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Mary Fletcher 42F widow Keper's house

Frank 17M son farm house

Melissa 12F dau school

Jessie 10M son "

Wm. Kate 10M grandson "

Larimer " 8M " "

FLETCHER GENEALOGY & HISTORY

WILMA FLETCHER (COPY)

7 letters

1841 11th June 1860 Census - P.O. Box 2000 City
Bend Creek, Hancock, Mass

Charles 34M
Mary 32F
Cecilia 11F
Amanda 9F
Mary 2F
Catharine 2F
Robert 2/12F

1849 John Cole
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17th Nov 1875
Beverly, Mass

1875 10th Feb 30M
Mary Jane 11 45F
Rebecca 11 15F
Martha 11 13M
Mary 11 13F
John 11 11M
William 11 5M
Elizabeth 11 4M

1875 10th Oct 1850 Windsor, Bradford, Pa
Charles 25M
Jane 21F
John 2

Cont 1850 Fletcher

68/70 James Fletcher	70 M	France	1500	Canada
Larch "	68 F			"
Jeans "	30 M			Pa
George "	14 M			"

69/71 Andrew Fletcher 27 M France

Catherine "	19 F	1300	Pa
Oliver "	2 M		"
			"

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1 June 1870

Eden, Brown, Miss. - P.O. Green State
Lone Tree State

Charles Fletcher	40 M	France	1200 / 1380	W. Va.
Mary Ford	30 F	Keeping Place		Pa
Mary	15 F	Country place		Pa.
Catherine	13 F			Miss's
Johanna	10 F			Miss
Frances	7 M			Miss
Louise / Lena	7 F			"
Maria	2 F			"

Louise

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2 Acres of land
| 3 | 4

Prayer Book value
5/6/7

Livestock
8/9/10/11/12/13/14/15

Wheat
16/17/18/19/20/21/22/

n. 30 113

1200 55 -

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Fletcher

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11th June

1860 Census

- P.O. Blue Earth City

Brush Creek, Hancock, Mass

Charles	31M	Midweight	150	NY.
Mary	32F			Peru
Clara	11F			"
Amanda	9F			"
Mary	2F			"
Castara	2F			"
Rebecca	2/12F			"

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1st March 1875

Barn Co., Mass

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Charles Fletcher	30M	N.Y.	N.Y.	N.Y.
Mary Jane	45F	Pa	Pa	Pa
Rebecca	15F	Mass	NY	"
Franklin	13M	"	"	"
Mina (?)	7 1/2 F	"	"	"
Jessie	33M	"	"	"
Wm. late	5M	"	Pa	"
Lavinia	4M	"	"	"

1870

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67/69

11 Oct 1850 Wrentham, Bradford, Penn

Charles Fletcher	25M	James	1300	N.Y.
Jane	21F			Pa
Carina	2			"

next door to Matthew Russell 66/68

1840
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Pg 47 30 June 1880 Columbia Co, Ga - T9N - R39E

Mary J. ~~Steele~~ 42F widow keeping house

Frank 17M son (partly deceased)

Maria 22F dau at school

James 10M son "

Wm. Lata 10M grandson "

Thomas " 8M " "



Frank Fletcher

FRANK FLETCHER

Frank Fletcher and his twin sister Frances Dora were born April 13, 1863, to Charles and Mary Jane Fletcher of Bush Creek, Fairbault County, Minnesota.

When Frank and Dora were born Charles was a soldier fighting in the Civil War. After his military discharge Charles moved his family to a farm in Blue Earth County, Minnesota. In 1869, when Frank was six the Fletcher family came West.

Frank and his father crossed the country in a covered wagon, while his Mother came by sailing vessel around Cape Horn, South America. She probably landed in San Francisco where Charles met her. From there they traveled to Columbia County, Washington Territory, to make their home.

They settled on the South Touchet taking a homestead of 160 acres. Here Charles had water to run a lathe for making wooden

bowls. They built a house of rough lumber big enough for the family and planted a garden using the water from the Touchet to irrigate.

From the beginning Frank helped his father on the farm, so he had little schooling. He could write his name, but unfortunately never learned to read.

When Frank was sixteen, Charles died of typhoid fever. Frank stayed with his Mother and helped with the farm work for a few years before going out on his own. He worked hard, saving his money, and bought forty acres of farm land near the top of the Harding grade above the Touchet river. Frank Fletcher was 22 years old when he married Laura Anna Manning whose parents were Wesley and Sarah Ellen Manning who lived on Mt. Pleasant. Frank and Laura rode horseback into the town of Dayton and were

married by a Justice of the Peace, January 12, 1885. After the ceremony the newly-weds rode their horses out to Frank's farm. They lived there a few years farming the land. Their first two children were born in their small house there. Charles Wesley was their first son born November 18 1886 and their second son Harvey Arthur was born December 24, 1888.

Laura and Frank bought 40 acres of land in Payne Hollow. Here they built a large two story house with a porch extending half around it. They planted lots of cherry trees and named their home "Cherry Dale". It was here they raised their family. To the children, Frank was called "Pop" and many of the neighbor children called him Pop too. Laura was called "Ma" but Frank called his wife "Loal".

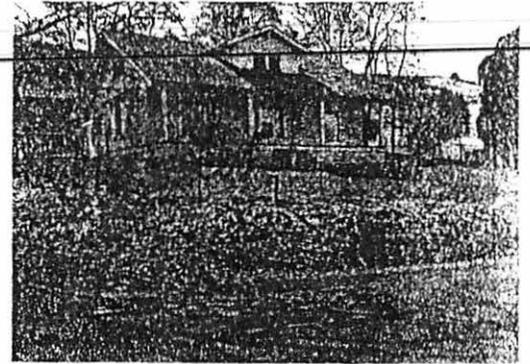
As the years went by Frank and Laura bought more farm land. They planted a timber culture of locust trees and developed a large spring which they piped to the house.

They bought the Wilshire Place just about a mile down the road from their home. It had a small house which was across the deep ditch of Payne Hollow creek. They referred to this place as the "weaning pen" for when one of their children married they would live at the Wilshire Place for a while. Orie and Lela, Bess and Otto and Glen and Vernice lived there after they were married.

Another place the Fletcher's bought on Payne Hollow was the Bade Place. The farmland was on the steep hill sides but there was a fine house. Laura and Frank lived there some of the time.

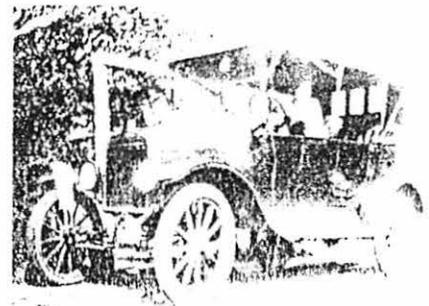
Frank was always improving his holdings and while living at the Bade Place he built a wood shed with a wash room on

one end. He also erected a smoke house for curing meat. He built a cement watering trough in the barn yard at the Home Place



"Bade Place"

to make it easier for the horses and cattle to water. One day some of the family brought home some gold fish they had bought at a one cent sale at the drug store and put them in a bowl for about a year. The fish stayed about the same size until they took them out and put them in the watering trough. They got some moss and a few more gold fish and in a short time the fish started to grow and spawn. Some of the fish grew quite large. There are still gold fish in the watering trough at the ranch!



Old Car

Frank drove a Model T Ford. The children attended school at Columbia which was about two miles from their home. One morning Frank was driving Bess and Margaret to school when the Model T left the road and went up the bank and tipped over. The two girls crawled out from under the car unhurt and then pulled "Pop" out from under it with his corn cob pipe still in his mouth!

Frank loved to wrestle with the boys as they were growing up. It never seemed to matter to him where they were when they wrestled. Sometimes it was in the house and Laura would push the table back and move all the chairs out of the way as they grasped each other with a firm hold which always ended up with them rolling around on the floor. As the boys grew each was challenged to wrestling with their Father.

One fall Laura bought a new rug for one of the rooms at the ranch. She spent the following winter in town where they had bought a house. When she returned to the Home Place in the Spring, the rug was worn out from wrestling. None of the fellows forgot her anger!

Frank didn't do all his wrestling with the boys. When he went to town he sometimes would meet a fellow wrestler who would show him a new hold or two. He always had to try them out on some of his wrestling friends in the back room of the Safeway Store. When he returned home Frank was always eager to show the boys the new holds. With seven sons growing to maturity there were plenty of work-outs for them all.

Frank had Laura shave his whiskers with a straight edged razor. She was busy shaving him one day when she shaved off half of his mustache. He looked at himself in the mirror and laughed and told her she might as well

shave off the rest of it. It was harvest time and he went to the field to eat dinner at the cook wagon with the workers. He sat down at his regular place on a bench when one of the men said, "You'll have to move. You are sitting in the boss's place."

He did not recognize Frank without his mustache.

The Fletchers always had a big harvest, and Frank would hire several relatives to help. The harvest was done with horses and mules. They worked long hard hours. The men ate three meals a day at the cook wagon in the field, and slept in the hay or close by.

Jim Rose found a ledge of gold near Sumpter, Oregon. He marked the place with stakes. Charley had a Stevens car and took Pop to see the gold. Unfortunately, a fire had swept through the area and they were unable to find the stakes. They stayed two weeks and Frank panned enough gold to have a wedding band made for Laura. She wore the ring for the rest of her life.

Frank and Laura were living at the Bade Place when his Mother, Mary Jane, took sick. She was not expected to live very long. When he received the telephone call, being a caring person, Frank hurried to leave for town. It was winter and the roads were very muddy. The Model-T got stuck in a mud hole, and he was unable to get it out. He walked back to the barn and harnessed his team, "Tom and Mike," and pulled the car out of the mud. Then he took the team back to the barn and walked back to his car along the road, carrying a kerosine lantern to dispel the darkness.

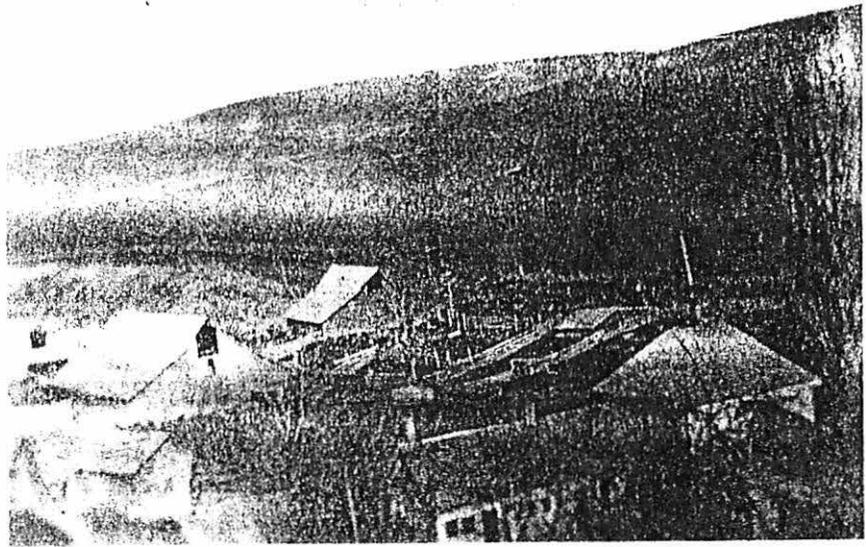
When he got to the home of his sister Minnie Manning, he discovered his Mother had already passed away. Frank's Mother, Mary Jane Fletcher, was ninety-six when she died.

Frank provided well for his family, making sure they always had plenty of food for the table. He also made sure his relatives had food. Many times he loaded the car with flour, beans, and cured meat for a family he had heard was in need. He enjoyed taking some of the boys to the mountains to cut wood for their cook stove and heaters.

In December, 1927, Frank fell ill with

hardening of the arteries and was taken to Walla Walla for treatment. He was there only a short time before he passed away. He was sixty-four years old, leaving his wife, Laura, after forty-two years of marriage. Three of his eleven children preceded him in death.

Frank Fletcher had been a good neighbor and had many friends. He was loved by all his family.



House and Barnyard



Laura Anna Fletcher

LAURA ANNA FLETCHER

Annie Laurie Manning was born August 27, 1866, in Edgar County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Sarah Ellen and Wesley Manning. Not liking the name Annie Laurie, which her parents had named her, she re-named herself Laura Anna and was called by that name the rest of her life.

Laura had an older brother, Alonzo, born June 1, 1863, in Illinois. In 1872 when Laura was six, the Manning family, including Laura's grandmother, Abigail Pettijohn, came West by train as far as Kelton, Utah.

When they arrived at Kelton, which was the end of the railroad, they were met by Tom Pettijohn, son of Jonathan Pettijohn, Sarah's brother. Tom took them by wagon to Prescott, Washington Territory, where his father lived.

Laura and her family remained at Prescott for about a year. Her parents then homesteaded a place on Mt. Pleasant, which is sometimes referred to as Jasper. Laura went to school only a few months a year due to

deep snows on the mountain. As a result, she had four or five years of schooling altogether.

