

# Yarwood Notes

Season's Greetings

Fall 1984

Let's see what bits of information have been given to me during the past year - or earlier and I didn't previously include them:

H. C. YARWOOD of Phoenix mentioned that he was going to the South of France - passing through England enroute. He planned to visit his aunt to see if she had any family history information to share with us. I haven't heard further, so maybe she didn't have any.

He had previously written:

Now, the English side of our family. The YARWOOD's originated in the County of Cheshire, and, over the years, spread into Staffordshire, the adjoining county. My grandfather was Frederick Deakin YARWOOD, and he had two brothers, W. J. and Tom. W.J. founded a shipbuilding firm in the town of Northwich, Cheshire, and prospered mightily, building ocean-going tugs, etc. Tom was a well known artist and librarian, and my grandfather was a master boot maker and made hunting boots for the local hunts. He was also a fine musician, and played in the first violins in the famous Halle' Orchestra. He was also able to play every wind instrument, so, with one thing and another, he was not often at home. He and his wife, Louisa, had four children, my father, Harold, Dorothy, Fred & Edith. Edith, my aunt, is only a couple of years older than me, and is the only survivor, a widow, with one daughter, Carolyn. They live in Cheshire, and I see them each year when I go to U.K. Uncle Fred devoted the later years of his life to tracing the family, and had got as far back as 600 years, when he fell down one day, and died. No-one knows what happened to his research, which is a pity. (Don't we wish we had it now!!! wry) Dorothy died a spinster, and Fred had no children. My father married Hellen MELLOR, and the union produced three sons myself, Harry Cedric, and Alfred Kenneth and Alan Slater, both of whom died in World War II. Kenneth was unmarried, and Alan produced two daughters from three marriages, one of whom I see yearly, and the other I have lost track of. So that about sums up what I know of the family. One of W. J.'s sons, Albert, at the ripe old age of 93, is still Chair-of the Governors of my old school in Northwich. I haven't seen him for fifty years, and I doubt if he would remember me. I left Cheshire in 1930, and have only been back for brief visits since. After W.W.II, in which I was a Navigator in Bomber Command, I continued navigating for some years for British Overseas Airways, and, when navigators became unfashionable, I became an Airport Manager all over the world, finishing up with 9 years in Honolulu. My wife & I bought this house many years ago, but, unhappily, she passed away only 2 years before our golden wedding. Shame!

We have two sons, Peter, who lives in Cheshire with his wife and three children, and John, a Capt. in the U.S.A.F., who is presently based in England (at the base from which I flew in W.W.II) and he is married with two children. In August he is to be transferred to Williams A.F.B. near here, so he will be handy whenever anything happens to me - if ever. I'm disgustingly healthy for a man who will be 74 in three weeks (written Feb. 28th, 1984).

William W. YARWOOD, Beltsville, Md., sent a note and also an idea from his cousin, Ethel B. MILROY - dau. of Edna Mary Frances (Yarwood)

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(Brown)KAPPLER, Ethel had the idea of a round-robin letter for their branch of the family - keeping each other up on what was going on. The idea is for one of them to start with a short note - sending it to one of the other members of the family. The recipient would then add some info about themselves - sending it to yet another. When it got back to the first person, they would remove their first note, add another and the letter would continue to make the rounds. It sounds like a very interesting idea to me!!

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 Edna (Brown) KAPPLER sent a note - she was to be 9 on Jan. 23. (I was 64 on Jan. 21). She has to use two canes, but still gets around as needed. She had two operations on her eyes, and after being allowed to read large print, went on a reading binge--I can understand, after two years without reading. I'd go crazy!! Had to slow down for awhile.

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 My cousin Leona (Yarwood) HAMMER wrote that she was hoping to get an update on her branch of the family to me. I'd like that, since I have many blanks there. So far, she had not done so - perhaps this year's Christmas card. She and Manly are both retired - so are most likely busier than before they retired. Most of the people I talk to indicate that it happens to them. Never have enough time to do the things they want to get done. Manly's father died last Jan. 13th 1984, was 95 years old. Guess these Scandinavians last well. I have one aunt tho'll be 102 on Jan 7th, another was 95 this year. Mother is now 89 and the 'baby' of the ten children is 83! That's Mother's side of my family.

