

Yarwood Notes

I have run across several letters from previous years which have not been included in previous issues of YARWOOD NOTES, so will give some of that information in this issue. Also that which I received with Christmas cards last year.

from: Mary Delight CRAIGMILE, RR 1, Box 62, Knox, Indiana

She has bilateral cataracts, but still drives her car - locally only. She still was baking pies for the Church and Kiwanis from time to time. 3 or 4 at a time.

Mary Delight is a descendant of John YARWOOD and Delight CARSWELL. She sent the following family info.

Samuel A. CRAIGMILE & Mary VIAL were her parents, deceased. Elizabeth (Craigmile) WHITSON, sister of Samuel, deceased, several grandchildren living - Jane Yarwood (Herzog) HIGBIE (Mrs. Walter) lives 6 mo. Indianapolis & 6 mo. in Fullerton, Calif. A granddaughter of Joseph VIAL & Carswella CRAIGMILE lives in Rockford, Ill.

She mentions a YARWOOD who was musical, and may have taught music in Chicago quite a few years ago.
(Mary Delight lives alone, but has a nephew who lives near.)

from: Paul & Betty (Yarwood) SEAL, Box 5471, Arlington, Texas 76011

They have a "Portable X-ray Service", in fact, two of them. They are kept pretty busy. Go to Nursing Homes, etc., to make the X-rays, without the patients having to travel to a Dr.'s office or hospital.

Their son, Richard has a job as a Medical Administrator at Hanford, California. Their daughter, Linda, teaches at Loma Linda University on the Riverside (Calif) campus.

FROM: Eugene L. MICKEL, son of Leta M. YARWOOD, by her first husband wrote that:

Leta M. YARWOOD passed away on July 23, 1981 in Casper, Wyoming. Since she had no children by Church YARWOOD, that stops that line.

Eugene had written that Church YARWOOD was the only father that he had known, and that he was very proud of Church.

from; F. Allen YARWOOD, 41 Miller Road, Lake Zurich, Illinois 60037 wrote last year:

"I retired July 29...IN September I spent one week up in Northern Wisconsin fishing. Also one week in October. In November we (Marion & I) went to Alabama to visit Marion's relatives...as they are over 80 years old...I spend most of my time puttering around the house and reading." Al is my cousin, son of Guy & Hazel YARWOOD.

Dr. Robert L. YARWOOD (nephew) wrote:

The beginning of the year found me in Pensacola, Fla. in school to become a Navy Flight Surgeon...March & April were filled with flight...I highly recommend flying to anyone...I now work for the

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3rd Marine Air Wing at M.C.A.S., El Toro, Calif. My life for the past seven months has been very busy...

Judith Ellen LUX, dau. of Frank J LUX, and Dr. Robert L. YARWOOD, son of John O. & Helen STUTT YARWOOD were married 21 August 1982.

Louise ROLFS has purchased a townhouse at 4560 Twain AVE., #3. San Diego, Calif. 92120. She is the daughter of Dorothy (Yarwood) (Rolfs) EMMONS, and is a teacher in San Diego.

Louise had quite a 'mess' after moving into her new home. The heating couldn't be turned on for four or five days (no inspector); rain leaked in; plumbing wasn't properly connected; drapes didn't arrive until April and wall-paper in June (both ordered in January); and the mail wasn't straightened out for six weeks.

She went to Iowa to visit her parents and sisters in August, and her Mother and sister Margaret came out to California in October. Then Margaret came down with the flu while visiting!!

Margaret & Murlin YARWOOD wrote last year that their daughter, Joyce, was attending Law School. Murlin was no longer working - catching up on a lot of reading.

Gladys (Yarwood) BAKER, RR #2, Box 452, Muldrow, Oklahoma 74948 wrote that she had seen the name and address of Gladys YARWOOD, 200 East Arch, St. Paul, Minnesota at the Nordic Fest Art Exhibit. (Gladys doesn't know Gladys). Gladys BAKER sent a nice photo of herself on her Christmas card.

My sister, Florence HARDING, spent last Christmas & New Year's in Colorado. Two of her sons live there, and the third was out for Christmas.

Florence's oldest son, Joe R. HARDING is to be married in Washington, D.C. on New Year's Eve. Mother & Florence will be flying to Washington for that, and then will come out here. Mother's older sister will be celebrating her 100th birthday on January 7, 1983. Aunt Beth lives in Newbury Park with her daughter, Irene.

