

CHRISTMAS 1981

Yarwood Notes

WEDDING BELLS

Deborah Louise WOLF and Curt Neil HUGHLETT pronounced their wedding vows on Saturday, 17 October 1981 at 2 P.M. at Saint Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church in Reseda, California. The wedding was followed by a reception at the Northridge Women's Club in Northridge, California

After saying their vows, the bride and groom went to the left side where two lighted and one unlit candles were standing. They each took one of the burning candles and together lit the other candle to symbolize the Biblical statement that "The two of you shall be one."

The bride was in white and her attendants wore pale lavender dresses. The bride's mother had a dress of a deeper shade. The groom, groomsmen and fathers of the bride and groom wore light grey tuxedos with silver-grey shirts.

Deborah is the daughter of Joseph Anthony WOLF and Marian⁴ YARWOOD. (Guy³, William L.², George¹).

The only other YARWOOD's able to be present were Marian's brother Charles, with his lady friend Pauline, and her cousin William R. with his wife Katherine.

At the reception, the punch bowl had a large block of ice in the shape of a heart with cupids. The buffet luncheon was sumptuous and all the guests enjoyed it immensely.

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from: THE REGISTER, Santa Ana, California, 23 September 1981

ROBBERS NAB ROLLS-ROYCE FOR GETAWAY

London (AP) - Five robbers - one of them in a monkey mask - stole nearly \$1 million in jewelry from an exclusive shop Tuesday and made their getaway in a red Rolls-Royce stolen from a British comedian, Scotland Yard said.

The \$92,000 Rolls crashed into at least four cars parked along the busy street as it sped away from KUTCHINSKY's jewelers in the West End district of London, police and witnesses said. No one was injured.

Scotland Yard said the doorman admitted two smartly dressed men to the store around 11 a.m. (3 a.m. PDT). The pair then produced a sawed-off shotgun and a handgun.

Two accomplices - one wearing a monkey mask - entered the store and cleaned out a display case, scooping up platinum jewelry, diamonds, rings, necklaces, bracelets and earrings, a Scotland Yard spokesman said.

The cardinal-red Silver Shadow, stolen in London from entertainer Mike YARWOOD while he was rehearsing a television show over the weekend, was later found, its front damaged, the spokesman said.

YARWOOD, an impressionist best known for his comic impersonations of British political figures, said he was "thrilled to bits" that his car had been found but added that he could not bear to see it until it had been repaired.

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Dean YARWOOD sent me a copy of the Naturalization papers ("Second Papers") of our great grandfather, George YARWOOD. They were dated 7 July 1858 at the District Court in Decorah. The odd thing is that they state that he was "a native of Ireland". The other information we had said that he was born in Lincolnshire, England. I'd expect that it is an error of the clerk. His "Declaration of Intent" should also be at the Decorah, Iowa District Court, I think, and it would have more information in regard to his place of birth, parents, etc. I hope.

Dean writes that he checked the death records, and they say the place of birth was England. He also says that there were a large number of people who received their papers the same day and that they came from all over. He suggested that George may have come to the U.S. on a ship from Ireland.

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The following comes from: PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS - INDEX, Vol 3 O - Z.

- p. 2317 YARWOOD, John, n.a. Carolina 1723
ref: COLDHAM: English Convicts in America, v 2, p.168
- YARWOOD, Stephen, 35, New York, N.Y. 1820
ref: UNITED STATES: Letter from the Secretary of State
- YARWOOD, Thomas, n.a., Carolina 1679
ref: HOTTEN: The Original Lists of Persons of Quality
p. 418

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My cousin Leona - Marian's older sister - wrote in April. Here are some bits that might be of interest to some of you:

(Her husband) Manly's brother died the latter part of January.

(Her sister) May was in the hospital in February and March, and at the time she wrote was still not recovered.

May's son, 'Butch' and family are at Heidleberg, Germany. Fay - May's twin - was doing well after going back to work last fall. (I believe that Marian told me that he had retired by now.)

Alta - another sister - and her husband were looking forward to a grandchild in April and another in August.

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Last year I started to record information about YARWOOD's found in Census Record Indices up to 1850. Since then my work has changed, and I have had less time for such searches, but have gone through a few more states - with no luck.

There were no YARWOOD entries in IOWA, KANSAS, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, MAINE nor MARYLAND up through 1850 Census.

