

# Harwood Notes

CHRISTMAS 1980

The following poem was taken from  
RANDOM SAMPLES, an occasional  
publication of the Transportation  
Laboratory of State of California.

## *Christmas Thoughts*

*As humanity rushes so madly along  
In a world crowded with turmoil and fear,  
There suddenly seems a much softer pace  
As Christmas approaches each year.*

*Even in war Christ's Birth is honored  
As a truce is declared for a day,  
To allow the men in battle  
To gather their thoughts and pray.*

*To some folks the holiday season  
May mean only a respite from work -  
To others perhaps the opposite is true  
As with mailmen or with a store clerk.*

*To many the true meaning really is lost  
Mid the shopping and partying din,  
For if we fail to seek His will  
Inner peace can never begin.*

*Have you ever stopped to ask yourself  
What God did for you that day  
As He sent to earth His only Son  
To be born in that manger of hay?*

*God's word is very explicit  
That Christ came to save us from sin -  
So why not accept His eternal life gift  
And let Jesus the Saviour come in?*

*Bill Morrill*

16

We received quite a few notes in the Christmas cards last year, and I will start with some excerpts from them.

Dorothy (Yarwood) EMMONS wrote that she and Ted sold their house and moved into an apartment in Burr Oak. Ted had had a spell in the cardiac unit - and pneumonia while there.

Her tendonitis was acting up - all of the work involved in the move - and she had been having ultra-sonic treatments for it. She has also been doing quite a bit of walking to help her angina.

Jessie (Yarwood) HIRMAN wrote that she and Truman had been to the nursing home to see Mrs. Church YARWOOD. She didn't know very much about Church's ancestors, except that they were English, and that possibly his mother's maiden name was OWEN. She did know that Frank YARWOOD had homesteaded a farm near Buffalo, Wyoming - county seat of Johnson County.

I received a copy of the funeral card for Mrs. Gleora T. YARWOOD May 18, 1897 - April 18, 1979. Gleora (Bakken) was the widow of Harold YARWOOD.

Aunt Lucy - Mrs. Everett SUBRA - mentioned that her daughter Doris's son, Kelly CALLAHAN was sworn in as a lawyer Oct. 5, 1979. This was Lucy & Everett's 58th anniversary; and her daughter Lila's second son was married that day. Violet's daughter, Dianne was married on Sept 29, 1979. With 4 new great-grandchildren in 1979, Lucy & Everett had 20 great-grandchildren by the end of the year.

My sister Helen - Mrs. Del DRLW - wrote in her Xmas letter that they had purchased the bell tower off the old E. U. B. Church in Ackley, Iowa and had it sitting there in their back yard. She wants to turn it into a gazebo - Del tells her that it is her project, so looks like she'll have to do most of the work on it.

Everett YARWOOD wrote that his cousin Maurice HOVDEN's son and wife went to Pepperdine Law School out here and both practice law in Los Angeles. He had been fishing up in Minnesota, and had good luck - walleye pike and white bass. (I just checked the yellow pages for a HOVDEN law firm, but none listed. Must be in some other firm.)

Mary Delight CRAIGMILE sent some information about her branch of the family:

Wm. A HERZOG had a daughter, Margaret Lu HERZOG, b 25 Sept 1979.

Kathleen ABBEY had a daughter, Karen Elizabeth ABBEY, b. 23 Nov. 1979.

Fay YARWOOD wrote that he had been put on a year's sick leave (obstructive lung disease), and they expected to put him on long term disability until age 65. However, I talked to his sister, Marian WOLF the other day, and she said that when they checked him at the end of the year, they said he could go back to work. The way his note sounded, that is just what he wanted.

Leona wrote that May (Fay's twin sister) and her husband were going to visit her son & wife last December. (Marian said that they were planning to go to Europe this year to visit them. Butch works for the State Department.) Leona & Manly HAMMER had two grandchildren graduate from high school May 1979. They sold their photo studio July 1, 1979, and are now retired. They have an Airstream trailer which they took to Leech Lake for the summer - had their reservations for this summer also. Got in a lot of fishing. Leona had been having a little trouble with her diabetes. Was a little too heavy - had lost 15 lb, and needed to lose 15 more. Her son Steven was still in Fairbanks, Alaska. They hadn't seen him for two years. Manly was still teaching an adult photo class.

Wanda (Yarwood) COSGRAY wrote with bad news. Her husband's obituary was enclosed:

Ralph L. COSGRAY, 68, 10361 U.S. Rt. 224, Deerfield, died at Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna at 6:14 p.m. Wednesday, 21 November 1979, following a long illness.

