

## FAMILY OF ANDREW JACKSON, JR. AND MAY ELIZABETH BRADLEY JOHNSON



After his first wife, Stella's death, Jack married May Elizabeth Bradley, daughter of Robert Martin and Nancy Frances [Parker] Bradley, 3 February 1892, in Princeton, Franklin, Kansas. He was a widower 15 years May's senior, with three children, the eldest, Myrtle only 8 years younger than May. May's father, Robert Marvin Bradley, was born in Dorset, England, in the hamlet of Bedchester. Jack was son of Andrew Jackson and Pheriba Jane [Wyatt] Johnson. (See *Johnsons/Johnstons, Men of the Soil and Cloth*, 1993, for a complete Johnson family history) Jack died 20 January of 1936/37, at his daughter, Ethel Thiems' home on Brock Drive, Oklahoma City.

May was born 29 October 1874, near Shipman, Macoupin County, Illinois. Her mother, Nancy, was a descendant of what is known as the Bad Biscuit family. Most of her grandfather, David Parker's family died from biscuits laced with arsenic, in Hardin County, Kentucky. County court records fully record the incident. It is generally felt that this was an accident. Particularly, since Frankie (Frances Sinclair), David's wife, had just given birth so possibly one of the younger members of the family had taken on the cooking and accidentally used arsenic instead of baking soda – but then, why would the poison be stored in the kitchen? The Parkers had left their comfortable home in Virginia and settled in primitive Kentucky. Franky was of middle age with a husband that liked to drink and brawl (again, county court records substantiate this) so perhaps postpartum blues along with her situation there in Kentucky so far from family and friends . . . ?

Jack's parents, and some of his brothers and sisters, won land in the 1892 Oklahoma Run into the Cheyenne and Arapaho country, in Canadian County, near the tiny town of Okarche so he and May relocated their growing family to Oklahoma but then returned to Franklin County, Kansas. On 29 July 1901, the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservation was opened for settlement by lottery. Jonas E. Johnson, brother of Jack, won 150 acres in Caddo County near Cement, Oklahoma, on 25 September of that year. He relinquished the land to Jack on 4 March 1902. The next month Jack turned part of the claim over to his brother John David. He never stayed on the land long enough to prove his claim.

Jack was not an ambitious man and only half-heartedly worked at farming. The family moved often. In 1900, they farmed near Lincoln, Franklin County, Kansas; in 1910, near Jefferson in Caddo County, Oklahoma. In 1920, the family was farming

near Cass, Oklahoma. By 1930, they were outside Choctaw, Oklahoma where May was working as cook in a restaurant. Their son, Robert, was living with them and working as an auto mechanic. Andy had a violent temper. My mother, Verna, mentioned this. Also, Aunt Ethel once told her niece, Carolyn Guy, that Grandpa, in a fit of temper, threw a stick of 'kindling' hitting her in the back. She claimed this cause discomfort during her life. Possibly his temper got the best of him for he spent some time in the mental institution in Norman, Oklahoma.

May was deeply involved in the Pentecostal Church; two of her daughters and a son occasionally preached that religion at revivals - they didn't 'hold' with, among other things, television, the use of alcohol and tobacco, women showing their forearms, wearing slacks, cutting their hair, or wearing makeup. None of her children or grandchildren ever smoked in her presence. I recall my sister Opal, a grown woman, burning herself while trying to hide a cigarette when Grandma unexpected walked up to her.

The Johnsons always had huge family reunions and get-togethers. I have some old photographs of those all-day Johnson reunions at a park in El Reno, Oklahoma, with several hundred family members attending. Everyone brought food and the tables groaned under their delicious burden. That was a time to renew acquaintances with cousins; we were bashful at first but would soon be playing together like long-lost friends.

Although I knew my grandmother had two sisters, Lil and Fanny (Lil married Jack's brother, Bill Johnson, so the two women were not only sisters but also sisters-in-law!) living in El Reno, Canadian, Oklahoma, I was never aware that she also had two brothers, Charley and James Henry who died in 1834. She evidently kept in touch with them. I have pictures of her visiting Charley in Kansas at different times (with either her sisters or her own children) and pictures of her and several of her children at Jim's funeral, in northeastern Oklahoma. Vernon Bradley, son of Charles, wrote me that he and a fraternity brother hitchhiked through Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma, during spring break in 1929. They spent a couple of days in Oklahoma City and stayed with "Aunt May and cousin Robert Johnson."

The family lived in a tiny house, which sat on a few acres in Brittain. I remember visiting them in this little house and admiring a crystal set radio my Uncle Gib had built. In 1946, a small house was built for May next to that of her youngest daughter, Florence's family, in Brittain. May developed diabetes late in life and that, along with old age, contributed to her death. My mother, Verna, told me that to prevent scratching her arms in her sleep, Grandma sewed the cuffs of her nightgowns together. She and Jack are buried in Memorial Gardens, Oklahoma City.

"At one time, when your mother was a widow, and was working in the City [Oklahoma City], her & Della, both widows [actually divorcees], Mama kept Alvin, Ervin, Opal & Ralph [Verna's children], and Thelma [Della's daughter], besides the rest of us. She would get up on Sunday morning, fix breakfast and get the younger ones dressed and get to Sunday School on time, fix most of her dinner, before leaving. She said she hardly knew what it was to get tired when she was raising us, besides she worked in the field during the week."

(Letter from Florence [Johnson] Guy, Sept. 1989)

May kept a journal – the first entry in my copy goes like this: "*May 23, 1946 – About 9:30 Saturday evening moved in my house.*" Toward the end of her life, she decided to live with her son, Robert and his wife, Ruby, until her death, 19 February 1963. May's diary/journal entries show her children, grandchildren and church members visited her often, sometimes staying for several days. She had written after Florence's second daughter, Rhonda, was born,

"Feb 1, 1947, Eddie came last nite. Gibert was here today. Him, Carolyn (Guy granddaughter) and I went to town. Got groceries and a rocking chair for Florence. I started to keep house for myself again. I stayed with Florence two weeks and took care of the babies. Wind went to the north and is getting cold."

