

Descendants of Heinrich Wilhelm ROLL

Generation No. 1

1. HEINRICH WILHELM¹ ROLL was born 11 Apr 1816 in Rugenwalde, Germany, and died 29 Dec 1879 in Kansas. He married CAROLINE FRIEDERICKE PLOETZ. She was born 29 Jul 1824 in Nechlin, Germany, and died 06 Dec 1911 in Kansas.

Notes for HEINRICH WILHELM ROLL:

Arrived April 14, 1856, Port of NY, Ship Snap Dragon from Hamburg, Germany. They were from Schoenfeld, Brandenburg, Germany.

He told his grandchildren that once, while still in Germany, when walking home through the Black Forest after work he saw his friend coming toward him but he disappeared. Later, Grandfather heard his friend had died at this exact time some distance away.

Heinrich, age 40, shoemaker, from Prussia

Caroline Friederike, age 32, wife

Heinrich, age 9, son

Gustave, age 7, son

Charles, age 4, son

Rudolph (Ralph), William Herman, and Anna ("Aunt Annie") were born in Wisconsin. Heinrich, Gus, and Charlie started for Kansas where they would homestead. They stopped in Illinois to work for supplies. They arrived in Kansas in 1871. They settled in Sedgwick county, two miles north of the Sedgwick-Sumner County line on the 6th Meridian.

More About HEINRICH WILHELM ROLL:

Custom: Prenzlau

Departure: 1856

Destination: Amerika

Notes for CAROLINE FRIEDERICKE PLOETZ:

As a child she herded geese in Germany.

More About CAROLINE FRIEDERICKE PLOETZ:

Custom: Prenzlau

Departure: 1856

Destination: Amerika

Residence: 1910, Ohio Twp, Sedgwick, Kansas

Children of HEINRICH ROLL and CAROLINE PLOETZ are:

- i. HEINRICH GOTLEIB² ROLL, b. 1846, Germany; d. 1924, KS.

More About HEINRICH GOTLEIB ROLL:

Custom: Prenzlau

Departure: 1856

Destination: Amerika

- ii. GUSTAVE B ROLL, b. 1849, Germany; d. 13 Oct 1936.

More About GUSTAVE B ROLL:

Arrival: 1856

Residence: 1900, Ohio, Sedgwick, Kansas

- iii. CHARLES AUGUSTUS ROLL, b. 1852, Germany; d. 14 Aug 1932; m. CATHERINE EMELINE MCGAHA; b. 17 Jun 1858, Douglas, IL; d. 14 Feb 1921.

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 - iv. RALPH ROLL, b. 04 Apr 1859, Hermann, Sheboygan, Wisconsin; d. 02 Jan 1934, Arapaho, Custer, OK.
 - v. WILLIAM HERMAN ROLL, b. 1862, Hermann, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
 - vi. ANNA ROLL, b. 1867, Hermann, Sheboygan, Wisconsin; d. 1948.

Notes for ANNA ROLL:

Married Lewis Goldsmith abt 1898. Leola Roll lived with her Aunt Annie for 3 years from 1932 to 1935. She taught Leola how to piece and quilt quilts. Leola would make many beautiful quilts for her daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Generation No. 2

2. RALPH² ROLL (*HEINRICH WILHELM*¹) was born 04 Apr 1859 in Hermann, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and died 02 Jan 1934 in Arapaho, Custer, OK. He married JESSIE IREAN DEWATER 03 Jul 1902, daughter of ELIJAH DEWATER and ELIZABETH WEBBER. She was born 29 Jan 1881 in MI, USA, and died 14 Jan 1962 in Arapaho, Custer, OK.

Notes for RALPH ROLL:

Ralph had a sense of humor and loved his children. He smoked a pipe and every Christmas his children bought him a can of "Prince Albert".

Leola loved to sit in his lap while he read the newspaper.

He was a farmer and also raised cattle. They had an orchard with apples, pears, plums and cherries.

More About RALPH ROLL:

Residence: 1910, Arapaho Twp, Custer, Oklahoma

More About RALPH ROLL and JESSIE DEWATER:

Marriage: 03 Jul 1902

Children of RALPH ROLL and JESSIE DEWATER are:

- i. FREIDA MELISSA³ ROLL, b. 17 Jun 1903, Peck, Sumner, Kansas, USA; d. 19 Nov 1978, Clinton, Custer, OK; m. BERNA SNIDER, 20 Dec 1923; b. 18 Dec 1902; d. Sep 1979, Arapaho, Custer, Oklahoma, United States of America.

