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***Editor's Note:***

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is pleased to present in this issue a research success story from our September 2015 member-sharing program and another research article from our September 2015 Quilts and Genealogy program. More research success stories from our 2015 member-sharing program will appear in future issues.

## MYSTERY OF THE LOST PHOTO ALBUM

BY CHARLEEN BROWN

In late Dec. 2011, a friend, Peter "Pete" Vorbeck stopped by my house with a mystery.



He showed me a family album that he and his children had discovered in a rental they occupied in Butte Falls from 1969 to 1970.



His kids had wanted to build a hideout in the rafters of a garage on the property and in doing so discovered the album. Pete looked through the album and asked all the "old timers" in Butte Falls if they remembered a family by the name of Lile or Lyle. Butte Falls being a small community, everyone knows everyone. So Pete thought someone would surely have remembered these people, especially if they had school-age children. Amazingly, no one did. Not wanting to see the album lost or destroyed, Pete kept it with him for the next 41 years, until 2011, when he brought it to me. He knew that I worked with Rogue Valley Genealogical Society and he hoped that we could find the rightful owners.

My first step was to examine all the pictures and items in the album. A couple of pictures had the names "Jack Lile," "George Shalur," and "Ron" written on the back.



I found documents in the album, too, including an original Social Security card and an honorable discharge document.



On the back of the discharge document was a birth date and place of birth for Jack Thomas Lyle. My next step was to go look at the 1930 census, because the birthdate for Jack showed that he was born in 1929 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. I found him with his parents, but the name was spelled “Lile” rather than “Lyle.” However, I had noticed the “Lile” spelling on one of the pictures, so I suspected that this was the correct family after all.



Further research on Ancestry.com led to the discovery of the photo below on a public family tree.

**Tom, Ron, George and Jack**



Through more research on Ancestry.com, it was also discovered that Jack’s mother, Clara Belle Kerley, had married three times—first to George Shalur (Shaler) in the early 1920s. Their son George Shalur is listed as 5 years of age on the 1930 Census, and one of the photos in the album had “George Shalur” and “Jack Lile” written on the back. Clara married Thomas Rosco Lile before 1929 when a son, Jack, was born. No record of divorce from either George Shalur or Thomas Lile was found, but Clara later married a Joe Kissinger. We found her death record, which showed her name as Kissinger.

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Name:	<b>Clara B. Kissinger</b>
SSN:	<b>519-05-4133</b>
Last Residence:	<b>83705 Boise, Ada, Idaho, United States of America</b>
Born:	<b>22 May 1899</b>
Died:	<b>13 Sep 1988</b>
State (Year) SSN issued:	<b>Idaho (Before 1951)</b>

Source Citations Number: 519-05-4133; Issue State: Idaho; Issue Date: Before 1951.

Source Information: Ancestry.com, Social Security Death Index [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2011. Original data: Social Security Administration, Social Security Death Index, Master File, Social Security Administration.