The last time I was there, Aunt Beth was about as spry as usual. When I arrived, she was doing the dishes. She still takes her walks, and sits on a straight chair - usually only using about the front six inches or so - doesn't lean back. Mother is only 87, and the 'baby' of the family, uncle Iven, who also plans to come is 81. There were ten originally, but only four are left.

Cousin Jessie (Mrs. Truman HERMAN) of Casper, Wyoming, wrote that they had visited Iowa in November, a year ago, seeing many of the relatives. Also visited Aunt Lucy in Spring Valley, Minnesota, and their daughter, Maxine, in Missouri. Truman did the driving all the way. His lungs didn't bother him much on the trip, but was glad to be back home in Casper.

Leona wrote in January - birthday card - that the weather in Austin had been very cold (wrote 19 Jan), with wind chill factor getting down to -123°! She mentioned that May's son Butch & family were back from Germany over Christmas. Leona is Uncle Guy's oldest child, and May is a twin with Fay (Al), next.

Leona mentioned that she had a new granddaughter - David, her next to youngest, and wife Alice named the girl Catherine Elizabeth. Born January 6th. Then on the 15th, Manly's gr-granddaughter, Danielle

Nicole was born. Leona is Mrs. Manly HAMMER. They each had children but not together. They live at Austin, Minnesota.

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Florence mentioned in a letter last January that the winter was about as bad as that of 1935-36 - The winter that she and Joe were married the last of December.

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Mother sent me a note that had been in the Centennial Edition of the Eldora Herald-Ledger, Tues. June 16, 1953.

Among a list of names of Eldora Business Men of 1875 listed in an Atlas:

YARWOOD, Henry - farmer, b Oneida Co., N.Y., came to Eldora 1862.
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from: VIRGINIA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, Vol 25 p 425 (1917)

Chancery Proceedings, Series II, AD 1558-1660, Bundle 255/24

RICHARD ATHERTON v RICHARD YARWOOD and others, Middlesex 1599

Mentions the dwelling house n Southwark of Ambrose FYDLER and Richard YARWOOD, grocers. Gives no information concerning the YARWOOD family.

Vol 13 p. 404 (1905)

Virginia Gleanings in England.

Will of Peter MOULSEN of London, Gent. Will 29 May 1674, proved 30 June 1674.

".....To Mrs. Margaret YARWARD - 20 s."

Vol 17 p 394 (1909)

Virginia Gleanings - wills

Will of "Arthur HORWOOD of the Island of Virginia in the parts beyond the seas and now resident in the parish of St. Peter the advuncle neere the Tower of London, Marchant." Will 3 Nov. 1642, proved 12 Dec 1642. (Mostly to HORWOOD and HARWOOD names)
Witness.....Robert YARWAY

Vol 24 pp 444/445 (1916)

Will of Ralph YARDLEY - Citizen & Merchant of London. 25 Aug 1603, proved 27 Feb 1603 (4).

"..to my cousin Richard YEARWOOD....the said Richard YARWOOD.."

Vol 34 p. 264 (1926)

Marriage Returns of the Borough of Norfolk, 1809-1829, chiefly by the rectors of Christ Church

1810 Decb. 5th Richard W. BAUGH & Serina YARWOOD

Vol 37 p. 78

Will of Governor Richard BENNETT (Major Gen^l) 15 Mar 1674(5) proved 12 April 1675

"I give unto William YEARRAT of Pagan Creek....."
(Same man also spelled "YARRATT")

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from: EAST TENNESSEE PIONEERS, p. 165

Bartley SUTTLES b 1853- m 1873 Rebecca Jane WEARS b 1849 d 1882

Rebecca Jane WEAR, b Sept 19, 1849, Waldens Creek, Tenn., d

Her family's tradistion says that she was. Note Mary Delight's ancestor - John Robinson YARWOOD.

I noted in ABOUT TOWNE, that 'Beatrice Bailey' and 'Sharon Taylor' are still advertising their books about various family names. From what I hear, they are both about the same - some forms on pages and a listing of names and addresses - possibly from telephone books. Nothing worth the prices that they charge.

Mrs. T. H. EMMONS sent her husband's obituary:

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR THEODORE EMMONS

Theodore H. EMMONS, 83, died Aug. 26, 1982 at the Winneshiek County Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Aug. 28 at 11 A.M. at Burr Oak Lutheran Church with Pastor Marilyn HANSON officiating. Mr. EMMONS had willed his body to the University of Iowa, and interment will be at Phelps Cemetery in Decorah at a later date.

Theodore EMMONS was born December 14, 1898 in Burr Oak, Ia., the son of Dr. W. H. and Donna Sayles EMMONS. He lived in Burr Oak all his life except for two years when he attended Upper Iowa University at Fayette and two years when he farmed near Westgate, Ia.