More About BERNA SNIDER:

Social Security Number: 444-12-9208

SSN issued: Oklahoma

More About BERNA SNIDER and FREIDA ROLL:

Marriage: 20 Dec 1923

- ii. HUBERT RUDOLPH ROLL, b. 1906, Peck, Sedgwick, KS; d. 1927, Arapaho, Custer, OK.

Notes for HUBERT RUDOLPH ROLL:

Hubert died at home of a ruptured appendix.

- iii. WILLIAM ROBERT ROLL, b. 15 Jan 1908, Peck, Sedgwick, KS/Sedgwick Co., KS; d. 29 May 2004, Arapaho, Custer, Oklahoma, United States of America; m. CLARA ROLL.

More About WILLIAM ROBERT ROLL:

Residence: 1930, Arapaho, Custer, Oklahoma

Social Security Number: 448-38-2432

SSN issued: Oklahoma

- iv. GLADYS MARIE ROLL, b. 1910, Arapaho, Custer, OK; d. 19 Feb 1996, Sapulpa, Creek, Oklahoma, United States of America; m. WALTER W. KINSEY; b. 1910, OK; d. 28 Sep 1996, Sapulpa, Creek, Oklahoma, United States of America.

More About GLADYS MARIE ROLL:

Social Security Number: 440-40-3588

SSN issued: Oklahoma

More About WALTER W. KINSEY:
Social Security Number: 448-20-2495
SSN issued: Oklahoma

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 - v. LESTER EUGENE ROLL, b. 04 Feb 1912, Arapaho, Custer, OK; d. 08 Sep 1991, Wichita, KS.
 - vi. LEOLA IRENE ROLL, b. 18 Apr 1914, Arapaho, Custer, OK.
 - vii. LEONA LORENE ROLL, b. 18 Apr 1914, Arapaho, Custer, OK; d. 1914, Arapaho, Custer, OK.
 - viii. BEATRICE PAULINE ROLL, b. 1915, Arapaho, Custer, OK; m. HOWARD E LAUTERBACH; b. 1915, Arapaho, Custer, OK.

More About HOWARD E LAUTERBACH:
Residence: 1930, Ohio, Sedgwick, Kansas

Generation No. 3

3. LEOLA IRENE³ ROLL (*RALPH², HEINRICH WILHELM¹*) was born 18 Apr 1914 in Arapaho, Custer, OK. She married RANSOM MELVIN JONES 29 Sep 1935 in Oxford, KS, son of FORREST JONES and ETHEL RANSOM. He was born 14 Jul 1916 in Oxford, Sumner, KS, and died 12 Apr 1993 in Wichita, KS.

Notes for LEOLA IRENE ROLL:

Leola Norene Roll

My mother's people were apparently from England and the Netherlands. They came to America and settled in Michigan. They came to KS by covered wagon.

My father's people were from Germany in the Baltic area. In Germany, my grandfather was a shoe cobbler and my grandmother, who had a club foot, herded geese. They came to America because of high taxation in Germany. My grandfather told of walking home through the Black Forest after work and saw his friend coming towards him but he disappeared and grandfather heard the friend had died at this exact time some distance away.

They settled in WI and came to KS by covered wagon. They got a homestead from President Ulysses S. Grant. One of the sons (Gus) walked approximately 8 miles to a brick yard to work. They also drilled water wells.

One day my papa was resting under a tree. His father said "Why aren't you plowing?" My papa replied "If I get my work done in 1/2 day who's business is it what I do the rest of the day?" I'm sure he found out.

Growing up in Arapaho, OK

In 1909 Ralph Roll and Jessie Dewater Roll moved their three children, Frieda, Hubert, and William (Bill) by covered wagon from a farm near Peck, KS to a farm xx miles west and xx miles north of Arapaho, OK. Ralph did this so he could raise cattle.

They lived in a two room house with no lights and no running water. Gladys, Lester, twins Leona and Leola, and Pauline were born there. Leona died when she was 6 weeks old of whooping cough. She weighed 4 pounds 4 oz when she was born and I weighed 3 pounds 12 oz. About my name—my parents named me Leola Irene and my twin Leona Lorene. In high school and on my marriage license I used Leola Norene because at that time I did not want my mother's name and I pretended this name more nearly matched that of my twin. When I was little my nickname was Odie.