Laura Anna Manning and Frank Fletcher were married January 12, 1886, by a Justice of the Peace at Dayton. Frank was the son of Charles and Mary Jane Fletcher of the South Touchet. Laura and Frank rode their horses to town and after they were married the newly-weds rode out to Frank's home on forty acres near the top of the Harding grade. The house was small but had enough room for them to live comfortably while they farmed the land. Two of their children were born there: Charley was born November 18, 1886, and Harvey was born December 24, 1888.

They then moved to the Hogeye near the Baldwin School. Some of their eleven children were born here and attended the Baldwin School. They lost this ranch in the 1898 Panic.

Frank and Laura bought another forty acres on Payne Hollow where they built a two story house, and as the years passed and their family increased they added more rooms. They built a porch that extended half around the first floor. They planted lots of cherry trees in the yard and named their place "Cherry Dale." They also planted a large orchard of other fruit trees to supply the family with fresh fruit, and grew a plentiful garden every year for a variety of vegetables.

The Fletchers bought another parcel of farm land and developed a large spring which they piped down to the house and barnyard. They planted some locust trees for a "timber culture."

About a mile from the Home Place they purchased the Wilshire Place. This was a few acres of ground with a small house where some of their children lived after they were

married. They called the Wilshire Place the "weaning pen."

Across the fence from the Wilshire Place was the Bade Place. This farm had a well built house with large evergreen trees in the yard. Payne Hollow was very narrow at this point and most of the land was on the hillsides. Laura and Frank lived at the Bade Place some of the time when their children were grown.

Two of their eleven children died in infancy, and Robin died of pneumonia when he was ten years old. Even though they raised a large family, Laura and Frank had room in their home and hearts for more children. When Margaret Daggett lost her parents, the Fletchers made her welcome in their home. A boy named LaMoin Shoemake also found a home with them. And when their own son Harvey lost his wife Kate, they took his son Hallie to raise, he being only a few days old at the time.

It took a lot of work to raise a large family at the turn of the century: cooking, making bread, churning butter, canning from the garden and orchard was all done by the family. Laura especially enjoyed making jams and jellies. She had help with most of the house work and chores, and Frank always had lots of help with the outside chores and the farming. As family members grew big enough to help, they were given jobs.

Laura sometimes had hot bread coming out of the oven as the kids arrived home from school. This was a welcome treat as they always had big appetites. A big bowl of steaming bean soup along with the hot bread and butter stopped their hunger pains till supper was ready.

Laura was a good mother to all her children, and was a friend to many other children too. She would talk things over with

them, and when the grandchildren came along she treated them the same way. Much of her good advice was remembered and found useful through the years.

Hompegg was the family's vacation spot in the summer months. They camped, fished, hunted, and picked wild berries for their recreation away from home and from work. They built a large one room cabin at Hompegg among the evergreens for all



Mother Laura with her Children on the day of her son Robin's funeral. Mother Laura is holding baby Bessie, Clockwise; DeWitt Elmer, Harvey, Charles, Victor, and O

family to enjoy. Laura's favorite flower was the wild yellow rose.

Laura and Frank bought a house in... where they could stay whenever they v

cd to get away from the ranch. They attended the Dayton Christian Church. They attended evangelistic meetings held in a temporary building with a sawdust floor built on upper Main Street of Dayton. These revival meetings generally lasted for two weeks. There were many such revivals in those days; some of the churches even held them in their own buildings.



"Ma"

When Frank fell sick suddenly in December of 1927, he was taken to Walla Walla and treated for hardening of the arteries. Within two weeks he passed away. He was sixty-four and Laura was sixty-one.

After Frank died, Laura bought a Chrysler car with a self-starter. Bess and Ott took her to Portland and on to see the ocean. Her grandson, Hallie went with them. They stayed a few days at Cannon Beach on the Oregon coast. Someone gave Laura a large fresh crab. She had no idea what to do with it, so she threw it away—not ever having tasted the delicacy.

Laura's sister Ella spent a good part of the winter with Laura. Later Laura bought a house on 3rd Street in Dayton where she lived permanently. She enjoyed visiting her children and their families, and spent much of her time with one or another of them. Laura always kept two overnight bags packed

and ready to go upon an invitation from family or a friend. She remarked when someone gave her an invitation to visit them, they had better be sincere. The second bag was in case she did not get unpacked from the last trip before she was asked again!

Laura had a keen sense of humor and was always pleasant company. She was a generous person and had many friends. She was a beautiful lady with a ready smile and snow white short hair, curled about her lovely face.

There were times of sadness in her life, as the loss of four children and her husband. But there was gratification in having a large family. Laura was devoted to her family and helped them in many ways. After a brief illness she passed away December 11, 1955, at age eighty-nine.

Laura Anna Fletcher is gone but she will not be forgotten by the large family she has generated. There are approximately two hundred sixty descendents of Frank and Laura Fletcher.

Laura and Frank Fletcher

Their eleven children:

Charles Wesley Fletcher born November 18, 1886; died December 31, 1936; married Sadie Rayburn Sanders April 12, 1913.

Harvey Arthur Fletcher born December 24, 1888; died November 15, 1975; married Kate Hatfield April 12, 1913; died February 19, 1917.

Mary Ellen Fletcher born February 25, 1891; died March 5, 1891.

Alonzo Robin Fletcher born February 11, 1892; died October 14, 1902.

Elmer Eugene Fletcher born March 26, 1894; died June 17, 1962; married Lucy Russell June 22, 1918; died February 22, 1978.

Frank Victor Fletcher born April 13,

Orie Claude Fletcher born April 21, 1900; died January 18, 1990; married Lela Winnett August 22, 1918; died October 6, 1981.

Bessie Maude Fletcher born July 12, 1902; died January 15, 1982; married Otto Winnett June 16, 1921; died October 31, 1970.



Fletcher Family, 1918 L to R Back row: Orie & Lela, Dewey & Blanche, Elmer & Lucy, Charles & Sadie. L to R Front row: Margaret Daggett, Victor, Glen, Frank, Laura holding Hallie, Harvey, Virgie, and Bessie

1896 died September 22, 1973; married Margaret Daggett January 5, 1919 (divorced); married Lelah Swanson June 2, 1923; died May 30, 1978.

Dewey Fred Fletcher born June 21, 1898; died February 5, 1987; married Blanche Martin June 23, 1918.

Viola May Fletcher born October 8, 1904; died June 8, 1905.

Glenwood Fletcher born March 2, 1912. Married Vernice Critchfield June 8, 1933



Charles & Sadie

CHARLES WESLEY FLETCHER

Charles Wesley Fletcher was born November 18, 1886, in Dayton, Washington Territory. He was the first child born to Frank and Laura Fletcher.

Charles grew up on the family farm with his brothers and sister. Charles married Sadie Rayburn Sanders, a young widow with two small children. The following item was in the Dayton Chronicle on February 9, 1910:

Charles Fletcher and Sadie Sanders, well known residents of the county were quietly married Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Harres at the home of the groom's

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fletcher of Upper Third Street. Only the immediate families and a few friends of the contracting parties were present to witness the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher will reside on their homestead twelve miles up the North Touchet river.

Sadie's two children at the time of her marriage to Charley were Lucille about four years old and Marvin, two years old.

Charley and Sadie had one child, Virginia, who went by the name "Virgie." She was a New Year Baby, born January 1, 1911.

Charley and Sadie moved to Asotin to farm, but after a crop was beat into the ground by a severe hail storm, they returned to the family ranch where Charley continued to work. Later, Charley served the City of Dayton as a night policeman.

In 1936, Charley requested all the family go to the ranch for a big Thanksgiving dinner. Everybody attended the big dinner and enjoyed the day together. It was a good thing, because Charley passed away December 31 of that year. He was 50 years of age.

Sadie was diabetic but lived about ten years longer than Charley.

Sadie's children: Lucille Sanders married Clarence Ellis

Their children:

Lewis Ellis

Uva Ellis

Marvin Sanders married Florida

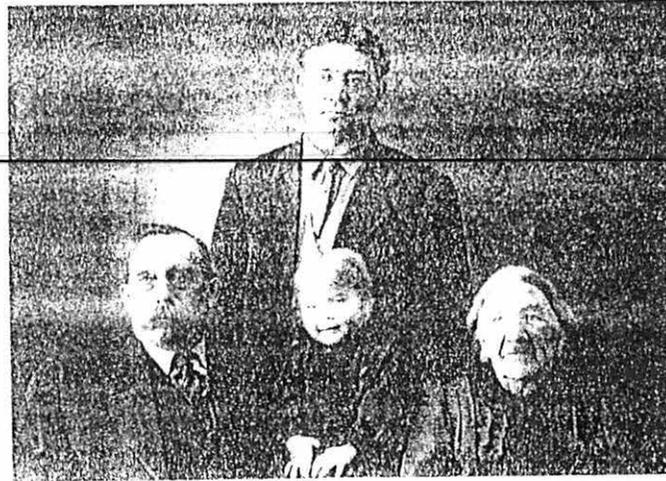
Their child:

Dorothy May Sanders

Marvin was remarried to Marie Wood.

Charles and Sadie's child:

Virginia (Virgie) Born January 1, 1911; died August 27, 1978.



Four Generations: Charles, standing behind his father Frank, his daughter Virgie, and his grandmother Mary Jane Russell Fletcher

Virgie married Maxwell Jack Kitterman (Born July 2, 1910).

Their children:

Max Duane Kitterman, born August 13, 1930.

Gary Dean Kitterman, born September 3, 1933.

Max Duane Kitterman married Shirley Rae Otterson June 10, 1956.

Max Duane is a pharmacist. Shirley Rae was born December 24, 1934.

Their children:

Matthew Jack Kitterman, born July 23, 1957.

Joan Elizabeth Kitterman, born August 28, 1960.

James Robert Kitterman, born April 11, 1965.

Matthew Jack Kitterman married April 16, 1983, to Julia Margaret Young, born September 30, 1960.

Their children:

Hanna Marie Kitterman, born February

2, 1985.

Joedan Matthew Kitterman, born February 1, 1988.

Joan Elizabeth Kitterman married John Alan Barr (divorced).

James Robert Kitterman married May 13, 1989, to Maria Lee Spragg; born September 2, 1964.

Gary Dean Kitterman married Evelyn

Bernice Randolph March 21, 1959, born January 26, 1940.

Their children:

Kevin Dean Kitterman, born May 5, 1960; married August 7, 1982, to Bettina Chevreux, born August 6, 1963.

Their children:

Danielle Reine Kitterman, born February 16, 1988.

Brianna Kay Kitterman, born May 5, 1989.

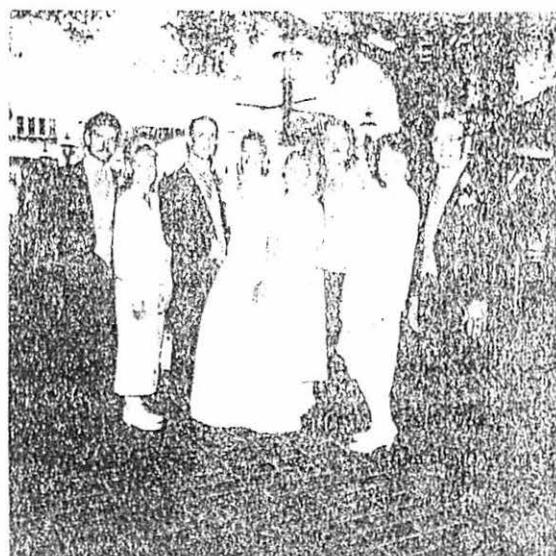


Virgie and Jack Kitterman with grand daughter Joan Kitterman

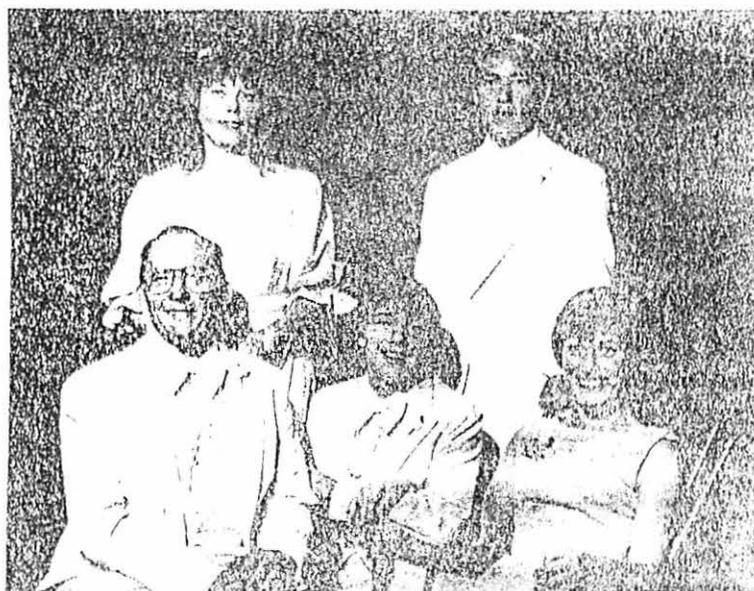
Kimbra Dee Kitterman, born November 15, 1963; married Lyle Watson October 29, 1983 (separated 1990).