He became a barber and followed that profession for 40 years. Thirty-four of those years were spent in his own shop in Burr Oak. Ill health caused his retirement in 1968.

When he was a teenager he often drove a team for his father, EMMONS, as the latter made his calls through the Burr Oak - Bluffs area. He was fond of relating anecdotes of the bad weather and road encountered and boasted that he had held as many newborn babies as his father did.

In 1922 he was married to Gertrude GLISC. They were divorced in 1940. They had no children.

In 1941, he married a widow, Dorothy Yarwood ROLFS who had 3 small daughters. They grew up to love and respect his as a father. He regarded them as his own.

Avid fisherman, Dorothy and Ted were often seen in the sloughs of the Mississippi around New Albin during the summer months.

Because he had lived in Burr Oak longer than any other resident he was often consulted as to the early days of the village and could verify and rec ll interesting occurences and historical happenings.

In 1979, Mr. and Mrs. EMMONS sold their home in Burr Oak and moved to Decorah.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and three daughters, Mrs. Jack MARTIN (Evelyn) of Gainesville, Florida; Miss Louise ROLFS of San Diego, Calif.; and Mrs. Merlyn JECHE (Margaret) of Rochester, Minn. Seven grandsons also survive. A brother Paul died in infancy, and a sister, Lucile MASON, died in 1980.

Mrs. Del DREW - my sister Helen - wrote in Sept. that they were thinking of a home computer. Later she mentioned that they had an Atari (\$200, I think). Paul is in high school, and they use computers for the Math Club. From what I read, more and more it will be necessary to know how to use a computer for college work. They are becoming almost a necessity for many jobs after graduation, also. I don't know anything about them, but hear that they are becoming more and more popular for computers at home. So far, I don't know what use I'd have for one. Will have to find out from Helen how useful they are, and what they are used for. Anyone else using one at home?

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January 26, 1980

As you can see, I got this almost 3 years ago, but did not put it into the NOTES before.
To Whom it May Concern:

Several weeks ago I received a phone call from Joe Manzo, a New Jersey resident who has been investigating his family tree. His research revealed an ancestor named Yarwood. As a result, he contacted me (in Philadelphia) with a request to ask relatives about any relevant information. The following is a copy of the text of that letter.

Dear Mr. Yarwood,

Thank you in advance for any cooperation and/or information you may supply me.

The woman in question was my great-grandmother. Her maiden name was Willette Yarwood. She was born (I don't know where) around 1860, and died around 1927. I do know that she lived in New York City from about 1880 until the time of her death.

She was married around 1876 to a Frederick Pelsang (There's a last name even more uncommon than Yarwood!!). She and her husband had six children (whose last names of course were Pelsang). Their names were as follows: Frederick, Frank, Charles, Elmer, Claude, Lotty, and an adopted daughter named Irene.

Willette's name was shortened to "Letty." This may help some of your relatives in their recollections.

It was sworn to me by several members of my family (since deceased) that Grandma Letty had the power of levitation. Supposedly she could move a heavy table simply by placing her hand atop it and concentrating!!

In any event, the only photograph I possess shows her holding a rather large black cat with pointed ears!!

Thanks again, I await your return,

Joe Manzo
109 Meadow Point Lane
Point Pleasant, NJ 08742

If you have any leads, or information, that may be helpful to Mr. Manzo, he seemed pleasant and genuinely interested. You can write to him directly, or through me at:

331 West 4th Street
Media, PA 19063

Last May, Florence sent a copy of a letter that our Father had written 1926 about a trip that the family had made through Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The only camping trip that I can remember ever making with the family. A Model T Ford with trailer, tent, etc. We visited a lot of relatives on both sides of the family. I was 6, so do not remember a great deal about it. About all that I remember is looking across the Rainy River into Canada, and the big open-pit iron ore mine at Hibbing. Of course, I've seen the snapshots taken along the way, so know some of it, but not my personal memory.

The letter is six pages long, so too long to include this time, but I may send it along some time in the future. It doesn't include all of the problems of automobile travel at the time, but mentions a few in passing. I can remember at other times of having to patch tires and tubes, etc. At one time, I was able to install 'hot' and 'cold' patches on an inner tube. That was several years later.

Florence's family had quite a bit of sorrow this past year - first, Delma, her sister-in-law died in the spring; then Esther, another sister-in-law died in June; finally, in October, Merrill JOHNSON, the third sister-in-law's husband died. Edna is now the only one left of the four HARDING children. We really sympathize with her.