When I was 3 years old my folks built a big new house with carbide lights and a coal furnace in the basement. It had 4 bedrooms upstairs and 1 downstairs. Each room had windows on 3 sides. We ate in a large kitchen with boards put together and placed on saw horses. The outside toilet was quite a way down a little incline and the boys often threw rocks at us. We had telephone that hung on the wall and a lot of people were on the same line.

We had 3 cement wells (cisterns) to hold water for drinking. The rain water ran off the roof into the wells. Water was heated on a cook stove and we took a bath on Saturday night.

We attend the Christian church faithfully every Sunday morning and evening. We went 7 miles to church in a wagon with straw quilts to sit on.

All the children except Pauline started school in a one room school called Sunnyside. We walked to school. By road it was about 2 ½ miles. My papa built a foot bridge across the creek so it was perhaps 1 ¼ miles. To get drinking water for school we went ¼ mile from the school to get water from the teacher's pump. We all drank with the same "dipper" from that bucket. There was a coal shed on the side of the school and my friend and I often ate lunch in there.

Our school consolidated for my 2nd year of school and we rode in Model T Ford busses. The seats were one long bench built along each side. Frieda lived in Arapaho with Mr. And Mrs. Applegate to attend high school until Sunnyside consolidated with the Arapaho school.

My mama was very kind to us when we were ill but very strict and sometimes a bit cruel.

My papa was old enough to be my grandfather. I loved to sit on his lap while he read the newspaper. I slept with him and my baby sister slept with my mother until I was about 10 years old. He had a sense of humor and loved his kids. My papa smoked a pipe and we always bought him a can of "Prince Albert" for Christmas. Papa spoke German but it was not used in our home. I loved going to the Hardware Store with my papa. All kinds of harness were hung on the walls. Again, there was a water pump and 1 tin cup from which everyone drank.

My papa raised cattle and hogs and we had an orchard with apples, pears, plums and cherries. We had a good home and plenty to eat. It was sometimes my job to take corn to the pigs. I carried ears of corn by putting it in the full skirt of my dress which was pulled up to make a holder for the corn. We had a pony for riding ¾ mile to the mail box or for bringing the cows from the pasture at milking time. I walked most the time. Once, lucky for me, I rode for the cows and one had rabies. It sure scared me! I yelled for my brother to open the gate. He made fun of me for being afraid but he soon found the cow was chasing everything in sight. We had a nice little place down at the creek where we could wade and there also a grove of trees where we could have picnics. The house was on a hill between two creeks. When I was a teenager I liked to go up on a hill and sit on a ledge and dream. In the winter my big brother made a long sled and we all rode it down on an icy hill.

We played dolls and house. We set-up boxes and stakes with string to divide off rooms our under some trees. When I was older we played ball on Sunday afternoons or a game called "New York". Once when I was very small (about 3) my mama caught 5-year old Lester shaving me with a straight edged razor. Another time I shut Lester in an old oven because he was my chicken on some eggs and it took all day for the family to find him. He was really ready to pass out.

All birthdays were special with a cake and we always received a silver dollar. It would be under our plate or in the cake or anywhere unusual. Once I even had a surprise party.

At Christmas my papa would take a wagon and go 30 – 40 miles from home and bring back a tree that touched the ceiling. We always went to church Christmas eve and had a Christmas program. Santa came and delivered candy and oranges. I remember little pillow shaped mints on the tree- Santa always brought a big bucket of candy that was divided into 4 sections with 4 different kinds of candy. The tree was decorated with real candles and strings of popcorn.

It was around 1918 when we got a REO Touring Car.

I must have been about 10 years old when we got an Edison phonograph. It had cylindrical records. Our first radio came several years later.

I was thinking today of my childhood friends. I went through all grades with Lovella Jones and Marion Spore. It seems I got along best with younger friends Emma Scarce and her sister, Estelle. Velma Dunn, who was my age, and her sister, Charlene, who dated Lester some. There were Almeda Homan and her sister Ethel Mae. I liked Estelle, Charlene, and Ethel Mae best. I kept in touch with Ethel Mae for quite a number of years. Her first child

was a boy the age of Ruth Elena. We met in Arapaho when the babies were about 8 weeks old. I met Dorothy Gorsching my first year in 7th or 8th grade. She became a lifelong friend. She died in about 1996.

