

Chapter 7

Descendants of Adam Dietle & Susan (Werner) Dietle

Sadie Naomi Dietle

Sadie Naomi Dietle, daughter of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, married Millard^{2,12b,101,131a,270} E.²⁷⁰ Steinly^{12b,101,131a,270} or Steinley². Dad recalls her as a calm, easy going person⁵³. She was born on March 21^{132,270}, 1890^{132,270,315} and died intestate³³⁵ on Nov. 12^{132,270}, 1955^{132,315} at her home²⁷⁰. Millard was born on March 22^{71a}, 1886^{71a,315} and died in Jan. 1957^{71a} or on Nov. 26¹³², 1956^{132,315}. Sadie and Millard were farmers who lived close to (but possibly not in) Greenville Township⁵³. They were affiliated with the Reformed Church at Pocahontas in Greenville Twp^{53,465}. The church is (1993) no longer there⁵³. Sadie and Millard are buried side by side in the Greenville Union Cemetery³¹⁵. She and Millard had the following children:

Ralph^{2,71a,270,291,335} Millard^{71a} Steinly^{71a,270,335}, born June 17, 1911^{2,71a}, died approximately in late 1995⁴⁶²,

Rosella^{2,71a,291,335} Steinly^{12b,71a,335}, b. Oct. 15, 1913^{2,12b,71a}, died May 21^{71b}, 1992^{71b,432}, and Velma^{2,12b,71a,291,335} Steinly^{12b,71a,335}, born May 13, 1916^{2,12b,71a}, died Sept. 11, 1992^{71b}.

Ralph Steinly, son of Millard Steinly and Sadie Naomi (Dietle) Steinly, married Lenora^{2,12b,131a} or Elnora^{132,315,462} McKenzie^{2,12b,131a}. She was born on Dec. 18²⁵⁵, 1909^{255,315} in Greenville Twp.²⁵⁵ and died July 2, 1970^{71b,131b,132,255}. She is buried in the Greenville Cemetery²⁵⁵. Ralph was born in 1911, and was apparently still living in 1994³¹⁵.

Dad recalls that before Ralph Steinly got married (and possibly after) he worked on Grandpa Irvin H. Dietle's farm in the springtime (before the boys got out of school for the summer) to help with the spring plowing and getting the fields ready to plant¹³⁵. Dad also remembers that when Grandpa Irvin H. Dietle traded in his 1936 Chevy for a new 1940 Chevy, Ralph bought the 1936 Chevy from the dealership¹³⁵. In his mother's obituary, Ralph's residence was given as Meyersdale RD 3²⁷⁰. Ralph and Lenora had the following children:

a son born and died Oct. 15^{2,71a}, 1938^{2,71a,315},
Paul Ralph^{2,71a} Steinly^{71a}, born Jan. 15, 1943^{2,71a}, and
a son born and died July 27^{2,71a}, 1947^{2,71a,315}.

Paul Ralph Steinly, son of Ralph Steinly and Lenora McKenzie, married Sandra Bowman^{2,71a,131b}. Paul is (1996) living in the Meyersdale area⁴⁶², and had the following children^{71a}:

Melinda^{71a} or Melissa⁴⁶², Marie^{71a} Steinly^{71a}, born August 16, 1966^{71a},
Leonard^{71a} Michael^{71a} "Lenny"⁴⁶² Steinly^{71a}, born May 3, 1968^{71a}, and
Neil⁴⁶².

Rosella Steinly, daughter of Millard Steinly and Sadie Naomi (Dietle) Steinly, married James Bittner^{2,12b,71a,465}. In her mother's obituary, her residence was given as Sand Patch²⁷⁰, which is in Larimer Twp. James worked for the state, and before that at a sand pit⁴⁶⁵. He also had a farm⁴⁶⁵. James died on May 5, 1974^{71b}. Several years after James died, Rosella married Lewis^{23,438,465} Eli⁴³⁸ Shockey^{23,438,465} Sr.⁴³⁸, who worked on the railroad²³. Lewis was born in 1905 and died in 1993⁴³². James and Rosella are buried at the Hostetler Church of the Brethren⁴⁶². James and Rosella had the following children:

Paul James Bittner, born July 13, 1934 ^{2,12b,71a},
Carl^{2,12b,71a} or Karl² Emory^{2,12b,71a} Bittner^{2,12b,71a}, b. Feb. 8, 1936 ^{2,12b,71a}, and
Doris Marie Bittner, born August 4, 1939^{2,12b,71a}.

Paul James Bittner, son of James Bittner and Rosella (Steinly) Bittner, married Iva Lou Smith ^{2,12b,131b}, and had the following children:

Terry Paul Bittner, born Feb. 26, 1959 ^{2,12b,71a,131b},
Gary Roy Bittner, born July 3, 1960 ^{2,12b,71a,131b},
Debbie Sue Bittner, born Feb. 16, 1962 ^{2,12b,71a,131b}, and
Larry James Bittner, born Feb. 22, 1963 ^{2,12b,131b}.

Carl Emory Bittner, son of James Bittner and Rosella (Steinly) Bittner, married Donna Jean, and had the following children ^{2,12b,71a}:

Mark Allen Bittner, born Oct. 5, 1957,
Dwayne Keith Bittner, born July 15, 1961,
Lori Ann Bittner, born May 3, 1963.

Doris Marie Bittner, daughter of James Bittner and Rosella (Steinly) Bittner, married Daniel Elliot^{2, 12b,71a}. They reportedly had no children⁴⁶⁵.

