

Yarwood Notes

April 1975

Time for some more notes.

I have another page with a picture - of my great-grandparents and their family. I would like to try to have a page about once a year. If any of you have old pictures that you think would show up properly, I could try them. What I would prefer would be copies that I could keep, either 3" x 4", 5" x 7", or 8" x 10". Those old studio pictures seem to be better than snapshots. Snapshots have too much distracting detail or the images of the individuals are too small, or both. Along with the pictures, I'd need as much info as possible, such as when taken, who the people are, and, if not among the people who have been mentioned before, what their relationship to Yarwood's are. (BLACK & WHITE)

Some of you have sent money, or mentioned it. My expenses are mostly spread over several months, and I use my pocket money. When money is mentioned in your letters, my wife usually fusses about my spending too much on "that genealogy stuff". I'd prefer not to have it mentioned. What I am after is information - as much info and in as much detail as possible. Dates and places of birth, marriage, death, etc. Any details as to interesting facts in the lives of any of the people mentioned are also desired. In fact, should any of you like to type up little biographies, stories, etc. on this size paper, I could just have them printed in the "NOTES" without having to type them up myself - I'm not that expert a typist - nor author!!

A lady I write to about Morgan's (Kathy's maiden name) sent me a Christmas card with the following poem. I don't know whether she is the poet or if she found it somewhere else.

OUR FAMILY TREE

I know that I shall never see
A finished genealogy.

From where they sailed, to where they came,
Just when it was they changed the name.

Then where they went, and whom they knew,
Becomes important news to you.

Some real life stories we disclose,
Romantic stories, goodness knows!

What seems like living in the past
Reveals a story that will last.

Our records may in error be,
But God records the factual tree.

received from Mrs. Guy Morgan, Des Moines, Ia.

Everett YARWOOD (IV-8 of May 1974 letter) writes that his daughter, Nancy Gladys YARWOOD (V-22) was married 14 December 1974, Calmar Lutheran Church, Calmar, Iowa to Keith ROSENDAHL. I do not have his birthdate nor parents.

Dorothy (YARWOOD) EMMONS (III-19) sent me the old Yarwood Bible, (evidentially George & Maria's) which has some clippings, etc. Ethel (YARWOOD) FADNESS had it for some time and decided to have it sent to me. Some of the clippings refer to unnamed children who died young - grandchildren of George & Maria, plus one child. I hope to learn more about them so that the information can be added in the proper places. There are also some old pictures - without anything telling who the people are. Dorothy thinks that one might be of Caroline (YARWOOD) BARFOOT & George E. YARWOOD when they were quite young. Dorothy and her daughter Louise ROLFS visited Europe last summer. On their way back, they met the other two girls & their families in Virginia for a nice visit.

Caroline (YARWOOD) HOVDEN (III-8) sent me a studio picture of George & Maria and their family. I'd guess it was taken for Christmas 1893, since Charles(II-4) married Olive SMITH in November 1893, and my father was born in July 1894. The picture is farther back in this note.

My sister Florence (YARWOOD) HARDING(IV-17) mentioned that her oldest son, Joe Richard HARDING (V-41) and his wife Dorothy have moved to North Carolina. They are both PhD's, and Dorothy teaches. Joe does research for the World Health Organization and teaches part time at the University of North Carolina - and also at the University of Missouri - St. Louis. Sure gets in a lot of traveling!

Her third son James HARDING (V-43) is a City Auditor in Colorado.

Both Everett YARWOOD and Jessie (YARWOOD) HERMAN (III-9) wrote that Herbert YARWOOD (III-7) had been in a hospital in La Crosse, Wisconsin for tests on a lump on his neck.

Jessie's daughter Nancy Lee (HERMAN) JELSMA (IV-16) had a small cut on her little finger that was so deep it cut the cord. She was to see the Dr. to get it fixed.

Doris (YARWOOD) BERGAN (III-25) sent me copies of individual pictures of George & Maria YARWOOD. They were probably taken about the same time as the picture of the family, so I didn't have them printed.

One of the clippings in the Bible that I found very interesting was:

Wm. Yarwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Yarwood, of English Prairie, Calmar township, has suffered for many years with a lame leg resulting from a fever. A week or so ago he was taken to LaCrosse, and a surgical operation performed by Dr. (blank) that promises to be wholly successful. The young man will remain at St. Francis Hospital for a few weeks under physicians care until recovery is completed. Not a few afflicted people from this vicinity have visited LaCrosse in the same manner and received great benefit from the professional skill of this surgeon.