Her children were close to their mother which was good since May did not drive. She noted on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1946, "*We went to Charlie boy's funeral today at El Reno, seen Lill and Fannie and others.*" Charlie was her stepson. I gather that she was not able to visit her brothers and sisters very often since her two sisters lived in El Reno, one brother lived in Kansas and the other in northeastern Oklahoma.

**1948**

Sept 5 – Sunday had a family reunion of Johnson's and Bradley's at El Reno. My brother (Charley) was here of Kansas and dead brother's (James Henry) children from Miami and two sister's (Lil and Fanny) of El Reno. We all had a pleasant time, first time we all met. Went to Eddie and Della's to stay all night. Went home Monday.

**1950**

Sept 3 – We all met at El Reno for a reunion with Johnson's and Bradley's. My brother's wife, daughter and husband came from Kansas. Lillie, Mona, and their husbands came from Texas. Jessie Dare came from Mexico and many live in Oklahoma that was present. The day was cloudy and cool, all seemed to enjoy the day.



**Lil, Charlie & May**

**1951**

Sept 1 – Went to Kansas to see Charlie our brother. Jessie took Lillie, Fanny, and I and friend, 2 grandchildren. Fanny took sick and was in bed all the time, but beside that we had a good time.



**Mona May Johnson (Charley.'s dau), ?, Fanny, friend, ?, ?, ?, Lil, Charley, Jessie Johnson Dare & May**

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

Marriage License.

State of Kansas, Franklin County, ss.

Feb 1st 1899

A. D. 1899

To any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO JOIN IN MARRIAGE: Andrew J Johnson of Homestead Kas, aged 33 years, and May E Bradley of Princeton, aged 17 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days. [L. 2.]

S. W. Case

Probate Judge.

Certificate of Marriage.

State of Kansas, Franklin County, ss.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, a Justice of the Peace in said County, do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the 3rd day of Feb A. D. 1899 at Princeton in said County, join and unite in Marriage, the within named Andrew J Johnson and May E Bradley. Witness my hand, the day and year above written.

J. A. Brunner

Official Title: Justice of the Peace

State of Kansas, Franklin County, ss.

I, The Undersigned, Probate Judge of said County, hereby certify the above to be a correct copy of the original Marriage License by me issued, on the day first above written, together with a copy of the return indorsed on such license by the person performing the marriage ceremony.

S. W. Case

Probate Judge.



In the summer of 2011, cousin Jimmy Johnson told me some amusing family stories. Jimmy has a wealth of family history stored in his brain. For instance, his dad, Uncle Eddie, and Aunt Della's husband, Clarence Cosper were in the Army together during WWI. They never went overseas but were stationed in the States. Being resourceful guys, they discovered a hole in the camp's fence so after widening it, they were able to crawl out at night undetected. However, they did not keep this secret to themselves and eventually it reached the wrong ears. So, one night as Uncle Clarence crawled through, he discovered the hole had been filled with water. He didn't share this development with Eddie but waited on the other side of the fence as his pals splashed through the hole.

Both families traveled back and forth from Oklahoma to California a lot. At one time, the Cospers had, or managed, an apartment house in California. Jimmy and his bride, Clara rented one of their furnished apartments. Keeping in mind this was during the Great Depression, there was no refrigerator, nor even an ice box, just an orange crate hanging out the window to catch cool breezes.

### Children of May Elizabeth Bradley and Andrew Jackson Johnson

- 1 Verna Viola (1894 – 1978)
- 2 Ethel Ruth (1896 – 1974)
- 3 James Edward 1897 – 1992)
- 4 Della Frances 1899 – 1974)
- 5 Nancy Jane (1900 – 1946)
- 6 Ernest Emil 1903 – 1963)
- 7 Robert Andrew 1906 – 1982)
- 8 Gilbert Bradley (1908 – 1984)
- 9 Lillian Desamay (1912 – 1993)
- 10 Florence Christina (1914)



**May 1934, Miama, Oklahoma, funeral of James Henry Bradley, brother of May Elizabeth Bradley Johnson.  
Her sons & their wives, left to right: Ernest & May Johnson, Robert & Ruby Johnson, & Eddie & Myrtle Johnson**



1914

Andrew Jackson, Jr. & May Elizabeth [Bradley] Johnson,  
and their children

Back row: Verna Viola, Ethel Ruth, James Edward, Della Frances, Nancy Jane  
Front row: Ernest Emil, Florence Christina on May's lap, Robert Andrew, Lillian Desamay, & Gilbert Bradley

May was the eldest daughter of  
Martin Robert & Nancy [Parker] Bradley,  
and granddaughter of Thomas & Lucy [Spicer] Bradley



Early 1960s: Back row: Florence, Gilbert, Lilly, Robert, Ernest, Eddie, Ethel & Verna  
Front row: Step daughter Myrtle, Emil Johnson, Myrtle's husband, May Elizabeth & stepson Charlie



**Eddie & Ernest Johnson**



**Verna & Eddie**



**Lillie, Grandma & Florence**



**Ethel, Grandma, Nellie, little boy, Wanda & Willa Dean**



**Back Row: Thelma, Ernest Johnson, ?, Florence Johnson Guy & husband, Fairy Guy  
Front Row: May, Ethel Johnson Theims, Willa Dean Patterson, Caroline and Rhoda Guy**



**Verna, Florence, & Florence's daughters: Carolyn and Rhonda**





**Crew at the Oklahoma City 'car yard' (auto repairs/painting)  
Back row: ?, Ralph Storey, Gilbert Johnson, ?, Clara & Jimmy Johnson  
Front row: E. O. Hawley, Leroy?, Robert Johnson & Eddie Johnson  
Hawley and Eddie were co-owners of the business**



**1958 Family Reunion at Verna's, Oklahoma City  
Bobby Hunter, son of Jewel Thiems Hunter, Willa Dean Patterson  
& Duane Creekman, nephew of Robert & Ruby Johnson**

# 1. VERNA VIOLA JOHNSON



**Verna 'Vernie' Viola** was born 11 July 1894, Lincoln Township, Franklin County, Kansas. She died 18 March 1978, in Polyclinic Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma of diabetes and complications.