Their child:

Michael Preston Watson, born February 20, 1988.



Duane Kitterman and family



Gary Kitterman and Family



Harvey & Kate

HARVEY ARTHUR FLETCHER

Harvey Arthur Fletcher was a legendary figure in the cattle industry. He had the command and respect of stockmen throughout the Northwest.

Harvey was born December 24, 1888, in Columbia County, Washington Territory. He was the second son of eleven children born to Laura and Frank Fletcher. His schooling was at rural grade schools, Dayton High School, and Spokane Business College.

When he was twenty-four, Harvey married Kate Hatfield, daughter of Phil and Maybelle Watrous Hatfield of Baileysburg. They made their home on the North Touchet where Harvey raised cattle. Kate died of tuberculosis in early 1917. They had two sons: Leo Robin and Hallie Phillip, who were

raised by their grandparents.

Harvey Fletcher moved to the Starbuck area where he raised hay, grain, hogs, sheep, cattle, and horses. At first, he used many of the horses in his farming, but in later years he changed to motorized equipment.

Through the years he expanded his farming and ranching by buying more land. On the Patit Ranch he raised grain and pastured cattle. He also bought several places adjoining each other on Robinette Mountain. Harvey went into partnership with his son Hallie. They raised grass seed and had excellent summer pasture on the mountain for their cattle herd. Harvey enjoyed Robinette and went often to the moun-



Grand Marshal Harvey

tain to relax and enjoy its beauty.

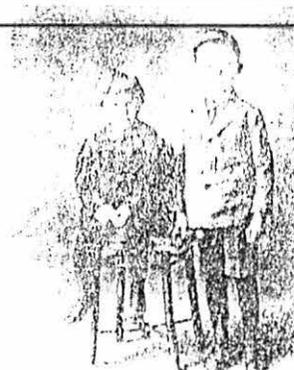
He was known to many as H.A. Fletcher and was a cattleman in his own right. He had owned cattle from his youth and knew every phase of the livestock business. He helped many ranchers get into the cattle business and was a buyer for several livestock companies. Harvey attended cattle sales regularly and was still going to sales when he was eighty-six.

Harvey was known for his humor and sharp wit. He had many friends and was a friend to many, both young and old.

Harvey was honored as the first "Cattleman of the Year" in 1952 by the Columbia County Cattlemen's Association. He was chosen as Grand Marshal of the Starbuck Centennial in 1953 and at age eighty, Harvey was selected as the Grand Marshal of the Dayton Days celebration. He led the parade on horseback holding a large American flag the full length of Dayton's Main Street.

Harvey lived with his son Hallie and family, who had built a comfortable home on the Starbuck Ranch. Every year on Christmas Eve their home was open to family, friends, and relatives to celebrate Harvey's birthday. He was honored with nearly thirty celebrations starting just after World War II until his death November 15, 1975, just before his eighty-seventh birthday.

Harvey Fletcher lived a long healthy life and enjoyed the fruits of his labor, lending a helping hand to many and leaving a



Hallie & Leo

good inheritance for his family.

Besides his sons Leo and Hallie, Harvey was survived by six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Since that time his family has increased even more.

Leo Fletcher, Harvey's oldest son, was raised by his maternal grandparents, Phil and Maybelle Hatfield in Arbon Valley, Idaho. When he was seventeen, Leo went to live with his Dad at the Starbuck Ranch. After he married he ran cattle in the Starbuck area, the Patit, and on Robinette Mountain. He raised his family on a ranch near Starbuck. On



Leo's family

retiring Leo moved to Dayton but still looks after his cattle and other interests. Like his Dad, he attends cattle sales and spends a little time fishing too.

Harvey's youngest son, Hallie, was raised by his paternal grandparents, Frank and Laura Fletcher, in Payne Hollow. When he was fourteen he went to Starbuck to live with his Dad. He worked on the ranch until he entered World War II spending two and a half years overseas, receiving six Battle Stars. He joined his dad in farming and raising cattle upon his return. Hallie built a home on the ranch and raised his family there. Hallie was chosen Soil Conservation Farmer of Columbia County in 1973, and he and his family were honored in 1979 as Cattlemen of the Year.

Retired now, Hallie and his wife still live on the ranch but he takes time to fish a little, while the boys do the farming.

Harvey and Kate Fletcher's children

Leo Robin Fletcher, born February 11, 1914, and Norma Porter born February

16, 1924.

Leo married February 17, 1941 to Norma Porter; divorced; married Gladys Schmic Erbes August 17, 1968.

Leo and Norma's children:

Kenneth Fletcher, born October 4, 1945; married Edna Wales.

Their child:

Kally Fletcher, born April 25, 1966.

Kenneth Fletcher and Edna Wales divorced, he married Donna James.

Their children:

Kenny Guy, born November 15, 1970

Katie Fletcher, born November 1, 1972

Ken and Donna divorced.

Janet Fletcher, born December 30, 1947; married Dave Reniff, divorced, no children—she is a beautician.

Jack Fletcher, born November 24, 1951; is a licensed surveyor.

Lori Fletcher, born April 24, 1956; married Carl Franklin.

Their children:

Lorian, born July 24, 1981.

Ashlyn, born May 3, 1987.

Hallie Philip Fletcher born December 29, 1916.

Married October 11, 1942, to Wilma Porter Rubenser, born June 3, 1921.

Their children:

Richard Rubenser, stepson, born February 13, 1938; mar-



Hallie's family

ried December 20, 1969 to Karen Harvey,
born July 31, 1950.

Their children:

Dana Rubenser, born November 6, 1970
(in college—Cheney)

Katie Rubenser, born April 23, 1972 (in
college—Whitman)

Harvey Arthur Fletcher born April 21,
1951, married January 20, 1975, to Beverly
Koschmeder, born August 31, 1956.

Their children:

Harvey Arthur III born October 29,
1978.

Phillip Lee, born July 22, 1982.



Elmer and Lucy

ELMER EUGENE FLETCHER

Elmer Eugene Fletcher was born March 27, 1894. He was the fifth child born to Frank and Laura Fletcher.

He went to rural schools and to Dayton High School. He also attended Business College in Spokane. When he returned home from college he applied at the Broughton Bank for a job, but instead they backed him to start farming.

Elmer took a homestead in the Starbuck area. When he was called to the military in World War I, he sold the homestead to his brother Harve. He was all ready for Service when the Armistice was signed and the war was over.

Elmer Fletcher and Lucy Mae Russell, daughter of James and Luisa Russell were married in the Congregational Church Parsonage in Dayton June 22, 1918. Lucy taught school on the Tucannon.

Elmer and Lucy settled in Columbia County, farming on Eckler Mountain. He also purchased land west of Starbuck and moved his family to Starbuck where some of the children went to school. Their family consisted of seven children.

Their house in Starbuck caught fire along with two other houses on the block, and burned down. Elmer and his family moved to Dayton in 1938 and made their home at 724 South Third Street. The children graduated from Dayton High School.

Elmer was honored at Washington State University on Father's Day as the Father with the most children and their spouses attending the University. Four of his children received degrees. Russell receive his degree in Business at the Northwest Business College at Spokane.

Elmer was honored as Cattleman of the Year for Columbia County in 1956. He died June 17, 1962, at sixty-eight years. He will be remembered as a successful farmer providing well for his family.

Lucy died February 23, 1975. She lived thirteen years longer than Elmer.

Their children:

Russell Eugene, born July 13, 1919.

Shirley Anne, born September 14, 1921

Homer Blaine, born December 18, 1923

Donald Max, born June 4, 1926.

Janis Jane, born November 7, 1927.

Laura Lee, born July 11, 1930.

Gary Dwight, born March 29, 1934.

Russell Eugene Fletcher, born July 13 1919; married March 20, 1948, at Dayton to Kae Turner.

Their children:

David Eugene, born June 10, 1947 married June 5, 1982, to Mary K. Egger.

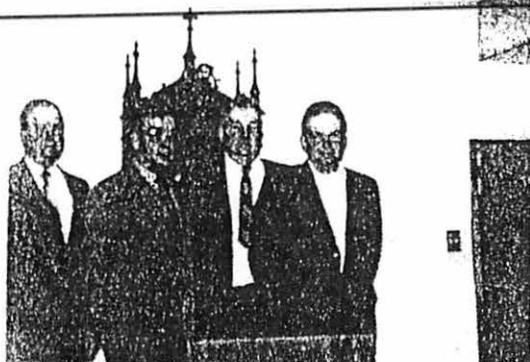
Their children:

Alicia Katherine, born April 11, 1983.

Nathan Eugene, born July 6, 1986.

Emily Jean, born June 22, 1990.

Michael Lee, born September 9, 1950



Russell, Don, Blaine, and Gary

married & divorced Jeannie Boggs.

Their children:

Lloyd Andrew, born August 30, 1982.

Rusty Lee, born December 20, 1985.

Coy Thomas, born January 31, 1988.

Allen Ray Fletcher, born March 25, 1952;
married June 26, 1990, to Yvette Dieu.

James Edward Fletcher, born January
22, 1954; married December 21, 1983, to
Janette Patton.

Their children:

Jamie Kae, born March 10, 1986.

Julie Ann, born April 13, 1988.

Linda Kae Fletcher, born September 14,
1956; married December 18, 1976, to Curtis
Coombs.

Their children:

Dana Marie, born June 24, 1983.

Megan Renee, born May 13, 1987.

Janis Jane Fletcher married September
5, 1948, to Dale Martin.

Their children:

Jeff, born August 11, 1952.

Married Jill Denise Dean November 8,
1986.



Shirley, Laura, and Janis

Their child:

Kelli Diane, born November 26, 1989.

Jill Martin, born April 6, 1955; married &
divorced Tucci.

Their children:

Joey Tucci, born December 14, 1982.

Janis Jill, born January 20, 1985.

Jill Tucci married September 9, 1989, to
Pete Penna.

Laura Lee Fletcher, born July 11, 1930;
married January 18, 1953, to Eugene M.
Foust.

Their children:

Judy Kay Foust, born March 13, 1954;
married June 8, 1975, to Robert Paul Baker.

Their children:

Gregory Paul, born July 17, 1976.

Brian Thomas, born December 9, 1978.

Tom Eugene Foust, born June 6,
1956; married October 7, 1978, to
Lynn Marie Ayers.

Their child:

Kyle Thomas, born April 30, 1990.

Tamara Sue Foust, born December 8,

1958; married September 2, 1978, to Terry Lynn Simon.

Their child:

Laura Jean, born September 25, 1983.

Donald Max Fletcher married Inez Vining.

Their children:

Lucy Ann Fletcher, born July 24, 1953.

Cindy Lee Fletcher, born April 27, 1956;

Gary Dwight Fletcher married June 4, 1966, to Kathleen Grober.

Their child:

Gregory Herbert, born June 30, 1965 (stepson)

Married and divorced Laura.

Their Child:

Heather Lynn born April 11, 1987.

Gregory married Sarah Delp in 1991.

married Dan Black.

Their children:

Shawn Black

Christian Black

Rebecca Sue, born July 4, 1962; married November 29, 1985, to Robert W Thurman.

Their child:

Stephanie Thurman

Shirley Anne Fletcher married July 12, 1945, to Victor Iver Iverson.

Their child:

Stephen Fletcher Iverson, born June 30, 1950.

Elmer Scott Fletcher, born March 30, 1968.

Homer Blaine married August 31, 1947, to Wilda Jean Simpson.

Their children:

Diana Lynn, born July 17, 1948; married July 28, 1979, to David Robert Swift.

Their children:

Ariel Marie, born February 6, 1982.

Lorienne Nichole, born February 15, 1984.

Richard Blaine, born June 19, 1949; married March 29, 1975, to Sandra Jean Hill.

Their children:

James Michael Hill, born May 7, 1969 (stepson)

Jean Diane, born February 23, 1977.

Ronald Mark, born August 6, 1956.



Frank Victor Fletcher

FRANK VICTOR FLETCHER

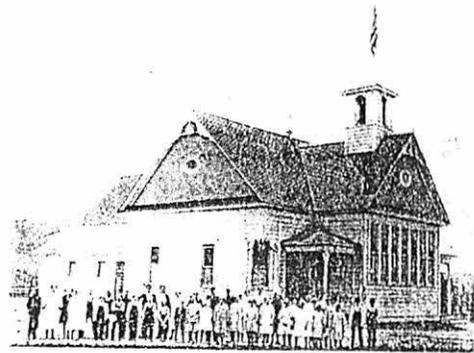
Frank Victor Fletcher was the sixth child of eleven born to Frank and Laura Manning Fletcher. He was born on his father's birthday, April 13, 1896, at the family home in Payne Hollow. He attended local schools in Columbia County. He was called to the Army in August, 1918, and trained at Fort Lewis, Washington. He was mustered out right after the Armistice was signed in November, 1918.