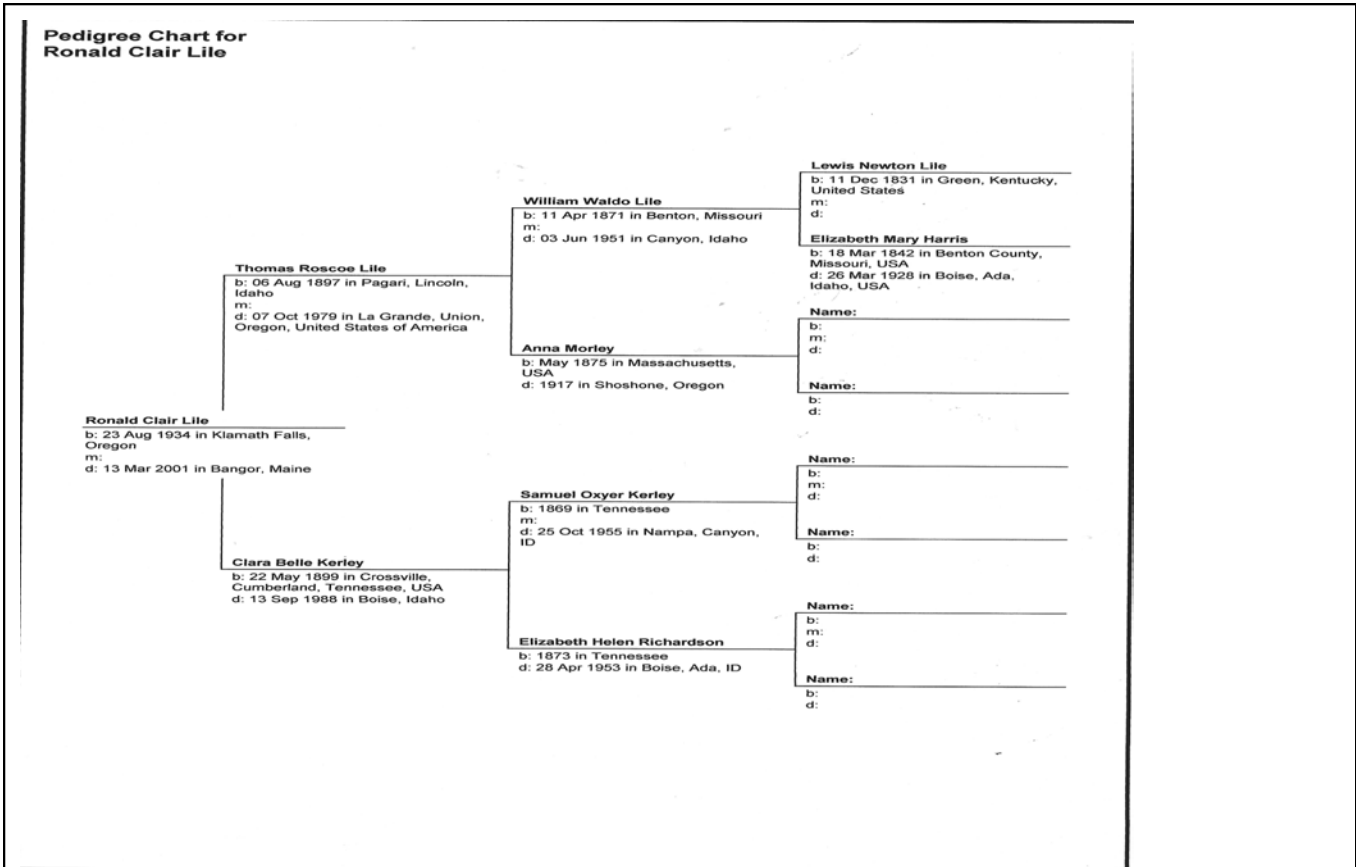
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Next, I enlisted the help of Anne Billeter, Library Director at RVGS. We checked obituary records and found an obituary for Ronald Clair Lile who had passed away in 2001 in Maine. Using information from the obituary, I constructed a family tree for Ron on Family Tree Maker.

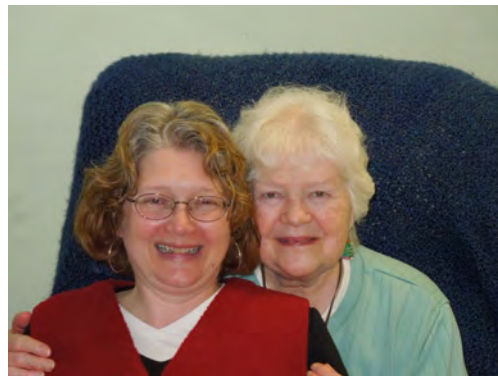
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The obituary listed a widow's name and phone number. I called Ron's widow, Charlotte Lile, but she wasn't at home, so I left a message. I am sure she didn't respond because she thought I was some kind of nut or scam artist. I waited a few days and then called a second time. There was still no answer, so I left another message. This time I must have convinced her I wasn't a nut, because Charlotte's daughter, Karen Anseli returned my call a couple of days later. In our conversation, Karen and I were able to determine that, yes, this was her Uncle Jack. She said that the family had lost touch with her Uncle Jack, although she thought he was still alive and living in California. She said she would be thrilled to have the album.