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 Joyce SIGLER wrote on her Christmas card last year that she had married William (Bill) MESSZEL on 23 November 1982.

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 My Aunt Lucy (Yarwood) SUBRA was out here and visited us last November - after my NOTES. Her oldest son, Roger and his wife, Marlyn brought her out. They also visited her sister-in-law in Arizona on the way. We had a nice visit, and all went to Reseda to visit Uncle Guy's youngest daughter, Marian WOLF and her husband. I believe that was the first time Lucy had seen oranges growing in the back yard.

Lucy flew back from L.A. and Roger & Marlyn went on up into the Northwest to visit some of Marlyn's family, I believe. Lucy's granddaughter met her at the airport at Minneapolis and later her daughter Lorraine took her home. The trip tired her somewhat for a while.

Her son Glen's oldest boy was married on 26 Nov. at Akron, N.Y. He works in a bank in New York state.

In a later note she mentioned her sons and daughters called her frequently - it seems like each of them calls almost every week.

I believe that was Lucy's first visit to California since my grandparents - and the four children - lived in Chico about 1912.

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 My sister, Helen (Yarwood) DREW wrote her Christmas note last year using the word processor of their Atari computer. She said she wasn't too used to it, and had to go to the instructions. She'd have liked to ask her son Paul - but she says that he replies, "Read it for yourself." Since she does some teaching besides being school librarian, she feels that she's getting back some of what the teachers give to the students. (She'll probably remember better that way, anyhow.)

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 My cousin Marian (Yarwood) WOLF mentioned in her Christmas note that their first grandchild - Cole Michael HUGHLETT, son of Debbie (Wolf) & Curt HUGHLETT was born 21 February 1983. At ten months, he was walking by holding onto things. She mentioned that they had not made any trips other than short ones. Had spent time fixing up the house, ect. and had several visitors.



Louise ROLFS mentioned in her Christmas note that she had been back to Decorah, Iowa for her class reunion and had been in Wisconsin and at Louisville and in Indiana as well during the trip. Her Mother, Dorothy EMMONS, was doing well after her quadruple heart bypass in May and was to visit her for Christmas.

Mary Delight CRAIGMILE - our "Hello Cousin" - mentioned that she had a cataract implant last Dec. 2nd, so was not seeing too well when she wrote on the 20th. Had been doing pretty well since her stroke the year before.

My cousin - Fay YARWOOD - mentioned in his note that he was enjoying his retirement, fishing, traveling, etc. He also said that his and Marion's son Michael YARWOOD was planning to get married in February. He was 33 then. I don't have Michael's birthday, just 1950.

Carolyn (Yarwood) HOVDEN wrote that Gerald had had surgery for a tumor (1983). They were planning to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary on January 10th. "Maynard's daughter Dawn SCHWEIZER - Dr & Mrs David SCHWEIZER of Maple Grove, Minn. had a son Nicholas David born March 13, 1982 and they had a daughter Caroline Jaye born Aug. 18th, 1983. Maynard's daughter Connie Jo graduated as an RN last spring."

Teresa SMITH (Mrs. Crawford)(ch: Janet & Monty) wrote that she had received a copy of Hugh YARWOOD's declaration of intent to become a U.S. citizen, giving his birth as 1824 in England, entered the U.S. at the Port of NY March 1867, applied for citizenship at Oconto Co., Wis. 11 April 1874."

"I hope to one day find out about him further back such as place of birth in Eng. etc. & family. In reading your list of George YARWOOD's descendants, I notice several names that are names of my uncles (Hugh YARWOOD's great-grandchildren:) Herbert, William, Raymond, Melvin, but no Alfred which is my father's name!"

