

Descendants of Robert Polite

Generation No. 1

1. ROBERT² POLITE (JAMES¹)¹ was born 1806 in , , Delaware, and died Bet. 1870 - 1880. He met (1) CATHERINE (KITTY ANN) PRETTYMAN September 16, 1832 in Pickaway Co., Ohio, daughter of THOMAS PRETTYMAN. She died Unknown. He married (2) ELIZABETH VESEY May 10, 1834 in Pickaway Co., Ohio. She was born 1815 in , , Delaware, and died Unknown. He married (3) SUSAN MCFALL December 15, 1851 in Scott Co., Illinois, daughter of OREIN MCFALL and LYDIA MARSH. She was born 1829 in , , New York, and died Unknown.

Notes for ROBERT POLITE:

There is extensive genealogy for the Robert Polite online.

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Robert was from Pickaway County, Ohio and originally Delaware. His father was probably James Polite. It seems likely that his brother was Richard Polite who married Lydia Bruvington in Pickaway Co., Ohio. Richard and Lydia lived in Hancock County, Illinois as did Robert and some of his children at one time or another.

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More About ROBERT POLITE:

Census 1: 1840, Edgar Co, Illinois

Census 2: December 20, 1850, Scott Co., Illinois

Census 3: June 18, 1860, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois. Son Thomas is living a couple of houses away, with the George Olin family

Census 4: July 22, 1870, St. Marys Twp., Hancock Co., Illinois

More About SUSAN MCFALL:

Census: 1880, Twp 14, R14, Scott Co., Illinois - living with her sone Nelson. I have been told she re-married in that year as well, but do not know his name yet.

Children of ROBERT POLITE and ELIZABETH VESEY are:

- i. JAMES³ POLITE, b. 1846; d. Unknown.
- ii. JOHN MARTIN POLITE, b. March 01, 1835, , Pickaway Co., Ohio; d. June 16, 1912, , White Hall, Illinois; m. MARY E. LEE, July 01, 1860, Marsaline, Adams Co.,; d. Unknown.

Notes for JOHN MARTIN POLITE:

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John was an Engineer with Frech & Johnson's flouring mill, Ruckel's pottery, C.B. & Q pump at the resevoir, Samuel Delaney's, an at the old chair factory. (Karen Skinner has a salesman's sample or toy chair made there)

John and Mary did not have any children.

More About JOHN MARTIN POLITE:

Military: August 13, 1862, Joined the 119th Illinois Infantry Volunteers, Co. G at Lima, Illinois. He deserted on October 26, 1864

- iii. GIL POLITE, b. Abt. 1836, , , Ohio; d. Bef. 1850, , , Illinois.

Notes for GIL POLITE:

Notes from Karen Skinner:

Frieda S. notes say that Martha Polite had a brother that met up with some sort of foul play and who may have been named Gil. He disappeared along with his wagon and horses on the way to the mill at Exeter or Oxville, Illinois and was never heard from again. It is thought he was killed by INdians and his horses stolen. He may have been only a young teenager as he is not listed in the 1850 Scott Co., census.

2. iv. CATHERINE POLITE, b. December 20, 1836, , , Ohio; d. December 21, 1887, Buffalo, Wilson Co., Kansas.
3. v. JOSEPH POLITE, b. April 03, 1839, , , Ohio; d. Aft. 1912.
- vi. CAROLINE ELIZABETH POLITE, b. 1841, , , Ohio; d. Unknown, Died during childbirth; m. JOHN LINE, August 02, 1856, Hancock, Co., Illinois; d. Unknown.

More About CAROLINE ELIZABETH POLITE:

Burial: Unknown, Naples Cemetery, Scott Co., Illinois

- vii. WILLIAM POLITE, b. 1843; d. Unknown.
- viii. ANN POLITE (TWIN), b. June 21, 1844; d. June 1844.
4. ix. MARTHA JANE "MATTIE" POLITE (TWIN), b. June 21, 1844, Quintal Farm, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois; d. June 25, 1942, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois.
5. x. THOMAS POLITE, b. June 1848, , , Ohio; d. January 1933, Hancock Co., Illinois.

Children of ROBERT POLITE and SUSAN MCFALL are:

6. xi. ROBERT OREN³ POLITE, b. March 02, 1854, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois; d. April 27, 1926, Phelps Hospital, Macomb, McDonough Co., Illinois.
7. xii. ALBERT NELSON POLITE, b. June 02, 1856, , , Illinois; d. October 20, 1920, Moberly, Randolph Co., Missouri.
8. xiii. ETTIE "ETTA" SOPHONIA POLITE, b. May 17, 1861, Rockport, , Illinois; d. Unknown.
9. xiv. STEPHEN DOUGLAS POLITE, b. September 05, 1863, , Scott Co., Illinois; d. November 28, 1944, Macomb, McDonough Co., Illinois.
- xv. KATE POLITE, b. 1866, , , Illinois; d. Unknown.

Notes for KATE POLITE:

Notes from Karen Skinner:

Per correspondence with Roberta S. 11/98: Katie Polite died young according to a conversation with Edith Polite Mathis about 1978. Edith is the daughter of Stephen Polite, Kate's brother.

xvi. NANCY POLITE, b. 1865; d. Unknown.

Generation No. 2

2. CATHERINE³ POLITE (ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born December 20, 1836 in , , Ohio, and died December 21, 1887 in Buffalo, Wilson Co., Kansas². She married GILBERT HARMON FARRIS May 02, 1854 in Winchester, Scott Co., Illinois License # 1292³, son of ISOM FARRIS and NANCY BLACKWELL. He was born September 02, 1829 in , Fountain Co., Indiana or Kentucky, and died August 31, 1903 in Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho.

Notes for CATHERINE POLITE:

When Gilbert left for the Civil War, Catherine's sister, Mattie Polite came to Greencastle, Missouri to stay with Catherine. While living there she became engaged to a Missourian in the service who was later reported "missing and unaccounted for in battle". Sorrowing and homesick, after a year's absence from Illinois, she returned to Scott County in a covered wagon.

*see Polite Family History

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There is a headstone in the Fairview Cemetary in Grangeville, Idaho for Catherine and Gilbert. Catherine is not buried there. There are several affidavits from her children in Gilbert's Civil War Pension File stating that Catherine died near Buffalo, Kansas in December 1887. Gilbert remarried in 1889 and then moved to Idaho, so there is no way Catherine is buried at Fairview Cemetery.

When family members purchased the headstone for Gilbert and Catherine, they were not aware that she was not buried there. There were no records of the burials, just a record of the purchase of the plots. So it was just assumed that she was buried there.

I am still researching, trying to find her burial in Kansas.

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More About CATHERINE POLITE:

Burial: Unknown, Near Buffalo, Wilson Co., kansas

Census: 1850, Scott Co., Illinois Page 188. 14 years old, living with parents

Notes for GILBERT HARMON FARRIS:

Gilbert grew up to be a farmer and could not read. It was believed he could not write, but his signature has been found on military papers.

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CIVIL WAR RECORD OF GILBERT HARMON FARRIS

The following information came from the civil war pension file of Gilbert H. Farris. The

story has been passed down that Gilbert and two of his brothers joined the service together during the Civil War, but that Gilbert is the only one that came back from the war. I have found two other Farris's that joined the same regiment as Gilbert and have ordered the military files, but have not yet received them. They are Joseph and James Farris. More research is needed to verify they are indeed the brothers we are searching for.

From Gilbert's pension file we learn that on August 15, 1864, while retreating from General Price's forces, Gilbert was injured. This took place at what was then called "Nigger Wool Swamp", near Bloomfield, Missouri. The company was on retreat and a wagon had become stuck in the mud. While trying to pry the wagon out, Gilbert fell on his arm and was injured. He was then put into an ambulance wagon, which soon broke down. Then he was placed on a horse. The horse jumped a ditch with him and threw him onto the saddle horn, striking him in the bowels. This injury caused him problems for the rest of his life. He was taken off duty for about three weeks.

Nigger Wool Swamp, so called because of the thick moss that covered everything in it, was also known as "The Great Mingo". It was a 3 foot wide, plank road built about 1860. It stretched 12 miles across the swamp, which consisted of water, grass, buck brush and cane. The depth throughout was from knee high to 20 feet deep. The plank road crossed from Grey's Ridge to Morehouse.

The plank road was destroyed during the Civil War and was rebuilt as a pole road in 1873. It opened for foot traffic January 1878.

Wilson County Kansas

"The Wilson County Citizen" newspaper, from July 20, 1883, posted a list of Union Soldiers Living in Wilson county. Under the state of Missouri, you will find Gilbert Farris, Company G., 11th and 2nd Missouri Cavalry. His residence at that time was Buffalo, Wilson Co., Kansas.

A record has also been found that Gilbert was in Capt. Dozes' Independent Company, Sullivan County Missouri Home Guards.

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Winchester was the 1st city in Scott County, Illinois and was organized November 13, 1876. The first school house was a log cabin southeast of where Exeter now is. The first locomotive came to Winchester October 1869.

When they packed up the family and moved by covered wagon to Idaho. Son, George Farris, did not move with them. He stayed in Kansas.

Previous researchers state that Gilbert was born in Eminence, Woodson Co. Kansas. This county did not exist until 1855. This area would have been part of Missouri Territory and also Indian Territory. It is quite possible he was born in Fountain Co, Indiana, as his father is listed in that census for 1830. His Grandfather, Gilbert Farris was still living in Knox Co., Ky. in 1830. His children stated in several census records that his birth was Kentucky. But this information was not always known to whomever the census taker spoke to on that day.

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OBITUARY

G.H. FARRIS DEAD

G.H. Farris, a pioneer of the county, died at the home of his son, F.H. Farris, Monday at the age of 74 years. The deceased was one of the best known and highly esteemed citizens of our county and was always foremost in the upbuilding of the country he had chosen for his home. He left a grown family of eight children all of whom except George, live in this state. They are William, R.H., Major, George, Frank, Rolley, Mrs. Ida Fagan, and Mrs. Laura Blakely.

The remains were laid to rest at the Fairview cemetery Wednesday. Rev. C.T. McDonald conducting the funeral services.

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More About GILBERT HARMON FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Fairview Cemetary, Grangeville, Idaho

Census 1: 1850, Macon Co., Macon Twp., Illinois Page 156

Census 2: August 29, 1860, Greencastle Twp., Sullivan Co., Missouri Pag 781

Census 3: August 02, 1870, Naples Twp., Scott Co., Illinois

Census 4: June 10, 1880, Eminence Twp., Woodson Co., Kansas

Census 5: March 01, 1885, Clifton Twp., Wilson Co., Kansas

Census 6: 1890, No census records available

Census 7: July 25, 1900, Harpster Twp., Idaho co., Idaho

Estate Record: 1904, Idaho County Records show 2 lots in Bridgeport, Idaho. Assessed to the Estate of G.H. Farris for the amount of \$60.00. Bridgeport and Harpster actually began as two separate towns and later combined into just being named Harpster.

Land Patent 1: June 15, 1855, 80 Acres, S24 T63N R18W , Sullivan Co., Missouri.
Certificate #2417

Land Patent 2: August 01, 1857, 40 Acres Sullivan Co, Missouri. Certificate # 7364,
Recorded in the Milan Land Office

Land Patent 3: August 01, 1857, 40 Acres Sullivan Co., Missouri, Certificate #11402,
Recorded in the Milan Land Office

Land Patent 4: October 04, 1898, Homesteaded on Farris Creek, between McComas Meadow and Black Tail Ridge. 160 Acres Idaho Co., Idaho. Certificate #1782, Recorded in the Lewiston Land Officer. This was on Farris Creek, which is between McComas Meadows and Black Tail Ridge

Military service 1: February 18, 1862, Enlisted in Company G., 11th Regiment Missouri State Militia Cavalry (MSM) at Macon City, Missouri under Capt. Robbins - Union

Military service 2: Capt. Dozes' Independent Co. Sullivan County Missouri Home Guards - Union

Military service 3: August 15, 1862, Disabled at Nigger Wool Swamp near Bloomfield, Missouri while on retreat from General Price's forces

Military service 4: November 01, 1862, Mustered in to Company G, 2nd Missouri State Militia Volunteer Cavalry at Palmyra, Missouri, under Capt. Robbins - Union.

Military service 5: April 01, 1865, Honorable discharge at St. Louis, Missouri. Civil War

Pension file # 618821

Moved 1: 1860, Moved to Freeport, Stephenson Co., Illinois

Moved 2: April 02, 1865, Moved back to Greencastle, Sullivan Co., Missouri. Lived there for 1 1/2 years

Moved 3: 1866, Moved to Pleasant Gap, Bates Co., Missouri. Lived there for 6 months

Moved 4: 1867, Moved to Naples, Scott Co., Illinois. Lived there for 8 years

Moved 5: 1875, Moved to Buffalo, Wilson Co., Kansas. Lived there for 12 years

Moved 6: 1892, They packed up the family and moved by covered wagon to Idaho

Pension 1: May 14, 1893, Kansas Weekly Capital & Farm Journal - Kansas Pensions: The pension of Gilbert H. Farris was increased

Pension 2: May 02, 1899, Idaho Statesman Newspaper, Boise, Idaho - The pension of Gilbert H. Farris of Harpster, Idaho has been increased from \$14 to \$17 a month.