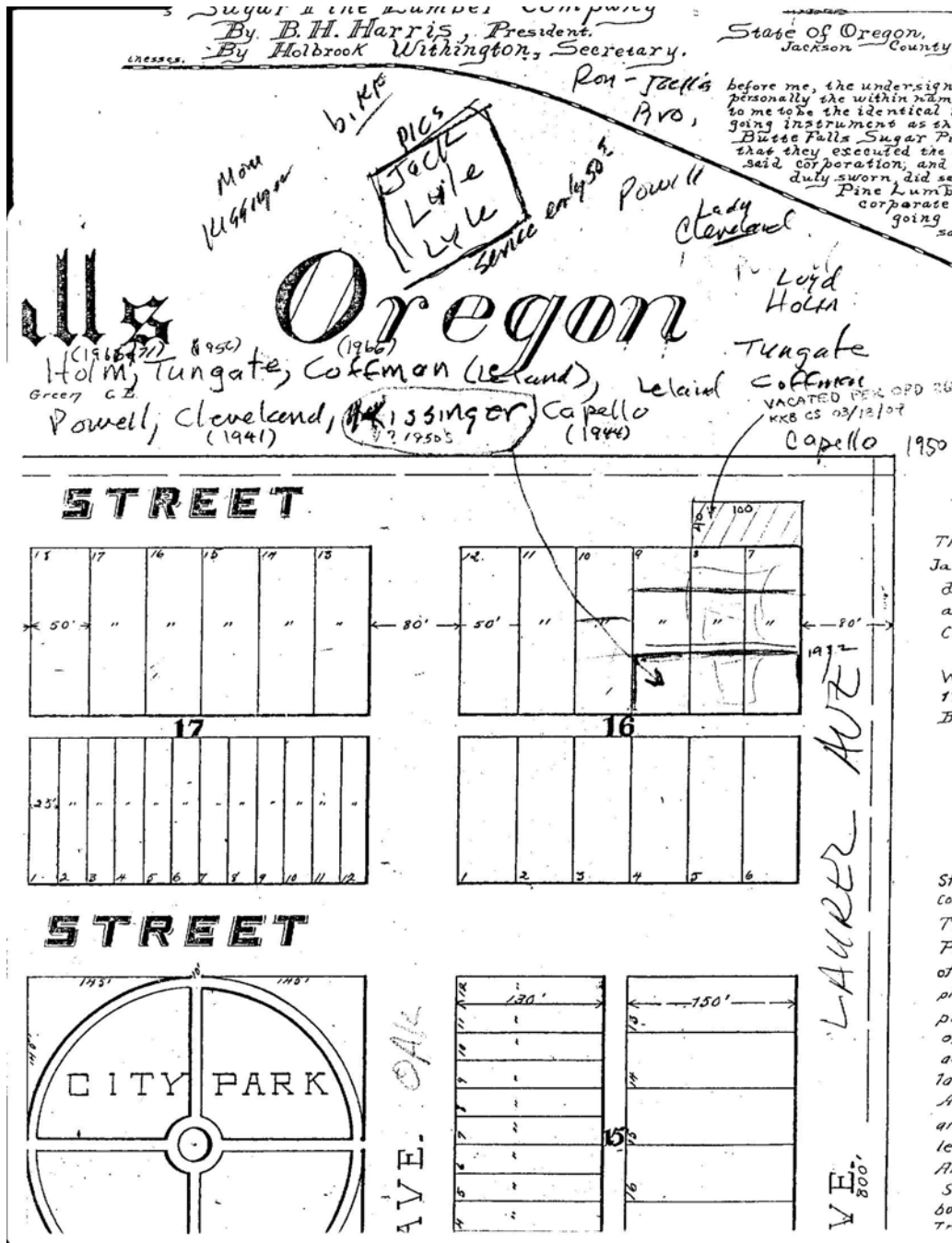
I photographed the album and pictures for our records and then mailed the album and the information we had uncovered to Karen. She sent pictures of herself and her mother when they received the album.



