before 1868. They moved to Los Angeles, California after 1897.

NELLIE NUDA Marriage photograph c. 1882

ALBERT RAYMOND

Nellie Nuda was the first wife of Albert Raymond. She was born in New Hampshire about 1855. Nellie Nuda Raymond died in Chicago in August 1885. Albert Raymond remarried to Lillian MOSES. Albert Raymond died in Chicago in November 1902. Lillian Moses Raymond died in Evanston, Illinois in August 1949. One of her children, Frederick Raymond, was the grandfather of ex Federal Congressman, Bill FOSTER of Batavia, Illinois.

HENRY M. RUBEL c. 1886

Henry "Harry" Rubel was born in Kentucky in February 1864, a son of William and Nancy Rubel. He married Ida SCHEIDEMAN in Chicago in January 1887. Some time after 1910 Harry Rubel moved with his family to Dallas, Texas. He died there in late August 1932.

TED RYTLEWSKI Confirmation photograph c. 1898

Theodore Rytlewski was born in Chicago about 1877, a son of Michael and Frances Rytlewski. He married Mary WIERZBICK in Chicago in July 1910. He died in February 1914. The funeral service was handled by his father who was an undertaker by trade.

JOHN "Josie" SKALICKY Wedding photograph c. 1908

BESSIE SKALICKY

John "Josie" SKALICKY was born in Vienna, Austria in December 1885. He married in 1908 to a Bessie KRUPKA. He died in Chicago in June 1946. Bessie Krupka was born in September 1890 in Chicago, a daughter of Frank and Annie Krupka. She died in Berwyn, Illinois in October 1968.

**BILL SLAVIK** c. 1903

**ELLA SLAVIK**

Bill and Ella Slavik were siblings, children of Joseph and Mary Slavik. William Slavik was born in Chicago in 1899. Ella Slavik was born in Chicago in 1901. William Slavik died in Glendale, California in August 1976. He was married to a woman named Rose who died in Glendale, California in November 1973. Ella Slavik died in Batavia, Illinois in June 1989.

**FRANCES ELIZABETH STRAYER** c. 1893

Frances "Bessie" Strayer was born in Chicago in November 1892, a daughter of David and Lovia Strayer. The family left Chicago, probably for Ohio, some time after 1900.

**EMIL and SELMA SWANSON** Wedding photograph c. 1891

**STELLA and ESTHER SWANSON** c. 1900

Emil Swanson was born in Sweden about 1869. Selma JOHNSON was born in Sweden about 1871. Emil and Selma married in Chicago in August 1891. Emil Swanson died in Chicago in March 1943. Selma Swanson died in Chicago in November 1951. They are buried together in Graceland Cemetery. Stella Swanson was born in Chicago about 1895. She married a man named Otto PETERSON. They were living in Berwyn, Illinois as of 1920. She was still alive as of 1951. Esther Swanson was still alive as of 1951.

**FRANK S. TONEY** c. 1895

Frank Toney was born in Michigan in 1860, a son of Benjamin and Sarah C. Toney. Frank Toney was a "milkman" on the far south side of Chicago in the late 1890s. He was living with his wife and their family in Niles, Michigan before 1900.

**KATIE ULRICH** c. 1878

Kate Ulrich was born in Prussia about 1865, a daughter of Charles and Theresa Ulrich. The family was living in Chicago before 1860. Kate Ulrich may have married Herman A. Fischer in Chicago in 1894. That family moved to Baraboo, Wisconsin before 1900. Kate's brother, Albert, was living in Wilmette, Illinois as of 1930.

**WILL R. WALKER** c. 1881

William R. Walker was born in Indiana about 1858, a son of J. C. and Kate Walker. The family was living in Chicago before 1880. William Walker, a "metallurgist," was listed in the 1901 Chicago City Directory as living at the Lakota Hotel.

**PETER WELTER** c. 1892

**ELIZABETH WELTER** c. 1893

Peter and Elizabeth Welter were living at 230 Webster Street in Chicago as of 1900. They were married before 1895. Elizabeth Welter's maiden name was HAHN. A short article in the CHICAGO TRIBUNE of 11 August 1902 states that Peter Welter, a Chicago policeman "who had been injured on duty several years back" died of "gas asphyxiation" after his wife and child left to visit her family in Tiffin, Ohio. Tiffin, Ohio is where both Peter and Elizabeth were born



and raised. The 1910 Federal census of Clinton Township, Seneca County, Ohio lists an Elizabeth Welter, age 44, as being an inmate of the "Citizen's Hospital and Orphan Asylum."