That's the first I had heard about it - or Florence either.

Mrs. Raymond YARWOOD (Minnie) of Santa Barbara with a Christmas card.

Raymond's father was one of seven children - John, James, Harry, Raymond, Edwin, Frank and Annie - all born in England. Annie (YARWOOD) HALLIDAY was the first of the family to come to America. All the rest came later. Raymond was born in England, 6 January 1894 (he's now 81) and his family came over in 1895. He has three cousins still living in the East, a sister in Syracuse, N.Y., and one in Santa Barbara.

Raymond has had phlebitis twice in two years and has to remain in bed most of the time.

Minnie mentioned that she was 75, but didn't give her maiden name nor birthday.

Joyce SIGLER of Springbook, Wisconsin writes that she has an Emma Jane YARWOOD (1851 - 1881) in her family chart, daughter of William Henry YARWOOD and Hannah _____. In my May 1974 issue, there was a William Henry YARWOOD, but he wasn't born until 1860. I wonder if the father of Emma Jane might have been his uncle?

Jane Yarwood (HERZOG) HIGBIE of Fullerton, California (practically next door to me, but I haven't been over to see her yet) wrote that she likes her middle name of "Yarwood" so well that she still uses Y as her middle initial. She was given #114 in the April 1973 info about the descendants of James (or Samuel?) YARWOOD.

Jane's husband is N.B. HIGBIE, and they have four boys and two girls. She didn't give the names of the first three boys (nor any birthdates). The 4th boy is Robert Yarwood HIGBIE and the two girls are Mary Jane (Mollie) and Barbara.

Her uncle, James R. WHITSON (#57) lives in Cucamonga, California.

Harold H. YARWOOD of Amsterdam, New York wrote a nice letter.

His father, Robert H. YARWOOD was born 1863 in Barton-on-Humber. My little map of England doesn't show the Humber river, but the part of England called Northumberland is the farthest North-East - next to Scotland. Robert and his father (no name given) came to Brooklyn about 1877 when Robert was 14 years old. The older YARWOOD had a hat shop on Fulton St., and Harold says he understands that "Yarwood the hatter" was well-known in that area.

Robert had three brothers, Frederic, Sam, and Harry. They all died in Brooklyn. Harry had a son who was still living about 1960. Robert was a buyer for department stores, Fred was an interior decorator, and Sam was a conductor on the subway.

Robert had two sons; Harold and a brother who is living in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and three daughters - all dead.

Robert is buried at Niagra Falls, New York. He and his wife both had diabetes (So does Harold) as did two of the daughters.

Harold H. _____ YARWOOD was born in Brooklyn, 18 Dec. 1895. He didn't mention any children. Both he and his wife are retired.

Harold writes that he tends to call "YARWOOD's" he finds in the phone book and mentions some in Lathams and Rome, New York.

He also had quite a long correspondence - 40 years ago - with Walter A. YARWOOD, who was at the time Boxing Commissioner for the state of California. This was probably the grandfather of Bruce, Keith and Page YARWOOD.

Harold mentioned noticing a YARWOOD flower in a horticulture magazine and that he saw a movie years ago which had a football game between two colleges - one named YARWOOD.

He ends his letter with: "I wish you and ALL the YARWOODS a very Happy New Year."

YEARWOOD

The only YEARWOOD note I have this time came from a "Query" in the Redwood Researcher, Vol 7 #1, August 1974:

Need info regarding following: Especially birthplace in Iowa of John J. FISHER, b. 20 Jan 1832, m twice. 2nd possibly in Springfield, Greene (county), Missouri to Mary Ann YEARWOOD b 8 Feb 1833. ----- -- --

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The photo opposite page:

Back row: Mary Lucinda (McCULLOCH) YARWOOD, William Leonard YARWOOD, Olive (SMITH) YARWOOD, Charles F. YARWOOD

Middle row: Caroline Rand YARWOOD (she didn't marry Cyrus BARFOOT until 27 Feb 1895), George W. YARWOOD, Maria Elizabeth (LEE) YARWOOD, George E. YARWOOD.

Front row: Ernest LeRoy YARWOOD, Jessie Marin YARWOOD (m. later Ferdinand OEHLER)

Absent: Laura May (YARWOOD) DORN.