She called to thank me for all the information and told me that she was beginning to work on her father's genealogy and many of the pictures were of him, as well as Jack. During our conversation, I asked her if she had any idea how the album came to be in Butte Falls, but she said she didn't have a clue.

My curiosity still wasn't satisfied, though. How did the album end up in Butte Falls when no one remembered a Lyle/Lile family there?

So, my final step was to search the land records relating to the rental from which the album came. I enlisted the help of Chuck Eccleston and Roger Roberts, two RVGS members who are our land records authorities. They found the Plat Map for that particular piece of property, showing ownership all the way back to the early 1900s. Looking at the Plat Map below, it should be noted that the lots are platted north and south but the houses were built east and west in that area. It shows that a family named Kissinger owned 1/3 of three lots, probably in the early 1950s.



Looking back over Clara's marriages, she had married a Joe Kissinger, and they had owned a home in Butte Falls and had lived there during that time period. So that is how the album came to be in Butte Falls. It also explains why no one knew the name Lile/Lyle. Perhaps if Pete had asked about the name *Kissinger* rather than *Lile/Lyle*, he might have found someone who remembered the family.

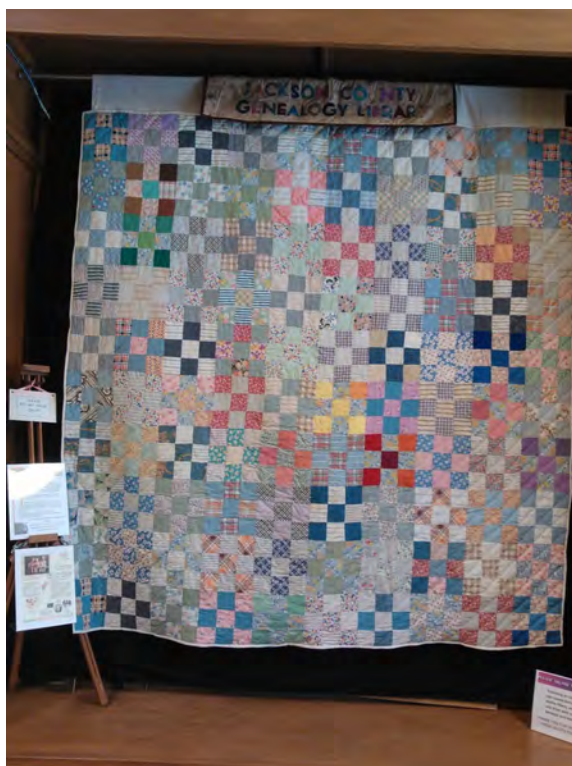
One mystery was solved, and an album finally found its way back to its rightful family after 41 years.

Another mystery remained unsolved: how and why the album was left behind when the family moved from Butte Falls.



## THE HOOPER DOOMS RAFFLE QUILT

BY ANNE BILLETER



**Where did the Quilt Come From?** On June 14, 2014, Anne Billeter purchased a patchwork quilt top at a Medford yard sale. The seller was willing to write down a few facts about her grandmother, who had hand-sewn the quilt top. The quiltmaker was Gladys Madge Hooper Dooms. She was born in Maine, lived in Ashland, and is buried in Jacksonville. Her daughter was Ruth Dooms, who married three times: Rouse, Iverson, and Susich.

Nell Mathern, RVGS member and member of the Jacksonville Museum Quilters, hand quilted the nine-patch quilt top. The quilt is currently on display at the Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL). Raffle tickets for it are on sale for \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00, or 30 for \$20.00. The lucky winner will be drawn at the June 28, 2016, "Quilts and Genealogy" Talk.

**Who was Gladys Hooper Dooms?** How did she come to live and die in Jackson County, given that she was born in Maine? What could we find out about her using the JCGL research resources?

Gladys Hooper was born January 3, 1903, in Old Orchard, York County, Maine, to Catherine Dean and George Hooper. Her birth record<sup>1</sup> recorded that she was their second child; that her father was born in Waterboro, Maine, was deceased, and had been a teamster; that her mother was born in West Medford, Massachusetts, and was a housekeeper. The birth was reported by a doctor who resided in Saco, Maine. (All of these Maine locations are in York County.)