(Hugh might be an older brother of George. We know he had several brothers, but only know one name - Thomas. wry)

My nephew, Robert YARWOOD & his wife Judi sent a nice newsy letter with their card. Robert had been transferred from his duties as a Flight Surgeon with the Marines at El Toro to OB-GYN residency at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. before leaving California. Judi had passed a national certification for critical care nursing. They drove up the West Coast, then across the country, via Albuquerque and Dallas (Hot!!) After reaching Virginia, they had to wait about 4 weeks before their house (arranged purchase on a flying trip earlier) was available. Robert's son John was with them for the month of August, so got in on the moving into the new house (he's now 4) I'm sure he was a great help. Robert is now a Lieutenant Commander - he was promoted about 3 weeks after starting his residency. Judi was working in Pediatric ICU at the time.

In March, we received a notice that they had adopted a baby boy - Christopher Lee YARWOOD, born 1 March 1984 (Helen's birthday) and they got him on the 3rd of March.

Paul & Betty (Yarwood) Seal in their Christmas note mentioned that their business - Southwest Portable Lab Services, Arlington, Texas - has been going strong. Their son, Richard, is now working with them. Linda was still teaching on the Loma Linda University Campus. She mentioned going to Omaha on Dec. 30th "for the wedding of Bob YARWOOD, Jr." I believe that is Betty's nephew.



Margaret YARWOOD, Mrs. Murlin, mentioned that she had broken her foot before Mother's day, and it wouldn't heal properly, so they did a bone graft in the fall. Then the day before her cast was due to come off, Murlin wound up in the hospital - his emphysema very bad. He was in for 2 1/2 weeks. He also picked up some bronchitis. They nearly lost him. Margaret is staying home from now on - gave up her job. "No. 1 grandson is going to the University of Wash. in Seattle & even Tammy is in pre-school."

My sister Florence (Y) Harding mentioned - "By the way, I was looking again at the letter I got from you back in April and you mentioned you thought that picture of you on the back porch of a house when you were tiny, was the house where John was born. That wasn't it, Bill, it was that house in the northwestern section of town where we lived when I started kindergarten. I even remember standing on that bench there to throw small firework torpedoes down on the cement on the Fourth of July. Then I threw one too close to me and hit my bare foot and it exploded and really burned and hurt my foot."

Mrs. Ruby MORGAN sent me some information from the 1900 Iowa Census:

Fayette Co., Iowa, Oelwine  
 YARWOOD, Ernest, 30, b England  
 " Phoebe 29, b Iowa  
 " Albert E. 6, "  
 " Alfred L. 3, "  
 " Grace E. 1 "

Winneshiek Co., Calmar Twp.  
 YARWOOD, George, 73, b England  
 " Marie 5 b. Wisc.  
 " George E. 36 b. Iowa  
 " Ernest L. 18 "  
 " Grace A. 9/12 " (G. Dau)  
 HOLLAND, Ida 19 " (servant)

Polk Co., Iowa, Des Moines Twp.  
 YARWOOD, Jesse E. 27 b. Iowa (with BRACKWAY, Edna L. partners)

Pottawattamie Co., Iowa, Cane Twp., Council Bluffs  
 YARWOOD, Tom 49, b. England  
 " Anna 45 "  
 " Edith E. 17 "  
 " Leonard 11 "  
 " Annie 9 "

Leona (Yarwood) HAMMER wrote in May that they had sold their house and purchased a 14' x 80' mobile home - 1980 model. They decided that the house was too big for the two of them. May's son Butch, and family were due to come back to the States from Germany in June. He was to be stationed at Carlisle Barracks, Penna. May's twin, Fay, was there in April. His son, Mike, was married in February. (Leona, May and Fay are my Uncle Guy's three oldest.)

Leona's family - her grand-daughter, Amy, Janice's oldest, had been in Florida for two years and was to be coming back to Minnesota to get her degree. Janice's youngest, Sarah, was in her final year at U. of Wisc, River Falls. Janice & Jim live in Minneapolis. David, Leona's oldest, is supervisor of data processing at Hormel's. His 17-yr. old, Brenda is now a senior. his 11-yr old, Julie is now in 7th grade. L's son, Jim's son Mike was 15. Dan is at Montevideo.



where he is a speech pathologist in the school system. His wife, Alice is a public health nurse - their daughter, Kate, was 2 in January. Steve is still in Fairbanks - 9 yrs now.

