

Chapter 5

Descendants of John Adam Dietle & Margaret (Ritter) Dietle

William Dietle

William Dietle[†], son of John Adam Dietle and Margaret (Ritter) Dietle, married Christiana^{21,315} or Christine^{197*} Nedro²¹ or Nedrow¹⁹⁷. William and Christiana Dietle were known as “Will”^{12b} and “Christie”^{12b,101}. William, a farmer²¹, was born on July 14, 1857^{21,315} and died on January 2, 1940^{21,315}. Christiana was born on August 28^{21,315}, 1858^{21,111,315} and died on July 17, 1936^{21,315}. They are both buried in the Greenville Lutheran Cemetery^{21,315}, and share the same tombstone³¹⁵. Edna (Dietle) Kimmel reports that William’s farm was the next farm back from Adam’s, and was about 1/2 mile back past Adam’s barn⁴⁶¹. David Lawrence Jackson, who is the present (1996) owner of the Adam Dietle farm, reports that he knew the farm behind his as the Frank Dietle place⁴⁶². David Jackson reports that the barn at the old Frank Dietle place burned down, but the house still (1996) stands, and also reports that Ken Halverson bought it in 1995 to use as a hunting camp⁴⁶². David Jackson also reports that there was at one time an old log cabin there, but nothing remains of it in 1996, not even a foundation⁴⁶². David’s father Lawrence Jackson confirmed that the farm back past David’s was the William Dietle farm, then went to William’s son Frank⁴⁶⁵. Frank sold the farm to Harvey Wright⁴⁶⁵. The children of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle are as follows:

Nannie Dietle*^{12a,101,111,397}, or Albright¹⁹⁹,
Margaret⁶¹ “Maggie”^{61,197} Dietle,
Frank Dietle^{12a, 21,101},
Ephriam Dietle^{12a, 21},
Eliza^{21,119,111} E. 119,250 “Liza”^{12a,101,111} Dietle,
William^{12a, 21} Henry³⁵⁹ “Bill”²² Dietle^{12a, 21},
Harvey Dietle^{12a}, and
Emma Dietle^{61,101}.

[†] A Catherine D. Diettle who is buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery is listed as being the wife of William Diettle^{46,57}. Catherine Died March 22, 1884 at the young age of 32 years, 5 months, 16 days^{46,57}, which suggests that she died during child birth. The only possible husband named William that we can identify would be the son of John Adam Dietle; Nicholas’s son Herman *William* Dieddle was born in 1870²⁷, and was too young in 1884 to be married. We don’t know when Will and Christie were married, but Maggie, their first-born together, wasn’t born until Feb. 1886²¹, which suggests the possibility of an 1885 marriage; which would be after Catherine died. We suspect, but cannot prove, that Will was Catherine’s widower at the time of his marriage to Christiana. A history of Bedford and Somerset Co. states that Catherine was the daughter of Daniel Bear (b. Feb. 18, 1800 d. Feb. 1, 1884) and Eliza Deal (b. Sept. 4, 1820), and lists several generations of her ancestors⁶³.

* Nannie was the daughter of John Albright and Christine (Nedrow) Albright¹⁹⁷. Nannie’s father John was born in 1859¹¹¹, and passed away in Jan. 1881¹¹¹ when Nannie was four months old¹⁹⁸, after which her mother married William Dietle¹⁹⁸. She was raised by her step-father William Dietle since she was four years old¹⁹⁷. That Nannie was not William’s daughter, but was a product of Christiana’s previous marriage, is also supported by less complete information from references 21,61,111, and 148.

Descendants of Johann Adam Dietel of 19th Century Somerset County, Pennsylvania

The 1900 census ²⁶ shows the family of William Deittle (sic), with 7 of his 8 children living at home. The absence of Nannie Dietle from William's household suggests that she might have moved out and married prior to the 1900 census. An abstract of the 1900 census information follows:

Head of Family: Deittle, William, white, born July 1857, age 42,
Birthplace: Pennsylvania, County: Somerset, M.C.D. Greenville
Twp.

Deittle, Christie, wife, b. Aug. 1858, age 41, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Maggie, dau, b. Feb. 1886, age 14, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Frank, son, b. Sep. 1887, age 12, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Ephriam, son, b. Mar. 1889, age 11, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Eliza, dau, b. Dec. 1891, age 8, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, William, son, b. Nov. 1893, age 6, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Harvey, son, b. Nov. 1897, age 2, Birthplace: PA
Deittle, Emma, dau, b. Nov. 1897, age 2, Birthplace: PA

By the time of the 1910 census (Greenville Twp.) ⁵¹, the only children living at home were Frank, Eliza, William, Harvey and Emma, which suggests the other children had perhaps moved out and married by 1910. William and his son Frank are listed as being farmers in the 1910 census, and the census indicates that William owned his farm free and clear ⁵¹. The 1910 census indicates that Christiana's father and mother were both born in PA ⁵¹. By the time of the 1920 census ⁵⁴, Frank and Harvey were still single and living at home in Greenville Twp. Frank is listed in the 1920 census as a farm manager, age 32, and Harvey is listed as a mill worker at a saw mill, age 22 ⁵⁴.

Nannie, daughter of Christiana Dietle and step-daughter of William Dietle, was born on Sept. 28, 1880 in Greenville Twp.¹⁹⁷, and died Nov. 25, 1954¹⁹⁷ in the Meyersdale Community Hospital¹⁹⁷. She married Hiram^{197,199,397,398,399} Brown^{60,70,101,197,199,397,398,399} circa 1900¹¹¹. Hiram, who died in Oct. 1957¹¹¹, was a first cousin of Clara (Brown) Dietle¹⁹⁹. Nannie is buried in the Meyersdale Union Cemetery¹⁹⁷. She had the following children:

Frank^{111,197,397,398,399} H.¹⁹⁷ Brown^{397,398},
Ray^{111,197,397,398,399} W.¹⁹⁷ Brown^{397,398},
Irma¹¹¹ or Erma^{397,398,399}, not living in 1994^{111,397},
Elmer^{111,197,397,398,399} C.¹⁹⁷ Brown^{397,398},
Hilda^{111,397,398,399}, alive in 1994^{111,399},
Clarence^{111,197,399} D.¹⁹⁷ "Jack"³⁹⁹ Brown³⁹⁹,
June^{111,397,398,399},
Clyde^{111,197,397,398,399} S.^{197,397} Brown^{397,398},
Robert^{111,197,397,398,399} L.¹⁹⁷ Brown^{397,398,399},
Pauline^{111,398,399}, not living in 1994^{111,399},
Harry¹¹¹, not living in 1994¹¹¹.

Frank H. Brown, son of Nannie (Dietle) Brown, was living in or near Meyersdale in 1954¹⁹⁷, and was not living in 1994^{111,397,398,399}.

Ray W. Brown, son of Nannie (Dietle) Brown, was living in or near Meyersdale in 1954¹⁹⁷, and was not living in 1994^{111,397,398,399}.

Elmer C. Brown son of Nannie (Dietle) Brown, was living in or near Meyersdale in 1954¹⁹⁷, and was not living in 1994^{111,397,398,399}.

Clyde S. Brown, son of Hiram Brown and Nannie (Dietle) Brown³⁹⁷, was born on April 26, 1916 in Meyersdale³⁹⁷. He died August 24, 1994 at the Sacred Heart Hospital at the age of 78³⁹⁷. His residence at the time of death was Route 2, Frostburg, but his obituary said he was formerly of Meyersdale³⁹⁷. He was living in or near Painesville, OH in 1954¹⁹⁷. He was the Road Department Supervisor in Concord Twp, Ohio for 25 years, and served 18 years with the Concord Twp. Fire Department³⁹⁷. His first wife, Ethel (Decker) Brown preceded him in death, and his

second wife, Nellie (Rosenberger) Brown survived him³⁹⁷. He was also survived by two step daughters, Peggy Nagle, wife of David Nagle, Austin, TX, and Cynthia Early of Upper Marlboro, and by two step grandchildren, Nicholas Adam Nagle and Timothy Ryan Nagle of Austin, TX³⁹⁷. Clyde was a life member of the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church where his funeral services were held³⁹⁷. He was buried in the Meyersdale Union Cemetery³⁹⁷.

Robert L. Brown, son of Nannie (Dietle) Brown¹⁹⁷, was living in or near Meyersdale in 1954¹⁹⁷ and was living there still in 1994^{397,398,399}.

Hilda, daughter of Nannie (Dietle) Brown, married William¹⁹⁷ Sevindell¹⁹⁷ or Swindell^{397,398}. Mrs. William Sevindell was living in or near Garrett in 1954¹⁹⁷, and had a Meyersdale address in 1994^{397,398,399}.

Erma, daughter of Nannie (Dietle) Brown, married Charles¹⁹⁷ Pritts^{197,397,399}, and was living in or near Garrett in 1954¹⁹⁷. She preceded her sister June³⁹⁸ and her brothers Clyde³⁹⁷ and Clarence³⁹⁹ in death. She *may* be the same Erma Pritts which the Social Security records list as born on June 23, 1906 and died Dec. 1987 having a last place of residence of Freedom, PA 15042⁴³³.

June, daughter of Hiram and Nannie (Dietle) Brown³⁹⁸, married Robert W. Decker³⁹⁸, and was living in or near Garrett in 1954¹⁹⁷. She was born on June 4, 1918 in Meyersdale³⁹⁸, and died Aug. 11, 1994 at the Meyersdale Medical Center³⁹⁸. Robert died before her³⁹⁸. June was a member of the Garrett Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, and was buried at the Highland Cemetery, Garrett³⁹⁸. June was survived by the following children³⁹⁸:

Grace,
Donald A.,
Robert E., and
Dale A.