Velma Steinly, daughter of Millard Steinly and Sadie Naomi (Dietle) Steinly, married Lawrence E. ⁴³² Jackson^{12b,131a}. They were affiliated with the Hostetler Church of the Brethren⁴⁶². In her mother's obituary, her residence was given as Meyersdale RD 3²⁷⁰. The Somerset C. Deed Index ⁹⁵ shows a real estate transaction in Greenville Twp. on March 27, 1945 between John M. & Bertha N. Dietle and Lawrence E. & Velma S. Jackson. This transaction almost certainly the sale of the old Adam & Susan Dietle place. Velma is buried in the Meyersdale Union Cemetery⁴⁶². Lawrence Jackson is (1996) living in the Meyersdale area⁴⁶². Lawrence and Velma Jackson had the following children:

Marian Marie Jackson ^{2,12b,131a}, b. May 21, 1940 ^{2,12b,131a},
Lois Jane Jackson, b. May 27, 1940 ^{2,12b} or 1942 ^{2,71a} and died Mar. 29, 1943 ^{2,12b,71a}, David Lawrence Jackson^{12b,71a}, born June 13, 1944 ^{2,12b,71a}.

Marian Marie Jackson, daughter of Lawrence Jackson and Velma (Steinly) Jackson, married David^{2,12b,247} Corliss²⁴⁷ Sutton ^{2,12b,12b,247}, son of Mr. & Mrs. William E. Sutton, Sr. of Keysor, West Virginia²⁴⁷. Marian and David were married on Oct. 14, 19__ at the Hostetler Church of the Brethren²⁴⁷. Marion graduated from the Meyersdale Joint High School in 1958, and later graduated from the Cumberland Memorial School of Nursing²⁴⁷. David graduated from the Fort Ashby High School, and served 4 years in the U.S. Air Force²⁴⁷. He was employed by the Western Maryland Railroad at the time of their marriage²⁴⁷. Marian's father reported in 1996 that Marian is employed as a visiting Nurse out of Cumberland, and David works at the West Vaco paper mill⁴⁶⁵. The newspaper announcement of their wedding indicated that they planned to reside in Cumberland²⁴⁷. Marian and David had the following children:

Lois Marie Sutton, born June 30, 1963 ^{2,12b,71a,131b}, who married ___ Spencer⁴⁶⁵,
Janet Susan Sutton, born Oct. 17, 1964 ^{2,12b,131b}, who married ___ Merschat⁴⁶⁵,
Nancy ^{71a,465} Sutton ^{71a}, born Sept. 1966 ^{71a}, and
Willy⁴⁶⁵, who is (1996) in the service⁴⁶⁵.



David Lawrence Jackson, 1993

David Lawrence Jackson, son of Lawrence Jackson and Velma (Steinly) Jackson, married Linda ^{2,12b} or Lynda ^{71a} Baker. David Lawrence Jackson is (1996) the present owner of the old Dietle farm which was once the residence of Adam Dietle and his wife Susan (Werner) Dietle ^{135,462}. After Adam, the farm went to Lloyd Dietle⁴⁶⁵. When Lloyd died, the farm went to John and Bertha Dietle, then Lawrence Jackson, then David Jackson⁴⁶⁵. David reports that the old foundation on his place was that of an old log cabin or house that he had to take down because of it's poor condition⁴⁶². Neither he nor his father know the history of the log house or cabin^{462,465}. David and Linda had the following children:

Duane David ^{2,12b,131b,463} ** Jackson, born April 16, 1966^{2,12b,71a,131b,462}, and Gary^{71a,462} Eugene^{71a} Jackson^{71a}, born July 24, 1968 ^{71a, 462}.

Duane Jackson, son of David Jackson and Linda (Baker) Jackson was married, but is now (1996) divorced⁴⁶². Duane lives in Meyersdale, and works at Gilmore's in Somerset, which makes garden hose and fittings⁴⁶². His children are⁴⁶²:

Derick Jackson, and
Shayla Jackson.

Gary Jackson, son of David Jackson and Linda (Baker) Jackson was married, but is now (1996) divorced⁴⁶². Gary is (1996) a diesel mechanic at Furlow's in Cumberland. He is (1996) living at home with David and Linda.

John Milton Dietle

John Milton Dietle, son of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, married Bertha^{2,12b,62,101,131a,268} Naomi²⁶⁸ Steinley^{2,12b,101,131a}, or Steinly²⁶⁸, daughter of Lewis^{35,268} and Susan³⁵ or Susannah^{62,268} (Housel^{35,62,268}) Steinley³⁵ or Steinly^{62,268}. Bertha* was born on April 11, 1892⁶². She has a brother named Millard⁶² who married John Milton Dietle's sister Sadie Naomi Dietle.

John worked some in timber, enjoyed hunting, and was a member of the Greenville Lutheran Church ⁵³. The 1920 census lists him as a Farmer living in Greenville Twp with his wife Bertha and son Carl (sic) and daughter Dorothy ⁵⁴. The census indicates he owned his farm free and clear in 1920 ⁵⁴. His address was R.F.D. #1, Sand Patch, PA in 1927³⁹⁴.

** Ref. 71a incorrectly gives this name as Dwayne. According to his father, it is spelled Duane⁴⁶².

* Bertha Steinley is a distant cousin of ours through the common ancestor Owen Beal on our mother's side. Bertha's ancestry may be traced using Ref. 2, 12b, 35, 62, 91, 101,131a and 268.



John Dietle and Bertha (Steinley) Dietle



The John Milton Dietle family, L to R: Bertha, Hubert, Carl, Dorthy, John.
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

Dad recalls that John was a jolly sort, always joking, and that John and his brother Irvin liked to kid each other. Some time after Irvin and John had aged enough to require glasses, John also had to get false teeth and was having a rough time with them. Irvin kidded him by saying it wasn't so bad for someone to have to get glasses, but when you had to have glasses *and* false teeth, well, that was pretty bad! Of course,

eventually Grandpa had to get false teeth too. John told a funny story about driving home after getting his first pair of bi-focals, saying he saw two bridges instead of one, and didn't know which one to take.