Residence 1: 1854, Winchester Twp., Scott Co., Illinois

Residence 2: Bet. August - November, Living in Erietown, near Chanute, Neosha co., Kansas

Residence 3: 1856, Greencastle Twp., Sullivan Co., Missouri

Residence 4: 1857, Greencastle Twp., Sullivan Co., Missouri

Residence 5: 1858, Greencastle Twp., Sullivan Co., Missouri

Residence 6: 1864, Bloomfield, Missouri

Residence 7: 1887, Address was a P.O. Box in Fredonia, Kansas c/o Charles Sweney, who was an attorney

Residence 8: April 1888, Living in Buffalo, Wilson, Kansas

Residence 9: April 1890, Living in Buffalo, Wilson, Kansas

Residence 10: 1897, Address is Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho

Residence 11: 1899, Living in Grangeville/Harpster Idaho area

Residence 12: Deceased, Living in Chanute, Neosha Co., Kansas

Tax List 1: 1892, Idaho County- 2 horses, and improvements on 160 acres

Tax List 2: September 1893, Idaho County, by Mrs. Farris - owes \$180

Tax List 3: November 1894, Idaho County, in Clearwater, Idaho - 1 cow, 1 work horse, 1 stock horse

Tax List 4: 1896, Idaho County, Clearwater - 17 cattle, 1 hog - Sold by board July 22, 1903

Tax List 5: November 1896, Idaho County tax list

Tax List 6: 1911, Idaho County - searched in index, Page 106 Line 2

Children of CATHERINE POLITE and GILBERT FARRIS are:

- i. SUSAN⁴ FARRIS, b. April 10, 1855; d. April 24, 1855.
- ii. NANCY ELLEN FARRIS, b. April 07, 1856, Greencastle, Sullivan Co., Missouri; d. June 11, 1862, Greencastle, Sullivan Co., Missouri.
10. iii. WILLIAM J FARRIS, b. August 22, 1858, Greencastle, Sullivan Co., Missouri; d. November 01, 1929, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington.
11. iv. ROBERT HARMON FARRIS, b. December 17, 1860, Freeport, Stephenson Co., Illinois; d. January 31, 1938, Cottonwood, Idaho Co., Idaho.
- v. JOHN DOUGLAS FARRIS, b. May 21, 1864, Near Bloomfield Missouri; d. May 12, 1873, Naples, Scott, Illinois.
12. vi. GEORGE R. FARRIS, b. April 22, 1866, , , Missouri; d. Unknown, , , Illinois.
13. vii. DEC. 17, 1868 MAJOR THOMAS FARRIS, b. December 17, 1868, Naples, Scott, Illinois;

- d. June 30, 1945, Lewiston, Nezperce Co., Idaho.
- 14. viii. IDA MAY FARRIS, b. December 05, 1870, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois; d. December 24, 1956, Portland, Washington Co., Oregon.
- 15. ix. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FARRIS, b. December 13, 1873, , , Illinois; d. October 12, 1914, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington.
- 16. x. ROLLY JOSEPH FARRIS, b. March 24, 1877, , , Illinois; d. May 29, 1932, Cottonwood, Idaho Co., Idaho.
- 17. xi. LAURA BELL (LOUISE OR LORA) FARRIS, b. August 06, 1879, , , Kansas; d. December 17, 1951, Lewiston, Nezperce Co., Idaho.

3. JOSEPH³ POLITE (ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born April 03, 1839 in , , Ohio, and died Aft. 1912. He married LYDIA "LIDDIE" ELLEN McMILLAN January 29, 1868 in Scott Co., Illinois. She was born 1851 in , , Illinois, and died Unknown.

More About JOSEPH POLITE:

Census 1: July 30, 1870, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois

Census 2: 1880, Montezuma, Pike Co., Illinois

Military: Civil War, Co. K. Illinois Cavalry

Children of JOSEPH POLITE and LYDIA McMILLAN are:

- i. ETTA⁴ POLITE, d. Unknown.
- ii. WILLARD POLITE, d. Unknown.
- iii. LENA POLITE, b. Bet. 1860 - 1870; d. Unknown; m. JAMES N. REED, September 23, 1891, Green Co., Illinois; d. Unknown.
- iv. MARTHA ALLIE "ALICE" POLITE, b. 1869; d. Unknown; m. CHARLES SCOTT, July 06, 1887, Cass Co., Illinois; d. Unknown.
- v. MARY POLITE, b. 1872; d. Unknown.
- vi. LESTER OWEN POLITE, b. 1876, White Hall, Green Co., Illinois; d. 1959, White Hall, Green Co., Illinois; m. LEONOLA M. HAYDEN, May 03, 1900, Green Co., Illinois; d. Unknown.
- vii. JOSEPH POLITE, b. April 15, 1878, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois; d. Unknown.

4. MARTHA JANE "MATTIE" POLITE³ (TWIN) (ROBERT² POLITE, JAMES¹) was born June 21, 1844 in Quintal Farm, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois, and died June 25, 1942 in Naples, Scott Co., Illinois. She married (1) WILLIAM HARRIS 1864 in Maybe in Michigan. He died October 1874. She married (2) THOMAS BINGE August 07, 1877 in Jacksonville, Illinois, son of JOHN BINGE and ELIZABETH FERNEHOUGH. He was born 1834 in Sheffield, England, and died Unknown.

Notes for MARTHA JANE "MATTIE" POLITE (TWIN):

This is an article about Mattie Polite Binge, sister of Catherine Polite Farris. It talks about how she went to stay with Catherine when Gilbert went off to the Civil War. And also give us a short history of the Polite family.

Newspaper Article Bluffs Illinois Times June 18, 1941

Written by grand-daughter Goldena Krusa in honor of Grandma Binges's 97th birthday.

"Grandma Binge" Mrs. Mattie Binge, better known to this community as "Grandma Binge" will celebrate her 97th birthday Saturday, June 21st. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. William Meyer living east of Naples and although her ability to hear has faded and her eyesight has dimmed with age so she can no longer sew or read, she gets about the house and yard without assistance and insists on continuing with such household tasks as washing the dishes for the family's noon and evening meals. Walking with such spryness that she made our steps seem slow, she left her finished task to tell us of her life which spans nearly a century.

Born June 21, 1844 to Robert and Elizabeth Polite, migrants from Ohio, on the farm now known as the Quintal farm south of Naples, her earliest recollections of this community include settled, fairly open country under cultivation. Life as a girl included the usual household tasks of a pioneer family, her special duty, that of making all the candles for the family use. Recreation included community dances in both the Oxville and Naples neighborhoods to which one rode on horseback but never astride the horse. They rode side saddle.

Remembers Civil War. At the opening of the Civil War, she went to Newcastle (Note: I think this may be Greencastle in Sullivan County) Missouri near the present city of Macon, to stay with her sister (Note: I think this is likely sister Catherine, wife of Gilbert Farris) whose husband had been called to service. She became engaged to a young Missourian in the service who was later reported "missing and unaccounted for in battle." Sorrowing and homesick, after a year's absence from Illinois, she returned to Scott County in a covered wagon.

Her parents moved to Lincoln, Illinois during the last year of the Civil War and it was in this community in 1864 that she met and married William Harris, a Virginian who had served as a soldier in the recent conflict. Together, they returned to the place of her birth. To this union were born five children, the oldest (Albert Harris, age 76) who works at the cold storage plant at Valley City, one child who died in infancy, two children who died during a spinal meningitis epidemic in the Naples area, and one son, William Bert, who is a retired railroader now living in Denver, Colorado. When the latter child was only five months old, the father died (October, 1874.)

Her second marriage occurred in 1877 to Thomas Binge, formerly of Sheffield, England and a soldier in both armies of the Civil War. Landing at the port of New Orleans during the war, he was conscripted in the Confederate Army. His sympathies being with the north, he deserted the southern soldiers at the first opportunity and joined the northern ranks for the duration of the war. He later located in Naples, married, and as a widower he married Grandma Binge, then Mrs. William Harris. The livelihood of Mr. and Mrs. Binge was a meat market and produce business which in Naples included supplying meat to the boats which docked sending shipments to other communities. To this union was born one daughter, Mamie, who after her father's death made a home for her mother

while she taught the Maple Grove and Burrus schools, and on her marriage to William Meyer took her mother to their new farm home.

Throughout the years, she has lived with Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer, she has enjoyed assuming an active share in the household tasks, moderate newspaper reading and the making of quilts. Keeping pace with modern home conveniences, and youth problems, she enjoys the completely modern home in which she lives, (with the exception of the radio) and the activities of her great-grandchildren. Grandma Binge received the customary meager schooling of the three "rs" at the old Oxville School, pledged herself to the Christian Church faith during her first widowhood in Naples, and has lived a simple wholesome life. Never desirous of change, she has always disliked to break home ties in moving even from one house to another.

Although her early young womanhood was spent during the most illustrious period of Lincoln's career, she never saw him. The historical event which made the greatest impression upon her was the Civil War in which both her husbands fought. One son, William Bert, was a soldier in the Spanish-American War; a grand-son, Floyd Harris, a soldier in the First World War. Because of the distress the various aforementioned wars have brought to her, no mention has been made to her of the present world conflict. This has been possible because of her dislike of the radio, and her inability to read due to failing eyesight. She attributes her longevity to active, wholesome living, to eating what she likes and refusing to eat other foods. She enjoys simple foods such as bread, butter, milk, and fruit, with meat and vegetables on the "taboo" list. In the past two years, she has had such perfect health that medicine was needed only once. Relatives will celebrate her birthday at a basket dinner Sunday, and when asked if it would meet her approval she replied, "I've had so many I'd just as soon forget them as they arrive now." During this near century span of life, Grandma Binge has seen steam, gas, and electricity put to common usage on the farm, in transportation, and in industry, has seen the United States grow from a democracy of 26 states to its present 48. Small wonder that now she is content "to let the world go by."

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More About WILLIAM HARRIS:

Occupation: Plasterer

Residence: Michigan during the early part of their marriage

Notes for THOMAS BINGE:

Thomas came to Naples Illinois following service on both sides of the Civil War, to stay with his aunt, Lettice Braddock Chambers.

Thomas died of congestive heart failure.

More About THOMAS BINGE:

Military 1: March 20, 1861, Confederate Service: Mustered in at New Orleans, Louisiana Infantry Co A (Strawbridge's)

Military 2: On Prisoner of War Page. . . "Released on taking oath at Louisville, Ky."

Military 3: October 1862, Deserted on retreat from Kentucky, on company muster roll

Children of MARTHA (TWIN) and WILLIAM HARRIS are:

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 - i. ALBERT⁴ HARRIS, b. 1865, Illinois or Michigan; d. 1944, Pike Co., Illinois.
 - ii. UNKNOWN HARRIS, d. Unknown, Died during a spinal meningitis epidemic, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois.
 - iii. UNKNOWN HARRIS, d. Unknown, Died in infancy, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois.
 - iv. UNKNOWN HARRIS, d. Unknown, Died during a spinal meningitis epidemic, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois.
 - v. WILLIAM BERT HARRIS, b. June 1874; d. Aft. 1942, Denver, Colorado.

More About WILLIAM BERT HARRIS:

Military: Soldier in the Spanish-American War

Child of MARTHA (TWIN) and THOMAS BINGE is:

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 - vi. MAMIE⁴ BINGE, b. October 22, 1878, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois; d. May 22, 1949, Morgan Co., Illinois.

5. THOMAS³ POLITE (ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born June 1848 in ,, Ohio, and died January 1933 in Hancock Co., Illinois. He married ELIZA ANN "ANNIE" HAYDEN. She was born 1857 in , , Illinois, and died Unknown.

More About THOMAS POLITE:

Census 1: July 30, 1870, Living with John Chambers family, working as farm laborer

Census 2: June 01, 1880, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois

Children of THOMAS POLITE and ELIZA HAYDEN are:

- i. VINIS BELLE "VINIE"⁴ POLITE, b. 1874, Scott Co., Illinois; d. Unknown; m. GARDINER DEE WHITE, July 1895, Carthage, Illinois; d. Unknown.
- ii. ANNIE M. POLITE, b. September 16, 1878, Oxville, Scott Co., Illinois; d. Unknown.

Notes for ANNIE M. POLITE:

Annie's birth certificate lists her as being the 3rd child of Thomas and Eliza.

- iii. THOMAS LEE POLITE, b. December 19, 1880, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois; d. Unknown.

Notes for THOMAS LEE POLITE:

Thomas's birth certificate states that he is the 4th child of Thomas and Eliza A.

- iv. STELLA M. POLITE, b. February 11, 1885, Scott Co., Illinois; d. Unknown; m. FRANCIS BATES, Hancock, Co., Illinois; d. Unknown.

Notes for STELLA M. POLITE:

Stella's birth certificate states that she is the 5th child of Thomas and Eliza A. A sister Vina Bell, 186 S. Eleanor Pl, Peoria, Illinois swore to truth of the certificate.

6. ROBERT OREN³ POLITE (ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born March 02, 1854 in Naples, Scott Co., Illinois, and died April 27, 1926 in Phelps Hospital, Macomb, McDonough Co., Illinois. He married EMMA A. MORGAN May 1890 in Macomb, McDonough Co., Illinois. She died 1902.

Notes for ROBERT OREN POLITE:

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OBITUARY (Unknown newspaper, hand dated 1926)

Courtesy of Mary Jane White (2008)

Robert Orin Polite was born Mar. 2, 1854 in Scott County, Illinois and died at the Phelps hospital, April 27 after a three months' illness suffering with complications. In May 1890 he was united in marriage to Emma Morgan, who preceded him in death twenty-four years ago. To this union three children were born, two dying at birth and one still surviving, Mrs. Elva Mae Boyd of Macomb. He is also survived by two grandchildren, one brother, S.D. Polite of Tennessee, and one sister, Mrs. Etta Hurst of Macon, Mo., besides a host of friends.