Pauline, daughter of Nannie (Dietle) Brown, married Donald Gnagey, and was living in or near Garrett in 1954¹⁹⁷. She preceded her sister June³⁹⁸ and her brothers Clyde³⁹⁷ and Clarence³⁹⁹ in death. She *may* be the same Pauline Gnagey which the Social Security records list as born on March 3, 1925 and died Dec. 1986 having a last place of residence of Garrett, PA 15542⁴³³.

Clarence D. "Jack" Brown, son of Hiram Brown and Nannie (Dietle) Brown³⁹⁹, married Jenny Smith³⁹⁹, who preceded him in death³⁹⁹. He was born Aug. 12, 1911 and died at age 83 on Sept. 8, 1994 at his Bolivar, PA home³⁹⁹. For a number of years Clarence had also lived in Roanoke, VA³⁹⁹. He was a WW-II Veteran, and had worked for the Pennsylvania Turnpike³⁹⁹. His remains were cremated in Greensburg³⁹⁹. He had the following children³⁹⁹:

Patty, living at Bolivar in 1994,
Jack, living at Irwin in 1994,
Barbara, living at Tempe, AZ in 1994.



Margaret "Maggie" (Dietle) Meyers

Margaret Dietle, daughter of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, married George Meyers⁶¹. Our father believes that his father Irvin H. Dietle got his start of Brown Swiss cattle from George and Maggie²³. Maggie was living at Meyersdale R.D. # 3 in 1954¹⁹⁷. She had the following children:

Grace Meyers¹¹¹,
Mary Meyers⁶¹,
Ralph Meyers⁶¹,
Emma Meyers⁶¹,
Anna Mae Meyers⁶¹, and
Evelyn Meyers⁶¹.

None of Margaret's children were alive in 1993¹¹¹.



Greenville Lutheran Church, 1993
(Courtesy of Irvin Dietle, Jr.)

Frank Dietle, son of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, was born on Sept. 14⁹⁷, 1887^{97,315} in Greenville Twp. ⁹⁷ and died in 1958³¹⁵. He took over his father's farm, and raised his children there ¹⁴⁹. He had a Frostburg, MD address in 1954¹⁹⁷. He married Clara^{146,150,197,315} Ruth ¹⁴⁶ or Clair^{61,97*} Brown ^{61,97,133,150,199}, the daughter of John Brown and Emma (Knepp) Brown ¹⁵⁰. John and Emma were born in 1861 and 1864¹⁴⁶; we are not sure which date goes with which person. Emma Knepp's grand daughter Ida Mae (Brown) Snyder reports that Emma's family came from Germany and settled around White Oak; she believes the farm Sis & Irving Saylor owned was originally the Knepp home place¹⁴⁶. Clara was born Oct. 22^{146,150}, 1902^{146,150,315} in Larimer Twp., ¹⁵⁰ and died at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, FL¹⁵⁰, on Jan. 21¹⁵⁰, 1994 ^{150,315}. Clara's last residence was with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Laslo of Lake Park, FL ¹⁵⁰. Clara's obituary reported that she was a member of the Greenville Lutheran Church, where she is buried ¹⁵⁰ beside her husband Frank³¹⁵. Clara was employed in the food service at Frostburg State College for many years ¹⁵⁰. Frank and Clara Dietle had two daughters, as follows:

Jennie May ^{21,61} or Mae ¹⁵⁰ Dietle ^{21,61}, and
Viola Dietle ^{60,61}

Frank and Clara Dietle also raised a foster son named Irvin Sivits, who is living in or near Accident, MD in 1993/94 ^{21,150}. Clara's obituary indicates that she had a grandson and great-grandson who were alive in 1994 ¹⁵⁰. Darius Dietle tells us that neither Jennie Mae or Viola had children, so we guess the aforementioned grandson and great-grandson must be through Irvin Sivits ¹⁵⁰. Darius talked to Irvin Sivits' adult son at a funeral (possibly Clara's) in early 1994, but does not recall his name¹⁵⁰.

Frank died on Dec. 1, 1958 at his home at 23 Centennial St., Frostburg after experiencing ill health for some time ⁹⁷. Funeral services were held on Dec. 3, 1958 with Rev. William J. Yingling officiating ⁹⁷. Frank was buried in the Greenville Cemetery ⁹⁷. His obituary indicated he was a retired farmer, and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church ⁹⁷.

In the 1958 obituary of Frank Dietle, his daughter Jennie Mae Mintdrop was reportedly living in Hagerstown ⁹⁷. In the 1994 obituary of Clara Dietle, Jennie Mae was reportedly living in Hollywood, FL¹⁵⁰.

Viola Dietle, daughter of Frank Dietle and Clara (Brown Dietle) was married to Robert W. ¹⁵⁰ "Bob" ¹⁴⁶ Laslo, a tool and die maker ¹⁵⁰. Robert Laslo was the son of John Laslo and Christiana (Walker) Laslo¹⁵⁰. He was born in Midland on Dec. 23, 1919, and died on Jan. 20, 1994 at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, FL ¹⁵⁰. Viola was living with her husband and mother in Lake Park, FL, and lost them both almost at the same time ^{146,150}. Bob died on Thursday, and Clara died on Friday ^{146,150}. Robert was buried in the Frostburg Memorial Park ¹⁵⁰. In the 1958 obituary of Frank Dietle, his daughter Viola B. Laslo was said to be living in Frostburg ⁹⁷. Robert had a daughter Carolyn Laslo who was reportedly living in Cumberland, MD in early 1994, according to his obituary ¹⁵⁰. Darius Dietle has indicated that Viola had no children, so Carolyn may be Robert's child by some previous marriage; we are just not sure ¹⁵⁰.

Irvin Sivits, the foster son of Frank Dietle, was said to be living in Grantsville in the 1958 obituary of Frank Dietle⁹⁷.

* One source¹³³ also gives her name as Viola, but that may be confusion with the name of her daughter. We believe her given name to be Clara, as that is the name given on her tombstone.³¹⁵ It is my guess that the name "Clair" given by references 61 and 97 was a nickname.



Ephriam Dietle

Ephriam Dietle, son of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, married Ida ^{61,78,131a} Jane ^{78,21,131a} Siegner ^{61,131a*}, who was born on November 11, 1889 ^{61,78,131a,259} at Meyersdale ⁷⁸ and died on March 24, 1967²⁵⁹. Ida Jane was the daughter of Andrew^{78,131a} George⁴³² Siegner^{78,131a} (b. 1855⁴³², d. April 12, 1914^{131a}) and Anna ^{78,131a} Catharine ^{131a} (Werner) Seigner ⁷⁸ (b. Jan. 13, 1854^{131a}, d. Sept. 2, 1911^{131a}), who were no longer living in March 1967 ⁷⁸.

In her obituary in the Meyersdale Republican, Ida's maiden name was spelled Seigner ⁷⁸, but her son Harold spelled it Siegner when he wrote to me in 1993 ⁶¹, and it is also spelled Siegner in **The Werner Family** ^{131a}. Ephriam died on Sept. 21 ¹³², 1959 ^{78,132}. Ida Jane died March 24, 1967 at the Meyersdale Community Hospital ⁷⁸. She was a resident of Rockwood RD #2 at the time. Her sister Mrs. Martha McVicker was living at Sanford, North Carolina at the time of her death, and her brother Adam Seigner had a Hyndman address ⁷⁸. Ida was buried in the Union Cemetery^{78,259} in Meyersdale⁷⁸. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Cassidy ⁷⁸.

Ephriam was a self employed Farmer⁶¹. He was known as "Eph", according to his nephew Darius Dietle⁶⁰. When asked what stood out in his memory of his mother and father, Ephriam's son Harold said "They gave me a good Christian home to live in." ⁶¹ Ephriam and Ida's home was in Brothersvalley Twp.^{61,461} Somerset County, near Hayes Mill, where they had an 85 acre farm⁴⁶¹. Ephriam had a Meyersdale R.D. # 2 address in 1954¹⁹⁷. Ephriam and Ida were affiliated with the First Methodist Church in Meyersdale⁴⁶¹.

Ephriam and Ida had the following children:

- June Dietle ^{61,131a}, born June 23, 1918 ^{131a}, died May 30, 1950 ^{131a}
- Edna Dietle ^{61,131a}, born January 12, 1920 ^{131a,461}, and
- Harold Dietle ^{61,131a}, born July 2, 1924 ^{61,131a}.

June Dietle, daughter of Ephriam Dietle and Ida (Siegner) Dietle, died relatively young and had no children¹¹¹.

* Ida Jane Siegner is a distant cousin of ours on our father's side through the Werner family. Her ancestors may be traced in REF. 61,78,131a and 432.

Edna Dietle, daughter of Ephriam Dietle and Ida (Siegener) Dietle, married Richard Kimmel^{61,64,131a}, who was born May 30, 1914⁴⁶¹. Richard "Dick" Kimmel died circa 1986⁴⁶¹. She and her brother Harold currently (1996) live at a Rockwood, PA address near the Seven Springs resort⁴⁶¹. A newspaper article also listed her residence as a Rockwood rural delivery address in 1967⁷⁸. They had a "Bed & Breakfast" business^{111,461} which is now owned by a daughter and son in law. Edna worked 10 years as a book keeper for an electric company⁴⁶¹. She and her husband had a "Red & White" grocery store in Trent (Rockwood RD#2) for 26 years⁴⁶¹. Edna and Richard had the following children^{131a,461}:

Patricia Ann Kimmel, born May 30, 1949 (twin), and
Pamela Jean Kimmel, born May 30, 1949 (twin).

Patricia Ann Kimmel, daughter of Richard Kimmel and Edna (Dietle) Kimmel, married Barry Enos⁴⁶¹. They are living in Mount Joy, near Lancaster, and have the following children⁴⁶¹:

Merideth Enos,
Laura Enos, and
Matthew Enos.