Bertha was born on April 11, 1892^{249,268} in Greenville Twp.²⁶⁸ and died on Dec. 7, 1969^{71b,132,249} in Mt. Holly, NJ²⁶⁸. She is buried at the Greenville Cemetery^{249,268}. John and Bertha had a big farm down the road from the farm once owned by John's father Adam, then later by John's brother Lloyd⁴⁶⁵. This farm did border at least partially on his father's farm⁴⁶⁵. After Lloyd died, John and Bertha got the farm, and eventually sold it to Lawrence Jackson⁴⁶⁵. John died intestate³³⁵. John and Bertha had the following children:

Karl^{53,335} or Carl^{2,71a,291} Dietle^{2,335}, born March 9, 1914^{12b,131a},
Dorothy² or Dorthy^{12b,131a,262,291} A.²⁶² Dietle^{2,12b,131a,262}, born June 1^{12b,131a}, 1917^{12b,131a,315}, and
Hubert^{2,12b,131a,291} A.^{2,12b,131a} or Herbert A.^{71b} Dietle, born June 23, 1923,
and died in 1932^{2,12b,71a}.

Dorothy Dietle, daughter of John Dietle and Bertha (Steinley) Dietle, married the Rev. Ralph^{2,53,131a,262} I.²⁶² Shockey^{2,53,131a,262}, who was a Lutheran minister⁵³. They were married at the Greenville Lutheran Church on Easter Sunday, April 9, 19__²⁶². Ralph was born in 1915³¹⁵. His parents were Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Shockey of Meyersdale²⁶². Ralph graduated from the Meyersdale High School in 1932, and in 1936 received an A.B. from Susquehanna University²⁶². Their wedding announcement stated that Ralph was scheduled to graduate from the Lutheran Theological Cemetery in Gettysburg in the month following the wedding²⁶². In 1938 Dorothy graduated from the Lutheran Deaconess Training School with special classes in Christian Service²⁶².

Ralph's first charge was at Winber, PA¹³⁵. Dorthy and Ralph eventually went to live in the New Jersey area⁵³. In Grandma Dietle's notebook, his address was listed as Moorestown, NJ¹³², and in Dorthy's mother's 1969 obituary, Dorthy's residence was also given as Moorestown²⁶⁸. Grandpa Dietle always thought very highly of Ralph Shockey, and named one of his own sons Ralph in his honor¹³⁵. Dad recalls that Ralph once owned a 1949 Buick Road Master; this was a large luxury car, and left a lasting impression with dad¹³⁵. Dorthy and Ralph had the following children^{12b}:

Ann Shockey, born Sept. 19, 1941^{2,12b,71a}, who married Richard Pulliam^{71a},
David Shockey, born Jan. 4, 1944^{2,12b,71a} who married Patricia McGinley^{71a}, and
Bonnie Shockey, born Aug. 8, 1948^{2,12b,71a}.

Karl Dietle, son of John Dietle and Bertha (Steinley) Dietle, married Anna^{95,432} Catherine⁵³ or Catharine^{2,131a} Siegner^{53,131a}, daughter of John Frederick Siegner^{131a} (b. 1878⁴³², d. 1955⁴³²) and Mary Seiler^{131a} d. 1968⁴³²). Catharine* was b. Dec. 14, 1919^{131a}.

The Somerset Co. deed index⁹⁵ lists a real estate transaction between Grantor John M. Dietle and Grantees Karl F. & Anna Catherine Dietle in Greenville Twp. on Nov. 20, 1940.

Karl was a Farmer⁵³. He sold his farm sometime in middle age and went to New Jersey to work on a large farm there⁵³. Grandma Dietle's notebook gives their address as Riverton, NJ¹³². Karl was not listed as a survivor in his mother's 1969 obituary. Karl and Catherine had the following children^{2,12b,71a}.

Mary Ann Dietle, born Oct. 10, 1941,
Nancy Dietle, born Oct. 2, 1942, and
Sally Dietle, born Nov. 16, 1948.

Mary Ann Dietle, daughter of Karl Dietle and Catharine (Seigner) Dietle, married William Beck^{2,12b,71a}. They had the following children:

* Catherine Seigner is a distant cousin of ours through the common ancestor George Werner on our father's side. Catherine's ancestry can be traced in Ref. 432^{53, 78,131a, and 432}.

Susan Renay^{71a} “Susie”^{2,12b,131b} Beck, born July 23^{2,12b,131b} or 24^{71a}, 1961², and
William Karl^{71a} “Billy”^{2,12b,131b} Beck, born June 19, 1962^{2,12b,71a,131b}.

Nancy Dietle, daughter of Karl Dietle and Catherine (Seigner Dietle), married Robert M. Wence^{71a}.

Hubert A. Dietle, son of John Dietle and Bertha (Steinley) Dietle, died at a young age^{**}. Hubert, his brother Karl, and his sister Dorothy all attended the Spruce Dale School in 1930, along with Alverta Meese³⁴⁹, daughter of Emma Dietle and Reid Meese. The teacher that year was Emma (McKenzie) Murray³⁴⁹. A Spruce Dale school photo from 1930 shows 21 children of all ages, including Hubert³⁴⁹.

Harry Dietle

Harry Dietle, son of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, was engaged to be married²⁴ at the time of his untimely death at age 32^{77,297}. He was a farmer, and died on Nov. 5, 1926^{12b,57} in a horrible accident at a sawmill which he and his brother Irvin owned⁵³. Their business was known as the Dietle Bros. Lumber Company^{77,297}. They had recently finished sawing at what was known as the Ephriam Geiger farm^{77,297} which Harry owned³⁴¹, and had moved the steam driven mill to the Joseph Bittner tract²⁹⁷. Harry was working in the pit under the mill at about 5:30 PM on a Friday, and was apparently drawn into the revolving saw blade by the “drag” which carried the sawdust to the sawdust pile^{77,297}. He was in the pit to apply grease and oil, and the accident split his head in two²⁹⁷. He was a member of the Church of the Brethern at the time of his death^{77,297}. He is buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery^{46,57,77,297}. The funeral services were conducted by The Rev. Samuel Sigler of Salisbury and the Rev. T. Rodney Coffman of Meyersdale⁷⁷. John and Irvin Deitle were the administrators of Harry’s estate³⁸⁸. Total cost of the funeral was \$495.75³⁸⁸. The appraised value of Harry’s estate was \$2,600 for real estate and \$2189.27 personal property, less debts of \$2802.62³⁹⁴.