In January, 1919, Victor married Margaret Daggett, a foster daughter of Frank and Laura Fletcher's since she was eight years of age. They were divorced after about two years of marriage.

Victor and Lelah Anne Swanson were married June 2, 1923. Two daughters were born to this union. Margaret Ellen was born December 1, 1928, and Marilyn Joanne was born July 2, 1937. Margaret (Margie) and Marilyn both attended Columbia School like many other children of the Fletcher family. Marilyn's two older children, Bill and Vicki attended Columbia School until it was consolidated in 1968 with Dayton School District Number Two.

Lelah Anne Swanson was the fifth child of seven children born to Peter Gus and Minnie Cole Swanson. She was born in Columbia County May 21, 1904. She had two brothers and four sisters. Lelah received her education at Columbia School. The family lived near Long's Station. Her father built their home which today is owned by Glen Brown. As a young woman, Lelah worked at harvest time in the Fletcher cookhouse.

Vic and Lelah lived with his parents for a time. They lived at the Bade Place in Payne



Columbia School Dist. #1 was attended by three generations of Fletcher children until consolidation with Dayton School Dist. #2 in 1964

Hollow several years. Vic farmed his Manning grandparents' estate near Prescott. They lived there during the working season and spent winters on one of the Payne Hollow places. In the spring of 1942, the family moved from Prescott to the Home Place. Vic farmed all his life. He raised cattle, hogs, and always had chickens in addition to hay and



Vic and Lelah

grain. They were active in Grange, Farm Bureau, and Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges.

Vic enjoyed hunting and fishing, and the mountains. He played the piano and enjoyed chording. Their daughters were encouraged

to take piano lessons. Lelah was a homemaker, who enjoyed fixing good food for her family and friends. She enjoyed working in her yard and flower garden.

Vic and Lelah appreciated Hompegg and liked to fix up the family cabin there. They built their own cabin there about 1957 which is much enjoyed now by all who go there.

In 1962 Vic and Lelah built a new home at Payne Hollow. Daughter Marilyn and family moved into the old family house which was later torn down. Vic and Lelah celebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 1, 1973. Vic died suddenly September 22, 1973, while doing what he knew best tilling the soil. Lelah passed away May 30, 1978.

Until the summer of 1990, Margaret and Marilyn kept the eighty acre school land lease and one hundred-twenty acres on Ring Canyon, twenty-six acres in the "Timber Culture," and the Home Place. The Ring Canyon property was sold to a neighboring farmer who also took over the school land lease. The remaining property except the house and one and a quarter acres belong to their daughter Marilyn.

Frank Victor Fletcher, born April 13, 1896; died September 22, 1973; married Margaret Daggett January, 1919; divorced; married June 2, 1923 to Lelah Anne Swanson born May 21, 1904; died May 30, 1978.

Their children:

Margaret Ellen Fletcher, born December 1, 1928; married December 18, 1949 to George D. Dorr, born July 20, 1928; died July 2, 1988.

Their children:

Mark Swanson Dorr, born August 9, 1952; married June 30, 1973, to Johanna Olson, born July 13, 1952.

Their children:

Sarah Elizabeth Dorr, born June 8, 1978.

Jacob Mark Dorr, born February 24, 1980.

Benjamin James Dorr, born April 19, 1982.

David Charles Dorr, born December 4, 1984.

Hanna Margaret Dorr, born June 5, 1987.

Nancy Lynn Dorr, born December 14, 1953; married December 18, 1977, to Morris Proszek; divorced.

Their child:

Kristina Lynn Proszek, born September 13, 1981.

Marilyn Joanne Fletcher, born July 2, 1937; married May 5, 1956, to William Edmenson; divorced; married August 6, 1961, to Thomas Earl Groom Jr. (Bud)

Their children:

William Lloyd Groom, born July 8, 1957 (adopted by Bud); married July 10, 1977, to Cindy Lynn Rice, born May 1, 1960.

Their children:

William Lloyd Groom Jr., born December 12, 1977.

Amanda Marie Groom, born June 13, 1981.

Clinton Paul Groom, born June 27, 1983.

Vicki Jo Groom, born August 9, 1958 (adopted by Bud); married August 18, 1979, to Scott Thomas; divorced; married July 23, 1984, to Randy Lewis, born June 28, 1959.

Their child:

Brooke Alicia Lewis, born Nov. 26, 1985.

Laurie Esther Groom, born October 4, 1962; married August 29, 1981, to Stuart A. Durfee, born Jan. 8, 1961.

Their children:

Ashley Anne Durfee, born December 23, 1983.

Kylie Brienne Durfee, born October 28, 1985.

Natalie Nichole Durfee, born January 13, 1988.

Thomas Cecil Groom, born September 1, 1963; married September 1, 1984, to René Knopp, born December 17, 1962.

Their children:



George and Margie Dorr

Thomas Justin Groom, born February 15, 1987.

Lucas Russell Groom, born April 10, 1988.

Leann Kay Groom, born March 1, 1965; married June 25, 1983, to Adelbert E. Avery; divorced 1990.

Their children:

Adelbert E. Avery Jr., born March 7, 1982.

Daniel Travis Avery, born May 24, 1984.

Kayleen Joanne Avery, born November 17, 1986.

Tammy Sue Groom, born January 5, 1968.



Dewey and Blanche

DEWEY FRED FLETCHER

Dewey and Blanche are both from pioneer centennial families of Washington. Dewey's parents, Frank and Laura Manning Fletcher came to Columbia County in early childhood and were married in Dayton, Washington Territory, in 1886. Dewey was born at the family home in Payne Hollow June 21, 1898, one of a family of eleven children.

Blanche's parents, Charles A. and Belle Teter Martin, were married in Missouri in 1883 and came to Dayton, Washington Territory, in 1886. They bought a farm in Whetstone Hollow, one and one-half miles

from Turner. Blanche was born at this home, October 29, 1900, one of a family of five children.

Both Dewey and Blanche received their educations in Dayton and Columbia County rural schools and met one another in 1915 while attending a circus held over by Rock Hill. Dewey was taking Blanche's cousin, Media Martin Daggett, to the circus and Dewey's cousin, Donald Dodge, was taking Blanche. Dewey often said he looked all summer for that pretty girl he had fallen in love with at first sight. He wouldn't ask his cousin because he knew Donald would not tell him. That fall he found her at the fair and asked her to take a ride with him on the ferris wheel. That chance meeting culminated in a courtship, and they were married two and a half years later, June 23, 1918, at Blanche's parents home in Dayton. They had enjoyed sixty-eight years, eight and one-half months of happily married life at the time of Dewey's death, February 5, 1987.

The first few months after their marriage, they worked for Dewey's brother, Harve, near Starbuck.

In February, 1919, they began their farm life near Touchet, on a farm owned by Blanche's parents. Their two children, Delbert and Eileen, were born while they lived at Touchet, but were both born in Dayton. The children attended Ditemore, Prescott and Dayton schools, and graduated from Dayton High School in 1937.

While living at Touchet, Dewey also farmed his father-in-law's farm in Columbia County. He moved his farm equipment back and forth between Touchet and Dayton by team and wagon. This was a long one day trip and hard on the horses feet. The gravelled road was much farther than it is now and many times Dewey had to stop in

Dixie to have the horses re-shod as the gravel would wear out the horse shoes.

After moving back to Dayton in 1924, Dewey rented a small farm on the Patit for three years which he farmed in addition to his father-in-law's farm near Dayton city limits. Delbert and Eileen rode three miles horseback to Dittimore to school while the family lived here.

During the time they made their home on the Patit, Dayton had a short, serious spinal meningitis epidemic that killed ten people within a few days. The city and county was paralyzed with fear. A person could be well one day and deceased the next. No public gatherings were allowed and the victims of the disease were just taken to the cemetery and buried. Stores were closed, sidewalks were roped off and only dire commodities in cans were sold. These were put out in the roped off area for customers to pick up. During this epidemic, Dewey was doing his farm work at the Mustard Hollow place. He stayed at Blanche's parents home on Washington Street near the cannery and walked across Syndicate Hill, a short cut to avoid contact with anyone who might have a germ or be a carrier of the illness.

Just before the lease to the Patit place was out, a retired old farmer from Prescott asked Dewey to rent his four hundred acre farm between Prescott and Walla Walla, so the family moved to the Prescott area, and Delbert and Eileen graduated from the eighth grade in Prescott. The nice old gentleman died during the five year lease, and the farm was sold to the large adjoining Drumheller farms. When Dewey's lease expired, the Drumheller corporation took over so it was moving time again.

It had been planned by the children's Grandpa and Grandma Martin that when

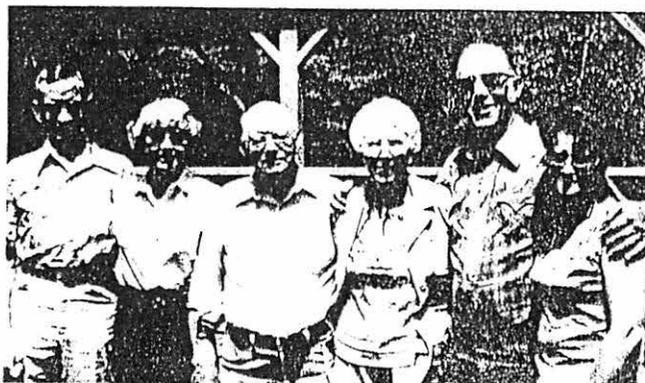
they got to High School, the children would stay with them. The move was made to Dayton as their Grandpa was very ill at that time and Blanche's help was needed to care for him. He passed away the next July.

Dewey worked at the cannery during this time. In April, 1934, he bought a homestead right from Del Thompson to six hundred-forty acres of pasture land near Ayers Junction. This was the last homestead right issued by the State of Washington. The homesteader had to live on the homestead five months out of the year to prove up on it, so in August of that year, Dewey and Uncle Warren Fine built a nice little three room house and a barn near the county road, and their homestead residency began that winter. They took their stock over as the bunch grass and water were plentiful. Delbert and Eileen stayed with their Grandmother to attend High School. Dewey would walk down a mile and a half canyon trail every other day to Ayers Junction to get the paper and letters from the children.

He proved up on the land in 1939 and sold it to Albert Magallon. Later on the house was sold to Alfred Rayburn and they moved to Dayton. That house is located today near the Columbia County Fairgrounds and is owned and occupied by a local family.

After selling the homestead, Dewey bought the Bade Place from his Mother, and he and Blanche moved there in February, 1941, and resided there until November 23, 1975. Their children were married in 1939 and 1940, and so were not living at home when they bought the Payne Hollow home.

After Dewey suffered two light strokes, the decision was made to retire from work and move to town. They purchased 317 East Washington in August, 1975. The Payne Hollow place was then sold that October to a stranger and they moved to town



Virgil & Eileen Aker, Dewey & Blanche, Delbert & Arlene Fletcher

Thanksgiving week. The party who bought the Payne Hollow home lost it to Frontier Federal and Savings for failure to make payments. It was soon sold to Jim Fletcher, one of Elmer Fletcher's grandsons, so it is now back in the Fletcher family.

Dewey and Blanche enjoyed a long and happy life, taking part in many community activities. They were closely associated with the Grange, Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges, Columbia County Pioneer Association, Farm Bureau, Economics Club, and other groups. They were also long-time members of the Dayton Christian Church. Blanche remains active in the church and on February 23, 1990, was honored with a special recognition service for seventy-five years of membership in the church.

They celebrated their fiftieth and sixtieth wedding anniversaries with large gatherings of family and friends, many coming from long distances to share in the happy festivities.

Dewey passed away February 5, 1987, in St. Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla after a short sixteen days illness. Blanche lives alone at their home on Washington Street in Dayton.

Their two children are both deceased. Delbert lost his life in a tragic harvest accident August 4, 1983, and Eileen succumbed to kidney failure on January 19, 1988, after a long illness. She had been on dialysis for over eight years and passed away less than a year after her Daddy died.

As of January, 1990, Dewey and Blanche's family consisted of six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, and twelve great-great grandchildren. All live in Oregon and California.

Dewey Fred Fletcher, born June 21, 1898, died February 5, 1987; married June 23, 1918, to Blanche Estella Martin, born October 29, 1900.

Their children:

Delbert Dewey, born April 14, 1919, died August 4, 1983; married June 22, 1939, to Ruby Alene Rainwater, born September 25, 1923.

Their children:

Dixie Diane, born July 4, 1940; married James F. Walsh.

Their children:

Ricky James Walsh, born August 8, 1959; married May, 1980, to Deborah Jean Gosage.

Their children:

Ryan Curtis Walsh, born December 8, 1982.

Jason Arlen Walsh, born January 21, 1986.

Jennifer Ann Walsh, born January 8, 1987.

No children at this time.

Vanessa Diane Walsh, born May 7, 1961; married Jaime Samudio.