Mr. COSGRAY was born in Littleton, W.Va., May 30, 1911, and was retired from Americana Art China Co., where he was employed as a mold maker.

A veteran of World War II, he was a member of Sebring Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts, and Littleton Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda (Yarwood); three sons, Dean B., and Waid T., both of the home, and George L.; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret MILLER of Littleton, W.Va., and Mrs. Nellie McLAUGHLIN of Wheeling, W.Va.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Vogt-Gednetz Funeral Home in Sebring, with the Rev. James WHITE officiating. Burial will be in Grandview Cemetery in Sebring.

Mr. Eugene L. MICKEL - the son of Mrs. Church YARWOOD who was mentioned above - wrote in answer to a letter: (portions)

When I was 5 years old, my mother, Leta, married Church Hill Henry YARWOOD, who was born April 13, 1903, in Buffalo, Wyoming. He had a brother, Albert, who went to California in about 1935 or 1936 and was never heard from again. He also had a sister, Grace, who was married to a man by the name of Merle ELGIN. When last heard of they lived in Medford, Oregon area. Church YARWOOD died on October 30, 1972, in Gold Hill, Oregon. I believe both Grace and Merle have also passed away. They had 3 children, 2 girls and a boy. The son was a minister of the Missouri Synod of Lutheran Church. His name was Walter ELGIN and the last we heard he was with the Myrtle Creek Lutheran Church in the Medford area..... Church's father's name was Frank, and he had a brother named George who was a bachelor when I knew him, but I recall that he was teased about a former wife that he had had. I believe that George, Frank A., and Frank's wife Hester A. (nee COOK) are all buried in the Willow Grove Cemetery in Buffalo, Wyoming.

We do not have the YARWOOD family records, much as I'd like to have had them. Church never had children of his own, only step-children. He was a very special step-father and the only father I ever knew. However, after he and Leta had been married 26 years, they were divorced. A few years later he married again, Ethel WIES, on February 22, 1957, in Reno, Nevada, and they moved to Oregon. She has since remarried and her (name) is: Mrs. Ethel WOPPSCHALL.

Mrs. WOPPSCHALL wrote:

I'm sorry I can't give you the information you want, but will do the next best thing. Church always said he was the last of his family. He said his brother Albert went into the Army 2nd WWar and Church received a telegram from the War Dept that he was listed as missing in action. He never heard anymore.

I gave the Bible to Walter ELGIN to give to his mother. He was pastor of the Lutheran Church in the Tri City Area. When Grace ELGIN died he moved to Rochester, Wash and was living in their house the last I heard. I have not heard any more from any of them.....

(I wrote to Walter ELGIN, but have not heard from him as yet.)

Mrs. Betty (Yarwood) SEAL wrote that as of July 1979, Paul and a cousin had a portable X-Ray service in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, and that things were beginning to progress. Their children, Linda

and Richard are staying in California. Linda is teaching at the Loma Linda University and Richard is manager of the College Book Store on the same campus.

Betty also mentioned that her brother, Howard YARWOOD, had a massive heart attack in the Summer of 1979 and died a few days later.

My sister, Florence (Y) HARDING was to have all three of her sons home for Christmas last year - they had a fine time. Of course, grandchildren help to make things wonderful, and she had three of them for the holidays - also daughters-in-law.

(Rob, Linda & their two daughters visited us one evening this last summer. The first we had met Linda, Erin & Laura. The girls were probably getting tired, but didn't cause any trouble at all. We really liked them.)

Louise ROLFS wrote that the summer of 1979 she had visited the Grand Canyon, then to the Midwest, then down to Florida and back to San Diego. In the spring she had taken her 4th & 5th grade students on a whale-watching trip - unfortunately, she is not much of a sailor, and didn't enjoy the boat-ride! Three of her students took the top three prizes in the American Legion essay contest on "Love For America" in 1979 - so she was very proud of them!! Louise changed from Ross School to Webster School - a Magnet school in the integration program. The change-over was rather challenging, and perhaps by now things are not so hectic as last year.

Dean YARWOOD wrote that he was having a sabbatical leave at the University - doing research & writing. Their daughter Cindy is enrolled in an M.A. program in Health Planning at the University of Missouri, and their 3rd son Keith was a freshman at MU.

From: Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter, Jan 1980  
YARWOOD, James E. S. - son of J. & A. - d. Mar 30, 1875,  
aged 16 ys 11 ms 20 ds.  
Last Dayton Cemetery.