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At Christmas, 1980, cousin Jessie - Mrs. Truman HERMAN - wrote that they had a great grandson - Joseph Frank HERMAN, son of Frank and Jeanette HERMAN, b 14 December 1979.

Also, John HERMAN married TINA REED on 28 June 1980.
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Again Christmas 1980 - Leona - Mrs. Manly HAMMER - wrote that she was finally taking insulin (finally gave in) and had so much more pep she was sorry she hadn't done so long before.
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Christmas 1980 - Murlin & Margaret YARWOOD wrote on their card that Tammy Kathrine YARWOOD was born to Donald & Barbara YARWOOD on 7 March 1980 (My wife Katherine's birthday is also March 7th, 1920).

Margaret had lost her brother two days after Christmas in 1978 and then her younger brother's wife died following heart surgery in February 1980. The younger brother himself had heart surgery in fall.

She had also found Murlin's parents: Edward YARWOOD and Maggie DELANEY. No other data.
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Arthur W. DORN, 1037 Pike Lake Drive, New Brighton, Minn. 55112 (my second cousin, grandson of Laura YARWOOD & Abner DORN) sent me a copy of his book SNAFU ALL THE WAY - \$3.00.

It is a story about his experiences during and following World War II. All ex-servicemen know that "SNAFU" means 'Situation Normal, All Fouled Up'.

Chapter headings are: GREETINGS; BASIC TRAINING; FROM CAMP TO CAMPUS; QUEEN OF BATTLE; A PASS AND A REPASS IN EL PASO; FREE TRIP TO EUROPE; TIDWORTH BARRACKS; THE BEGINNING OF THE END; NURNBERG; ONWARD TO AUSTRIA; MEETING THE "RUSKIES"; FROM GUNS TO BUTTER, ETC.; PFRONTEN REED; SIX THOUSAND SHOT IN ONE DAY; BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN * OR A SIDE TRIP TO POLAND; PILSEN CAPER; NURNBERG AGAIN; STONE COLD DEAD; CHRISTMAS BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN; THE TELEGRAM EDGED IN BLACK; and APRIL IN PARIS.

I believe that most people who have been in the service would find it interesting.
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Christmas 1980, Caroline (Yarwood) HOVDEN wrote that their grandson, Terry HOVDEN, son of Maynard, was married to Charis JOHNSON on 27 Sept 1980.

Jan 12, 1981, William W. YARWOOD, 4511 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville Maryland 20705 wrote:

....My brother George J. YARWOOD...moved to Margate, Florida.
.....I have a cousin Thomas M. YARWOOD who lives in Whittier, Calif.
...also another cousin, William YARWOOD who lives in Media, Pa....

I have three children, son Wm. A. YARWOOD, Clifford A. YARWOOD and a daughter Elizabeth (Yarwood) POWELL. She has 3 children and another one on the way. William A. has two sons, John and Thomas and Clifford's wife is expecting.

William A. works at the General Accounting Office in Washington. Clifford lives in Gettysburg, Penna....

(He also sent a recent picture of his aunt, Edna (Yarwood)(Brown) KAPPLER.)

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Will call this good for this time.

We wish you all a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and may the New Year fulfill all of your hopes!!!

Sincerely,

Bill & Kathy
Bill & Kathy YARWOOD

Best Wishes

FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

*Leaf after leaf
flower after flower
some in the dawn of day
some in the after hour.
Alive they flourish,
and alive they fall
and the earth that sustained them
receives them all.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Theodore H. Emmons

BORN
December 14, 1898

DIED
August 26, 1982

MEMORIAL SERVICES
Burr Oak Lutheran Church
Saturday, August 28, 1982, at 11 A.M.

CLERGY
Rev. Marilyn Hanson

MUSIC
Doris Patterson, Organist

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
Hymn No. 296 Just As I Am
Hymn No. 272 Abide With Me

You are invited to the Church Social Hall
immediately following this service to meet
and renew your acquaintances with the
family.

SENSOR — FRENCH — ANDERSON
FUNERAL HOME

Dear Glenn,

I'm finally getting around
to notifying more people about
Feb.

He died of kidney failure + a
heart attack after being in
intensive care 16 days.

All 3 of the girls were here
for the services. Margaret was
here 3 days before he died.

He had willed his body to the
U. of Iowa, + his eyes to the
Lions Eye Bank.

I'm glad he could go. He had
so many things wrong. Diabetes
plus the kidney problem + the
heart attack. It was his trial.

Dorothy


Merrill