Wyatt Jones died June, 1966.

Ruby Jean married November, 1966, to

Their children:

Douglas R. Tracy.

Chrystal Diane Walsh, born February 16, 1980, died at birth.

Their child:

Michael Lynn Walsh, born February 25, 1981.

Douglas Charles Tracy, born April, 1968; married October, 1987, to Shauna Stewart.

No children at this time.

Nicole Jean Walsh, born June 11, 1982.

Vanessa divorced; married Rigo Carmo-
na and Divorced; married September, 1987,
to Travis Allen.

Delbert Jr., born October 12, 1943; mar-
ried September 11, 1965, to Loretta Foard.

Curtis Lynn Walsh, born August 28,
1962; married April, 1981, to Sandra Hunting-
ton.

Their children:

Franz Shawn Fletcher, born December
23, 1969; married August 12, 1989, to Kenda
Hoyt.

Their children:

Their child:

Matthew Shawn Walsh, born September
26, 1981.

Blair Anne Fletcher, born July 12, 1990.

Jerod Anthony Walsh, born September
13, 1987.

Alexandra Diane Walsh, born Au-
gust 15, 1988.

Loren Del Fletcher, born February 9,
1971; married in 1989 to Christy Arnold.

Their child:

Hayden McKenzie Walsh Born Septem-
ber 2, 1989.

Christopher Loren Fletcher, born De-
cember 29, 1989.

Dixie Diane and James Walsh divorced
1971; Dixie Diane married July 24, 1971, to R.
Arlen Gumpert.

Delbert Jr. divorced; married Carolyn
Stellens Oberg.

Ruby Jean, born May 10, 1942; married
March, 1962, to Wyatt Jones.

Delbert and Ruby divorced; Delbert
married Opal Taylor Stubbs on July 2, 1954.

Their children:

Opal's children:

Ruby Diane Jones, born September 28,
1962; married June, 1986, to Timothy Wright.

Terry Olin Fletcher, born August 9, 1944;
died January 19, 1967.

Their children:

Twins: Brandon Lewis Wright and
Melody Alene Wright, born August, 1987.

Ted Dallas Fletcher, born June 9, 1950;
married September 17, 1983, to Sue Allen.

Their children:

Daniel Gordon Fletcher, born June 16,
1984.

Craig Allyn Jones, born September 18,
1965; married Michelle.

Thomas Delbert Fletcher Born September
16, 1987.

Allen See
Charlotte See



Larry & Virleen Aker Fenske family

Delbert and Opal's child:
Christine Kay Fletcher, born September 25, 1955; married August 25, 1973, to Cecil Charles Anderson.

Their children:

Taber Charles Anderson, born March 19, 1976.

Jerrold Beau Anderson, born June 14, 1978.

Divorced.

Delbert and Opal divorced; Delbert married in 1973 to Arlene McClintock See.

Arlene's children:

Sylvia Eileen, born September 1, 1920, died January 19, 1988; married March 2, 1940, to Virgil Aker, born January 25, 1918.

Their child:

Virleen Kay Aker, born February 1, 1942; married September 15, 1962, to Lawrence Fenske.

Their children:

Janice Eileen Fenske, born July 12, 1963.

Kimberly Ann Fenske, born July 30, 1965; married October 14, 1989, to Gregory Skinner.

Melodie Kay Fenske, born December 4, 1967; married September 3, 1988, to Mario Marin.

Their child:

Christina, born July 4, 1989.

Todd Lawrence Fenske, born March 23, 1969.

Crystal Ann Fenske, born October 22, 1979.



Blanche & grandchildren at her 90th Birthday Party, 1990



Orie and Lela

ORIE CLAUDE FLETCHER

Compiled by Leora Patton and Eugene Fletcher

Orie Claude Fletcher was born April 21, 1900, the eighth child of the eleven born to Frank and Laura Manning Fletcher. As a youngster he earned the nickname of "Windy Orie" from his older brothers, a name that was forgotten as he grew to manhood.

During his boyhood, he and his brothers and their Dad rough-housed almost continuously, breaking furniture in the house much to the dismay of their mother. His closest companion was his brother Dewey, two years his senior. The two shared the same bed as Dewey was constantly looking

after his younger brother. As the boys grew older they were expected to share in the farm work and contribute to the family's livelihood. Work was a virtue in Frank and Laura's family, and it came first. When they were not needed on the farm, Orie and his brothers attended Columbia School.

On August 22, 1918, Orie married Lela Zenora Winnett, the elder daughter of Peter and Daisy McCauley Winnett (born September 29, 1899). Six children were born to this union: Leora Maxine (1919), Eugene Ray (1921), Gerald Frank (1927), Cecil Dean (1930), Cletys Eloise (1933) and Alma Elaine (1935).

During the early years of their marriage Lela and Orie went to Wenatchee to work during the apple harvest. Orie picked and Lela packed. Leora and Gene remember staying with their Grandpa Pete Winnett some years, but in 1925 they went to Wenatchee with their parents and Uncle Warren and Aunt Bess Fine. This arrangement may not have been too successful because in the autumn of 1926 and 1927 they stayed with Grandpa Pete. While there, in 1927, Gene started the first grade at White Bird School.

Lela and Orie worked for several years for Orie's brother, Harve. Lela cooked and Orie helped with the farm work. While there Leora and Gene attended the Starbuck Grade School.

In 1930 they were in Starbuck where Orie worked at the flat houses during harvest. The wheat was all sacked in those days and hauled to the flat house where it was stacked to the rafters when there was a good harvest. Lela cooked for Orie and Swede Nelson, and for Bert Longood, who owned the warehouses. During that year Cecil was born.

In the fall of 1930 the family moved to a small farm owned by Frank and Laura Fletcher. This farm was located in Payne Hollow and was known as the Bade Place. The family lived here for several years and during that time Cletys was born in 1933, and Alma in 1935, both at the family home. While there Leora, Gene, and Gerald attended Columbia Grade School, School District Number One, where most of the Fletcher boys had attended.

Every year all of the Fletcher family looked forward to the 4th of July celebration at Hompegg Falls. It was the big event of the summer as people came from all around to camp for the week's festivities. It was also a commercial venture started by Orie and his older brother Charlie, when they operated a refreshment stand complete with soft drinks, breakfasts, light lunches and sandwiches. Fireworks were sold and all the local bootleggers plied their own independent trade. A large dance hall was built by family members. It was a covered structure with open sides and couples paid ten cents per dance. Local talent, such as Madge Daggett and Sid Eaton supplied the music. Grandpa Frank "Pop" Fletcher built shake picnic tables and other conveniences at various camp sites. It was a peaceful, relaxing time. All family members have good memories of the close relationship of the grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins, as well as family friends and neighbors who came to

celebrate. The only year Orie's family missed the July celebration was 1927 when Gerald was due to be born; he finally arrived July 13.

In 1930, while living at the Bade Place, Orie traded his new Durante touring car to one of the DeRuwe families for a 1928 Chevrolet truck. He and Bert Sanford both started independent trucking businesses in the area and they worked together on many jobs hauling logs, timber products, cereal grains, household goods, livestock, and were available for hauling anything for the people of the local area. They were among the first to receive Public Utility Carrier per-



*Orie & Lela's family—Back Row: Leora, Orie, Gene
Front Row: Gerald, Cletys, Alma, Lela, and Cecil*

mits which were practically unlimited since they were already in business before the Interstate Commerce laws were enacted. They operated in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

During the darkest days of the Depression, Orie worked for the WPA (Works Project Administration) using his truck to haul workers to and from various jobs. The back of the truck was completely enclosed with canvas and a stove was mounted in the back to keep the workers warm as they

traveled to and from work and during their lunch breaks. One day, while traveling home from a job on the Willow Creek Grade, the stove tipped over and burned a hole in the floor of the truck before the workers could get Orié to stop, even though they shouted and pounded on the cab to get his attention. Luckily no one was hurt. Another job was the building of the road up Bowman Hill, near Columbia School. Orié hauled the workers to the job, then he and his brother Glen worked all day driving teams attached to Fresnos, moving the dirt for the roadway.

In the spring of 1935 Orié and Lela again moved their family—this time to Dayton where they lived a few years. Leora, a senior, took Cecil to school in 1936 when he entered the first grade. She graduated in 1937 from Dayton High School.

Orié and Lela purchased a farm in Smith Hollow in 1938 and moved there the same year. They leased the farmland to neighboring farmers while Orié raised cattle and hay on the irrigated bottom land. Gerald, Cecil, Cletys, and Alma went to school in Starbuck. Cletys graduated as valedictorian of her class from Starbuck while all the others graduated from Dayton High School. Hallie Fletcher, who was Chairman of the School Board, presented Cletys her diploma.

During World War II, Orié served as a night guard at the north end of the Jo So bridge, known now as the Lyons Ferry High Bridge. The railroad bridge was supposedly the highest bridge for its length in the United States. The old-time railroaders said crossing the bridge always gave them a thrill and that they heaved a sigh of relief when the crossing was behind them. This started as a temporary job as someone was needed in a hurry when the original guard fell from the bridge in the darkness and was killed. The temporary job continued until the end of the war. The railway carried troops and war supplies; thus the need for guarding against sabotage. During the war,

when Gene was home on furlough, he spent the night with his Dad on the job. It was a dark, windy night and Gene crossed the bridge on his hands and knees much to his Dad's amusement. It didn't take Gene long to decide that flying airplanes over Germany wasn't nearly as dangerous as crossing that bridge after dark.

After the war Orié and Bert Delaney plowed fire guards for the Union Pacific railroad rights-of-way, using two-horse teams and walking plows. They camped on the job and returned home weekends.

Orié purchased the Bat Miller place on Wolfe Fork about 1957. He pastured his cattle there in the summertime and loved to hunt and fish. The mountains held a special place in his heart and he enjoyed going for rides to Hompegg and Wolfe Fork as long as he was able.

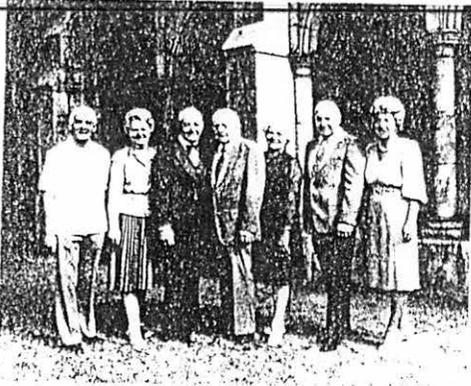
Lela was a beautiful Christian lady. She had a full-time job raising the six children over a thirty-four year period. Her children were her joy and she gave purpose and direction to their lives by her gentle example.

In 1970 Orié and Lela sold the Smith Hollow farm to Charles Mead and moved to Dayton.

Lela passed away October 6, 1981, at the age of eighty-two after celebrating 63 years of marriage. Orié passed away January 18, 1990, just three months short of being ninety. Besides the six children they had eighteen grandchildren and thirty-four great-grandchildren with only Sandra Russell, a granddaughter, preceding them in death on November 1, 1976.

Leora married Leonard W. Patton May 12, 1940. They celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in 1990. They have four children: Michael, Terry, Linda Patton Bain, and Fred. They are proud grandparents of nine and reside in Pendleton, Oregon.

Eugene and Evelyn "Sherry" Sherrod were married August 25, 1942. They live in Tekoa, Washington, and have four children: David,



Gerald, Cletys, Gene, Orie, Leora, Cecil, and Alma

Gary, James, and Sherry Fletcher McConn, as well as eight grandchildren.

Gerald married Jennie McKinley August 10, 1947. They also live in Tekoa and have three children: Rodney, Rebecca Fletcher-Wadum Twiss, and Steven. Their family also includes three grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Cecil and Betty Ann Rogers were married May 16, 1952, and have resided in Dayton most of their married life. Their family consists of Kathleen Fletcher Bird and Richard "Rick," plus four grandchildren.

On June 30, 1951, Cletys married Herbert Bowen. Their children are Diana Bowen Weber and Robert. They also live in Dayton and have three grandchildren.

Alma Elaine married James Russell June 13, 1954. Their children are Suanne Russell Baker, Deborah Russell Lewis, and Sandra. Sandra passed away at the age of sixteen. Alma and Jim were divorced in 1978,

and she married Sam Wolf April 5, 1982. Sam passed away in 1988. After living in Walla Walla for thirty-six years, Alma now resides in Bellingham and enjoys her three grandchildren.

Lela and Orie saw rough times and good times during their married life, but they were always able to cope with life's challenges while raising their family and making many friends over the years. The strong immediate family bond that exists today came as a result of their lifetime together. What more could anyone ask?

Leonard and Leora Patton's children and grandchildren:

Michael Ray Patton, born July 20, 1944; married September 18, 1966, to Sally Grossman.

Their children:

Marissa Michele Patton, born January 26, 1970,

Krista Marie Patton, born June 4, 1972.

Ryan Michael Patton, born February 24, 1977.

Terry Lynn Patton, born December 30, 1947; married June 16, 1968, to Betty Crawford.

