

This is just a short ^{NOTE} to help explain the larger enclosure.

In August 1971, I received a note from my younger sister with copies of letters she had received from our grandmother way back in 1940. (I had never known of them before.)

These letters were mainly concerning Grandma's ancestry, and went back to William Towne who came to Salem, Massachusetts in the 1630's. It was the first that I had any idea that our family could be traced back that far, and I started doing more checking. So did my two sisters and brother.

We have learned quite a bit about our mother's father's ancestry and about Grandma Yarwood's line.

With regard to the Yarwood line, we have struck a snag. Our great-grandfather, George Yarwood, was born in Lincolnshire, England, 8 December 1827 and came to the United States in 1852. First to New York, and later to Iowa. We do not know anything about his ancestry.

I do not find Yarwood to be a very common name, though I have seen it in a few phone directories. I feel that it is quite likely that most, if not all, the Yarwoods in the United States are related - if we go back far enough in England. For this reason, any time I run across anything regarding "Yarwood" in my genealogy research, I make a note. I also inserted "Queries" in two genealogy magazines indicating that I was interested in anything about Yarwood.

On the following pages is most of the information I have (to date) about Yarwoods. I have not included addresses - except my own, below - since I feel that some of these might not want such information "passed around".

I would appreciate receiving any information that you might have regarding "Yarwood's", and especially about English Yarwoods. If you have any restrictions on the use of your information, I will be glad to observe them. Otherwise, when I have a little more info, I will prepare another little blurb like the following and send to my relatives and to any other Yarwood's who appear at all interested.

Thank you for your time - and hopefully, your interest.

Sincerely,
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YARWOOD

Since recently becoming interested in genealogy, I have tried to trace my own tree, but can only go back to my great-grandfather on the Yarwood side. I therefore decided to try to get as much information and data as I can about anyone by the name of Yarwood. I placed queries in a couple of genealogy magazines indicating "interested in all Yarwood's".

I have received two letters - so far - in answer to those queries. The information received is included below.

The information I have and the sources are:

From a memo of Mrs. William L. Yarwood written in 1940:

George Yarwood, b. 8 Dec. 1827, Lincolnshire, Eng. When he came to the United States, he settled first in New York (I do not know how long or where) and moved to Calmar, Winneshiek County, Iowa in 1855. He married at Decorah, 29 Feb. 1860, Maria Elizabeth Lee, b. 29 Oct 1843, Racine Wisconsin. They had: Thomas W., b. 1 Dec. 1860; Caroline Rand, b. 11 Jan 1862; George E., b. 20 Sept. 1863; Charles F., b. 17 Oct. 1865; William Leonard (my grandfather), b. 21 May 1867; Laura M., b. 26 June 1871; Jessie M., b. 27 Aug. 1875; and Ernest LeRoy, b. 28 Sept. 1881. George died 18 Nov. 1902 and Maria died 28 Nov. 1908.

From "History of Winneshiek Co." by Edwin C. Bailey - furnished me by my sister, Mrs. J.P.Harding:

Charles F. Yarwood married 23 Nov. 1893, Olive Smith who died 17 Aug. 1899. They had five children; Harold, Lloyd, Grace, Bessie (died as an infant), and another child who died in infancy. He married second 9 March 1904, Mary P. Schrubbe, b. 14 Sept. 1876 at Decorah, Winneshiek County, Iowa. They had four more children; Leonard, Herbert, Edward (died 1905), and a child who died in infancy.

Ernest L. Yarwood married 22 Feb. 1903, Jennie Risdahl and they had four children; Dorothy G., George M., Ehtel J., and Earl S.

Carrie married 27 February 1895, Cyrus F. Barfoot, b. 1858 in Decorah.

Laura M. married A. W. Dorn. They had three children; Lila died at three years, Roy William, b. 15 May 1894, and Winnifred b. 3 May 1895.

William L. married 11 June 1890, Mary Lucinda McCulloch, b. 20 Feb. 1868. They had Robert William (my father) b. 18 July 1894, died 12 June 1935; Guy Raymond, b. 27 Dec. 1897, died 4 July 1969; Lucy Jannette, b. 31 Mar. 1903; and Ray Leonard, b. 12 Mar. 1905.

From U. S. Census Records for 1870:

Thomas Yarwood was living with George and Maria. He was

six years older than George.