Perhaps I'll have better luck for next year.

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Last year, the day after Christmas, my younger sister, Helen DREW and her son, Paul, came to visit us for a few days. I had sent them a list of a few places that they might like to see, and Paul had mentioned some that he was particularly interested in.

The first day, we went to UNIVERSAL STUDIOS. I am not sure about the others, but I was a little disappointed. The crowds were such, and the items to be seen, that we could only see part of what is advertised. The tram ride we liked the best.

On Sunday, Kathy stayed home, and we went to see the CHINESE THEATER - with the hand & foot prints in the concrete - also the HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME goes in front, so saw some of the stars placed in it to memorialize famous stars. We then went to the LA BREA TAR PITS and Museum - many skeletons of animals have been dug from the pits. The tar oozing from the pits was one of the first indications of oil in this general area. There is part of the skeleton of an Indian girl, about 8000 years old, and in the museum portion, there is a display which shows how she might have looked. Also, there are statues and reconstructions of various animals such as the sabre-toothed tiger, mastodon, etc.

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art is right next to the Tar Pits, so we also included it on the same day's visit.

Monday was reserved for DISNEYLAND. Again Kathy stayed home in fact she only went to the one 'tourist attraction.' Paul was quite happy with Disneyland.

Tuesday we went to MARINELAND. On the way, we stopped at a view point where there is a 'pay' telescope and could get a distant view of the QUEEN MARY and a view of Long Beach Harbor. That was the first that Paul had seen of the ocean. From there to Marineland, we were driving near the ocean, and he could see it from time to time. Of course, Marineland is right on the Palos Verdes peninsula, with ocean on two sides. They had arrived at night, and couldn't see the ocean. He was also pleased with the attraction at Marineland.

Wednesday, Helen's husband, Del flew in - had to work, so couldn't come with them - and they went on to visit his brother up North. They were kept busy sightseeing there also, and were glad to get back home and back to work so they could rest!

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I just today received the following letter from Rita HILLESAND:

"Dear Kathy & Bill,

Hi, my name is Rita HILLESLAND, granddaughter of Merle and Grace ELGIN. Last Christmas I was reading through your family tree newsletter and realized that I have a Bible that you have been looking for. I have another Bible that belonged to Henry YARWOOD. I have enclosed 2 copies of each of the pages containing family records. I hope that these can be of some help to you.

I would also like to let you know that Merle ELGIN is alive and well. He remarried a few years ago to a wonderful woman, Wilma, and are now living in Casa Grande, Arizona. If you would like any other information concerning the members on this part of the family, let me know.

I was given both Bibles after Grace's death and have had them since. I have marked the copies so that you can understand what I know about them.

Pgs lettered A - F are from the Bible Mrs. WOPSCHALL refers to in the newsletter. Pg. A is a notarized statement made by Grace. B-F are in the order they appear in the Bible.

Pgs numbered #1 - 5 are from the Henry YARWOOD Bible. Pg. #1 is the first page in the Bible. The others are numbered in the order they appear in the book.

The two remaining loose sheets are somewhat of a mystery. My mother says that it is not Grace's handwriting and we don't know who the people are listed. I don't know if this can be helpful to you in anyway.

I hope that this information will be of some use to you.
Please let me know how things go and if I can help you in any way.

Good luck & God bless!

(s)Rita HILLESLAND

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Page A

HOLY BIBLE
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1878

YARWOOD

Francis Albert YARWOOD, born Jan. 12, 1859 (Father)
Henry Church Hill YARWOOD, born April 14, 1903
Mary Grace YARWOOD, born Mar 7, 1906
Gustave Albert YARWOOD, born April 23, 1907
(Earnest is placed above 'Gustave Albert' with "A" to
indicate that it is part of his name.)

State of Washington
County of Pierce

This is a true and correct copy of the page in the family
bible in which are recorded the births of the Yarwood family.

(signed) Mary Grace Elgin

State of Washington
County of Pierce

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of June 1956,
for the purpose and use as above described.