Verna married **Clarence Spiegel Storey**<sup>1</sup> in 1910, Oklahoma. Clarence was born 13 March 1892, Aniston, Alabama to Benjamin 'Bennie' and Mary 'Mollie' Jane Spiegel Storey. He died 23 December 1972, at Corpus Christi, Texas.

On Clarence's 5 June 1917, WWI draft registration, the couple and their four children were living at RR 2, Box 104, Choctaw, OK and he was working as a carpenter for Ambursen Construction Co. at their construction camp. He was of medium height and weight with brown eyes and hair.

My mother never told me this; my cousin, Helen Johnson Ogle did. Before 1920, while the couple and their four young children were living in a tenant cabin on the tree nursery/farm of Verna's half sister and her husband, Myrtle and Emil Johnson, outside of Yukon, Oklahoma, one day Clarence walked to Yukon and either hitchhiked or hopped a freight train westward. He never came back to his family, leaving Verna with four small children to support. Although both Verna and Clarence remarried, they probably never legally divorced .

She left the children with her parents on their farm outside of Oklahoma City and worked as a domestic in Oklahoma City, returning to her parents' farm on the weekends.

One weekend, upon reaching her parents' house, she learned her mother had given her small daughter, Opal, to some well-to-do farm neighbors since they had no children and she felt Opal would have a better life. Verna immediately retrieved her small daughter – Opal often wondered if, indeed, her life might have been better as the couple's daughter



## VERNA BRIDGES

Services for Mrs. Verna May Bridges, 84, of 9303 S Anderson, will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hunter Funeral Home with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Bridges died Tuesday at Doctors General Hospital.

28 March 1978, **The Oklahoman**

<sup>1</sup> "Yes, my grandfather (Clarence Storey) was married to your mother. He remarried my grandmother, Sophie Carson Story, and had 5 children, 2 of which are still alive (my mom Patricia Story Jensen who is now 73, and the oldest, Clarence Spiegel III who is somewhere in his mid-80s). The 2 oldest sisters – Alice and Bennie – passed over 10 years ago. In fact, Bennie was named after grandfather's father. I would be happy to share anything else you would like to know. By the way, my mom remembers meeting one of your uncles when she was very young. Hope this helps.

30 June 2010, Lee Ann ([elajensen@gmail.com](mailto:elajensen@gmail.com))

1. **Elvin/Alvin Wilburn** (16 Apr 1911, OK – 28 Nov 1968, Port Arthur, Jefferson, TX, suicide - cause of death: (*Hypostatic pneumonia w/renal [insufficiency probably resulting from ingestion of ethylene glycol on basis of history]*). He was buried in the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Houston, TX.

Elvin married **Robena Aline Nicholson** (1912 – 1997) 10 Dec 1930, Oklahoma City, divorced. Aline and Barbara Jean moved to California and the family lost touch until another daughter traced the two in the 1990s. .

- 1.1 **Barbara Jean** (21 Sept 1932, Long Beach, CA – Fri., 4 June 2010, FL) married **Charles Richard Whitson** (1926 – 2002), 19 Dec 1948, Farmersville, CA; **Charles Otto Rogers** (1927 – 1999) and **Vincent Joseph Cal** 24 June 1967, Las Vegas, NV; divorced 3 June 2009, Walton Co., FL.

- 1.1.1 **Herbert 'Herb' Charles Whitson** (25 Sept 1949, Exeter, Tulare, CA – 18 March 2010, Conyers, GA) married **Julie Deggs**.
- 1.1.2 **Irene Ann Whitson** lives in Hawaii on a coffee plantation.
- 1.1.3 **Earl Dennis Rogers Whitson** (1958) took his stepfather's surname of Cal when he was 15 years old. I found Earl through Ancestry.com in 2009; he sent this picture of him and his mother in 2010, shortly after his mother died. .He was formerly a policeman and later a bouncer.
- 1.1.4 **Arlene Avis Cal**, daughter of Vincent Cal.



**Barbara Jean & her son, Earl**



Alvin married **Wavelyn Williamson** (1913) the 18th of Jan 1936; they divorced 7 Oct 1938. In 1930, Wavelyn, 16, and his brother, Clarence (Irvin), 18, were shown as man and wife, living with her brother and his family in Wolf, Seminole, OK. All the men worked in the oil fields. Wavelyn was the daughter of George and Alice Williamson.

Alvin married **Ruby Lee Huddleston/Mullins**, his third wife, 27 Oct 1943, in Vicksburg, MS, where he was stationed. He had enlisted 23 June 1942, at Fort Des Moines, Dickinson, IA. At that time, evidently he had moved to Iowa where his stepfather, Frank Reese, lived in Arnolds Park. Alvin worked in the Arnolds Park amusement park with Frank. His enlistment record shows he was married, 5'10" in height and weighted 168 lbs. He had a grammar school education and his occupation was 'skilled mechanics and repairman, motor vehicles'. Their divorce decree was published 17 Jan 1948, Oklahoma City.

During WWII, Alvin served with the army, in France where he drove in a supply convoy.



## Carmichael Wins Junk Car Feature

Eddie Carmichael outlasted a field of 10 entrants to win the 20-lap feature junk car race Sunday at the 23 and Eastern track. Robert Earl Marr came in second and Ralph Storey was third.

The Australlan Pursuit was taken by Roy Coleman with Marr second and Thurman Bacon, third. In the class B feature, it was Ralph Storey, first, Noble Sandlin, second, and Alvin Storey, third.

Mon., 24 June 1946  
The Oklahoman

He married **Lee Ora Agnes [Crume] Newkirk** (30 Aug 1909, Henry, Payne, OK – 24 July 2005, Oklahoma City, OK), the day after the divorce from Ruby, in Duncan, Stephens Co., Oklahoma. They lived in Azusa, CA for several years later returning to Oklahoma City where they divorced, 30 Nov 1953. Lee Ora was the daughter of John W. Crume of El Reno, OK.

Lee Ora's savings from defense work at Tinker Field in Oklahoma City bought the Azusa house. In Oklahoma City, they lived in a trailer. After the divorce, Lee Ora and their daughter, Beccay, moved back to Burbank, CA, and none of the family had contact with them until Kathy Simmons, an illegitimate daughter of Alvin's, contacted family members in 1994. She found Becky and Lee Ora, and during that summer, they were united, and visited her aunt Opal [Storey] Morgan and cousin, Janey [Morgan] Dean, in Texas.