Harry Dietle

In 1920 Harry was living at the farm of Mary Geiger in Larimer Twp.⁴⁸. On June 19, 1920 Harry bought the following items from Mary Geiger for \$800: 2 horses, 3 cows, 3 hogs, lot of chickens, 1 mowing machine, plows, harrows, wagons, cream separator, and farm implements and tools³³⁸. He eventually

^{**} According to the book **Tombstone Inscriptions, Cemeteries of Somerset County, Pennsylvania**, there is a Robert A. Dietel buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery who was born in 1923 and died in 1932⁵⁷. Based on the identical years of birth and death, the similarity of the given names, and the inability to otherwise place Robert, we believe that “Robert” is a typographical error. The Pennsylvania Vital Records department has no 1932 record of death on file for a Robert A. Dietle or Dietel¹¹⁶.

bought the farm from her for \$2,500.00³⁴¹. She conveyed the property to him in a deed dated January 7, 1925^{200,341} which let her use the house jointly with Harry as long as she lived³⁴¹. This deed is recorded in the Somerset Record Book of Deeds, Vol. 263, page 571²⁰⁰. The text of the deed, which lists several previous owners, is included in Appendix B. The deed transferred a 98 acre+ tract and a 12 acre+ tract. This farm (The Ephriam Geiger farm) eventually became the home of our Grandfather Irvin H. Dietle.



The sawmill of brothers Irvin & Harry Dietle
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

Simon Albert Dietle

Simon Albert Dietle, son of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, married Ruth^{2,50} Ada⁵⁰ Arklie^{2,50}, who was born on Dec. 3, 1897⁵⁰ and died on May 24, 1945^{2,12b,71a} or May 25, 1945¹⁸⁷. Ruth's father Eugene⁵⁰ "Gene"¹⁷⁷ Arklie⁵⁰ was born in 1873 and died in 1948, and her mother Magie (sic) Cline was born in 1874 and died in 1932⁵⁰. Simon was a Farmer^{50,53}, and later in life he worked at a sawmill in Meyersdale¹⁸⁷. Simon was also a member of the Greenville Lutheran Church⁵³. Simon and Ruth's daughter Catherine remembers them as hard working, and good parents¹³⁶. Dad recalls Simon as a likable fellow who liked to hunt⁵³. A number of Dietle family members went hunting together with Simon, including (in different combinations) Sylvester, Dad, Bud, June, John, Karl, and Grandpa⁵³. Dad also recalls that Simon was very good at playing the violin, and liked what would now be called Country-Western music¹³⁵. Simon's daughter Ada recalls that Simon frequently played the violin¹⁸⁷. This love of music has been noted in 3 subsequent generations.

Simon died intestate³³⁵ and is buried at the Greenville Lutheran Church, Pochontas, PA^{50,164,187,315}, along with his wife Ruth^{164,187,315}. The 1920 census lists Simon, age 23, as living in Greenville Twp. as a Farm Laborer with his wife Ruth, daughter Catharine (sic) Susan Dietle, and son Sylvester S. Dietle⁵⁴. The 1920 census also indicates that Ruth was born in Kansas, but both of her parents were born in PA.

Simon and Ruth lived between Greenville and Sand Patch⁵³, about 8 miles away from Grandpa Irvin H. Dietle²³, and often came to visit Grandpa's home when our father Roy Dietle was still a youth²³. Simon's daughter Ada recalls that visiting the homes of their Uncles was one of the things that they did for pleasure after church on Sundays¹⁸⁷. They alternated, going to Uncle Irv's one week, Uncle John's the next, and so forth. Ada also recalls that farming took a lot of their time, and didn't leave a lot of time for recreation¹⁸⁷.

She said “We got up with the chickens, and went to bed with the chickens”¹⁸⁷. There weren’t a lot of modern day conveniences on the farm either. Ada recalls that when she was growing up, they had no electricity, no indoor plumbing, and no running water¹⁸⁷.



Simon Dietle & his wife Ruth (Arklie) Dietle

The Somerset Co. deed index ⁹⁵ lists the following real estate transactions which involved Simon:

Grantor Simon Dietle to Grantee Clarence A. Obringer on May 1, 1946 in Greenville, and Grantor Simon A. Dietle to Grantee ux Susan Dietle on Dec. 30, 1931 in Greenville Twp.

Clarence Obringer was from Pittsburgh, and lived back on the neighboring farm¹⁸⁷, and was no relation to the family¹⁸⁷.

Simon and Ruth had the following children:

Catherine ^{50,291,335} or Catharine ^{2,131a} Susan ¹³⁶ Dietle ^{2,50,335}, born Feb. 4,^{2,12b,71a}, 1918 ^{2,12b,71a,317},

Sylvester^{2,12b,71a,260,295} S.²⁹⁵ Dietle^{2,12b,71a,260,295}, born May 19, 1919 ^{2,12b,71a,260,295}, died July 10, 1970 ^{71b,260,295},

Bruce^{2,50,335} Carl⁵⁰ Dietle ^{2,50,335}, born Jan. 19, 1924 ^{2,12b,71a,164,315}, and Ada^{2,137,335} Ruth¹³⁷ Dietle ^{2,137,335}, born Feb. 8, 1932 ^{2,12b,71a,137} in PA¹⁸⁷.