Everett YARWOOD sent me some clippings which he had received from Jessie (Yarwood) HERMAN about her son, John's, amateur boxing. He won the Wyoming 147-lb. Golden Gloves, and also the Holiday Festival Boxing Tournament at Casper. His brother, Frank, had also won several boxing trophies.

Everett mentioned that he and Dorothy had been to Decorah and out to Wyoming. He likes to fish and hunt when he can.

Lucy (Yarwood) SUBRA sent me a clipping which her sister-in-law had sent to her some time ago.

KATHLEEN YARWOOD

Kathleen S. YARWOOD, 73, of 821 W. Vermont Ave., died Nov. 2, 1982 at Phoenix Baptist Hospital

Mrs. YARWOOD was born in Northwich, Cheshire, England, and moved to Arizona from Hawaii seven years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Harry C. (see our first page, wry) sons, Peter F. and John A. and five grandchildren.

Family services were arranged by Arizona Burial Service.

Joe MANZO, 109 Meadow Pt. Ln., Pt. Pleasant, New Jersey 08742 wrote with a couple of questions.

1. He's trying to get some information about his great-grandmother, Willette YARWOOD, of Brooklyn, N.Y. She had the reputation of being able to "levitate or raise objects by sheer will power."

2. Willette's grandfather was William C. YARWOOD, born ca 1800, died in 1884. He was also a New Yorker - Joe doesn't know where. His wife's name was Mary.

Joe is trying to research another branch - PELSANG - if any of you know about the family he'd appreciate information. Also, if you know about his g-g-mother, Willette, or ggg grandfather, William C.

Dean YARWOOD sent a Valentine's Day letter - with a picture of Kent & Patricia (Shea) YARWOOD's wedding party. Dean & Elsie's son Keith graduated from U. Missouri with a Bachelor in Journalism and is now working for an MBA. He works with the University TV & FM stations. Douglas is in third year at UM - Columbia where he is majoring in music history. Dennis is a rock-hound, and is at UM where he will major in geology. They visited Curt YARWOOD at Colorado Springs a year ago last June - Curt took them to see the sights, Garden of the Gods, Air Force Academy, Cripple Creek, etc. On the way back they stopped at Abilene, Kansas to visit Eisenhower's home, museum, Library. They also visited Decorah that July. Over the Thanksgiving break, they all went to New Orleans for Kent & Tricia's wedding. Also took in some of the sights.

William W. YARWOOD - Beltsville, Maryland - sent me a clipping about a YARWOOD not so good as we hope to be. Victor YARWOOD and his sister's husband, Carlton SINGLETON both of Ohio were charged with the murder of an Oakland Park, Florida condominium owner. from April 13, 1984 Sun-Sentinel. W.W. adds, "Too bad it had to be a YARWOOD."

Helen (Yarwood) DREW wrote that the school had a new Macintosh computer - she teaches beginning Computer - and in August she was trying to figure out how to use. She was working on the curriculum guide for the course.

Florence (Yarwood) HARDING reminded me that Jim & Susan have a new baby born June 5th - Pamela Suzanne HARDING. 61b.11oz.





Bruce YARWOOD - Colorado Springs  
1984



Robert William YARWOOD - Decorah 1912/3



Mr. & Mrs. Bruce YARWOOD



Paige, Jim & Suzanne HARDING - 1984



When Iowa had the tornadoes this year, one hit only two blocks west of Florence's house. Her late husband, (Joe's) niece's house was damaged at that time.

In Leona's letter of July 5th, she mentioned that her granddaughter, Susan (Janice & Jim's youngest) is engaged to be married next June 22. Her fiance, Wayne, is a 'poly-sci' major who was to graduate from River Falls, U. of Wis. this fall quarter. Susan is to do her practice teaching next spring quarter, and graduate in June. Leona has a new great-grandson, b. 7 June 1984 - actually Manly's, She has 6 grandchildren & Manly has 6 plus (now) 2 great-grandchildren.

Caroline (Yarwood) HOVDEN wrote a nice letter with her 1977 Christmas card - which I have never used in the NOTES.