1.2 **Rebecca Lee Ora 'Beccay'** (27 May 1949, Pomona, CA) married **Robert Joseph Ingle**, 17 February 1973, in Burbank. By odd coincidence, a job transfer caused them to move from California to Oklahoma City in the 1990s.

1.2.1 **Matthew Robert Eugene** (1 Oct 1981, Anaheim, CA)

**Beccay**



Elvin's 5<sup>th</sup> and final wife was **Myrtle Newman**. They married in 1967, Beaumont, TX. Myrtle's first husband, Slim Newman, had been electrocuted when his drilling rig passed under electric lines.

Myrtle first lived with Elvin's youngest brother, Ralph and then went on to marry another brother, Irvin. When Irvin died, under mysterious circumstances while in the Oklahoma City jail, Myrtle had him buried in the same plot as her first husband! Then, she married Elvin who evidently took his own life. The cause of death on his death certificate was attributed to '*ingesting ethanol glycol (possibly anti-freeze)*'. So, all three of Myrtle's husbands met unusual and sudden deaths.

*Entered Into Eternal Rest*

*Friday, Nov. 29, 1968*

**Elvin W. Storey**

**Funeral To Be**

**Held on Monday**

Funeral services for Elvin W. Storey, 57, of 445 Savannah Avenue, a seven-year resident of Port Arthur, will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Clayton-Thompson Funeral home chapel. Mr. Storey, a native of Oklahoma, has been employed the last five years at Frank Edwards Buick company where he worked in the body shop.

Officiating will be the Rev. James Brossett, pastor of the North End Baptist church. The place of burial will be announced.

Mr. Storey, a veteran of World War II, died Friday at 10 p.m. in St. Mary's hospital where he had been a patient for two days.

Justice of the Peace Fulton Lee is conducting an inquest.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Storey of Houston; two daughters, Rebecka and Barbara Jean Storey, both of Burbank, Calif.; his mother, Mrs. Ellis Bridges of Russell, Ky.; two sisters, Mrs. Connie Murnahan of Greenup, Ky., and Mrs. O. Storey Walker of Ft. Worth; and one brother, Ralph Storey of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Port Arthur News, Port Arthur, Texas, Dec. 1, 1968

2 **Irvin/Ervin Clarence** (19 Dec 1912, OK - 16 June 1964, in Oklahoma City jail) Although his siblings all served



during WWII, there is no record of Irvin having registered in the draft. Also, it's possible he never had a Social Security number for there is no Social Security record of his death. He was buried 20 June in the Sunny Lane Cemetery, Dell City, OK. There is no marker on his grave.

My mother told me that Irvin became an alcoholic when he was about 16. He spent the summer with his Aunt Lillie (Johnson) and Uncle Ode Monde. His uncle was a bootlegger and that is when Irvin got his first taste of alcohol. Irvin and first cousin, Helen Johnson, wanted to marry but their parents forbid although they weren't full 1<sup>st</sup> cousins having different grandmothers; this might have been the reason he was sent to his aunt and uncles; to keep the young couple separated.

Irvin, as Clarence Storey, was listed with **Wavelyn Williamson** in 1930 as man and wife (she married his brother Alvin in 1936). They were living with her brother, Elmer Williamson's family, in Wolf, Seminole, OK; all the men in the family were working as *laborers in oil production*. Her parents, George and Alice, also lived in the household.

Although there were always women in his life, beautiful women, Irvin never married until shortly before his death when he married Myrtle Newman who had earlier lived with his younger brother, Ralph, in Oklahoma City. After Irvin's death in 1964, she married his brother, Elvin.



Irvin is buried in Sunny Lane Cemetery, Oklahoma City, in the same plot as Myrtle's first husband, 'Slim' Newman who had met an untimely death when his drilling rig, passing under electrical lines, caught and he was electrocuted before Myrtle's eyes. Myrtle had bad luck with husbands, her first, Slim, was electrocuted, Irvin died in jail under suspicious circumstances and Elvin took his own life.

Irvin died in the Oklahoma City jail – he was taken by ambulance to St. Anthony's Hospital and his death certificate shows he was DOA (dead on arrival); the cause was 'alcohol poisoning and delium temours'. Johnson family members have told me that although he was an alcoholic, he was not intoxicated when arrested during what was described as a sting operation; that he was ill and told the police this. However, he was incarcerated and died thereof. At one time, he stayed with our mother for weeks trying to recover only to go back to drinking. During those weeks, he was very disoriented. Irvin has a gentle and sweet disposition; he seemed to just drift through life. Like his brothers, Irvin was an auto mechanic.

- 3 **Opal May** (5 Nov 1914, El Reno, OK – 25 Aug 2000, Orange, TX). She was often mistaken for an American Indian when small for she had dark skin as well as very dark eyes and hair like her father, Clarence. Opal hated her given names and went by Storey all her adult life.

In later life, Opal became legally blind with macular degeneration as did her brother Ralph. She lived in a retirement home in Beaumont, TX until her death; her remains were bequeathed to Galveston Island, TX Medical Center.



Storey married a number of times. Her first husband was **Jack Woodson**, a man much older. That marriage did not last long. While waitressing in Arizona, she met a college student there, **Jack Smith**, and they were married. Jack never finished college; the couple gypsyed around between Oklahoma, Texas and California. After their divorce, he joined the Merchant Marines during WWII.

Storey married **Jack 'Jerry' Ivan Morgan** (5 July 1915, AR – 27 Nov 1986, Oklahoma City). Jerry was the son of Will Renfroe Morgan (14 June 1879, Lavaca, GA) & Ruth M. Randolph (1863, MS – OK.). He worked as a body & fender mechanic and served in the Army, Stateside, during WWII. The couple lived in Azusa, CA for several years during which time in 1949, they adopted Janey Ruth, daughter of her brother, Ralph and his wife Georgia.



She was among the first women to serve as a WAAC during WWII, enlisting 16 Dec 1942, in Oklahoma City and stationed at Des Moines, Iowa. . The WAC's were stationed in a hotel in Des Moines where she worked on the switchboard. Women of that period were unaccustomed to the rigorous training and there were suicides. She told me of working at the front desk at night and seeing bodies being brought down in the elevator and taken out the back.