Catherine Susan Dietle, daughter of Simon Dietle and Ruth (Arklie) Dietle, married Harvey^{2,12b,131a,136} E.³¹⁷ Deal ^{2,12b,131a,136}, son of John M. Deal and Alice (Garlitz) Deal ¹³⁶. Catherine and Harvey farmed ⁵³. Harvey was also a State Highway Worker ¹³⁶, and Catherine was a Homemaker¹⁸⁷. Harvey was born in 1911³¹⁷ and died on Sept. 18^{1a,132}, 1959 ^{71a,132,317}. Catherine recalls him as a very good husband and father ¹³⁶. Catherine was living near Meyersdale in 1994 ¹³⁶, and had a Meyersdale RD address in 1970²⁹⁵. Catherine and Harvey had the following children:

Infant, born and died Aug. 13^{2,12b,131b}, 1947 ^{2,12b,131b,317},

Larry Deal, born Sept. 24, 1949 ^{2,12b,71a},

Brenda Deal, born Sept. 17, 1952 ^{2,12b,71a,132}, and

Wanda Kay Deal, born Nov. 22, 1956 and died June 12, 1962 ^{2,12b,71a,131b,317} of Leukemia¹⁸⁷.

Larry Deal, son of Harvey Deal and Catherine (Dietle) Deal, married Renate Beachy¹³⁶. They were divorced and had no children¹³⁶. Larry's occupation is (1994) that of Mason Tender¹³⁶. He is (1994) reportedly living in Meyersdale¹⁸⁷.

Brenda Deal, daughter of Harvey Deal and Catherine (Dietle) Deal, married Lawrence E. Ringler, Jr.¹³⁶, who is (1994) reportedly a Construction Worker¹⁸⁷. Brenda is (1994) reportedly living near Meyersdale, and works in the office of the Meyersdale High School¹⁸⁷. Brenda had the following children¹³⁶:

Craig Matthew Ringler, and
Christian Mark Ringler.

Sylvester Dietle, son of Simon Dietle and Ruth (Arklie) Dietle, married Elizabeth S. Sipple⁷⁹, who was known as "Betty"^{2,12b,71a}. Betty was the daughter of Harold Sipple and Mary (Fike) Sipple, and was born in Meyersdale on July 26, 1920⁷⁹. Sylvester died at home²⁹⁵ on July 10, 1970^{132,260,295} after 6 years of ill health²⁹⁵, and is buried in the Meyersdale¹⁸⁷ Union Cemetary^{187,260,295}. Betty, who was a member of the Amity United Church of Christ of Meyersdale, died at age 69 on May 30, 1990 at the Johnstown Memorial Hospital⁷⁹. Both Sylvester²⁹⁴ and Betty⁷⁹ were living at Meyersdale RD #4 at the time of her death. The Rev. Carl Mitchell conducted her funeral service, and she is buried in the Union Cemetery, Meyersdale⁷⁹. Sylvester farmed all of his life, and was exempted from military service in WW-II due to his occupation¹⁸⁷. His obituary noted that he was formerly a Deacon at the Amity United Church of Christ, and formerly a member of the Lions Club²⁹⁵.

Sylvester and Betty had the following children, who were both still living at home at the time of Sylvester's death^{295*}:

Linda^{2,12b,71a,295} Kay^{2,12b,71a} Dietle^{2,12b,71a}, born July 10, 1952^{2,12b,71a},
Faye^{2,12b,71a,295} Diane^{2,12b,71a} Dietle^{2,12b,71a}, born July 8, 1956^{2,12b,71a}.

Linda Kay Dietle, daughter of Sylvester Dietle and Betty (Sipple) Dietle, married Paul William Deal on Oct. 7, 1978^{52,244} at the Amity United Church of Christ²⁴⁴ in Meyersdale^{52,244}. Paul was born on June 21, 1947 at Meyersdale⁵². He is the son of LeRoy Deal^{52,244} and Betty Margueritte (Beachy) Deal⁵². Paul and Linda have a son named Myron^{52,79} Wayne⁵² Deal^{52,79}. Linda Kay had a Meyersdale rural route address in 1990⁷⁹. She is (1994) a nurse in Meyersdale¹⁸⁷.

Faye Diane Dietle, daughter of Sylvester Dietle and Betty (Sipple) Dietle, had a Meyersdale rural route address in 1990⁷⁹. She is (1994) a nurse in Meyersdale¹⁸⁷.

* Reference 71a incorrectly attributes four children to Sylvester and Betty by inadvertently giving the names of two of Bruce Dietle's children. Sylvester's sister Ada has confirmed that Sylvester only had two children, Linda and Faye¹⁸⁷.



Bruce Dietle, son of Simon Dietle, in 1990.

Bruce Dietle, son of Simon Dietle and Ruth (Arklie) Dietle, was a close friend of our Uncle “Bud” Dietle at one time ²³. Dad recalls that Bruce was an energetic and entertaining talker; the type of person who is the life of the party¹³⁵.

Bruce was in the Armed forces in WW-II ^{23,187}. At least part of his military service involved the use of gliders ²³. He went into the service with the 17th Airborne in 1942, and was discharged from the 82nd Airborne Troopers in 1946⁵⁰. He was still in Germany when his mother died, and was not able to come home for the funeral¹⁸⁷.

Dad recalls that at one time Bruce owned his own business, and did back hoe and bulldozer work ⁵³. Bruce married Susan^{2,50,131a,315} F.³¹⁵ Belcher ^{2,50,131a}, who was the daughter of Frank Belcher and his wife Elizabeth (Bisbing) Belcher¹⁶⁴. Susan was born on November 12, 1927^{50,164,315} and died Oct. 10, 1990^{71b,164,315}. She is buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery³¹⁵. Joyce Hertsch reports that Bruce enjoys country-western dancing, and participates in it frequently¹³⁷. Joyce recalls that Susan lived her life for her children, and also enjoyed the outdoors, working with her plants and flowers¹³⁷. Susan’s son Daryl also recalls Susan’s love of flower gardening and recalls that she also had an interest in hummingbirds, and enjoyed feeding and observing them ¹⁷⁷. Susan also worked summers at a fruit and vegetable stand that was near their home ¹⁷⁷. Bruce and Susan had the following children^{12b,50}:

Daryl^{12b,50,71a,164,177} Bruce¹⁷⁷ Dietle^{2,12b,50,71a,164,177}, born Nov. 3, 1948^{2,12b,71a,177},
Marlin Dietle^{50,71a,164}, born Oct. 23, 1950^{2,12b,71a},
Melissa^{2,12b,50,164} Anne^{131b} Dietle^{2,12b,50}, born July 19, 1957^{2,12b,131b,164}, and
Diane Elizabeth Dietle^{2,12b,50,164}, born Dec. 5, 1960^{2,12b,131b,164} at Baltimore¹⁶⁴.