BILLY WILLIAMS c. 1905  
JENNIE WILLIAMS c. 1900

William Williams was born in England about 1872. Jennie Williams was born in Washington, D.C. about 1869, a daughter of George and Jane EAGER. It was a second marriage for Jennie Williams. They were married about 1909. William "Billy" Williams died in Chicago in September 1934. Jennie Eager Williams died in Chicago in April 1944. She and her husband are buried together in Mt. Greenwood Cemetery.

ALICE WISER c. 1886  
ALICE BOYLE and CLARENCE HICKEY c. 1894

Alice Wis[s]er was born in Chicago about 1870, a daughter of Alonzo and Elizabeth Wiser. Alice Wiser married George Hickey in Du Page County, Illinois in July 1888. Alice Wiser Hickey married a second time to Alexander Boyle in Chicago in December 1895. Alice and Alexander Boyle were living in Chicago as late as 1920. No data concerning Clarence Hickey can be found in Chicago after 1914.

WILLIAM ZIMMERMANN and MARIE ZIMMERMANN Wedding photograph c. 1886  
WILLIAM ZIMMERMANN, Sr. and WILLIAM ZIMMERMANN, Jr. c. 1894  
LOUIS ZIMMERMANN c. 1883  
ELLA ZIMMERMANN HAMMOND c. 1895  
ERNEST ZIMMERMANN c. 1899

William Zimmermann was born in Chicago about 1866, a son of Fred and Johanna Zimmermann. He married Marie Zimmermann before 1892. Later called "Frank," William Zimmermann died in Chicago in June 1931. Marie Zimmermann died some time before 1931. The younger William "Frank" Zimmermann was living in Chicago as late as 1920. Louis Zimmermann married a woman named Minnie and moved with her to Victor, New York before 1910. He was living there as late as 1930. Nothing is known of Ella Zimmermann Hammond. Nothing is known of Ernest Zimmerman. All of these identifications are made in the same handwriting.



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## WEIL/WYLE FAMILY OF CHICAGO

by  
Craig Pfannkuche

Ms. Kathie Schwend of Millboro, Virginia was so thoughtful as to send to our Chicago Genealogical Society a mass of personal documents and photographs concerning Vernon WYLE (aka Weil) which she and her husband found in an old house which they bought. She wrote, "I hope you can find a place for this man's papers. It seemed such a waste to just throw them away."

Vernon Charles Wyle, a son of Charles F. and Emily B. WEIL, was born in Chicago at 4:50 PM on 25 April 1912 at home at 4723 North Troy Street ("baby book").

Vernon Wyle's paternal grandfather, Philip Weil, was born in Ohio in 1858. He met and married Emilie WEINHEIMER in Chicago on 9 September 1885. Emilie was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in December 1865. She was the second of six children of Valentine and Caroline Weinheimer.

Philip and Emilie had three children; Charles (the father of Vernon), born on 4 July 1886, Robert, born on 11 December 1889, and Florence, born on 28 March 1898. In 1900, the family lived at 1391 Sawyer in the city. Philip supported his family by being a cook in a restaurant. The family was still all together on North Spaulding in 1910. Philip Weil died on 8 August 1911 in Chicago.

By 1920 Emilie Weil was living with her son, Charles, and his brother and sister at a duplex at 4723 North Troy Street in the city, which she owned. Also living there was Charles's wife, Emily, and their two children, Vernon C. and Russell R. Weil.

Emilie's son, Robert, married a woman named Jeanette (b. Chicago 9/18/1897) in March 1921 after returning from duty as a soldier in World War I. He died in Chicago on 16 December 1960. His obituary in the CHICAGO TRIBUNE of 18 December 1960 stated that "He was a retired army captain (Quartermaster Corps) who served in both World wars and was a retired employee of the park district. Surviving are his widow, Jeanette: two daughters, Janet and Mrs. Barbara NELSON; a brother, Charles, and a sister, Florence Weil." He is buried in the Arlington National Cemetery.

Emilie's daughter, Florence, seems to have never married. She died in Kankakee, Illinois in February 1981. Emilie Weinheimer Weil may have died in Chicago on 14 November 1948.