Pamela Jean Kimmel, daughter of Richard Kimmel and Edna (Dietle) Kimmel, married Clarence Robert "Bob" Shrock⁴⁶¹. They have two children⁴⁶¹:

Jarod Shrock, and
Sara Shrock.

Harold Dietle, son of Ephriam Dietle and Ida (Siegener) Dietle, never married⁶¹. He is a retired Farmer⁶¹ who is (1993) living near Rockwood, PA.

Eliza Dietle, daughter of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, married Marshall Arnold^{60,61,64}, son of John D. and Elizabeth (Faidley) Arnold¹¹¹. Marshall H. ¹¹⁹ Arnold was born on Feb. 4, 1889^{111,119} and died Oct. 21, 1963¹¹¹. A John D. Arnold 1852-1931 and his wife Elizabeth April 7, 1857-May 20, 1904 are buried in the Hostetler Cemetery in Greenville Twp²⁸⁶; this is presumed by the authors to likely be the last resting place of Marshall Arnold's parents.

In the 1920 census records of Greenville Twp.⁵⁴, the Marshall Arnold family is enumerated only two families ahead of the William Dietle family, which probably means the families lived in close proximity to one another. Marshall is enumerated as a self-employed 30 year old farm manager working on his own account, and owning his own farm free and clear⁵⁴.

Eliza was born on Dec. 20, 1891^{119,250} and died June 4, 1972^{111,250}. Her given name was Eliza, and her nickname was "Liza"¹¹¹. Her daughter Doretha recalls that Eliza participated in church groups, and enjoyed quilting¹¹¹. When she was older, she went to the hospital every Monday with other older women volunteers to do mending¹¹¹. In regards to her volunteer work, Doretha recalls that Eliza described her self as a "Go-Go Girl"*; when someone said go, she went¹¹¹. Eliza remained an active person up until her death at age 80¹¹¹. She and her husband Marshall are buried in the Union Cemetery in Meyersdale, which is right in Meyersdale, and not to be confused with the Greenville Union Cemetery¹¹¹.

Marshall was a Farmer in Pocahontas until moving to Meyersdale in 1937, at which time he began working as a self-employed Carpenter¹¹¹. Eliza's address was still Meyersdale in 1954¹⁹⁸. Eliza and Marshall had the following children:

Clarence^{60,61, 119,291} Franklin¹¹¹ Arnold,
John^{61,119,291} or Johnny⁶⁰ William¹¹¹ Arnold,
Floyd^{60,61,400} Robert^{111,400} Arnold⁴⁰⁰, b. March 7, 1926^{111,119}, and

* This was evidently a spoof on the slang of the 1960's era, when a Go-Go girl was a performer who danced in places like cocktail lounges to entertain the customers. Go-Go girls typically wore mini-skirts and knee-high "Go-Go Boots". They were often depicted in magazines, movies and TV shows of the day.

Doretha^{60,61,111,119} Jane^{111,472} Arnold, b. April 5, 1931¹¹¹.

Clarence F. Arnold, son of Eliza Dietle and Marshall Arnold, was born April 3, 1912¹¹¹ and died Oct. 5, 1987¹¹¹. He lived in Finzel (between Frostburg and Pocahontas) and is buried in the Finzel Cemetery¹¹¹. He was once a Truck Driver with his own truck, and after that he was a Carpenter¹¹¹. He married Emma Clark^{111,119} (who died Dec. 26, 1995¹¹¹) and had the following children¹¹¹:

Paul,
Harold,
Ronald,
Blaine,
Darrel, and
Patricia.

Paul, son of Clarence F. Arnold, died at the age of 9 months circa 1936¹¹¹.

Harold, son of Clarence F. Arnold, married Betty Capel¹¹¹ and had the following children¹¹¹:

Shelly,
Mark, and
Kelly.

Ronald, son of Clarence F. Arnold, married Rose Mankameyer¹¹¹ and had the following children¹¹¹:

Kathy,
Rodney, and
Lori.

Blaine, son of Clarence F. Arnold, married Margie Haer¹¹¹ and had the following children¹¹¹:

David, and
Michelle.

Blaine also married Andrea Kross and had a child named Matthew¹¹¹.

Darrel, son of Clarence F. Arnold, married Darlene Stinebaugh¹¹¹ and had the following children¹¹¹:

Dara, and
Derek.

Patricia, daughter of Clarence F. Arnold, married John Urbas and had a son named Brian¹¹¹.

John William Arnold, son of Eliza Dietle and Marshall Arnold, was b. June 1, 1916¹¹¹ and died in Jan. 1973¹¹¹. He was reportedly named for his grandfathers¹¹¹. He lived in Akron, Ohio and worked for Goodyear, and is buried in that area¹¹¹. He married Betty Baer^{111,119} and had the following children¹¹¹:

Larry Arnold, and
Philip Arnold.

Larry Arnold, son of John Arnold, married Sherrie _____, and has (1994) no children¹¹¹.

Phillip Arnold, son of John Arnold, married Jan _____ and had the following children¹¹¹:

Tammy,
Scott, and
Amy.

Floyd Arnold, son of Eliza Dietle and Marshall Arnold, married Virginia^{111,119,400} Rose⁴⁰⁰ Brant^{111,400} on Oct. 17, 1947¹¹⁹. She was born Jan. 16, 1927¹¹⁹. Floyd was born March 7, 1926^{119,400} in Greenville Twp., Somerset County, PA¹¹⁹ and died Nov. 15, 1994^{119,400} at the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh⁴⁰⁰. A member of the former Center Lutheran Church, Garrett, his interment was at the Garrett Highland Cemetery⁴⁰⁰. Virginia worked for the Meyersdale Manufacturing Co.¹¹⁹. Floyd graduated from Meyersdale High School in 1944 and served in the U.S. Army during WW II⁴⁰⁰. He was a Mechanic for many years, working at the New Standard Motor Company from 1946 to 1963, and then with Gnagey Oldsmobile from 1963 to 1969⁴⁰⁰. He was also a Custodian for Somerset Rural Electric^{119,400} Cooperative⁴⁰⁰ (REA) for 18 years¹¹¹. Floyd was living outside of Meyersdale in 1994, and had a Garrett address^{111,400}. He had the following children¹¹⁹:

Norman^{119,400} D.^{119,400} Arnold¹¹⁹, and
Mark^{119,400} T.^{119,400} Arnold¹¹⁹.

Norman D. Arnold, son of Floyd Arnold, was born on Nov. 8, 1955¹¹⁹ and was alive in 1994⁴⁰⁰. He married Pamela Gallagher^{111,119,400} of Meyersdale⁴⁰⁰ (who was born on Sept. 24, 1957¹¹⁹) on June 18, 1977¹¹⁹ and had the following children¹¹¹:

Norman^{111,119} "Doug" Arnold II¹¹⁹, born Dec. 17, 1979¹¹⁹,
Joshua^{111,119}, born Nov. 24, 1982¹¹⁹, and
Christopher^{111,119}, born June 9, 1984¹¹⁹.

Mark T. Arnold, son of Floyd Arnold, was born on Jan. 21, 1961¹¹⁹. He married Janet Sechler^{111,119,400} of Meyersdale⁴⁰⁰ on Oct. 3, 1981¹¹⁹ and had a daughter named Miranda^{111,119} who was born on Sept. 6, 1992¹¹⁹. Janet Sechler was born on Feb. 2, 1962¹¹⁹.

Doretha Jane Arnold, daughter of Eliza Dietle and Marshall Arnold, married Glen¹¹¹ Berg⁴⁷² Hoover¹¹¹, son of Isaiah and Tillie Ann (Berg) Hoover¹¹¹. Glenn was born on Nov. 5, 1927 at Barronzale, and was a Heavy Equipment Operator (cranes, etc.) on construction jobs¹¹¹. Doretha went to school with our father Roy Dietle⁶⁰, and was living at Meyersdale Rt 3 in 1993^{21,111}. She retired from the Meyersdale Area School District in June of 1993 after working 29 years in the school cafeteria¹¹¹. She worked in the Meyersdale Elementary School⁴⁷². She said "I told them I was retiring after feeding several hundred who are parents now and saw their children go through. I can hardly believe their grandchildren are now starting school." ¹¹¹

Doretha reported in 1994 that she is helping with her 45th High School class reunion, and that they help with the annual Meyersdale Maple Festival, which is held two weekends in April¹¹¹. She reports that the festival has a Maple Queen contest, crafts, parades, entertainment, etc., and that this is the only time of the year that Meyersdale has any traffic!¹¹¹

Doretha attended the Meyersdale High School, and in her Sr. Yearbook she was chosen “Most outstanding Personality” by the Senior Class, and was described as having blue eyes²⁸⁸. For her 4 years of high school, 17 extra-curricular activities were listed, with many of these being pursued for more than one year²⁸⁸. She must have been a very industrious student indeed!

Doretha and Glen had the following children, who are (1994) all living within about 7 miles of her¹¹¹:

Glenda^{111,472} Kay⁴⁷² Hoover¹¹¹, born Aug. 19, 1949¹¹¹,
Paul^{111,472} William⁴⁷² Hoover¹¹¹, born Nov. 4, 1951^{111,472}, and
Eddy¹¹¹ “Ed”^{111,472} Lee⁴⁷² Hoover¹¹¹, born Jan. 10, 1954^{111,472}.

Glenda Hoover, daughter of Glen B. Hoover and Doretha (Arnold) Hoover, married Kenneth Kreider. She is (1996) a secretary at the Meyersdale High School⁴⁷². Ken works for Croner Inc. as a mechanic⁴⁷². Glenda had the following children:

Kevin^{111,472}, Philip⁴⁷², born Nov. 1970⁴⁷².
Denise^{111,472} Christine⁴⁷², born Sept. 8, 1973⁴⁷², and
Melissa^{111,472} Melissa Jane⁴⁷², Born March 8, 1977⁴⁷².