In her letter she mentioned going to the cemetery with her 2nd cousins - Ethelyn SMITH and Pearl (Smith) PRICE g-daughters of Susan (Lee) SMITH - Maria (Lee) YARWOOD's sister.

She mentioned two new (then) grandsons - Bradley HOVDEN, son of Dennis & Chris (Regan) HOVDEN, b 7 Oct. 1976; and Ivan HOVDEN, son of Wayne & Pat (Magnus) HOVDEN.

Caroline had had surgery for a tumor in April of 1977.

Also, "Maynard's daughter Dawn was married to Dave SCHWEIZER, July 16." Both medical students at Iowa City at the time.

I found a couple of old (1973) letters from my Aunt Lucy - one to Florence in February and one to me in June. Much of the information has been used at one time or another, but there a few little items that I haven't used:

"Thomas YARWOOD was my grandfather's brother (George W.), I don't know whatever became of him." (Thomas was living with George at the time of the 1870 Census - a little older than George. Both Thomas & George seem to be popular name with the YARWOOD families we know.)

"Seems like my Grandma Maria YARWOOD's (mother's) folks name was PETTIT. I am not sure though."

"I don't know where Mother's Bible is. Seems Guy gave it to me but I don't know where it is." - a clue for you, Leona.

I just received a letter from my sister, Florence, which has a lot of information which she obtained on a visit to Decorah - wills, deeds, etc.

She visited Dorothy (Yarwood) EMMONS and Dorothy took her to see Caroline (Yarwood) HOVDEN & Gerald. Also to the farm that our great-grandfather had as well as the one that Grampa & Grandma Yarwood had where our father was raised. Dorothy also took her to see the old GARFIELD cemetery. There are no stones, and it is all grown with weeds. The baby girl who would have been our father's older sister is buried in that cemetery. Some where I have information as to who all was buried in it. I'm not sure just where. I got it from Dorothy, I think.

Florence had a new grand-daughter: Pamela Suzanne HARDING, born 5 June 1984, 3:18 p.m., weight: 6 lbs 11 oz. She sent pictures of Jim & Suzanne - one including his older daughter, Paige - and of Curtis YARWOOD - one with his wife.

Florence was to fly to Colorado (Denver) last Sunday to be with her boys & families over Thanksgiving. Joe & Margo were to be from Virginia, and Joe's son Alex. His daughter, Lisa, was not able to make it. Otherwise, all of the family were to be together. Doesn't happen very often.

My Mother has glaucoma. Her left eye is very bad, but the right is better, and with the drops she is using may not get worse. She likes to read, and can still do so.



Among the items Florence sent was an obituary for Mrs. John SMITH (Susan S. (Lee) SMITH, our great-grandmother's sister. "Those from out-of-town in attendance at the funeral were -- Mr. & Mrs. Charles YARWOOD, Harold & Lloyd YARWOOD, Mrs. Ernest YARWOOD and Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus BARFOOT (Caroline YARWOOD), all of Decorah." She died 25 July 1921, in Allamakee County, Iowa.

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 Wills of George William YARWOOD and Maria Elizabeth (Lee) YARWOOD.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

IN THE NAME OF GOD, Amen-

I, George William YARWOOD, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills.

First: I direct that all my just debts, and the expenses of my last sickness and funeral be paid in full.

Second: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Maria YARWOOD, in lieu of dower, or legal rights, all of the property of which I may die seized, or possessed, for her use and benefit during her lifetime, or while she remains my widow, unmarried, subject to the provisions and directions hereinafter expressed.

Third: I have already given and delivered to each of my sons, i. e., George M. YARWOOD, Charles F. YARWOOD and William L. YARWOOD, One Thousand Dollars.

Fourth: Therefore, I direct when my son, Earnest L. YARWOOD, shall become of age he shall receive from my estate the sum of One Thousand Dollars: One Span of good work horses: One Two Horse Lumber Wagon, and One Set of Double Harness.

Fifth: - I give and bequeath to my son, George E. YARWOOD, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, in compensation for extra services rendered.

Sixth: I devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, absolutely and in fee, the lots in Decorah purchased from Wm. LEE, near Silver Springs, known as Lot 4, Sub-div. S. E. & N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 21, Township 98, Range 8 West 5th P. M.