He was a member of the Methodist church and passed away trusting in God. He held numerous city offices during his life.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 o'clock from the Williams Chapel of Colchester. Burial will be made in the Jenkins Cemetery.

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More About ROBERT OREN POLITE:

Census 1: June 08, 1880, Living with John Chambers family, working as farm laborer.

Census 2: 1910, Lamone, McDonough Co., Illinois

Children of ROBERT POLITE and EMMA MORGAN are:

- i. UNKNOWN⁴ POLITE, b. Aft. 1895, Died at Birth; d. Unknown.
- ii. UNKNOWN POLITE, b. Aft. 1896, Died at Birth; d. Unknown.
- iii. ELVA MAE POLITE, d. Unknown.

7. ALBERT NELSON³ POLITE (ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born June 02, 1856 in , Illinois, and died October 20, 1920 in Moberly, Randolph Co., Missouri. He married KITTIE ELIZABETH HURST January 02, 1882. She died Unknown.

More About ALBERT NELSON POLITE:

Census: 1920, Dist. 138, Jackson, Randolph Co., Missouri

Children of ALBERT POLITE and KITTIE HURST are:

- 20. i. ODEN ROBERT⁴ POLITE, b. December 03, 1883, Macon, Macon Co., Missouri; d. November 03, 1969, Clinton, Henry Co., Missouri.
- 21. ii. EICLE PETER POLITE, b. January 14, 1886, Colmar, Illinois; d. May 03, 1958, Mason, Mason Co., California.
- 22. iii. LORA ANN POLITE, b. 1890, Colmar, Illinois; d. January 12, 1922, Died of Small Pox.

8. ETTIE "ETTA" SOPHONIA³ POLITE (ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born May 17, 1861 in Rockport, , Illinois, and died Unknown. She married STEPHEN WALTER HURST. He died Unknown.

More About ETTIE "ETTA" SOPHONIA POLITE:

Census: June 11, 1880, Dist. 238, Scott Co., Illinois. Servant in t he house of Wesley Dix or Six

Child of ETTIE POLITE and STEPHEN HURST is:

- i. INEZ⁴ HURST, d. Unknown.

9. STEPHEN DOUGLAS³ POLITE (ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born September 05, 1863 in , Scott Co. , Illinois, and died November 28, 1944 in Macomb, McDonough Co., Illinois. He married JENNIE MCALISTER October 25, 1890 in McDonough Co., Illinois, daughter of JOHN MCALISTER and SARAH MCALISTER. She was born September 23, 1873 in Colmar, McDonough Co., Illinois, and died February 1936 in Macomb, McDonough Co., Illinois.

Notes for STEPHEN DOUGLAS POLITE:

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OBITUARY (Unknown newspaper, hand dated Nov 28, 1944)

Courtesy of Mary Jane White (2008)

Stephen D. Polite of Macomb Dies at Age 81

Stephen Douglas Polite, 81, 416 West Chase street, died about 5:15 this morning at the St. Francis hospital where he had been a patient since suffering a stroke eight days ago. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the Dodsworth funeral home, the Rev. Colin Robertson officiating, with burial in Oakwood cemetery.

Polite was a retired section foreman on the C.B. and O. railroad. He was born September 5, 1863, in Scott County to Robert and Susan Polite, deceased. He lived at Plymouth and Tennessee before moving to Macomb in March, 1929. ON October 25, 1890, he was married to Jennie McAllister, deceased. He was a member of the Christian church and I.O.O.F. lodge. Surviving are four children, Homer E. Polite and Mrs. Edna M. Boyle of Macomb, Mrs. Edythe M. Mathis of Chicago, and Harry L. Polite of Galesburg. Four brothers and sisters, Nelson and Oren Polite, Etta Hurst and Matte Binge, are deceased.

Friends may call at the residence, 416 West Chase street, after 1:00 p.m. tomorrow.

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More About STEPHEN DOUGLAS POLITE:

Census 1: 1910, Dist 52, Lamone, McDonough Co., Illinois

Census 2: 1920, Dist 26, St. Mary, Hancock Co., Illinois

Occupation: Section foreman for C.B. and Q. Railroad

Residence: 1942, Macomb, McDonough Co., Illinois

Notes for JENNIE McALISTER:

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OBITUARY (Unknown newspaper, hand dated Feb. 1936)

Courtesy Mary Jane White (2008)

FUNERAL SATURDAY FOR MRS. STEVEN D. POLITE

Funeral services for Jennie Lee Polite, 62, wife of Steven D. Polite of Macomb, who passed away at her home, 416 West Chase St., at 11:15 yesterday morning, will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Dodsworth funeral home, with the Rev. H.M. Bloomer officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Polite, who had been ill with heart trouble only a short time before her death, was born September 23, 1873, at Colmar, to John and Sarah McAlister, and spent her entire life in McDonough county. On October 25, 1890, she was united in marriage to Steven D. Polite, who survives. To this union were born four children, Harry Lee Polite, Galesburg; Edith May Mathis, Chicago; Homer Eugene Polite, Macomb, and Edna Mildred Boyle, Macomb.

Also surviving are five grand children, Douglas, Billy, Bobby, and Patricia Ann Polite and Billa Lee Boyle, two brothers, Jesse McAlister, Colmar, and Leo McAlister, and two sisters, Lulu McCone, Tennessee, and Bertha Mitchell, Macomb.

Mrs. Polite had been a member of the Macomb Christian church for thirty years. Friends may call at the funeral home until the hour of the services.

Children of STEPHEN POLITE and JENNIE McALISTER are:

- i. EDITH MAY⁴ POLITE, b. May 24, 1894, , , Illinois; d. December 1975, Galesburg, Illinois; m. MR. MATHIS, September 04, 1917, Macomb, McDonough Co., Illinois; d. Unknown.
- ii. HARRY LEE POLITE, b. Aft. 1890; d. Unknown; m. ALICE M MILAN, December 31, 1914; d. Unknown.
- iii. HOMER EUGENE POLITE, b. Aft. 1890; d. Unknown; m. EVELYN MARIE UNKNOWN; d. Unknown.
- iv. EDNA MILDRED POLITE, b. Private.

Generation No. 3

10. WILLIAM J⁴ FARRIS (CATHERINE³ POLITE, ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born August 22, 1858 in Greencastle, Sullivan Co., Missouri, and died November 01, 1929 in Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington. He married ALLIS MAY (ALLIE MAE) SMITH 1886, daughter of LEVI SMITH and MARY HARRIS. She was born February 1868 in , , Illinois, and died January 27, 1940 in Spokane City, Spokane Co., Washington⁴.

Notes for WILLIAM J FARRIS:

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It is not known why William and Allis are living separate int he 1910 and 1920 census. She is in Spokane, Washington and he is in Harpster, Idaho.

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OBITUARY

WILLIAM J FARRIS

Age 71. Home was at E1914 8th. Surviving are his wife Allie M.; a son, John E.; one daughter Georgia C.; three brothers, Dutch, Bub and Maj; one sister, Laura Blakely. Funeral Monday at 2 p.m. from Turnbull & Merager Funeral home. Rev. Van Winkle officiating.

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More About WILLIAM J FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 1: 1900, Nezperce, Lewis Co., Idaho (Allis)

Census 2: 1910, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington - Allis is listed as head of household. William is living next door to brother Rolly Farris in Harpster Idaho. He is listed as being married but is the only one in the household.

Census 3: April 22, 1910, Harpster, Idaho Co., Idaho (William)

Census 4: 1920, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington - William is not listed in the household. Where is he?

Census 5: April 03, 1930, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington - Allis is widowed.

Daughter Georgia and husband Herbert are living in the household

Land Patent: August 06, 1894, Idaho land Patent #2753, recorded in the Lewiston Land Office

Medical Information: William had arthritis very bad and was in much pain. He was confined to a wheelchair for many years.

Occupation: Farmer

Tax List 1: September 1893, Idaho County - lots 1, 2 & 3

Tax List 2: 1894, Idaho County, by Mrs. Farris - Sunnyside lots 1, 2 & 3, 70 acres, Section 7, Twp 31, Range 2E - deeded

Tax List 3: 1895, Idaho County, Mt. Idaho - 2 cow, 2 work horses, 4 stock horses

Notes for ALLIS MAY (ALLIE MAE) SMITH:

Allis's mother died when she was only about 3 years old. Allis and her brother, Charles, were raised by their grandmother, Cinthia Moore Harris.

More About ALLIS MAY (ALLIE MAE) SMITH:

Census: July 30, 1870, Twp 15 R13, Scott Co., Illinois. Postoffice - Oxville . At home with parents.

Children of WILLIAM FARRIS and ALLIS SMITH are:

- i. JOHN E.⁵ FARRIS, b. October 1887, , , Kansas; d. November 09, 1960, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington; m. MARGERY E, 1922, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington; b. Montana; d. Unknown.

Notes for JOHN E. FARRIS:

John had no children

More About JOHN E. FARRIS:

Census: April 09, 1930, Spokane City, Spokane Co., Washington

Occupation: Refrigeration - worked for the ice company

- ii. GEORGIA C. FARRIS, b. November 11, 1894, Moscow, Latah Co., Idaho; d. April 04, 1981, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington; m. (1) RALPH GREEN, 1914, Seattle, King Co., Washington; d. March 08, 1965; m. (2) HERBERT NEILL, 1919, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington; b. 1882, , , Pennsylvania; d. Unknown.

Notes for GEORGIA C. FARRIS:

Georgia had a hemstitching shop in Spokane. She did not have any children.

More About HERBERT NEILL:

Census: January 02, 1920, Brown Precinct, Spokane City, Spokane Co.,

Washington

11. ROBERT HARMON⁴ FARRIS (CATHERINE³ POLITE, ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born December 17, 1860 in Freeport, Stephenson Co., Illinois, and died January 31, 1938 in Cottonwood, Idaho Co., Idaho. He married ALICE JO KINKAID July 11, 1886 in Fairview, Idaho Co., Idaho⁵, daughter of JOHN KINKAID and CAROLINE FRAZIER. She was born 1864, and died November 1941 in Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho.

Notes for ROBERT HARMON FARRIS:

1910 - Alice's father, John Kincaid is living in the household. He is 97 years old.

1930 - Their daughter, Grace Farris Talbott and her husband and daughter are living in the household.

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OBITUARY

ROBERT HERMAN FARRIS

January 31, 1938

Robert Herman Farris was born in Freeport, Ill., December 17, 1860, being at the time of his death 77 years, 1 month and 13 days old. When a child he, with his parents, moved to Humboldt, Kansas, where he lived until 22 years old. In 1883 he came across the plains to Idaho by wagon train.

On July 11, 1885, he was married to Alice Kinkaid and located on the Paddy White place in Fairview. Six years later he bought the Pete Peterson place near Clearwater and moved his family there. After living there 40 years he moved to the village of Clearwater in 1933, where he resided until his death January 31, 1938.

He leaves to mourn his passing his widow, Alice; a brother, Major, of Nezperce; two sisters, Ida, of Portland, Ore., and Laura of Lewiston, Idaho.

Five children were born to this union three sons, Allen of Clearwater; Gilbert of Republic, Wash.; Charley of Augusta, Mont.; two daughters, Mable of Kooskia, and Grace of St. Maries. There are 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Clearwater church. Interment was in the Clearwater cemetery. John F. Rice of Grangeville officiated

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More About ROBERT HARMON FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 1: 1900, Clearwater Precinct, Idaho Co., Idaho. His name is listed as "Harris"

Census 2: May 09, 1910, Clearwater Precinct, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 3: February 07, 1920, Clearwater Precinct, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 4: April 08, 1930, Clearwater, Idaho co., Idaho

Jurors List: April 06, 1888, Robert is listed on the Idaho County Jurors List

Moved: Bef. March 01, 1885, George was not listed in the household in Kansas in 1885.

It is believed he had come to Idaho prior to this date. What brought him to Idaho?

Tax List 1: December 07, 1889, Idaho County- 1/2 header, wagon and 5 horses

Tax List 2: 1891, Idaho County - Owns 4 horses, 2 cows, 24 cattle, 20 hogs

Tax List 3: 1892, Idaho County - 1/2 header, 9 horses, 2 cows, 35 cattle 25 hogs

Tax List 4: 1893, Idaho County - 3 horses and improvement on 160 acres, Clearwater

Tax List 5: 1894, Idaho County - 50 cattle, 10 beef, 2 cows, 3 hogs, 2 work horses, 6 stock horses, 160 acres, deeded

Tax List 6: 1896, Idaho County - 55 cattle, 25 hogs, 2 work horses, 160 acres, Section 14, Twp 31, Range 4E & Section 15, Twp 31, Range 4E

Tax List 7: 1908, Idaho County - searched in index. Page 81, Line 13

Tax List 8: 1911, Idaho County - searched in index, Page 100 Line 7

Notes for ALICE JO KINKAID:

*Carol Anglen contributed greatly to the information for the Kinkaid family.

More About ALICE JO KINKAID:

Date born 2: May 02, 1864, Garnet, Kansas
Burial: Unknown, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho

Children of ROBERT FARRIS and ALICE KINKAID are:

- i. MABLE CLARA⁵ FARRIS, b. November 08, 1886, Fairview, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. May 07, 1962, Kooskia, Idaho Co., Idaho; m. ASA SCHOOLEY CLARK, March 26, 1911, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho; b. September 20, 1883, Garnet, Kansas; d. April 24, 1972, Moscow, Latah Co., Idaho.