+++++  
I found an old card from Mrs. Jane Y. HIGBIE which I may not have mentioned before:

"I'm the Jane Yarwood HERZOG you were wondering about. I've always been very fond of my middle name, and have used the "Y" as my middle initial after being married. It's caused some confusion, but I haven't minded it.

My Mother's name was Mary Yarwood (Whitson) HERZOG. I wanted to name my daughter Mary Yarwood HIGBIE, but after our 4th boy was born we decided we'd better name him Robert Yarwood HIGBIE because a girl seemed to be too hard to have. We do have two girls, however, Mary Jane (Molly) and Barbara.

I'm sure you would enjoy talking to my uncle Jim WHITSON. He's 79 (in 1975) and loves to tell stories. He lives in Cucamonga. He's Mary CRAIGHILE's first cousin. (Jim WHITSON has since died.)wry.

=====  
found an old (1975) letter from Joyce SIGLER:

Samuel Luther SIGLER, 1848-1925 m 1st, Emma Jane YARWOOD,  
1851-1881, daughter of William Henry YARWOOD & Hannah \_\_\_\_\_.

Children:

Hannah Eliza SIGLER, 1870 -	m. SHUTTWAY
Lydia Minerva SIGLER, 1872 -	m. FISHER
Mary Elizabeth SIGLER, 1874 -	m. MASSIE
William Edward SIGLER, 1881-1952	m. MASSIE

Samuel m 2nd, and had three more children - the second of which is Joyce's husband's father. Samuel & 2nd wife, Phoebe, are

buried in Shippshewana, Indiana. She d. 1923.

Joyce copied from the August 1972 issue of Wisconsin Helper: Inscriptions from Jug Prairie Cemetery, Section 15, Brooklyn Township, Green County, Wisconsin  
From Albany, Wisconsin take highway 59 east for 0.2 mile, turn left (north) on County Trunk E, and drive 6 miles. Turn right on Yarwood Road and drive 0.5 mile.

Copied July 1970 (164 spaces)  
150. Mother/ Flora L. YARWOOD, 1883-1962  
151. Father/ Thomas R. YARWOOD, 1880-1945

+++++  
THE STAR, April 22, 1980 had an article about the oil rig, that overturned in the NORTH SEA - I'll copy parts:

"A heroic airman repeatedly risked his life to save 36 men adrift in the icy, raging waters of the North Sea after the world's worst oil rig disaster.

Royal Air Force Sgt. Mike YARWOOD twice jumped from his helicopter into the freezing waters to reach Norwegian rig workers so cold and exhausted they could not lift a finger to help themselves.

.....father of two YARWOOD had to be ordered to rest by his pilot....

The rescue drama began when YARWOOD and his fellow crewmembers - pilot NEVILLE, Flight Lt. Mike LAKEY, 32, and radio operator Flight Sgt. John MOODY, 33 - took off from their base at RAF Boulmer, only 150 miles from the scene of the tragedy.

.....  
YARWOOD, who had flown some 70 previous rescue missions, could not remember having been out in such conditions.

(there are several more paragraphs. It seems that he really took many chances during the rescue - way beyond the call of duty!!)

=====  
Charles T. YARWOOD of Memphis sent his pedigree chart and the family group sheets:

Sam YARWOOD, m Eliza  
Ann YARWOOD, b 23 Mar 1833  
Eliza YARWOOD, b 12 Oct 1834  
\* John YARWOOD, b 22 Feb 1836  
Mary Jane YARWOOD, b 23 Nov 1837  
\* Samuel YARWOOD, b 21 Aug 1839  
Harriet YARWOOD, b 1 Feb 1842  
\* Thomas YARWOOD, b 27 July 1852, Manchester, England

John YARWOOD, b 22 Feb 1836, m \_\_\_\_\_ GRUNDY  
Mary YARWOOD, b \_\_\_\_\_, m \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary (Yarwood) GRUNDY lived at: 100 Abbey Hey Lane,  
Hr. Openshaw,  
Manchester, England

Samuel YARWOOD, b 21 Aug 1839, Manchester, England  
Ann YARWOOD, m \_\_\_\_\_ CLARIDGE  
Harriett YARWOOD, m Will BOYCE  
Harriett at one time lived at 1070 Irving Ave., Glendale,  
California.