"Katherine" Dean and "Geo. H. Hooper" were married April 11, 1900, by a clergyman in Old Orchard, Maine. The marriage record<sup>2</sup> recorded that the groom was 26, a teamster, residing in Saco, born in Waterboro; and that the bride was 22, a bookkeeper, residing in Old Orchard, born in W. Medford, Massachusetts. Further, on the back side of the marriage record (a second image at [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)), the names of the parents of the groom and bride are given, including maiden names, residences, occupations, and places of birth:

Benj. F. Hooper, res. Waterboro, ME, farmer, b. [blank]  
Katie F. Cushman [sic for Cashin<sup>3</sup>], res. Waterboro, ME, housekeeper, b. Ireland

Daniel L. Dean, res. Old Orchard, ME, Minister of Gospel, b. Saco, ME  
Harriet Sawyer, res. Old Orchard, ME, housewife, b. Buxton, ME

It was possible to trace the Hoopers and Sawyers back several generations (back into the 1700s) in Maine. (While Maine was under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts until 1820, the records for the area now part of Maine are identified as Maine records.) Daniel Dean's parents and grandparents were born in Massachusetts.

In the June 1, 1900 census,<sup>4</sup> newlyweds George H. and "Cathrine" Hooper are residing in Saco, York County, Maine, and he is a teamster. They are renting their house at 21 Green St.

George's parents, Benjamin F. and "Kate" Hooper, are residing in Hollis township, York County, Maine, with George's brothers—Charles (age 22, weaver in a wool mill) and Everett (age 20, a meat salesman). Benjamin is a farmer and they are living on a farm.

Catherine's parents, Daniel L. and Hattie A. Dean, are residing in Old Orchard, York County, Maine, with Catherine's three sisters—Elmira (age 25, missionary), Alice G. (age 6), and Inez M. (age 14). They own their house. Daniel is a salesman.

On May 9, 1901, Marion Gertrude Hooper is born to George and Catherine (Dean) Hooper, in Saco. She is their first child.<sup>5</sup>

On August 11, 1902, George H. Hooper died in Saco of "perforation of stomach."<sup>6</sup> The Record of Death reported that he was 28 years, 10 months, and 26 days old. His father's name was given as "B. Frank Hooper." His death was reported in the *Daily Kennebec Journal*, Augusta, on Monday, August 25, 1902, as having occurred on Aug. 13.<sup>7</sup> Catherine was widowed, pregnant, and had a 15-month-old daughter, Marion.

Gladys was born the following January 3, 1903, in Old Orchard, perhaps at the home of her Dean grandparents.

On June 23, 1906, when Gladys was three years of age, her mother married Harry Ingalls. He was 33; she was 28. They were both residing in Scarborough, Cumberland County, Maine. He was a painter; she was an agent. It was his first marriage.<sup>8</sup> A record of their divorce was not located.

On March 3, 1909, when Gladys was 6, her mother, listed as "Catherine D. Hooper" married "William Callihan" in Portland, Cumberland County, Maine. He was 32, a carpenter, born in Nova Scotia, divorced, residing in South Portland. Both of his parents were born in Nova Scotia and resided there; their names are recorded in the marriage record. Catherine reports that she is 31 and divorced, that this is her third marriage, and that she is residing in South Portland. Her parents are residing in Delano, Washington, and her father is a salesman.<sup>9</sup>

In April 1910, "Wm." and "Cathrin Callahan" and Marion Hooper (age 8) and Gladys Hooper (age 7) are residing in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.<sup>10</sup> Catherine's parents and her sister Almira, 34, a stenographer, are also residing in Tacoma. [Catherine's father was enumerated as "Donald" rather than "Daniel."<sup>11</sup>]

Gladys and Marion gained two siblings during their growing-up years in Tacoma—their half-sister Harriet Bernice Callahan was born March 23, 1911<sup>12</sup>, and their half-brother Franklin Dean Callahan was born December 13, 1913.<sup>13</sup>