Notes for MABLE CLARA FARRIS:

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Obituary

Funeral Today for Mrs. Mabel Clarke

Kooskia - Services will be held at 10 o'clock today at Trenary Funeral Home for Mrs. Mabel Clarke, 75, who died Monday at her Kooskia home.

She was born Nov. 8, 1886, at Fairview near Grangeville, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Farris. In 1888 the family moved to Clearwater. She attended schools in Pleasant Valley, Clearwater and Moscow.

On March 26, 1911, she was married to Asa S. Clarke of Clearwater. They moved to Kooskia where they raised their family.

When she was 18, she joined the Clearwater Rebekah Lodge, later transferring to the Kooskia lodge.

Survivors are her husband, Asa, two daughters, Mrs. Jerry (Kelsie) Stevens, West Covina, Calif.; Mrs. Glenn (Alice) Davis, Moscow; a son, Otis, of Richland; a sister Mrs. Grace Onthank, St. Maries; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Hazel Farris, Republic, Wash.; Mrs. Gladys Farris, Los Angeles; an aunt, Mrs. C.S. Jacobson, Spokane; five grandchildren.

The Rev. Fred Moxom, Baptist minister, will officiate at the funeral. Interment will be at Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens, Lewiston, Idaho.

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More About MABLE CLARA FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Lewiston, Nezperce County, Idaho

More About ASA SCHOOLEY CLARK:

Burial: Unknown, Lewiston, Nezperce County, Idaho

Census 1: January 16, 1920, Kooskia, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 2: April 03, 1930, Kooskia, Idaho Co., Idaho

Draft Registration: 1918, Registered for the WWI draft

- ii. ALLEN GROVER FARRIS, b. April 29, 1888, Fairview, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. June 21, 1953, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; m. FLOSSIE GRACE MURPHY, November 25, 1909, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho⁶; b. February 28, 1892, Walla Walla, Washington; d. March 13, 1946, Cottonwood, Idaho Co., Idaho.

Notes for ALLEN GROVER FARRIS:

1910 Idaho County Census, Clearwater

1930 Idaho County Census, Clearwater

More About ALLEN GROVER FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 1: May 07, 1910, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho. Kenneth McKenqie was a boarder living in the household and was listed as a Blacksmith

Census 2: February 13, 1920, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 3: April 15, 1930, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho

Draft Registration: June 05, 1917, Registered for the WWI draft

Occupation 1: Farmer

Occupation 2: Drove the Elk City Stage

Tax List: 1911, Idaho County, searched index, Page 106 Line 1 and Page 100 Line 9

- iii. JOHN GILBERT FARRIS, b. December 25, 1889, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. July 08, 1954, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington; m. HAZEL BIRCH LIVINGSTON, January 21, 1911, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho; b. November 25, 1891, Atlantas Grove, Nodaway Co., Missouri; d. February 17, 1980, Spokane, Spokane County, Washington.

Notes for JOHN GILBERT FARRIS:

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OBITUARY

JOHN G. FARRIS, 64, EXPERT ON POWER, DEAD AT REPUBLIC

July 8, 1954

John Gilbert Farris, 64, former Grangeville and Cottonwood power man, died July 8 at Spokane after an operation, it was learned here this week. Farris had made his home at Republic, Wash., for several years.

John Gilbert Farris was born Dec. 1889 at Grangeville. When four years of age he moved with his parents to Clearwater, where he grew to manhood. In Jan. 1911, he married Hazel B. Livingston, a teacher in the Clearwater school. In 1913 the family moved to Grangeville, Idaho, and he became an employee of the Grangeville Light & Water Co., and in 1919 became superintendent for the company at Kamiah. In 1921 he was transferred by his company to Cottonwood as superintendent.

In 1929 he with two associates purchased a power plant at Creston, B.C. Canada, which he operated until 1934, when they sold their interests and he moved to Republic, Wash., a mining town lacking adequate power to operate the mines from the local plant. A new transmission line was built 42 miles connecting with the Washington Water Power Co. at Tonasket, Was., under supervision of Mr. Farris. A new company was formed, Republic Power Company, with the late Eugene Enloe, of Spokane, as president and Mr. Farris as superintendent and manager. In Nov. 1945, the Republic Power Company sold their interests to P.U.D. 1 of Ferry County. In Jan. 1946, Mr. Farris purchased the Tompkins Hardware at Republic, and continued to operate the store until his death July 8, 1954 at Spokane, following an operation. He leaves his wife Hazel B., one son, Ursal G. and one daughter, Mrs. Edna B. Lackey, five grandchildren of Republic, Wash., two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Clark, Kooskia; and Grace Onthank, St. Maries Idaho.

Funeral services were held from Episcopal Church, Republic, Wash., July 12, Rev. Rowland Hills, of Spokane, officiating graveside services by F. & A. M. Burial was in

Republic cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were Wm. Crea of Fenn, Idaho; John Matach, Spokane, Wash., Earl D. Wolfe, Colville, Wash., Adrian D. Brumbaugh, Wash., and Clarence R. Bendry, Thomas F Howle, Earl Crea and Ted Tagg.

Pallbearers all from Republic, included, John P. Gaffney, Herb Dammann, W.H. Hall, T.R. McKeen, Dean Anderson and John Champa.

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More About JOHN GILBERT FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Republic Cemetery, Ferry Co., Washington

Census 1: January 06, 1920, Kamiah Village, Lewis Co., Idaho

Census 2: April 03, 1930, Cottonwood Village, Idaho Co., Idaho

Draft Registration: June 05, 1917, Registered for the WWI Draft

Occupation: June 05, 1917, Grangeville Electric Light & Power Company, Grangeville, Idaho

More About HAZEL BIRCH LIVINGSTON:

Burial: Unknown, Republic Cemetery, Ferry Co., Washington

- iv. CHARLES MILES FARRIS, b. April 24, 1899, , , Idaho⁷; d. May 1941, Kooskia, Idaho Co., Idaho; m. GLADYS E. MOON, May 27, 1923, Woodland, Nezperce Co., Idaho; b. September 1896, , , Nebraska; d. Unknown, Kooskia, Idaho Co., Idaho.

Notes for CHARLES MILES FARRIS:

Idaho County Free Press reported that Charley weighed 10 pounds when he was born.

More About CHARLES MILES FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Kooskia, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census: April 14, 1930, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho

Draft Registration: September 19, 1918, Registered for the WWI draft

Occupation 1: September 19, 1918, Farmer

Occupation 2: 1930, Charles was a packer for the Forest Service

More About GLADYS E. MOON:

Burial: Unknown, Cremated, ashes on Charley's grave

Census: January 23, 1920, Woodland, Idaho Co., Idaho

Occupation: 1920, Teacher - Public School

- v. GRACE MAE FARRIS, b. October 11, 1900, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. March 31, 1991, St. Maries, Benewah Co., Idaho; m. (1) LEO TALBOTT, November 20, 1921, Stites, Idaho Co., Idaho; b. March 20, 1898, Freewater, Oregon; d. August 31, 1940; m. (2) WADE HAMPTON ONTHANK, July 31, 1943, Missoula, Missoula Co., Montana; b. June 11, 1904; d. December 31, 1972, St. Maries, Benewah Co., Idaho.

Notes for GRACE MAE FARRIS:

OBITUARY

Grace Onthank, native Idahoan, fine cook, homemaker, Granger -

Funeral services for Grace M. Onthank will be 11:00 a.m., April 4, at the

Community Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Gary Foster will officiate. Mrs. Onthank died March 31 in St. Maries.

Mrs. Onthank was born October 11, 1900 to Robert and Alice (Kincaid) Farris at Clearwater, Ida., where she grew up. She married Leo Talbott Nov. 20, 1921 at Stites, Ida. They lived in that area until 1936 when they moved to St. Maries. Her husband died in 1940.

She married Wade Onthank July 31, 1943 at Missoula. They lived in St. Maries where she was a homemaker. Mr. Onthank died in 1972.

Mrs. Onthank was recognized for being a fine cook. She enjoyed canning fruits and vegetables she and her husband grew in their garden. At one time, she was active in the St. Maries Grange.

She was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church and the Benewah County Senior Citizens. She has been a resident of Valley Vista for 10 years.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Shippy, J.B. Sullivan, Jack Dittman, Aaron Robinson, Harry Treloar and Willard Anderson. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

More About GRACE MAE FARRIS:

Burial: April 04, 1991, Woodlawn Cemtery, St. Maries, Benewah Co., Idaho

Notes for LEO TALBOTT:

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Obituary

Burial Here for Man Killed at St. Maries

Leo Talbott, 42, who was killed yesterday when the truck he was driving backed over a 100-foot embankment 14 miles east of ST. Maries, is a son of Henry Talbott, Asotin.

The funeral service will be at St. Maries Tuesday at 10. The body will be brought here where it will lie in state at Vassar-Rawls funeral home from 2 to 3 Tuesday. Burial will be in Normal Hill cemetery with grave-side committal services by the I.O.O.F.

Talbott was foreman at the Fall Creek CCC camp and was engaged in building a road at the time of the accident. Besides his father, he is survived by his wife, Grace, and a daughter, Jean, at St. Maries, and eight brothers and three sisters.

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More About LEO TALBOTT:

Burial: Unknown, Lewiston, Nezperce County, Idaho

Census: 1930, Clearwater, Idaho Co., Idaho - Living with Grace's parents

12. GEORGE R.⁴ FARRIS (CATHERINE³ POLITE, ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born April 22, 1866 in , , Missouri, and died Unknown in , , Illinois. He married REBECCA J. Bet. 1888 - 1889. She

was born August 1866 in , , Illinois, and died Unknown.

Notes for GEORGE R. FARRIS:

When the family moved from Kansas to Idaho, George did not come with them.

More About GEORGE R. FARRIS:

Census 1: June 18, 1900, Sangamon Twp., Piatt Co., Illinois

Census 2: May 06, 1910, Sangamon Twp., Piatt Co., Illinois

Census 3: January 23, 1920, Roger Twp., Ford Co., Illinois

Census 4: April 02, 1930, Mansfield Village, Blue Ridge Twp., Piatt Co., Illinois - Rebecka is a widow. Son, Ora is single and living with her.

Children of GEORGE FARRIS and REBECCA J. are:

- i. ORA F.⁵ FARRIS, b. April 21, 1891, Mansfield, , Illinois; d. November 1974, Champaign, Champaign Co., Illinois.

More About ORA F. FARRIS:

Census: April 02, 1930, Mansfield Village, Blue Ridge Twp., Piatt Co., Illinois - Single and living with his widowed mother.

Draft Registration: January 05, 1917, WWI Draft Registration - Comments on the draft registration card are the he is in poor health.

- ii. UNKNOWN FARRIS, b. Bef. 1895; d. Bef. 1900.
- iii. CHARLEY CLINTON FARRIS, b. October 31, 1898, , , Illinois; d. Unknown; m. THELMA, 1923; b. 1905, , , Illinois; d. Unknown.

More About CHARLEY CLINTON FARRIS:

Census: April 08, 1930, Milks Grove Twp., Iroquois Co., Illinois

Draft Registration: September 12, 1918, WWI Draft Registration - Ford Co., Illinois

- iv. PRUDA FARRIS, b. 1903, , , Illinois; d. Unknown.
- v. SELINA M. FARRIS, b. 1904, , , Illinois; d. Unknown; m. FRANK A. MILLER, Abt. 1922; b. 1894, , , Indiana; d. Unknown.

More About FRANK A. MILLER:

Census: April 03, 1930, Mansfield Village, Blue Ridge Twp., Piatt Co., Illinois - living next door to Selena's mother Rebecka Farris

- vi. LEORA FARRIS, b. 1907, , , Illinois; d. Unknown.

13. DEC. 17, 1868 MAJOR THOMAS⁴ FARRIS (CATHERINE³ POLITE, ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born December 17, 1868 in Naples, Scott, Illinois, and died June 30, 1945 in Lewiston, Nezperce Co., Idaho⁸. He married SELINA H. BENOY December 31, 1894 in Mt. Idaho, Idaho Co., Idaho⁹, daughter of JOSEPH BENOY and SARAH HALL. She was born November 16, 1876 in Grangeville, Idaho Co. , Idaho, and died September 13, 1933 in Nezperce, Lewis Co., Idaho¹⁰.

Notes for DEC. 17, 1868 MAJOR THOMAS FARRIS:

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March 13, 1902 - article in Idaho County Free Press:

Mrs. Major Farris is reported as dangerously ill, Drs. Stockton and Busey being called.
(they were living in Lowe, which was later named Winona)

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OBITUARY

FUNERAL MONDAY FOR M.T. FARRIS

Pioneer Called Saturday At Lewiston After Long, Active Life

The life of one of central Idaho's outstanding pioneer characters came to an end at 1:05 Saturday morning with the passing of Major T. Farris at St. Joseph's hospital in Lewiston. After enjoying unusually good health throughout his life, he became ill only nine days before with an abdominal disorder and it soon was evident to his attending physicians that there could be little hope for his recovery. All of his children were at his bedside when the end came.