(looks like) A.A. Henry
Notary Public in and for
the State of Washington
residing in Tacoma

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Page B

FIRNEKAS

Mary Gertrude FIRNEKAS, born Mar 12, 1897
Joseph Alloise FIRNEKAS, born Oct. 20, 1895 (?)
Church Hill (Cook's lined out) FIRNEKAS, born Oct 27, 189(?)
Hampton FIRNEKAS, born Oct 23, 1901
Fannie FIRNEKAS, born Nov 2, 1903
Charles FIRNEKAS, born July 19, 1906
Joseph Allouse (Fred) FIRNEKAS, born Oct 9, 18__ (Father)

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Mary Grace YARWOOD, born Mar. 7, 1906
Gustave ^{Earnest} _A Albert YARWOOD, born April 23, 1907

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SONGER
John Patterson SONGER, born June 29, 1859
Mary Belle SONGER, born Nov. 21, 1907
Francis Leroy SONGER, born Mar. 1, 1910

Herbert Cook
Wolfe, born, Nov. ____ 188(?)
Marion Herbert COOK born Sept 17, -----
Myrtle Frances COOK born Feb,--, 191-
Benjamin Churchill COOK, born Sept.-----

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J. H. COOK
Georgen
Victoria (Dora) COOK, Born Jan----18--
William Henry COOK, Born April 5, 1910
Lily May COOK, Born June 17, 1913
Harold Lee COOK, Born -----

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES

Church Hill COOK and Mary Ellen PAULEY was Married July the 14
A. D. 1872
Frederick FIRNEKAS and Maggie Jane COOK was married Nov. 23rd
1893.
Frank A. YARWOOD and Hester Annie COOK were married Oct. 7th,
1896.
John Patterson SONGER and Mary Ellen COOK were married Mar. 16,
1904.
Herbert Jefferson COOK and _____ WOLFE were married Oct. 29,
1907
James Hampton COOK and Dora GEORGEN were married Feb. 29, 1909
(Something wrong here - 1909 was not a Leap Year. wry)
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BIRTHS

Church Hill COOK was borned April the 2nd A.D. 1850
Mary Ellen PAULEY Was borned August 15th A.D. 1859
Hester Annie COOK Was borned June 9th A.D. 1875
Fannie COOK was boned January 16th A.D. 1877
James Hampton COOK Was boned Feb 1 A.D. 1881
Maggie Jane COOK was boned March 14th AD 1879
Herbert J. COOK Was borned April 14th A.D. 1883
Arminta B. COOK Was borned March 30th A.D. 1885 (crossed off, wry)
Mary Ellen COOK, born Mar. 30th 1885 A.D.
Mary Gertrude FIRNEKAS born Mar 15, A.D. 1894
Joseph Allouise FIRNEKAS born Oct. 20 A.D. 1895
Church Cook FIRNEKAS born Oct 21 A.D. 1896 (?)
Hampton FIRNEKAS born Oct. 23, 1901
Henry Church YARWOOD, born April 14, 1905
Fanny FIRNEKAS, born Nov. 2, 1903
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DEATHS

Fannie COOK Died August 13th A.D. 1878
Mary E. COOK Died October 19th A.D. 1882
Church Hill COOK Died Aug 1st 1912
Frank Albert YARWOOD July 27, 1946, 7:30 A.M.

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HENRY YARWOODS BOOK

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FAMILY RECORD
MARRIAGES

Henry YARWOOD Married November The 30..1854
Grace YARWOOD Married November The 30..1854

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BIRTHS

George Franklin YARWOOD Born September the .. 11..1855
Henry Arthur YARWOOD Born March the .. 25..1857
Francis Albert YARWOOD. Born January the ..12..1859
Died July 27 - 1946

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BIRTHS

Church Henry YARWOOD Born April 14, 1903

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DEATHS

Henry YARWOOD Feb. 27, 1896 63
Grace YARWOOD (June ?) 1, 1915 81
George YARWOOD July 21, 1933 77
Frank YARWOOD July 27, 1946 at 7:30 A.M.

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Next are the two pages that Rita cannot account for:

First:

Grandmother
 Grace Elizabeth WHEELER }
 Grandfather } Born
 Henry YARWOOD } Utica, N.Y.
 ←--→ John YARWOOD } Father to
 George)
 Albert) WHEELER (Bros)
 Uncles to Frank YARWOOD

Arthur YARWOOD }
 Emily YARWOOD } Brothers to Frank YARWOOD
 George YARWOOD }

Across the page is a poem: THE MOTHER IN LAW by Ella Wheeler WILCOX (I wonder if there is a relationship?) If there is room, I'll add it at the end of this letter.