Their children:

Heidi Shannel Patton, born September 16, 1971.

Michelle Lynn Patton, born November 21,



Leora and Leonard Patton family

1975.

Linda Marie Patton, born December 22, 1948; married June 22, 1969, to Dudley Bain.

Their children:

Jason Andrew Bain, born July 17, 1972.

Stacie Elizabeth Bain, born November 2, 1974.

Fred Fletcher Patton, born March 20, 1951; married 1971 to Mary Pat Montgomery; divorced 1974; married August 26, 1978, to Barbara Frankenbach.

Their children:

Christopher Charles Patton, born June 28, 1986.

Brianna Michelle Patton, born August 18, 1990.

Eugene and Evelyn Fletcher's children and grandchildren:

David Eugene Fletcher, born August 2, 1944; married December 6, 1966, to Dorothy Thompson.

Their children:

Jonathan David Fletcher, born August 22, 1967.

Jason Caleb Fletcher, born April 16, 1976.

Gary Duane Fletcher Born December 18, 1945; married 1973 to Isabella George; divorced 1980; married Gloria Chun October 15, 1983.

Their children:

James Donald Fletcher, born June 27, 1974.

Melissa Ann Fletcher, born October 12, 1976.

Stephanie Kay Fletcher, born June 30, 1986.

Kimberly Jeanne Fletcher, born June 21, 1989.

James Sherrod Fletcher, born December 31, 1948; married June 19, 1977, to Linda Bennison. No children.

Sherry Lee Fletcher, born September 11, 1952; married June 1, 1974, to Terry McConn.

Their children:

Patrick Fletcher McConn, born March 2, 1982.

Christopher Glenn McConn, born January 12, 1985.

Gerald and Jennie Fletcher's children and grandchildren:

Rodney Lee Fletcher, born November 4, 1948; married July 3, 1970, to Sammie Jo Young.

Their children:

Aaron Gregory Fletcher, born April 4, 1974.

Eric Douglas Fletcher, born February 14, 1976.

Rebecca Jean Fletcher, born September 11, 1950; married



Gene and Sherry Fletcher family

1971 to Charles Wadum; divorced 1978; married July 21, 1985, to Stephen Twiss.

Their children:



Gerald and Jennie Fletcher family

Jenny Rebecca Wadum, born December 16, 1976, to Charles Weber.

Lizabeth Anne Twiss, born April 22, 1974.

Kirsten Joy Twiss, born February 5, 1980.

Richard Dean Fletcher, born July 10, 1956; married November 22, 1974, to Leslie Powers.

Their children:

Joshua Dean Fletcher, born March 13, 1975.

Julia Lynette Fletcher, born May 10, 1980.

Cletys and Herbert Bowen's children and grandchildren:

Diana Jean Bowen, born May 15, 1952; married July 31,

Their children:

Elizabeth Suzanne Weber, born December 26, 1979.

Steven Duane Fletcher, born June 2, 1956; married December 31, 1981, to Erin Robinson.

Their children:

Heather Robinson, born June 3, 1976

Douglas Robinson, born September 27, 1977.

Cecil and Betty Ann's children and grandchildren:



Cecil and Betty Ann Fletcher family

Kathleen Ann Fletcher Born May 30, 1954; married September 9, 1972, to Walter Bird.

Their children:

Travis Christopher Bird, born May 18, 1974.

Derrick Justin Bird, born February 26, 1980.

John Charles Weber, Jr., born March 16, 1982.

Robert Wayne Bowen, born May 19, 1955; married September 6, 1986, to Nancy Jo George;

divorced 1990.

Their child:

Keenan Parker Bowen, born May 7, 1988. 1990.

Casey James Baker, born October 6, 1987.
Kristin Whitney Baker, born December 27,

Alma Russell Wolf's children and grandchil-
dren:

Suanne Russell, born November 9, 1954;
married June 25, 1983, to David Baker.

Their children:

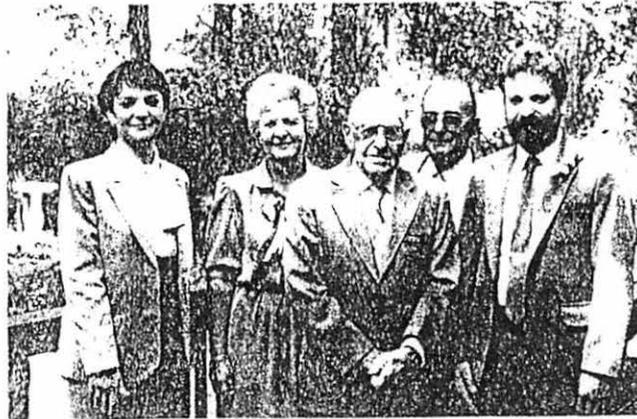
Tyler Roc Baker, born August 8, 1984.

Deborah Ann Russell, born December 13,
1957, married August 15, 1987, to Robert Lewis.

Their child:

Heidi Sue Lewis, born October 17, 1988.

Sandra K. Russell, born June 30, 1960; died
November 1, 1976.



Cletys & Herb Bowen family



Alma and Jim Russell Family



Bessie Maude at her 79th birthday party

BESSIE MAUDE FLETCHER

Bessie Maude Fletcher was born July 12, 1902, at Dayton Washington. She was the ninth child born to Frank and Laura Fletcher.

When Bessie was small, she was full of life and liked teasing her brothers. Once after teasing she ran to the hired man and he hid her in a gunny sack hanging from a nail in the shed. When the boys came looking for her she was well hid. At school one day she found an open window and crawled out. Bessie was always fun-loving and never changed through the years.

Bessie went to Columbia School and attended St. Pauls Episcopal School for girls at Walla Walla.

When she was nineteen Bessie married Otto Winnett on June 16, 1921. Their children were: Alura Dean, Warren Otto, Colleen, Laurence, and Vicki. Otto was born November 3, 1896.

Otto worked in construction and the family moved wherever his work took him. He worked on the Grand Coulee Dam project for several years. From there they moved to Oregon where he worked on the

Detroit Dam. Later they operated a store at Ayer Junction. The last job Otto had was maintenance man at St. Mary's Hospital at Walla Walla.

They retired from there and moved back to Dayton where Otto passed away, October 30, 1970. On Bess's birthday July 12, 1980, the Fletcher family planned a no-host dinner at Bernard's Restaurant in Dayton. It was well attended, and all her brothers were represented by members of their families. There was a birthday cake and flowers for Bessie. The very next day she went to live at the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla.

Bessie passed away after a short illness January 15, 1982. She lived seventy-nine years and six months.

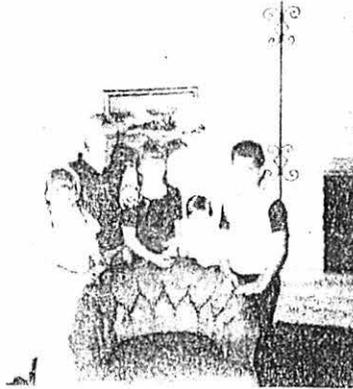


Bessie Maude

Bessie was good natured and always found good in others. She had nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren at death. She had attended several of the family reunions at Hompegg through the years.

Christi Cross.
René Cross.
Ray Cross.

Laurence Winnett—not married.



Bessie and grandchildren—L to R: Ray Cross, Tracy and KK Cruso, David and Bill Spenser

Vicki Winnett, born 1943; married Ramji; divorced; married Bill Cox.

Her children:
Saddhi Ramji

Terrence Lee and Todd Len Cox—they are twins.

Bessie Maude Fletcher Winnett

Her children:

Alura Dean married Walter Barr called "Hoot;" her funeral was April 3, 1968.

Their children:

Billy, born April 1, 1943.

Carey Barr.

Susan Barr.

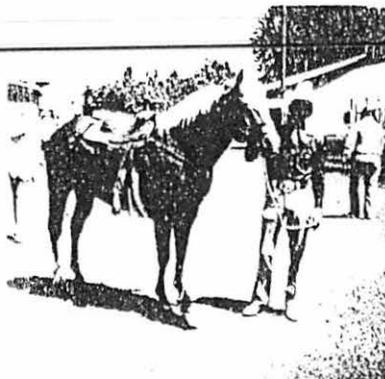
Warren Otto Winnett, born November 20, 1922; died May 15, 1923 of Crib death.

Colleen Winnett married Ray Cross

Their children:

Marina Cross, born 1943

Connie Cross.



Glenwood

GLEN FLETCHER

Glen Fletcher is well known in the rodeo circuit for raising and breeding excellent Quarter horses which he trains for barrel racing and pole bending.

Glen is the youngest of eleven children born to Frank and Laura Fletcher who were of early pioneer families in Columbia County. He was born March 2, 1912, at Dayton, Washington. Glen enjoyed being around horses even as a small boy, and has owned one or more for most of his life. When he was ten years old, one of his first jobs was piling hay in the barn using a horse and derrick. He received one dollar for a week's work. Glen attended schools in Columbia County.

Glen Fletcher and Vernice Critchfield were married June 8, 1933, by The Reverend Gilmore of the Methodist Church at Dayton. Vernice was the youngest of nine children born to Wilbur and Esther Newman Critchfield. She was born November 1, 1913, at Starbuck where her father had taken a home-
 road. Her father was a carpenter, building houses, schools and bridges around the county. Some of the Critchfield children played musical instruments and played for

entertainment in their home. Her father was an "ol' time fiddler" winning many contests around the country. Vernice played violin and the piano.

Glen and Vernice have two children: Janis Darlene born February 15, 1935, and Charles Wilbur born July 23, 1938. Glen worked at the Millstream Dairy for several years then went to Coulee Dam and worked as a welder's helper. During World War II, he was transferred to the Vancouver Shipyards where he worked on Liberty Ships, troop ships, Flat-tops, and others.

After the war, Glen and his family returned to Dayton where he started a painting business. He painted water tanks, elevators and other large buildings. His son Wilbur, joined him in the venture and took over the business when Glen retired.

In retirement, Glen and Vernice spent their time with their horses and attended rodeos around the country. They taught their granddaughters to ride and took them to rodeos. The girls have won many prizes for their excellent horsemanship in pole bending and barrel racing. Their homes are decorated with memorabilia from their efforts.

Glen and Vernice still attend rodeos. They have followed the rodeo circuit through North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, New Mexico, and as far south as Louisiana. One granddaughter is riding in professional rodeo and is named in the top ten in the Nation in barrel racing!

Glen was honored as Grand Marshal of the Dayton Days Celebration in 1982. He made a striking picture leading the parade down Main Street presenting the flag astride his beautiful Palomino stallion, Mr. BarBarred.

Vernice and Glen celebrated their fiftieth wedding Anniversary in 1983 with their



Glen and Vernice



Janis and Ed and Family

family, friends, and many relatives.

Through the years, their family has grown from two children to six grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Glen and Vernice Fletcher

Their children:

Janis Darlene, born February 15, 1935; married August 1, 1954, to Ed Larkin; died October 19, 1988.

Their children:

Kim Marie Larkin, born July 16, 1955; married Kelly Zielinski.

Their children:

Tiffany Dawn, born April 4, 1974—first great-grandchild.

Brandon Clyde, born October 26, 1978.

Brooke Mane, born July 5, 1980.

Bruce Edward Larkin, born March 3, 1957; married Tracy Staklnerg; divorced.

Their children:

RhaeJon Larkin, born May 18, 1977.

Jennifer Larkin, born April 2, 1981.

Bruce remarried October 8, 1983, to Jill Nelson.

Their children:

Melissa Larkin, born June 4, 1985.

Michelle Larkin, born June 25, 1987

Ryan Nelson (stepson), born April 20, 1976.

Kimberly Nelson (stepdaughter).

James Larkin (Ed's son), born January 26, 1951.



Wilbur and Jeannie

Charles Wilbur, born July 23, 1938; married Jeannie Messenger of Pomeroy.

Their children:

Connie Fletcher, born August 29, 1957; married Brian Connall.

Their children:

Nikki, born October 13, 1976.

Andrea, Born January 28, 1978.

Connie divorced and married Craig Ritter.

Their child:

Nathan Charles Ritter born July 14, 1990.



L to R: Robin, Charles, Elmer, and Harvey—Before 1900

Kathy Fletcher, born February 18, 1960; married April 11, 1982, to Steve Steinhoff.

Their children:

Tanner Jo, born July 6, 1983.

Amber, born January 16, 1985.

Cassie Jo, born March 12, 1990.

Kelli Fletcher, born July 13, 1963; Married March 22, 1991, to Tony Hugh Currin; Kelli is active in the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, Barrell Racing—she is in the top ten riders of 1990!

Sheryl Fletcher, born April 5, 1965; single.

Kari Ann Fletcher, born January 12, 1959; died January 14, 1959.

ALONZO ROBIN FLETCHER

Alonzo Robin Fletcher was born February 11, 1892. He was the fourth child and the third son of Laura and Frank Fletcher.