Daryl Bruce Dietle, son of Bruce Dietle, in 1990.

Daryl Dietle, son of Bruce Dietle and Susan (Belcher) Dietle, married Beverly¹⁷⁷ Jane^{50,177} Miller^{50,177}. Jane, who was born July 10, 1952 in Baltimore, MD is the daughter of Desmond Dean Miller and Elizabeth Jane (Sellers) Miller¹⁷⁷. Before their children were born, Jane worked at a bank, but now (1994) she is a Housewife, and is home-schooling her children¹⁷⁷. Daryl runs heavy equipment¹⁷⁷ in a landfill^{137,177} for Baltimore County¹⁷⁷. He and his wife are members of the Jehovah's Witness Church¹³⁷. They live on Jane's Grandfather's farm in the country, near Kingsville, MD, which borders a State Park¹⁷⁷. Their residence is fairly close to Daryl's father's home, and about 20 miles north of Baltimore¹⁷⁷. Daryl was in the Army, and was stationed in Augsburg, Germany in 1968¹⁷⁷.

Daryl's main interest is music¹⁷⁷. He plays fiddle and guitar, and has his Grandfather Simon's fiddle¹⁷⁷. He likes bluegrass and country music, and plays at the Deer Creek Fiddler's Convention¹⁷⁷. Both of his children like music too¹⁷⁷. Daryl also likes landscaping, fishing, and riding a Honda "4-wheeler" all terrain vehicle off-road. He operates a part-time business with a dump truck and front-end loader, and sells topsoil, mulch and firewood. His wife Jane enjoys photography, flower gardening, hummingbirds, and travel.

Daryl and Jane had the following children:

Travis^{50,177} Eric¹⁷⁷ Dietle^{50,177}, b. May 12, 1985¹⁷⁷, and
Kelsey^{50,177} Amber¹⁷⁷ Dietle^{50,177}, b. March 31, 1987¹⁷⁷.



Kelsey Dietle, daughter of Daryl Dietle, in 1994.

Travis Dietle, son of Daryl Dietle and Jane (Miller) Dietle, is (1994) taking piano lessons, and his father is teaching the guitar to him¹⁷⁷. He is (1994) in the third grade, and loves country music and singing Garth Brooks songs. He likes riding a Susuki "4-wheeler" off-road, and also enjoys swimming, bicycling, roller blading, bass fishing, baseball, gymnastics, and other sports.

Kelsey Dietle, daughter of Daryl Dietle and Jane (Miller) Dietle, is (1994) taking music lessons¹⁷⁷. She likes country music, particularly Reba McIntire and Dolly Parton¹⁷⁷. She (1994) enjoys roller blading, bicycling, and swimming, and has fun with makeup and pierced ear-rings¹⁷⁷.

Marlin Dietle, son of Bruce Dietle and Susan (Belcher) Dietle, married Darlene Dowell and had a son named Brian Dale Dietle⁵⁰. Marlin is (1994) presently living in Bradshaw, MD¹³⁷, and is an Auto Mechanic^{137,187}.

Melissa Dietle, daughter of Bruce Dietle and Susan (Belcher) Dietle, married Philip Williams⁵⁰ who is a Machinist¹⁷⁷. Melissa has no children, according to information provided by her father in 1993⁵⁰. She is (1994) working for Nation's Bank¹³⁷ or First National Bank¹⁷⁷. She has (1994) been working there about 15 years, and is believed by her brother to be in the field of accounting¹⁷⁷.

Diane Elizabeth Dietle, daughter of Bruce Dietle and Susan (Belcher) Dietle, did not marry, according to information provided by her father in 1993⁵⁰. She received her B.S.¹⁸⁷ degree in Horticulture^{137,187} or Agriculture¹⁷⁷ and works for Wang Computers in Marketing¹⁷⁷. She had a Baldwin, MD address in 1994¹⁶⁴.

Ada Ruth Dietle, daughter of Simon Dietle and Ruth (Arklie) Dietle, married John Goodwin*^{2,137}, and according to Dad, was living near Baltimore, MD⁵³ in 1993. Grandma Dietle's address book gave their address as Perry Hall, MD⁵³. They were still residing in Perry Hall in 1994¹⁸⁷. Ada Ruth's name is based upon her mother's name Ruth Ada, but she is also named after a town in Kansas named Ada, where relatives reportedly still live¹³⁷.

Before she was married, Ada moved to MD to seek employment because there wasn't much work around home in PA¹³⁷. When she first moved to MD, she worked for a box and container factory¹³⁷. Most of her working career has been with box and container factories, but she also worked as a Waitress when she was first married¹³⁷. According to her daughter Joyce, some of Ada's hobbies are following the horoscopes and the daily lottery¹³⁷. When I interviewed Ada in the spring of 1994, she reported that she had just retired from MacMillan and Bloedell, a corrugated box company¹⁸⁷.

John Goodwin, the son of John and Teresa Goodwin¹⁸⁷, was born on October 14, 1928¹³⁷. He was the only son in a family of 8 sisters, and had to help support the family after his father died when he was in the second grade. John worked in the Esskay Butcher Plant as a Butcher, and also worked as a Mechanic in a gas station in Hollandtown¹³⁷. His working career ended when he was about age 40/42 when he was badly crushed in a near fatal automobile accident¹³⁷. He likes to work with his hands mechanically, and presently (1994) does small engine repair on lawn mowers, roto-tillers, etc.