Seventh: At the death of my said wife, Maria YARWOOD, or in case she remarries, I direct that there shall be paid to my son, Charles F. YARWOOD, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

To my son, William L. YARWOOD, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

To my daughter, Laura DORN, One Thousand Dollars.

To my daughter, Carrie R. BARFOOT, One Thousand Dollars.

To my daughter, Jesse YARWOOD, One Thousand Dollars.

Subject to the foregoing bequests, I give, devise and bequeath to my sons, George E. YARWOOD and Earnest L. YARWOOD, all my real estate in fee simple, jointly and severally, and all of the personal property then remaining undisposed of.

Eighth: I do hereby appoint my wife, Maria YARWOOD, the sole executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, and direct that she may qualify without bonds.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of October, 1898, consisting of two sheets.

his  
 George ~~W~~ William YARWOOD  
 mark

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, certify that George William YARWOOD executed the foregoing will in our presence; that he requested each of us to sign the same as witnessed, which we have done accordingly in his presence, and in the presence of each other, this 14th day of October, 1898.

Geo. W. ADAMS  
C. A. (looks like Nreefrot-?)



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I Maria Elizabeth YARWOOD, being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me at any time hereto fore made.

Item 1. To my granddaughter, Grace Olive YARWOOD I give, devise and beueath the sum of one hundred dollars.

Item 2. The greater portion of all property now owned or possessed by me has been provided for, as to the distribution thereof, by the last will and testament of my deceased husband George William YARWOOD, which has been probated in the district court of Iowa, in and for Winneshiek County, and it is my wish and instructions that all the provisions of said will be carried out in full.

Item 3. I hereby appoint my son George E. YARWOOD executor of this my last will and testament and exonerate him from giving bonds.

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand this 14th day of March 1905.

her  
Maria X Elizabeth YARWOOD  
mark

Witness to will and also to mark.

E. W. CUTTING (looks like)

A. F. BARFOOT

On this 14th day of March, 1905, the foregoing instrument was in our presence signed and executed by Maria Elizabeth YARWOOD, and by her declared to us to be her last will and testament, and at her request, and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, we have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

E. W. CUTTING of Decorah, Iowa  
A. F. BARFOOT of Decorah, Iowa

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Following are parts from several deeds for land to and from George YARWOOD - and later his wife, Maria. Deed books of Winneshiek County, Iowa.

Deed book E - date of deed, December 23, 1858  
.....George SANDERS and Mary Ann SANDERS, his wife, of Genesee County, State of New York and William PEAKE, Henry WHITMAN and Maria WHITMAN, his wife of the county of Winneshiek....sum of an Hundred & fifty dollars,, paid by George YARWOOD,,,quit claim...The South half of the Northwest fractional quarter & North half of the North half of the Southeast quarter of Sectoon one (1) in Township ninety Seven (97) North of Range Nine (9) of the 5th principal Meridian ....  
Signed December 23rd 1858.

In presence of Levi BULLIS  
Signed Janny 3rd 1859  
In presence of T. C. KIMBERLY

Maria WHITMAN  
William PEAKE  
Henry WHITMAN (by mark)  
George SANDER  
Mary Ann SANDER

(Notarized by Levi BULLIS of Winneshiek Co., Iowa for William PEAKE and Henry & Maria WHITMAN. Notarized by T.C.KIMBERLY of Genesee Co., N.Y. for George & Mary Ann SANDER.)

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Deed Book E - n. 626 - date of deed December 23, 1858  
.....George YARWOOD and William PEAKE of the county of Winneshiek...  
George SANDERS & Mary Ann SANDERS his wife of Genesee County, N.Y.  
.....sum of One Hundred Dollars...by Henry WHITMAN...The South half of the South East quarter and South half of North half of the South East quarter of Section one (1) in Township ninety seven (97) North of Range nine (9) west of the 5th principal Meridian....

George YARWOOD (by mark)  
William PEAKE  
George SANDER  
Mary Ann SANDER

(Notarized as above.)