Charles F. Weil moved with his children to Wilmette, Illinois some time in the mid 1920s. He had married Emily BERNIER, born in July 1884, some time around 1910. Emily may have been a daughter of John and Sophie Bernier. Emily faced tragedy just after the birth of her son, Vernon, in 1913, when, less than two years later in 1914, both of her parents died within

three months of each other in Chicago in 1914. A second son, Russell, was born to Charles and Emily on 13 April 1916. While Russell Weil can be found in the 1930 Federal Census of Wilmette, Illinois living with his parents and brother, no additional data can be found concerning him. Emily Weil died some time before 1944 while Charles F. Weil died in St. Petersburg, Florida in January 1967.

Emily Weil noted in Vernon's "baby book" that he went to Northwestern University where he graduated in June 1933 with a degree in electrical engineering and a commission as an Ensign in the US Naval Reserves. Some time before he graduated from Northwestern, he, for unknown reasons, changed the spelling of his last name to WYLE. He spent the time between June 1935 and 18 January 1936 at a Civilian Conservation Corps camp.

Called to service as an Ensign in the United States Navy in December 1941, he specialized in working with naval radio equipment at the Navy yard in New York City. Later in the war he served in the South Pacific theater. Coming back to New York in 1944 as a Lieutenant Commander, he married Dorothea ENSKO, the daughter (b. 1920) of Steven Ensko, an expert in American silversmithing. She was a graduate of Wheaton College.

In 1952, Vernon Wyle and his wife were living in Garden City, New York. He commuted to New York City on the Long Island Railroad. He worked to establish himself as a "consulting electrical engineer."

At some later date he and his wife moved to Kerrville, Texas where he died in March 1986. Dorothea Ensko Wyle may still be alive at the age of 92. There do not seem to have been any children from that marriage.

If anyone can provide additional details about the family of Vernon Wyle or can provide corrections to the material discussed above, that information would be gratefully received. If anyone related to any of the above mentioned individuals would like to obtain the photographs of the Weil family when they visited the Wisconsin Dells in 1925 and other artifacts of Vernon Wyle's life, including the "baby book" and high school and college graduation photographs, they can contact Craig Pfannkuche through the Chicago Genealogical Society.

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## QUERIES

[Please send your queries to the attention of  
the Quarterly Editor at P.O. Box 1160, Chicago, IL 60690-1160]

### NEILSEN, HANSEN

I am searching for any information on Sigma (Neilsen) Hansen and John Hansen. They were Danish immigrants to Chicago sometime around 1911/1912. John worked as a laborer. They resided at 626 South Western Avenue in Chicago in April, 1915. I believe they were both deceased sometime in 1916 due to an epidemic that swept Chicago at that time. They were both in their 20's at the time of their deaths. They left two orphaned children...a son aged 1-1/2 and a daughter aged 3-1/2. Sigma may have had a sister, who was married to a doctor, and living in Chicago during this time. Both children were adopted by a family from Peru, Illinois. Sigma's daughter was my mother and I am interested in learning any information regarding my mother's biological parents and their Danish heritage.

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### DALTON, STACK

I'm looking for further information on Harry H. Dalton, who married Margaret E. Stack on 8 January 1889 at St. Thomas Parish House, Chicago. The 1900 Federal Census enumerated this couple at 7034 Cottage Grove Avenue, Hyde Park Township, Chicago. Harry Dalton's occupation was listed as Painter. He is shown as born March 1860 in Wisconsin (as were his parents). By 1909 Margaret was living with her daughter in Minneapolis and listed in the city directory as a widow. Does any of this description ring a bell with one of our members?

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### DONNELIAN, CROWLEY, CONWAY, SULLIVAN

I am searching for additional information concerning the family of Martin and Mary DONNELIAN CROWLEY who were in Chicago after c.1880. Their children were: Martin who married Bridget CONWAY in 1884 and lived on Huron Street; Michael who married Margaret CONWAY in 1905; Catherine who died in 1899; Delia who died in 1918; and, Mary who married Patrick SULLIVAN in 1890. I am willing to exchange information about the known offspring of these people.

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### HECTOR

I have found another of all those relatives who emigrated to "Amerika" around year 1900. His name was Olof (Olaf) Hector, born 15 May 1870 in Sweden and died in Chicago, Cook, Illinois 15 Apr 1942. Is anyone interested in that family? I have just sent a mail to the public library asking for help with his obituary. I look forward to your answer.

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