After High School

When I finished high school in 1931 I went to St. John's Lutheran School in Winfield KS for one year. That was the year I met Ransom. He went to school in Oxford and I went there on weekends to visit my cousins. After school was out in 1932 I went to Peck and lived with my Aunt Annie until September of 1935 when Ransom and I married. Aunt Annie taught me to piece and quilt quilts.

In later years at a High School Reunion we reunited with 2 men with whom I had gone to HS, Jack Steinberg and Ima (his wife who I had not known) and Leon Dunn. All lived in Oregon. There was a reunion every 3 years so Jack and Ima would come by and play cards. We visited them once or twice. Had a nice trip around there and lots of card playing. Leon moved to Arapaho after his wife died and we kept in touch until his death.

I met Creta Dudgeon at St. John's College. She married John Snook. They attended our wedding on September 29, 1935, at 9 pm on Sunday night at the preacher's house. We had them at our house and they had us at theirs. We played cards, cards, cards and cards. Not long before Ransom's death Creta died so that ended that.

I worked in the auditing department at Sears Roebuck for 23 years and was active in The Daughters of the Nile-an organization that helped the children of the Shrine Hospital in St. Louis.

Frieda married Berna Snider in 1923 and lived in and around Arapaho until her death. There were 10 children. I was very close to the first one, Waneta. Frieda's life was hard.

Hubert died at age 21 of a burst appendix. This was one of the worst times of my life.

Bill married Claire Smith and had 3 children. They lived near Arapaho until Claire died in 1937. Bill then married Ruby XXX and moved to Clinton, OK.

Gladys married Walter Kinsey and lived in the eastern part of OK. She had 8 children.

Lester married Viva White and lived on a farm NW of Arapaho. They had 3 girls and later moved to Wichita, KS where he was employed by Steffen Dairy and later retired from Safeway.

Pauline married Howard Lauterbach and had 6 children. She lived in the Wichita, KS area and was living in El Dorado at the time of her death in 1975.

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Courtship-dating, why secretly married, eloping, the wedding, how parents found out, When started living together

Life as wife and mother

Friends

Notes for RANSOM MELVIN JONES:

Ransom was a Sergeant with the Wichita, KS, police department. He rode a motorcycle and was tough. He had a motorcycle accident and hurt his back so had to retire from the police department. He sold used cars for awhile then worked for many years as a legal investigator. He was an officer of the NALI.

Ransom was also a "Tin Lizzie" Shriner. He raised lots of money for the Scottish Rite children's hospital and also drove a van with children from Kansas to the hospital in St. Louis.

He loved to drive and was restless. He could not sit around and was constantly in motion. He liked to meet people and he loved to negotiate "deals".

He loved his family but could be a little difficult to get along with. He had to have his way.

More About RANSOM MELVIN JONES:

Residence: 1930, Oxford, Sumner, Kansas

Marriage Notes for LEOLA ROLL and RANSOM JONES:

Leola and Ransom were secretly married at the Baptist parsonage at 9 pm Sunday. Creta Dudgeon and John Snook were the only guests. Leola was 21 and Ransom was 19. They had 9 flat tires that day! Ransom made \$7 per week

More About RANSOM JONES and LEOLA ROLL:

Marriage: 29 Sep 1935, Oxford, KS

Child of LEOLA ROLL and RANSOM JONES is:

4. i. RUTH ELENA⁴ JONES, b. 29 Jul 1936, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS.

Generation No. 4

4. RUTH ELENA⁴ JONES (*LEOLA IRENE³ ROLL, RALPH², HEINRICH WILHELM¹*) was born 29 Jul 1936 in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS. She married KENNETH EUGENE INGLE 01 Aug 1953 in Wichita, Sedgwick, KS, son of WINNER INGLE and MARY WHITE. He was born 15 Dec 1933 in Murdock, Kingman County, KS.

More About RUTH ELENA JONES:

Divorce: 1983

More About KENNETH EUGENE INGLE:

Divorce: 24 Aug 1983, Tarrant, Texas

More About KENNETH INGLE and RUTH JONES:

Marriage: 01 Aug 1953, Wichita, Sedgwick, KS

Children of RUTH JONES and KENNETH INGLE are:

- i. CATHY LYN⁵ INGLE, b. 15 Jun 1955, Wichita, KS USA/Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS.
- ii. DEBRA SUE INGLE, b. 24 Mar 1959, Wichita, KS/Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS.
- iii. KEVIN SCOTT INGLE, b. 23 Aug 1962, Wichita, KS/Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS.