

HISTORY OF THE YOUNG W. SHORT FAMILY

The task of assembling correct records and data, on families of early days, is not an easy one, since records are incorrect, or missing.

Apologies are offered, for incorrect data, or dates, appearing in this biographical sketch, of the Short Families.

Information was obtained from the Library, Court House, Family Bible and the Atlas of 1878.

In the early days, families of other lands were seeking better and richer lands to live on, so started by horse and wagon, and stream, hearing the midwest was of fertile soil, and better opportunities.

The families were of Scotch, Irish, and German descent, seeking new homes.

They finally landed on what is known as the Old National Trail, and came as far as what is now known as Bellville; being tired and weary they decided to stop and try this spot of Hendricks County.

They were of strong Christian beliefs and Republicans.

Young Short secured some land north of Bellville and started making a home.

He did what he could, with the help of friends and neighbors as did all the others and made a place called home.

In the meantime, he had the opportunity of teaching, with his meager education of the day, at the school, in the location. This was in the early 1800's.

His Irish blood gave him the stamina and will power to conquer.

He was born in Virginia in 1804, and settled in Hendricks County in 1837.

He married Elizabeth Stephenson in April, 1858. To that union were born four children, William B., Franklin, Benjamin, Haney and John.

His second marriage was to Elizabeth A. Smith, September, 1858.

This marriage produced three children, George, William and Young W.

George was born in 1874 and died in 1924. He belonged to the Clayton Christian Church, teaching a Sunday School Class for many, many years.

He married Sarah J. Hunt, born in 1850, and passed away in 1931. There were no children.

After his Father's death he moved to his Father's farm, until the work became too burdensome, where he retired and purchased a home in Clayton, and lived there until his death.

William was born in 1836 and died in 1909; was married and had one daughter, Rosalee, who taught school in Hendricks County many, many years, even though her Father moved to Iowa, in his middle life.

Haney L. was born in 1850 and died in 1925.

She married James S. Patterson, and continued to teach and live in this County. There were no children.

Benjamin Franklin was born in 1838 and died in 1908 (Grandfather).

His early days were spent as an instructor of youth at Hall, Indiana, Morgan County, Christie and Specklemire Schools, and also the Lake David Schools. All were well known schools of the day.

His first marriage was to Mary A. Stevenson, ^{wrong} sister of the well known poet, Robert Louis Stevenson.

She was born September 2, 1858 and died in Danville, February 15, 1872. They had no children.

They purchased a farm, north of Clayton, now known as the Mrs. George Pack's.

His second marriage was to Lydia A. Coble of Stilesville, born March 31, 1843 and died March 17, 1911.

Her father was Uncle Elihu Coble, a Revolutionary War Veteran, a well known personage of this County.

They purchased a farm farther North of Clayton, once known to most of us as the "Barney Martin place," on State Road 39.

To this union were born three boys, Otis William, Charles Young and Mark Mills.

After the boys were grown, he retired and bought a home in Clayton, where he lived the rest of his life. He was a staunch member of the Christian Church at Clayton, and for years taught a Sunday School Class. His wife joint with him in this, leaving her Methodist Church.

He and his first wife were members of the Danville Christian Church for several years.

Otis, born July 1, 1874, died October 15, 1938.

He was a farmer and a rancher in Missouri and Indiana.

He married Charlotte Jane Brewer of Monrovia in 1893.

She was born October 27, 1874, and died November, 1964.

She was the daughter of Jesse and Hannah Brewer, who lived on their 160 acre farm near Little Point, Morgan County.

Jessie served his Country in the Civil War and was killed at Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, at the age of forty-two years.

Otis and Charlotte had three children, Marcia Eva, born November 23, 1895 in Hendricks County.

She was an active member of the Prebyterian Church in Clayton, choister of the Endeavor and Secretary.

Her common school education was received in Indiana, and Missouri; but her High School and College training was in Indiana at Central Normal College and Indiana University, having taught school in Hendricks County and Greensburg.

She also had a colorful career in club work and service organizations as well as politics both in Illinois and Indiana.

She married Claud D. Raber on June 24, 1926 and went to Chicago to live, where Mr. Raber practiced law for twenty-five years and taught in the John Marshall Law School.

He has practiced law for fifty-two years in Illinois and Indiana; and is a Mason, Scottish Rite and Shriner.

The Rabers have one son, born August 14, 1932, in Chicago, James Sanderson Raber.