A resident of central Idaho since 1890, Mr. Farris enjoyed and endured all the experiences of the early days of the area, farming and freighting in the South Fork country long before the opening of the Nez Perce reservation. A man of endless energy and vitality, he was never idle and began each task with a vigor that characterized him. In pursuing both his work and pleasure he ranged wide over the central Idaho country gaining a wide acquaintance - few if any of whom could not be counted as his friends. He refused even to let old age handicap his activity and continued to carry on with manual work until his last illness, in spite of the fact that his success in life would have permitted his retirement many years ago. Until 1944 he worked regularly in the harvest season and it was uncommon to find any entertainment within a 50-mile radius at which he was not an enthusiastic participant.

Born in 1868 in Illinois, Mr. Farris heeded the words "Go west" and came to Idaho as a young man locating first at Clearwater. After a few years there he moved to Winona in 1893 and the following year he was married to Selena Benoy of Grangeville. They were successful in farming in that community and reared their four children there. In 1922 they bought the Curtis Miller place two and a half miles northeast of Nezperce where their successful operations continued. Mrs. Farris passed away in 1938. Mr. Farris always took an active interest in community affairs, serving several terms as commissioner of Lewis county. Two years ago he moved to Lewiston where he had since been employed by Bob Wright.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock Monday afternoon at the community church in Nezperce where the building was filled to capacity with old friends who had come to pay their last respects to the deceased. Rev. Harry Slick of Spokane delivered the sermon and beautiful vocal trio numbers were rendered by Leslie Baskett; Mrs. Claude Miller and Miss Louise Miller. Active pallbearers were George Thomas, Joe Luz, Glen Miller, Gay Miller, Joe Stach and Joe Barbee. Honorary pallbearers were G.C. Pennell, S.L. Stapleton, Maurice Younger, W.R. Emerson, Lew Clark and Martin Lux. Local Odd Fellows, of which lodge he was a veteran member, attended in a body. Interment was in the local cemetery.

Surviving the deceased are three daughters and a son. Mrs. Harry Wise and Mrs. Lawrence Sather, Spokane; Mrs. Roy Akers, Portland and Garlin Farris, Nezperce; two sisters, Mrs. Sam McKenzie of Portland and Mrs. Laura Blakely, Walla Walla; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

For the many kindnesses and sympathy extended to us during our recent bereavement we wish to express our sincere appreciation.

The M.T. Farris Family

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Major came out west when he was about 18 years old. He settled on the Camas Prairie in 1893. He farmed on the prairie near Winona until about 1921 when he moved his family 1 1/2 miles north of Nezperce.

Major was known to be able to "hold his own" in a good fight. He attended dances at the dance hall outside of Kooskia, Idaho, going towards Lolo Montana. He was somewhat of the "Sheriff" over the dances.

He umpired many Baseball games. He served on the Board of Directors of the Nezperce Rochdale Company, was County Commissioner, a Rodeo Judge and Deputy Sheriff. He was also an avid sports fan, enjoyed hunting and was quite the outdoorsman.

More About DEC. 17, 1868 MAJOR THOMAS FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Nezperce Cemetery, Lewis Co., Idaho

Census 1: June 15, 1900, Denver Precinct, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 2: May 12, 1910, Big Butte Precinct, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 3: January 27, 1920, Big Butte Precinct, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 4: April 10, 1930, Nezperce, Lewis Co., Idaho

Elected: Lewis County Commissioner for several years

Land Patent: November 24, 1903, Idaho land Patent #2936, recorded in the Lewiston land office.

Medical Information: Major was ill for about 9 months.

Occupation: Farmer

Residence: Lived in Winona, Idaho when he first came to Idaho

Tax List 1: 1891, Idaho County - 2 horses, 6 cattle, 20 hogs

Tax List 2: 1892, Idaho County - 3 horses, 8 cattle

Tax List 3: September 1893, Idaho County - 1 cow, 6 cattle, 2 hogs, 5 horses, wagon

Tax List 4: 1908, Idaho County - searched in index, Page 81 Line 8

Tax List 5: 1911, Idaho County - searched in index, Page 99 Line 5. Mrs. Selena Farris page 99 Line 4

Notes for SELENA H. BENOY:

Selena was named after her father's sister, also names Salina.

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OBITUARY

MRS. SELENA FARRIS WAS NATIVE OF IDAHO
LAST RITES FROM COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR ESTEEMED NEZPERCE MATRON

The Nezperce community was saddened yesterday when it learned of the death of Mrs. M.T. Farris, which occurred at the Farris home at 12:30 a.m. yesterday. The deceased had been ill since February of this year and was bedfast during most of that time. Her condition had been critical for the past several weeks and her passing was not unexpected.

The deceased was well known and highly esteemed in the Nezperce community and took an active part in many of the social activities here. Moving here with her family from Camas prairie 12 years ago, they located on the beautiful and fine farm two miles northeast of town and have since made their home there.

Thoroughly a native of central Idaho, Selena Benoy Farris was born at Grangeville, Idaho, On November 16, 1876. She passed away at the Farris home near Nezperce at 12:30 a.m. September 13, 1933, at the age of 56 years, 10 months and three days.

She grew to womanhood near Grangeville and was married to Major T. Farris on December 31, 1894, at Mt. Idaho. To this union four children were born. They lived on Camas Prairie until 1921 when they moved to Nezperce.

Besides her husband she is survived by a son, Garlin Farris of Nezperce, and three daughters, Mrs. Harry Wise, and Mrs. Lawrence Sather, Nezperce, and Mrs. Roy Akers, Winona. Also two grandchildren, Delbert and Wanda Akers, Winona, and a sister, Mrs. Coleman Kerlee, Lapwai.

The Rebekah lodge of this city was in charge of the funeral service for the deceased, which was held at one o'clock this afternoon from the Community church here. Two vocal numbers, "Whispering Hope" and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," were rendered by Mr. Norbert Medved, accompanied by Mrs. G.C. Pennel.

The burial service was conducted by the local Grange organization at the Nezperce cemetery. Rev. Paul Campbell, pastor of the Community Church, delivered the funeral sermon and gave the closing prayer at the interment service. Pallbearers were George Rowe, G.C. Pennel, W.R. Emerson, S.L. Shoemaker, Arthur Heston and Nick Laier.

The church was filled with old friends who had come to offer their last respects to the deceased and the floral offering was profuse and beautiful. Thus a true pioneer of our beautiful prairie, a loving wife and companion, a wonderful mother has found eternal rest and peace.

In Appreciation

We wish to express our most sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses and beautiful floral offering during the illness and death of our loved one.

Major T. Farris and Family

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More About SELENA H. BENOY:

Burial: Unknown, Nezperce Cemetery, Lewis Co., Idaho

Medical Information: In those early times, there was not much that could be done for the

cancer stricken folks. Selena was in much pain prior to her death. She passed away at 12:30 a.m. at the family home.

Children of MAJOR FARRIS and SELENA BENOY are:

- i. SARAH MYRTLE⁵ FARRIS, b. September 16, 1895, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. March 26, 1961, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington; m. HARRY H. WISE, August 22, 1914, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; b. March 21, 1890, , , Illinois; d. September 23, 1963, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington.

More About SARAH MYRTLE FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Pine Cemetery, Spokane Washington

Notes for HARRY H. WISE:

Both of Harry's parents were born in Germany

More About HARRY H. WISE:

Burial: Unknown, Pine Cemetery, Spokane Washington

Census: 1920, Spokane City, Spokane Co., Washington

- ii. MELVIA CATHERINE FARRIS, b. September 27, 1897, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. January 07, 1997, Portland, Multnomah, Oregon; m. ROY OWEN AKERS, September 11, 1914, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; b. April 18, 1894, Lone, , Oregon; d. August 23, 1971, Portland, , Oregon.

More About ROY OWEN AKERS:

Burial: Unknown, Riverview Abby, Portland, Oregon

Census 1: 1930, Big Butte Presinct, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 2: 1920, Big Butte Presinct, Idaho Co., Idaho

- iii. CECILE H FARRIS, b. July 12, 1904, Winona, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. April 06, 1988, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington; m. LAWRENCE BENJAMIN SATHER, January 18, 1924, Nezperce, Lewis Co., Idaho; b. March 26, 1904, Nezperce, Lewis Co., Idaho; d. May 10, 1988.

Notes for CECILE H FARRIS:

In later years, Cecile was very ill and burned the Farris Family Bible. Not knowing what she was doing.

This is documented by a note written to Betty Farris Litchfield, from Garlin Farris.

More About CECILE H FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Pine Cemetery (Opportunity Cemetery), Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington

Notes for LAWRENCE BENJAMIN SATHER:

Lawrence's father was from Norway.

More About LAWRENCE BENJAMIN SATHER:

Burial: Unknown, Pine Cemetery, Spokane Washington

Census: April 10, 1930, Potlatch, Latah Co., Idaho

Occupation: 1930, Worked in the lumber mill

- iv. GARLIN T FARRIS, b. March 17, 1907, Winona, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. October 26, 1989, St. Mary's Hospital, Cottonwood, Idaho Co., Idaho; m. AGATHA PEARL STAPLETON, October 26, 1928, Moscow, Latah Co., Idaho¹¹; b. January 03, 1911, Nezperce, Lewis Co., Idaho; d. October 15, 1993, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Lewiston, Nezperce Co., Idaho.

Notes for GARLIN T FARRIS:

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November 1, 1928

WEDDING BELLS RING AGAIN

Garlin Farris and Miss Agatha Stapleton Married at Moscow Last Friday

Garlin Farris and Miss Agatha Stapleton, two popular and well known young people of this city were united in marriage last Friday afternoon at Moscow by Probate Judge Adrian Nelson of that city. Miss Ilah Harris of Nezperce and Miss Edith Wright of Moscow were the witnesses.

Although the wedding was not altogether unexpected, it came somewhat as a surprise at the present time due to the fact that Miss Stapleton had enrolled as a student in the University of Idaho and at the time was attending school there, and no information had previously been given out concerning it.

The bride is the pretty and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Stapleton, thrifty farmers in this district. She received her grammar and high school education in the Nezperce Public schools and was always a popular member of that student body. She was attending the University of Idaho at the time of the wedding. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M.T. Farris, highly respected farmers of northeast of town, who homesteaded in the Winona district and moved to Nezperce several years ago. He has been successfully engaged in farming for some time. The newlyweds are now at home at the Farris ranch and plan to continue their residence and occupation in this district.

Sincere congratulations and best wishes for a long and prosperous married life are extended the happy couple by a great number of friends in this community.

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Obituary

Lewiston Tribune - Saturday, October 28, 1989

Garlin Farris, 82, Nezperce-area rancher

Cottonwood - Garlin T. Farris, 82, a Nezperce-area rancher, died Thursday evening at St. Mary's Hospital here of cancer.

He farmed on the Nezperce prairie and in 1956, bought the S.L. Stapleton home place. During the Depression, he traded and sold horses and cattle. He was known to be a skilled horseman. In 1969, he retired from ranching.

He was born March 18, 1907, to Major T. and Selena Farris at Winona. He attended school at the Winona Country School and at Nezperce.

In 1921, his family moved to Nezperce. On Oct 26, 1928, he married Agatha Stapleton at Moscow, where she was attending the University of Idaho.

He was a charter and lifelong member of the Nezperce Lions Club a member of the

Nezperce Christian Church and a committeeman on horsemanship for the 4-H program.

Survivors include his wife at the family home; two sons, Howard Farris of Nezperce and Douglas Farris of Eugene, Ore.; a sister, Melva Akers of Portland, Ore.; and six grandchildren. Two sisters, Sara Wise and Cecila Sather, died previously.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Uhlorn Funeral Home at Cottonwood. The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Nezperce Christian Church with the Rev Richard Halstead officiating. Burial will be at the Nezperce Community Cemetery.

The family suggests any memorials be given to the Nezperce Ambulance fund, Nezperce Christian Church or the Nezperce Library.

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Garlin was an excellent horseman. He raised cattle, wheat, barley and pea crops.

More About GARLIN T FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Nezperce, Lewis Co., Idaho

Club membership: Nezperce Lions Club

Religion: Christian Church

Notes for AGATHA PEARL STAPLETON:

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OBITUARY - LEWISTON MORNING TRIBUNE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1993

Agatha Farris, 82, Longtime Nezperce Resident

Agatha S. Farris, a longtime Nezperce resident, died of causes related to age Friday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston. She was 82. She was born January 3, 1911 at Nezperce to Sanford and Clara Stafford Stapleton. She lived at Nezperce until the family moved to Moscow, where she attended school through the third grade. They moved to Farmington, Wash., for a short time until returning to Nezperce, where she graduated from high school in 1928. She then attended the University of Idaho at Moscow for a time, and married Garlin T. Farris Oct. 26, 1928, at Moscow.

The couple farmed and ranced on the Nezperce Prairie, across the canyon from the Camas Prairie, retiring in 1969. He died October 26, 1989.

She was an active member of Nezperce Christian Church, and taught Sunday school there for 30 years. She was also a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship, and served as president and treasurer. She helped with area service organizations, including the Red Cross, was a Cub Scout den mother, and was a clerk and judge for state and national elections for 60 years.

She was secretary-treasurer of the Nezperce Library Board, secretary for the Lewis County Herald, a member and past director of the Clearwater Garden Club, former member and Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge and a charter member of the Camas Bridge Club.

Survivors include two sons, Howard Farris of Nezperce and Douglas Farris of Eugene, Ore.; a brother, Harold Stapleton of Nezperce; and six grandchildren.

A funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Nezperce Christian Church, with the Rev. George Kraus III officiating. Burial will follow at the Nezperce Community

Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Nezperce Christian Church general fund or the Nezperce City Library.