Ada and John had the following children:

Joyce^{2,137} Ada¹³⁷ Goodwin², born Aug. 13, 1952^{2,12b,71a,131b,137},
David^{2,71a,137} John^{71a,137} Goodwin², born Sept. 7, 1956^{2,12b,71a,131b},
Jerry^{2,137} Francis¹³⁷ Goodwin², born Sept. 22, 1957^{2,12b,71a,131b},
Denise^{2,137} Ann¹³⁷ Goodwin², born Dec. 4, 1958^{2,12b,71a,131b}, and
John Oliver, Jr. ¹³⁷, born Aug. 19, 1966¹⁸⁷

Joyce Ada Goodwin, daughter of John Goodwin and Ada (Dietle) Goodwin, married Stephan Gary Hertsch, son of Roland Hertsch and Elaine (Maisel) Hertsch¹³⁷. Stephan was born on March

* Reference 71a incorrectly gives John Goodwin's last name as Goodman.

10, 1951¹³⁷. He is a Truck Driver for a liquor distributor¹³⁷. Stephan likes to make things with his hands¹³⁷. For example, he has refinished their basement, built an out-building, and built a fort and jungle gym for the children¹³⁷. Stephan also enjoys a good thriller or suspense movie to relax and unwind¹³⁷. Joyce and Stephan are presently (1994) living in Westminster, MD¹³⁷. Joyce is employed with the Social Security Administration in a career which began at age 17 a week and a half after graduating from high school¹³⁷. Joyce and Stephan have the following children¹³⁷:

Gary Stephan Hertsch, born August 4, 1986, and
Kathleen Joyce "Katie" Hertsch, born July 25, 1988.

David John Goodwin, son of John Goodwin and Ada (Dietle) Goodwin, married Jean^{137,427} Marie⁴²⁷ Travers^{137,427}, who was born Jan. 6, 1956⁴²⁷. They presently live in Lutherville, MD¹³⁷. David is a County Supervisor for the Baltimore, Md. Recreation and Parks Dept.¹³⁷. Jean is (1994) working for a Stockbroker firm¹⁸⁷. David and Jean have two sons, as follows:

Oliver^{137,427} John⁴²⁷ Goodwin^{137,427}, b. Jan. 5, 1982⁴²⁷, and
David^{137,427} John⁴²⁷ Goodwin^{137,427}, b. Feb. 21, 1983⁴²⁷.

Jerry Francis Goodwin, son of John Goodwin and Ada (Dietle) Goodwin, married Ivy^{137,427} Frances⁴²⁷ Smith^{137,427} who was b. Dec. 8, 1959⁴²⁷. They presently (1994) live in Perry Hall, MD¹³⁷. Jerry is the Project Manager for a Plumbing and Heating company¹³⁷. Ivy is (1994) a Certified Public Accountant, and works for a CPA firm¹⁸⁷. Jerry and Ivy have two sons, as follows¹³⁷:

Jeremy¹³⁷ Frances^{137,427} Goodwin^{137,427}, born March^{137,427} 25⁴²⁷, 1991^{137,427},
Christopher^{137,427} Ryan^{137,427} Goodwin^{137,427} born May^{137,427} 3⁴²⁷, 1993^{137,427}

Denise Ann Goodwin, daughter of John Goodwin and Ada (Dietle) Goodwin, married James^{137,427} William⁴²⁷ Barrett^{137,427}, who was born June 24, 1957⁴²⁷. James is (1994) a Plumber¹⁸⁷. They have two daughters, as follows:

Nichole^{137,427} Ashley⁴²⁷ Barrett⁴²⁷, b. Sept. 7, 1985⁴²⁷, and
Michelle^{137,427} Lindsey⁴²⁷ Barrett⁴²⁷, b. March 7, 1988⁴²⁷.

John Oliver Goodwin, Jr., son of John Goodwin and Ada (Dietle) Goodwin, married Pamela^{137,427} Ann⁴²⁷ Howard^{137,427} in 1993¹³⁷. Pamela was born on April 20, 1966⁴²⁷. John is (1994) working for the Baltimore County Water and Sewage Utility¹⁸⁷. Pamela is (1994) a Registered Nurse¹⁸⁷. They presently (1994) have no children¹³⁷.

Irvin Henry Dietle

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

Clara Belle Dietle

Clara Belle Dietle, daughter of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, married Harvey^{2,72} "Harve"²³ Alfred⁷² Geiger^{2,72}, who was born on Dec. 26, 1897⁷² and died Oct. 21, 1981⁷². Harvey was the son of Ezra Geiger and his wife Martha (Lowry) Geiger, and is related to our mother and Lerene Viola (Geiger) Murray through the Geiger family. Ezra and Martha are buried in the cemetery of the White Oak Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church³¹².



Harvey Geiger, his wife Clara and daughter Betty.
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

Our father recalls that Clara Belle was a very quiet person⁵³, as does Clara's son Harvey Geiger, Jr.¹⁰⁶. Harvey, on the other hand, was talkative by nature¹⁰⁶. Clara and Harvey lived and farmed near Wittenburg, and attended the White Oak Lutheran Church⁵³. Harvey did a lot of huckstering⁵³. Every Friday he had his route, selling butter, eggs, meat and produce⁵³. Clara collected beautiful glassware, dishes, etc⁷⁰. According to Grandma Dietle's notebook, Clara broke her leg or hip on Sept. 4, 1971¹³². She is buried at the White Oak Cemetery^{242,256}. In her father's 1930 obituary, Clara was residing at Corriganville, MD, and in her mother's 1932 obituary, Clara was also said to be living in Maryland²⁶⁷. Clara and Harvey had the following children:

Betty Geiger^{2,12b,131a}, born July 8, 1926^{2,12b,71a}, died Jan. 10, 1993^{70,71b}, and
Harvey Geiger, Jr.^{2,12b,131a}, born March 30, 1930^{2,12b,71a}.

Betty Geiger, daughter of Harvey Geiger and Clara Belle (Dietle) Geiger, married Robert Bittner^{2,12b,71a}, who was born on May 2, 1925³⁵. He was an only child²³, the son of Frank Bittner³⁵ and Annie Alice Petenbrink³⁵ (b. Dec. 9, 1880³⁵, d March 26, 1949³⁵).* Robert served in the Army in

* Robert Bittner is a distant cousin of ours through Peter Frederick Petenbrink, an ancestor on our mother's side. Robert's ancestry can be traced in Ref. 35,72,91, and 273.