Opal went AWOL but contacted pneumonia when she was back on base and was hospitalized. She received an honorable discharge. Her photograph and bio are part of the 'Women Who Served' Memorial in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

- 4 **Ralph Howard** (7:00 a.m., 7 Oct 1916, S. Western Ave., Oklahoma City, OK – 28 Jan 2001, Oklahoma City) . He developed macular degeneration in the 1990's and was legally blind when he died 28 Jan 2001. As a veteran, he is buried in Arlington Memory Gardens, Oklahoma City.



**STOREY**, Ralph H., 84, died Sunday. Graveside services 2 p.m. Wednesday, Arlington memory Gardens (Capitol Hill)  
The Oklahomas, Tuesday, January 30, 2001

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## Ralph Storey Wins Elmwood Feature

Ralph Storey, veteran speedway driver, won the 40-lap feature race at Elmwood track Sunday as officials reported more than \$900 was awarded in prize money in the top meet at the auto race track this season.

Thurman "Egghead" Bacon took down first place in the Australian Pursuit and was leading by a lap in the feature when he threw a rod in his racer and was forced to quit the contest.

## Nine Crashes Mark Junk Car Race Card

It was crackup day at the junk car races on Elmwood speedway Friday as nine crashes resulted in two minor injuries and eliminated the feature event.

Ralph Storey ran through a wire fence and Nip Wells was involved in one of the spills, each receiving face injuries. So many cars cracked up that it was impossible to complete the feature event, five machines going out of the race in the early stages.

### Junk Car Driver Hurt as Racer Misses Curve

Ralph Storey, 32, of 608 1/2 N Geary, suffered head lacerations and bruises Sunday when an automobile he was driving in the junk car races, NE 23 and Eastern, failed to negotiate a curve and overturned.

Storey was treated at St. Anthony's hospital and released, according to the Oklahoma highway patrol.

Another racing automobile driven by Roy Coleman, also overturned when it struck Storey's racer and was demolished. Coleman was not hurt.

July 1, 1943, *The Oklahoman*

### 244 Deferred By Board One; 43 Put in 1A

A total of 244 registrants in Oklahoma county local draft board No. 1 were placed in deferred categories as necessary men at a recent board meeting.

A total of 133 was placed in the 2B classification as men necessary in war work, and another 111 in the 2A group as men necessary in supporting the war effort.

The board also classified 43 more registrants as available for the armed services. Board classifications for 323 of its registrants:

TO 1A

Lonza Lundy, Woodrow W. Heathman, Albert E. Sales, Winnifred A. Waggoner, . . .

. **Ralph H. Storey**, .

18 Oct 1943, *The Oklahoman*

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Monday, 24 June 1946

Ralph, married Naughtilla 'Naughty' Crader (1920, OK), in 1933 when she was 15 and he was 17. They were married in Sayre, OK, while he was working in Shamrock, TX. The couple divorced 23 July 1945, in Oklahoma City. 'Naughty' was the daughter of David Orlando, 'Lon', 'Dave' (18 Sept 1884, MO) & Rosa Lee Russell Crader (6 Oct 1887, TX - 4 Aug 1981, CA).

Ralph served stateside in the army during WWII, enlisting 17 Nov 1943 in Oklahoma City. He was in the Infantry; however, the condition of his feet prohibited him from marching, etc. Every other one of Verna's children had what she called, 'tender feet' resulting in huge blisters. Ralph's draft registration shows he had had 2 years of high school, was married, and worked in 'sheet metal'. He was an auto mechanic.

A divorce petition was entered 24 July 1945 'Naughtilla from R.H. Storey separate maintenance.' Naughty was married to H. O. O'Neal by 1956 and lived in Edmond, OK.



## Two Hostesses Schedule Dinner

Miss Nancy Carol Bott, bride-elect of Alton Howard Storey, and her mother, Mrs. Jake Bott, 2816 Warwick drive, will entertain at a bridesmaids dinner Sunday. The event will be at 5 p.m. in their home.

Miss Bott was honored Saturday by the future bridegroom's aunt, Mrs. Ada Groover, 1429 NW 1. The party was a miscellaneous shower and dessert.

The betrothed couple will be married June 9. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bott, 1188 Warwick drive. Her fiance' is the son of Mrs. H. O. O'Neal, Edmond, and Ralph Storey, Fort Worth.

Alton & Nancy's wedding

4.1 Alton Howard (19 Aug 1936, Oklahoma City, OK), married Nancy Carol Bott (17 Aug 1938), 9 June, 1946, Oklahoma city. Nancy was daughter of Jake and Lucille Wallace Bott. Alton and Nancy lived in Etowah,

TN for many years later moving to Oklahoma City. In Feb of 2011, his granddaughter, Nancy, told me Alton was depressed and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of Alzheimers.

4.1.2 **Dennis Howard** (8 Dec 1958)

4.1.1 **Alton Jake** (1 April 1957)

4.1.3 **April Lucille** (1 April 1960) married **Bobby Joe Whitechurch** (22 July 1951, Oklahoma City)

4.1.3.1 **Nancy Belle Storey-Burgess** (13 May 1979, Oklahoma City) adopted by Alton & Nancy. Her husband is in the U.S. army. In 2011, she was in TN; her phone was 253-777-5343. [belle102009@gmail.net](mailto:belle102009@gmail.net)

4.1.3.2 **Amanda Grace** (6 Dec 1980, OK)

4.1.3.3 **Sarah Mae** (1 May 1982, OK)

April married **Timothy Allen Turbessi**

4.1.3.1 **Shiekina Denise** (26 Aug 1983)

4.1.3.2 **Timothy Allen** (31 July 1984)

4.2 **Alma Lee 'June Bug'** (28 Jan 1942, OK – 6 Oct 1996, OK), married **Carl Martin** and lived in Edmond, OK. She died of kidney failure. Alma had had a kidney transplant at one point but it was not a success and she remained on dialysis until her death, 5-8 years later.