Sam YARWOOD  
Harry YARWOOD

Thomas YARWOOD, b 27 July 1852, Manchester, England; d 6 Sept 1931,  
Memphis, Shelby Co., Tennessee; married Sarah Lee SHAW, b 1853(?)  
dau of John SHAW and Mary SOUTHERN, in England; d 10 March 1939,  
Memphis, Shelby Co., Tennessee  
CM: Lida Maud YARWOOD, b 23 Apr 1883, Memphis, d \_\_\_\_; m 29 June 1903,  
Hugo Arthur WLISS

Carrie Lee YARWOOD, b 14 Oct 1885, Memphis, d 3 Nov 1885  
\* Lee Southern YARWOOD, b 22 Nov 1886, Memphis, d 24 Apr 1933  
Gertrude Louise YARWOOD, b 17 Oct 1890/1, Memphis, m John Cannon CARTER  
William Thomas YARWOOD, b 9 Jan 1893, d 4 Nov 1966, unm.  
Lee Southern YARWOOD, b 22 Nov 1886, Memphis, d 24 Apr 1933, bd 26 Apr 1933, Forest Hill Cem, Memphis, Tennessee; m 20 Mar 1920, Juanita Cook, b 25 Jan 1894, d 11 Jan 1950, Memphis, bd 12 Jan 1950; dau of Hezikial Lee COOK and Ollie Charlotte DUVALL. Juanita m 1st, 3 Apr 1912, Lud Eugene ANDERSON, d 4 Sept 1912.  
Lee Southern YARWOOD, Jr., b 23 Dec 1920, Memphis  
\* Charles Thomas YARWOOD, b 11 Dec 1922, Memphis  
Charles Thomas YARWOOD, b 11 Dec 1922, Memphis; m 18 June 1949, Memphis, Martha Virginia GRANTHAM, b 19 Oct 1926, dau of James Allan GRANTHAM and Pearl Leight LUCKETT  
\* Charles Thomas YARWOOD, Jr., b 1 May 1952, Memphis  
\* Susan Lavonne YARWOOD, b 19 Apr 1956, Memphis  
Charles Thomas YARWOOD, Jr., b 1 May 1952, m 1 March 1974, Memphis, Teresa Elaine HAMMONDS b 15 Apr 1954, Memphis, dau of Bob Eugene HAMMONDS and Betty Jean CORDER  
Kelly Rebecca YARWOOD, b 20 Sept 1979, Memphis  
Susan Lavonne YARWOOD, b 19 April 1956, Memphis; m 12 May 1978, Kenneth Eugene VAUGHAN.

=====  
Charles wrote that his daughter, Susan, and her husband were planning to go to England last May and that they hoped to have time to do some checking on YARWOODs over there.

He is extremely proud of his granddaughter, Kelly!!  
++++++  
ANOTHER OLD LETTER FROM JOYCE SIGLER:

A county history book states that Samuel SIGLER, as a young man went to Indiana, where he married Jenny YARWOOD, a native of New York state. (Evidently Emma Jane was called "Jennie")

Joyce wondered if possibly if her William Henry YARWOOD and my great-great grandfather, George W. might be brothers, as W.H. was born on the island of Mauritius and moved to England at a very early age. He was born in 1819 & George was born in 1827. Also, William moved to New York in 1848, and George came over in 1852. George named one of his children William (hence my name). Curious, isn't it. Wish I knew more about George than I do!

++++++  
I have going at present a project of going through the various printed census records and indexes at the Orange County Genealogical Society Library which is located at the Huntington Beach City Library.

On the next two pages are what I have done along this line so far. I hope to be able to add several more states next year.

I am going through the states in alphabetical order. Many states do not have any of our spellings - YARWOOD, YEARMWOOD, EARWOOD.

Caroline (Yarwood) HOVDEN sent me a copy of her father's school card from the winter term, 1881-1882. The teacher, Peter T. GORMAN, had 42 students, grades 1 thru 8. Included were 5 YARWOOD's - Laura, Jessie, William, George & Charles - William was my grandfather and the others were his brothers and sisters. Also in the school were my grandmother, Mary McCULLOCH and her brother, William. There were 6 VINE's and three WHEATMAN's - close neighbors and friends to the YARWOOD's.