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Second:

Sam CRAIGMILE - Knox, Indiana
& Mary VIAL

Elizabeth WHITSON
223 S. Catherine Ave., La Grange, Illinois

Margaret A. VIAL
Teacher Matron, Girls Industrial Institute, Sheridan,
Wyoming

Joseph VIAL
444 S. Fifth Ave., La Grange, Ill.

(I believe that these are relatives of Miss Mary Delight CRAIGMILE, and wonder if the addresses are still correct.

I'd guess that she might have written to Grace (Yarwood) ELGIN at one time or another - indicating perhaps that Francis Albert YARWOOD on page 4 of this Note might be the one given as (34) Frank W. YARWOOD, b. ca 1859, Illinois on page 2 of the YARWOOD genealogy given in the April 1973 issue of the YARWOOD NOTES. Perhaps Mary Delight could help with that?)

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That is the end of Rita HILLESLAND's information.

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Mrs. Dorothy (Yarwood) EMMONS wrote that her brother, Earl, had died, and sent his obituary:

Decorah (Iowa) Journal, Thurs., September 17, 1981

EARL YARWOOD, FORMER RESIDENT, DIES

Earl YARWOOD, former resident of Decorah and Winneshiek County, died suddenly on Sept. 10, 1981 at the home of his son, Clinton at Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Mr. YARWOOD was 68.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Sept 14, 1981 at Decorah Lutheran Church with the Rev. Alden HOVDA in charge. Organist was Mrs. Otto RUEN, and soloist was Mrs. Marilyn ROVERUD. Casket bearers were Richard and James FADNESS, Kenneth BAKER, Larry, Jerry and Dennis KRAMBEER. Interment was in Phelps' Cem. Arrangements were made by Olson-Fjelstul Funeral Home.

The son of Ernest and Jennie (Risdaal) YARWOOD, Earl Stanley YARWOOD was born Dec. 24, 1912 at the parental home in Calmar township. He was confirmed at Decorah Lutheran Church.

He farmed in Winneshiek and Allamakee Townships and also was employed at the Decorah Creamery. He later moved to Indianapolis, Ind. where he managed a gas station and after that was custodian at a country club, caring for the greens.

For the past four years, he had lived at Muldrow, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three daughters and three sons, one brother and one sister.

Surviving are his sons, Clinton of Broken Arrow, Okla. and Glenn of Medford, N.J.; a daughter Joan of Cedar Rapids; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Also surviving are a brother Donald of Rochester, Minn. and three sisters; Gladys BAKER of Muldrow, Okla.; Doris BERGAN and Mrs. Theo. (Dorothy) EMMONS of Decorah.

Out of town relatives attending the funeral of Earl YARWOOD Sept. 14 were Mr. and Mrs. Clinton YARWOOD and Resa of Broken

Arrow, Okla.; Joan THOMAS and daughters, Teresa, Tracy and Tina of Cedar Rapids and Glenn YARWOOD of Medford, N.J.

Also Gladys BAKER of Muldrow, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. EHLERT of Indianola, Ia.; Kenneth BAKER and Mrs. Richard Van DORN of Waterloo; Mrs. Merlyn JECHE, James FADNESS and Donald YARWOOD of Rochester, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray YARWOOD of Austin, Minn., Mrs. Gerald HOVDEN of Ridgeway; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton SMITH and Mr. and Mrs. Richard FADNESS of Postville.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert BERGEN of Grinnell, Ia.

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Earl is listed as III-21 on p. 2 and p. 5 of the genealogy of my own line of YARWOOD - sent with the May 1974 letter.

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My wife, Katherine, had an operation on her feet that had been bothering her some time. The podiatrist found a soft mass in her heel that he felt should be removed. At the same time he 'trimmed' the bones in both little toes, so that they would be straight and not have the corns that had bothered her so long. The operation was on May 28th. The day after she came home, using a walker, her brother called from Cincinnati, Ohio, to tell her that another brother - next older than Kathy - had been found dead in his room at Louisville, Kentucky.

Kathy had not seen Jason for about forty years, and had been hoping to have a chance to see him, so this has hit her pretty hard. Also the fact that in her condition she could not make the trip back for his funeral didn't help.

Kathy is now getting along pretty well, but the feet still bother her some.

Other than the above, we've had a pretty good year.

We wish you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR.

*Kathy & Bill
Yarwood*

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