4.2.1 **Colin 'Stewart'**

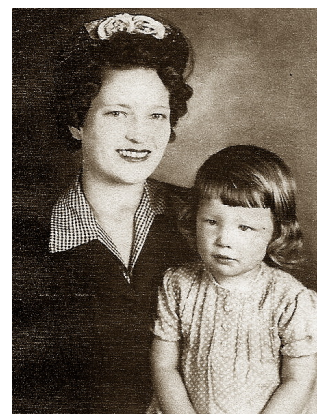
4.2.2 **Laura**

4.2.3 **Lynn**

4.2.4 **Coleen** married a **Veche**

Alma's second husband was **J. W. Warrick**

**Naughty & Alma**



Ralph married **Georgia Lee Sebastian** (4 May 1929, Oklahoma City – 23 Aug 2008, Oklahoma City) in 1946, they divorced Thur, 26 May 1949. Georgia continued to bear Storey children after the divorce.

Georgia was daughter of James Walter and Ray Belle Fry Sebastian. Her mother died when Georgia was only a few months old; Georgia was reared by her father and grandmother. Her second husband was **Luther D. Mullins** (17 May 1916, Oklahoma City – Dec 1984, Oklahoma City) and lived in Edmond, OK. After his death, she married **Ernest 'Ernie' Morrison**.

4.3 **Sandra Kaye** (26 Feb 1948, Oklahoma City) married to **Johnny Eyman**. Sandra was diagnosed with stage 1 lung cancer in 2011.

4.3.1 **Malinda Ray** (4 April 1966) married **James L. Cummings**, 21 July 1989, Tarrant, TX, and **Barry L. Brown**, 27 April 2002, Rockwall, TX.

4.3.2 **Johnny Lemro** (24 Sept 1967)

4.3.3 **Tammy Dawn** (15 Sept 1975) married Mark and Michael Williams. She died when 24 years of age. She began having seizures in her teens and lived with her grandmother Georgia until her death.

4.4 **Janey Ruth** (10 Feb 1949, NM) – adopted by her aunt and uncle, Opal & Jerry Morgan. Janey married **Andrew Wilkcomer 'Duke' Daville**, in Port Arthur, TX.

4.4.1 **Horace Edwin** (24 Sept 1966, TX) married **Melissa 'Missy'**.

4.4.1.1 **Horace Edwin, Jr.**

4.4.1.2 **Andrew James** (27 May 1997)

4.4.2 **Jerry Joseph** (29 May 1968), married **Regina Talbot**, divorced.

4.4.2.1 **Colton**

Jerry married **Rebecca**

4.4.2.2 **Jerry Joseph III** (21 Aug 2002, TX)

4.4.3 **Scott David** (6 Aug 1970, TX) married **Leslie Gail Moreau**.

4.4.3.1 **Madison Ann** (5 Feb 1992, TX)

4.4.3.2 **Colton Scott** (30 July 1998, TX)

4.4.4 **Andrew Wilkcomer, Jr.** (18 Aug 1972, TX) never married.

4.4.4.1 **Andrea Taylor** (5 May 1992, TX) her mother is **Cody**

4.4.4.2 **Chastis Ann** (21 April 2001, TX) her mother is **Jane Bortz**

**Georgia Lee**





Janey and Duke divorced, and later Janey married **Ronald Jones**, they divorced. She married **Michael Dean** in the 1980s, is divorced and lives in Vidor, Texas.

- 4.5 **Susan** (4 June 1950, Oklahoma City) married **Michael Lynn Hart**
  - 4.5.1 **Christopher Lynn** (11 Dec 1966, OK) married **Teresa Folx**
    - 4.5.1.1 **Crystal Lynn** (13 May 1967)
      - 4.5.1.1.1 **Justin Lynn** (13 Aug 2002, OK)
      - 4.5.1.1.2 **Isaac Clayton** (13 Aug 2002, OK)
      - 4.5.1.1.3 **Daniel Cole** (4 July 2005, OK)
    - 4.5.1.2 **Paul Lawrence** (27 Aug 1969) married **JoAnn Baugh**. They are phisician assistants.
    - 4.5.1.3 **Walter Glynn** (21 Jan 1971, OK) married **Tammy Lynn** (28 Aug 1974)
      - 4.5.1.3.1 **Kelvin Glenn** (28 Aug 1996)
      - 4.5.1.3.2 **Matthew Lynn** (28 June 2000)
- 4.6 **Michael Glenn** (6 Aug 1951, Oklahoma City) married **Susan Elizabeth Work**.
  - 4.6.1 **Jeremy**
  - 4.6.2 **Eric's** wife is making the military her career.

Ralph 's third wife was **Ina Rose 'Jo' Stowe** (7 Aug 1933 - 6 Feb 2004, Oklahoma City, OK). they divorced 16 Aug 1968.

#### **Storey, Ina R.**

Ina R. Storey departed from this life on February 6, 2004. She was preceded in death by her parents Holmes and Gracie Tyson; 2 brothers, Elmer Tyson and Jerry Wayne Tyson; and grandson, Robbie Haworth. She is survived by daughters, Sherry Holden Thornton and husband Carl of Earlsboro, OK, Patricia Storey of Norman, OK, Debbie Haworth and husband Mike of Moore, OK, Verna Young and husband Fannin of Norman, OK, Kathryn Storey of Jones, OK, Christina Thrasher and husband Matt of Texas; sons, Ralph Storey and Kenneth Storey, both of Oklahoma City, OK; brother, Raymond Tyson and wife Irma of Oklahoma City, OK; sister, Barbara Duck and husband John of Earlsboro, OK; 23 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Services will be held in the chapel at John M. Ireland Funeral Home and Chapel at 10:00 a.m., February 10, 2004, with internment at Sunny Lane Cemetery, Del City, OK.