Uhlorn Funeral Home in Cottonwood is handling the arrangements.

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More About AGATHA PEARL STAPLETON:

Burial: Unknown, Nezperce Cemetery, Lewis Co., Idaho

Occupation 1: Secretary for Selective Service Office

Occupation 2: 3 years as reporter for Lewis County Herald newspaper

14. IDA MAY⁴ FARRIS (CATHERINE³ POLITE, ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born December 05, 1870 in Naples, Scott Co., Illinois, and died December 24, 1956 in Portland, Washington Co., Oregon. She married (1) MR. HIGGINS. He died Unknown. She married (2) CALVAN MONROE FAGAN Bef. December 1889 in Kansas. He was born December 05, 1870 in , , Arkansas, and died Unknown. She married (3) DR. GEORGE A. MACKIE Bef. 1920. He was born 1863 in Scotland, and died June 26, 1921 in Portland City, Multnomah, Oregon¹². She married (4) SAMUEL MCKENZIE Bef. 1930. He was born 1872 in , , Illinois, and died Unknown.

More About IDA MAY FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Portland, Washington Co., Oregon

More About CALVAN MONROE FAGAN:

Census 1: June 13, 1900, Mt. Idaho Precinct, Idaho co., Idaho

Census 2: April 15, 1910, Grangeville City, Precinct 2, Idaho Co., Idaho

Occupation: Blacksmith

More About DR. GEORGE A. MACKIE:

Census: January 07, 1920, Portland City, Presinct 94, Multnomah Co., Oregon

Immigration: 1865, Came to the United States from Scotland

Occupation: Chiropractor

More About SAMUEL MCKENZIE:

Census: April 12, 1930, Portland City, Multnomah, Oregon

Children of IDA FARRIS and CALVAN FAGAN are:

- i. ALBERT L⁵ FAGAN, b. December 14, 1889, , , Kansas; d. August 01, 1959, Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon¹³; m. MURIEL; d. Unknown.

Notes for ALBERT L FAGAN:

Albert was blind.

More About ALBERT L FAGAN:

Census: April 12, 1930, Portland City, Multnomah Co., Oregon

- ii. FRANK M FAGAN, b. October 1892, , , Idaho; d. May 12, 1931; m. UNKNOWN, 1912; d. Unknown.

More About FRANK M FAGAN:
Occupation: Blacksmith

- iii. EARL G FAGAN, b. June 1894, , , Idaho; d. September 16, 1944.

Notes for EARL G FAGAN:

An article in the "Grangeville Globe" newspaper, states that Earl Fagan, 16 years old was sent to St. Anthony. St. Anthony is a youth correctional facility.

This is quite possibly our Earl, as the age is correct. More research is needed to verify.

More About EARL G FAGAN:

Draft Registration: Registered for the WWI draft

- iv. ORVIL C. FAGAN FARRIS, b. November 17, 1901, , , Idaho; d. December 01, 1987, Longview, , Washington; m. OLIVE E TALLMON; b. September 18, 1907, , , Iowa; d. Unknown.

Notes for ORVIL C. FAGAN FARRIS:

After Ida divorced Mr. Fagan, she changed Orvil's last name to Farris

More About ORVIL C. FAGAN FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Portland, Washington Co., Oregon

- v. GILBERT D. FAGAN FARRIS, b. December 15, 1904, , , Idaho; d. Unknown; m. ANNA B., Abt. 1922; b. 1904, , , Washington; d. Unknown.

Notes for GILBERT D. FAGAN FARRIS:

After Ida divorced Mr. Fagan, she changed Gilbert's name to Farris.

More About GILBERT D. FAGAN FARRIS:

Census: April 12, 1930, Portland City, Multnomah, Oregon

15. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁴ FARRIS (CATHERINE³ POLITE, ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born December 13, 1873 in , , Illinois, and died October 12, 1914 in Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington. He met PRUDA MILLICENT MASON October 08, 1899 in Fairview, Idaho Co., Idaho¹⁴, daughter of JOB MASON and MARY COSAND. She was born December 12, 1882 in Cuba, Cloud Co., Kansas, and died October 16, 1959 in Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho.

Notes for BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FARRIS:

Idaho Land Patent # 2724, recorded in the Lewiston Land Office October 1, 1903

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OBITUARY

B. Frank Ferris Dead

Death occurs in Spokane Hospital Following an Operation Last Monday.

B. Frank Ferris, a well-known farmer of Idaho County and a resident of Grangeville for the past few years died in Spokane last Monday following an operation for obstruction of the bowels. Mr. Ferris was taken with a spell of illness on Wednesday of last week and was taken to Spokane on Sunday in the hope that an operation would afford some relief from his trouble. Dr. Stockton went up to Spokane with Mr. Farris and the operation was performed on Monday, but the patient was unable to withstand the shock and died Monday evening. The body was brought back to Grangeville Wednesday and the remains will be interred in the cemetery here at Grangeville. The deceased is survived by a wife and two children.

NOTE: Only one child is known to this researcher (Opal). If anyone knows of another child, please let me know. This may have just been a misprint in the newspaper.

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More About BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Fairview Cemetary, Grangeville Idaho

Census 1: 1880, Eminence, Woodson Co., Kansas

Census 2: June 13, 1900, Denver Precinct, Idaho Co., Idaho. Arah Austin, age 26, born in Wisconsin is listed in the household as a boarder and farm laborer

Census 3: April 22, 1910, District 156, Harpster, Idaho Co., Idaho

Occupation: Farmer

Property: October 01, 1903, Cert. # 2724, 160 Acres, Idaho County, Idaho - see actual document for legal description

Residence: 1899, Lived in Harpster, Idaho until 1914

Tax List 1: 1908, Idaho County - searched in index, Page 81 Line 18 & 19

Tax List 2: 1911, Idaho County - searched in index, Page 104 line 14 & 15

Notes for PRUDA MILLICENT MASON:

Pruda was a great horse woman. She always rode in the Border Days Parade in Grangeville. She also loved to play the fiddle and the squeeze box (accordian). Penny Casey, purchased Pruda's accordian from Hugh Kennedy, a long time friend of Pruda's, for \$250. It will remain in the family.

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Obituary
Idaho County Free Press

Rites Held for Pruda McLean, 76

Pruda Millicent McLean, 76, died Friday morning at Grangeville General Hospital where she had been a patient for three days.

She was born Dec. 12, 1882 in Kansas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.S.H. Mason. She came west with her parents in a covered wagon when but seven years of age. The family settled near Harpster, where she received her education in the rural schools.

In 1899 she married Frank Farris at Harpster where they continued to make their home until Mr. Farris died in 1914. After his death, she moved to Grangeville and was united in marriage to Jack McLean at Clarkston in 1939. Mr. McLean died March 3, 1952. Mrs. McLean continued to make her home in Grangeville. She was a member of the First Christian church in Grangeville.

Pruda McLean had since a small child been an ardent horsewoman. She rode a trick horse in the first Grangeville Border Days and continued to ride in rodeos, parades and horse shows until two years ago when she suffered a stroke. Although unable to ride she still kept her horse.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Robertston-Hansen Funeral Chapel. John M. Strong, pastor, First Christian church, officiated. Interment was in the Prairie View Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Mrs. McLean were Robert T. Johnston, Lloyd Rupe, Jim Hoogland Sr., Keith Fenn, Paul Strand and Mel McClellan. Music was offered by Merrell P. Womack.

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More About PRUDA MILLICENT MASON:

Burial: Unknown, Prairie View Cemetary, Grangeville, Idaho

Moved: 1889, Moved from Kansas to Idaho in a covered wagon.

Religion: Member of the First Christian Church, Grangeville, Idaho

Residence 1: 1914, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho

Residence 2: 1920, Living on "C" Street in Grangeville. *See photo of home

Child of BENJAMIN FARRIS and PRUDA MASON is:

- i. BEATRICE OPAL⁵ FARRIS, b. July 18, 1900; d. October 25, 1969, Lewiston, Nezperce Co., Idaho; m. ELTON ISSAC GUNTER, November 19, 1921, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho¹⁵; b. February 10, 1896; d. July 31, 1934, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho.

Notes for BEATRICE OPAL FARRIS:

Opal operated a dance school for many, many years. It was called "Gunter School of Dance".

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Obituary
Attack Takes Beatrice Gunter, Harpster Native

Mrs. Beatrice O. Gunter, 69, a retired dancing teacher and a resident of the

Lapwai area since July, died yesterday morning at 6:30 at St. Joseph's Hospital of an apparent heart attack. She had been a patient nine days.

A native of Harpster and a long time resident of the Grangeville area, Mrs. Gunter was a dancing teacher most of her life. She moved from Grangeville to Culdesac in 1967, and to the Lapwai area in July.

She was the widow of Elton Gunter, who died at Grangeville in 1934. The couple was married there in 1921.

She was born July 18, 1900 at Harpster, the daughter of Frank and Pruda Farris. She is survived by a daughter, Eloyse Gunter, Lapwai.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Grangeville Methodist Church. The Rev. Archibald N. Freeman will officiate. Burial will be at Prairie View Cemetery, Grangeville. Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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More About BEATRICE OPAL FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Prairie View Cemetary, Grangeville, Idaho

More About ELTON ISSAC GUNTER:

Burial: Unknown, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho

Marriage Notes for BEATRICE FARRIS and ELTON GUNTER:

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GUNTER - FARRIS MARRIAGE

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Green at 9:30 p.m. Saturday evening, Opal B. Farris became the bride of Elton I. Gunter, W.N. Knox speaking the words that made them man and wife. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Elmer Kennedy and was born in the Harpster district. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gunter who now reside in the Ferdinand section of the county.

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16. ROLLY JOSEPH⁴ FARRIS (CATHERINE³ POLITE, ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born March 24, 1877 in , Illinois, and died May 29, 1932 in Cottonwood, Idaho Co., Idaho. He met ELIZABETH NANCY MASON May 13, 1900 in Harpster, Idaho Co., Idaho - married by J.B. York¹⁶, daughter of JOB MASON and MARY COSAND. She was born December 25, 1883 in Cuba, Cloud Co., Kansas, and died June 17, 1970 in Grangeville General Hospital, Idaho Co., Idaho.

Notes for ROLLY JOSEPH FARRIS:

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In the 1930 census, Leonard W. Barnes is a boarder in the house. He was the Proprietor of the feed store

Betty Farris states that Rolly worked for Mr. Barnes and rented their home from him as well. Mr. Barnes lived with the Farris family.

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Obituary

Fall From Rock Crusher is Fatal

R.J. Farris Dies Sunday

Rolley J. Farris, 55, died at the hospital in Cottonwood early Sunday morning, a victim of injuries received when he fell off the rock crusher near White Bird last Thursday. Mr. Farris had been an employee of the state highway department for several years and at the time of the accident it is presumed he stepped on a wet, slippery board, which caused him to fall. He received a fractured skull, and never regained consciousness.

Mr. Farris was born in the state of Illinois on March 24, 1877. He came west with his parents when 14 years of age, settling at Harpster in Idaho county. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Mason t Harpster in 1900 and in 1917 he and his family moved to Grangeville where they have since made their home. Except for a few short months since coming to the west Mr. Farris has resided in Idaho County.

He is survived by his widow, three daughters, Mrs. Kathryn Fogg, and Mrs. Vivian Campbell of Seattle; Betty Ree, Grangeville; two sons, Walter H. and Rex of Grangeville; two brothers, M.T. Farris, Nezperce and R.H. Farris Clearwater; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Blakely, Hood River, Ore., and Mrs. Ida Fagan, Portland.

Funeral services were conducted from the Hancock Funeral home Tuesday afternoon and burial was made in the Fairview cemetery. Rev. R.F. Jameson officiated.

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More About ROLLY JOSEPH FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Fairview Cemetary, Grangeville, Idaho

Cause of Death: Rolly died from injuries received when he fell from a rock crusher at Whitebird

Census 1: July 21, 1900, Harpster, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 2: April 22, 1910, Harpster, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 3: February 11, 1920, Precinct 3, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho

Census 4: April 10, 1930, Precinct 2, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho

Draft Registration: September 12, 1918, Registered for the WWI draft

Land Patent 1: 1900, Homesteaded at McComas Meadows, Idaho county, Idaho

Land Patent 2: September 21, 1908, Land Patent #6914, Recorded in the Lewiston Land Office

Occupation 1: 1920, Construction Worker

Occupation 2: September 12, 1918, Employed in farming for George Wilkins

Occupation 3: 1930, Worked for the State Highway District

Tax List: 1908, Idaho County, searched index, page 85 Line 6

Notes for ELIZABETH NANCY MASON:

Member of Kooskia Rebekah Lodge

Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxilliary

Elizabeth came to Idaho from Kansas with her parents in a covered wagon. When they first arrived on the Camas Prairie, Elizabeth was "farmed out" to a family near Fairview. She worked on their farm to help pay for her room and board. As her family couldn't afford to feed her.

Elizabeth and her sister, Pruda married Farris brothers.

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Obituary

Unknown Newspaper (probably Lewiston Tribune)

Prairie Resident, Elizabeth Ruark, Succumbs at 86

GRANGEVILLE - Mrs. Elizabeth Nancy Faris Ruark, 86, a resident of the Grangeville area for most of her life, died Wednesday afternoon at Grangeville General Hospital where she had been a patient one day.