++++++

INFORMATION FROM PUBLISHED CENSUS RECORDS & CENSUS INDICES

YARWOOD \_ YEARWOOD \_ EARWOOD

ALABAMA

"Alabama Census Returns 1820"

ed: Marie Bankhead OWEN

Originally: Alabama Historical Quarterly, Vol. 6 #3, 1944

Republished - Genealogical Publishing Company, 1967

Numbering System - 1st column, male over 12; 2nd, male under 21; 3rd, female over 21; 4th, female under 21; 5th, total white; 6th, total free people of colour; 7th, slaves; 8th, total.

p. 141 - Limestone Co., YEARWOOD, Wm. 1-3-1-4-9-0-0-9

1830 Census - nothing

ALABAMA 1840 CENSUS INDEX

Ed: Ronald Vern JACKSON; Gary Ronald TEEPLES

Pub: Accelerated Indexing Systems

p. 136 YARWOOD, Williams Lauderdale Co. 119 No Twp list

ALABAMA 1850 CENSUS INDEX

Ed: Ronald Vern JACKSON; David SCHAEFERMEYER; G. R. TEEPLES

Pub: Accelerated Indexing Systems, Inc.

p. 241	YEARWOOD, John	Lawrence Co.	449	District
	YEARWOOD, Rachel	Lauderdale Co.	344	2 Div Ea
	YEARWOOD, William	Lawrence Co.	449	District

Add: Alabama - An Index to the 1830 United States Census compiled: Pauline Jones GANDRUD

p. 100 EARWOOD, Rachel Limestone Co.

Alabama 1840 Census Index

p. 36 EARWOOD, Rachel Limestone Co. 168

INDEX TO HEADS OF FAMILIES 1830 CENSUS OF GEORGIA

Delwyn Associates

p. 86	EARWOOD, Curd	Habersham Co.	36
	EARWOOD, Geo.	Habersham Co.	37
p. 321	YEARWOOD, Andrew	Habersham Co.	39
	YEARWOOD, Perry	Habersham Co.	35

INDEX TO GEORGIA CENSUS - 1840

Mrs. Eileen SHEFFIELD & Mrs. Barbara WOODS - 1971

p. 101 Clarke Co.  
GARWOOD, Johnson

p. 313 Cobb Co.  
YEARWOOD, A. J.

p. 314 Habersham Co.  
YEARWOOD, Geo. W.  
YEARWOOD, Perry  
YEARWOOD, Tilman  
YEARWOOD, Andrew  
YEARWOOD, Bird

GEORGIA 1850 CENSUS INDEX

Pub: Accelerated Indexing Systems

p. 81	EARWOOD, Thomas	Walker Co.	384	Chickamauga
p. 297	YEARWOOD, Barton	Murr. Co.	269	63rd Sub.
	YEARWOOD, Thomas	Murr. Co.	263	63rd Sub.
	YEARWOOD, Lewis A.	Franklin Co.	255	#32nd Div.

INDEX TO THE 1830 FEDERAL CENSUS - ILLINOIS  
 compiled: James V. GILL, Maryan R. GILL,  
 pub: Heritage House - 1970

Vol IV p. 57	YEARWOOD, Robert	Jefferson Co.	223	22
	YEARWOOD, Wm	Jefferson Co.	223	14

ILLINOIS 1840 CENSUS INDEX  
 compiled: Maxine E. WORMER  
 pub: Heritage House - 1973

Vol I - p. 89	YEARWOOD, James	Cook Co.	248
	YEARWOOD, John	Cook Co.	249
Vol II - p. 86	YEARWOOD, Robert	Jefferson Co.	307
	YEARWOOD, William	Jefferson Co.	307

ILLINOIS 1850 CENSUS INDEX  
 pub: Accelerated Indexing Systems

p. 576	YARRAD, William	Jasper Co.	290	North fo.
	YEARWOOD, Reuben S.	Kane Co.	011	Elgin
p. 577	YEARWOOD, Aaron	Jefferson Co.	401	10th Dist
	YEARWOOD, John	Jefferson Co.	321	10th Dist
	YEARWOOD, Robert	Jefferson Co.	382	10th Dist
	YEARWOOD, William	Jefferson Co.	374	10th Dist

1820 Federal Census for Indiana  
 compiled: Willard HEISS

p. 0120	EARWOOD, Joseph	p. 081 Jenn co	110010	male	female
				21010	

INDIANA 1850 CENSUS INDEX  
 PUB: Accelerated Indexing Systems

p. 163	EARWOOD, John	Jenn. Co.	368	Vernon Twp.
--------	---------------	-----------	-----	-------------

This is as far as I've gotten in copying down the various census records at the Orange County Genealogical Society Library.

*Wishing you the best for  
 Christmas and the New Year,  
 Love,  
 Kathy & Bill*