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- 4.7 **Patricia Ann** (27 Jul 1954, Tarrant, TX), married a **Dixon**.
- 4.8 **Deborah 'Debbie' Jean** (23 Jul 1955, Tarrant, TX), married **Mike Haworth** and lived in Moore, OK.
  - 4.8.1 **Robbie**
- 4.9 **Ralph Howard, Jr.** (5 Mar 1958, Orange, TX – 4 Oct 2011, Valley Brook, OK, heart attack at work), married, 2 children.
  - Ralph Howard Storey, Jr.**, 29, address unlisted, received a 3-year prison sentence to the charge of DUI  
31 Aug 1987, **The Oklahoman**  
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VALLEY BROOK– **Storey**, Ralph Howard Jr., 53, maintenance worker, died Tuesday, Services 1 p.m. Saturday, Camille Avenue Baptist Church, Oklahoma City (John M. Ireland, Moore).  
7 Oct 2011, **The Oklahoman**  
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- 4.10 **Kenneth Ray** (10 Aug 1960, Orange, TX) married **Ramona D.** 21 Sept. 1998. They divorced 27 June 2002, TX.
- 4.11 **Verna Marie** (21 Nov 1962, Jefferson, TX), married an **Anderson** and later, **Fanning Young**, a minister..
- 4.12 **Kathryn Denise** (26 Feb 1964, Jefferson, TX), married a **Lancaster**.

Ralph married **Ruby Lee [Clark] Fite** and after that, he married **Eva J.** in the 1980s; divorced 8 Aug 1986. Not one to ever give up,

“Applied for Marriage License: Ralph Howard Storey, 78,2644  
SE 15th & **Jolene Moran**, 54, Checatoh, Thur, 6 April 1995.

Family legend says Jolene immediately placed Ralph in a nursing home and proceeded to spend his money. Some of his children rescued him and a divorce decree was filed:

Ralph Storey vs. Joleen Williams. Fri., July 7, 1995 Divorce  
granted 16 Aug 1995

Verna married **Alexander Wiley Reese 'Frank'** (13 Aug 1889, Seligman, MO – 30 July 1947, Arnolds Park, Dickinson, IA), 24 Feb 1920, El Reno, Canadian, OK. 'Frank' was very secretive about his background and family. He claimed to have been born in Missouri although his WWI draft registration plainly shows Garfield, Arkansas as his birthplace, and had a sister, Martha, and a brother, Henry. Actually, it is possible, judging from his facial features, he was at least partially of Indian ancestry. His first wife, Narcie, was native American. They had two children, Mary and Edward, before she died.

Frank's WWI draft registration, Frank W. Reese, shows he was married with 3 children, living at 2817 Ross/Ross, Ft. Worth, TX, and working as a laborer for Swift & Co. of Ft. Worth. The birth date was 13 Aug 1888. He was a lawman in small Oklahoma towns such as Marshall and Sparks in the early 1900's. By the 1930's, he operated a rifle range (shooting gallery) on Reno Street in Oklahoma City. Men would stand partially on the sidewalk while firing over the counter at moving targets. In his middle age, he traveled with fairs and carnivals while wintering in Oklahoma City.

Frank's last employment was roller coaster operator in the Arnolds Park (Iowa) amusement park. He had married **Viva 'Vi' Maude Joenks Doss** (29 Oct 1891, IA – 1961, Arnolds Park) of Arnolds Park. Vi owned a large 2-storied house in Arnolds Park in which they lived; she rented bedrooms to young men working at the amusement park. Vi put black cases on their pillows so their hair oil stains did not show and she wouldn't have to launder them as often.

#### FRANK W. REESE BURIED SATURDAY IN ARNOLDS PARK

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Donovan Funeral Home in Spirit Lake for Frank Reese of Arnolds Park. Interment is in the Arnolds Park cemetery.

Frank Wiley Reese, youngest son of Alexander and Louise Reese, died at his home in Arnolds Park, July 30, at 1:30 p.m. at the age of 57 years. He was born at Seligman, Mo., Aug. 13, 1889. His younger days were spent at Seligman, later moving to Chandler, Okla.

He served six years with the army and later served as sheriff of Lincoln county, Okla., for several years. Mr. Reese came to Arnolds Park in 1933 and worked for Mary James for three seasons in the shooting galleries. He spent two seasons working in Benit's park. In 1938 he started operating the coaster in what is now known as Lawler's park and continued operating it until his illness in September, 1946.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife, one son, James, of Arnolds Park; two daughters, Mary Morlan of Benjor, Calif., and Connie of Oklahoma City; eight step-children and 10 grandchildren; two brothers, Andrew and James, and two sisters, Mary and Belle.

7 Aug 1947, **The Milford Mail**

#### Card of Thanks

To my friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and at the time of death of my husband. I wish to express my sincere thanks. – Mrs. Viva Reese.

7 Aug 1947, **Spirit Lake Beacon**

5.4.5 **John**, died at birth.

5.4.6 **daughter**, stillborn.

5.4.7 **Virginia Lee**, died at birth. Verna was lying in bed, letting the baby grasp her finger while her mother was outside hanging up washed cloths used during the baby's birth. After cleaning the baby, May had finger curled Virginia's hair and placed her in Verna's arms. When the baby stopped grasping a finger, Verna called to her mother who came running in, seized the baby and started blowing in her face.

Virginia was dead.

When another baby died, it's homemade coffin, lined with wallpaper, was placed on Verna's bed for her to see. She never allowed this with other babies for she could visualize the coffin at the foot of the bed many times afterwards.