His common school education was received in Chicago, but the family having moved back to Indiana in 1946 on a 200 acre farm, he furthered his education at the Plainfield High School and seven years on the Indiana University Campus, receiving his A.B. Degree in Accounting in 1950 and his Law Degree and Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1954.

Following this, he took his military at Fort Leonard Woods and the National Guard.

While on the campus he was active in the Young Republicans, becoming President of the Midwest Young Republicans.

He was appointed Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana in 1955 and 1956, just after he started his law practice with his father.

He is now serving as General Counsel for the Sam P. Wallace Company, an International firm, located in Dallas, Texas.

All three of the Rabers had a part in the building of Hendricks County Hospital which began in 1960.

Claud D. Raber, an attorney in Danville, was chosen to float the first bonds for the first floor and James S. Raber, then an established attorney with his father, was chosen to float the bonds for the second addition to the Hendricks County Hospital. Marcia Raber served on the \$1,000.00 Gift Committee.

Mr. Raber also donated the Institutional size clock to the personnel of the Hendricks County Hospital.

A second child was born to Otis and Charlotte, named Benjamin Franklin July 28, 1897, died May 10, 1911.

Marian Waldo was born June 19, 1914 and presently lives in Eau Claire, Wisconsin in the summer and Key West, Florida in the winter. Retired at the age of sixty years. He was married twice, first time to Lee Mackey of Wisconsin and there were three children born to this union, Marlene Niles and Carol. His first wife died in 1956 and he married Doris Lucille Earl on May 5, 1956.

Charles Young Short, second son of Franklin, was born September 7, 1876, and died June 1, 1945.

He married Ella Gambold of Coatesville on September 21, 1900.

They had two children, Roland B., born 1901 and died 1918 and Dorothy Eva, born September 13, 1905.

They lived in Coatesville for several years, where Mr. Larkin and Charlu were in the undertaking business together. But business called him to Indianapolis where Dorothy met Welburn McCoy Guernsey and they were married May 12, 1955.

Welburn had received his training at The Heron School of Art and was a Commercial Artist at Indianapolis, Indiana, until he went to Florida.

The Guernseys' have one son, Verlin Ward Guernsey, born September 12, 1928, who married Mary Josephine Glenn, of Lakeland, Florida May 13, 1955 and went into business with his father.

Through foresight, ingenuity and good business ability,

the Guernseys' are millionaires today.

Mr. Guernsey, Sr. retired at the age of 50 years in Tampa, Florida.

Mark Mills Short the third son of Franklins, was born May 22, 1879; died July 10, 1956. He was a Mason in the Clayton Lodge.

He was married to Ruth Miles September 1, 1901, she was born January 13, 1881; died April 30, 1960. She was the daughter of Thos. J. Miles born September 24, 1842; died November 9, 1924 and Talitha Tudor Miles born April 5, 1842; died February 3, 1888.

Thomas J. was known to many of us as Uncle Tom.

Ruth and Mark had spent all their lives in Hendricks County, owning a farm on the south edge of Clayton, and land reaching north almost to the Center Township line.

On the north land they had a summer home, and resort for friends whom some remember as Camp Short, and many fun days were spent there. There was also the health resort of Spring Water.

Mark and Ruth had two children, Helen, born June 10, 1905 and Paul M. born December 31, 1902, married in Colorado, October 31, 1959, died August 14, 1961. There were no children.

~~Helen married Byron Elmore of Pittsboro on June 19, 1926. Byron died September 29, 1960.~~

They had one child Paul M. born January 15, 1933.

After completing his high school education, he went to work in Indianapolis at The Times newspaper and later The H. Lieber Company also in Indianapolis. Soon he felt it

a duty to join the United States Military Service. On February 2, 1952 he joined the United States Air Force and received his training at Lakeland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, then to Wyoming for 18 months, finally landing in Anchorage, Alaska, serving four years.

While in the service he married L. Maxine Williams of Clayton, in Anchorage. They have one son, Bradley Kent, seven years of age.

Paul is a successful insurance man in the Indianapolis area.

The Mark Short Family early in life all joined the Christian Church at Clayton, and three of them taught Sunday School for years; Helen having had the distinction of having taught for fourteen years, only missing one Sunday.

After the death of her husband and parents, Helen sought comfort in employment with The H. Lieber Company in Indianapolis. She retired last year, 1974.

I am filing copies of this historical information with the Hendricks County Historical Society, Danville, Indiana.

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