1945³⁵. He worked for the railroad and lived on the farm which he inherited from his parents²³. Betty Geiger died sometime prior to 1995, probably in 1993²³. Robert and Betty had the following children:

Richard^{2,12b,35,71a} Eugene^{2,12b,71a} Bittner^{2,12b,71a}, born Feb. 8^{2,12b,71a}, 1951^{2,12b,35,71a}, Cheryl^{2,12b,35,71a} Diane^{2,12b} or Diana^{71a} Bittner², born Nov. 29, 1954^{2,12b} or 1955^{35,71a}, and Kevin^{2,3571a} Robert^{71a} Bittner^{2,71a}, born Jan. 6^{2,12b,71a}, 1960^{2,12b,35,71a}

Cheryl Diane Bittner, daughter of Betty (Geiger) Bittner and Robert Bittner, married Randy Klink⁷⁰ and had the following children⁷⁰:

Ryan Klink, and
Mark Klink.

Harvey Geiger, Jr., son of Harvey Geiger and Clara Belle (Dietle) Geiger, married Vida Yoder^{2,12b,71a}, the daughter of Menno L. Yoder and his wife Mildred G. (Shuck) Yoder¹⁰⁶, on June 14, 1957^{131b}. He was residing in or near Corriganville, MD in 1993. They had the following children:

Teresa Lynn Geiger, born Oct. 9, 1958^{2,12b,131b} or Sept. __ 1958^{71a},
Gary Allen Geiger^{2,71a}, born Oct. 10 1959^{2,71a,106,131b}, and
Linda Rae Geiger, born Nov. 14, 1963^{2,12b,71a,131b}.

Teresa Lynn Geiger, daughter of Harvey Geiger, Jr. and Vida (Yoder) Geiger, married Donald Waldo¹⁰⁶. They have the following children¹⁰⁶:

Jarett N. Waldo, born July 18, 1989, and
Tara L. Waldo, born August 4, 1992.

Gary Allen Geiger, son of Harvey Geiger, Jr. and Vida (Yoder) Geiger, married Rhonda Bennett¹⁰⁶. Gary is (1993) a Fork Truck Operator at the Hershey Pasta plant at Winchester, Virginia¹⁰⁶. Gary and Rhonda have the following children¹⁰⁶:

Rachelle N. Geiger, born March 3, 1987, and
Greg A. Geiger, born Feb. 13, 1989.

Linda Rae Geiger, daughter of Harvey Geiger, Jr. and Vida (Yoder) Geiger, married Duane Miller¹⁰⁶. They have a daughter Jessica L. Miller who was born on Feb. 5, 1991¹⁰⁶.

Lloyd Mahlon Dietle

Lloyd Mahlon Dietle, son of Adam Dietle and Susan (Werner) Dietle, married Annie Mildred Miller (a sister of Alma Catharine (Miller) Dietle) on October 9, 1927^{9,14}. Annie Mildred Miller was born on October 2^{9,14,132}, 1906^{9,14,132,315}. She is known as Mildred². Lloyd and Mildred farmed in Greenville Township, Somerset Co.⁹ on his father Adam's farm⁵³. They had a daughter Agnes Marie Dietle who was born on April 24, 1930^{9,14,315} or March 24, 1930^{2,71a} and died on March 7, 1936¹⁴ or March 9, 1936^{2,9,71a,315} of appendicitis⁹. Lloyd died intestate³³⁵ of pneumonia⁹ on November 11⁹, 1931^{9,315} and buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery^{46,57,315}. Agnes Marie is also buried at the Greenville Union Cemetery³¹⁵.

In an oral interview, our father Roy Dietle recalled that after Lloyd's father Adam Dietle died, Lloyd ran Adam's farm⁴⁹. After Lloyd died, John Dietle owned the farm, and eventually sold it to Lawrence Jackson and Velma (Steinly) Jackson⁴⁹. (Velma, who was the daughter of Sadie (Dietle) Steinly, was John's niece⁴⁹.) In 1993 the farm was being run by Lawrence's son David Jackson⁴⁹ as a dairy farming operation⁷⁰.



Mildred (Miller) Dietle
(Courtesy of Roy Dietle)



Agnes Marie Dietle
(Courtesy of Ralph Dietle from Irvin Dietle, Sr. papers)

The Somerset C. Deed Index⁹⁵ shows that a piece of ground in Greenville Twp. changed hands between Grantor Adam Dietle and Grantees Lloyd and Anna M. Dietle on Nov. 8, 1927, shortly after Lloyd and Mildred's marriage. This was evidently the sale of Adam's home place. The Somerset C. Deed Index⁹⁵ also shows a transaction in Greenville Twp. on Dec. 16, 1931 (shortly after Lloyd's death) between Grantor Anna M. Dietle and Grantees John M. and Bertha N. Dietle. Another transaction between Grantor Lloyd M. Dietle and Grantees John M. and Bertha N. Dietle occurred in Greenville Twp. on Oct. 5, 1926.

Mildred spent most of her lifetime living in Greenville Twp. except for a short time when she lived with her sister and brother-in-law Vaughn and Maggie Williams of Everett PA, which is in Bedford County⁶⁴. During this time her little girl Agnes Marie became ill with appendicitis and passed away in the Bedford Memorial Hospital⁶⁴. After this, Mildred came home and lived with her parents on the Harvey Miller farm⁶⁴ east of Pocahontas on the Finzel road³⁰⁷. Later she worked and retired from the Meyersdale shirt factory, and eventually built a home on a portion of her father's farm where she was living in 1993⁶⁴. She was living in this home already by 1963, because it was mentioned in a Miller genealogy printed in that year⁹ which also mentioned that she was working for the Meyersdale Manufacturing Co.. She moved into a nursing home in 1995, and her household, which contained some of her parent's furniture, was auctioned off in the summer of 1995.