He lived with the family until he was ten years old. It was a rainy day when Robin went out to the garden to weed some plants. He got wet and took pneumonia, and died on October 14, 1902.

His mother Laura kept his hat, and when she passed away Bessie found it in an old trunk and placed it in the coffin beside her. Laura had kept Robin's hat for over sixty years.

MARY ELLEN FLETCHER

Mary Ellen Fletcher was born February 25, 1891, in Columbia County Washington Territory. She was the first daughter born to Laura and Frank Fletcher. Mary Ellen lived only two weeks. She died March 5, 1891.

VIOLA MAY FLETCHER

Viola May Fletcher was born October 8, 1904, to Frank and Laura Fletcher. Viola had spasms and cried as if she were in pain. She lived only eight months and died June 8, 1905. The family later thought she may have had a vertebra out of place.

MARGARET DAGGETT

Margaret Daggett was left alone as a small child when her parents were killed in a car accident. Margaret was placed in an orphanage.

When Frank and Laura heard of her she had been taken by a couple in Dayton who were not caring properly for her. Frank and Laura talked it over and decided to take her into their own home. They thought she would be a playmate for Bessie who was one girl among all their boys. So they brought Margaret home and she became like one of their own. At that time she was about eight years old.

Margaret was treated like one of the family and had a happy childhood in the Fletcher family. She went to school with Bessie and the boys and grew into a lovely young lady.

On January 5, 1919, Margaret and Victor Fletcher were married. They lived at the Bade Place, but divorced after two years. Margaret then moved to Walla Walla. Family members saw her only infrequently after her move. She did, however, remarry a man with a small boy. She left Walla Walla and none of the family ever saw or heard from her again.

LAMOIN SHOEMAKE

La Moin Shoemake found his way to the ranch when he was about ten years old. All his belongings were tied in a kerchief on the end of a stick. He was very hungry and ask for something to eat. They gave him some food and kept him at the ranch for many years. He died years later and was buried in Prosser.



— Charles Fletcher, father of Frank, "Civil War Veteran"

CHARLES FLETCHER

Father of Frank Fletcher

Charles Fletcher was born in 1827. It is thought that he and his brother Will had lived in New York state before moving to Minnesota.

Charles Fletcher married Mary Jane Russell May 4, 1848. They were living at the town of Brush Creek in Fairbault County, Minnesota, when he enlisted for one year in the Army to serve, "as a soldier against any Indians at war with the United States."

On November 1, 1862, Charles Fletcher was made a Private with Company L, in the Minnesota Cavalry—the Mounted Rangers. He enlisted at Mankato, Minnesota. Charles was thirty-five and his occupation was listed as a farmer.

His service papers described Charles as having blue eyes, auburn hair, light complexion, and being five feet nine and one half inches tall.

Following are several entries from the Company Muster Roll:

December 3, 1862, to April 30, 1863, present.
Remarks: sick in Hospital.

April 10, 1863, absent.

Remarks: on detailed service.

Note at the bottom of the page: This organization L became Company K.

November 28, 1863, Fort Snelling Mine Company Muster-out Roll—Last paid April 30, 1863. Amount for clothing in kind or money advanced \$47.55.

Detachment Special Muster Roll, April 10, 1863.

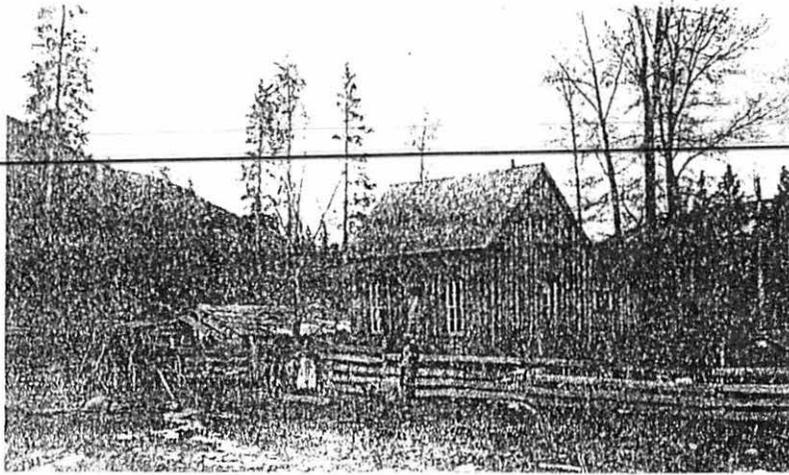
Station-Mankato, Minnesota, Present.

Company Muster Roll May, June 1863, absent. Remark: Detailed nurse in hospital at St. Peters, Minnesota.

Company Muster Roll, auditors note, Sept. and Oct. Present.

After his service in the military, Charles Fletcher lived in Minnesota for another six years. He and his family moved to Blue Earth County

Charles's handmade butter bowl



Charles Fletcher's homestead

where they again were engaged in farming. Their daughter, Minnie May, was born here before the family moved West in 1869.

Charles and his son Frank, who was six at the time, and possibly some of the other children with his brother Will traveled West by covered wagon. Mary Jane went by sailing vessel around Cape Horn, South America, landing at San Francisco where Charles met her there. They came to Columbia County, Washington Territory. Will remained in California.

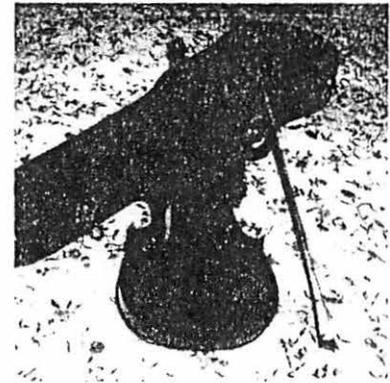
Charles and Mary Jane chose the South Touchet for their home. The stream had plenty of water to run a lathe for making wooden bowls for marketing. Charles brought some of the bowls he had made in Minnesota with him. They were made of Birdseye Maple. Some of the bowls are still in the Fletcher family.

The Fletchers took a homestead of 160 acres and from rough lumber built a house large enough for their family. They also built a barn and other buildings as they were needed. There they raised their family, including one more child, Jesse, who was born on the Touchet in 1870. They had nine children in all.

Charles had a talent for music and owned

a violin. One of the family members stated that Charles had played violin in a symphony orchestra in Minnesota. Charles gave his violin to his son Frank who also learned to play it. Frank's son Charley also played the violin. The same violin has been in the Fletcher family for over 125 years.

Charles died of typhoid fever April 12, 1879, at the family home on the South Touchet. He lived only ten years after having come West. He left his wife Mary Jane and nine of his ten children.



Charles's violin

Frank was sixteen when his Father died.

Charles was buried in the Dayton City Cemetery. His tombstone reads:

Co K 1st Minn. Cavalry
1827-1879

Every year on Memorial Day an American flag is placed on his grave in memory of his duty of service in the military of the United States in the Civil War.



Mary Jane Russell Fletcher

MARY JANE RUSSELL FLETCHER

Mother of Frank Fletcher

Mary Jane Russell was born December 18, 1828. She was Pennsylvania Dutch and may have been born in Michigan. She had two brothers, Franklin and Miles Russell.

Mary Jane Russell married Charles Fletcher May 4, 1848. At the time of the Civil War they were living at Brush Creek in Fairbault County, Minnesota. Charles was engaged in farming. Six of their ten children were born before the Civil War. Ormon born August 7, 1853, died on his birthday when he was two years old. He fell in the river and drowned.

Mary Jane and the children remained at Brush Creek while Charley served a year in the Minnesota Cavalry. Their oldest child at that time was eleven year old Clarrica and the youngest was Rebecca Ann, born in 1860.

It is not known whether both of Mary Jane's brothers enlisted in the Civil War or not, but Miles did. He found a Stradivarius violin under a bench in General Lee's band wagon when he surrendered to the North. The violin was secretly hidden from sight with all the strings cut. Later Miles gave the violin to his sisters and they sold it to Professor Hanson,

an instructor of music at Dayton, for the sum of \$5,000.

When Charles returned from the Service, they remained six years more in Minnesota. Twins were born to them on April 13, 1863. They named them Franklin after her brother, and Frances Dora. Minnie May was born July, 10, 1868, after the family had moved to Blue Earth County Minnesota.

When they decided to go West to make their home, Mary Jane went by sailing vessel around Cape Horn. Charles and his brother Will traveled in a wagon train. It is not known whether all his children traveled in the wagon or not but Frank came with his father. Charles probably met Mary Jane in San Francisco.

They came to Columbia County, Washington Territory, and found a place for their new home on the South Touchet River. Here they had a stream of water with power enough to run a lathe for making bowls and utensils for marketing. Some of the family members still have bowls and paddles Charley made.

They took the land as a homestead East of West Meridian in Washington Territory. It was 160 acres, one mile long and a quarter-mile wide, with the following legal description:

The east half of the east half of Section 32, Township 9, North-Range 39.

Charles and Mary Jane built a comfortable house from rough lumber, fenced it and made it their home. They were some of the first settlers in the area. They had chosen land with lots of trees, a stream, and pasture grass. There was good soil for a garden and plenty of water for irrigation.

Their daughter Clarrica died in 1873 and left two small boys, William and Harrison

Tate. Charles and Mary Jane raised them along with their own children.

Charles died of Typhoid Fever April 2, 1879. His youngest son Jesse was nine and Frank was sixteen. Mary Jane remained in her home on the Touchet for many years.

Mary Jane proved up on their homestead March 3, 1884. She did not allow anyone to cut trees on her land. She lived forty-four years longer than Charles. When she was unable to live alone any longer, she



Charles & Mary Jane Russell Fletcher family. Seated: Mary (Mae), Mother Mary Jane, Amanda. Standing: Minnie, Rebecca Ann, twins Franklin & Frances Dora

went to Dayton to live with her daughter, Minnie Manning. Mary Jane received a pension from Charley's military service the last few years of her life.

She took ill and died January 31, 1924, after living ninety-six years. She was buried beside her husband Charles Fletcher in the Dayton City Cemetery.

Mary Jane kept records of her family on hand written notes she placed in her Bible. These notes from her own hand will be treasured by the family for many years to

come.

Mary Jane and Charles Fletcher had 10 children:

Clarica Fletcher, born February 3, 1849; died March 4, 1873.

Married John Tate 1870

Amanda Fletcher, born December 23, 1850.

Married Allen Jennings May 4, 1870; later married Jim Rose.

Orman Fletcher Born August 7, 1853; died August 7, 1855.

Mary Mae Fletcher, born September 4, 1855.

Married Charley Allen May 1875.

Castary Fletcher, born October 13, 1858.



Castary Fletcher and husband Frank Knapp with twin daughters

Married Frank Knapp
May 1875.

Rebecca Anna Fletcher,
born March 17, 1860.
Married Will Hermanns.

Franklin and Frances
Dora—twins, born April 13,
1863.

Dora married Tom Craft
February 13, 1879, later mar-
ried Ed Herman.

Frank married Laura
Manning January 12, 1885.

Minnie May Fletcher,
born July 10, 1868.

Married Alonzo Man-
ning January 29, 1884.

Jesse Fletcher, born July 5, 1870; died
February 2, 1904.

Married Ruth Ann Billips February 1897

Clarrica Fletcher

Clarrica Fletcher, born February 3, 1849;
died March 4, 1873.

Married John Tate 1870

Their children:

William Tate born March 10, 1870; mar-
ried February 19, 1890, to Fannie DeFord;
died April 2, 1901.

Their children:

Clarrica Frances Tate, born March
24, 1901.

John Tate.

Oatis Tate.



*Five Generations
Mary Jane holding Ella
Bauman's baby Maxine.
L to R: Minnie Manning,
Ella, Maude Stearns*

Merle Tate.

Clara Tate.

William married Ruth Bil-
lips Fletcher.

Their children:

Ted Tate.

Abby Tate.

Esther Tate.

Harrison Tate born 1873;
married Sarah Carver.

Some of their 13 chil-
dren:

Bennie Tate.

Rubie Tate.

Archie Tate.

Myrtle Tate.

Hazel Tate.

Neal Tate.

Arthur Tate.

Earl Tate.

Vivian Tate.

Nellie Tate.

Tom Tate.

Ida Mae Tate.

Amanda Fletcher

Amanda Fletcher, born December 23,
1850; married May 4, 1870, to Allen Jennings.

Their children:

Len Jennings

His children:

Albert

Gene

Herb Jennings

Charley Jennings

Lena Jennings—two daughters

Amanda was later married to Jim Rose—
lived on Scoggins Ridge Their children:

Frank Rose.
 Dolly Rose Harsh.
 Lee Rose.
 Delbert Rose (not married)—came to
 1978 reunion.

May Fletcher after her father Jesse Fletcher died.
 Hattie Crawford Allen is 100 years old
 and in a nursing home.

Castary Fletcher



*L to R: girl, Lena Fletcher, Mary (Mae), Rebecca Anna, Frances
 Dora. Boys: Chester & Page Allen and Rebecca's son*

Castary Fletcher,
 born October 13, 1858,
 in Minnesota; married
 May 1875 to Frank
 Knapp.