Kevin, son of Glenda Hoover, Kevin is (1996) working for Fleetwood Folding Campers⁴⁷².

Denise, daughter of Glenda Hoover, married Rodger Lee Foor, Jr. on Oct. 14, 1995⁴⁷². Rodger is the son of Rodger Lee Foor, Sr. and Carol⁴⁷². He is (1996) working at Zane Lumber, Berlin⁴⁷². Denise is (1996) working at Picture Perfect, Inc. Somerset⁴⁷².

Melissa, daughter of Glenda Hoover, is (1996) going to California University of Pennsylvania*⁴⁷².

Paul Hoover, son of Glen B. Hoover and Doretha (Arnold) Hoover, married Dee Ann Baker¹¹¹, who was born Aug 11 circa 1956⁴⁷². Dee Ann is (1996) working at the First Philson Bank, New Centerville⁴⁷². Paul is (1994) a self-employed Electrician. He had the following children:

Matthew^{111,472} Paul⁴⁷², born May ,1976⁴⁷² going to Devry Inst. in 1996⁴⁷²,
Daniel^{111,472}, Ryan⁴⁷², born Feb. ⁴⁷², and
Jonathan^{111,472} Adam⁴⁷², born Jan. 27⁴⁷².

Eddy Hoover, son of Glen B. Hoover and Doretha (Arnold) Hoover, married Debra^{111,472} Elizabeth⁴⁷² Nicholson^{111,472}. According to his mother his given name is Eddy, but he goes by “Ed”¹¹¹. His mother reported that he was (1994) a Heavy Equipment Operator on a coal stripping job. His sister reported that he is (1996) working at Sanner Coal Company⁴⁷². Eddy had the following children:

Joel^{111,472} Edward⁴⁷², born Nov. 4, 1978⁴⁷²,
Andrea^{111,472} Elizabeth⁴⁷², born Oct. 16, 1981⁴⁷², and
Sara^{111,472} Bethany⁴⁷², born Dec. 8, 1983⁴⁷².

* Formerly California State College, Lannie’s Alma Mater.



This photo was labeled "Billy Deitle". We believe that it is a photo of Will and Christie Dietle's son.

William Henry ^{359,84} Dietle, son of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, was born on Nov. 17, 1893 ^{359,96} at Meyersdale ⁸⁴. William first married Minnie Bowser*, a daughter of James Bowser ^{22,60} (b. Oct. 14, 1851³⁵⁹ or Oct. 15, 1851 ⁹⁹, d. July 9, 1917³⁵⁹ or July 16, 1917 ⁹⁹). William and Minnie had a daughter named Pauline Dietle ⁶⁰. Minnie Bowser was born in 1897 ⁹⁹. After Minnie's death, William Dietle married Minnie's first cousin Cora Pearl Bowser. Cora, one of 5 children of Perry Bowser, was born on Sept. 7, 1895 ³⁵⁹. **The Bittinger, Bittner, Biddinger, and Biding Families--and Their Kin--of Garrett County, Maryland**, indicates that James and Perry Bowser's parents were Gabriel Bowser, b. July 24, 1812 and Hester Pearl "Hetty" (Weitzel) Bittinger, the former wife of George Bittinger ³⁵⁹. The Poorbaugh book lists Perry Bowser's wife as Amy Emma Biddinger²², while the Bittinger book lists Perry's wife as Amy Ellen Bittinger, daughter of Solomon P. Bittinger and Rebecca Broadwater ³⁵⁹. William Dietle was a Farmer and Construction Worker ³⁵⁹ in the employ of the Baughman Construction Company ⁸⁴. He had a Corriganville, MD address in 1954¹⁹⁷. William died on March 21, 1967 ^{359,84,96} at his home in Potomac Park, Cumberland, MD after several years of failing health ⁸⁴. He was a member of the Livingstone Church of the Brethern, and a member of the Senior Citizens Club, Cumberland ⁸⁴. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fenton H. Platter ⁹⁶. William is buried in the Grantsville Cemetery ^{84,96}.

The marriage to William Dietle was Cora's second marriage ⁶⁰, and she was employed at one time as a Celanese Worker ²². Her first marriage was to Hampton Talmage Dashiell, an Insurance Salesman, who was the son of Talmage Dashiell ³⁵⁹. Darius Dietle knew Cora's first husband as "Harry" Dashiell ⁶⁰. Her third marriage was to Nello N. Caporossi ^{359,60}, a Chef in Allegany Co. MD ³⁵⁹, who was born on Feb. 10, 1896 and died in October, 1979 ³⁵⁹. Cora was still living at the time of William's death ⁸⁴.

Pauline B. ⁸⁴ Dietle, daughter of William Dietle and Minnie (Bowser) Dietle, has been married several times, and we have been told that she lives (1993) in TX ⁶⁰. She had a son named William D. Guillory with her first husband Jeffery Guillory ^{21,84}. Darius Dietle referred to this son as "Billy" ⁶⁰. Pauline's second husband was named Sherwood Diehl ²¹, her third husband was named Herbert Kuykendoll ²¹, and her fourth husband was named Clyde Flemming ²¹. Pauline was living in Beaumont, TX in 1967 ⁸⁴.

Harvey Dietle, son of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, was born on Nov. 4, 1897 ^{21,98,433} in Greenville Township ⁸¹. He married Minnie Bowser's sister ^{60,99} Ruth May Bowser of

* The ancestry of sisters Minnie Bowser and Ruth May Bowser can be found in Ref. 21, 85, 99, and 359.

Grantsville, MD, who was born on Nov. 27, 1903 ²¹. Ruth's parents were James Bowser and Sophia (Yommer) Bowser^{**}, according to her son Darius Dietle ²¹, who referred to his mother's father as "Jim" Bowser ⁶⁰. Ruth was living in a nursing home August 1993 ²¹. One of her hobbies was making quilts ²¹.

Harvey Dietle, was a Farmer ^{21,81}, and had also been employed by the Garrett Co. Roads Department ⁸¹. He was a member of the Maple Grove Church of the Brethern, where he had served as Deacon. He had a Frostburg, MD address in 1954¹⁹⁷.

Harvey died at age 68 ⁸¹ on July 14, 1966 ^{21,98} or July 15, 1966 ⁸¹ at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Cumberland ⁸¹. Funeral services were held on July 17, 1966 by Rev. Jesse Whitacre ⁹⁸. He is buried along side of his brother Will in a cemetery located very near Grantsville, MD⁶⁰. Social Security records show that Harvey's last place of residence was Grantsville, MD 21536⁴³³. His Social Security card was issued in MD⁴³³.

Brothers Harvey and Will Dietle lived on the farm of Ruth and Minnie Bowser's father James Bowser ⁶⁰. This farm is located about 6 miles south of Grantsville, MD on Route 495 ⁶⁰, and was directly across the road from the farm of James Bowser's brother Perry ⁶⁰. The only natural son of Harvey and Ruth Dietle was Darius Dietle, however Harvey Dietle adopted Ruth Bowser's son Robert ⁶⁰ when he married her ²¹. Harvey Dietle knew our Grandfather Irvin H. Dietle, according to his son Darius Dietle ²¹, who can remember hearing his father talking about Irvin. Further evidence that they knew each other is that a funeral card for Harvey was found in Irvin's effects after he died.

Darius Dietle, son of Harvey Dietle and Ruth (Bowser) Dietle, was born on Oct. 5, 1926 ²¹. Darius is a retired Cumberland, MD Firefighter ²¹. His job was that of Driver and Equipment Operator ⁶⁰. His wife is Edna Wilda (Rumer) Dietle, who was born on June 10, 1934 ²¹. Darius and Edna were married on Sept. 3, 1949 ²¹. Edna's parents were Siple Vanmeter Rumer, who was born June 19, 1904 and died January 1, 1947, and Lola Wilda (Dawson) Rumer, who was born Sept. 12, 1912, and died January 17, 1987 ²¹. Darius and Edna have one child, a daughter Norma Ruth (Dietle) Redinger, who was born on August 23, 1950 ²¹.

Norma Ruth Dietle, daughter of Darius Dietle and Edna (Rumer) Dietle, married Russell Alan Redinger ²¹, who goes by his middle name "Alan" ⁶⁰. Alan Redinger's profession is in the field of electronics ⁶⁰. Alan and Norma live about 2 miles from Darius, and have two children, as follows:

Russell Alan Redinger ²¹, born August 4, 1977 ⁶⁰, and
Crystal Gayle Redinger, born May 19, 1980 ⁶⁰.

Robert Dietle, the adopted son of Harvey Dietle and the natural son of Ruth (Bowser) Dietle, married Mary M. Hetrick ¹⁴⁹ or Hedrick ^{21,60}, who died on Dec. 25, 1991 ¹⁴⁹. Robert was born May 29, 1922 at Bittinger ¹⁴⁹, and died at Sacred Heart Hospital on Jan. 25, 1994 ¹⁴⁹. He is buried at the Saint John's Lutheran Church Cemetery ¹⁴⁹. His home was at Star Route, Grantsville, MD at the time of his death¹⁴⁹, and he was retired from working for Harbison-Walker Refractories as a Truck Driver ¹⁴⁹. Robert served in the Army in World War II ¹⁴⁹, and belonged to the Grantsville American Legion and the Salisbury VFW ¹⁴⁹. He was also a member of the Woodsman of the World Camp 41 ¹⁴⁹.