From letter of Mrs. Mary Delight Craigmile to Mrs. Lorena Vilmont, 28 December 1956:

Samuel Yarwood, b. 21 May 1767 in England, died 21 Nov. 1811, Oriskany, New York, buried Western Oneida County, m. Mary Robinson (supposedly descended from John Robinson who was the pastor of the Pilgrims while they were at Leyden, Holland). Their children: John Robinson (below); Henry, b. 24 Aug. 1801 (may have come west); Hannah, b. 9 Mar. 1803; Ruben, b. 12 Sept. 1806; James, b. 7 Dec. 1809 (gravestone at Western Oneida marked "J. Yarwood, d. 13 Dec. 1813"); Martha, b. 4 Sept. 1812.

John Robinson Yarwood, b. 18 Oct. 1799, d. 23 May 1866, buried at Xenia Cemetery (near Eldora) Hardin County, Iowa, m. 1 July 1821, Delight S. Carswell, b. 30 July 1799, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, d. 13 May 1880, Cook County, Illinois. Children:

Mary Delight, b. 22 Aug 1822, d. 2 Sept 1870, Cook Co. Ill; m. 3 Aug. 1843, James Craigmile, b. 5 Dec. 1814, d. 7 July 1902, Cook Co. Ill.

Henry, b. 12 Feb. 1825.

Elizabeth Ellen, b. 23 Oct. 1827 or 28, d. 21 Mar. 1903, Cook Co., Ill.; m. Peter Craigmile, b. 24 Aug. 1824, c. 19 Feb. 1907, Cook Co., Ill.

Sarah Robinson, b. 23 Feb. 1831 (may have died in infancy)

Samuel H., b. 23 Feb. 1831, d. 26 Nov. 1851, CookCo.

Sarah Ann, b. 8 Aug. 1833.

Adelia, b. 17 May 1836.

From "Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa, 1875" by A. T. Andreas - list of patrons:

Henry Yarwood - Section 32 - Eldora Township, Hardin Co., Iowa. Born in Oneida County, New York. Came to Iowa in 1862. (He may be the brother or son of John Robinson Yarwood. Mrs. Craigmile had wondered why John was buried at Xenia Cemetery. Perhaps he was on a visit to Henry.)

From letter from Mrs. Norma Benisch to me 4 December 1972:

She had known a Vance Yarwood at Gillett, Oconto Co., Wis. when they were children. Vance's father was John Yarwood, and Vance had a son, Leonard V. Yarwood. She mentioned that Mrs. Leonard had told her that there were Yarwood's at Beloit, Wis.

Mrs. Benisch checked the Madison, Wis. phone directory and came up with:

Mrs. Lester W. Yarwood (Lester died two years ago) who knows very little about her husband's ancestry.

Mrs. Stanley Yarwood (also a widow). Lester was related to Stanley and also to a Sheldon Yarwood.

From: letter from Mrs. Edith Schwartz to me 12 Dec. 1972:

Her uncle by marriage is Don Yarwood of Elgin, Illinois.

Several years ago I received a phone call from Thomas Yarwood, who has a photography shop in Whittier. He had seen the name in the phone book, and wondered about background. Thomas comes from Pennsylvania, but does not know a great deal about his ancestry. He told me that his cousin, George, in Pasadena knows more about the family. I have not yet made contact with George.

When I was in the hospital last June - they found that I was somewhat diabetic - a medical technician told me that his wife's maiden name was Yarwood. Later I had a chance to meet Betty. She comes from Nebraska, and was going to get more information about her family. She showed me a picture of her father. To me, he looked a great deal like my Uncle Guy at about the same age.

After I first met Thomas Yarwood, I looked in several phone books from various California towns & cities. There were several "Yarwood's". I have not yet tried to contact any of them.

At the library, I found that there have been some authors named Yarwood:

Mrs. Doreen Yarwood has authored several books about architecture, costume, etc.

Alexander Turnbull Yarwood edited a book about non-European immigration in Australia.

John Yarwood & Kenneth John Glose wrote a book about semi-conductors - in England.

George A. Yarwood had an article about New England "Residential Practice".

Cecil Edmund Yarwood has written several articles about various botanical aspects.

Walter Hawley Yarwood is a Canadian sculptor.

I also note Richard M. Yearwood, who had an article "Training State Employees in Tennessee" and Randal Nile Yearwood, who had an article in "Architectural Record" for April 1971.

In what little reading I have done about genealogical research, I note that they recommend checking into certain types of disease, such as diabetes and cancer, that seem to "run in the family". Last January, my cousin Leona learned that she was diabetic, then in June I did too. One of our fathers' cousins was diabetic - back in the late '30's - but I do not which side of the family she was on. I don't know about any other disease that might be hereditary.