Due to failing health, she moved from Craigmont to the Parkhill Manor Nursing Home in 1968. Until then she had lived with her son, Rex Faris, Lewis County sheriff, since 1962. She was born Dec. 25, 1883 at Cuba Kansas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jobe Scott Mason. She married Rollie J. Faris, May 13, 1900 at Harpster. Following their marriage they homesteaded on McComas Meadows, near Grangeville, until 1923. They then moved to Grangeville where Faris died May 29, 1932.

In 1947 she married Frank Ruark at Grangeville. They moved to Kooskia where he was employed by the Idaho County road district until his death in 1959.

Mrs. Ruark was a member of the Kooskia Rebekah Lodge and the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary.

In addition to Faris (Rex), she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Vivian) Groom, Whitebird and Mrs. Floyd (Betty) Litchfield, Grangeville; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hanson Funeral Home, with the Rev. Donald Guy, pastor of the Grangeville First Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.

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More About ELIZABETH NANCY MASON:

Burial: Unknown, Fairview Cemetery, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho

Residence 1: 1962, Lived with her son Rex until 1968

Residence 2: 1968, Park Hill Manor Nursing Home until her death

Children of ROLLY FARRIS and ELIZABETH MASON are:

- i. KATHRYN JOSEPHINE⁵ FARRIS, b. July 01, 1901, Harpster, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. July 02, 1968, Seattle, King Co., Washington; m. JAY SHERBURNE FOGG, June 15, 1919, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho¹⁷; b. May 14, 1890, , , Michigan; d. Unknown.

More About KATHRYN JOSEPHINE FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Seattle, King Co., Washington

- ii. ROLLAND LEO FARRIS, b. August 07, 1902, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. June 05, 1919, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho¹⁸.

More About ROLLAND LEO FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Fair View Cemetary, Grangeville, Idaho

- iii. WALTER (BUB) HARMON FARRIS, b. September 07, 1903, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. August 31, 1955, Kamiah, Lewis Co., Idaho; m. (1) LOUISE PRYER, Private; b. Private; m. (2) EDITH RAPE, March 1948; b. July 04, 1918, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. July 14, 1997, Grangeville Care Center, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho.

Notes for WALTER (BUB) HARMON FARRIS:

Walter worked as a carpenter in California, Washington, and Idaho. He worked in California, building the dry docks for ships during the war. He made a wooden desk that is in the possession of Penny Casey.

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OBITUARY

Walter H. Farris Passes At Kooskia

Walter H. Farris, 51, of Kooskia, died suddenly Sunday morning at Kamiah from a heart attack. Mr. Farris was born September 9, 1903 at Grangeville. He received his schooling in the vicinity of Grangeville and when 20 years old, moved to Seattle where he followed the construction trade. In 1946 he returned to this area and had lived at Grangeville and Kooskia, working as a carpenter.

He is survived by two sons, Robert Lee, of California and Michael of Grangeville. Also surviving are his mother, Elizabeth Ruark of Kooskia; three sisters, Katherine Fogg, of Seattle; Vivian Eppers, of Lewiston; Betty Klink, of Boise, and one brother, Rex Farris of Craigmont.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, at 2 p.m. at the Robertson Funeral Chapel at Grangeville with the Rev. John F. Rice officiating. Interment was at the Fairview cemetery.

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More About WALTER (BUB) HARMON FARRIS:

Died 2: Died of a Heart Attack.

Burial: Unknown, Fair View Cemetary, Grangeville, Idaho

Notes for EDITH RAPE:

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Obituary

Edith Ann Wright, 79

Edith Ann Wright, 79, died Monday July 14, 1997, at Grangeville Care Center from aging. Mrs. Wright was born at Grangeville on July 4, 1918, to Oscar and Mattie Calkins Rape. As a small child the family moved to Lewiston where she attended school and later to the Lapwai area where she attended school at Lapwai.

She married Jack Greig in 1935 and they were later divorced. She and Walter Farris were married in 1948 and they were later divorced. She married Thornton Wright in 1969 and they were divorced in 1985.

She was a member of the Mt. Shadows Baptist Church in Grangeville.

Survivors include two sons, Mike Farris and Kenneth Greig, both of Grangeville; six grand children; and eight great-grand children. One daughter, lola Greig, four brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

No services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of the Noland-Blackmer Funeral Home in Grangeville.

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- iv. VIVIAN LOUISE TENNESSEE FARRIS, b. March 09, 1909, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. December 04, 1985, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; m. (1) GLEN EUGENE CAMPBELL, 1925, Lewiston, Nezperce Co., Idaho; d. Unknown; m. (2) CLAUDE ROOT, June 08, 1935, Weiser, Wash. co., Idaho¹⁹; d. Unknown; m. (3) CLYDE EPPERS, Bef. 1960; d. Unknown; m. (4) GEORGE M. MATTHEWS, Private; b. Private; m. (5) LESLIE P. (DUKE) DUNCAN, Private; b. Private; m. (6) RAYMOND F GROOM, January 26, 1966, Lewiston, Nezperce Co., Idaho; b. May 05, 1913, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. August 1998, Idaho County Nursing Home, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho.

Notes for VIVIAN LOUISE TENNESSEE FARRIS:

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*from conversation with Betty Farris Litchfield - 2003

When Vivian was 16 years old, she ran off and got married. Her mother, was not very happy about this. The marriage didn't last. We are unsure of his name. Then, while in Montana, she met Clyde Epperts. He played the banjo and the violin and was an excellent musician. He played with Benny Goodman. Vivian and Clyde lived together for quite some time, it is unsure if they were ever legally married.

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During WWII, Vivian worked in the lettuce shed in California. Her brother Rex visited her there while he was in the service.

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Obituary
Idaho County Free Press
December 11, 1985

Vivian Louise Groom, 76, died at Syringa General Hospital Wednesday morning, Dec. 4. Death was due to infirmities of age. She was born at Grangeville to Rolly and Elizabeth Farris on March 9, 1909. She attended the Milt Springs, Harpster and Grangeville schools. She lived at Grangeville and worked as a waitress at the Eat Shop Café before moving to Riggins in 1956. She worked at Summerville's Café Riggins until 1965. She married Raymond Groom at Lewiston on January 26, 1966. After their marriage they made their home at White Bird and lived there until the present time. Survivors include her husband at the home, one brother, Rex Farris of Lewiston and one sister, Betty Litchfield of Grangeville. Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death. Graveside services were held Friday at the White Bird Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Wood of the Grangeville Christian Church officiating. Services were under the direction of the Noland Funeral Home in Grangeville. Donations may be made to the charity of choice.

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More About VIVIAN LOUISE TENNESSEE FARRIS:

Burial: December 06, 1985, Whitebird Cemetary, Whitebird, Idaho Co., Idaho
Residence: 1956, Moved from Grangeville to Riggins. Lived there until 1965

Notes for CLYDE EPPERS:

The story goes that when Vivian was very young she met a man in Montana who played the banjo and the violin. He used to play with Benny Goodman. I think this was Clyde Epperts. They did not marry, just lived together.

When she was 16 years old she ran off an married Glen Campbell.

Notes for RAYMOND F GROOM:

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OBITUARY - LEWISTON MORNING TRIBUNE - August 23, 1998

Raymond F. Groom, a longtime Grangeville and Whitebird resident, died Friday at the Idaho County Nursing Home here of causes related to age. He was 85. He was born May 5, 1913, at Grangeville to Francis and Irene Van Horn Groom. He was educated at Grangeville. Following his education, he worked on the family ranch. He married Jeanette Likkel in Grangeville. They later divorced. He owned and operated his own heavy equipment, working for Grangeville and Whitebird highway districts.

He married Vivian Farris, Jan. 26, 1966, at Lewiston. They lived at Whitebird for many years. She died December 1985. He was a member of the Grangeville Elk's Lodge. His survivors include a daughter, Sharon Morgan of Newport, Ore.; three grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The family suggest memorials to the Idaho County Nursing Home. No services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of the Noland-Blackmer Funeral Home in Grangeville.

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Uncle Raymond was one of the kindest men I knew. He used to always want me to come visit and go pick Buttercups on the mountainside. He was a rock collector.

More About RAYMOND F GROOM:

Burial: Unknown, Whitebird Cemetery, Whitebird, Idaho Co., Idaho

Medical Information: Raymond suffered from dementia shortly before his death at Idaho County Nursing Home in Grangeville.

- v. REX ALONZO FARRIS, b. July 01, 1918, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. April 21, 1998, Lewiston, Nezperce Co., Idaho; m. RETA ADA HUTCHENS, March 15, 1941, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho²⁰; b. July 06, 1921, Stites, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. November 19, 2000, Lewiston, Nezperce Co., Idaho.

Notes for REX ALONZO FARRIS:

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In 1950 he and Reta moved to Craigmont, Idaho. There they owned and operated the Prairie Club and Cafe until 1955. In 1955 he began his career in law enforcement as a Craigmont city marshal. After serving for 10 years there he became a deputy for the Lewis County Sheriff's Department. In 1967 he was appointed Sheriff of Lewis County and continued in that capacity until April 13, 1981, when he retired after 25 years in Law Enforcement. They moved to Lewiston in 1982.

Rex was a member of Faith Tabernacle Church. His hobbies were fishing and camping.

There is a new book, "Lawmen - The History of Idaho Sheriffs" by Linda Hopfenbeck, which has a bit of information about Rex.

*notes from conversation with Betty Farris Litchfield - 2003

Rex went to California when he was young. He called his mother collect from there, telling her how homesick he was and that he would like for her to send him money to come home. She told him no, so he hitchhiked all the way home to Idaho.

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Military History of Rex Farris

Information received from his daughter, Joan Farris VanHorn

Rex did not enlist, but rather was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Forces (Corps) . He served from Dec. 29, 1942 to September 1, 1945 in Africa, China, Burma and India, with the Flying Tigers 14th Air Force. He attained the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was an Armorer Gunner on a B-25.

He received the following decorations:

Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star

Purple Heart

3 Overseas Bars

Good Conduct Medal

Aerial Gunner Badge

European-Africa Middle East Theater Ribbon

Wounds received in action included:

Head injury and exposure in the Mediterranean Area, November 1943. These injuries were probably received at the time the troop transport ship was crossing the Mediterranean Sea and the ship was bombed and sank. He spent nine hours in the water waiting to be rescued. He would sometimes talk about how he could smell the flesh of men who had been burned when the ship was struck. Soldiers were trying to get off the ship. They were all moving to the low side that was sinking. Rex and another guy moved to the top side that was sticking up in the air. They were going to crawl down a rope to the water to avoid being sucked under. Rex went down first, and the other guy couldn't hang on to the rope and fell, causing Rex to be pushed down the rope. He said it caused the skin on his hands to be peeled off when the weight of the other guy fell on him.

Rex wouldn't go swimming for years. He always said he spent enough time in the water. Finally, after we were grown, he got so he would go in the Selway River with us when we went camping.

His airplane was also shot down over China. They knew they were behind enemy lines, so they had to stay hidden and walk to safety. That was a scary time for him.

He was honorably discharged on Dec. 29, 1942.

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Obituary
Lewiston Tribune
Wednesday, April 22, 1998

Rex A. Farris, retired Lewis County sheriff, died of causes related to age Tuesday at Life Care Center in Lewiston. He was 79.

He served as the Lewis County sheriff from 1967 to April 1981, retiring after 25 years in law enforcement. He was born July 1, 1918 to Raleigh and Elizabeth Mason Farris in Grangeville. He attended Grangeville schools. He married Reta A. Hutchens March 15, 1941, at Grangeville. They made their home in Grangeville. He served with the U.S. Army Air Forces from Dec. 29, 1942 to September 1945 in Africa and China with the Flying Tigers 14th Air Force. He attained the rank of technical sergeant and was awarded the Purple Heart.

In 1950 they moved to Craigmont, where they owned and operated the Prairie Club and Café until 1955. In 1955 he began his career in law enforcement as a Craigmont city marshal. After serving for 10 years there he became a deputy for the Lewis County Sheriff's Department.

The couple moved to Lewiston in 1982. He enjoyed camping and fishing. His survivors include his wife of Lewiston; a daughter, Joan Vanhorn of Lewiston; a son Terry R. Farris of Tacoma; a sister, Betty Litchfield of Grangeville; and three grandsons.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Raleigh Farris and Walter Farris, and two sisters, Kathryn Fogg and Vivian Groom.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Malcom's Brower-Wann Memorial Chapel in Lewiston. The Rev. David Tucker of Faith Tabernacle in Lewiston will officiate. Burial will be at Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens in Lewiston. The family suggests memorials to Fairview Terrace Apartments, Inc., P.O. Box 2081, Lewiston, housing for persons with disabilities

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More About REX ALONZO FARRIS:

- Burial: April 23, 1998, Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens, Lewiston
- Elected: 1967, Served as Lewis County Idaho Sheriff until 1981
- Military service: December 17, 1942, Drafted U.S. Army in Spokane, Washington
- Residence 1: 1941, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho
- Residence 2: 1950, Craigmont, Lewis Co., Idaho
- Residence 3: 1982, Lewiston, Nezperce Co., Idaho

Notes for RETA ADA HUTCHENS:

When Reta was 10, the family moved to Grangeville, where she graduated from High School. She worked at First Security Bank in 1959 and worked there for 19 1/2 years, retiring April 13, 1978.