** In The **Burbach-Poorbaugh-Purbaugh Families in America 1771-1974**, Ruth Bowser is listed as the only child of Edwin Franklin Bowser (born circa 1885) and Bessie Alice (Kelly) Bowser (born circa 1882) of Sang Run, Garret Co. Md²², who were married by the Reverend James W. Beeghly²². According to the Burbach- Poorbaugh book, Edwin Franklin Bowser is the son of James Bowser and Sophia Younner, and James Bowser was born circa 1852²². Ruth (Bowser) Dietle's parentage as given in the Burbach-Poorbaugh book is in conflict with that given by her son Darius Dietle, and we believe that the Burbach-Poorbaugh book is incorrect.

Robert Dietle has a daughter named Linda ^{60,149} D. ¹⁴⁹ Dietle. Linda is married to Howard ^{60,149} C. ¹⁴⁹ Hoover^{60,149}, of Grantsville ¹⁴⁹, who is known as "Clark" ⁶⁰.



Harvey and Emma Dietle

Emma Dietle, daughter of William Dietle and Christiana (Nedro) Dietle, married Reid⁶¹ H.³¹⁵ Meese ⁶¹, son of Daniel and Mary Ellen Meese ¹⁰⁷. Reid was a Farmer by occupation ¹⁰⁷. He was born on Jan. 2, 1897, and died on May 26, 1956³¹⁵. Emma was born on Nov. 4, 1897 and died Feb. 9, 1989³¹⁵. They are buried side by side in the Greenville Union Cemetery and share the same headstone³¹⁵. Emma and her brother Harvey were twins, and she gave birth to twin sons Donald and Dale Meese ^{60,61}. Emma had a Salisbury address in 1954¹⁹⁷. Emma and Reid's children are:

Alverta ⁶¹"Vertie"⁴⁷³ Meese ⁶¹, born Aug. 9 1917⁴⁷³, died Oct. 14 1988⁴⁷³.
Harold Meese ⁶¹, born in 1925⁴⁷³ who died at age 8 ¹⁰⁷ on Oct 25, 1933⁴⁷³,
Donald Meese ^{60,61},
Dale Meese ^{60,61}, born May 21, 1937 ¹⁰⁷, and
Dorothy Meese ⁶¹ born 1935⁴⁷³.

Alverta Meese, daughter of Emma Dietle and Reid Meese, married Frank McKenzie¹⁰⁷. On July 5, 1955 Frank was killed by lightning¹¹¹. His two children were with him at the time, but were not seriously injured¹¹¹. Alverta and Frank had the following children:

Ernest McKenzie, the eldest son¹¹¹, and
Rodger McKenzie ^{101,111}

Rodger McKenzie, son of Frank McKenzie and Alverta (Meese) McKenzie, married Caroline, and has one son Michael who is about 17 in 1996⁴⁷³. Ernest and Caroline are divorced⁴⁷³.

Rodger McKenzie, son of Frank McKenzie and Alverta (Meese) McKenzie, was living in Meyersdale in 1993 ¹⁰¹. Rodger is (1996) working at Maple City Tire⁴⁷³. He married Mary Zinn and had the following children:

Andrea, and
Lonnie.

Donald Meese, son of Emma Dietle and Reid Meese, married Lois Clark ¹⁰⁷, who was born June 10, circa 1939⁴⁷³. Donald was living in Somerset in 1993 according to Darius Dietle ²¹. Donald has the following children:⁴⁷³

David Meese, born Feb. 1, circa 1964, and
Nattalie Meese, born April 8, circa 1965/66.

David Meese married Renee _____, their children are McKenzie and Max⁴⁷³.

Nattalie Meese married and divorced Tony Herchand, and goes by Meese now (1996)⁴⁷³. They Have one child Nicole Beth Herch, born Oct. 29 1986⁴⁷³.

Dale Meese, son of Emma Dietle and Reid Meese, married Jo Ann or JoAnne Thomas, daughter of Ken and Pauline Thomas. Jo Ann was born on Dec. 20, 1939. Dale, a Truck Driver, was living in Salisbury in 1993²¹. He (1996) drives truck for Oester, and drives long distance⁴⁷³. Dale and Jo Ann have a son Dale F. Meese, Jr. who was born on Aug. 8, 1959¹⁰⁷.

Dale F. Meese, Jr., son of Dale Meese and Jo Ann (Thomas) Meese, is (1996) working for Harbison as a brick layer⁴⁷³. He has two children, as follows:

Erin^{1,47307} Nicole^{107,473} Meese¹⁰⁷, born Sept 1, 1980⁴⁷³, and
Chadwick^{107,473} Dale^{107,473} Meese, born May 14, 1984⁴⁷³.

Dorothy Meese, daughter of Emma Dietle and Reid Meese, married Harold Feinstein¹⁰⁷ and moved away¹¹¹.

Adam Dietle

Adam Dietle is our direct ancestor, and will be discussed in a separate chapter.

Mary Dietle

John Adam and Margaret's daughter Mary Dietle married Ephriam Geiger^{1,322} on March 31, 1887³²². Ephriam was the brother of our Grandmother Mary (Geiger) Korn³²² (on our mother's side) and the son of Aaron Geiger and Lavina Bowman³⁵. In a surveyor's draught of Ephriam's farm, the farm of his father Aaron Geiger is shown adjacent to Ephriam's farm³⁹³, and Ephriam's obituary indicates he was born next door³²².



A drawing of Ephriam Geiger's caplock rifle.

Mary is recorded as a 58 year old widow in the 1920 census, which lists her trade as "Farm Manager"⁴⁸. Her 17 year old niece Margaret Crissner (sic) was listed in the 1920 census as staying with Mary as a "Farm Helper", and her 25 year old nephew Harry Dietle (son of Adam and Susan Dietle) was also staying with her with the listed occupation of "Farmer"⁴⁸. We surmise from this that they were helping her run the farm after Ephriam's death. Margaret Cristner was the daughter of Calvin Christner and Mary's sister Sara (Dietle) Christner⁴⁹, and had already been staying with Mary and Ephriam several years at the time of Ephriam's death in 1919³²².

The 1920 census also lists Mary (Dietle) Geiger as the mortgage-free owner of a farm in Larimer township⁴⁸, which was the farm which Harry Dietle owned^{10,200} briefly before his untimely death in a sawmill accident in 1926^{12b}. Our Grandfather Irvin H. Dietle then purchased the farm^{1,200} and spent most of his adult life there, as described elsewhere here-in. Ephriam and Mary spent the entire 32 years of their married life there, and Ephriam was born on the farm next door³²². Ephriam Geiger bought the farm in two separate tracts. On April 3, 1886^{341,395} he bought 98 acres 50 perches³⁹⁵ from Richard and Christian Mankamyer and their wives^{341,395} for \$1,600.00³⁹⁵. On Nov. 13, 1909 he bought an adjacent 12 acres and 17 perches from Frank L. Bittner for \$222.00³⁹⁶. This 12 acres was part of the tract conveyed from the heirs of Jeremiah Bittner to Frank L. Bittner in 1909³⁹⁶. The deed for the 12 acres was recorded on Dec. 30, 1919³⁹⁶.

Mary was born on Dec. 31, 1861^{53,254} in Greenville Twp.²⁵⁴. She was baptized as "Mary Deittle" on May 14, 1881 by Pastor R. Smith²⁵⁴. Ephriam Geiger was born on August 9^{53,322}, 1859^{53,312,322} and died on Dec. 17^{200,322,341}, 1919^{200,312,341}, leaving Mary to survive him^{200,341}. They are buried side by side in

the cemetery of the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church³¹². Ephriam was a member of the White Oak Mt. Carmel Church, being confirmed there on June 10, 1876³²². He was a Trustee in the Church at the time of his death, and had served there in official capacity for many years³²². Mary was evidently deeply religious, for she willed \$500.00 to the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, to be used by the Trustees in the best interests of the Church³⁰⁵. She also willed that "Harry Dietle shall have the first right to purchase the farm, whether sold at public or private sale..."³⁰⁵ Harry Dietle was also one of the executors she appointed; the other being Howard Mazer³⁰⁵. The will was certified on June 10, 1925, so she died before then³⁰⁵.

Ephriam Geiger and Mary (Dietle) Geiger had a son John^{12a,271} William²⁷¹ Geiger²⁷¹, who died young^{12a,271}. John was the only child they had^{319,322}. Ephriam and Mary Geiger's large family Bible, which contains the Apocrypha, is in the possession of our father Roy E. Dietle⁵³. It was originally purchased on August 18, 1881⁵³. It indicates that their son John Wilson Geiger was born on Nov. 16, 1889, and was baptized on Jan. 19, 1890⁵³. The Bible contains a receipt for \$5.00 from the National War Finance Committee of the American Red Cross which is dated May 23, 1918, and is signed F.L. Bittner to Ephriam Geiger & wife⁵³.



John William Geiger, only son of Ephriam Geiger and his wife Mary (Dietle) Geiger.

John William Geiger²⁷¹, the only child of Ephriam and Mary (Dietle) Geiger^{271,320}, was born Nov. 16, 1889^{271,320}, and died Oct. 1, 1912^{271,320,322} at the age of 22 years^{271,320}. He was born and raised at the Larimer Twp. farm where he died³¹⁹. He was a member of the White Oak³¹⁹ Lutheran^{271,319,320} Church, having joined at the age of about 15³²¹ or 16³²⁰. One of his obituaries said he was a "young man of fine spirit and great promise"²⁷¹. Another said "His place was always occupied in the Sunday School, and in all the public services of the church."³²⁰ His funeral was attended by an unusually large group of mourners^{271,320} and "The church was crowded in every part..."³²⁰ One obituary remarked on the cause of death as follows²⁷¹:

The young man complained of a headache on Friday night a week ago. On the following Sunday the family physician was called who saw symptoms of typhoid fever."

Another obituary commented as follows³¹⁹:

"... the cause of death is somewhat hard to determine.

It may or may not have been due to an accident which happened to the young man on Thursday of Meyersdale's Old Home Week celebration.