Gladys is 16 when she is listed in the 1919 *Tacoma, Washington, City Directory*<sup>14</sup> as "hlpr W.O. Co." She is residing at

the same address as her mother and step-father, as she is in the January 1, 1920 census, where she is listed as “student” “hospital.” Also in the household are her 18-year-old sister Marion, a stenographer for the gas company; 8-year-old Bernice; 6-year-old “F. Dean”; her 65-year-old grandfather, Daniel Dean, (whose wife died in 1912), now a “church minister”; and an 18-year-old Norwegian roomer, Clara Mickleson, a “factory girl” who works in a lumber mill.

In 1920, at the age of 17, “G. Madge Hooper” married “Henry C. Dooms” in Tacoma. “Mrs. Wm. Callahan,” Gladys’ mother, was one of the witnesses.<sup>15</sup>

**Henry Clarence Dooms** was the son of Mary Ellen Barnes and Pleasant Allen Dooms. He was born in Willow Springs, Howell County, Missouri, on November 28, 1896.<sup>16</sup> His parents married either in nearby Douglas County, Missouri,<sup>17</sup> or in nearby Cabool, Texas County, Missouri,<sup>18</sup> on December 15, 1895. “Bless and “Marie Dooms” resided in Clinton Township, Douglas County, Missouri, in 1900 with their two sons, Henry (age 3) and Charles (age 1).

In 1902, the family moved from Missouri to southern Oregon.<sup>19</sup> By 1910<sup>20</sup> Henry, now 13, had two sisters: Ethel (age 9) and Sarah (one month old). They lived at 1020 Palm Street in Medford. Father “Pleas. A.” was a blacksmith and owned his own blacksmith shop and their home.

Henry and his brother Charles both reported on their World War I draft registration cards that they were employed by “P. A. Dooms” (their father) at 109 S. Holly, in Medford, and were residing at “N Cent Ave, Medford.” Henry’s full name is revealed: Henry Clarence Dooms.<sup>21</sup>

Henry was “a veteran of World War I, receiving his discharge in November, 1919.”<sup>22</sup> It is not known how Henry and Gladys met—perhaps he served part of his war service at Fort Lewis, nine miles from Tacoma?

**Gladys (Hooper) and Henry Dooms’** son Robert Llewellyn Dooms was born in Tacoma, and their daughter Ruth Barbara Dooms, was born in Dryad, Washington, where they lived for several years in the early 1920s. Henry was a logger and Dryad was a lumber town. By 1926 they had moved to Medford, Oregon, and Henry had begun working for the Jackson County Road Department, from which he retired after 38 years in 1964.<sup>23</sup> In 1936 the family moved to Ashland.<sup>24</sup> Son Robert enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1940 and served for 24 years as an aviation machinist. He married in 1944 in Ashland and provided Gladys and Henry with four grandchildren. Daughter Ruth graduated from Ashland High School, married, divorced, and was, tragically, widowed twice. She provided Gladys and Henry with two grandchildren. By 1969, when husband Henry died at the age of 72, Gladys and Henry had six great-grandchildren.

Gladys sewed. She sewed clothes for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was an active member of the Degree of Pocahontas, the Royal Neighbors of America, the Navy Mothers, and the Jackson County Home Extension.<sup>25</sup> There is a photograph of her as part of “the Past Oracles Club of Ivy Camp, Royal Neighbors of American [sic]” depicting seven women and some of the quilts, layettes and other items they made for needy families, families in emergency situations, and to sell at “the Winter Flea Market.”<sup>26</sup>



Gladys Hooper Dooms died October 13, 1994, at the age of 91, leaving a rich legacy of descendants, memories, a few beautiful quilts, and a nine-patch quilt top which has since been hand-quilted and will belong to the lucky raffle winner on June 28, 2016.

*Five generations. In front: Gladys Hooper Dooms; in back, left to right: Joyce Athanas (granddaughter); Ruth Susich (daughter); Debbie and Johnni Funderberg (great-granddaughter and great-great-granddaughter).*



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