OBITUARY - LEWISTON MORNING TRIBUNE
NOVEMBER 21, 2000
Reta A. Farris, 79, Lewiston

Reta Ada Farris, 79, of Lewiston, passed away Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000 at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center. She had fallen on Nov. 7 and suffered a broken hip and shoulder. The surgery to repair the broken bones was successful, but the added strain of her injuries proved to be too much for her heart. Reta was born July 6, 1921, to Bessie and Bryan Hutchens in Stites. She attended schools in the Stites and Grangeville areas, graduating from Grangeville High School. On March 15, 1941, she married Rex A. Farris. They made their home in Grangeville until 1950 when they moved to Craigmont, where they owned and operated the Prairie Club and Cafe' until 1955. In 1959, she went to work for the First Security Bank, retiring on April 13, 1978, after suffering three hear attacks. When Rex retired, they moved to Lewiston to be closer to their daughter and her family. Reta attended Faith Tabernacle Church in Lewiston. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, crocheting, embroidery work, and quilting. She is survived by her daughter, Joan Vanhorn of Lewiston; her so, Terry Farris of Federal Way, Wash.; three grandsons, Aaron Farris of North Hollywood, Calif., Justin Farris of Federal Way, and Gilbert Vanhorn of Lynnwood, Wash.; two brothers, Harold Hutchens of Stites and Aaron Hutchens of Sherwood, Ore.; and three sisters, Geneva Stone of Stities, Rosetta STone of Clarkston and Betty Jeanne Hamilton of Deer Park, Wash. She was preceded in death by her husband, her father and mother, a brother, Hermon Hutchens and a sister, Genevieve Hutchens. The funeral will be held at Malcom's Brower-Wann Memorial Chapel in Lewiston at 11 a.m. Wednesday with burial at Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens. Rev. DAvid Tucker of Faith Tabernacle will officiate. The family suggest that memorial donations be made to Fairview Terrace Apartments (housing for persons with disabilities), 1515 23rd Ave., No. 13. Lewiston, Idaho.

More About RETA ADA HUTCHENS:

Burial: November 22, 2000, Lewis Clark Memorial Gardens, Lewiston

- vi. BETTY MARIE FARRIS, b. July 05, 1923, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; d. June 16, 2006, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho; m. (1) VINCENT E. (JACK) LUNDBERG, February 21, 1942, Grangeville, Idaho Co., Idaho²¹; b. August 09, 1917, , , Kansas; d. February 02, 1979, Spokane City, Spokane Co., Washington; m. (2) KENNETH LELAND JOHN, 1944, Seattle, Washington; b. April 23, 1916, Roswell, Idaho; d. February 28, 1994, Payette, Canyon Co., Idaho; m. (3) MYRON L "BUD" KLINK, 1952, Boise, Ada Co., Idaho; b. August 06, 1923, Meridian, Ada Co., Idaho; d. March 27, 2006, Boise, Ada Co., Idaho; m. (4) JAMES ELWIN BENNETT, 1960, Horseshoe Bend, Idaho; b. April 06, 1921, Boise, Ada Co., Idaho; d. December 22, 1964, Garden Valley, Boise Co., Idaho; m. (5) FLOYD IDAHO LITCHFIELD, Private; b. Private.

Notes for BETTY MARIE FARRIS:

When Betty was born in the house on State Street in Grangeville. She was premature, a 7 month baby, and weighed only about 4 lbs. Mom always told me that her mother used to put her in a shoebox and set her on the open oven door to keep her warm when she was a newborn. Her mother was not able to breast feed her, so she took her down the street to a "nurse maid" that was able to help in this area.

There were lots of dances at the Dance Hall in Mt. Idaho that she attended with her brother and sister. Having a great old time!

She worked as a waitress most of her life at the "Eat Shop" and "The Spot" in Grangeville, Idaho. She also worked as an usher at the Blue Fox Theatre in Grangeville.

She also worked in the shipyards with her mother in Seattle during WWII.

She worked in Santa Monica California for a short time at the aircraft plant during WWII, also worked in the shipyards with her mother in Seattle during WWII.

More About BETTY MARIE FARRIS:

Burial: Unknown, Cremated

Notes for VINCENT E. (JACK) LUNDBERG:

From a conversation with Betty Farris Litchfield in August 2003, she told me that jack was blonde and a very good looking man. After they married he went into the Army. He was stationed in California. His sister, whose name is unknown, lived there.

The marriage was very short and ended in divorce.

More About VINCENT E. (JACK) LUNDBERG:

Residence: 1979, 3797 Mark Rd., Loon Lake, Stevens Co., Washington 99148

Notes for KENNETH LELAND JOHN:

Kenneth was raised in Roswell, Idaho, graduating in 1934. He served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific area during WWII, being honorably discharged in August of 1947. He moved to Grangeville, Idaho where he worked as a master electrician for the Ed Jones Co. He later moved to Caldwell where he owned and operated an apartment complex and worked for Caldwell Electric Co. While there he met and married Kathryn M. Caldwell. She passed away in 1976. After his retirement he continued to live in the area.

More About KENNETH LELAND JOHN:

Burial: March 04, 1994, Canyon Hill Cemetary, Caldwell, Canyon Co., Idaho

More About MYRON L "BUD" KLINK:

Burial: Unknown, Cremated

More About JAMES ELWIN BENNETT:

Burial: Unknown, Cloverdale Cemetary, Boise, Idaho

17. LAURA BELL (LOUISE OR LORA)⁴ FARRIS (CATHERINE³ POLITE, ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born August 06, 1879 in , , Kansas, and died December 17, 1951 in Lewiston, Nezperce Co., Idaho. She met GEORGE A. BLAKELY August 20, 1897 in Kendrick, Latah Co. , Idaho²². He was born January 06, 1856 in , , Massachusetts, and died March 12, 1938 in Orofino, Clearwater Co. , Idaho.

More About GEORGE A. BLAKELY:

Census 1: June 06, 1900, Fairview Precinct, Idaho Co., Idaho. Amos H. Blue, age 17, born in Wash. is listed as a servant in the household (Farm laborer). D.C. Russell, age 25, born in Wisconsin is also listed as a servant. (Horse Training)

Census 2: May 1910, Newport Precinct, Stevens Co., Washington

Census 3: January 02, 1920, Rock Island Precinct, Douglas Co., Washington

Census 4: April 24, 1930, Austin Twn., Grant Co., Oregon

Occupation 1: 1920, Laborer - Fruithand

Occupation 2: April 24, 1930, Gold Miner

Residence: 1897, Newsome, Idaho Co., Idaho

Children of LAURA FARRIS and GEORGE BLAKELY are:

- i. ARCHIBALD GILBERT⁵ BLAKELY, b. June 07, 1898, Harpster, Idaho Co., Idaho. He weighed 11 pounds at birth²²; d. Unknown.

More About ARCHIBALD GILBERT BLAKELY:

Military service: September 12, 1918, Registered for the WWI draft

Occupation: 1918, Logger - working for Mr. Graham

Residence: 1918, Chewelah, Stevens Co., Washington

- ii. MELVINA BLAKELY, b. 1901; d. Unknown.
- iii. FRANKLIN MCKINNA "MACK" BLAKELY, b. August 23, 1902, Mackay, , Idaho; d. October 07, 1983, Lewiston, Nezperce County, Idaho; m. ELSIE ANGLE BREEZE, August 22, 1925, Lewiston, Nezperce Co., Idaho²³; b. October 05, 1905, Monville, Kansas; d. May 10, 2002, Lewiston, Nezperce County, Idaho.

More About FRANKLIN MCKINNA "MACK" BLAKELY:

Burial: Unknown, Lewiston, Nezperce County, Idaho

Census: April 08, 1930, Prineville City, Crook Co., Oregon

Occupation: 1920, Laborer - Fruithand

More About ELSIE ANGLE BREEZE:

Burial: Unknown, Lewiston, Nezperce County, Idaho

- iv. MUREL WOODROW BLAKELY (TWIN), b. May 28, 1912, Newport, Stevens Co., Washington; d. April 09, 1993, Montague, , Texas; m. UNKNOWN, Private; b. Private.

More About MUREL WOODROW BLAKELY (TWIN):

Census: April 24, 1930, Austin Twn., Grant Co., Oregon

Military service: April 17, 1945, Enlisted at Fort Lewis, Washington for the duration of WWII

Occupation 1: April 24, 1930, Gold Miner

Occupation 2: 1945, Wood worker - pattern maker

Residence: April 1993, Last known residence - 76265 Saint Jo, Montague, Texas

- v. KAYRL BLAKELY (TWIN), b. Private.

18. ALBERT⁴ HARRIS (MARTHA JANE "MATTIE" POLITE³ (TWIN), ROBERT² POLITE, JAMES¹) was born 1865 in Illinois or Michigan, and died 1944 in Pike Co., Illinois. He married MARGARET. She died Unknown.

Children of ALBERT HARRIS and MARGARET are:

- i. EVERETT⁵ HARRIS, b. Abt. 1901; d. Unknown.
- ii. FLOYD HARRIS, b. 1896, ,, Illinois; d. Unknown; m. MABEL CHAPMAN; d. Unknown.

Notes for FLOYD HARRIS:

No children were born to this marriage.

19. MAMIE⁴ BINGE (MARTHA JANE "MATTIE" POLITE³ (TWIN), ROBERT² POLITE, JAMES¹) was born October 22, 1878 in Naples, Scott Co., Illinois, and died May 22, 1949 in Morgan Co., Illinois. She married WILLIAM ALEXANDER MEYER May 03, 1903 in Scott Co., Illinois, son of CHARLES MEYER and MARIA CARLS. He died Unknown.

Children of MAMIE BINGE and WILLIAM MEYER are:

- i. FRIEDA AMELIA⁵ MEYER, b. July 25, 1904, Naples, Scott Co., Illinois; d. September 15, 1985, Morgan Co., Illinois; m. LEO SMITH, Private; b. Private.
- ii. GOLDENA MEYER, b. Private; m. GEORGE KRUSA, Private; d. Unknown.

20. ODEN ROBERT⁴ POLITE (ALBERT NELSON³, ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born December 03, 1883 in Macon, Macon Co., Missouri, and died November 03, 1969 in Clinton, Henry Co., Missouri. He married (1) LUTTIE BARR 1901. She died Unknown. He married (2) ETHAL MAE COOLEY December 02, 1912 in Keota, Missouri. She died Unknown. He married (3) LOUISA HENNEQUIN October 16, 1924 in Shelbyville, Missouri. She died Unknown. He married (4) FLORENCE KELLY WREY Private. She was born Private.

Notes for ETHAL MAE COOLEY:

Ethal died from burns.

Children of ODEN POLITE and LUTTIE BARR are:

- i. ORVILLE ROBERT⁵ POLITE, b. November 02, 1904; d. Unknown.
- ii. VIOLET MAY POLITE, b. Private.
- iii. EARL POLITE, b. Private.

Children of ODEN POLITE and ETHAL COOLEY are:

- iv. HORTENSE EILEENE⁵ POLITE, b. Private.
- v. ELINORE FERN POLITE, b. Private.
- vi. RUTH WANETTAM POLITE, b. Private.

21. EICLE PETER⁴ POLITE (ALBERT NELSON³, ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born January 14, 1886 in Colmar, Illinois, and died May 03, 1958 in Mason, Mason Co., California. He married IDA

B. POLSON February 10, 1907. She died Unknown.

Children of EICLE POLITE and IDA POLSON are:

- i. MARY ELIZABETH⁵ POLITE, b. Private; m. WAYNE BRITT, Private; b. Private.
- ii. ELSIE E. POLITE, b. Private; m. LAURENCE DELBERT CRESS, Private; b. Private.
- iii. LUCILLE POLITE, b. Private.

22. LORA ANN⁴ POLITE (ALBERT NELSON³, ROBERT², JAMES¹) was born 1890 in Colmar, Illinois, and died January 12, 1922 in Died of Small Pox. She married LUTHER ROGERS Bet. 1918 - 1921 in Macon, Macon Co., Missouri. He died Unknown.

Children of LORA POLITE and LUTHER ROGERS are:

- i. EDWARD MARICE⁵ ROGERS, b. 1911; d. Unknown.
- ii. LEO LUTHER ROGERS, b. Private.
- iii. JANETTE ROGERS, b. Private.

Endnotes

1. Karen Skinner online family history.
2. Affidavits by children in Civil War Pension File of Gilbert H. Farris.
3. Illinois Statewide marriage Index 1763-1900.
4. Washington Death Index.
5. Idaho County Marriages - Vol. 1, Pg 46.
6. Idaho County Marriage Records.
7. Draft Registration card.
8. Idaho Death Index - Cert #144413.
9. Idaho County Marriage Records Vol. PRO2 Pg. 52.
10. Idaho Death Index - Cert. #087539.
11. Wedding Announcement.
12. Oregon Death Index - Cert. #1470.
13. Oregon Death Index - Cert. #10513.
14. Idaho County Marriage Records Vol. 2 Pg. 112. Benjamin was living in Lowell and Pruda was living in Fairview.
15. Idaho County Marriage Records - Vol 3, Pg 430, Cert #66571.
16. Idaho County Marriage Records Vol.2 Pg 139. Marriage License #1318 (Idaho County Courthouse).
17. Idaho County Marriage Records - Vol 3, Pg 363 Cert. #36927.
18. Death Cert. # 026521.
19. Vol. 10 pg 38, ID # 77264.
20. Idaho County Marriage Records - Vol. 4, Pg. 448.
21. Idaho County Marriage Certificate - Marriage License # 137599.
22. Idaho County Free Press, Grangeville Idaho - W.N. Knox M.G. Officiated.
23. Nezperce Co. Marriage License, Lewiston Idaho.