On the Thursday mentioned, young Geiger was a passenger on the East-bound Western Maryland excursion train, and when the train was nearing Deal station it was running at a rate of speed that caused some of the passengers to think that no stop would be made there, and

young Geiger jumped from the train while it was still in motion, falling as he struck the ground.

He complained of being badly wrenched after arising to his feet, and in a few days became quite (word missing).

F.E. Sass, of Pochontas, and Dr. Rowe, of Meyersdale, both visited the patient the day he died, and while they thought he showed some symptoms of typhoid fever, his death taking place so soon thereafter, it is not unlikely that death was due to some internal injury caused by the accident in falling when alighting from the train.”

Sarah Dietle

Sarah Dietle, daughter of John Adam Dietle and Margaret (Ritter) Dietle, married Calvin^{12a,101,269} M.²⁶⁹ “Cal”²³ Christner^{12a,101,269}. Calvin was the son of Jonas^{86,324,352} Christner^{86,324}, (b. Sept. 14,³³⁷ 1816^{86,337}, d. June 26,³³⁷ 1884^{86,337}) and the grandson of Joseph^{86,337} “Zep”³⁵² Christner^{86,337,352}, (b. Aug. 19⁸⁶, 1783^{86,352}, d. 1850⁸⁶) and Barbara Burkholder^{337,352} (b. 1789³⁵²). Calvin was born on April 29²⁶⁹, 1863^{269,412}, and died Sept. 8²⁶⁹, 1947³¹⁴ at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shuck²⁶⁹ after an illness of 10 months duration²⁶⁹. He is buried at what was St. John’s Evangelical Church at White Oak²⁶⁹. It is now (1994) St. John’s United Methodist Church³¹⁴. Mary is buried there as well⁴⁶³. Calvin spent all of his life in Somerset Co., where he was a Mail Carrier^{269,275} and School Teacher²⁶⁹. He was a member of the Church of the Brethern, where he received a medal for 50 years service as a Sunday School Officer. One time when our father was going to the Geiger school as a child, Calvin Christner stopped by to visit the teacher Irvin Dietle, and recited a large number of poems from memory²³.

Sarah was born on March 30²⁷⁵, 1865^{275,314}. She died 31 years before Calvin²⁶⁹ on July 7²⁷⁵, 1916³¹⁴ at the age of 51 years, 3 months, and 6 days²⁷⁵. She was found dead in bed²⁷⁵. She is buried beside Calvin at what is now (1994) the St. John’s United Methodist Church³¹⁴. For 18 years prior to her death, Sarah was a member of the Brethern Church²⁷⁵. After she died, he married Eleanor Weimer, who died 11 years before him²⁶⁹. His third wife, Etta Miller Mort, also preceded him in death²⁶⁹.

Two of Calvin Christner and Sarah (Dietle) Christner’s children died in infancy^{269,275}. The children who survived to adulthood, and their known spouses, are as follows:

Clarence^{12a,269,275} Caladso⁴⁶⁴ Christner^{12a},
Walter^{12a,35,269,275} C.²⁶⁹ Christner^{12a,269}
Linnie^{12a,101,269}, Little²⁸⁷ or Lennie²⁷⁵ Christner^{12a,101},
Mary^{12a,101,269,275} Christner^{12a,101}, born March 7, 1893¹⁶³,
Margaret^{12a,101,275,278} Christner^{12a,101,278},
Miles^{269,275} E. 269, and
Sadie^{132,269,275} Christner¹³².

Linnie Christner, daughter of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, married Eli Weimer^{101,269,287}. In her father’s obituary, Linnie’s residence was given as Sand Patch, Larimer Twp.²⁶⁹. Mildred Sass recalls that they lived near Deal, and that Eli worked for the Railroad²⁸⁷. In her mother’s obituary, her age was given as 26²⁷⁵. A possibly incomplete list of Mrs. Eli Weimer’s children, taken from a list of attendees at the birthday party of Mrs. Ephriam Geiger circa 1922, is as follows²⁷⁷:

Howard,
Wilbert,
Florence, and
Wilma

The above list of children differs from what Mildred Sass recalled in 1994 of Eli Weimer’s 4 children, which she gave as follows²⁸⁷:

Oldest child which she thought was probably a daughter,

Archie,
Betty, and
Shirley, who became Homer Paul's second wife.

Mary Christner, daughter of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, married Milton Shuck^{101,163,269,278} or Shook²⁷⁵ who was born Nov. 28, 1895¹⁶³ and was still living in 1966²⁷⁸. Milton Shuck's parents were William Shuck and Rachel May (May is the last name)⁴⁶³. Milton was a Railroader by occupation, and Mary was a Housewife¹⁶³. In her father's obituary, Milton and Mary's residence was given as Sand Patch, Larimer Twp.²⁶⁹. In her sister Margaret's 1966 obituary, her residence was given as Meyersdale RD²⁷⁸. In her mother's obituary, Mary's age was given as 22²⁷⁵. Mary and Milton are buried at St. John's Church at White Oak⁴⁶³. They had the following children:

Bernice^{163,463} Marie⁴⁶³ Shuck^{163,463}, b. Sept. 18, 1914⁴⁶³,
Karl^{163,463} Christner⁴⁶³ Shuck^{163,463}, born March 19, 1917⁴⁶³,
Margaret^{163,463} Jane⁴⁶³ Shuck^{163,463}, born Nov. 12, 1919⁴⁶³,
Wauneta^{163,463} Shuck^{163,463}, b. May 25, 1923⁴⁶³,
Ada^{9,163,434,463} Kathryn^{9,434} Shuck^{9,163,434,463}, b. Sept. 24, 1925⁴⁶³, and
Pauline^{163,463} Eleanor⁴⁶³ Shuck^{163,463}, born May 7, 1929⁴⁶³.

Bernice Shuck, daughter of Milton Shuck and Mary (Christner) Shuck, married Eugene Housel on July 3, 1942¹⁶³. Eugene was reported as no longer living in 1994, and Bernice was reported as having a Wellersburg, PA address in 1994¹⁶³. They had no children⁴⁶³.

Karl Shuck, son of Milton Shuck and Mary (Christner) Shuck, married Thelma Sturtz^{163,463} on June 19, 1949¹⁶³. Karl was reported as having a Hyndman, PA address in 1994¹⁶³. Our father said that Karl was a Minister²³. His sister Pauline says that Karl was a Weigh Master for coal trucks, and a Minister for over 30 years⁴⁶³. Karl and Thelma had the following children⁴⁶³:

Sheila Ann,
and Diane.

Sheila Ann, daughter of Karl and Thelma Shuck, married Denvin Bard and has two children, Darelle and Scott⁴⁶³. Sheila and Denvin live in Warfordburg, Pa⁴⁶³.

Diane, daughter of Karl and Thelma Shuck, married Rodger Smearman, and has two children, Holly and Kara⁴⁶³.

Margaret Shuck, daughter of Milton Shuck and Mary (Christner) Shuck, married Clifton Petenbrink on September 19, 1942^{35,163}. Clifton was reported as no longer living in 1994, and Margaret was reported as having a Wellersburg, PA address in 1994¹⁶³. He was known as "Cliff", and had a big farm along the road between Garrett and Meyersdale not far from the big railroad trestle²³.

They had the following children:

Joyce^{35,463} Maxine⁴⁶³,
Richard Eugene^{35,463}, b. March 1950⁴⁶³.

Joyce, daughter of Clifton Petenbrink and Margaret Shuck, married Wayne Baker^{35,463} and had the following children:

Dickie³⁵,
Rex^{35,463} Eugene⁴⁶³ Baker⁴⁶³, and
Krissann^{35,463} Baker⁴⁶³.

Rex and Eura Baker was reported to have 3 children in 1996⁴⁶³:

Rex, Jr.,
Shannon, and
Julian.

Khrisanne Baker married Fred Witt and they have 3 children⁴⁶³:
Fred, Jr.,
Brandon, and
Jerry Witt.

Richard, son of Clifton Petenbrink and Margaret Shuck, served in the Army Reserves in 1970³⁵, and married Kathleen³⁵ La Verne³⁵ "Kathy"⁴⁶³ Hetz^{35,463} in Oct. 1971³⁵. Richard has a son named Richard⁴⁶³.

Wauneta Shuck, daughter of Milton Shuck and Mary (Christner) Shuck, married Cecil Boyce on December 27, 1941¹⁶³. Wauneta and Cecil were no longer living in 1996⁴⁶³. Wauneta and Cecil had the following children⁴⁶³:

Gary Clayton Boyce,
Sharon Kay Boyce,
Mary Marlene,
Larry,
Pamela,
Ronald Boyce,
Laurie,
and Timothy.

Gary Clayton Boyce, son of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, married Nancy Swager, and has the following children⁴⁶³:

Scott Boyce who married Renee _____,
Michael, unmarried in 1996, and
David, unmarried in 1996.

Sharon Kay, daughter of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, married Cary or Gary Starkey⁴⁶³. They have a daughter Susan who married Brian Reiber⁴⁶³. Brian and Susan have a daughter named Kiley who was born in May, 1992⁴⁶³.

Mary Marlene, daughter of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, first married Jacob Knotts, then Joe Henry⁴⁶³. She has two daughters, Teena Knotts and Melisa Knotts⁴⁶³.

Larry, son of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, married Patty Getty and has 3 boys, Brian, Jamie, and Joshua Boyce⁴⁶³.

Pamela, daughter of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, married Rodger Dean, and has a daughter named April⁴⁶³.

Ronald Boyce, son of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, has 2 children, Heather and Brett⁴⁶³.

Laurie, daughter of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, was married, then divorced⁴⁶³. She has a daughter named Christie⁴⁶³.

Timothy, son of Wauneta (Shuck) Boyce and Cecil Boyce, married Becky _____, and has a daughter named Elizabeth⁴⁶³.