**Elvin, Connie & Ralph, taken in Oklahoma City, late 1930s's**



**Connie & Opal**

- 5.4.8 **Constance Ellenor 'Connie'** (19 Mar 1931, Oklahoma City), married **Franklin Leroy Murnahan**, 31 Jan 1950, Oklahoma City, divorced 25 Feb 1971, Greenup, KY. She lives in Lexington, KY, retired from Ashland Inc., where she worked as a legal secretary
- 5.4.8.1 **Paula Marie** (Tue, 18 Sep 1951, WA), married **David Adams**, divorced. She married **Gerald 'Jerry' McPhee**, 14 Feb 1995, Hawaii; they live in Kensington, MD.
- 5.4.8.2 **Franklin Leroy, Jr.**, (Fri., 5 Dec 1952, OH), married **Pamela Sue Hampton**, 1974, WA, divorced Dec 1980. He served 20 years in U.S Navy, and now works for Civil Service, at the Jacksonville, (FL) Naval Base.
- 5.4.8.2.1 **Franklin Leroy, III 'Trey'** (25 Jul 1975, FL), joined the Navy in 1993; discharged in 1994. He is a convicted felon in FL prison.  
Trey married **Jennifer** \_\_ in 1995, divorced.
- 2.1.1.8.2.2 **Nicholas Wayne** (3 Feb 1996/31 Jan 1996, FL) adopted by his stepfather.
- 5.4.8.2.2 **Racheal Dawn** (7 Aug 1977, VA), married **Shawn Lacey** in 1996, divorced, remarried and lives in Boca Raton, FL.
- Frank married **Geneva Whitehead** in 1984, a marriage which enabled him to reenlist in the navy and the marriage was annulled thereafter. He married **Marla Earlene Jordan**, 17 Dec 1984, Coal Grove, OH.
- 5.4.8.2.3 **Brittany Jordan** (1986, Jacksonville, FL) married **Warren Deshon Holmes** in 2010, FL
- 5.4.8.2.4.1 **Darian Micah** (23 Sept, 2011, FL)
- 5.4.8.2.4 **Mechelle Earlene** (28 Jul 1988, Norfolk, VA)
- 5.4.8.3 **Amy Elaine** (Tue, 23 Nov 1954, OH), married **Ronald Stevens**, Greenup, 1973, divorced in 1976.
- 5.4.8.3.1 **Kelli Mae** (22 Apr 1974, OH) married **Jay White** in 1992, Greenup. They are divorced. She lives in Portsmouth, OH.
- 5.4.8.3.1.1 **Amos Jay-Ira** (Mon., 25 Oct 1993, Portsmouth, OH)
- 5.4.8.3.1.2 **Kayleigh Elaine** (Mon., 17 Oct 1994, Columbus, OH)
- 5.4.8.3.1.3 **Grant Ashley Underwood** (Sat., 27 Jul 1996, Columbus, OH)
- 5.4.8.3.2 **Andrea Leigh** (1 Jun 1976, OH), married **Matthew Johnson**, divorced. She married **Steve Alley**, 22 May 2010, South Point, OH.
- 5.4.8.4.1.1 **Robert James 'Robbie' Johnson** (Mar 1997, KY)
- 5.4.8.4.1.2 **Paige Elaine Johnson** (Mar 1999, KY)

- Amy married **Phillip Ray Dowdy** (1 Sep 1949, Boyd Co., KY), 9 Jan 1993, at Catlettsburg, KY. She works at Dow Chemical, Haverhill, OH. He has retired from AK Steel, Ashland, KY.
- 5.4.8.4 **Patrice Anne** (Sat., 9 Jun 1956, KY) married **Willie Thomas Webb 'Bill'** (26 Oct, 1954, Louisa, KY), 29 Dec 1976, Russell, KY, son of Willie Curtis and Opal Wilma Compton Webb, divorced. She married **Tom Workman** and lives in Proctorville, OH.
- 5.4.8.4.1 **Lesly Anne** (Fri, 15 Mar 1980, Ashland, Boyd, KY), married **Larry Conn** ca. 2001, divorced. Married **Michael 'Mike' Hollan**, and lives in Greenup, KY
- 5.4.8.4.1.1 **Tyler Curtis Conn** (March 2002, Delaware, OH)
- 5.4.8.5 **Zane Ellen** (Mon, 9 May 1961, KY) married **David Balfour Hall** (14 Oct, 1953, Naples, Italy), 18 Apr 1992, in Atlanta, divorced. Zane is a graduate of Georgia State University and works for T. Rowe Price in Baltimore.
- 5.4.8.5.1 **Benjamin Alan** (7 Jul 1998, Atlanta, GA)
- 5.4.8.5.2 **Samuel Parker** (15 Sep 2000, Atlanta, GA)

Connie married **Robert Howard Thompson**, 9 Jun 1978, divorced Feb. 1981. She was transferred from Ashland, KY, by Ashland Inc., to Lexington, KY, in 1980. After retirement she moved back to Ashland, KY; however, returned to Lexington in 2005.

**Verna** married **Paul Clark Morton** (6 sept 1892, NY – 1967, Canadian Co., OK) in 1938, and they lived on a farm near Yukon, OK, divorcing in 1947. Paul was a man of mystery and never revealed where his origins or anything about his family. I believe I've since found him born in NY, the son of Sherwood & Mary Morton. His father was proprietor of a flour and feed store in Cortlandt, Westchester, NY. In 1930, Paul was living with his widowed mother and was proprietor of the feed store. For some reason, he left NY, evidently for good.

The timeframe is close for he was farming in Canadian Co. in the mid-1930's. Paul lost sight in an eye due to a wheat beard; he refused to go to a doctor.

Paula was persuaded to buy an apartment house in Oklahoma City which Alvin ran for awhile; In 1947, Verna moved to Oklahoma City and managed the 1301 S. Walker apartment building for awhile finally selling it in 1949. I am positive Paul was never reimbursed. Verna's sons borrowed money from him several times during the marriage. He did not use banks but hide money in the wooden ceiling of a second old house nearby. This was obvious since there were many smudges and prints at one spot of the ceiling. Before the marriage, Paul had lived the life of a bachelor in the old house while renting the other nearby. He had removed a partition to make room for a pool table; neighboring farmers would gather there to shoot pool. Both the table and houses had been part of a town of Frisco on that spot. When the railroad chose El Reno instead of Yukon, the town gradually vanished.

Verna married **Lewis L. Ferry** (28 Jan 1897, Baldwinsville, NY), 20 March 1952, and they lived at 520 S.W. Ninth Street in Oklahoma City; he was chief shipping clerk at Rothschild department store. Lewis suffered a heart attack 30 July 1958, and was buried in Mena, AR. The next year Verna moved to Greenup, KY near Connie. In 1961, she married **James Ellis Bridges**, and they lived in Flatwoods until Ellis died in 1972. Because of her failing health, she was taken back to Oklahoma City, by her son, Ralph and lived first with Opal, and later with Ralph who put her in a nursing home in Oklahoma City where she eventually died in 1978. She was buried next to her parents in the lot bought by her brother, Eddie; her siblings paid for the funeral and gravestone.

Connie & 3 of her 4 daughters; Amy, Connie, Zane & Patrice (2009)