Their children:
 Twin daughters

Rebecca Anna
 Fletcher

Rebecca Anna
 Fletcher, born March
 17, 1860, in Minneso-
 ta; called Aunt Beck;
 married William Her-
 mann of Edwall, Wash-
 ington.

Their children:

Tom Hermann, had 7 children.

Joyne Hermann married John La Fon-
 tain—two children.

David Hermann married Martha Michails
 at Edwall, Washington.

Ethel Hermann married George
 Monkel—had one daughter, Phyllis

Margaret Hermann married John Vass
 no children

Aunt Beck was killed by a train at
 Spokane.

Orman Fletcher

Orman Fletcher, born August 7, 1853, in
 Minnesota; died August 7, 1855, by drowning

Mary Mae Fletcher

Mary Mae Fletcher, born September
 4, 1855, to Charles and Mary Jane Fletcher;
 married May 1875 to Charles Allen of Minne-
 sota. Came West in 1895.

Their children:

Chester Allen, born December 14, 1889;
 married Hattie Crawford. He died 1971.

Page Allen, died 1966.

Mary Mae and Charles Allen raised Lena

Dora Frances Fletcher

Twin of Frank

Dora Frances Fletcher, born April 13,
 1863. She was called Aunt Doe; married

bruary 13, 1879, to Tom Craft; later she married Ed Herman.

Their child:

Ruth Jane Craft, born December 7, 1879; married Orrin Danielson; died November 26, 1970.

Their children:

Inez Danielson born January 30, 1916; married Howard Longen.

Their daughter:

Betty Jane Longen



*Orrin & Ruth Craft Danielson Family
Back: L to R Victor — Andrew
Front: Father Orrin holding Inez
Mother Ruth Craft Danielson*

Vic Danielson, born 1900; married Thelma, born 1901.

Andrew Danielson, born June 2, 1897; married Bonnie Swanson.

Their children:

Juanita married Gerald Pulliam

Their child:

Gerald

Later married Ray Reed.

Their child:

Don Reed

Eudean Danielson married Clark Hatfield.

Their children:

Billy.

Dan; deceased.

Later married Bill Lohse.

Their child:

Brock Lohse

Orrin Danielson married Becky Schubert.

Their child:

Melissa

Later married Vicki Noal.

Minnie May Fletcher

Minnie May Fletcher, born July 10, 1868, in Blue Earth County, Minnesota; married January 29, 1884, to Alonzo Manning

Their child:

Maude Manning, born January 15, 1885; married Clarence Stearns, born January 15, 1880.

Their children:

Ella Stearns married Hershhal Bauman.

Their children:

Maxine; deceased.



Wesley and Sarah Ellen Manning

WESLEY MANNING

Father of Laura

Wesley Manning was born October 28, 1841, in Edgar County, Illinois. His parents were Scottish-Irish. He had been a soldier in the Civil War. His discharge papers stated his hair was auburn. In later years it turned grey.

Wesley had a sense of humor, especially when he told of his Army life. He used to say that he "slept where the bullets were thickest" which was under the ammunition wagon! He was returning home one day, during the

war, when he found a tree of ripe prunes along the road. He picked some and put them in his nap sack. Rebels spotted him and gave him a chase. His white mule ran so fast going home, he claimed, that there was nothing left of the prunes but the seeds!

Wesley married Sarah Ellen Pettijohn on July 31, 1862. They came West from Illinois in 1872 with their children and Sarah Ellen's mother, Abigail Ferguson Pettijohn. They traveled as far as Kelton, Utah, on the train and were met there by Tom Pettijohn, son of Sarah's brother Jonathan Pettijohn who homesteaded below Prescott, Washington Territory, near the Touchet river. They traveled the rest of the way to Prescott by wagon.

The Manning family stayed at Prescott about a year before moving to Mt. Pleasant, Columbia County, where they took a homestead. They overcame many hardships in those early years. The family had to live in a dugout until they could build a cabin. Lon, their oldest son improvised a stove in the yard for his mother to cook on. Wesley walked to Prescott, which was about twenty miles, to work in the grain harvest. He returned home every six days. When he received his first pay check, he bought a milk cow for the family and a horse to ride to work.

The Mannings built a log home on their farm. It was erected in a cove where they had shade trees and water. The house was built of hand hewn logs notched together without nails, although they did use some wooden pins. A room was added on the back of the house at a later time.

They planted fruit trees, and one hundred years later, in the Spring of 1981, an apple tree was blooming where the Manning orchard had been planted! A corner of the old log house still stood as it had for over a hundred years!

Wesley and Sarah Ellen had seven children: Lon, Laura, Ella, Bessie, John, Claude, and Clarence. Claude and Clarence were miners. Clarence died as an infant and was buried on Mt. Pleasant close to their home.

Laura told about the Indians passing by their home on the way to the mountains to gather berries. Seeing the Indians coming, her mother hid the children in the grain field close to the house until they had passed. The Indians never harmed them but there was always that fear.

Wesley raised grain and hogs. When there was no market for the hogs, he cured

the pork and hauled it by wagon to the miners in Idaho. There he sold it for a good price. While in Idaho he tried panning for gold. The outcome is not known, but years later his daughter Minnie used the gold pan to feed the chickens.

The Mannings raised their family and farmed until 1902, when they retired and moved to a cabin on the North Touchet river. Later they bought a house on Third Street in Dayton.

Wesley passed away in 1923 having lived eighty-two years as a pioneer.



Wesley Manning Family

Front L to R: Lon, Wesley & Sarah Ellen, Laura

Back L to R: Ella, John, Bessie, Claude



Sarah Ellen Pettyjohn Manning

SARAH ELLEN PETTIJOHN MANNING

Mother of Laura

Sarah Pettijohn was born August 27, 1845, in Edgar County, Illinois. Her parents were Samuel and Abigail Ferguson Pettijohn.

Sarah Ellen came from a long line of Pettijohns:

William Pettijohn was born about 1691 in Virginia or Delaware. He died in Sussex County, Delaware, January 15, 1749. He married Elizabeth Clay Pool born May 16, 1687. They had a son, William Pettijohn born about 1716.

William Pettijohn married Constance Little born August 24, 1752. William died October 17, 1835. They had one child, Ruth Pettijohn.

Ruth Pettijohn was born June 24, 1784, in Monongalia County, West Virginia. She married her cousin Thomas Pettijohn August 30, 1802. Their son was Samuel.

Samuel Pettijohn married Abigail Ferguson in 1823. She was born January 31, 1806, in Rose County, Ohio. She died August 28, 1897, at Dayton, Washington. She left several children. A son, Jonas Pettijohn died in Andersonville Prison during the Civil War. Another was Sarah Ellen Pettijohn.

Sarah Ellen Pettijohn married Wesley Manning July 31, 1862. They lived in Edgar County, Illinois. Wesley Manning enlisted in the Civil War. After a year of service he returned home, and Sarah Ellen and Wesley lived six more years in Illinois. They came West in 1872 on a train to Kelton, Utah, where they were met by Sarah Ellen's nephew, Tom Pettijohn, the son of her brother Jonathan Pettijohn of Prescott, Washington Territory. Coming West with them were their children Lon, Ella, and Laura Anna. Sarah Ellen's mother, Abigail Ferguson, came with them from Illinois.

The Mannings' homesteaded on Mt. Pleasant, Columbia County, where the rest of their family were born. Clarence and Claude, twins, were born July 15, 1880. Clarence died that same year. He was buried close to their home. Bessie Abigail Manning was born December 18, 1883.

Sarah Ellen and Wesley farmed many years before retiring. They moved from their log home on Mt. Pleasant to the North Touchet where they enjoyed the Touchet River flowing past their home. They later moved to Dayton where Wesley passed away in 1923.

Sarah Ellen then made her home with her daughter Bessie Fine. Mrs. Manning suffered a paralytic stroke in 1924. She was a patient sufferer

through her illness. She had been a loving mother to her six children. She died December 6, 1929. Besides her six children she left twenty-two grandchildren, thirty-three great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren, sixty-four descendents in all.

Wesley and Sarah Ellen's Children

Alonzo Manning, born June 1, 1863, in Edgar County, Illinois; married January 29, 1884, to Minnie Fletcher, born July 10, 1868.

John Manning, born in Edgar County, Illinois; married Gladys Mundan.

Laura Anna Manning, born August 27, 1866, in Edgar County, Illinois; married January 12, 1885, to Frank Fletcher born April 13, 1863.



"Grandma Manning"—Wesley's mother

Ella Marie Manning; married Campbell of Twisp, Washington.

Claude and Clarence Manning (twins); Clarence died an infant; Claude never married.

Bessie Abigail Manning, born December 18, 1883; married Warren Fine of Prescott

Alonzo Manning

Alonzo Manning was born June 1, 1863, in Edgar County, Illinois. He was the son of Wesley and Sarah Ellen Manning.

When Alonzo was a young boy of nine the family came West on a train as far as Kelton, Utah, which was the end of the railroad line. They then traveled by wagon the rest of the way to Prescott, Washington Territory.

The family moved to Mt. Pleasant where they established a homestead. Alonzo fixed a stove for his mother to cook on the first summer they were there. They had no house but Alonzo's Father fixed a dugout until one could be built.

Alonzo was called Lon for short. He received his education in the country schools close to home.

Lon married Minnie Fletcher January 29, 1884. They lived on the Touchet river for a while, and farmed the home place on Mt. Pleasant. He was a cowboy and enjoyed riding spirited horses.

Lon and Minnie had one daughter, Maude, born January 15, 1885.

John Manning

John Manning was the son of Wesley and Sarah Ellen Manning who came from Edgar County, Illinois in 1872.

John married Gladys Mundan and they had six children: Wesley, Rob, Johnny, Margie, Eddy, and Alonzo.

Ella Manning married Campbell of Twisp, Washington. They had two children, Clarence and Betty.



Abigail Furguson Pettyjohn Family
Front row: Thomas P., Johnathan P., Mother Abigail & Robanna P. (who Married Samuel Hurst.
Back row: Mrs. Thomas P., Sarah Ellen (Mrs. Wesley Manning), & Hulda P. (Mrs Harve Hubble)

Claude and Clarence Manning

Claude Manning was a twin brother of Clarence Manning who died in infancy. They were born July 15, 1880. Claude grew up on the ranch. He bought a place on the North Touchet and there spent most of his adult life. Claude never married but enjoyed people. He attended several of the Fletcher reunions.

Ella Marie Manning

Ella Marie Manning grew up on Mt. Pleasant. Her parents were Wesley and Sarah Ellen Manning. She attended the rural school.

Bessie Abigail Manning

Bessie Abigail Manning was born December 18, 1883, to Wesley and Sarah Ellen Manning. Bessie lived on Mt. Pleasant and attended the rural schools.

She married Warren Fine of Prescott. They had one son, John Wesley Fine, nicknamed Buster. Buster married Dorothy Biscornier and they had four children, Jack, Adeena, Nettie, and

Wesley Warren nicknamed, Sonny.



Bess and Warren Fine



Frank Fletcher

HOMPEGG FALLS

The greatest pleasure spot for the Fletcher family is a forty acre plot on the North Touchet river known as Hompegg Falls. In early years family members routinely enjoyed hunting, fishing, berry picking, and picnicking at Hompegg Falls. It has been a special place of beauty for rest and relaxation as well as recreation for the family.

Frank and Laura Fletcher purchased the Hompegg land February 15, 1918. It was State School Land when they bought it. They also acquired four hundred acres of forest land next to the Hompegg land through the

Stone and Timber Act. This land is twelve miles Southeast of Dayton on the Touchet river.

Hompegg Falls has been a popular recreation area for more than a hundred years. During the period from 1885 to 1910, Hompegg Falls was known as a summer resort to many of the residents of Dayton and Waitsburg. The area was named for the falls that formed from a large spring projecting from a sheer basalt rock cliff and cascading fifty feet down the mountain-side to the Touchet river.

The name given to the resort was made up of the first letter in the last names of the principal campers attending the area. The men were: Moses Hexter, Arthur Oppenheimer, S.M. Mears, Marcel Pietryzcki, George Eckler, D.C. and F.W. Guernsey. It became known as Hompegg Falls.

The campers enjoyed the coolness of the mountain air in the heat of the summer months as well as the quiet place of beauty. The stream was alive with trout and butterfly fish. There were several cold springs in the area for campers to use, and wood was plentiful for campfires.

The grounds were surrounded by towering fir and pine trees with many flowering bushes, ferns, and flowers. In the early years, Hompegg was reached on dirt roads by wagon, buggy, and horseback.

Up the Touchet river from the falls is a wall of rock called the "Dripping Rock." The ledge is about thirty feet long and over ten feet high, and it used to be covered with deep green moss and ferns with a steady dripping of water from the whole rockery. It was a place of rare beauty and a cool spot in the summer time. There was a narrow path under the wall where visitors could walk to be near the site and to feel the moisture from