Ada Kathryn Shuck, daughter of Milton Shuck and Mary (Christner) Shuck, married James^{9,163,434} Alton^{9,434} "Jim"¹⁶³ Briskey^{9,163,434*} on June 12, 1948^{9,163,434} at Ellerslie, MD⁹. James Alton Briskey was born b. March 6, 1927⁹, and is the son of Alton C. Briskey⁹ and Grace^{9,374} Miller⁹. Ada was born in Meyersdale, PA on September 24, 1925¹⁶³. James was born in Garrett, PA⁹ on March 6, 1927¹⁶³. He worked at Dean O'Neil Ford as a Mechanic^{163,434}, and Ada is (1994) a housewife¹⁶³. James and Ada were living in Larimer Twp circa 1963⁹. Ada had a Meyersdale address in 1994¹⁶³. James and Ada had the following children:

* James Briskey's ancestors can be traced in Ref. 9 and 14. He is a distant cousin to us through the common ancestor Jacob Peter Miller on our father's side.

Kimberly^{9,163,374,434,463} Jane^{9,163,434} Briskey^{163,434}, daughter of James Briskey and Ada (Shuck) Briskey, was born April 23, 1964^{163,434}. She married Michael^{163,434} Wayne⁴³⁴ Dirienzo^{163,434} on Feb. 15, 1992⁴³⁴. Michael was born on Feb. 14, 1960⁴³⁴. They have a daughter named Cassidy^{163,434} Cathrine⁴³⁴ Dirienzo⁴³⁴ who was born June 2, 1992^{163,434}, and a son Chase Michael Dirienzo, b. Nov. 2, 1995¹⁶³.

Wayne^{9,163,374,434,463} Eugene^{9,163,434} Briskey^{9,163,434}, son of James Alton Briskey and Ada Kathryn (Shuck) Briskey, was born October 25, 1950^{9,163,434} in Larimer Twp.⁹ He married Deborah Campbell¹⁶³ or Deborah Campbell Barlow⁴³⁴ on May 4, 1973⁴³⁴. Deborah was born on March 16, 1949⁴³⁴. Wayne has the following children:

Heather Lee Barlow Briskey, who was born on June 5, 1968⁴³⁴. Heather married Bradley Hartford on May 23, 1990⁴³⁴. Bradley was born on Nov. 26, 1965⁴³⁴.

Adrienne Adella Briskey was born on Sept. 30, 1975⁴³⁴.

Shawn^{163,434,463} James^{163,434} Briskey^{163,434}, son of James Alton Briskey and Ada Kathryn (Shuck) Briskey, was born May 12, 1970^{163,434}. Shawn was said to be living at home in 1996⁴⁶³.

Pauline Shuck, daughter of Milton Shuck and Mary (Christner) Shuck, married Michael Nider on August 6, 1949⁴⁶³. Michael was born in 1920, and was a Building Construction Iron Worker by trade⁴⁶³. Pauline had a Meyersdale, PA address in 1996⁴⁶³. Pauline's children are⁴⁶³:

Cary Michael, born June 28, 1950,
Denise Marie, born July 30, 1954,
Mark Anthony, born July 22, 1958, and
Jeffery Alan, born Jan. 22, 1962.

Cary married Becky Ankeny, and has the following children⁴⁶³:

Carly Nicole, who will be 16 on Nov. 5, 1996, and
Casey Michael.

Denise married Cary McDonald, but they are divorced⁴⁶³. Denise has the following children⁴⁶³:

Danielle Mary, b. Feb. 20, 1982,
Derek Ryan, who will be 13 on Feb. 9, 1996, and
Michelle Carie, who will be 8 on Sept. 26, 1996.

Mark lives in Houston, TX and works for Wills Brothers Engineering, Inc. on the old Katy road⁴⁶³. He was married to Teresa Mills, but was divorced in August, 1994. They have the following children⁴⁶³:

Jessica Lynn, born Dec. 1983, and
Julie Marie, born June 26, 1985.

Jeffery Alan Nider married Phylis Kormanik, and has the following children⁴⁶³:

Austin Jeffery, born May 20, 1993,
Joshua Paul, born Feb. 20, 1996, and
Corey Michael, born Feb. 20, 1996

Clarence C. Christner, son of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, married Mary^{101,313,464} Leona⁴⁶⁴ Knepp^{101,464}. Clarence was born on Oct. 9²⁶¹, 1895^{261,313,464} and died on June 22^{132,261}, 1971^{132,261,313}. He is buried at the White Oak Cemetery²⁶¹ at the little Church beside the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church³¹³. Mary is buried by his side³¹³. She was born in 1899 and died in 1994³¹³. In his father's obituary, Clarence's residence was given as Sand Patch, Larimer Twp.²⁶⁹ In his sister Margaret's 1966 obituary, his residence was given as Meyersdale RD²⁷⁸. In his mother's obituary, Clarence was listed as being age 20²⁷⁵. Clarence worked on the Western Maryland Railroad, and lived

near Calvin Christner²⁸⁷. His daughter reports that he was a foreman on the Western Maryland Railroad, and worked on the railroad for something like 43 to 45 years⁴⁶⁴. Clarence and Mary had 4 children, as follows:

Lewis^{70,101,464} Calvin⁴⁶⁴ "Buss"^{49,464} Christner⁴⁶⁴, b. Aug. 26, 1918⁴⁶⁴, d. 1967⁴⁶⁴,
Lester^{70,101,464} Leo⁴⁶⁴ "Les"^{49,464} Christner⁴⁶⁴, b. Oct. 12, 1921^{464,468}, not alive in 1996⁴⁶⁴,
Clarence⁴⁶⁴ Eugene^{70,101,464} "Gene"⁴⁶⁴ Christner^{70,101,464}, b. 1924⁴⁶⁴, not alive in 1996⁴⁶⁴.
Ruth Christner^{49,101,464}, b. May 3, 1939⁴⁶⁴.

Lewis "Buss" Christner, son of Clarence & Mary Christner, married Anna Belle Walker from Boynton. Lewis worked at the Kelly^{464,466} Springfield Tire Company⁴⁶⁶. Anna Belle is (1996) living with her son Parris⁴⁶⁸ in Finzel, MD⁴⁶⁶. Lewis and Anna Belle had 3 children:

Bonnie⁴⁶⁴,⁴⁶⁶ Lou⁴⁶⁴, b. Aug. ^{464,468} ⁴⁶⁸ or ⁴⁶⁴ 1947⁴⁶⁴,
Parris Christner⁴⁶⁴, and
Cheryl Ann⁴⁶⁴.

Bonnie, daughter of Lewis Christner, married Henry⁴⁶⁸ McKenzie^{464,468}, and is (1996) living along old Route 40, just up from Frostburg⁴⁶⁸. She has a son named Scotty McKenzie⁴⁶⁸.

Parris Christner, son of Lewis Christner, married Debora Wymer⁴⁶⁸. He lives along the Finzel road not far from Leotta Christner⁴⁶⁸. We have been told that he was named after a service friend of Lewis⁴⁶⁴. He has no children⁴⁶⁸.

Cheryl Ann, daughter of Lewis Christner, married _____ McMannis⁴⁶⁸. She had two children, one is named Lacy⁴⁶⁸. She is (1996) living near Frostburg⁴⁶⁸.

Lester Christner, son of Clarence & Mary Christner, married Leotta⁴⁶⁴ Finzel^{464,468} from Finzel, MD⁴⁶⁴, who is the daughter of Howard Finzel and Alberta Bolden⁴⁶⁸. Leotta was born Aug. 12, 1924⁴⁶⁸. Lester had our Grandpa Irvin Dietle as a teacher at the Pine Grove School⁴⁶⁸. He worked at a Celonese plant in MD, then at a steel mill, then worked for the state at Frostburg⁴⁶⁴. Lester had two children:

Ronald^{464,466} Lee^{464,466} Christner⁴⁶⁶, b. April 28, circa 1946⁴⁶⁸, and
Wyade Leo Christner⁴⁶⁶, born Nov. 6, 1948⁴⁶⁶.

Ronald Lee Christner, son of Lester Christner, married Shirley^{466,468} Frazee⁴⁶⁸ from Friendsville⁴⁶⁸, MD, and they are (1996) living in Fort Worth, TX. Shirley's parents are Jerome and Pauline⁴⁶⁸. Ronald has two children:

Ronald Lee Christner, Jr.⁴⁶⁶, b. April 18⁴⁶⁸, and
Stacey Lynn⁴⁶⁶, b. July 26⁴⁶⁸.

Wyade Leo Christner, son of Lester Christner, married Sharon Virginia Stanton, who took the married name Sharon Stanton Christner⁴⁶⁶. Sharon was born Nov. 9, 1949⁴⁶⁶. Her parents were Lawrence Stanton and Carmella Arnone⁴⁶⁶. Wyade is (1996) living in Lewisville, TX, which is near Dallas, and is a Sales Representative for a trucking firm⁴⁶⁶. He reports that his mother was of Italian heritage and a Catholic, and so he was raised as a Catholic and attended St. Michaels in Frostburg⁴⁶⁶. When Wyade was little, his parents called him Leo, and now he answers to either Leo or Wyade⁴⁶⁸. Wyade has two children:

Michael Leo Christner⁴⁶⁶, b. Nov. 26⁴⁶⁸, and
Kathryn Leigh⁴⁶⁶ "Katie"⁴⁶⁸ Christner⁴⁶⁶, b. April 26⁴⁶⁸.

Gene Christner, son of Clarence & Mary Christner, worked on the railroad, then at the sand quarry in Corriganville⁴⁶⁴. He had two sons:

Terry Eugene Christner⁴⁶⁴, b. Nov. 17, 1943⁴⁶⁷, and

Gary⁴⁶⁴.