Deed Book E - p. 531 - date of deed 23 December 1858  
.....George YARWOOD, William PEAKE, Henry WHITMAN and Maria WHITMAN  
his wife....sum of one hundred and fifty dollars...by George SANDERS  
of Genesee County New York....The West fractional half of the  
South West quarter and the South East quarter of the South West  
quarter of Section six (6) in township ninety Seven (97) of Range  
Eight (8) west of the 5th principal Meridian...

Maria WHITMAN  
William PEAKE  
George YARWOOD (by mark)  
Henry WHITMAN (by mark)

(notarized by Levi BULLIS)

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Deed Book E - p. 544 - date of deed December 23, 1858  
.....George YARWOOD, Henry WHITMAN and Maria WHITMAN his wife of  
Winneshiek Co., Iowa and George SANDERS and Mary Ann SANDERS his wife  
of Genesee Co., New York....sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ...  
by William PEAKE of Winneshiek County....The East half of the South  
West quarter of Section one (1) and the North West quarter of the  
North East quarter of Section Twelve, all in Town Ninety Seven (97)  
North of Range Nine (9) west of the 5th Principal Meridian.....  
signed Dec. 23rd 1858

George YARWOOD (by mark)  
Henry WHITMAN (by mark)  
Maria WHITMAN  
George SANDER  
Mary Ann SANDER

(certified by notary publics Levi BULLIS and T.C.KIMBERLY as before)

(NOTE: SANDERS may be LANDERS In above deeds. It looks like  
the one in some places and the other in other places.)

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Deed Book G - p. 281 - date on dded 28 March 1861  
...P. G. TUTTLE and Polly B. TUTTLE of Winneshiek County...  
sum of One Dollar...by George YARWOOD .... Six acres of land off  
from the South side of the North West quarter of the South East  
Quarter of Section six in Township Ninety eight North of Range (7)  
seven West of the 5th P.M. Executed this 28th day of March A.D.1861

P. G. TUTTLE  
P. B. TUTTLE

(notarized by Nelson BURDICK)

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Deed Book G - p. 281 - date of deed 29 March 1861  
....Joseph Z. REED Susan A. REED of Winneshiek County....Sixty  
Dollars ...by George YARWOOD....Six acres of land off from the So th  
side of the North West quarter of the South East quarter of Section  
six (6) in Township Ninety eight North of Range seven West of the  
5th P.M.....Executed this 29th day of March A.D. 1861.

Joseph Z. REED  
Susan A. REED

(notarized by Nelson BURDICK)

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Dorothy (Yarwood) EMMONS sent her Christmas card early and she  
mentioned that she was going to visit her daughter Evelyn over Xmas.  
Evelyn's son Scott is to graduate from the University of Florida, and  
all five of Evelyn's sons will be home - first time in some time.  
Dorothy is then going to go to San Diego to be with Louise for the  
New Year and until March. Going to miss most of the cold Iowa winter.  
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At work, my office is all messed up. They were to paint all the  
desks, file cabinets, etc. over the week-end, so we had to get it all  
cleared out for them. Then at the last minute, they changed their  
minds - now not to be for another week. So my stuff is all in boxes  
all over the place. Since it was to be just for a day or so, I didn't  
pack the boxes to be used out of!! Now I'm trying to finish this,  
without the notes I was going to use. Only a couple left, anyway.



Florence sent me some pictures recently. I have had half-tones made of three. One of Bruce YARWOOD, one of him and his wife and one of Florence's youngest son, Jim with his two daughters - Paige and Florence's latest grand-daughter, Pamela Suzanne HARDING. See the middle of the letter. I was going to have a half-tone made of Dean's picture from his son Kent's wedding, but forgot to take it along. Will try to remember for the next time. A fourth picture is of my Dad, taken while he was going to school in Decorah, about 1912/3.

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NOTE: The three recent pictures were color shots, so will not be as clear as if they had been black & white with 'good contrast'.  
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If you have some pictures with good contrast of your YARWOOD's, perhaps you could have a copy made - or loan me the picture, and I'll send it back after making the half-tones.  
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We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kathy & Bill YARWOOD

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