Terry Christner, son of Gene Christner, is (1996) living in Meyersdale. He was (1996) unmarried and had no children⁴⁶⁷.

Gary, son of Gene Christner, is married to Rita Bittinger, and has a daughter named Kelly Jo^{467,468}.

Ruth Christner, daughter of Clarence & Mary Christner, married Wayne¹³⁵ Stone ¹⁰¹, and was living in Salisbury in 1993¹⁰¹. They were divorced in 1975⁴⁶⁴. Wayne worked on the railroad, then for the state, then for a beer distributor⁴⁶⁴. He died in 1995⁴⁶⁴. Ruth's children were⁴⁶⁴:

Rex Wayne Stone, b. April 24, 1951, and
Sherri Lynn Stone, b. Jan. 21, 1954, not married in 1996.

Rex was named by Ruth's brother "Buss"⁴⁶⁴. Rex married Sandra Martz, and has the following children⁴⁶⁴:

Jaime Lynn Stone, b. Aug. 16, 1976, and
Christopher Rex Stone, who will be 16 on June 6, 1996.

Walter^{12a,269} C.^{269,312} Christner ^{12a,269}, son of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, married Lydia^{35,101,312} L.³¹² Smith ^{35,101}. Walter had a little general store in Wittinburg which also had gas pumps²⁸⁷.

Walter Christner was born on Jan. 14^{243,245}, 1899^{243,245,312} and died on December 27^{243,245}, 1974^{243,245,312}. He is buried at the Mt. Carmel³¹² White Oak Cemetery^{243,245} beside Lydia³¹², who was born in 1904 and died in 1990³¹². In an oral interview, our father said that Walter Christner's nickname was "Bud", and his wife was known as "Litty"⁴⁹. We have been told her given name was Lydia ^{70,101}. In his father's obituary, Walter's residence was given as Sand Patch, Larimer Twp.²⁶⁹. In his sister Margaret's obituary, his address was given as Meyersdale RD²⁷⁸. In his mother's obituary, Walter was listed as being age 17²⁷⁵. Bud and Litty had two children, as follows:

Norma^{35,55} Christner⁵⁵, and
Jo Anne⁵⁵ Christner⁵⁵.

Norma Christner, daughter of Walter and Litty Christner, married Bernard^{35,55} A.³¹² Murray^{35,55}. Bernard and Norma had an adopted daughter Lisa Murray ^{70,101} who was born on March 22, 1961 ¹⁰¹. Dana and Donna Saylor used to go to the fair with Lisa. Norma was born in 1924 and died in 1983³¹². After Norma's death, Bernard married Lerene (Geiger) Dietle, widow of dad's brother Luther "Bud" Dietle, on Sept. 15, 1984 ⁷². Bernard, the son of Allen Murray and Anna (Lapp) Murray⁷², was born on Nov. 13⁷², 1925^{72,312}, and died April 18⁷², 1986 ^{72,312}. Bernard and Norma are buried side by side in the White Oak Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church Cemetery³¹². Bernard was the Grandson of Owen Murray, who lived to be 100 years old⁷². Grandpa Dietle told our father Roy that Owen Murray was a Civil War Veteran ¹³⁵, but this may not actually be correct as Ref. 62 shows an Allen Murray b. May 15, 1889 who was the son of Owen Murray, Sand Patch PA. who was himself said to be born on Oct. 6, 1856 and therefore apparently too young to have actually served. Then again, birth dates in such books are not always correct, and we are not positive that the Owen Murray in Ref. 62 is actually the right Owen Murray. Further clarification is needed.

Bernard was a Rifleman in the 69th Infantry Division in WW-II, and served overseas for 18 months ⁷². He enlisted on Feb. 15, 1944 and was discharged on May 18, 1946⁷². He participated in the Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns and was present when the 69th linked up with the Russians at the end of the war ⁷². Bernard's second wife Lerene wrote "He told me there were only 8 of his group left when the fighting ended that were not injured." ⁷² Bernard was spared from injury when a bullet went through his sleeve, but missed his arm⁷².

Lisa Murray, adopted daughter of Bernard Murray and Norma (Christner) Murray, was married to B. Hetz but they are now (1993) divorced ¹⁰¹. They had one daughter named Krystal Hetz ^{70,101} who was born on April 28, 1980.

Margaret Christner, daughter of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, was born Feb. 6, 1902 in Larimer Twp. and was residing in Johnstown at the time of her death²⁷⁸. She died Nov. 7, 1966^{132,278} in the Johnstown Memorial Hospital at the age of 54, and is buried in the Grandview Cemetery, Johnstown²⁷⁸. She went to live with Myra Bowman in Johnstown ⁷⁰, and left many beautiful items at the home of Irvin and Alma Dietle, our grandparent, for the remainder of her life⁴⁹. The 1920 census from Larimer Twp. shows Margaret living at the home of Mary (Dietle) Geiger as a Farm Helper. In her mother's obituary, Margaret was listed as being age 14²⁷⁵, which could be used to calculate the year of her mother's death.

Margaret was the Supervisor of Cafeterias for the Johnstown School System²⁷⁸. She belonged to the Johnstown Business and Professional Women's Club, and was a member of the St. Paul's EUB Church²⁷⁸.

Sadie Christner, daughter of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, married Joseph²⁶⁹ Lint ^{12a,101,269}. She was living in Holsopple at the time of her father's death²⁶⁹, and she may have died in 1952 ¹³². In her mother's obituary, Sadie was listed as being age 12²⁷⁵.

Miles E., son of Sarah (Dietle) Christner and Calvin Christner, was living in Johnstown at the time of his father's death²⁶⁹. In his mother's obituary, Miles was listed as being age 8²⁷⁵. In 1966 Miles was living in Johnstown²⁷⁸.

Catharine Dietle

Catharine "Kate" Dietle, daughter of John Adam Dietle and Margaret (Ritter) Dietle, married Harvey^{12b,272} R. ^{12b} Faidley ^{12b}, Faidly ¹⁰¹ or Fadely^{272,291} on Feb. 25, 1892 and moved to Burr Oak Kansas, where she lived until 1915²⁷². In 1915 she and her family moved to Topeka, Kansas. She lived in Topeka until moving to the home of her daughter Mrs. H. L.^{272,294} Harrell²⁹⁴ of Kansas City, Missouri^{272,294} 2 1/2²⁷² or 3²⁹⁴ years prior to her death²⁷².



The children of Catharine (Dietle) Faidley
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

Catherine was born in Greenville Twp. on Sept. 24^{272,291}, 1869²⁷². She died at the Research Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri at age 69 on Dec. 28, 19__²⁷². She had been in poor health since a stroke which occurred 5 1/2 years prior to her death, and she had a heart attack two days before her death²⁷². Funeral services were held at the Lowman Methodist Church, Topeka, and Catherine was buried at the Memorial Park Cemetery²⁷². In her youth she belonged to the Greenville Lutheran Church, and she remained a Lutheran until the Easter preceding her death, when she united with the Melrose Methodist Church South in Kansas City²⁷². Some of her passions in life were flowers and gardens, and her obituary said she was also interested in political and civic problems²⁷². Two of her favorite Hymns were sung at her funeral service; "In the Garden" and "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"²⁷². Her daughter Mrs. H. L. Harrell said in a letter to Irvin and Alma Dietle that "Mother was always vitally interested in Meyersdale and Somerset and we heard so much about the people she new.... Perhaps that is why we have always been interested in coming back to visit as it almost seems one of my past homes."²⁹⁴

The known children of Harvey Faidley and Catherine (Dietle) Faidley are as follows:

Letty F.²⁷² or Lotty^{12a,101},
Richard^{12a,101,272,291} T. Fadely²⁷²
Catherine^{12a,101,272} Fadely²⁷², and
Margaret.

An 1897 obituary found in the effects of our Grandfather Irvin Dietle, Sr. states in part that "Sweet little Florence Lucile only child of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Fadely a bright and lovable child, whose winsome ways had been the sunshine of the home for fifteen short months was taken away on Thursday, November 4."³⁰⁶ It is very possible that this was the first child of Harvey Faidley and Catherine (Dietle) Faidley. The child was buried in the Burr Oak Cemetery³⁰⁶.

Letty F.²⁷², daughter of Harvey Faidley and Catherine (Dietle) Faidley, married a Harrell^{12a,101,294}, and was living at 402 Denver, Kansas City, MO at the time of her mother's death. On March 21, 1939, which was after her mother's death, she wrote a letter to Irvin and Alma Dietle and was living at 4426 Sunrise Drive, Kansas City, MO at the time. Her return address on the envelope was addressed as "Mrs. H. L. Harrell", and within the letter she mentions that Leon has been growing plants under lights in the basement to set out in the spring²⁹⁴. From this, we surmise that Leon must have been her husband. She also mentioned that "We get out alot and it seems like we just don't have enough time."²⁹⁴

Richard T. Fadely, son of Catherine (Dietle) Faidley, was living in Topeka at the time of his mother's death, and was the County Treasurer of Shawnee Co. Kansas²⁷². In his mother's obituary, it was said that his mother was survived by 3 grandchildren; "Nancy Sue, John Richard, and Gary Dean Fadely of Topeka, Kansas."²⁷² It seems logical to assume that these 3 were probably Richard's children.

Catherine Fadely, daughter of Harvey Faidley and Catherine (Dietle) Faidley, was unmarried and living in Topeka at the time of her mother's death. She *may* be the same Catherine Fadely which the Social Security records list as born on Sept. 29, 1903 and died Feb. 1981 with a lump sum payment to zip code 66601⁴³³.

Margaret, daughter of Harvey Faidley and Catherine (Dietle) Faidley, was referred to as Mrs. Margaret Madison in her mother's obituary, and was living in Kansas City, Missouri at the time of her mother's death.